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

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Judge not the Lord by feeble sense;
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste
But sweet will be the flower.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

—Cowper.

GOD'S REMEDY FOR FAINTING

D. M. Panton, England

● THE WHOLE Church of Jesus today is in peril of the spiritual swoon. Fainting is more than weariness. He who faints suddenly ceases all his work, and is even unconscious of that which, a moment before, filled his life. But we begin by *feeling* faint. It may be that one has nursed so many weary years by a sick bed. Another feels acute business difficulties. In a third the vital fires burn low, and possibly some disease, like a crouching tiger, creeps nearer. All of us, who are workers, are balked by the obstinate refusal of truth by both the Church (as a whole) and the world. The struggle over our own sin is also painfully recurrent and persistent. On all such, in deadly peril of fainting, the prophet's challenge falls with the crash of an explosion. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard?" Isa. 40:28.

What have we not known and heard? A golden truth, settled for ever in heaven. Somewhere in the universe there is Someone who never faints. "The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, *fainteth not, neither is weary*; there is no searching of his understanding." An unfainting God, an unwearied Creator, is the antidote to all despondency, the foundation of all hope. Weary Israel feared that they had worn out the divine patience; or, a still more solemn thought, God had grown dim and feeble to their vision. The prophet counters with the inexhaustibleness of God. The everlasting God is the unchangeable Jehovah, who gives and is never impoverished; who works, and is never exhausted; who upholds the universe, yet never faints. Weakness and weariness have no place in Him.

In the Grand Canyon of the Colorado some visitors wrote, "In this place doubt is impossible. Else, why all these wonders, this surpassing beauty, this grandeur, this deep peace, this confident repose? No, here is the Spirit of God. Here one must believe." Or, as the poet Arthur Hugh Clough has put it:

It fortifies my soul to know
That, though I perish, truth is so
That, howsoever I stray and range,
Whate'er I do, Thou dost not change.
I steadier step when I recall
That, if I slip, Thou dost not fall.

The prophet next advances to the still

greater comfort that is lodged in one attribute of the Most High, without which the divine strength would be, not our comfort, but our despair. "He *giveth* power to the *faint*." The infinite resources stored in Jehovah are much more than self-sufficing, self-supporting. He is the fountain of power, and a fountain that is never stayed. To *give* strength is as essential a part of deity as to possess strength. "To him that hath *no might*"—the infinitely weak things of the world (patience gone, endurance gone, perseverance gone) "he increaseth strength."

The prophet had just said (ver. 26): "Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth." He never lets fall the reins of power, nor—through weariness or forgetfulness—leaves some poor weary world to wander away alone. How wondrous this attribute of the Most High!

But now it is essential that over against the all-sufficingness of God, both in Himself and in His giving, we should vividly realize our peril as well as its cure. So the prophet singles out those who physically are the choicest of the race. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary"—exhausted power is not only a defect of white hairs—"and the young men shall *utterly fall*." Every spiritual giant walks

**Whosoever drinketh of the
water that I shall give him
shall never thirst.**

John 4:14.



on the edge of a precipice. The threat of the swoon is on us all. "Physical weariness," says Pulsford, "is the least part of the weariness of our world. The extent and depth of heart weariness is greater than complaint ever utters. There is a hidden, dull, aching weariness in souls everywhere, which never reveals itself." This is likely to be the increasing peril of our age.

But now we reach the great secret of renewal. The prophet fits together the fountain of strength and the emptied vessel, the swoon and the remedy. "But they that wait upon the Lord"—the empty vessel set at the mouth of the fountain—"shall renew their strength." It is wonderful to prevent falling. It is more wonderful still to restore those utterly fallen. And it is contact with God that transfigures. What we need is fresh draughts of oxygen in the lungs of the soul, and this oxygen of heaven is to be got only from heaven. So our Lord counselled His disciples that "men ought always to *pray*, and [therefore] not to *faint*." Luke 18:1. The Hebrew in Isaiah (scholars tell us) is, "They that wait upon the Lord shall *change* their strength." Prayer changes things. It changes us, and it changes our problems all down the path of life.

So now out of our depressions arise, like a resurrection, the invariable and inevitable consequences of waiting upon God. "They shall *mount up* with wings as eagles." If a bird which has alighted on a country road is awake and alert, with the rush of an automobile the bird is gone. If it is sluggish or asleep, in a moment the bird is dead. So at any moment the juggernaut of judgment may thunder down on us. But "they that wait upon the Lord shall *mount up with wings as eagles*." Swifter than the flash of the startled bird, the rapture will have come and gone. But even if the Advent be indefinitely deferred, the truth abides. We can practice little daily ascensions before the great ascension comes. We can mount up on wings, and see visions. Moses came down from the mountain of God's presence with a face so dazzling that men could not look on it.

So now we reach the crowning plateau of the practical life. After thus waiting upon God, the prophet says, "They shall *run*, and *not be weary*." To restore the utterly fallen is more wonderful than merely to prevent falling; but never to fall at all is the more blessed. Paul says to the Galatian Christians "Ye were *running well*; who did hinder you that ye should not *obey the truth*?" Gal 5:7. Unflinching obedience is swift racing. And the golden promise is that as the God-contact creates obedience, so the obedience wins the crown. Therefore Paul says in his own sunset, "I have finished the [race] course . . . henceforth there is laid up for me a *crown*." 2 Tim. 4:7.

The wonder of God's unceasing stimulus closes on the daily walk, the humdrum routine of the transfigured life: "They shall *walk*, and *not faint*." How *fainting* fills the passage! The everlasting God fainteth not; He giveth power to the faint. Even the youths shall faint; but they who wait on God shall *not* faint. Waiting on the Lord binds together the unfainting God and the fainting man, so that the wearied man becomes as the unwearied God.

