

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

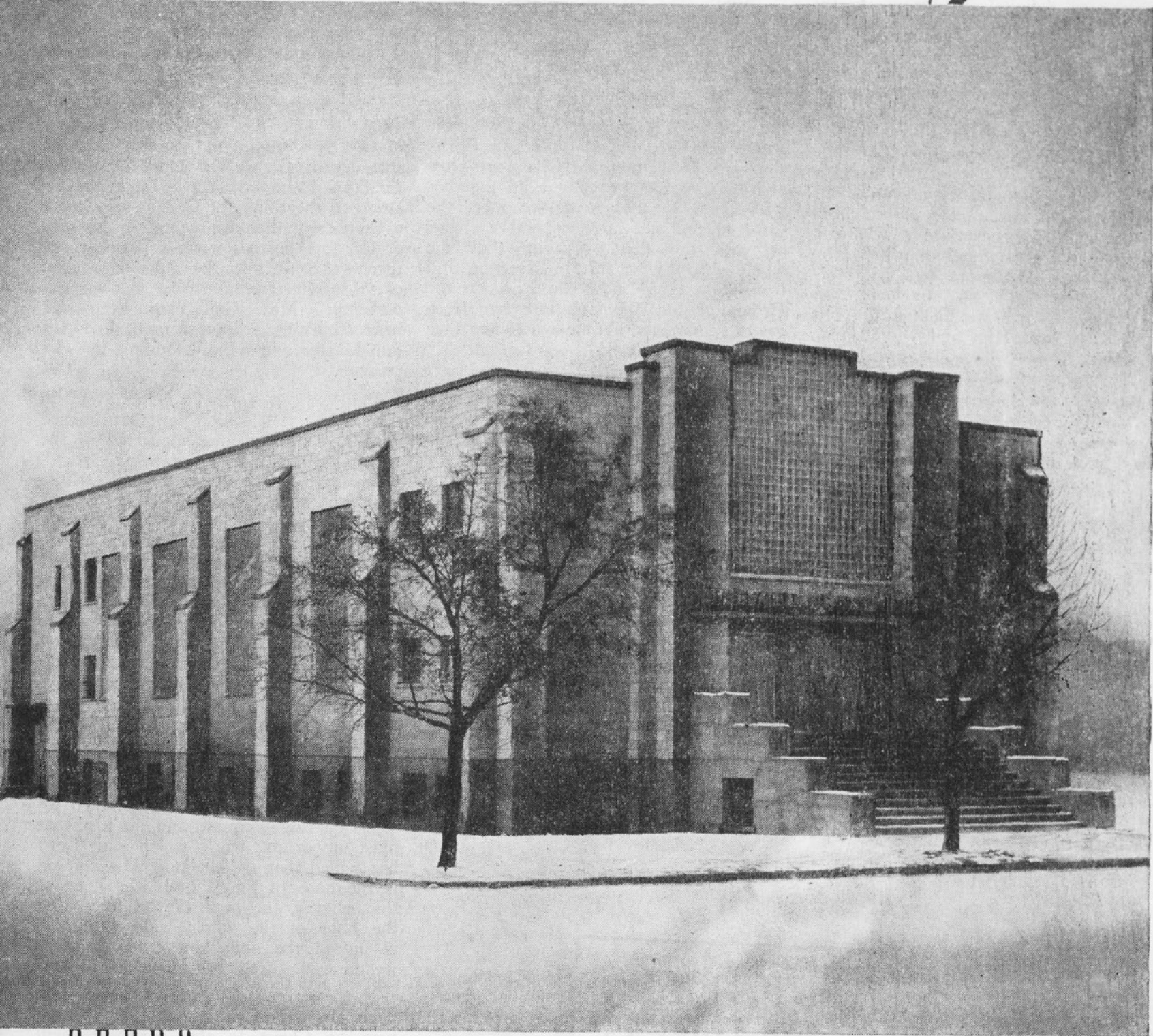
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The Second Coming of Christ

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• ONE OF THE MAIN emphases of the Pentecostal message is the truth that Jesus is coming soon. The Lord Jesus said that when the Spirit of Truth was come He would show us things to come. John 16:13. The blessed Holy Spirit has come, and wherever He is honored and allowed to have His right of way He lays definite emphasis upon the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many of the messages in the Spirit are a warning and a promise that Jesus is coming soon. The Holy Spirit very definitely is lifting up the eyes of Spirit-filled believers for the return of the Lord.

As the Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and reveals them unto us, He exalts the Lord and makes His presence very real. The love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost is a personal love for Christ as well as a love for man. This love for Christ reaches the point within the Spirit-filled believer's life where it amounts to a great longing to see Him face to face. The more real the Holy Spirit makes Jesus in our lives, the more fervently are we looking for His return. We love Him and we want to see Him.

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. You will notice that this statement of our Lord's concerning His return makes no reference to His triumph over His enemies or His establishment upon His own millennial throne. He refers only to His sweet and delightful prospect of being restored again to the circle of His friends. He does not want to

be where they are not. "That where I am there ye may be also."

This is beautifully reciprocated by the believer's hope, as expressed in 1 Thess. 4:16-17. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Notice that the whole objective of this resurrection and translation is to meet the Lord in the air and to be with Him forevermore, a grand reunion with One whom we love dearer than life itself.

He is to come to them that look for Him. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many, and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:27, 28. It is not stated that to those who believe in the doctrine of the Second Coming will He appear. It is rather to those who have the personal intimate faith in that coming and who are looking forward to its actually taking place. Paul said, in 2 Tim. 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and

not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Here the personal looking for the Lord is stepped up to the point where the believer loves His appearing.

Love is the measure of real religion after all. To the degree that the love of God is wrought within our hearts, to that degree are we the children of God. Cold apathy or theoretical asset in relation to the things of God smacks more of hypocrisy than of reality. If the fire of His love burns low within our hearts, then we come into the dangerous class of those who are lukewarm in their experience. May God ever keep our hearts burning with a fervent love for our Master and a holy longing for His return.

Paul sets it forth in Titus 2:13 in this fashion: "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." Here is the beacon star. Here is the goal and the guerdon. Here is the celestial point by which the Church charts her course across the sea of human history. Here is the great destiny and destination toward which she presses forward constantly. Without this goal and objective she becomes confused, discouraged, disintegrated, and defeated. To work for political legislation, to strive for social reform, to substitute education and physical welfare for the blessings of real Christianity, are the natural results of losing sight of the blessed hope of the Church. As we keep that hope bright and shining, ever looming high upon our horizon, then we steer a straight course and do just that most important work which our Lord has willed that we shall do. His coming is the hope of the Church, the hope of the believer, the hope of the Jews, and the hope of the whole wide world. It is indeed the only hope and therefore we do well to pay great heed to it.

If the enemy cannot remove entirely from our vision the thought of the return of Christ to this earth He will attempt to spiritualize that return, to reduce it to a mere metaphor, and thus rob us of the vital hope which the Lord wants it to be. Satan would tell us,

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The great day
of the Lord is
at hand. Zeph. 1:14

Has Israel Come to Stay?

L. Sale-Harrison

● MANY CHRISTIAN people today maintain that because the Government of Israel is not a theocratic one, therefore it is not in any way a sign of the last days.

With regard to this we believe the Word of God clearly shows that the majority of the Jews, a common term for the people of Israel from the time of Ezra, will go back to the land in unbelief. Ezek. 20:32-38; 22:19-22. Instead of believing and trusting God, they will make a covenant with the superman, as foretold in Dan. 9:27. Therefore, we believe it is inconsistent to state that, because the majority of the Jews are still rejecting their Messiah, the movement in Palestine today is not an indication of the possible near return of Christ. We will endeavor to show from Scripture that the present happenings in the Holy Land have great significance.

Before we refer to the Word of God itself, it is interesting to note that the suggested constitution of Israel is a remarkable document containing 78 articles. Its preamble contains the following significant words: "We, the people of Israel, humbly giving thanks to Almighty God for having delivered us from the burden of exile and brought us back to our ancient land . . . (are) resolved to rebuild our Commonwealth in accordance with the ideals of peace and righteousness of the prophets of Israel."

Will the Israeli Government stand, seeing that not yet can it fulfil the prophecies which describe the latter day fulfilment? In reply to this question we wish to ask whether one should in any way discredit present Palestinian achievements because all prophecies are not fulfilled in the brief space of a few years. The greatest fulfilments can only be fully realized when our Lord Himself, the Messiah of Israel, shall reveal Himself as their Deliverer and Savior. We will see therefore what the Word of God says, for "thus saith the Lord" is the only authoritative answer.

God promised to Abraham's seed the territory from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates. Gen. 15:18. This extent of the Promised Land has never yet been fully occupied by the people of Israel and therefore the complete fulfilment of this promise is still future. The promise of future blessing was confirmed to Abra-

ham in Gen. 22:16-18. The words of God in relation to this confirmation are striking in the Revised Version: "By myself have I sworn . . . I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore . . . and in thy seed (that is, in Christ) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." God could not swear by a greater than Himself. The fulfilment of this significant statement is guaranteed by His very character.

A generation later God renewed this same covenant with Isaac when He said, "Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father . . . and will give unto thy seed all these lands; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Gen. 26:3, 4, R. V.

Bible students recognize that these promises were made unconditionally as to their actual fulfilment, but not as to time. By that we mean that God set no time limit for the fulfilment of these promises. God is sovereign, and the Jews are His sovereign people; therefore He told them that if they obeyed Him they would remain in the land, but if they forsook Him, out of the land they must go. Old Testament history shows that Israel forsook God and turned to idolatry, grieving Him sorely. According to God's judgment they were consequently driven out of their land; they were scattered among all nations; their land became a desolation, and they were persecuted wherever their feet trod foreign soil.

But what, then, of God's promises to the patriarchs? Because these promises were unconditional, not as to time but as to fact, the Jews must come back and occupy the land of their fathers. When they do return, the prophets tell us that the land will begin to blossom as a rose; and even the returning rainfalls will be an indication that God's promises are certainly to be realized in all their fulness. Isa. 35:1, 7; Joel 2:23, 27.

It should be evident to the world today that we are seeing these prophecies fulfilled in the land of Israel. Today there are more than a million Jews in Palestine; the



Young Jewish immigrants just arrived from Cyprus present their first salute to the flag at a Jewish Agency center in Israel. There are over a million Jews in the "Promised Land" today and thousands more are arriving monthly. (Photo courtesy United Palestine Appeal)

deserts are beginning to blossom as the rose; the early rains are rapidly increasing; and the latter rains are again watering the thirsty soil. These facts alone show that the present return is the final one.

