The entecostal FILE COPY EVANGEL Five Cents per Copy A beautiful valley in Switzerland (photo by J. Gaberell, Thalwil) **NUMBER 1853 NOVEMBER 12, 1949** WE GROVEL AMONG TRIFLES We grovel among trifles, and our spirits fret and toss, While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the Cross; And the blood of Christ is streaming from His broken hands and side, And the lips of Christ are saying, "Tell the heathen I have died." O Voice of God! We hear Thee above the shocks of time, Thine echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime; No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay, When God commands obedience and loge has led the way.

# Water Baptism

P. C. Nelson

The ordinance of Baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their heart has already been sprinkled with the blood of Christ as an inner cleansing. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47, 48; Rom. 6:4; Acts 20:21; Heb. 10:22.

From the "Statement of Fundamental Truths" as adopted by the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

• THERE ARE four questions that are frequently asked concerning the ordinance of baptism: (1) What was the mode of baptism in Bible times? (2) What is the significance, or symbolism, of baptism? (3) What is the right formula for administering the ordinance? and (4) Who are Scripturally qualified to be baptized? Let us consider these questions in the order given.

#### The Mode

More properly, the act of baptism. There is great confusion on the subject because too many follow tradition instead of the Bible.

With amazing unanimity our Pentecostal people practice immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and regard all other "modes" as unscriptural. This is all the more remarkable as a large percentage of our people came from denominations practicing sprinkling and infant baptism. The only way we can account for this is that the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit makes us so pliable in the hands of God that we are willing to receive instructions direct from the Word of God on this subject, as on all others, and that we have been loosed from the bonds of tradition

Suppose a Bible were dropped on an island which had never been touched by a missionary, and that the natives were able to read and understand this Bible. Suppose further that some of them were actually converted by reading this Book, and therefore desired to do all the will of God. A diligent reading of the New Testament would show that believers were to be baptized. But they have never seen anyone baptized and must learn from the Bible how it is to be done. They would soon discover:

- 1. That the ordinance requires water. "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Acts 8:36.
- 2. That baptism requires much water. "And John also was baptizing in Aenon, near to Salim, because there was much water there; and they came, and were baptized." John 3:23.
- 3. That baptism requires the administrator and the candidate to go down into the water. "And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him." Acts 8:38.



- 4. That baptism requires a burial in water. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death." Rom. 6:4. "Buried with Him in baptism." Col. 2:12.
- 5. That baptism requires a coming up out of the water. "And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water." Matt. 3:16. "And when they were come up out of the water..." Acts 8:39.

#### The Symbolism

This was beautiful and wonderful. It pictures the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, and of the believer in fellowship with Him.

"Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." Rom. 6:4, 5. "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him." Col. 2:12.

As most great scholars of all branches of Christendom, even those who practice infant baptism and sprinkling and pouring, specifically declare, the original mode of *immersion*, as the Greek words translated "baptism" and "baptize" clearly

signify. Moreover, nearly all the translations into modern languages convey the same meaning. It is no more difficult for a Greek scholar to tell you the meaning of the words used in the Greek New Testament for this ordinance than it is for and Englishman to tell you the meaning of the words "dip" or "immerse."

The literature on the subject of baptism is abundant. The controversy about the mode of baptism has raged in Protestantism from the days of Luther, Zwingli and Calvin. Many great learned works have been published. One of the best is by J. Gilchrist Lawson. It is entitled, Did Jesus Command Immersion? The whole volume is devoted to prove that the Greek words translated "baptize" and "baptism" mean "to immerse" and "immersion."\* He gives testimonies of representatives of Greek and Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist. Presbyterian, Quaker and other churches. The argument is simply overwhelming.

Fidelity to Christ demands that we do exactly what His Word teaches, and that we do not substitute some other "mode." In loyalty to the Lord we must keep the ordinances as they were delivered to us by the apostles.

#### The Formula

Our Lord Himself gave His apostles the formula in Matthew 28:19, which Worrell in his excellent original translation of the New Testament correctly renders thus: "All authority was given to Me in heaven and on earth: going, therefore, disciple ye all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I command you; and, behold, I am with you all the days, even to the end of the age."

We are not left to speculate on the proper formula, "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The American Revised as well as Worrell's translation has into, instead of in, and this is the correct translation from the Greek. Into fellowship with the name of the Holy Trinity. And we do this in the name of (by the authority and command of) Jesus Christ.

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<sup>\*</sup>To prove this, the author quotes from fifteen English dictionaries; six English etymological dictionaries; twenty-five encyclopedias; twenty Bible dictionaries; twenty religious encyclopedias; one hundred Greek lexicons; fortysix classical Greek writers from Orpheus (1,000 B.C.) to Eustathius (1,000 A.D.); nineteen early Christian writers, from Barnabas in the latter part of the first century to Theophylact, eleventh century; twelve versions of the N. T., including Syriac, Arabic, Egyptian, Ethiopic, Latin, Gothic, Armenian, Anglo-Saxon, Persic, Slavic, Welsh, and Gaelic versions; seventy famous commentaries; thirty-two noted theologians and fifty-three great historians.

An appeal to the Jews of America—with a message for Christians who can read between the lines.

# It Is Time to Go Home

future for my children. I do not want them brought up under a cloud of anti-Semitism. Although I personally have never suffered from it, that is not to say that it does not exist in England and other countries. Anti-Semitism is a disease and like all diseases it cannot be done away with, so the people must be taken away from the disease. That is what Zionism is meant to do—to solve the problem of the Jew." These thought-provoking words (according to a Reuters dispatch) were uttered by Major Samuel Weiser, founder of the Hebrew Legion in Great Britain, who in company with his wife and two daughters left London recently to become citizens of Israel—the first British family to do so.

How much suffering and sorrow, torture and misery could be avoided if all us Jews in America took the cue and were as wise as Major Weiser. The German Jews in their assimilation complacency did not take the warning signals seriously. And American Jews, while conscious of the gentlemen's-agreement discrimination and name-calling anti-Semitism practiced here, are nevertheless not doing much to escape the probability of physical violence. How often we have heard it said that it can't happen here, because after all this is the stronghold of democracy! It is argued that the enlightened liberty- and freedomloving populace of the United States, made up of numerous minority nationalities, groups and peoples, would not permit mass brutal acts of intolerance against any segment of our society. But there are many Jews who do not place much stock in this line of reasoning and are keeping their fingers crossed.

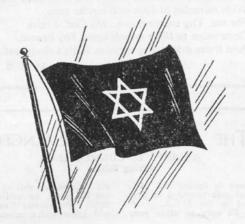
It is an established fact that jealousy, which is as cruel as the grave (Song of Solomon 8:6), has spurred on considerable Jewish persecution. As far back as 1890 a prominent citizen of Berlin was asked, "What is the history of this strong anti-Jewish feeling which you have in Berlin and throughout Germany?" He replied, "I will tell you: These Jews, if they go into commerce, become the first merchants; if they go into the banking line, they become the first bankers; if they go into law they become the first lawyers; or if they go into literature, they beat us all. Whatever career they undertake, they drive out the Gentiles; and I tell you, sir, we won't stand for it." And they didn't. The Jews of this country are likewise

strongly entrenched in prominent professions and excel in their respective fields, as did the German Jews, and therefore have engendered the same hate because of their aggressiveness, progress and success. Now who can effect a cure for this malady that plagues the Gentile mind and heart?

However, anti-Semitism and the fear of pogroms are not the only reasons why we should move to Israel now. The new Jewish state is in urgent need of devoted leadership from the West. Mr. Richard Crossman declares that "Israel's need for a 'selected' immigration is now greater than ever before because of the tremendous flow of 'compulsory' immigrants from Europe's DP camps and from Moslem lands." The Israelis do not want the United States Jews to wait until there is a pogrom.

Why not sell out and put meaning to our oft-repeated utterance, "Next year in Jerusalem"?

The prophetic time-clock has struck the hour for our restoration, our regathering, our great homecoming. Let us look diligently into the prophetic writings of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, etc., and gain the inspiration that will prompt us to pull up stakes and go to Israel. We have been in the diaspora long enough. "Let us go up and possess the land," and prepare to welcome back Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the revered ones of our past, who shall be governors; and above all else, to welcome back with much mourning our brother Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. He is now invisibly present, supervising in co-operation with the Eternal the rebuilding of the tabernacle of David which has fallen. Amos 9:11. We have not recognized this fact just as Joseph's brothers did not recognize their



#### A Sign of the Times

The regathering of Israel in their ancient homeland is one of the clearest indications that we are living in the latter days of the age and that the return of Christ to earth is near at hand. The prophet Hosea wrote:

"The children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice. . . . Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days." Hosea 3:4, 5.