So now we can summarize the process and its results. Waiting upon the Lord is a habit of mind brought into the prayer room, and kept alert there. A devout mind, that looks in all things to God. A submissive mind, ready to receive what God will send. A receptive mind, able to absorb the plans of God. And an obedient mind, that is resolved to do just what God commands. A triple consequence is inevitable. "They shall mount up with wings as eagles"—*buoyancy*; "they shall run, and not be weary"—*intensity*; "they shall walk, and not faint"—*indomitableness*. Mounting wings—the loftiest standards; an unslackening race—the glory goal; and unfaltering step—the walk with God. Elevation, progress, perseverance!

The eagle's flight is the lofty character and the heavenly life, *and the power to reach it*. The race, unwearied, is every faculty taut and bent on the holiest activities, *and the power to maintain it*. The walk, unfainting, is the drudgery of the daily life transfigured by communion with the Master, *and the power to keep that communion unbroken*.

TIPPING GOD

There are two ways of giving to God. One is by "tipping" and the other is the Biblical way of tithing. The word "tip" means the bestowal of a small gratuity. It is the meager expression of an infinitesimal appreciation. It carries with it the ideal of a condescending remembrance to a servant who has done something nice for us. Most of our people are "tippers" when it comes to the work of the Lord.

Tithing, on the other hand, means "the tenth of anything." It is a custom as old as the devotion of the human heart, as laudable as the highest graces of the individual soul, and as binding upon the recipients of God's mercy as any law of reciprocity upon those who have been helped by others.

If all church members would only tithing for one year, we would have enough money to support many times our present force of home and foreign missionaries, and a lot left over for other projects. Besides, all would be better off materially, mentally and spiritually.—Selected.

The Tides Are Rising

Robert P. Shuler

Los Angeles

● FINNEY, when his revivals were in full blast, often thrilled his congregations by calling out to them, "Look, the tides are rising!" God's tides are indeed beyond explanation. Over the centuries they have swept in the most unaccountable manner and seemingly for the least justifiable reasons. Humanly, we cannot understand or explain God's mighty, irresistible, sweeping-ever-onward tides.

The Reformation is not to be explained by reading books on Luther. The Methodist revival that swept England and America is not to be understood by knowing Wesley. Moody is not sufficient explanation of the revival in which he was the central personality. Sam Jones and Billy Sunday were incidental to God's sweeping spiritual tides in their day. God used them as He used Moses, and yet Moses was but God's man in a mighty movement that has had its effect upon all history since Israel marched out of Egypt.

After all is said by way of explanation, God is the source of these spiritual upsurges that have lifted the world to higher ground and given humanity new hope and strength and courage. Today there are many signs of the turning of the tides. A new fervor is being born, or rather, old fervor is being reborn. It is not by might or by power that these revolutionary changes have come in the past. God's Spirit has moved, as first He moved upon

the waters of the immeasurable chaos, and order and light and life are emerging. There is every sign of a great revival, such as Luther saw, such as Wesley led, such as surrounded Moody and Finney, such as surged about Sam Jones and Billy Sunday.

God's tides seem to be swelling and rising and soon we may expect the thunderous pounding of the surf and see the breaking of the mighty barriers.

Once again, God's spiritual demonstration is not to be explained by schools or libraries or worldly culture or ecclesiastical organization or denominational programs. The Spirit of the eternal God is on the move. The so-called Luther Reformation, the Wesley revival, the Moody awakening, the Billy Sunday campaigns, were all the objects of scorn and doubt on the part of the mighty ecclesiastical bodies of their days. Even Christ was opposed by the religious leaders. He moved on in spite of them, and marched over them, and is conquering all over the world, in most instances without them.

An internationally known religious leader recently said, "Watch God's little movements, lean and sinewy, builded by sacrifice and hard pressed for physical resources. They are flowing together. And if they ever fill the banks and swell the channel, nothing can stop the flood waters or hold back the torrents."

And who shall be able to stand before the flowing tides of God. How puny shall be little man-made programs, little educational systems, little ecclesiastical organizations, little social gospels, little recreational movements with their dancing and cocktails and social gambling, little communistic conspiracies that hide under the cloth of the clergy, when God's tides start shoreward. Holy Ghost revivals leap and bound and break upon the shore with force that may not be withstood. They dig the shoreline away. We really expect that very thing to happen once again! "Look, the tides are rising!"

STEPPING STONES

Hard places, hard tests, hard circumstances, are the battlefields on which, with subtle and persistent opposition, Satan stands against us; yet in these surroundings it is possible, through grace, to gain spoils.

The struggle will add strength. Hard places will reveal the hidden greatness of God, as we say, "I choose here to be true to God." Hard tests will produce unexpected riches if this be our aim, "I choose now to do the will of God, and I refuse the will which may proceed from any other source." Hard circumstances will work out larger purposes for the glory of God when, in answer to the pressure, we assert, "Here I choose, whatever it cost, to follow the Lamb."—Watt.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

John 7:37.



EDITORIAL

REST IN THE LORD!

Satan is bent on taking peace from the earth, and also from the hearts of God's children. Kenneth de Courcy, the well-informed editor of *Intelligence Digest*, London, accurately predicted that Russia would announce her possession of the atomic bomb in June, 1949, and he was the first to report the explosion of the second atomic bomb in Russia in January of this year. He recently made another prediction. Speaking to a group of influential men, Mr. De Courcy said it was his opinion that in 1952 we will enter the period in which Russian aggression may cease to be a threat and become a reality.

In other words, the secret information he has received points to another outbreak of world war within two years! Should we be worried, filled with fear, like those who know not God? No, we should simply "rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him." Psalm 37:7. He has the situation well in hand. Our duty is just to work for Him while the opportunity remains, and to pray that we "may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36.

Someone has given these seven rules for daily living whereby the Christian may be kept in perfect peace with his mind stayed on God.

1. Every day yield yourself to God, utterly, unconditionally.

2. Rest in His presence every morning, in peace and adoration, in submission and quietness, bowed over His Word until its message has taken hold of you and you know in your inmost being that you have yielded yourself to Him for that day without reservation.

3. When cares arise during the day, or when you are in danger of being pressed into hurry, STOP. Stop immediately where you are, fix your heart upon the unseen Lord; and give yourself over to thinking of Him and His love until His peace has replaced your fret and hurry.