Joel 2:23, 27 shows us how true this is: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. . . . And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel."

It is interesting to note that these Scriptures show that all these results in the land will ultimately bring the realization to the people of Israel that the Lord is God. v. 27. Today these very blessings are coming to pass, for as soon as the Jews began to return to the land of their fathers, the natural blessings promised to them began to be realized.

Still more wonderful is the fulfilment today of Amos 9:13-15: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of

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Editorials

PENTECOSTAL FERVOR

A Presbyterian pastor in Oregon writes: "For several years I have been a subscriber to your inspiring weekly. The first subscription was a gift from one of your readers. I share your anticipation of a world-wide revival, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

"I know you are acquainted with the past revivals in Korea. That is one country where the Presbyterian Church, so far as I know, bears real resemblance to the Assemblies of God in America. I will not be surprised if another revival is under way in Korea. My brother is a missionary there, and this is what he writes in his last letter:

"The churches are crowded Sunday morning, as well as Sunday evening. The Wednesday evening prayer meetings also are very well attended; at least two-thirds of the people come out. Then every church has a sunrise prayer service *every day* at 6 a.m. Even in the small country churches that have no ministers but lay preachers, and only a handful of members, it is not unusual to see 20 to 50 people out to these sunrise prayer services.

"The pastor at these daily prayer services gives a short exposition of Scripture; hymns are sung; individual prayers are offered; then all these Korean Presbyterians pray as do the Pentecostals in America, *all* at once. In the city churches here I have heard 800 pray at once. It sounds like the roaring of many waters! The Spirit seems to work in great power in such united prayer, and I always come under its powerful "pull."

"Then you ought to hear the Koreans pray individually. The "pastoral" prayer is always given by one of the elders. While the elder prays, the minister kneels, and the congregation prostrate themselves with their faces upon the floor. They literally cry out unto the Lord in prayer, and pour out their souls. . . ."

"How cold and lifeless our churches in America are compared to this! How can we expect a revival here unless our stately churches lose some of their dignity and add some of the fervor of your churches!"

We agree that formality has to melt, pride has to bow, before there can be true spiritual revival. And how can any church get this fervor of which our brother writes? By seeking and receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was said of Jesus, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Fervor is just another word for fire—the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Peter wrote: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. . . ." In this atomic age the words take on a startling significance! The power of the Lord will melt the icy atmosphere. Don't you think He can melt the icy hearts of men? He can, and He will, if we will pray in faith. We need this fervent heat today to make us fervent in spirit, fervent in love, fervent in prayer. We need Pentecostal fervor, and so much the more as the day of the Lord draws near.

THE REVIVAL AT WHEATON

Perhaps you read about the moving of God's Spirit at Wheaton College, a non-sectarian school at Wheaton, Ill., in February. The fact that Wheaton is a liberal arts college, rather than a Bible Institute, made the story appear so unusual to the news services that they spread it all over the country.

The additional fact that Gil Dodds, the former track star, is on the Wheaton faculty helped to color the story in the eyes of the world.

The revival began on Wednesday evening. The 1500 students gathered in chapel to hear a visiting preacher; but the president of the college, Dr. V. R. Edman, asked whether any of the students wanted to give a word of testimony before the speaker was introduced.

Ten students got up. According to the *Associated Press*, one was the school's basketball star. After they got through others wanted to have a say. Many misdeeds were confessed. Some asked forgiveness for unkind words. There were many admissions of spiritual failure.

Midnight passed, and the students were still in the chapel. At 3 a.m. the crowd of 1500 had dwindled to 600. But by dawn the word spread that the meeting was still going on, and after breakfast all seats in the chapel were filled again.

Classrooms were empty all day Thursday. The teachers were in chapel, too. A number of students would testify, then there would be a season of prayer. Occasionally someone would start a hymn. The Holy Spirit was working in the hearts of hundreds of young people. The meeting went on all day Thursday, and was still continuing at daybreak on Friday. It lasted 38 hours without an intermission!

As Dean Roger J. Voskuyl pointed out, the emotional display indicated that the hearts of youth are hungry for a deeper Christian life. He asserted that there was a supernatural as well as human element in the meeting, and this cannot be denied.

A typical testimony was this, from a girl student: "I was in a terrible condition. I asked the Lord to show me those things I

had done wrong. They came over me like blood. I have been afraid, and ashamed of the Lord. But, praise God, I'm not now. It's going to be different."

Some students from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago attended the meeting at Wheaton. They caught the fire and took it back to their Seminary, where it spread to others. A revival meeting broke out at this Seminary which lasted more than 12 hours, and hundreds of the Seminary students testified that they had met God in a new way.

Thank God for such a report. Surely this is the day of His visitation, and even the secular news services are sensing it. God is sending revival in all kinds of places, and among all kinds of people. Let's tear down every fire wall and pray that the heavenly flames shall spread everywhere.

"In the refining of gold, the process only ends when the gold is so pure that the refiner can clearly see his image in it; and so the Savior can only cease His purifying when He sees His likeness in a soul."

JUDGE NOT!

God Himself does not propose to judge man until the end, when all shall be revealed—so why should we?

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The World's Oldest Manuscript

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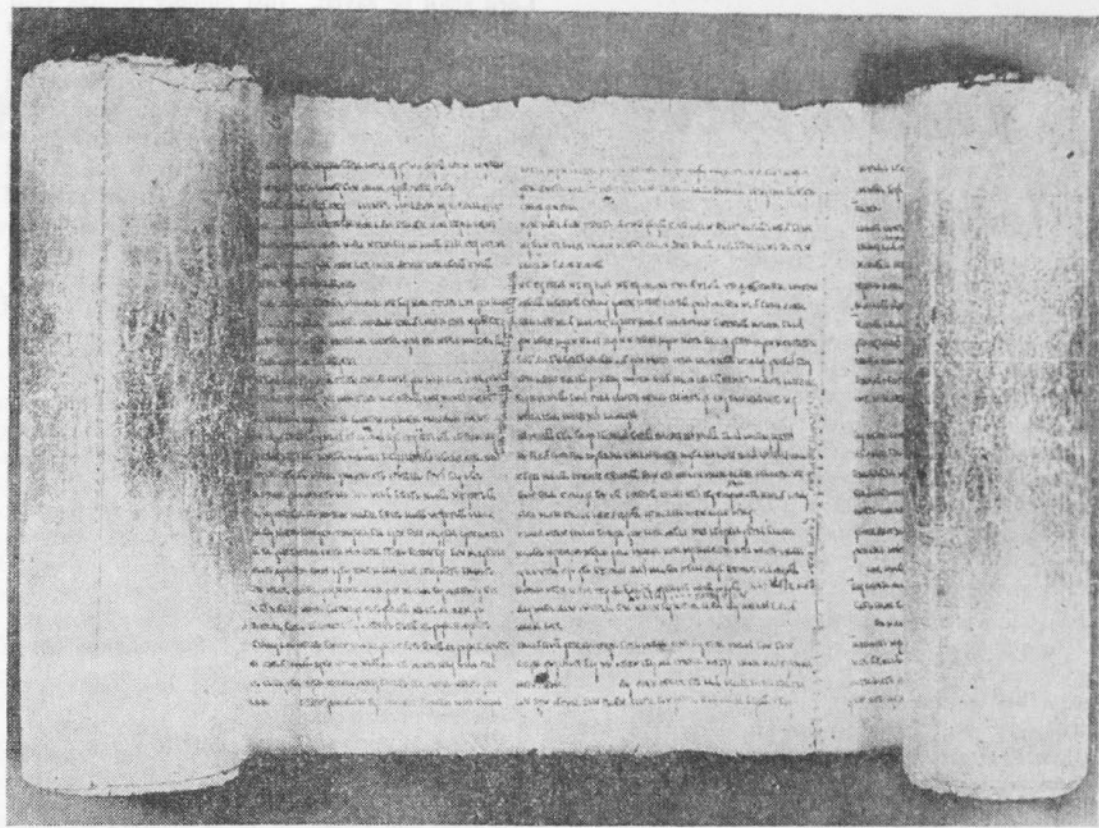
All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass . . . BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER. 1 Peter 1:24, 25.

● THE RECENT DISCOVERY of the ancient manuscripts in Palestine reminds us of the miraculous way in which God has preserved the writings of His Word from generation to generation.

Modernists and skeptics would destroy our faith in the Bible as God's Word. They would have us value it only as ancient literature. We cannot be sure, they say, as to the authenticity of the Bible as it has come down to us from the dim and distant past. They tell us it has been translated from one language into another until we cannot know its true meaning. But archeologists are continually bringing to light new proof of the infallibility of our precious Bible.

Two Arab goatherds, in the summer of 1947, happened upon an ancient cave high on the rugged cliffs near the Dead Sea. The walls had partially collapsed, but in the dim interior they found several earthen jars that had been broken by the falling rocks. Within these earthen jars were eight leather scrolls wrapped in yards and yards of cloth, and covered with pitch. The Arabs took the scrolls to the Syrian Orthodox Monastery of St. Mark, in Jerusalem. The monks decided they looked interesting and bought four of them. The other four scrolls were bought by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

For months the ancient scrolls lay unrecognized in the Monastery library. Then a year ago the Archbishop, seeking funds with which to repair the damage done to the Monastery in the Arab-Jewish fighting, brought them to the U.S.A. for study and identification. Imagine the surprise of the scholars at Yale's American School of Oriental Research when they found that the ancient Hebrew manuscripts, written in Aramaic, were Old Testament writings dating back more than 2,000 years to the Second Century B.C. If the estimate is correct, the scrolls



This is the Isaiah Scroll, which is thought to be more than 2,000 years old. The darkened back of the Scroll indicates much use in times gone by, and it has been suggested that this might possibly be the very Scroll which Jesus used when He went into the synagogue at Nazareth and stood up to read. Luke 4:16-22. (Religious News Service photo)

are the world's oldest texts from Biblical times.

One of the scrolls is the virtually complete Book of Isaiah. The others are a commentary on the Book of Habbakuk, a manual of discipline for a minor Jewish sect, and the lost Book of Lamech, which is mentioned in medieval Greek lists of apocryphal books of the Bible.

After intensive study of the text of the Isaiah scrolls, scholars declare that although there are hundreds of minor variations between its wording and that of the text used in translating the King James Version, "the basic message . . . has come down to us virtually intact."

Dr. John C. Trever, who is one of the scholars now working on the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament, says that "the most amazing fact is how few of the differences are significant for the meaning." For instance, he said that when the revision committee was considering Isaiah 8:12 to 12:6 they found only three differences in the scroll that demanded discussion. "Only one of these was considered important enough to be given a statement in a footnote!" he adds. "When the final revision is undertaken later, it is possible that even that one will be omitted."