This remarkable article by a Christian Jew appeared in a recent issue of The Jews in the News. It is directed to the Jews of America—but it ought to stir every Christian into the realization that the "fig tree" even now is putting forth leaves (Matthew 24:32) and that the coming of the Son of man "is near, even at the doors."

The Jews are going home to Palestine. The saints shall soon go home to glory. Will you be among them?

benefactor, but in time they did. So we too shall acknowledge the One whom we despised and rejected. Many of us Jews have already accepted Him as our Messiah, and soon the eyes of all our brethren will be opened and they too shall behold Him in His splendor and majesty just as Joseph's brothers were enlightened. And as Joseph blessed his brethren, so our brother Jesus has blessings in store for us—He will forgive us. We will give Him His rightful place in the synagogue, for in His hands lies our destiny.

The Messianic blessings of peace, health, happiness, security and life will be ushered in by the new era of restoration, resurrection and restitution. Isaiah 27:6; 2:2-4; 11:1-12; 25:6-9. Emanating from Jerusalem, the benefits of Messiah's reign will flow out over the whole earth for the blessing of all peoples.

Remember, there is no place like home!

#### PREACH JUDGMENT

I determined that I would cry aloud against the sins of the people and bring to bear the very fires of hell as a final consequence of their rebellion. For almost two hours I literally flailed the evil doers who sat before me. I called God to witness that the judgment was not far off for them. Concluding, I gave a few moments to the mercy of God but I did that in a stern manner. I was determined that the people should for once stand face to face with the fact of sin and hell. That night the meeting broke and I think I have never experienced such a divine demonstration.—Charles Finney.

# Rest at the Threshing Floor

Marie E. Brown

Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? Ruth 3:1.

• REST! How THIS weary world needs rest; and what a great deal the Bible has to say about rest!

Perhaps your heart is troubled today. Perhaps you have grown weary and footsore with the journey; you find the upward way a hard pull, and sometimes wonder if you shouldn't turn back. Beloved, as you press on you will find that "there remaineth a REST for the people of God." Have faith in God. It is written, "We which have believed do enter into rest," but without this rest in your heart you may be overcome by the storms of fear and unbelief that would well-nigh hide your path.

In the third chapter of Ruth we find a very beautiful picture of what that REST is. You remember how this daughter gleaned in the field from early morning until evening. She was not a slothful, careless, indifferent gleaner, but a true child of God, a diligent worker, and the Spirit of God gave her the message that it would be well with her.

Naomi is a type of the Church desiring to get her children into rest: "Shall I not find rest for thee?" We who have been

baptized with the Holy Ghost and have had the anointing oil poured upon us from time to time, have found this pathway hard to tread; and as we have reached out seeking for a place of rest, a dwelling in God where we could be established in Him, we have found that only as we pressed right down to the "threshing floor" did we find this rest.

Naomi knew that if Ruth could find this place of rest, no matter what might come into her life to buffet her it would be well with her.

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"Shall I not seek rest for thee?" Here we have a picture showing how to enter into that rest. There must first be a breaking down and crushing under foot of all things that stand between you and God, that the fountain of cleansing may flow over and through your being. Naomi said to Ruth: "Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the (threshing) floor."

The first thing necessary to find this place of rest is to be washed, to be cleansed from all sin and filthiness of the flesh. We must be separated from everything that hinders the floodtide of divine life and blessing from filling our lives. Without the foundation of holiness through the blood of Jesus Christ, there can be no rest. Oh, beloved, it may be just a little besetting sin that hinders you from entering into this haven of rest. You need the cleansing power of the precious blood of Jesus Christ applied to your life as never before, so that you many enjoy this place of rest in Christ.

### "EL SHADDAI"

Gen. 17:1; Rev. 1:8.

Deep down into the depth of this Thy name, My God, I sink, and dwell in calm delight; Thou art enough, however long the day, Thou art enough, however long the night. Thou art my God—the All-Sufficient One, Thou canst create for me what I may lack.

Having Thyself I have a sure supply,
Thy mighty hand has strewn the backward track
With miracles of love and tender care,
For me, Thy trusting one. My God, I dare
Once more to fling myself upon Thy breast,
And there adore Thy ways in faith's deep rest.

-M. E. B.

After "anointing" herself, Ruth was to put on her raiment and go down to the threshing floor. After the cleansing, the holy oil must be poured upon us; then we are ready to put on the beautiful garments of His righteousness. If it were not for the fountain of cleansing we would never have the holy oil, the blessed Holy Spirit, but He has come that there might be no lack in us; there is abundance for our every need, that we might have an abundant entrance into this place of rest.

How many of us, however, even with the mighty baptism in the Holy Spirit, seem at times to be out of this place of rest. Why is it? It is because we have not gone on down to the threshing floor. That is where the chaff is threshed from the wheat. That is where He deals with us and takes away the chaff in our lives. Jesus is seeking the wheat. At the threshing floor we will find Him.

After eating and drinking, Boaz also went to the threshing floor—but Ruth was there before him. Boaz is a type of our blessed Lord. Our souls seek Him, for He is the giver of rest. We must go to the threshing floor, as Ruth did, and wait for Him.

It was midnight, the darkest hour in Ruth's life, when Boaz found her. She had been waiting for him. I don't think she was weary tarrying for him. She was found at his feet; and it is at the feet of the lowly Nazarene that we find this wonderful rest. At His feet we get a vision of the nail prints. Have you ever realized what it means to see Jesus? Have you beheld Him? I do not wonder that Mary fell down and kissed His feet and

worshiped Him. I do not wonder that she washed His feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. How often we too would bathe them with our tears and dry them with our hair; and yet, when He has given us a chance to do something for Him ("Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me"), we have let the opportunity slip by!

Have you ever thought of how many little sacrifices you might have made for the Master, by doing some tender act for one of His children? If you had been resting at the feet of Jesus, down on the "threshing floor," you would not have missed those precious opportunities.

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# Up From Bankruptcy

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He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Psalm 40:2, 3.

• Job said, "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth Thee." What we need is to see God. It is too bad that we wait many times until trouble swoops down upon us before looking up to God. As I look back upon my life, at the times of stress, God has always been there and I have seen Him and seen His hand work in a marvellous way. I would like to tell you about four times in my life when I really saw God.

#### Up From Moral Bankruptcy

At the age of sixteen I found myself on the verge of moral bankruptcy. I had been brought up in a Christian home and I knew the way of salvation, but the devil was fast getting the upper hand. Just to show you the direction in which I was headed, my chum, with whom I ran continuously, landed in jail shortly after God saved me and snatched me as a brand from the burning. But I became very troubled about my soul and I knew hell would be worse for one who had had the light as I had seen it. One night I responded to the appeal of the evangelist. He said to me, "If your father promised to do a certain thing for you, would you believe him?" And I said, "I certainly would." He said, "Then why don't you believe God?" I couldn't seem to grasp it.

I went home and went to bed, but had only slept a few minutes when I awoke with the thought on my mind, "I am still on my way to hell! I must do something!" And right then and there I said, "I will believe God. I can't afford to take the chance of going any further without Him." Realizing that the Savior was mine because I had trusted Him, immediately the joy of salvation burst in upon my soul and I jumped out of bed and ran to tell my mother, thinking that perhaps she might be still awake praying for her wayward boy. And that night, although I had heard about the Savior

all my life, I saw Him and others saw the change in me.

#### Up From Spiritual Bankruptcy

I went on for another sixteen years or so, living as many Christians do. I knew I was saved and on my way to heaven. I was trying to serve the Lord, but was making a very poor job of it. I wasn't exactly what you would call a backslider, but I came to realize that my life was not counting for Jesus. I was on the verge of spiritual bankruptcy.

My younger sister used to say to me, "Bobby, don't you Love Jesus?" And I realized that she had a love in her heart for her Savior, a passion, that I did not have. Her love was strong enough to take her out to the Indians in Arizona to tell them about her Savior, and then to China.

I knew that I ought to be witnessing for my Lord, as He had done so much for me. I tried to speak for my Savior, but I seemed unable to do it. The man working alongside of me in the shop would take the name of my Lord in vain, and I would say nothing. I said to myself, "If someone made fun of my mother or my sister I would not stand for it, and yet I am allowing the name of my Lord and Savior who died for me on Calvary to be taken in vain and I make no protest."

One night I went to the altar again. I said, "Lord, I need victory. I know the love that ought to be in my heart is not there. If you will give me the backbone that I need and fill me with your Spirit so that I can witness for you, I'll do whatever you ask me from this day on." And my Savior took me at my word. Once again He heard my prayer and I saw him face to face. I rose from my knees feeling that God had heard and answered. You may call that experience by any name you wish, but I say God heard and answered my prayer.