4. When your work increases, prolong your Quiet Time alone with God, that the roots of your spiritual life may be grounded the more deeply. Luther said he had so much work that two hours of daily time spent in God's presence were not sufficient any longer to keep him in absolute serenity of spirit before God all through the day. So he had four hours daily. It seems strange to us, yet it is really a natural law. Everywhere we see it in nature: night and day, summer and winter, rest and work, peace and storm.

5. Learn more and more through daily practice to rest in Christ's presence and love without doing anything. Do not pray in order to rest; do not read in order to rest; just let your whole heart and mind be fixed upon the reality of His love until your heart is warmed and the flame rekindled. Then the consciousness of His love will drive you to prayer or to His Word; or it will constrain you to service for Him or send you renewed to your daily work.

6. Learn this blessed attitude of a yielded life: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." Luke 1:38.

7. Say ever with adoring heart: "O Lord . . . thou art my God. My times are in thy hand." Psalm 31:14-15.

Then you will have found the key to the secret place of the Most High, where you may abide safely and sweetly under the o'ershadowing of the Almighty.

"BUT IF NOT . . ."

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us. . . . *But if not*, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods." Daniel 3:17, 18.

Faith which believes God in spite of circumstances and asks for no proof or reward from Him, is rare faith indeed. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, the three Jewish captives in Babylon, exercised such faith, when, because they refused to bow down and worship the golden image which King Nebuchadnezzar set up, they were threatened with death in a fiery furnace.

God may not call upon you to exercise such faith as they. But again, He may! It is well to be prepared for the "if nots." For some, the ninety-first Psalm is to be claimed literally, but for others there is martyrdom. Through faith some have subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens, women received their dead raised to life again. But that does not exhaust the list. Not everyone who lives by faith readily overcomes every circumstance and achieves outward victory. So the Spirit adds, "AND OTHERS . . ." Hebrews 11:35-39. They were those who had to face the "IF NOT . . ."

The man who mistakes faith for a short cut to health, wealth and prosperity, may be in for a sobering correction. God does not follow one uniform procedure with all of us. Peter walked out of prison by divine intervention, but James died by the sword. The beloved disciple John leaned his head on Jesus' breast, but John the Baptist was beheaded. Lazarus was

raised to life, but Stephen was stoned to death. These Hebrew children in Babylon knew that God was able to deliver them, BUT IF NOT they would be true anyway.

Although, of course, you would like to be delivered from whatever fiery furnace you are in, have you made up your mind about the "if not"? No matter to which category in the eleventh of Hebrews you belong, will you be faithful anyway? If so, then you can be certain likewise that One with "the form . . . like the Son of God" will be with you IN the fire.—Vance Havner.

THE EMPTY PEW

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear. To the preacher it says, "Your sermon is not worth while." To the visitor it whispers, "You see, we are not holding our own." To the treasurer it shouts, "Look out for a deficit." To the stranger who is looking for a church home it suggests, "You had better wait a while." To the members who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday, too?" The empty pew speaks against the service. It kills inspiration and smothers hope. It dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing. "Thou wilt be missed because thy seat will be empty." 1 Sam. 20:18—*Sel.*

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Women's "Sowing" Circle

Dorothy C. Haskin

• IT WAS testimony time at the monthly Women's Institute. One hand-maid of the Lord was saying:

"I was afraid to ask my neighbor if her son could come to the Bible class; but when I went up on the porch, I saw a little Sunday school picture of Jesus. I knew then that Jesus had been there before me, so I wasn't afraid any longer. And sure enough, the mother said her boy could come."

Another said: "Sometimes I am afraid that the children don't get much out of the lesson, but the mother of one of the little boys told me, 'Dickie comes home from Bible class and tells the story to his father.' That encouraged me. I know that if Dickie can tell the story over again, then he does understand."

A third woman arose and said: "I asked those who wanted to accept the Lord to stay behind, and three of the girls stayed. They were so sweet when they prayed—I know they had a real experience with the Lord."

And so on, bubbling over, the women stood up and gave their testimonies. These members of the Immanuel Christian Assembly, a Pentecostal church in Los Angeles, have organized neighborhood Bible classes for both children and adults.

From September 1948 to June 1949, 400 Bible classes were held by these women. There were 12 different groups, with a total enrollment of 283 children and an average weekly attendance of 200. The classes were closed for the summer, but started again last fall. By January they had 157 children enrolled and were gaining ground.

They have their Institute on the first Thursday of each month. It is a time of reports, prayer and of learning. Prayer and testimonies open the meeting. When they pray, they stand in a circle, holding hands, facing the One who is in the midst. The prayer often flows into testimony—and the testimony into prayer.

Then they study how to teach. It is interesting that the woman who teaches the teachers of children is one who was won to the Lord by her own child. Ella Funder is a warm, rich-spirited woman with a great love for the Lord, and a fund of knowledge for His service. But she was not always. Once, though she was a moral woman, she was unsaved. She had one child—Lolita. Lolita was saved in a neighborhood Bible class for children and came home singing of Jesus.

Her faith was a new and strange thing to the mother, and when Lolita sang of "The peace that passeth understanding," Mrs. Funder was sure her daughter had the words wrong. She knew of no peace like that! Lolita was taken ill. Before she went to be with Jesus, she testified time after time to her mother. Greatly moved by her daughter's love for the Savior, Mrs. Funder sought the Lord and found Him. Since then she has taught many children to know Him, has encouraged others to have classes, and now she teaches women how to reach others.

At each Institute she presents an object lesson, a memory verse illustrated by feltograph figures, an illustrated chorus, and closes with a feltograph lesson.

An offering is taken and the money is used to buy new teaching material, such as feltographs and object lessons.

Then there is a time of open discussion. The women ask questions, exchange object lessons and stories, and tell how they have met problems. One teacher told how her class was too 'wiggly,' so she invited the boys and girls to stand up and wiggle and wiggle until they got the wiggles out of their system.