Among the scrolls purchased by the Hebrew University at Jerusalem was a part of the Book of Leviticus. Dr. A. Reifenberg of the Hebrew University states that it definitely confirms the an-

tiquity and authenticity of the five books of Moses. The crude ancient Hebrew script once and for all invalidates the theories that the Pentateuch is the product of a later era than that of Moses and Joshua, he says.

Three portions of the Book of Daniel have been found in a matted mass of leather fragments taken from this same cave. The discovery is important as it establishes the date of the writing of the Book of Daniel long before 165 B.C., the date suggested by the critics who say that the Book was a forgery and was written for political purposes.

It has been suggested that these scrolls were hidden for safe keeping during the turbulent reign of the Maccabean Kings of the First Century B.C. On the other hand, it was an old Hebrew custom that the sacred writings should never be destroyed but that worn-out scrolls be carefully wrapped and "buried" in some obscure spot such as this isolated cave.

We do not know the story behind the hiding of these scrolls, but we know that God surely planned that they should be preserved and should be brought to light to answer the skepticism of our day. Thank God for His Word. "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:6, 7.

The Rescue

It was about ten o'clock on the morning of July 4th, 1949—a beautiful day. We were 800 miles west of Ireland on the Cunard liner *Britannic* when suddenly someone spied a sail away off our starboard. Immediately there was great interest. Binoculars came quickly into use. A small yawl in distress was seen, but it was difficult to make out who was aboard. The *Britannic* slowed down, veering toward the craft. As we approached we could see two men—Estonians, it proved, seeking to escape from Russian control. We can never forget the clear call that came from our bridge, "Do you want to come aboard?" nor, the ringing cheer that greeted the accepting answer.

Splendid seamanship soon brought our steamer alongside the derelict and she was made fast. She was a very small frail craft, her mainsail gone, her engine dead and her hull battered so that they had been bailing for days to keep afloat. The eager grasp of the younger sailor as he seized the line thrown to him was worth seeing, and his smile showed his gratitude.

With their few belongings hauled aboard, the lads clambered up the rope ladder and their craft was set adrift. The rescue was complete. The men were saved and we thanked God for His marvelous intervention, for a short time afterwards fog settled over the sea; had it come a little sooner it would have made the rescue impossible.

It was a thrilling experience and a striking illustration of God's provision for lost men and women. We may not realize that we are all included in that category—we may even resent it—but God says in His Word that it is so, that *all* have sinned and come short of His glory. The third chapter of the Book of Romans is very explicit about that. Some may feel that doing the best they can ought to be sufficient. It isn't. The guilt of our sin still remains. Surely God would not have allowed His Son to go to Calvary to accomplish there what we could do for ourselves if doing our best were sufficient. He knew there was no other way and it was His wondrous love that sent the Lord Jesus to the cross to pay the penalty for our sin—to redeem us and set us free from our guilt. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." He loves us in spite of what we are.

The two Estonians, lost physically beyond a doubt, believed our captain when he offered them salvation. They accepted his invitation to come aboard and were saved. They knew very well that doing their best could not save them.

Left to ourselves, you and I are just as completely lost spiritually as these men were lost physically, but the Captain of our salvation, the Lord Jesus, stands by and offers to save us. He purchased that right and power with His own blood on the cross of Calvary, and He alone can save. There is absolutely nothing we can do to merit salvation—it is all of grace—but we can accept it as a gift from Him. *Will you do that?*

It is your decision that will settle the transaction. Jesus *never* fails. God's promise is, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the

Lord shall be saved." Just humbly confess your sin to God, and in your need tell Him that you accept the Lord Jesus as your personal Savior. What a change that will make in your life! He will forgive your sin and cleanse you from it. He will fill your life with His lasting peace.

Delay is dangerous. Remember the fog that settled over the *Britannic*. "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."—Edwin T. Ross, in tract. (This tract may be obtained from the American Tract Society, 21 West 46th St., New York 19, N. Y., on free-will offering basis.)

What Are You Doing?

BERT WEBB

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

"Make disciples of all nations."

"We are ambassadors for Christ."

"Do the work of an evangelist."

These, and scores of other scriptures, crowd into our thinking, carrying a tremendous challenge if we are to please God and evangelize a lost sinful world.

Some years ago we made a most thrilling discovery. Down through the ages of time God in His providence has again and again chosen young people for specific tasks. David, Joseph, Samuel, and others illustrate the fact that there is a place in God's great economy of grace where youth may be of inestimable service.

An intensified evangelistic appeal is launched today throughout the world under the leadership of Christ's Ambassadors—the youth arm of the Assemblies of God. It is true that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." It is true that all hell is arrayed against us in nefarious, Satanic schemes calculated to damn the souls of youth. Opposition is great! A veritable floodtide of evil suggestion would overwhelm.

Let Christian youth arise, and, empowered by the Spirit of the living God, go forth to a greater program of evangelism, personally and collectively.

If today the love of Christ is in your soul, make sure that you miss no opportunity to tell some one else of the saving, blessing power of Jesus Christ the Lord. In the office, on the farm, at the store, or wherever circumstances have placed you, realize that nearby is someone whom God intends for you alone to reach for eternal salvation. Difficulties and circumstances may seem to hedge you in, but through God's help and by your own determination this need not be so.

Impossibilities vanish, insurmountable obstacles disappear as Spirit-inspired and Spirit-empowered youth marches forward in the great name of our conquering Savior. Though the powers of hell oppose, Jesus has declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," and then we are electrified with His further statement—"Lo, I am with you."

Let us believe God for a great year of soul winning—the greatest by God's grace that any of us has ever known. If we are to have the greatest spiritual accomplishments possible, undoubtedly God's requirement is for the greatest consecration ever.

In the book, "They Were Expendable," the theme is built around certain ones who were expected and intended to die for a cause. Jesus declares, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone."

The electrifying challenge of the great apostle Paul is heard down through the ages, calling even to us today, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

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

THIS WEEK'S COVER

Our cover photo shows the new Assembly of God Church in Missoula, Montana, recently constructed by Pastor Eugene A. Born and his faithful congregation. The first services were held in the new building on Sunday, January 22, which marked the beginning of an evangelistic campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Cantelon. Though it was a stormy winter's day there were 248 at Sunday School that morning!

It was several years ago, under the leadership of Currell Muirhead, who is now District Superintendent, that the Missoula assembly voted to construct a new house of worship. In May, 1949, Frank Lang of Marysville, Wash., was called to supervise the construction. Contractors' estimates of the cost of the proposed building ranged as high as \$120,000; but due to the donation of much labor by the men of the church and the co-operation of all concerned this beautiful structure was erected at a cost of \$65,000.

The church is located in the geographical center of the city of Missoula, and will serve as a gospel lighthouse in this community of over 30,000 people. It is 96 by 50 feet in size, and made of white pumice blocks. In addition to the auditorium seating 405, and a balcony seating 125, there is an evangelists' apartment, a prayer room, a pastor's study, a glassed-in nursery, a beautiful baptistry, and a large cloak room. The heating system is basically low-pressure steam, with air-conditioner. In the lower Sunday School departments, radiant panel heating has been installed. The church has indirect lighting.

Pastor and Mrs. Born launched an aggressive visitation and evangelistic program as soon as they moved into the new church. Even before they began their revival campaign there was a mighty moving of the Spirit of God in their regular services. The Sunday School average for November and December was nearly 200, and glorious conversions were witnessed during the past month. They have a radio broadcast each Sunday evening, from 10:30 to 11 p.m., over KGVO, 1290 kc., known as "Songs in the Night."

Are you praying for revival? A good way to promote revival is to pass your Evangelists on to your friends or to subscribe for them. Only \$1.00 for 8 months.

Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

JESUS AND HIS FRIENDS

Lesson for March 12

John 12:1-11; Luke 10:38-42

● **LARGELY, OUR LESSON** has to do with motives, those inward qualities which excite action and move the will. Similar actions may be quite different because of difference of motive. As an example, there is the Pharisee who went up into the Temple to pray. In his prayer he told God of the good things that were in him, but went away condemned by God because the motive of his heart was not right. Luke 18:9-14. On the other hand was the apostle Paul who, in defense of his apostleship, recited the virtues of his life. Phil. 3:4-6; 2 Cor. 6:1-10; 11:16-33.

1. THE MOTIVE OF MARY

Dr. Scofield has given the following beautiful comment: "As Martha stands for service, and Lazarus for communion, so Mary shows us the worship of a grateful heart. Others before her had come to His feet to have their need met; she came to give Him His due. Though two of the evangelists record her act, John alone gives her name."

Martha loved the Lord and showed her love in service. Her service sometimes got the better of her, causing her to be fretful and condemnatory. Luke 10:40. Those who love to serve must watch lest, in their service, they get out of touch with the Lord and lose their sweetness.

Mary loved the Lord and showed her love by lingering in His presence. We must not mistake laziness for loving. Had Mary neglected duty because of indolence, Jesus would never have defended her. She was not a woman of neglect, but she refused to be "driven" by duties as Martha was. Her soul must first be satisfied in the presence of her Lord, then she could wash the dishes. Martha, on the other hand, must wash the dishes and hope to have the needs of her soul met later on.

When Mary poured the ointment on the feet of Jesus, Judas protested. vv. 4, 5. But Judas was not alone in doing this. In Matt. 26:8 we read, "But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?" Jesus came to the defense of Mary because He knew the motive of her heart. Jesus was no friend to waste. Did He not see that the fragments were gathered after He had fed the five thousand? Jesus loves thrift, but not stinginess. However, He was not weighing material values when He defended Mary. He was weighing the value of her unselfish love. I suppose many things that sound judgment would condemn take place in the realm of religion. Who of us cannot look back and see where we did things that now look to have been folly? But what blessing came to our hearts when we did them. Why? Because of the motive. We loved the Lord with all our hearts and tried to

give expression to that love.

2. THE MOTIVE OF JUDAS

Judas was, without doubt, a more careful calculator than Mary. He had religion on ice; she had religion on fire. Have you seen a lake covered with ice? There is plenty of time for careful thinking there. Have you seen a house on fire? Thoughts run rapidly at such times and they are not always exactly correct. How about motives, then? Emotions take ascendancy and go their limit trying to be helpful. We would not encourage rashness in religion, but we would encourage being "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Rom. 12:11.