It was so real to me that I went to the pastor the next morning and I said, "Brother, do you think I should go as a missionary?" For I had two sisters in China at the time and our people believed in missions—believed in getting the gospel out to those who have never heard, I said, "I suppose I am too old, but I promised God last night I would do what He wanted me to do, and I want to make good that promise."

My pastor said, "Let's pray about it." After we had prayed he said, "You

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God promises the one who delights in His word and continually meditates in it—"Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" poetm 13

know, God needs business men, too," and I replied, "All right, I'll try to be God's business man." I have been trying to carry out this commission ever since and I find it a glorious life to live. I believe if every business man could realize what an opportunity he has to serve God in business, things would be different, because I believe God has a place for every one of us, whether it be serving Him in business, in the workshop, in the home, behind the sacred desk, or on the foreign field; and we will be happiest if we find that place. How things did begin to go in the business after I made it God's!

#### Up From Financial Bankruptcy

I sought to honor the Lord with my substance in a new way and I found that I could not beat Him at giving. I proved the fact: "God will not be any man's debtor." Everything went fine for several years, until one year I failed Him again. It was not a case of backsliding, but I got off on the wrong track. I said, "It will take all my finances to handle the program I have set this year, and next year I'll have a lot of money for the Lord." I was wrong, because God wants the firstfruits. It doesn't take much faith to count up what's left and give God a portion of it. God expects us to let Him have the firstfruits and trust Him that the harvest will be sufficient to meet the needs; for without faith, we are told, it is impossible to please Him.

You can guess the result. At the end of that year (and by the way, it was right at the beginning of the depression) I found myself with several hundred thousand dollars of debt to pay and no way to get the money! Many firms who were in better shape than I was went down, never to rise again. But as I struggled along, not knowing from one day to the next whether the sheriff was going to put the lock on the door or not, on the verge of financial bankruptcy, once more I met God face to face. I said, "Lord, how can I pledge for missions now, when it is all gone and no chance to get the money to pay it-." But the still, small Voice said, "Better make the old pledge again and trust Me."

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# Testimony of a Dying Thief

#### Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

When Jesus was crucified, two thieves (or malefactors, which means criminals) were crucified with Him, one on each side of Him. Do you know why this was done? The soldiers arranged it thus, probably to cast further indignity upon Christ. But God also had a hand in it. It had been prophesied that He would be numbered with the transgressors. Let's read the passage in Isaiah 53—"And he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Jesus was crucified, but it was not by chance. It was by "the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God."

In the two thieves we find humanity in its attitude toward God well represented. The one railed on Jesus saying, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." No repentance was in his heart, no sorrow for sin. His skeptical soul, even in the agonies of death, was filled with scorn.

Now let us look at the other thief. He too was a criminal, dying the cruel death by crucifixion imposed on him by the Roman courts. The first thing I would have you see is that he came to the defense of Jesus.

When he heard the bitter challenge put to Jesus by the other thief, he rebuked the challenger saying, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" What a difference it makes whether we fear God or not. Before us are two thieves, but their attitudes toward God are entirely different. The one shuts his heart toward God, the other opens his.

This thief came to the defense of the character of Jesus. Concerning himself and the other thief he said, "We indeed justly" (are suffering for our sins) "and receive the due reward for our deeds;" then, concerning Jesus, "But this man hath done nothing amiss." He believed in the spotless purity of Christ.

Now I would have you look at his next expression: "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Here is repentance. Here is faith. The thief is dying on the cross. Eternity is staring him in the face. His soul is reaching out. He believes in Christ. He feels assured that Jesus will have a kingdom and He wishes to enter.

How does Jesus answer him? "Verily I say unto thee, This day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Here is quick salvation. Delay would mean disaster. The thief means business. When he does, Christ means business too. As soon as the thief calls for mercy, the Savior responds.

My friend, have you realized that Jesus hung between two thieves that He might be numbered with the transgressors, not because of some evil conduct, but because He had come to bear the sins of many? That means that He bore your sins. If you bear your sins to the grave you will be lost. If, like the repentant thief, you will ask Christ to bear them for you, you will be saved. Which shall it be for you—paradise or perdition?

Jesus said to the thief, "This day." He now says to you, "This day." What will you do with Jesus now, right now? You have no more assurance of tomorrow than the thieves had who were crucified with Jesus. But you do have opportunity now. "Behold, now is the accepted time, Behold, now is the day of salvation." While you hear His voice, harden not your heart.

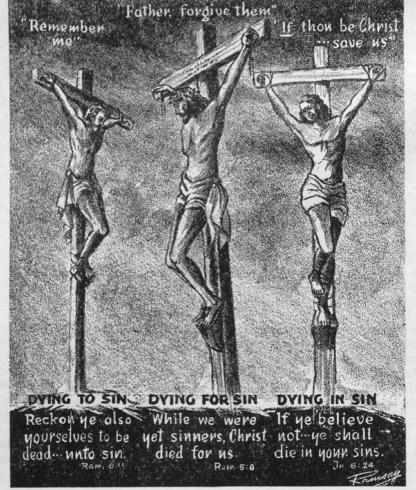
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#### UP FROM BANKRUPTCY

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We were running a small factory and the pay roll was about five weeks behind. I made a little deal with God that whenever I was able to meet the pay roll I would save out His part. Strange as it may seem under such circumstances, within a few weeks the pay roll was coming through on time. What a wonderful God we have! Why don't we believe Him more?

#### VOICES FROM CALVARY



#### Up From Physical Bankruptcy

I have been very much interested in the Book of Job these past few months. I don't know whether the devil got to saying things about me as he did about Job or not, but I do know I found myself once more in desperate circumstances, this time on the verge of physical bankruptcy.

We were traveling on the highway in Tennessee, on the way to a service to give my testimony. I had a marvelous male quartet with me, and my wife—six of us in the car. But a head-on collision occurred which killed outright five of the nine occupants of the two cars, three in the other car and two of the quartet in ours.

There was no excuse for the accident. It happened in the middle of the day on a good road, no turns and no traffic. We had a good driver, and when I say a good driver I speak from experience on the race track and all. But the man in the other car, driving a Chevrolet at a furious rate of speed, turned around to talk to the folks in the back seat and swung over on to our side of the road. Our driver took the shoulder to the right, intending to give him the road and let him pass, but he shot clear over to our shoulder and there was a head-on.

One member of our party was practically unhurt, the only one of nine. He dragged me out of the wreckage first—one foot crushed, leg broken, both hips out of joint, pelvic bone fractured, a piece of bone broken off the side of the hip socket, and chest crushed. One would not believe it possible but, strange as it may seem, I did not lose consciousness. Then he

laid my wife, unconscious, on my right-hand side. She was bruised and cut from head to foot. He laid the other living member of our party—with broken arm and collar bone—unconscious, on the other side.

I looked up to heaven and said, "Lord, this could not have happened if you had not permitted it because I know 'all things work together for good to them that love God," and I said, "Lord, it's all right with me. Though I may not understand, I have confidence enough to know that it will be all right." God was so near that I wasn't anxious or worried, and simply began to give orders to Bill to do his best to see that the six children would all go through for God if my wife and I went to be with Jesus. Then the thought came across my mind, "Why should I complain? My Lord suffered more than this for me." His presence was so very real that, once again, I could say with Job, "Lord, I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee."

Today I stand as a living witness that the Lord Jesus Christ, who intercedes for me at the right hand of God, is sufficient for body, soul and spirit—and finances, too!

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# Pentecostal Jellowship of Morth America

Holds Second Great Rally in Oklahoma City

The second annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America was held in the Civic Auditorium of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the week of October 16. The lower floor of the auditorium which seats 6400 was well filled during the two days and three nights of the convention. The morning services were devoted to business, such as the appointment of committees and the hearing of reports. The afternoon and night services were devoted to the ministry of the Word of God, prayer, praise and testimony. The spiritual fellowship which prevailed throughout the convention was noteworthy and precious.

Fifty-two official delegates were seated, representing ten Pentecostal groups, on the basis of one delegate for each five thousand constituent members up to twenty-five thousand, and one delegate for each twenty-five thousand members thereafter. The delegates were chosen on the following basis:

Me	embers	Dele- gates
Assemblies of God	273,000	15
Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn.	95,000	8
International Church Foursquare		
Gospel	66,600	7
Pentecostal Holiness Church	34,000	6
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	35,500	6
Open Bible Standard Churches	25,000	5
International Pentecostal Assemblies	10,000	2
Elim Missionary Assemblies	3,000	1
Church of God, Mountain Assembly	1,600	1
Church of the Bible	55	1

Committees were appointed to bring in reports on matters common to all in the fields of foreign missions, youth work, education, finances, church comity, etc. The reports of all committees were adopted unanimously and without opposition. The unity of spirit which prevailed throughout the convention was commented upon repeatedly. The statement was made by some that such unity of spirit was thought to have been impossible a few years ago, and this effort at fellowship and understanding is meeting with success far beyond our expectations, which proves that it is certainly of God.