At noon there is a break for lunch. Some of the women make coffee, others bring a hot dish, or sandwiches, or a cake. The afternoon meeting is of a devotional type. The number swells as many of the neighborhood and church women join them. There is singing, and the testi-



Never too
young to
PRAY

"When mothers of Salem
Their children brought to Jesus,
The stern disciples drove them back
And bade them depart.
But Jesus saw them ere they fled;
He sweetly smiled and kindly said,
'Suffer little children
To come unto me.

"For I will receive them
And fold them to my bosom;
I'll be a shepherd to those lambs
Oh, drive them not away:
And if their hearts to me they give
They shall with me in glory live.
Teach the little children
To come unto me."

monies emphasize the thought of witnessing to others. And always there is a guest speaker with a message from God's Word.

The women know that the classes have a far-reaching ministry. The fact that some of the classes have been held year after year proves that they are wanted. The fact that new classes are starting here and there proves that there is a need for the classes. When a new class is begun, one of the experienced women helps the younger teacher until the class is established. Then the new teacher is supposed to manage alone so that the older one can help some one else begin a new class.

There are interesting sidelights to the weekly classes. One is held in the home of an unsaved mother, and none of the children in the class attend any Sunday school. In another class, 25 children sit crowded on the floor; the living room is small but this teacher does not refuse to have the class on this account. Another woman teaches ceramics, and invites her students to the Bible class.

Besides the children's classes, five of the women have adult classes in their homes; and there is a mobile bimonthly evening class for men and women that is planned especially to nourish new Christians.

The women recently had a great encouragement from one feature of the Billy Graham revival meetings, at which thousands professed Christ. Though meetings were held every night for adults, and only one meeting a week was held for children, 47% of the converts were children!

THE WORD OF GOD

In the Charlotte Division a number of business and professional men, both white and colored, became interested in placing Gospel portions in parked cars, each portion bearing the name and address of the sponsor. One of these portions was left in a taxicab. Several days later a young man came to Secretary Tross' office. With tears in his eyes, he took the Gospel from his pocket and said: "See this little book? It is not a checkbook, and you see it is not a revolver; but it saved my life and the life of my family. When this book was thrown into the taxi in which I sat waiting for the driver, I had a gun in one pocket, and a bottle of whisky in the other. I was through with everything and everybody. It was wholesale murder for my family, and suicide for me; but when I opened this book, the first thing I read was this: 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' A new light came to me. I see things differently now, and I am solving all my problems. I thank you for what I found in that car."—*The Bible Society Record.*

A Lesson on the Mossi

John F. Hall, Upper Volta
French West Africa

● IT IS INTERESTING to learn what muddled conceptions Americans often have of Africa; however, we missionaries are told that we seem to be contradictory in our statements concerning the food, dress (or lack of it), climate, occupations, and customs of the people whom we undertake to describe. But let us suppose that several of you—say someone from Maine, someone from California, others from Mississippi and Minnesota—were corresponding with the same person in Mossiland, French West Africa and that person would ask each one, "How do you live in America?" What would you write? Do you not suppose that the African correspondent also would be confused?

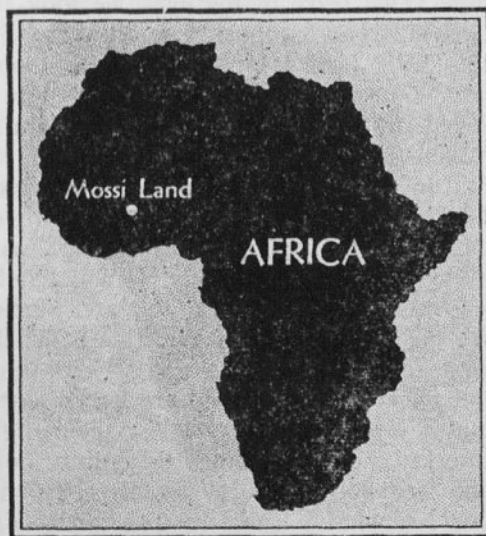
The different sections of a country do make some difference in the way a people live, and in Africa, where communication and transportation systems have not been developed, there can be quite a difference indeed. Each tribe has its peculiar customs. When I talk to you I probably speak of the Mossi tribe. Some other missionary may talk to you about an entirely different tribe or an entirely different section of the country. What you need to do is to place the people geographically, and then you will not be confused.

It might be interesting to you to know that the various sections of the country have different effects on missionaries. Those in jungle areas are often ill at ease when they visit our desert-like Sudan country; and when those of us from the Sudan country of West Africa visit the jungle areas we feel hemmed in by the towering vegetation and the limited travel.

THE MOSSI

Let's talk about the Mossi. A glance at the map will help you to place them geographically.

A World Dominion survey of West Africa states that the Mossi tribe is the key to the situation of West Africa. The Mossi have initiative, skill, zeal, and other admirable characteristics. They have been a conquering people. They chafe under French rule. Those who



really are born-again manifest many firm traits. Missionaries of other societies have commented favorably to us on the Mossi Christians who so faithfully attend their mission services though at first they are unable to glean but little because of language barriers.

MOSSI KNAPSACKS

The Mossi are much in demand as workers in the coastal areas. Their ability as leatherworkers, weavers, dyers, blacksmiths, etc., makes them highly acceptable.

The Mossi carry their New Testaments with them in leather knapsacks such as the one displayed in the picture (right). These have vari-colored designs applied on by leather workers. The workers make their own vegetable dyes, and work out their varying designs. Notice the fringe. It is also of leather.

Our first homemade, multigraphed New Testaments were rather bulky and required a large knapsack, but since the American Bible Society published our New Testament it is in a handy, compact volume, and the Mossi can handle it with less difficulty. They cherish it. (We are now working on the Old Testament and have completed rough drafts of Genesis, Proverbs, Daniel, Jonah, and parts of Isaiah and Esther.)

We show a typical handmade Mossi straw hat in the picture, too. The designs around the crown are made of leather and fastened on with leather pins. Long leather ties are used which allow the Mossi to push his hat off at will. It dangles on his back as he walks. This hat is sometimes used as a market basket, and serves the purpose quite well.