The motive of Mary was love. The motive of Judas was selfishness. He probably did not know his own heart at the time. He may have thought that his interest was in the poor. How easily we can deceive ourselves. I recall a person who complained that the money which certain friends planned to spend on a short trip ought to have been given for missions; but that person who complained thought it not robbery of the missionaries when a much larger sum was used on him.

Judas was not as much interested in the poor as he thought he was. "This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein." Was Judas a thief at this time? We have no record of his having taken anything wrongly. Or was it that the heart of a thief was developing in him? I am inclined to think the latter. He was covetous. He loved money and loved to handle it. His heart might already have been consenting with his mind to betray his Lord. From this let us learn that we are not just what we do; we are what we would like to do.

The Jews at this very time were plotting against the life of Jesus. 11:47-53. It gave opportunity to Judas. The devil took advantage of his covetous desire—"the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him." John 13:2. Judas gave himself to the desire of his heart; he yielded to the devil, with what terrible consequences! "Satan entered into him." John 13:27. What fruit of motives which were carnal and unchecked. God help us to know our hearts and condemn every motive that springs from other than harmony with Christian love.

3. THE MOTIVE OF THE CHIEF PRIESTS

Remember motive is "that which incites ac-

"TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY"



tion and moves the will." It brought the Chief priests into consultation. They knew Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, but they were set in their determination. They would do away with Jesus. They would do away with Lazarus also. "The chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death." John 12:10. When the purpose of the heart gets wrong, judgment of the head gets wrong also. It is hard to change the mind of a person whose heart is not right. Even such wonders as raising the dead made no change in the chief priests; it only furthered them in their determination to destroy every evidence of the power of the Lord Jesus.

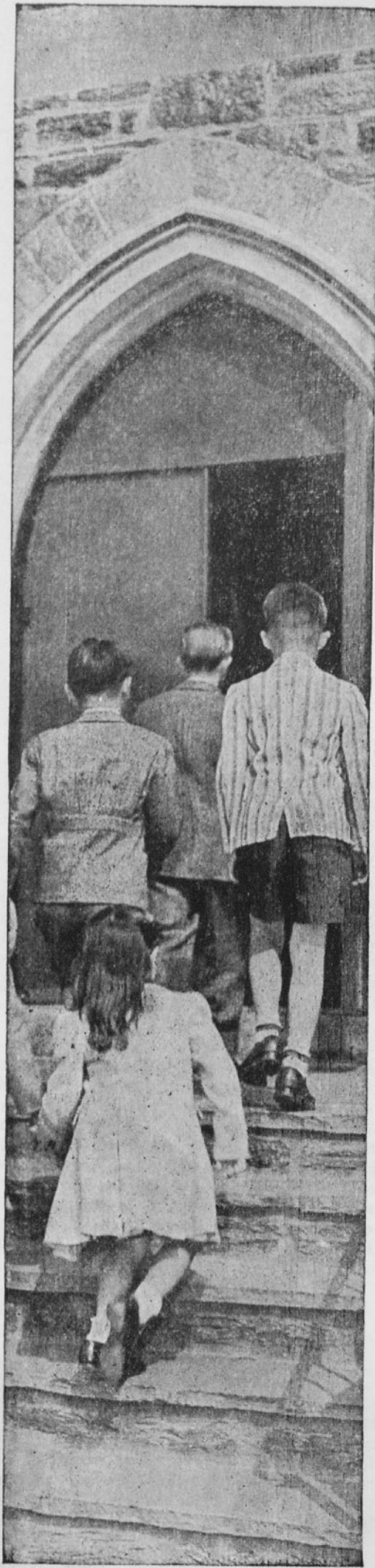
4. THE LESSON FOR US

We need to weigh carefully that which underlies our desires and decisions. Even when what we do may be defended as right, we need to be sure that we are prompted correctly. The chief priests were so wedded to their ideas that they could see no good in anything that might be different. And we can become so wedded to our ideas, religious and otherwise, that an angel from heaven could not change us. Let us always remember, "Mercy rejoiceth against judgment," and if we err let it not be in mercy.

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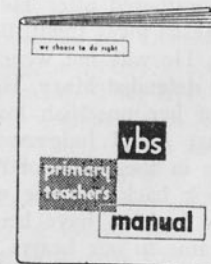
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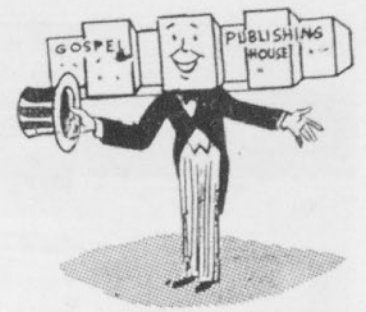
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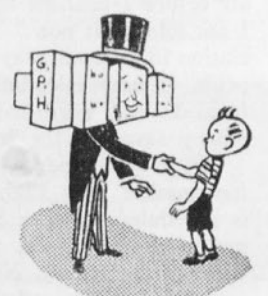
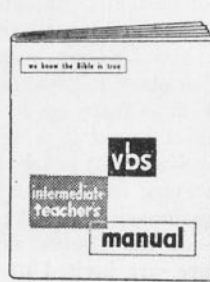
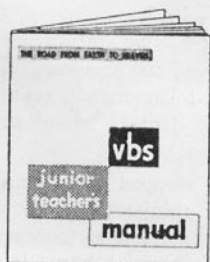
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Home on the AMBASSADOR

NOEL PERKIN

Foreign Missions Secretary

● NEWS CAME FROM FLORIDA that our B-17 plane, the AMBASSADOR, returning from its trip to Africa, would arrive at the Springfield airport with its precious load of missionaries at around 13 o'clock (1 p.m.) on January 28. An eager crowd waited at the airport for the plane. Almost to the minute that the ship was scheduled to arrive, someone shouted, "There it is!" and the plane began to circle the field.

As the plane taxied up to unloading position music of welcome floated out through the public address system on the ground, and friends and relatives of the missionaries returning from Nigeria, South Africa and Upper Volta pushed to the barrier to be as near as possible to the plane when the powerful engines, which had pulled so steadily for more than 14,000 miles, came to a stop under the steady hands of Pilot Herman Revis and his competent crew.

Just a moment after the engines were turned off, the door of the plane was opened and the crowd surged forward. What hugs and handshakes! Only a few days previous the missionaries were in Africa, but here they were back with loved ones, right in the middle of the United States of America.

"It was wonderful!" one missionary exclaimed. "You know, I was a little afraid of travel by air before I boarded the AMBASSADOR, but I am sold on it now." Others expressed appreciation in different ways, and the crew told with pride of how splendidly the aircraft had performed. All were happy over the time and money saved in the journey.

The AMBASSADOR is now being prepared for another long flight, this time to India. It is scheduled to leave Springfield on the morning of February 28, and will go by way of Chicago to Sydney, Nova Scotia. There it will remain overnight and the next morning continue overseas by way of the Azores to Lisbon,

Portugal. On March 2 it is scheduled to wing its way from Lisbon to the ancient city of Athens, Greece. From there the following day it is expected to go to Basra, Iraq, and then on to Lucknow, India, stopping at New Delhi to pass the immigration and customs officials. We likely will have a full load going to India, but there will be room for extra passengers on the return trip to the States.

Several other trips are planned for the near future. The plane will be going to West Africa and on into the Congo at the end of March. There will be a flight to the West Indies in April. The plane will be leaving Springfield for that trip on April 25, and will be touching at Havana, Cuba; Kingston, Jamaica; and Nassau in the Bahamas. There are to be mass meetings in the centers mentioned. A number of ministers will be taken on the flight. Their presence at the meetings should be a source of encouragement to the Christians and national ministers of the countries.

In May or June there may be a flight to Europe, or again to Africa or India.

Each month the AMBASSADOR no doubt will be carrying missionaries and ministers to various parts of God's great harvest field.

We thank God for the Speed-the-Light program that has made it possible for us to have this great means of hastening the work of world evangelization. In one trip a missionary going to Africa may be saved as much as five weeks of travel time. The plane is capable of carrying 25 passengers. With as many as 20 missionaries aboard, 100 weeks of travel time may be saved one way, or the equivalent of nearly two years of time for gospel service for one person.

Ministers or missionaries wanting to take advantage of some of the flights mentioned, or flights in the future, are invited to write to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, for information.

Bethel Bible School

John H. Burgess, South India

● COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES for the Bethel Bible School, which serves the Malayalam section of the South India field, were conducted on December 2. The commencement was unique in that the exercises were held on our own newly-acquired Bible School property, situated on a high elevation overlooking the heart of Punalur, Travancore. Bethel Bible School was opened in June, 1927 but all through the years until this past year we have had to manage in rented property.

Though we were made happy because of having our own property in the school year just past, we went through some of the severest tests in the history of the school. We enrolled 36 students at the beginning of the school year but typhoid fever in epidemic form hit Travancore and our Bible School was not spared. Several of our students and one faculty member, Pastor K. M. Panicker, took the fever. The stricken students had to be taken to their homes. They did not get to return so the enrollment was reduced considerably. Pastor Panicker had no strength with which to fight the disease, and did not recover. His going was a great loss. At times during the year it also seemed that we would have to close school because of the difficulty in obtaining food. The Lord helped us, though, and we made it through.

The graduating class was one of the finest that we have had.

The need for workers here is so great that we have had to send some first and second-year students into the field.

Additional dormitory space is needed to house the students in the future.

Nyasaland

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus E. Udd, Nyasaland

● BIBLE SCHOOL WORK, compound services, language study, and trips to the outlying village churches are the duties that take up our time and speed the days on their way at our station. The opportunities of our South Nyasaland thrill us. We thank God over and over again for our call.

We have been to Durban, on the coast, accepting deliverance of a Speed-the-Light Chevrolet. We did have a Jeep, and it gave very satisfactory service. It took us over many a rough mile.

After receiving the Chevrolet we drove to the Assemblies of God Conference of South Africa in the Orange Free State. It was such a spiritual uplift to be with so many of God's people! Before returning to our station we were privileged to conduct revival services in Johannesburg, Brakpan, and Benoni. There were physical examinations, dental appointments, and a bit of shopping, too.

En route home we stopped at Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, to minister to a newly formed group of Europeans, and to contact our national work there. We arrived home in good time to make preparations for Christmas Day with our Nyanja Christians.

West Indies Conventions

Henry C. Ball, Field Secretary for Latin America

● IT HAS BEEN my privilege to attend the annual conventions held in the cities of San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba; Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic; and Bayamon, Puerto Rico. I find the progress made in our work in the West Indies most encouraging.