One could not tell from the discussions on the floor or from the ministry of the Word in the afternoon and night services there were any distinctions of doctrine or practice. The messages were heart-searching and the congregational response was spontaneous and unrestrained. Some three hundred or more ministers and Christian workers came forward at the conclusion of one service to reconsecrate themselves to the Lord; on the last night of the convention a number of sinners came forward for salvation and a large prayer line for healing was formed, the brethren from all the co-operating groups joining in prayer for deliverances.

The communion service on the afternoon of the closing day of the convention was most precious. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent-elect of the Assemblies of God, brought the message from the Word and some eight hundred or more partook of the Lord's Supper.

#### The Beginning of the Movement

The European Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, two years ago was responsible for the first effort to bring the Pentecostal leadership in North America together. Representatives of several Pentecostal organizations in Canada and the United States were challenged by the European delegates that if they desired to see European co-operation and fellowship, they ought to do something about fellowship in America. The hint was sufficient to bring together a number of the leading Pentecostal brethren who were in attendance at the N.A.E. convention in Chicago in May of 1948 in an exploratory meeting to ascertain what might be done toward the promotion of a Pentecostal Fellowship for North America. The first meeting resulted in the calling of a second gathering, with a larger representation, which met in Chicago in the month of August. At this meeting it was decided to issue a call for a constitutional convention to be held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, in the month of October. That gathering was so successful and so blessed of God, it was decided to hold a second convention in Oklahoma

The first meeting of the Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America was held in Chicago just preceding the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals on April 18 and 19. At this meeting, applications for membership were received and acted upon. At the present time, a total of ten groups have been accepted into membership, including the major Pentecostal organizations of Canada and the United States.

#### The Purposes of the Movement

There was no thought on the part of any who participated in these meetings that a superchurch should be organized for the Pentecostal Movement. The necessity of recognizing differences of church government, custom, practice and doctrine was evident to all. But it was recognized also that, in view of the common experience of the New Birth and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, there is a basic unity of spirit. and there should be greater fellowship and cooperation in the ranks of Pentecostal people. That fellowship must of necessity start at the top, and when it is manifest that the leaders of the larger Pentecostal bodies can come together for spiritual fellowship and understanding, the spirit of fellowship should filter down through the ranks until it touches localities where the members of the different organizations are laboring in more or less proximity.

Experience has taught already that in the local communities where the Pentecostal people can and will unite in a common bond for a common purpose, they have an influence for the cause of Christ all out of proportion to what any individual church can do by itself. It is suggested, therefore, that the possibilities for local co-operation and fellowship be explored and developed. Under no circumstances does the P.F.N.A., advocate the breaking down or the disintegration of any organization, group or affiliation; but it does recommend that wherever possible local groups of the member bodies seek to arrive at a better understanding and respect for each other, and that they labor for the promotion of the Kingdom of God on a basis of true Christian fellowship and understanding.-J. R. Flower, Secretary.



Sunday, November 27 has been designated as the time when offerings will be received in all of the churches of the Assemblies of God for the Old Age Assistance Fund. This benevolence is to assist the veteran preachers of our fellowship who, through old age or sickness, may be in need. The requirements of this assistance are constantly and rapidly increasing.

We appeal to our churches to rise to the help of these ministerial brethren. In the past six months, less than one sixth of the Assemblies of God have contributed to the Fund. One hundred per cent co-operation is sorely needed to enable us to meet present and growing requirements.

We appeal to our ministers to lay emphasis on this need. Few ministers are able to lay up great store against the coming time of old age, and it is well for us to remember the words: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

We appeal to individual Christians to encourage their pastors and churches who sometimes in the press of much business forget to contribute liberally to this cause. Some Christians have no church home, but would like to share their blessings with these needy servants of God.

We appeal to the younger generation to remember how much it owes to the workers who have laid so great a foundation and have sacrificially labored to provide the spiritual blessings and temporal comforts in our church buildings which it enjoys. Such devotion merits great liberality.

Send your offerings to Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.



Richard M. Scotti Belgium



Mrs. Richard M. Scotti Belgium



John C. Jackson Chile



Mrs. John C. Jackson Chile



Hugh P. Jeter Cuba



Mrs. Hugh P. Jeter Cuba

# Letter From the Trotters

The following letter has been received from Evangelist and Mrs. A. N. Trotter, who have been engaged for several months in missionary evangelistic work in Africa:

> Box 37, Monrovia Liberia, West Africa

Dear Friends in the Lord:

We thought you might be interested in knowing how the battle is going on this side of the world.

We are holding a revival in New Hope Town, where there are more than three hundred and fifty lepers. The Lord is blessing. Twenty-nine were saved one night and twenty-six another night. Three received the Baptism last night. There are a large number still seeking. Three who received the infilling of the Holy Spirit just recently spoke in perfect English.

There are pitiful sights among some of the lepers. Entire members of bodies have been eaten away. It is touching to see the lepers seeking God, and it is enough to melt a heart of stone to see them bring in their offerings. Few have money to bring, but they have rice and sugar cane that they have raised. If you could see the lepers place their offerings on the altar, realizing that they have little or no clothing and nothing of this world's goods, your giving, your praying, and your service to God would be inspired, to say the least.

New Hope Town is a mile and a half from the Newaka Mission Station where we have been staying during the revival. With lighted lanterns we walk to and from the leper town each night for the service.

Twenty-nine years ago we were at the Newaka Mission Station. It seems so good to be back, to see how the work has progressed, and to meet those who have been true through the years. A lovely girls' school has been established at Newaka. That in itself is an indication of great progress. When we were here before it was impossible to reach girls.

We expect to hold a revival at Newaka Station after we finish at New Hope Town. After that we will be conducting a National Workers Conference. We have also been booked for revivals at several other mission stations, so it is likely that we will be in Liberia for some

time yet. Keep praying for us that we will be at our best.

> Your missionary evangelists to Africa's lost millions, Evangelist and Mrs. A. N. Trotter

#### News Notes

Word has been received that Phillip Stewart, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling W. Stewart, missionaries to El Salvador, went to be with the Lord on October 9. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have returned to the States since his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Scotti sailed for Belgium on October 11 for language study.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jackson sailed for Cuba on October 11 en route to Chile.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh P. Jeter have returned to Cuba.

Three sets of Matthew Henry's Commentary are desired by Florence V. Christie and Karlene M. Burt for worthy Egyptian pastors. State price and mail direct (marked clearly, "PRINTED MATTER") to Missionaries Christie and Burt, Tahta, Upper Egypt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willard Davis of South India returned to the States in October.

### ONLY SIX WEEKS REMAIN

in which to get a Christmas offering to the fellowship's missionaries and their children before Christmas.

In the past the fellowship's missionaries (both home and foreign) and their children have been remembered with a Christmas offering at Christmas time. It is the one way that everyone can say, "Thank you. I am conscious of the fact that you are substituting for me on the mission field. I want you to know that I appreciate your sacrifice. During this season when our thoughts naturally turn to The Perfect Gift, please accept this small gift from me as a token of my appreciation."

Only six weeks remain to amass the offerings for our large missionary family. We know that you want to have a part in this gesture of love, so won't you act quickly and get your offering in now? Some of the missionary families are thousands of miles away. It takes considerable time to reach them. There is no time to lose.

Send your Christmas missionary offering marked "Christmas Fund" at once to

FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Petersen, missionaries to Belgian Congo, have returned to the States.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Einar G. Peterson, missionaries to Cuba, are the parents of a son, Vernon Dale, born October 15.

Pastor K. M. Panicker, a teacher in the Malayalam Bible School in South India, went home to be with the Lord on September 21.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stawinski, missionaries to Paraguay, on October 2, a daughter, Marcia Jennifer.

# Work in Argentina

Mr. and Mrs. Louie W. Stokes, Argentina

• ABOUT FOUR O'CLOCK in the afternoon on June 2, the ropes of the Del Alba of the Delta Lines on which we were passengers were loosed and we sailed into the Mississippi River. A few hours later we stood on deck and bade farewell to the North American shores. Exactly four weeks from the day we left the States we reached Argentina, our destination.

The Andresans, Canadian missionaries, met us at the dock at Buenos Aires. We stayed in their home for two months while we were getting our baggage through the customs, and looking for a residence. Houses are scarce here. We are now living at La Plata, ten miles from our work.

Our car had to be left in New Orleans. We could not obtain permission to bring it. We hope to purchase a car here as soon as our car can be sold.

Soon after our arrival in Argentina we started teaching in the Assemblies of God Bible Institute, located twenty-five miles outside Buenos Aires. The school is a combined project of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. There are twelve students enrolled this year. The Bible Institute is highly essential to the continuance of the work here in Argentina, and is worthy of your support and prayers.