Note the two Mossi weapons—a sheathed sword, and a tomahawk. The men carry the weapons on their shoulders ready for instant use. We saw one man whose head had been split nearly to his shoulders with the curved edge of a scimitar, and two Christian young men were badly injured with a tomahawk.

ATTACKED READING NEW TESTAMENT

Somteda and Yelesomde were friends. Both had learned to read the New Testament in their own language. Somteda's father was bitter against the Christians. One day as his son sat reading his New Testament aloud the father ordered him to go on an errand across town. Somteda looked at the sky and knew that a thunderstorm was coming, and decided to wait until it had passed over. He settled down to read again and his father flew into a rage and struck him on the head with his tomahawk. As he raised the weapon to strike a second time Yelesomde grabbed him. In the struggle the infuriated man struck Yelesomde on the head also. Relatives then overpowered the cursing father. The father said his son and his son's chum could never enter his home again.

RETURNING GOOD FOR EVIL

A Christian messenger came to us at the mission and entreated us to have Somteda's father arrested by the French officials. We decided



against it. Later we went to a fellowship meeting near Somteda's home. Somteda and Yelesomde had such stiff necks they still had to turn their entire body to look around. We were emptying a five-gallon tin of gasoline into our car when we suddenly felt impressed to send a can of gasoline to Somteda's father with the message that God's Book says to do good to those who hate you and despitefully use you. Gasoline is quite precious in West Africa. We asked a small boy to deliver the gift. He hesitated, possibly dreading Somteda's father's evil tongue, then went on our errand. After a while he returned saying that the can was accepted.

That night as a large crowd gathered near our Coleman gasoline lantern to hear the gospel singing and the message from God's Word, one of the Christians whispered excitedly to me, "Somteda's father is there among the town elders listening!" The next morning a messenger appeared at the local pastor's compound with word from Somteda's father that Somteda might return home and that the curses were revoked. When we do things God's way instead of some way we think up, the results are happier.

IN THE ARMY

Later on Somteda was drafted into the French army, and served during the war in the Senegalese Regiment. All the time he carried his New Testament in his knapsack, and read it faithfully. We had letters from him from time to time, and sent him new translations for the Mossi as they were finished. He was able to maintain his faith in Christ in the most adverse circumstances. Others of the Christians also carried their New Testaments with them.

MOSSI HAVE "ITCHY" FEET

The Mossi have "itchy" feet which impels them to travel long distances at times. Christian Mossi have carried the gospel to other nationals. When they work with large groups, as sometimes they do in mines, they have made strong witnesses for Christ.

Glad That It Was Not Otherwise

Lillian Trasher, Egypt

● AS A YOUNG GIRL in Bible School I used to beg God to call me to His work. I remember when a young girl sitting next to me in church received her call, but God's time was not yet for me. When the call really came every step had to be made in the dark.

It was not for many, many years that I had the money to do anything until after I had started doing it. I would see a need for the Assiut Orphanage, and would begin at once working on it. I was always certain that if a thing was needed, and if it was in the Lord's will, He would see that the money came in to complete what was started. Now that the years have passed and all the work which I felt led to do has been done, I am glad that it was not otherwise. There would be little joy to look back and see a work done for which there was plenty of money at the beginning. The joy is in being able to walk over grounds and being able to remember how God answered prayer for each building.

We needed land once for some of our buildings but the owner would not sell. Some of us went out and prayed right in the middle of the land that we might have it for the Orphanage. It was not long before the owner was ready to sell. An Egyptian woman gave me the money to buy the entire tract, two and a half acres, where our largest buildings now stand.

There is scarcely a village of any size between Assiut and Cairo which I have not visited getting food and money for my children. I took most of the trips alone, but the village police always gave me protection, and God went with me everywhere. There were few homes where I could stay so I nearly always slept in the rest room of the village police station. Sometimes as I traveled it was so hot I would feel that I was riding through hot water instead of hot air. I rode a donkey. I was always thankful when I would reach the villages and could have a drink of water. It oftentimes would be scooped up from the Nile, and would be so full of mud that I could not see my hand on the other side of the glass, but it was good.

Once I had to go to a small island village when the Nile was over its banks. The wind came up; large waves lashed against the boat, and the boat was damaged. It was getting dark and we could not see the land. One of the boatmen covered the hole in the boat with his body. Every few minutes he would ask if we could see any land. At last we saw a large pile of corn stalks in the vast stretch of water. We had just reached the pile when the boat began to sink. We climbed upon the cornstalks, and waited in the dark for a boat to come to our rescue. One did come. After much signaling we were picked up and taken to land.

Now that the Lord sees that I am too tired to live such a vigorous life, and now that those who work with me are so busy caring for the large family at the Orphanage He sends our needs to us through you, our faithful

friends; but it was wonderful having to trust in those early days. I would not have missed it for anything. When I look at our lovely buildings I smile as I remember first moving into some of them with no windows, no floor, no electric lights, and no money. But we were happy, oh, so happy! How delighted the children were! We must not despise the days of small things.

Missionary Home for Valencia

H. C. Ball, Field Secretary for
Latin America

● VALENCIA, one of Venezuela's important cities and a State capital, had never had the Pentecostal message preached there until recently. Since Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ollson have been there God has blessed their ministry.

At the beginning the Ollsons sacrificed a portion of their home for a gospel hall. They very cleverly arranged this so that they had room for a small congregation in an attractive setting. God blessed their efforts and many souls were saved. I had the privilege of preaching in this temporary hall about the last time it was used as such. A very nice chapel now has been built in the downtown section of the city which was to have been dedicated a few days after my visit. The great multitudes unreached in the city present a great challenge to our missionaries.

It is not an easy matter to find a house for rent in many Latin American cities today. Often a house that would rent for \$50 in the United States will rent for \$100 or more here. Our missionaries cannot pay such rents. So Mr. and Mrs. Ollson were faced with the necessity of getting a house within their means. This meant hunting a house in the poorer sections of the city. Across the railroad tracks, down near a creek, a house was found. The mosquitoes were glad to have the Ollsons move in for it gave them a chance to get good American blood. The Ollsons could not sleep except under mosquito netting.