In CUBA the convention was held in a large rented hall. Around three hundred persons were in attendance each night. The pastors of other evangelical churches co-operated in helping to accommodate out-of-town folk. They also brought their congregations to the services. The secretary to the mayor came to give us a word of welcome to the city. This honor is seldom accorded Protestants in Latin America. The day after the welcome was extended several of us were walking around the public square, and the secretary saw us. He called to us and offered to take us through the city hall. We were presented to the various officials as "ministers of Jesus Christ."

The reports given at the Cuban convention revealed that there are 930 members of the Assemblies of God in Cuba, and 81 workers, including the missionaries.

There is a possibility of our getting on the largest radio hookup in Cuba with a 30-minute daily broadcast.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the Cuban convention. Quite a number were saved during the services.

The convention in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC was held in the only theater in Hato Mayor. Our work has suffered a number of reverses in Hato Mayor. It has kept our people from having the influence they have had in other places. The theater held the congregation comfortably during the day, but at night many had to stand. A group of boys and young men caused some disturbance and the police had to establish order; however, on the whole good interest was shown. For the first time in the history of our Domini-

can work the largest newspaper of the Republic, *El Caribe*, gave us favorable publicity.

We have 23 churches in the Dominican Republic, 80 outstations, 48 national workers, and 4 missionaries. One hundred and three were baptized in water and 84 were baptized in the Holy Spirit in the Republic last year. All the district officials of our churches, including the superintendent, are nationals.

Several interesting facts were brought out in the Hato Mayor convention. The churches have instituted what they call the "missionary-penny offering." The offering is taken up every Sunday in all the churches. It has been carried on with considerable enthusiasm. When the children are given the Sunday School paper, *JOYAS ESCOGIDAS* (Chosen Jewels), the parents are so anxious to read them that they take them from the children. Also, when Vacation Bible School is held in the churches a class for adults has to be included, for the mothers and fathers enjoy Vacation Bible School as much as the children.

The Bayamon convention in PUERTO RICO was held in the Buenos Aires Theater. The theater would hold only a few more than four hundred persons, by crowding. Large numbers were turned away. With the permission of the mayor, on the last night of the convention we held our service in the street. Six came forward after that service and gave their hearts to the Lord.

Many of the members of the Puerto Rican church have moved to New York; however, around 13,000 members are still in residence. The Assemblies of God has the largest evangelical membership in Puerto Rico. There are 175 ministers, 133 organized churches, 104 church buildings, and 300 missions. Last year the Puerto Rico Assemblies gave \$3,000 for missions and sent their own missionaries to Cuba and the Dominican Republic.



The Eleventh Annual Cuban Convention in session. Hugh Jeter is at the stand. Seated on his right is Henry C. Ball, and standing on his left is Mr. Nieves. Missionaries identified are: Alva I. Walker, Henry E. Mock, W. Kenneth McIntyre, Pedro B. Torres, and Roy L. Dalton.

Surely we have much for which to praise God in our work in the West Indies. In each of the three countries we have a Bible Institute with consecrated young people preparing for the ministry. The graduates of the Bible Schools are already exercising a tremendous influence on their own countrymen.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

January, 1950

Alabama	1,244.60	Nebraska	2,235.92
Arizona	1,322.28	Nevada	154.18
Arkansas	2,276.92	New Hampshire	46.94
California	25,811.94	New Jersey	1,382.51
Colorado	2,043.10	New Mexico	1,039.89
Connecticut	477.08	New York	8,503.57
Delaware	1,457.49	North Carolina	147.20
District of Columbia	635.59	North Dakota	1,357.93
Florida	3,409.15	Ohio	11,379.20
Georgia	1,107.71	Oklahoma	10,842.10
German Branch	1,150.12	Oregon	5,912.28
Hungarian Branch	231.22	Pennsylvania	8,211.50
Idaho	1,311.74	Polish Branch	88.61
Illinois	5,549.06	Rhode Island	200.41
Indiana	1,916.69	Russian Branch	96.60
Iowa	2,193.14	South Carolina	98.19
Italian Branch	112.50	South Dakota	1,427.13
Kansas	5,302.56	Tennessee	553.32
Kentucky	862.89	Texas	13,760.22
Latin American Branch	119.70	Ukrainian Branch	67.61
Louisiana	564.05	Utah	15.91
Maine	155.87	Vermont	20.00
Maryland	1,035.78	Virginia	1,258.51
Massachusetts	693.37	Washington	11,104.54
Michigan	5,893.14	West Virginia	449.61
Minnesota	5,348.81	Wisconsin	3,628.10
Mississippi	727.27	Wyoming	360.70
Missouri	7,568.13	Alaska	171.18
Montana	1,466.64	Canada	1,707.54
		Foreign	128.44
		Legacies	2.12
		Miscellaneous	34,831.62

Total Amount Reported	\$203,172.12
District Fund	10,973.50
National Home Missions	2,165.29
Office Expense Fund	4,842.36
Literature Expense Fund	228.01
Given Direct to Missionaries	22,831.66
	\$41,040.82

Amount Received for Council Foreign Missions	\$162,131.30
Amount Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions	2,839.19
Total Receipts for Foreign Missions	\$164,970.49
Amount received for Home Missions	\$8,728.14

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

For January, 1950

Belgian Congo	\$3,644.65	Brazil	2,986.19
Dahomey	6,442.63	Chile	1,665.41
Egypt	4,176.50	Colombia	455.50
Gold Coast	11,461.18	Paraguay	235.00
Liberia	7,323.29	Peru	3,325.02
Nigeria	4,603.80	Uruguay	512.00
Nyasaland	1,508.80	Venezuela	3,874.04
Sierra Leone	711.00	British West Indies	1,842.50
Union of South Africa	3,262.81	Burma	798.99
Upper Volta	3,310.28	Fiji Islands	519.50
China	9,499.45	Hawaiian Islands	1,220.27
Ceylon	1,790.78	Indonesia	1,579.00
India	29,991.34	Japan	4,363.05
Europe	6,941.38	Malaya	2,218.18
Palestine and Near East	850.65	Philippine Islands	6,577.46
West Indies	5,832.43	Samoa	111.56
Mexican Work in United States	464.44	Entertainment of Missionaries	1,919.85
Mexico	2,745.47	General Transportation	17,280.10
Central America	6,171.32	Retired Missionaries	972.00
Argentina	1,828.27	Spanish Literature	92.83
Bolivia	1,945.10	Miscellaneous	23,046.10

Total Distribution to Council Foreign Missions	\$190,100.12
Non-Council Missionaries	2,173.49

Total Disbursements	\$192,273.61
Charged from Hold Accounts	27,303.12
Total Receipts	\$164,970.49

Send all foreign missionary offerings to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

FIRE AT NOTED JERUSALEM CHURCH

A fire which burned for 28 hours recently destroyed the main dome and cupola of Jerusalem's famous Church of the Holy Sepulchre. An unofficial estimate placed damages at more than \$800,000.

UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL

It was reported that more people actually spent this past Christmas under communistic governments than under what we term Christian governments that permit freedom of worship! When will the Church awake to the gravity of the times?

BIGGER BOMBERS

New, larger Superfortresses, with a speed in excess of 400 m.p.h. and a range greater than 6,000 miles, capable of carrying 28,000 pounds of bombs, are being delivered to the U. S. Air Force by Boeing Aircraft Company.

THE "FIREBIRD"

Known as the "Firebird," a new U. S. Air Force experimental weapon is a jet-propelled missile designed to be released from a jet fighter, guided in flight by radar controls, and exploded automatically in the area close to the target.

AN ALL-NEGRO BANK

A bank in Atlanta, Georgia, owned and operated entirely by Negroes, has been admitted to the Federal Reserve System, after completing all requirements. The capital of the banking firm is more than \$200,000 and this bank serves white depositors as well as Negroes.

REVIVAL IN A CATHEDRAL

A revival was held in the Church of St. John the Divine, in New York City, and numbers were converted. The rector, Dr. Shoemaker, was quoted as saying afterward: "If God can convert Episcopalians in New York, it seems as if there is hope for everybody."

MODERN POETS

A French newspaper recently published five poems, four by modern poets and one by an insane man. The readers were to guess which had been written by the latter. Most of the readers guessed wrongly. Only 20% were correct.

DRUNKARDS DENIED INSURANCE

Buried deep in the thousands of words contained in a recent report by a leading insurance company was this notation: "More applications for insurance are denied because of past histories showing drunken driving and excessive drinking habits, than for any other cause. . . ."

HIS NAME IS NOT FOR SALE!

It is reported that Winston Churchill has turned down an offer made by the Schenley liquor interests which would have paid him the highest price per broadcast in the history of radio. The distillers wanted the English statesman to make a 15-minute weekly commentary on world events; but he wasn't having any, thank you.

A STRANGE PLANT IN PALESTINE

A missionary in Jerusalem writes: "Just recently there has been found here in Palestine a plant by the name Zelaff. In the morning it brings forth its leaves, at noontime it is blooming, and in the evening it has ripened seeds. In the Hebrew University on the Mount of Olives you can see these plants. In the Talmud it is told that at the coming of the Messiah such a plant would be found in Palestine. But we know now that His second coming is near."

A "HOLY YEAR"—AN UNHOLY DOCTRINE

The Pope has officially proclaimed 1950 a "holy year." It began when he tapped on the massive sealed "holy doors" of St. Peter's Basilica and commanded them to open for the faithful.

In the most solemn bull he has issued, the Pope called on the Roman Catholic world to make a pilgrimage of peace to Rome during the "holy year." He promised full pardon for sins to all Catholics who visit Rome's four major basilicas (churches) and perform prescribed rituals during 1950. By earning a plenary indulgence in this way, Catholics supposedly can escape punishment for past sins, which otherwise would have to be atoned for in purgatory!

What an unholy, unscriptural doctrine! The Bible teaches that forgiveness of sins is only obtained through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who shed His precious blood for the remission of sins. See Acts 10:43; Acts 13:38-39; John 3:16; Douay Catholic Bible. The apostle Paul emphasized that we cannot be saved by our good works. Ephesians 2:8, 9. He said that if anyone, even an angel, should bring us any teaching to the contrary, such a teacher should be "anathema"—accursed. Galatians 1:8.

THE PRESIDENT OF G. E. SPEAKS

"I doubt that old proverb which says that truth will prevail. Truth seldom prevails unless ably, sincerely and continuously defended," Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric, is quoted in his biography as saying.

Mr. Wilson pays high tribute to his mother who was a sincere and earnest Christian. He tells how he followed in her steps, became a Christian and continued actively in the work of the church even when his duties as an important executive in one of the world's largest industrial organizations were exceedingly heavy and exacting.