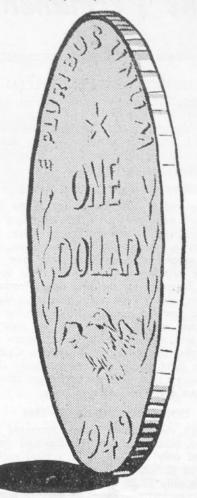
Greater Buenos Aires claims a population of six million. The city has a fine subway system. With its many nationalities and modern shops and stores one would normally think of Chicago; however, the city actually seems more European than American, even South American.

There is only one Assemblies of God church in Buenos Aires. An evangelistic center is desired and is being considered. Many Buenos Aires churches have their main Sunday service at eighteen o'clock—six in the afternoon.

It is cold from June to September, but few houses have heating systems. Our seasons are reversed to what they are in the States. It is now spring here. Having left the States in June this year we missed the summer of 1949. We have now gone through two winters and two springs.

Remember to pray for us and the work of the Lord in this field.

GOAL FOR 1949 \$2,400,000



# Foreign Missions Goals and Receipts

GOAL THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 \$1,649,218



RECEIPTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 \$1,429,283



The goal for the year was determined by the average of the actual giving for 1947 and 1948, plus 25% increase, which would care for increased personnel and cost for 1949. Receipts have been slightly in excess of those of 1948, yet short of the goal. It has meant a slowing down of missionary activity.

### Oriental Relief Agency

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The Assemblies of God Oriental Relief Agency, B. M. Kvamme, Representative, 5754 East Greenlake Way, Seattle 3, Washington, wishes to bring to the attention of the Assemblies of God Fellowship that as of November 1, 1949 its Seattle office will be moved to 907 South Huson Street, Tacoma 6, Washington.

RELIEF CLOTHING TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUED: Because of the China situation—a country in great need, but to whom it is impossible to forward relief supplies at the present time—and the fact that Japan and the other Far Eastern countries are now in less need of relief clothing, it has been decided that the Oriental Relief Agency will discontinue the forwarding of relief clothing to the Orient for the time being. When conditions improve for shipments to China we shall be glad to receive clothing for distribution among the destitute of that country again.

FOOD AND MISSIONARY SUPPLIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SHIPPED: While we are discontinuing the forwarding of

used clothing we shall continue to forward supplies—canned goods (tins), dried fruit, baby food, vitamin food and vitamin tablets, soap, quilts, linens, missionary supplies, and any supplies designated for national workers—to countries where shipping and import permission makes such shipments possible. All such commodities should be forwarded prepaid to our new address at 907 South Huson Street, Tacoma 6, Washington. Your continued co-operation will be appreciated.

#### NOTICE

All correspondence concerning Displaced Persons should be addressed direct to Gustave Kinderman, Field Secretary for Europe, at the following address: Assemblies of God, European Division, 257 East Tenth Street, New York 3, New York.

The Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, wishes to contact a licensed radio operator, preferably with some experience in navigation, for service on the new "Ambassador."

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# The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

#### A PRAYER FOR THE U. N.

An award of \$1,000 for an appropriate prayer to open each session of the United Nations will be given by Martin Schweaber, former president of the Jamaica Jewish Center. If they find a prayer that is acceptable to Protestants, Jews, Moslems, Buddhists, and the people of every other faith, we wonder how acceptable it will be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

#### THE SCIENCE OF SOUND

The scientists are saying that the big thing in the next war will be not the atom, but sound. Like atomic energy, the science of sound is opening up a new world. Sound waves from an explosion can snuff out life without leaving an external mark. Regulate and intensify sound, and its effects will be deadly.

#### BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

Germ warfare is another force that is certain to be used. Dr. Theodor Rosebury was chief of the airborne infection project of the U. S. Biological Warfare. In his recent book Peace or Pestilence he tells us that one ounce of pure botulinus toxin might kill 200,000,000 humans, and "other BW agents may be considerably more potent."

#### A SECRET "DEATH SPRAY"

It is feared that Russia may have secret weapons, including a "Death Spray" developed by Germany during World War II. The fear is based on the fact that two German scientists who formulated the "Death Spray" were in Berlin when the Russians took the city, and it is not improbable that they were taken into custody.

The spray is described as a nerve poison, not unlike snake venom in its effect except that it acts more quickly. "A spot of it the size of a dime dropped on the skin would kill a man in two minutes unless wiped off quickly. It can penetrate most clothing, and even gas masks." The liquid death spray, says an American officer who helped to destroy the weapon in Germany, is potent enough to destroy whole divisions of men in the open.

The world trembles when it thinks of the destruction which another war may bring-and well it might, for the wrath of God is bound to be poured upon nations which persist in sin and refuse to repent. The prophet cried, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." Jeremiah 25:32, 33. Never has this prophecy fully come to pass, as yet, but it shall be fulfilled-and perhaps soon. Thank God, there is a way of escape for individuals who have turned from sin and put their trust in the Savior; for it is written, "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

#### A NON-CHRISTIAN OFFICIAL

A ninety-five-year-old law requiring public officials to swear to belief in Christianity was recently declared invalid by court decision in Maryland. As a result, for the first time in nearly a century, a professed non-Christian will be accepted as a local official.

#### NOW IN 1,108 LANGUAGES

At the end of 1948 some part of the Bible had been published in 1,108 languages and dialects. Since then, Scriptures have been published in a number of new languages. One of the accomplishments during the past year was the printing of the whole Bible in the Tibetan language for the first time. Previously only the New Testament was available in Tibetan; now the complete Bible is being published, and will be taken over the mountain passes and across the turbulent rivers into the market places of the Forbidden Country. May its light-giving message penetrate all of the country's dark recesses into which missionaries have never been able to enter.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1948

Though the national income increased 12% last year, contributions to churches and charity increased only 31/2%. Out of a total national income of \$226,204 million, the American people gave only \$2,225 million, or one per cent, to churches and charity. The average member of 47 Protestant religious bodies gave \$23.71 for all purposes in 1948. This was a gain of \$2.85 over 1947, according to the Golden Rule Foundation.

We do not believe God is pleased with people who keep 99% of their income for their own use. The tithe (which is 10%) belongs to God. We should pay our tithes and we should also give offerings in addition to our tithes, if we would follow the Scriptural plan of "tithes and offerings."

#### **ATTENTION**, Pastors and Sunday School Officers

The Sunday School Lesson will appear in the Evangel each week, starting next quarter. Brother Ernest S. Williams, our beloved General Superintendent for the past twenty years, will be writing the page of comments on the lesson.

With Brother Williams' helpful comments, and Charlie Ramsay's big lesson cartoon, the Evangel will be an ideal class paper for Adult Classes.

Boost your adult attendance by ordering the Evangel for your Sunday School, beginning January 1. Price in U.S.A., only 39c per quarter (3c per copy in bundles of 4 or more to one address). Canada and foreign, 52c per quarter, 4c per copy.

When filling out your Quarterly Order Blank for Sunday School papers, order the Evangel and see if it does not prove a blessing in the lives and homes of the people.

> GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI

#### WON THROUGH THE SALVATION ARMY

Ernest I. Pugmire, national commander of the Salvation Army, says that 56,247 persons were converted last year in America through the efforts of the organization.

#### A RELIGIOUS CENSUS

The Christian Herald recently announced the result of the religious census it conducted in 1948. "We are about 60% Protestant," it reported, "33% Roman Catholic, 6% Jewish, and 1% divided among such groups as Russian and Greek Orthodox, Spiritualists, Buddhists, etc.

The Assemblies of God ranks 25th among all the Protestant bodies in the U.S.A. in size of membership. Our church increased from 243,515 members in 1947 to 273,147 members

#### A VISIT WITH GENERAL MacARTHUR

Lowell Thomas, in his news broadcast on July 26, 1949, told of his recent visit with General Douglas MacArthur at Tokyo. He said:

"To me by far the most impressive part of what General MacArthur had to say concerned religion. . . . He said that when they lost the war the Japanese people lost faith in their religions, Shintoism and Buddhism, leaving a religious vacuum. What an opportunity for Christianity to move in!

"MacArthur said that he has begged America to send him missionaries, that he now has twice as many missionaries here as ever before, but not half enough; and he has asked for a million Bibles this year, three million Bibles next year, and within fifteen years he hopes to have Bibles enough for all the eighty million people in these islands."

#### "ANOTHER TEN YEARS"

When Stanley Jones visited Tokyo this past summer, he asked General Douglas MacArthur what message he could take from him to the American churches. The General said:

"Tell them that the Christian church has never met such an opportunity in five hundred years as it is now meeting in Japan. Where they have sent one missionary, now let them send a hundred. And let them lay plans big enough for this task. Japan cannot have a democracy without Christianity. The door will be open for another ten years.'