As if these insects and others were not enough nuisance, the neighbors kept their radios going at full blast all day long and far into the night. This, with the noise of the trains, the shouts of street vendors and the passing traffic, broke the monotony, to say the least.

While the chapel was in their house it was convenient for them to remain in this location. Now that the chapel has been built downtown, the Ollsons find themselves quite a distance from it. It seems to me that it is time our friends should have a missionary home on higher ground where they can get fresh, cooler air. I felt that many of you would be glad to help make possible such a missionary home when you heard

of the conditions the Ollsons have been living in. Your offerings for the home may be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated for "Valencia, Venezuela missionary home."

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

March, 1950

Alabama	\$ 949.48	Nebraska	2,482.96
Arizona	1,085.14	Nevada	145.81
Arkansas	1,989.63	New Hampshire	22.50
California	19,083.39	New Jersey	2,737.20
Colorado	3,074.67	New Mexico	606.51
Connecticut	619.94	New York	6,482.07
Delaware	550.91	North Carolina	230.70
District of Columbia	672.65	North Dakota	1,945.64
Florida	2,762.08	Ohio	8,535.60
Georgia	1,077.40	Oklahoma	8,679.50
German Branch	367.28	Oregon	5,239.69
Hungarian Branch	154.70	Pennsylvania	7,016.75
Idaho	1,242.54	Polish Branch	95.00
Illinois	6,630.62	Rhode Island	170.46
Indiana	2,430.20	South Carolina	141.60
Iowa	2,530.95	South Dakota	1,259.56
Italian Branch	165.00	Tennessee	608.88
Kansas	5,120.15	Texas	15,470.27
Kentucky	572.68	Ukrainian Branch	108.15
Latin American Branch	87.61	Utah	60.08
Louisiana	681.19	Vermont	48.95
Maine	134.04	Virginia	1,087.25
Maryland	938.76	Washington	11,042.83
Massachusetts	716.83	West Virginia	261.97
Michigan	5,856.73	Wisconsin	4,240.89
Minnesota	6,404.18	Wyoming	318.76
Mississippi	364.49	Alaska	86.43
Missouri	6,507.33	Canada	551.15
Montana	1,536.20	Foreign	437.13
		Legacies	1,991.58
		Miscellaneous	27,221.94
		Total Amount Reported	\$183,634.58
		District Fund	\$ 9,969.36
		National Home Missions	1,913.42
		Office Expense Fund	4,021.22
		Literature Expense Fund	167.03
		Given Direct to Missionaries	15,558.06
			31,629.09

Amount Received for Council	
Foreign Missions	\$152,005.49
Amount Received for Non-Council	
Foreign Missions	3,065.73
Total Receipts for Foreign Missions	\$155,071.22
Amount Received for Home Missions	\$ 9,399.78

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

March, 1950

Belgian Congo	\$ 3,598.89	Chile	1,335.90
Dahomey	1,086.62	Colombia	425.00
Egypt	5,388.34	Paraguay	230.00
Gold Coast	6,335.01	Peru	4,302.35
Liberia	4,685.21	Uruguay	1,559.00
Nigeria	5,267.14	Venezuela	4,748.36
Nyasaland	951.00	American Samoa	99.36
Sierra Leone	671.00	British West Indies	2,152.05
Union of South Africa	3,399.38	Burma	3,668.70
Upper Volta	7,517.67	Fiji Islands	857.50
China	7,569.47	Hawaiian Islands	1,134.63
Ceylon	2,093.96	Indonesia	14,512.50
India	34,371.54	Japan	5,213.23
Europe	6,410.03	Malaya	742.00
Palestine and Near East	910.54	Philippine Islands	6,977.02
West Indies	6,376.37	Entertainment of Missionaries	1,048.22
Mexican Work in the United States	377.56	General Transportation	19,063.58
Mexico	1,032.60	Retired Missionaries	1,179.00
Central America	5,580.96	Spanish Literature	264.42
Argentina	1,627.50	Miscellaneous	7,261.35
Bolivia	1,460.30		
Brazil	3,244.81		
		Total Distribution to Council Foreign Missions	\$186,730.07
		Non-Council Missionaries	2,941.85
		Total Disbursements	\$189,671.92
		Charged from Hold Accounts	34,600.70
		Total Receipts	\$155,071.22

Send all foreign missionary offerings to
**FOREIGN MISSIONS
DEPARTMENT**
434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.



Canada	(near) Ft. Chimo		
	Pembroke, Ont.	CHOV	8:30 a.m.
Canal Zone	Balboa Heights	HOXO	
Fiji Islands	Suva	ZJV	#6:45 p.m.
Hawaii	Honolulu	KGU	1:30 p.m.
Luxembourg	Luxembourg City		‡ 11:00 p.m.

- † Releases program on Friday
- * Releases program on Saturday
- ‡ Releases program on Tuesday
- # Releases program on Wednesday

Ask the Lord what He would have you to do about supporting REVIVALTIME—then give as He leads you, to assist in this glorious ministry of presenting Christ to earth's needy multitudes. Send your offerings to:

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P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri

The Lord's Healing

Spanning the continent, leaping over the sea, penetrating all barriers, entering the sick room with a word of cheer, accompanying the lonely traveler, arresting the attention of the disconsolate, and offering to all who will listen the comfort, encouragement and hope which only the gospel can afford—such is the ministry of REVIVALTIME, the radio voice of our great fellowship.

The radio ministry of the Assemblies of God is a mission of faith and depends upon the support of Christian friends for funds with which to continue and grow. Your financial help is particularly needed at this time to take care of the added cost of launching our new half-hour broadcast, and to enable us to seize the precious opportunities that are now before us of placing our full gospel program in needy areas all over the world.

At present the program is being released over the following stations. It is heard on Sundays at the hours given (except where it is indicated otherwise).