This successful business man has been a Sunday School teacher most of his life, and he sees in that arm of the church one of the most effective means of implementing truth. "Religion has been part and parcel of my living," he says. "I got started early, thanks to a wonderful mother who knew her church and loved it and who took me by the hand and led me to Sunday School and church. I was too young at first to know what it was all about, but she kept me there until I found out what it was all about. Thank God, I have never been able to get away from either of them—Sunday School and church."

FARADAY'S DYING FAITH

When the great chemist, Sir Michael Faraday, was on his deathbed, some journalists questioned him as to his speculations concerning the soul and death. "Speculations!" said the dying man, in astonishment; "I know nothing about speculations; I am resting on certainties!" Then he quoted the words of Paul: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

LUNG CANCER AND CIGARETTES

The theory that excessive cigarette smoking bears "an important relationship" to the development of the most common forms of lung cancer, was advanced at the meeting of the Inter-American Congress of Surgery, reports *Science Digest*, January, 1950.

Dr. Evarts A. Graham, professor of surgery at Washington University, St. Louis, reported: "It can be stated that in 400 cases of lung cancer it has been very rare to encounter a man with *squamous bronchiogenic carcinoma* (lung cancer) who has not been an excessive cigarette smoker for years."

TO REVIVE THE SANHEDRIN?

In January, 1950, the Minister of Religion in Israel's Government (Judah L. Maimon) officially asked for a revival of the Sanhedrin, the highest court of the ancient Jews. It was the Sanhedrin's 71 members, priests and scribes, who delivered Jesus to Pilate to be sentenced to death. And before the destruction of Jerusalem it was the Sanhedrin which set religious law and acted as a final appeal from all civil decisions for Jews everywhere.

Some months ago a formal appeal was made to Israel's Government for a retrial of our Lord. Will the Sanhedrin meet again and reconsider the verdict that was passed upon Him? Will they admit their guilt in consenting to the crucifixion of the Lord of glory, and will they confess that He was indeed their Messiah and Redeemer whom they rejected?

SEARCHING FOR THE TABERNACLE

In the Apocrypha it is recorded that the Jews buried the Golden Ark and the Tabernacle on Mount Nebo just before they departed for the Babylonian captivity. In 2 Maccabees 2:5-7 it is declared that the burial place would remain unknown until the time of the final regathering of Israel to the Holy Land. A group of archaeologists from Los Angeles believe that the time for its discovery has come. They have purchased the section of Mount Nebo on the border of the Holy Land, and are about to begin digging with steam shovels.

The remarkable thing is that the mountain should never have been disturbed, if so much gold is buried there. Dr. A. J. Fritter, head of the expedition, is convinced that the mountain has not been disturbed through the centuries, and he believes he knows where the treasure is buried.

"Should I discover the Ark of the Covenant, as I believe I will do," he says, "it will shock the world. It will bring every Jew in the world back to Palestine, and the ancient sacrifices of Israel will begin again. That means that the last week in the seventy weeks of Daniel will have arrived."

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KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

From S. W. Brewer, Superintendent of the Kentucky District Council, comes this excellent report of some of the work done during the past year:

The Mountain Section Has

21 Sunday Schools	
Total enrollment	1,027
Total attendance	612
Average attendance	31
Souls saved—over	200
12 Vacation Bible Schools	
Total enrollment	419
Total attendance	326
Average attendance	27
24 School House Services	
Total attendance	696
Average attendance	29
6 Weekly Children's Services	
Total attendance	113
Average attendance	19

One worker conducts a 15-minute daily devotional period in the public school.

The District has recently opened a new work at West Liberty in the mountain section. The young man who is pioneering this new field has been there about two months now. He has no support, but because he feels there are good possibilities in this town, he is staying with the work. The District is helping him as far as possible.

Since June of last year the District has opened new works in Corbin, a town of 10,000 population; and in Irvine, with a population of 4,000. A new endeavor has been started recently at Erlanger, with a population of 3,000. Nolan Sluder is supervising this work as an outstation from his church in Covington.

Also since June an attractive new light-color brick church has gone up in Owensboro where W. L. Rodgers is pastor. This building is approximately 40 x 70. God is blessing in this church in a wonderful way.

The District plans to begin new churches in Bowling Green and Hopkinsville in the spring. Capable young men are ready to go into these towns of about 20,000 population, if it is possible to sponsor these new fields at that time.

Brother Brewer in his letter to Fred Vogler writes: "May I take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and to the Home Missions Department for all of your kind interest and generous help to us here in Kentucky. May God richly bless you and encourage your heart in your many labors for Him."

Outstanding progress in pioneering and expanding is being made in many of our districts, which we believe will be of great interest and

encouragement to our Evangel readers; and it is our purpose to pass this good news on from time to time in Our Home Frontiers column.

Please pray earnestly for these pioneer fields. Only God knows the struggles, financial and otherwise, which face each pioneer pastor and his new congregation. Your cooperation in giving will be appreciated, also. So many new churches could be "helped over the hump," so to speak, if we could send them a little financial help just when it is needed most. Send your offerings to the Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

O. E. NASH WITH CHRIST

Oscar E. Nash, of Cincinnati, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on January 24, at the age of 73. He had been in failing health for some time.

Brother Nash was ordained to the ministry in 1926 and he affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God two years later. He was pastor of the Christian Assembly in Cincinnati at that time and continued in that capacity until 1946 when his health became poor. He served for many years both as a District Presbyter and as a General Presbyter of the Assemblies of God.

In addition to an outstanding pastoral ministry, Brother Nash had a very fruitful ministry on behalf of the Kentucky Mountains. In September, 1929, he and his wife first visited the mountain region, and they were greatly impressed of God to take its needs upon their hearts. They appealed for workers, and by the end of 1931 there were seven missionaries stationed in the Kentucky Mountains. In each year that followed the forces were doubled, so that in 1932 there were 14 workers, in 1933 there were 28, and in 1934 there were 56, although seven had left to fulfill their calls in foreign lands.

At first the workers held their meetings in schoolhouses; then it became necessary to build churches. The plan was to place two to five workers at a station, and let them hold gospel meetings, conduct Vacation Bible Schools, visit the homes, distribute used clothing, and answer calls for help along many lines. The touch of love that the missionaries brought into the homes afforded a wonderful opportunity to win the hearts of the people and lead them to Christ.

Brother Nash was the father of this mountain missionary work, and he served as Supervisor for many years. The time came when a sufficient number of churches had been established to make it possible to organize the Kentucky District Council, and Brother Nash became the first District Superintendent.

Brother and Sister Nash had four children. Mrs. Nash preceded her husband in death four years ago. May God comfort the hearts of the children who survive.

BISHOP DAN T. MUSE WITH CHRIST

Word has just been received through Oscar Moore, Superintendent of the East Oklahoma Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, of the homegoing of Bishop Dan T. Muse. He passed away on February 4 as the result of a sudden heart attack. Bishop Muse was the senior bishop of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, a man greatly beloved and mightily used of God. He was a great preacher and a most prolific writer, articles from his pen appearing

almost weekly in the *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*.

Brother Muse was a member of the Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, and we had been looking forward to meeting with him in a meeting of the Board at Indianapolis, Ind., April 17. Bishop J. A. Synan has been appointed to represent his church in his stead. His loss will be felt keenly by the many thousands who have been blessed under his ministry, and by the many friends who knew him and appreciated his godly life and example.—J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

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through misguided believers, that conversion is the second coming of Christ, or that the coming of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost was the second coming of Christ, or that the death of the believer is the second coming of Christ. Most ridiculous of all is the claim by its devotees that Christian Science is the second coming of Christ. By the very nature of the case all of these are utterly untrue. The return of our Lord to this earth is to be literal, personal, visible and physical.

"While they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11. This is worded to meet the requirement of the most exacting legalist. "In like manner" means "exactly as," "in the very same way," and so it will be. A cloud received Him out of their sight. Compare this with Mark 14:62—"Ye shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven." His disciples looked steadfastly toward heaven. Compare this with Rev. 1:7. When He comes again they shall look on Him whom they have pierced. Angels stood at His side when He departed; and of His second coming He said, "The Son of man cometh in the glory of his father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38. He went up from the Mount of Olives, and His feet shall stand in that future day on the Mount of Olives. Zech. 14:4. Is not this "in like manner"—even as—in the very same way? The most technical lawyer could not ask that the fulfillment be any more perfect than that which it is promised to be.

It is not to be another Christ, none other than He Himself personally. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven." 1 Thess. 4:16. This coming is to be visible, for it is declared plainly that every eye shall see Him. Rev. 1:7. It is not to be anything other than His own physical body which shall be seen and which shall return to this earth. For His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem on the east. Zech. 14:4. If we believe that God is a Person, that Jesus saves, that He died on Calvary and rose again the third day, then consistency and logic require that we believe in the literal, personal, visible and physical return of Christ to this earth again.

The enemy is relentless in his determination

to take away the blessed hope from the Church. If we make him concede that Jesus is really coming again, then he will say, "Yes, but it is a long way off. The Church must convert the world and bring in the millennium, and fix everything up for the Lord so that He can return unto His own." This is just as fallacious as to contend that He will not return at all. The same Bible that tells us of His return tells that He is coming BEFORE the thousand years of peace. "Behold, I saw heaven opened, and a white horse, and him that sat upon it, whose name is Faithful and True." He destroys the Antichrist at His coming, sits upon the throne of His glory, and then enters upon His millennial reign. His saints will live again and reign with Him a thousand years. He comes first and the thousand-year reign of peace follows.

Also we are told in the Word that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. In the last days perilous times shall come. They shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall depart from the faith. There shall come a falling away first. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Instead of a world prepared by the Church for the return of the Lord, it will be a world ruled over by the Antichrist.

As a last resort, the die-hard Devil still argues, "Well, if He comes before the millennium, it will at least be after the Great Tribulation." He still has in mind his wicked objective of taking away the hope of the Church. If the rapture of the saints were placed after the Tribulation, then the hope of Christ's return would be replaced by the dread of the coming of the Tribulation and of Antichrist himself. These ugly things would loom up between us and the return of Christ and would utterly eclipse the blessed hope.

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians as follows: "Now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time; for the mystery of iniquity doth already work, only he who now hindereth will hinder until he be taken out of the way; and then shall that wicked one be revealed." 2 Thess. 2:6-8. Here is a plain, simple, emphatic statement that there is a great withholding influence which stems the tide of iniquity and lawlessness and will continue to do so until it is removed and taken out of the way. When it is removed and taken out of the way, then the Antichrist is to be revealed. What is there on the earth that is opposed to the Antichrist and that is powerful enough to delay and prevent his appearing? It is only the Church, which is the body of Christ. When the Church is caught up to God on the throne, then there will come forth that Beast who is the lawless one, and the Antichrist. This is the clear, definite teaching of the Word.