#### PAYING FOR EVERY WORD

The telephone company will soon be able to record your long distance calls automatically. A machine has been built to see that you are properly charged for such calls. Your dial will operate it. You will not have to speak to an operator. The gigantic electrical contrivance will remember what number you call and how long

The first such machine is now in use at Philadelphia. It is called an Automatic Message Accounting machine. It can keep track

of 100 calls at once.

Few people seemingly realize it, but God has an "automatic message accounting machine," too, and someday He will reckon with us for every word we have spoken. We will have to give an account for every idle word, every unkind word, every false word. "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matt. 12:37. Let us ask the Lord to set a watch before our lips, that our words may be always with grace, seasoned with salt.

# Won For Christ

Lord Radstock, of the English nobility, was an officer in Queen Victoria's army. He had been wounded, and while in the hospital was won for Christ by Florence Nightingale, "the Lady with the Lamp." After the close of the Crimean War he traveled through England, Sweden, Holland, France and Russia, winning souls to Christ.

At a Bible Reading held by Lord Radstock in London, Countess Elizabeth Chertkoff, a member of one of the great aristocratic families of Russia, was awakened. "How is it with your soul?" was the question that had brought conviction. Yet it was to be ten long years before the Countess would find peace.

But she had been enlightened. For instead of the religion to which she had been accustomed, her attention had been riveted on Christ. Instead of the ritual of the Greek Orthodox Church, she had heard the gospel. Instead of incense there had been prayer in the Spirit. She had seen no ikons, but she had met the Savior. Thrilled by what she had heard, she turned her face toward the Light.

Ten years after her first acquaintance with the gospel, the Countess was back in St. Petersburg. Their Majesties were giving a Court ball in the Winter Palace. She, with hundreds of others of the nobility, had been invited, for she was still indulging in the pleasures of the world. She had not yet experienced the cross of Christ. She had still to learn that saving faith produces a change, that old things would pass away, and all things become new, and that to be Christ's disciple would mean to renounce all. She had not yet died to self, nor was Christ the supreme object of her affections.

While the Imperial Orchestra of the Court was playing, she was asked for a dance by a Russian prince. But as she danced she began to feel that she was not, as a follower of Christ, in her proper place. Conviction settled upon her with every step. The Spirit of God was at work. The first member of the Russian nobility was now to be won to Christ. God had chosen her for Himself, and as a chosen vessel she was to be the means of bringing the gospel to thousands in her native land.

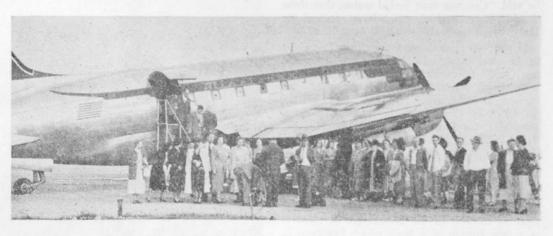
"Madame, how is it with your soul?"

She stopped dancing. Again the question of ten years ago. But this time it was the voice of God.

"How is it with your soul?"

Suddenly her Waterloo was won. Instantly she answered from her heart, "Yes, Lord Jesus, everything for Thee." The next moment she had the witness of the Spirit within and she knew that she was now Christ's for time and eternity. She had been born of God. Her name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Almost automatically she turned from her dancing partner, the prince, and without saying a word, commenced to bow in different directions to the great, brightly illuminated, gorgeous ballroom of the Czar. Not knowing what had taken place in her soul, and thinking her ill, the prince anxiously turned to her and said, "Madame, if you desire to leave the Palace, the Court etiquette demands that you bow in the



#### THE C-46 AMBASSADOR TO BE REPLACED WITH LARGER PLANE

The C-46 "Ambassador" has been sold to a Brazilian airline, and a four-motor plane is to take its place as the flagship of "Missionary Flights."

The above picture was taken at the airport in Springfield, Missouri, in September just before the C-46 took off for Seattle, Wash. The trip to the General Council meeting was the last major flight of the big twin-engined plane.

Originally it was an Army cargo plane. The Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God purchased it at a remarkably low price, replaced the drab paint with a shining coat of silver and blue, and installed seats and other equipment to make it suitable for the task of carrying missionaries to the ends of the earth with the glorious gospel.

It visited every continent except Australia. In four overseas round trips and other flights in this country it has flown nearly 100,000 miles without an accident.

Figuring an average of from 20 to 30 passengers per trip, that means between two and three million accident-free passenger-miles. To God be praise for His gracious protection and help.

The reason for replacing the C-46 with a larger plane is that the C-46 had to follow round-about routes to avoid long transoceanic hops. A four-motor ship with a range great enough to make direct ocean crossings will save many miles of travel, thereby saving much time and money.

direction of their Majesties and thus secure their permission. Their Majesties are standing over there. You are bowing in the wrong direction."

"No, Your Highness," answered the Countess, "it is not that. I am not bowing to their Majesties. I am saying good-bye to this ball-room and the whole mode of life it represents. I have suddenly and finally realized that I do not belong to this kind of life. From now on I belong to Christ and to Him alone. He has redeemed me with His precious blood from this sinful world. I have been His secret follower for ten years, but from now on, in response to His call, I am going to forsake this earthly glory and all that I am and have, and be His disciple, cost what it may. Your Highness, I wish that you, too, would hear His voice and obey it. Good-bye."

Soon palaces and the mansions of the great were thrown open for the testimony of Christ. All over St. Petersburg, Gospel Halls were dedicated to the work of the Lord. Hymns and tracts were printed and distributed, for the fortune of the Countess was immediately placed at God's disposal.

As a result, a marvelous revival broke out and many thousands throughout Russia were converted. Lord Radstock and other noted Bible teachers were invited to hold meetings in the drawing-rooms of the nobility. And all through the influence of one woman, Countess Chertkoff. She had left all for Christ and God had honored her sacrifice.

Friend, how is it with your soul? Is it well? Or are you, like the Countess, looking to the Church to get you through? If, so, many we warn you of your peril and urge you to accept

Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, as Madame Chertkoff did, not ten years hence, but now. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

#### WATER BAPTISM

(Continued from page two)

Great injury has been done to the cause of Christ, and in particular to the cause of the very doctrines for which the Pentecostal people stand, by those who hold and declare that we must be baptized in the name of "Jesus only," and that those who have been "baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," as Jesus Himself commanded, have not been Scripturally baptized. Such is a most dangerous error, which has been brought forward for the purpose of denying the Bible doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

#### The Candidates

Before leaving this fascinating study, let us consider the proper candidates or subjects of baptism. The divine order is very simple. The sinner must first repent and believe. Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38. Believers and believers only are to be baptized. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16. This excludes children who are too young to repent and believe, and invalidates the "baptism" of those who were not regenerated when they submitted to the ordinance. Does this not explain why the twelve men at Ephesus were rebaptized by Paul, as recorded in Acts 19:1-7?

Some hold that the baptism in the Holy Spirit precludes the necessity of submitting to this ordinance. This position was flatly contradicted by Peter in the house of Cornelius, when he said, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" Acts 10:47.

If you will read through the New Testament to see what stress was laid upon the ordinance, you will be struck with the suddenness with which believers were baptized after conversion, and the great emphasis placed on the ordinance by Christ and the apostles. Note in particular the following passages: Acts 2:38; 8:12, 36, 38; 9:18; 10:48; 16:14, 15, 32, 33.

(The foregoing is a sample of the excellent Bible studies to be found in P. C. Nelson's book, "Bible Doctrines." It is a simple and yet inclusive presentation of each point in the Statement of Fundamental Truths as adopted by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. It is a new edition of a book which has been in great demand among Bible students for a number of years. Ideal for class study as well as private reading. 174 pages. Paper binding (2 A 479) \$1.00. Cloth binding (2 A 476) \$2.00. Order from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri.)

## PENTECOST IN MEXICO AND BRITISH HONDURAS

**Evangelist Harvey McAlister** 

It was my privilege to visit Mexico and British Honduras during this summer, and I saw God move by His Spirit in a gracious way.

Our meetings in Mexico City were held in Templo Gethsemane, of which Ruben J. Arevalo is the minister. Pastors of our nine Assemblies of God churches in Mexico City, two weeks in advance of my arrival, had definitely organized their members into a mighty army of prayer warriors—each person agreeing to endeavor to pray at least one hour each day. In the first service, and throughout, could be sensed the brooding presence of God's Spirit. Much credit, humanly speaking, was due to the efficient services of the interpreter, Maria de la Paz Rubio, a youthful Mexican born in Texas.