STATE	CITY	STATION	TIME
Alabama	Birmingham	WKAX	†4:15 p.m.
	Dothan	WAGF	
California	Sacramento	KXOA	5:30 p.m.
Illinois	Chicago	WCFL	9:30 p.m.
Indiana	Indianapolis	WFBM	8:00 a.m.
Kansas	Pittsburg	KOAM	8:00 a.m.
Mass.	Lawrence	WLAW	10:30 p.m.
Michigan	Saginaw	WKNX	
Minnesota	Marshall	KMHL	1:30 p.m.
	Minneapolis	WDGY	5:00 p.m.
Missouri	St. Louis	WIL	8:00 a.m.
	Springfield	KWTO	12:30 p.m.
Montana	Great Falls	KMON	7:30 a.m.
	Kalispell	KGEJ	2:00 p.m.
	Miles City	KRJF	4:30 p.m.
Nebraska	Columbus	KJSK	
Nevada	Elko	KELK	8:45 a.m.
New York	New York	WJZ	7:30 a.m.
N. Carolina	Statesville	WSIC	8:15 a.m.
Ohio	Warren	WHHH	2:00 p.m.
Oregon	Portland	KXL	5:30 p.m.
Pennsylvania	Apollo	WAVL	5:30 p.m.
	Philadelphia	WIP	8:00 a.m.
	York	WNOV	7:00 a.m.
S. Carolina	Charleston	WPAL	*8:30 a.m.
South Dakota	Watertown	KWAT	8:00 a.m.
Texas	McKinney	KMAE	9:00 a.m.
Virginia	Culpeper	WCVA	9:00 p.m.
	Norfolk	WCAV	1:30 p.m.
Washington	Spokane	KREM	8:00 a.m.
	Tacoma	KTBI	
	Wenatchee	KPQ	8:30 a.m.
Wisconsin	Wisconsin		
	Rapids	WFHR	8:15 a.m.
Australia	Dubbo, N.S.W.	2DU	2:30 p.m.
	Parkes, N.S.W.	2PK	6:00 p.m.
Baffin Island	(near) Frobisher Bay		

INWARD TROUBLE HEALED

For nearly two years I had inward trouble and suffered much pain. I really didn't know what was wrong until I consented to go to the hospital for observation. Before I went to the hospital I prayed that I would not need an operation, and God answered my prayer.

On November 18, 1949, Evangelist Paul Ridings and others prayed for me. I went to the altar in the name of Jesus and said I would not leave until I was healed. While I was praising the Lord I felt an invisible Hand pass over my right side and leg, which at times became numb, and I have had no pains since then. It is wonderful to have a friend like Jesus.—Jayne Haddad, 906 Chartiers Ave., McKees Rocks, Pa.

(This testimony is verified by Pastor R. F. Bender, 220 Arden Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa.)

CROSSED EYES HEALED

When I was three years old I fell on a log and hit the back of my neck which made my eyes cross. For five or six years after that my eyes were crossed part of the time and straight part of the time. Then my eyes began to get worse until I had to wear glasses all the time.

I was converted in March, 1949. I began to pray that my eyes would be healed because I knew that Jesus had the power to heal them. On the night of Feb. 18, 1950, I went outside to talk with Jesus all alone for 50 minutes. I came back into the house, went to bed, and read my Sunday School lesson. The lesson was about the blind man that was healed. When I had finished reading the lesson, the Holy Spirit told me that my eyes were straight. I got out of bed and began shouting and praising the Lord. I took my glasses off and have never put them back on because my eyes are straight.

I have been drawn nearer to the Lord and He has given me more faith. My determination is to do more for the Lord each day because I find it a great joy to serve Him. I am fourteen years old and my eyes had been crossed 11 years. God is real and nothing is impossible with Him.—Annie Sue Snow, Route 2, Box 174, Jasper, Ala.

(This testimony is verified by Pastor David Z. Finch, Route 2, Jasper, Ala.)

HEALED OF APPENDICITIS

About three years ago I had an attack of appendicitis. The doctor told me then that I would have to have an operation. Last December I had another attack about forty-five minutes before church time. My husband asked me if I wanted to go to the hospital. I told him to take me to the church. This was the first night of our revival with Evangelist Robert Boddy.

I was carried into the church and placed on the altar. My husband, Brother Boddy, and the saints gathered around me and began to pray. I was unable to sit erect, as the pain was so intense, but as the people prayed the pain began to leave. Oh, hallelujah! It wasn't long until I was up praising the Lord. All things are possible with God. We had a wonderful revival, and I was able to enjoy all of it. If it had not been for God's healing power I would have been in the hospital. I feel better now than I have felt in three years.—Mrs. J. T. Parr, General Delivery, Winfield, Ala.

(Pastor J. T. Parr, husband of Mrs. Parr, verifies this healing.)

HEALED OF ABSCESSSES

In August 1943 I went to the doctor who told me that I would have to have an operation for abscesses in my stomach. He said it would be a very serious operation and that it needed to be done immediately or I would not live very long. I told my husband what the doctor had said, and he suggested that I have the church people come in for prayer. I sent for Pastor and Mrs. W. E. Kern to come to my home and pray for me. I also sent word to others to pray.

My stomach was bloated and swollen. After prayer, God instantly healed me, and within fifteen minutes my stomach was normal. The Lord has been my Healer ever since.

I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in May, 1946 and I have been so happy.—Mrs. Ella Biggs, El Campo, Tex.

(This testimony is endorsed by Pastor W. E. Kern.)

HEALED OF STIFFNESS IN BACK

In October 1947, while living near Emmett, Idaho, I became sick with what I believed to be a common case of flu, but within a few days I was up and getting around as usual. Soon I began to have a peculiar ache in all my bones, especially in the lower part of my back and hip joints. I got so stiff that I could not bend my back in any direction or stoop over. The only way I could walk was to take slow, short steps, as each step was very painful.

A doctor examined me and said that my trouble was the result of the flu. He told me to place a hot-water bottle at my back and gave me pills to take. I did this for several days, but was no better.