As Paul begins to write about the coming of the Lord, in his first letter to the Thessalonians, he tells them first of all concerning the rapture of the Church. He says the Lord Himself shall descend; the dead in Christ shall rise; then we which are alive shall be caught up. For the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night; sudden destruction and travail is then to follow, with the wrath of God poured out on sinful men. This is the same chronological sequence which he follows in his second letter to the Thessalonians.

The Lord Himself said: "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what

hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Luke 12:39, 40. Paul also taught that the day of the Lord is coming as a thief in the night. 1 Thess. 5:2. A thief does not come with ostentation and great display. He slips in at an unexpected moment and steals that which he considers valuable. In like manner our Lord is to come and the day of the Lord is to begin. We know from many Scriptures that the object of His secret coming will be to catch away from this earth all of those that are His. "They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." Mal. 3:17.

It is also true that there will be a later time when He will come in power and great glory. At that time every eye shall see Him as He comes forth to conquer the Antichrist and establish His reign on the earth. He is coming then with His saints, as Enoch foresaw. Jude 14. But this fact does not cancel out or contradict the previously declared statement that He is coming as a thief in the night. He is coming in both capacities. First He comes as a thief for His saints; the Bema Judgment follows, and the marriage supper of the Lamb. He will then return to earth with His saints to the great triumph at the battle of Armageddon and the establishment of the millennial reign.

If the rapture of the Church were at the end of the Tribulation, then the people on earth could take note of the covenant of the Jews with the Antichrist and could know that seven years from then the rapture would occur. This would contradict the scripture that "at an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh." There would be no uncertainty concerning the time of His return. This would eliminate the possibility of His coming as a thief which has been plainly predicted. If the rapture of the saints were at the end of the Tribulation then the rise of the Antichrist to world-wide rule would be the starting day, forty-two months from which time the rapture would take place. For the Antichrist is to reign forty-two months. Rev. 13:5. But how then would His coming be undated, unpredictable, as a thief, and at an hour when we think not?

A consistent, straightforward interpretation of the Book of Revelation sets forth clearly the teaching that the overcoming Church is in the heavenlies with resurrected bodies and crowns on their heads before the Tribulation begins. The company represented by the four and twenty elders sang, "Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation . . . and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5:8-10. The subsequent chapters of Revelation describe the events of the Great Tribulation. In the 12th chapter we have the wonderful symbol of the birth of the manchild; John sees him caught up to God and His throne to rule upon the earth. This is completely consummated before the appearance of the Antichrist is described in the 13th chapter. Here is a counterpart and confirmation of the teaching of the apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2—"He who now hinders (the manchild of Revelation 12) will hinder, until he be taken out of the way (caught up to God on His throne). And then shall that wicked one be revealed (the Antichrist of Revelation 13).

This taking of His saints out of the world

before the Tribulation follows carefully the precedent which God has set in previous ages. He did not allow righteous Noah and his family so much as to get their feet wet in the time of the great universal flood. They were preserved from wrath by being shut in the ark of God. Likewise the angel said to Lot and his family, "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything until thou be come thither." Gen. 19:22. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was delayed and restrained until these people of God were safely out and on the mountain top. At the time of the plagues in Egypt the children of Israel were shut in to the land of Goshen and protected there from God's wrath which fell upon all the rest of Egypt. "But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, neither man nor beast; that ye may know how that the Lord hath put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel." In the prediction of the destruction of Jerusalem, found in Luke 21, the Lord promised that His disciples should be protected from the holocaust. Secular history also records that not one Christian perished among the hundreds of thousands of Jews that lost their lives at that time. Without any doubt it is the will of God to protect His own at the time of Judgment. We can surely expect Him to do this again at the time of Great Tribulation.

The rapture of the Church will occur before the Tribulation because it is according to promise. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Rev. 3:10. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:9.

(If you wish to know more about the future as it is foretold in the Bible, read Brother Riggs' book, "The Path of Prophecy." It contains a chronological arrangement of all prophecies of the Bible which are yet unfulfilled. Price \$1.75. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri.)

HAS ISRAEL COME TO STAY?

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their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God."

The present return of Israel to the land is the first time since Titus took the city of Jerusalem in the year 70 A.D. that such prophecies as are given in verses 13 and 14 could have been fulfilled. Bible lovers recognize that the present return and the achievements in the land of Palestine are but the beginning of a more complete series of fulfillments to come. But we cannot ignore the fact that Palestine is witnessing a return to the conditions prophesied in the Scriptures, and that the Jews shall not again be driven out of the land which they are now making their own.

Many may question what we have already said, on the plea that Arab opposition will frustrate any real success by the Jews to make permanent their hold on the land. To our minds, however, Arab opposition is only another in-

dication of the permanency of the Jews' control. Does not the Word of God show clearly that the sons of Ishmael will ever be a thorn in their sides? Psa. 83:6. The prophets continually speak of opposition from such a source. The sons of Ishmael have always fulfilled what God said of them in Gen. 16:12: "He will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man; and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

How true all this is! Esau is called Edom (Gen. 25:30) and he married Ishmael's daughter. Gen. 28:9. The Ishmaelites bought Joseph to make money on his resale. Descendants of this line were also among the enemies of Nehemiah who was building the wall of Jerusalem, and Herod the Great who tried to kill the Christ Child was of this same line.

The Arabs today are only living true to form. But is it not interesting to note that Egypt and all the Arab nations positively asserted that they would never discuss Palestine with the Israeli Government? Yet today we see the Egyptian representatives sitting down at a peace table; a treaty has been signed; and Jews and Arabs are discussing a permanent armistice.

Yes, the Israeli Government has come to stay. And on the proof of the commencement of the fulfilment of God's prophecies to Israel and their remarkable land, which definitely refer to the latter days, we dare to say that every event suggests that this is the Government which may be the one that will make a covenant with the Antichrist. Dan. 9:27. The future alone will tell.

If this is so, then we ought to face the issue, that as the rapture of the Church will take place before the completion of this covenant, then we should realize that the coming of the Lord is nigh at hand. This is the day of grace, and the Lord may tarry for a while in order that others may be saved. But it would be most unwise to become slothful because we think that He will delay. Accept Christ now, we plead with you, so that you may yet be able to spend a little while on earth in glorifying Him.—*Revelation.*

Among the Assemblies

COALINGA, CALIF.—Last November we had one of the best revivals that we have had for some time, Sister W. E. Long being the evangelist. Those who were saved and those who were filled with the Holy Spirit received such definite and wonderful experiences. Many new people, including some from other churches, attended these meetings. The revival spirit has not ceased, but has continued to grow. Someone has been saved or received the Baptism nearly every Sunday since the meeting. Five were saved one Sunday.—Paul R. Keeth, Pastor.

SWAN CREEK, ILL.—After being severely stricken with cancer and marvelously healed, God directed me to this country community to conduct a four-weeks' revival. It has now been seven months since I began a pioneer work here. Last Sunday we burned our note on the building. Next Sunday (Jan. 29) will be our dedication service and the beginning of a revival with Evangelists Helen Earley and Marjorie McCullough. We appreciate the lovely building that God has given us, but we are more thankful for the souls that have been saved.

We are continuing the "Hour of Comfort" broadcast, station WLDS, Jacksonville, Ill. each Sunday morning.—Edith Swope, Pastor.

MONAHANS, TEX.—We have just closed a three and a half weeks' meeting with Evangelist Homer Tarkington, of Kermit, Texas. The church met each morning for prayer for a mighty revival, and God surely met us. Souls were at the altar almost every service seeking God for salvation. A number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The spirit of revival still prevails among us.—J. A. Bennett, Pastor.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—Evangelist Walter H. Smith of California has just finished a month's meeting with us. It was his third time here and it resulted in a real church revival. The Christians were revived, sick healed and sinners saved. When Sister Asbury was dying of adhesions ten years ago in San Francisco, God used Brother Smith to pray the prayer of faith for her healing.—D. N. Asbury, Jr., Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—The Gospel Gleaners Assembly of God has just closed a successful three-weeks' revival with Evangelist Kenneth Schmidt of La Crescenta, Calif. The attendance was very good and increased nightly. We praise the Lord for a wonderful visitation of divine grace and mercy in moving upon the hearts of sinners. A good number were saved. The entire church has been helped and strengthened. C. D. Spencer is pastor.—Lawrence D. Krause, Associate Pastor.

EAST KANE, PA.—The "Messengers of Christ," a male quartet from C.B.I.S., Springfield, Mo., were with us for a week of special services. God richly blessed their ministry in word, song, and instrumental numbers. The church was filled each night. The revival was particularly among our young people. There were 10 saved, a number reclaimed, and others refilled with the Spirit. One dear man 80 years old broke before God.—Arthur E. Hardt, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—God is blessing in a marked way at the First Assembly of God, for which we praise Him. The church has recently bought \$10,000 worth of property for the purpose of building a new educational building. Our Sunday School has grown so that every available space is overcrowded. Recently a number have been saved and received the Holy Ghost. We have also purchased a Hammond organ which has added much blessing to our services.—J. E. and Mrs. Inlow, Pastors.

CLINTON, IOWA—We have just closed a three-weeks' meeting with Evangelist C. B. Roberts, Tarkio, Mo. It was the greatest revival in the history of our church. There were 32 saved, many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled and encouraged in the Lord. We feel that the greatest result was the spiritual deepening of the entire church, including the pastor. Many heard Brother Roberts on the radio and were convicted of their sin.—C. E. Thompson, Pastor.

LULING, TEX.—We have just closed a very successful two-weeks' revival with Evangelist Eloise Richey of Houston, Texas. The anointed messages brought spiritual benefit to the church. The attendance was good throughout the meeting. Many new people were reached. Some prayed through to salvation, backsliders were reclaimed, and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. A number of outstanding healings were witnessed. Since the revival many new people have enrolled in our Sunday School. We feel that every department of the church has been strengthened. M. W. Putnam is our pastor.—Mrs. N. Fisher, church reporter.

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—Since we organized our Sunday School last October we have had a steady growth in attendance. God has met with us in a very special way. He has marvelously supplied every need far above anything we could ask or think. We have grown from 28 to 72.

At the present time we are worshipping in an army barracks that we purchased last November. We are purchasing lots that are more centrally located and plan to build soon. Brother and Sister Walter Lane came to us as pastors in the latter part of November. We thank God for their lives and example and covet the prayers of Christians as we work together for the salvation of the lost in Plainview.—Earl Castleberry, Secretary-Treasurer, Montrose Assembly of God.