Dozens of sinners would flock to the altars nightly seeking salvation. Time and patience was given to these in an endeavor to bring as



#### WILLING WORKERS IN THE LORD'S ACRE AT CULLASAJA, N. C.

Many believers in various parts of the land have set aside a portion of land as "The Lord's Acre," dedicating the harvest from that portion to God's work. Members of the Assembly of God at Cullasaja, North Carolina, have followed this plan to pay for the furnace for their new church building.

Pastor Fred N. Sorrells reports: "The Lord blessed us graciously this year in our efforts. We planted 2½ acres of beans and corn to help pay for our new furnace. We picked 465 bushels of beans which brought \$559.71 clear profit, and 120 dozen of corn which brought \$45.00, making a total of \$604.71."

many as possible to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Night after night in the healing line, were literally hundreds, maimed, lame, blind, deaf, dumb, with every sickness and disease, seeking by faith to touch the hem of His garment, and truly God's power was present to heal. The very air seemed rife with tales of healing and miracle wrought through Christ's name. Often, after the altar service and after the healing ministry, the pastor would ask for a showing of hands from all who had that night experienced His saving grace and healing power

in their lives, and it would appear as though the major portion of them had been blessed in one way or another.

"Brother Arevalo, tell me, how many Pentecostal people are there in Mexico?" I asked.

"Approximately 50,000." "How many churches?" "About 800, and each of these has three or four outstations or missions."

But figures are cold things. The story can only be told in terms of toil and blood and tears.

Near Toluca, at which city I ministered one Sunday morning, seven Pentecostal men towards the end of last year were martyred. A band of religious fanatics entered their homes one night and stoned and clubbed them until dead. The widow of one of these afflicted with a withered limb, was miraculously healed in our Mexico City meetings.

I preached on a Monday night in our church at Axlixco. In that very community the bodies of nine others of our Pentecostal faith, eight men and one woman, "slain for the Word of God, and the testimony which they held," fill martyrs' graves. How did they die? The first and the second of them were butchered with machete knives; the third, shot with a revolver; the fourth, stoned, tortured, torn to bits, head severed from shoulders; the others, with machetes. But their souls are "under the altar," crying, "How long, O Lord . . . ?"

Our Pentecostal pastor at Axlixco was shot, September 4, 1935, the bullet entering his left hip and coming out through his stomach, piercing through his Bible which he held in his hand at the time—open at John 17:15. The doctor, examining him, said he would be paralyzed the rest of his life. He prayed, and God answered. The Holy Spirit sweetly whispered: "You are healed. You are healed. You are healed." God did instantly heal him.

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AND as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings?
there shall not be left one stone upon

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the Axlixco church that Monday night when I visited them, a man of sterling character and robust courage, was one dark night approached by a criminal of the deepest dye, who made it his boast that he had already killed twenty people. With long dagger in hand, he threatened to plunge it into the Christian's heart. This Christian prayed and pleaded the name of Jesus and His blood. And the arm of that murderer, who would add one more crime to his long record, slumped helpless by his side -paralyzed, and he was struck dumb too. Today he walks the streets in that condition. Christians walk the same streets, but unafraid now, for the fear of the Almighty hangs over that place, and believers more and more are being added unto the Lord.

Forty miles from Axlixco lived an old man and woman, both of whom had embraced the Pentecostal truth and enjoyed the blessing of the fullness of the Spirit's power in their lives. Their neighbors threatened to kill them if they would not give up their new-found faith. They stood firm, for they had in their hearts that which was real. Then, one night, just six years ago, their home was entered and their bodies torn into pieces. They had one son. He had refused to believe, until his father and mother had paid with their life blood. Now that son is one of our Mexican Pentecostal pastors.

In 1946, I was told, not less than fifty-nine Pentecostal believers died as martyrs in Mexico. The last one to die as a martyr died July 8, 1949, exactly one week before I landed in Mexico City.

In British Honduras I was guest speaker for the Third Annual Convention of the Assemblies of God. An auditorium, which could well accommodate six hundred, had all of its seats occupied for the opening service of welcome, and literally overflowed at the closing farewell service. At the early 5:30 a.m. meetings each morning God's Spirit was outpoured in a most precious manner. Fourteen came through into receiving the Pentecostal baptism. This was the first time, as far as is known, that any

person had ever received this experience on British Honduras soil. The results in conversions and healings in British Honduras would compare favorably with the results in the Mexico City campaign.

#### REST AT THE THRESHING FLOOR

(Continued from page four)
rest unto your soul, the threshing floor is the
place for you. That is where Ruth found rest.
It is there you will meet your heavenly Boaz,
the One who says to you, "Come unto Me, all
ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and
learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For
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# Among the Assemblies

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OSAWATOMIE, KANS.—We have just concluded a 2-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. J. L. Isaacs, of Compton, Calif. God mightily anointed the ministry of Brother Isaacs, and several were filled with the Spirit, reclaimed and saved. Sister Isaacs conducted Junior Services before the evening meetings and they were very profitable.—J. L. Boulware, Pastor.

MARION, ILL.-We have just closed a suc-MARION, ILL.—We have just closed a successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Hall, of Sedalia, Mo. Conviction seized the hearts of sinners, and 15 accepted Christ as their Savior. Four were filled with the Holy Ghost; many healings were evidenced, and the church was blessed by the ministry of these evangelists. The Sunday School has also prospered, rising from 78 to 135 in attendance.—Howell Kelley, Pastor. FLAT ROCK, ALA.—Evangelist Tommie Wynn of Alabama City, Ala. has concluded a successful revival in the Union Church. There were 22 saved and one received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. On various nights there was no preaching—just the presence of God in mighty convicting power.—Mrs. Ralph West.

SELMA, CALIF.—We are now in a revival with Brothers Smith and Rogers. The Lord is blessing; people have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for the Lord's help in adding to the auditorium and providing extra Sunday school rooms. We are having a Home-coming, Nov. 6, and a Church Dedication and Fellowship Meeting on Nov. 7, expecting many former pastors, evangelists, members, and friends to be with us.—Thomas Ming, Pastor.

VALLEJO, CALIF.—We have just finished a revival campaign with Claude O. Wood, San Jose, Calif. Brother Wood came to Vallejo for a oneweek meeting, but the blessing of the Lord kept the meetings going for three weeks. Many outstanding healings and manifestations of the Spirit accompanied the services. His teaching on divine healing moved the people to renewed zeal in the Lord. We received 18 new members into the church, and 343 were in Sunday School on Rally Day.—Joseph L. Gerhart, Pastor.

CLARKSDALE, MISS.-We have recently closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. We were blessed by the Spiritanointed ministry of Evangelists Bob Bryson and Kenny Foreman of Beaumont, Tex. God mani-Kenny Foreman of Beaumont, Tex. God manifested His presence in healing power. As our brethren prayed for the sick each night, many afflictions and diseases were healed. The special music and singing of these talented evangelists was a wonderful blessing throughout the meeting. A number were saved and received the Baptism. At the close of the revival 18 new members were added to our church roll.—Pastor and Mrs. J. C.

#### ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 35th annual District Council of the Alabama District convened Oct. 4-6 at the District Camp Grounds, Montgomery, Ala. The ministry of Brother Ralph Riggs was uplifting to

The following were elected to serve our district for the ensuing year: T. H. Spence, Supt.; Maxwell McNab, Ass't. Supt.; Howard P. Trawick, Sec.-Treas.; E. R. Schulz, Home Missions Director and Sunday School Representative; D. V. Williams and D. H. Browne, General Presbyters.—Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary-Treas-

BROWNSVILLE, TENN.—After trying every way possible to get this work going forward for God, I had reached the point of despair and had decided to leave. Then some of the business men of the town said they had been watching our effort and would help us to improve the property. One by one, the people of the town gave us sufficient funds to buy new pews costing \$600, and about \$100 on rostrum, choir platform, and pulpit.

When the work was completed, the Lord sent Brother and Sister D. C. Ogden to us. During the meeting 38 were saved, and some were filled with the Holy Ghost. The following two Sundays seven more were saved, making 45 saved during the past 60 days. Two weeks prior to these meetings, Wm. E. Pickthorn, from Glad Tidings Bible Institute, ministered to us and prepared the hearts of the people for intercessory prayer.

Three months ago our S. S. attendance was 25; now we are over 100, with a fine group of new converts.—T. L. Ward, Pastor.

PLACERVILLE, CALIF.—The Assembly of God church reports a glorious victory Sept. 22-25. The messages and prayers of Claude O. Wood brought a heavenly atmosphere. Testimonies were given of definite healings. Our hearts were made glad for the visitation of God's presence to save and heal. God is still moving in our midst and we are trusting Him for greater things.—Travis F. Baker, Pastor.

CROOKSTON, MINN.-We have witnessed a CROOKSTON, MINN.—We have witnessed a real moving of God in our midst the past few weeks. J. E. Stiles, Hayward, Calif., was at a neighboring Assembly for four nights. During these meetings, five of our people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A few days later it was possible for him to come to Crookston for a five-day campaign. During that time twelve received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Truly we are rejoicing in the goodness of God.—C. W. Lamson. Pastor. Lamson, Pastor.

# **Coming Meetings**

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

OTIS, COLO.—Otis Assembly of God, Oct. 30—; Evangelist Evelyn Molander.—R. C. Pagel, Pastor.

ELGIN, ILL.—Assembly of God, 400 N. Crystal Ave., Nov. 13—; Evangelist Ira Stanphill.—C. Merrill Johnson, Pastor.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Meeting in progress; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists. H. R. Davidson is Pastor.

TOLEDO, OHIO—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Nov. 6—; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.
W. J. Domm is Pastor.

MARION, IND.—Nov. 1—; Thanksgiving revival with the Magnuson Family of Los Angeles. B. E. Hillman is Pastor.

COMMERCE, OKLA.—Oct. 24, for 2 weeks or longer; C. I. Myers, Hamburg, Ark., Evangelist. W. F. Gilchrist is Pastor.

PLANT CITY, FLA.-First Assembly, 204 Strickland St., meeting in progress until Nov. 20; Evangelist John D. Williams, Augusta, Ga. C. A. Symonds is Pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA.—Assembly of God, 2540 Jefferson St., Nov. 15—Dec. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. Joseph Pittman, Youngwood, Pa.; neighboring assem-blies invited.—L. S. Stamer, Pastor.

JENNINGS, FLA.—Assembly of God, Oct. 23—; David Speight and co-worker Charles Oswalt, Columbus, Ga., Evangelists. Mrs. Tommie Lee Green in charge.

BRAINERD, MINN.—Bible Teaching Conference, Brainerd Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 1-6; Sectional Fellowship meeting, Nov. 7, afternoon and evening. Lunch will be served to visiting guests. R. E. McAlister, evening speaker.—R. S. Peterson, host pastor and Presbyter.

#### POTOMAC C. A. CONVENTION

Annual Thanksgiving C. A. Convention of the Potomac District, Nov. 23—25, at Westernport, Md. Evening speaker, Ivar A. Frick Jr., Solon, O. Other speakers: T. B. Pierce, District Superintendent; Mrs. Etta Reckley, Cumberland, Md. Those desiring room reservations, write at once to E. W. Welford, Box 382, Westernport, Md.—H. Paul Robinson, District C. A. President.

MICHIGAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES
Annual Sunday School Conferences, Michigan District, Nov. 7-11; George and Billie Davis, National
Sunday School Representatives, special speakers, together with Chas. W. H. Scott, Dis. Supt., and Mrs.
Scott, Dist. Sunday School Representative. Services
daily, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at Bethel Tabernacle,
6033 Lapeer Rd., Flint; Nov. 8 at Assembly of God,
East Tawas; Nov. 9 at First Assembly, Belvue St.
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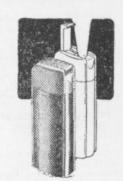
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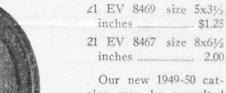
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HARVEY, ILL.—Nov. 6—20; Evangelist Blanche Brittain Urdahl.—W. J. Sawyers, Pastor.

GARBER, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Oct. 23—; James Villani, Danville Ark.—Guinne Brown, Pastor.

ALPAUGH, CALIF.—Nov. 13, for 2 weeks or onger; Evangelist Jess Bowen.—Ted A. Masters,

CHILLIWACK, B. C., CAN.—Nov. 6-20; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson. James Routley is Pastor.

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINN.—Assembly of God, Nov. 6—20; Paul and Gene Lickteg, Evangelists.—Blanche Urdahl, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Evangelistic Temple, Capitol at Houston Ave., Nov. 13—; McColl-Gerard Trio.—Andrew J. Richey, Pastor.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Lighthouse Church, 71 Himrod St., meetings now in progress; Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Texas.—C. A. Browne, Pastor.

OTTAWA, KANS.—Assembly of God, 4th and Poplar, Nov. 6—; Peggy Bolam, Canadian Evangelist, White Rock, B. C.—Robert A. Peters, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Chicago Gospel Assembly, 1901 N. Lowell Ave., Nov. 13, for 2 weeks; G. McKinney, Evangelist, St. Almo, Ill.—Pastor and Mrs. G. A. Meek.

HETTINGER, N. DAK.—Hettinger Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 13, for 2 weeks or longer, Clarence Jenson, Alexandria, Minn., Evangelist.—Clarence Strom, Pastor.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 5th and Fairmount Blvd., Oct. 30, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Clark, Bakersfield, Calif.—Carl A. Goad,

HAINES CITY, FLA.—First Assembly, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden.—Earl L. Frerking, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Friendly Church, Oct. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. E. E. (Ted) Smith of Meridian, Miss.—Loren Wooten, Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Fremont Tabernacle, Fremont at 25th Ave. N., Nov. 6; Evangelists Mark and Fulton Buntain of Canada.—Russell H. Olson, Pastor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—First Assembly, Nov. 6—20; Evangelist Phillip Johnson (not Evangelist F. C. Cor-nell, as announced in last week's Evangel).—David Pearce, Pastor.

#### WESTERN POTOMAC C. A. RALLY

Monthly Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally of the Western Section of the Potomac District, Nov. 11; Assembly of God, Horseshoe Run, W. Va.; Luther Tasker, Host Pastor. Services 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Neighboring sections and churches in-vited. David W. McCauley, Sectional Presbyter; and Louis Trotta, Sectional C. A. Chairman.

#### TEXAS DISTRICT FALL BIBLE CONFERENCES

Texas District Sectional Fall Bible Conferences: Beaumont Section, Nov. 8—9, First Assembly, Port Arthur. Houston Section, Nov. 10—11, First Assembly, Houston. Waco Section, Nov. 29—30, Morrow Avenue, Waco. Corpus Christi Section, Dec. 6—7, First Assembly of God, Brownsville. Services: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., first day; 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., second day. E. B. Crump, District Secretary-Treasurer.

#### OREGON C. A. CONVENTION

PORTLAND, ORE.—Oregon C. A. Convention, Nov. 23—25; Charles Blair, Denver, Colo., Convention Speaker. Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., at First Assembly of God, S. E. 12th and Taylor; Nov. 24, 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., at First Assembly of God. Great Thanksgiving service 7:30 p.m., at Benson Auditorium, 547 S. E. 12th November 25, 3 services in Benson Auditorium, 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and a grand Speed-the-Light meeting at 7:30 p.m. Write to N. D. Davidson. Box 2015, Portland Oreg., for accommodations.—Victor Trimmer, State C. A. President.

#### NEW MEXICO DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION

New Mexico District C. A. Convention, Carlsbad, N. M., Nov. 23—25. Opening Rally, Nov. 23, at Carlsbad Assembly of God. Following services at First Methodist Church, 211 N. Halagueno St. Special speaker, William C. Shackelford, Miami, Okla. For further information write: Norman McCutchen, Dist. C. A. Pres., 105 N. Cypress St., Carlsbad, N. M.

TENNESSEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Tennessee District Sunday School Conferences, Dec. 5—9; services 10:00 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Paul Copeland and James E. Hamill, speakers. Southwest Section, at Covington, Dec. 5; Northwest Section, at Milan, Dec. 6; Central Section, at Evangelistic Tabernacle, Nashville, Dec. 7; Eastern Section, at Faith Chapel, Knoxville, Dec. 9.—James E. Hamill, District S. S. Representative.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C. A. CONVENTION

C. A. Fall Convention, Southern California District, Nov. 18—20, in Conference Hall, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. W. E. Kirschke, National Sunday School Secretary, main speaker. Sat. 2:30 p.m., Ford Bowl, Youth Jubilee; Floyd Hawkins, Fresno, speaker. Other speakers include Bobby Clark, of Bakersfield, and Alfred Cawstin, Dean of Students of Southern California Bible College, Pasadena. 2500 free seats.—Warren L. Hill, S. Calif. District C. A. President.

#### THANKSGIVING MISSIONARY CONVENTION

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., will celebrate its 55th anniversary in a Thanksgiving Missionary Convention, Nov. 20, through Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24. Services nightly, 7:45 p.m., and 3 great services Thanksgiving Day. Brother and Sister Perkin of Springfield, W. W. Simpson, Howard Osgood, Gustave Kinderman, Lois Shelton, Brother and Sister George Waggoner, Louise Hackert, and Ann Eberhardt will be present. W. S. Bragg, Pastor.

NORTH PLATTE, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Oct. 30, for 2 weeks or longer, Evangelist R. A. McClure, Assistant Superintendent of Colorado District.—Edward M. Herrman, Pastor.

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