EWING, MO.—After pastoring the Assembly of God in Augusta, Ill. for five years, we have resigned and come here. While we were in Augusta a good number of souls were saved. Every department of the church was blessed of God. The Sunday School received four consecutive Gold Crown awards. Sunday School rooms were built in the church, a new heating unit installed, and two rooms added to the parsonage. The congregation responded in a splendid manner.

When we came to Ewing we found a strong and spiritual assembly, and a very attractive church building. As we endeavor to build upon the good foundation laid by previous pastors, we earnestly desire the prayers of God's people that we may continue to promote the cause of God in this area. Council brethren are always welcome.—R. L. Cimino, Pastor.

KITZMILLER, MD.—We have just closed a mighty campaign with Evangelist Mal Kerr, Pottsville, Pa. Night after night, as well as in the afternoon instruction services, the people sat reverently and hungrily as Brother Kerr poured out the message of God's deliverance from all that is evil and destructive. Quite some time before the beginning of the evening service, the church was packed. People thronged here from all over this area to hear God's Word, and to behold His mighty miracles of deliverance.

A number of unsolicited testimonies were received telling of definite healings. Kitzmiller and the surrounding area has been deeply stirred. Approximately 90 persons stepped forward for salvation.

The services on the last day were held in the Elk Garden High School auditorium in W. Va. At least 1,000 people were present to witness God's power to heal. A number of pastors closed their Sunday night services so their people could attend, and we appreciate their wholehearted co-operation.—Harold Kohl, Pastor.

COVINA, CALIF.—On Jan. 10 we completed a two-day missionary convention. Our speakers included John Lindvall, Europe; C. C. Huckerby, Jamaica; Brother and Sister J. R. Shaver, India; Brother and Sister George Carmichael, Palestine; Brigadier General Medina Estrada, Mexico City; Robert Fierro, Latin American Orphanage and Broadcasting Corp.; and Brother and Sister Harold Jones, French West Africa. This convention has brought a spirit of revival in our midst. It was a time of heart searching and deep conviction. We have received a greater vision and want to uphold the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

One of the highlights of the convention was the testimony of General Medina. The Latin American Bible Institute of Los Angeles was also there in full force and supplied the music for this service.

We have just completed building a church with 8,000 sq. ft. of floor space. It is equipped with a Hammond organ, Steinway piano, 500 opera chairs, central heating furnaces, carpets and drapes. Although we have had this extensive building program our missionary offering was \$1,162.84.—R. L. Davis, 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 15 days before that date.

CLAREMORE, OKLA.—Mar. 12—; Evangelist N. R. Dickerson.—C. O. Haymaker, Pastor.

TRENTON, MO.—Meeting in progress, Evangelist R. A. Work of Richmond, Calif.—E. W. Kelly, Pastor.

OMAK, WASH.—Assembly of God, Mar. 5—; Evangelist Fulton Buntain. (R. J. Gerla is pastor.)

WILBER, WASH.—Wilbur Mission, Feb. 26—Mar. 12; Evangelist Bob Winker, Seattle, Wash.—W. A. Kincaid, Pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA.—Calvary Temple, 128 W. Third St., Mar. 5—19; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Lee Gorman. (Ray Armstrong is pastor.)

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GEARY OKLA.—Mar. 12—26; Evangelist A. N. Burns.—Matt H. Goss, Pastor.

BURWELL, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Feb. 21—Mar. 5; Evangelist Bennie Harris, Jr.—F. L. Sobotka, Pastor.

WEED, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly, Mar. 1—; Evangelist Floyd R. Hoole.—Albert Rowley, Pastor.

MITCHELL, NEBR.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Egon Kirschman. (E. J. Dewey is pastor.)

LONDON, CANADA—London Pentecostal Tabernacle, Feb. 28—Mar. 12; Evangelist Christian Hild.—W. Ralph Hornby, Pastor.

ROME, GA.—Mar. 12—26 or longer; Evangelist John D. Williams, Augusta, Ga. (Verna Flanders is pastor.)

BILOXI, MISS.—Central Assembly of God, Feb. 28—; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson. (Douglas Carroll is pastor.)

SUTHERLIN, OREG.—Assembly of God, Mar. 6—; Evangelist Paul F. Baugher, Biggs, Calif.—Edmond L. Rey, Pastor.

SHAWANO, WIS.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Mar. 1—10; "Youth for Christ Revival," Evangelist Paul Hild.—N. L. Shotwell, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Park Assembly of God, 500 S. E. 19th St., meeting in progress; Evangelist A. N. Burns.—T. J. Lemons, Pastor.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Burbank and Farmdale Sts., Mar. 5—19 or longer; Evangelist Len Jones of Australia.—Arne H. Vick, Pastor.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, 340 7th Ave. S., Feb. 26—Mar. 12 or longer; Evangelist Ivar Frick, Jr. of Solon, Ohio.—Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Full Gospel Assembly, Montford Ave. and W. Chestnut Sts., Feb. 19—Mar. 5 or longer; "The King's Minstrels" (Clinton, Thelma, and Dawn Ward) of Canada.—Clinton E. Finch, Pastor.

DENISON, TEX.—Special services on Feb. 26, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; J. O. Savell, Superintendent of Texas District, speaker.—E. A. Manley, Pastor.

CORTEZ, COLO.—Assembly of God, 26 S. Elm St., Mar. 7—21 or longer; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—Kenneth Crouse, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINN.—Assembly of God, Feb. 26—Mar. 12 or longer; Evangelist Clarence H. Jensen, Alexandria, Minn.—L. Basil Bell, Pastor.

LAS CRUCES, N. M.—First Assembly of God, 7th & Van Patten, Mar. 15—Apr. 5 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. E. R. Winter, Houston, Tex.—E. E. Franks, Pastor.

PHOEBUS, VA.—Calvary Full Gospel Church, Mar. 5—19 or longer; Evangelist C. T. Radziminski, Camden, N. J.—B. W. Fox, Pastor.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 4th and Sierra Way, Feb. 28—Mar. 12; Evangelist Ted Singleton.—L. H. Hauff, Pastor.

FORT MADISON, IOWA—Assembly of God, 1212 30th St., Feb. 26—; Evangelist Jack Coc, Waxahachie, Tex.—Mirko E. Parlotz, Pastor.

POMONA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 177 West Monterey St., Feb. 26—; Evangelist and Mrs. James L. Isaacs, Hawthorne, Calif. (Roy S. Barnes is pastor.)

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 19—Mar. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Bird Campbell, Sedalia, Mo.—D. Leroy Sanders, Pastor.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—Assembly of God, Wallford and Wolf Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Arthur Lowery is pastor.)

EL CERRITO, Calif.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, 1318 San Pablo Ave., Mar. 19—Apr. 9; Stanley and Ethel MacPherson, Bob and Ruth Ferguson, Evangelists. (Leonard H. Rogers is pastor.)

AUGUSTA, GA.—First Assembly of God, 1615 Fenwick St., meeting in progress—to continue indefinitely; Evangelist Harvey McAlister, New York, N. Y. All Full Gospel churches of Augusta area cooperating. (S. J. Westbury is pastor.)

COALINGA, CALIF.—Mar. 12—26 or longer, interdenominational revival meeting, sponsored by the Assembly of God, Baptist, Foursquare, Nazarene, Presbyterian churches, and the Christian Business Men's Committee. Evangelist W. E. (Bill) Long. Neighboring churches invited.—Paul R. Keeth, Pastor.

MOUNT MORRIS, PA.—Mar. 6, Fellowship meeting and C. A. rally for Western Section of Potomac District. Services at 10:00 a.m. 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Walter Long, host pastor; David W. McCulley, Sectional Presbyter.—Louis L. Trotta, C. A. Sectional Chairman.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Eighth annual National Sunday School Convention, Shrine Mosque, Springfield, Mo.; March 15—19. Opening rally Wednesday night with visual presentation of "The Good Ship 'Sunday School Evangelism.'" Meetings and group conferences three times daily with outstanding speakers and leaders. Teamworkers' dinner Friday evening; W. R. Steelberg, speaker. Parade, Saturday morning. Convention panorama. Saturday afternoon. Youth rally, Saturday night. Closing session Sunday night, great missionary rally, Glenn M. Horst, speaker.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

RADIO PROGRAM—"Assembly Echoes," A B C network, Pasco, Wash., 4:30 p.m. each Sunday.—Gladys D. Cutler, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—R. C. Davis, Rock Sound, Eleuthera, Bahama Islands, British West Indies.

RADIO PROGRAM—"Echoes from Calvary," station KVKM, Monahans, Tex., daily Monday through Friday, 5:15 p. m.—J. A. Bennett, Pastor.

RADIO PROGRAM—"Christ Ambassadors Broadcast" station KCLE, Cleburne, Tex., 1140 kc, every Wednesday afternoon, by the First Assembly of God, Waxahachie, Tex.—John C. Talley, Advertising Manager.

NEW ADDRESS—Gordon and Wandafaye Jaus, 660 Buena Vista, Barstow, Calif. "After pastoring for seven years in the Bakersfield section we are now pastoring the Assembly of God in Barstow, Calif."

NOTICE—If you have a friend or relative stationed at Lowry Field, Buckley Field, or Fitzsimons General Hospital, whom you would like our C. A. group to contact, please send the name and address to: Christ's Ambassador Group, Assembly of God Church, Aurora, Colorado.—Nellie Bennett.

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RADIO PROGRAM—"First Assembly of God Hour," station WLOX, 1490 kc, Biloxi, Miss., 9:30 a.m. each Sunday (instead of 8:00 a.m. Saturday).—Alfred A. Bradley, Pastor.

NOTICE—We have opened an Assembly of God Chapel directly across the street from the court house in downtown Morgantown, W. Va. Anyone having friends or relatives attending West Virginia University, please notify us and we will be glad to contact them.—Pastor and Mrs. William Jones, Fairview, W. Va.

NOTICE—After eight years on the evangelistic field, we have accepted the pastorate in Carlsbad, Calif., near Camp Pendleton. We will be glad to contact any Marines stationed at this camp. We have started a cottage prayer meeting and would be glad to pray for your requests. Send them to Carlsbad Gospel Tabernacle, Box 442, Carlsbad, Calif.—Hiram Brooks, Jr., Pastor.

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Robert J. Salter, 203 Morgan St., Hillsboro, Tex. Licensed with Texas District. Willing to go anywhere. Wife conducts children's church in our revivals."

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