The next Sunday I had our pastor, Jeremiah Wilcox, anoint me with oil, and he and other believers laid hands on me and prayed. I believed God's promise, and after they finished praying I felt no pain or stiffness anywhere in my joints. I began to bend over and twist my back in every direction, and to take quick steps to see if any pain or stiffness remained. I suffered no pain. Praise His name! The Lord healed me then and there.—Virgil L. Bussert, Council, Idaho.

(Endorsed by Pastor Jeremiah Wilcox, Box 190, Benton City, Wash.)

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

RUSSIAN SUBMARINES

Russia now has 300 submarines, compared with an average 132 operated by the Germans in World War II, the *U. S. News and World Report* states. The report is based on "estimates of American officials."

PEACE OR JUDGMENT?

In writing of the wave of revival that is sweeping over our land, Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, says, "As one glances over the pages of history one observes that revival means either the restoration of land and people or else the imminence of judgment." After giving several examples of great spiritual awakenings that came immediately before devastating wars he asks, "Does revival today mean the staying of God's judgment in the earth, or steeling of God's people for the fury that soon is to come?"

A WORLD GOVERNMENT

The atomic scientist, Dr. H. C. Urey, predicts that there will not be many people alive within a matter of a few years unless "a world government capable of establishing law and order over the entire surface of the earth" is established.

The Antichrist, offering peace, will set up a world government, but during his reign at least half of the world population will be destroyed. See Revelation 6:8 and 9:18. Then the Antichrist shall be replaced by the true Christ, who shall set up His world government and give the earth a thousand years of genuine peace.

SIGNS OF REVIVAL

The Federal Council of Churches has united 38 denominations in a nation-wide evangelistic effort by holding 60 city-wide campaigns in different parts of America. "Though there is no unified message of salvation in Federal Council evangelism," comments Harold Ockenga of Boston, writing in *Christian Life*, "it is obvious that here at least an effort is being made to meet the need in America today. Simultaneously, the Presbyterian Church is conducting its New Life Campaign for the purpose of winning a million souls to Christ and to the church. Meanwhile the Methodist Church is conducting in Philadelphia a great conference to rekindle the fires of evangelism."

SLOT MACHINES A MENACE

"Slot machines are the basis of organized gambling and, if barred from interstate shipment, would certainly slow up the operations of these gambling groups and syndicates," said J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, before a House committee in Washington recently. "Gambling today is the nest egg of the criminal underworld which operates throughout this country. There also ought to be some overall effort, to impress on local authorities the imperative necessity of divorcing themselves from the venal activities of the hoodlums of the underworld. In all too many communities, the local authorities are subsidized and paid to allow certain of these things to operate."

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Details on seven outstanding Youth for Christ meetings held in 1949 in various sections of Poland have reached Youth for Christ headquarters in Chicago, indicating that the movement is still very much alive behind the "iron curtain." Another great youth conference was held in Warsaw in January, 1950, and the leader of the work in Poland requests much prayer in behalf of the evangelistic efforts that will be made in the coming months.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN JERUSALEM

After publishing a message by J. Whitfield Foster in last week's *Evangel* concerning Israel, entitled, "The Sign of the Burning Bush," we learned of a baptismal service which he recently held at Jerusalem. "The young men baptized were believers whom we had the joy of leading to the Saviour," says Brother Foster. "It was also a great joy for me to baptize our own daughter, Daphne." Probably this was the first baptismal service to be held in the State of Israel since its establishment.

WHO PAYS THE LIQUOR BILLS?

In the State of Illinois, one who has suffered damage through the act of an intoxicated person can sue the vendor who sold the offender his drinks, reports *The Voice*. Many awards have been made, including verdicts for \$3,000 for an auto death caused by an intoxicated driver; \$25,000 for a broken leg suffered when the complainant was knocked down by an intoxicated woman; \$5,000 for being hit by glass thrown by another drunken customer. Insurance companies are said to have become very leery of liability under this sensible law.

WE MUST GET THEM YOUNG

Reports indicate that 37,000,000 American youth have no religion of any kind. If you marched them four abreast, you would have a column reaching twice across the continent. They would fill twenty of our largest cities, plus the State of Texas. Think of it! Over 75% of our youth never darken the doors of a Sunday School. And yet they are in the time of life when they can most readily be won to Christ. When 1,500 preachers were asked their age at conversion, the average age was 12. We must get them young! We must get them now!

FLYING DISCS

The newspapers are full of reports of flying discs; we are told they are a new kind of aircraft with which our own and other governments are experimenting. These "flying saucers," when we know more about them, may lead us to an understanding of the mysterious flying wheels mentioned in Ezekiel's prophecy. Could it be that God has reserved the development of this type of aircraft until the last days? It is significant that the "wheels within wheels" are associated with a moving of the Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 1:20); with a message of judgment upon the house of Israel (Ezekiel 3:4-7); and with the appearance of the Lord in glory. Ezekiel 1:28. See also Ezekiel 3:13; 10:19; and 11:22.

A PASTOR'S SUGGESTION

The following letter from the Pastor of the Paynesville Gospel Tabernacle, Paynesville, Minnesota, contains an excellent suggestion:

"Dear Editor: Please send the *Evangel* to the following ministers of our city, for eight months each. They are ministers of other churches. Pray with us that it will yield a good harvest. . . .

"This would be a good thing for other churches to do—to send the *Evangel* to the pastors of their town. I ordered it for a Catholic priest and he likes it. Pray for him.

"Enclosed is a check to cover the subscriptions, at \$1.00 each. The paper is better than ever. God bless you.

"In Him—Thomas G. Skoog."

CHRIST AND A PSYCHOANALYST

A writer in one of the current periodicals draws a comparison between Christ and a typical psychoanalyst today. When the rich young ruler asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Christ prescribed strong medicine. "Stop your covetousness—sell all you have, give to the poor, and follow Me," He commanded. A modern psychoanalyst might have said to him, "My dear young friend, you are suffering from a definite anxiety neurosis. Don't let this become an obsession. Don't worry about eternal life. Go home and relax."

The same writer points out that there is no mourner's bench in the average church—which may be the reason it is an average church. In too many cases the psychoanalyst's couch has taken the place of the old-fashioned mourner's bench where sinners wept their way to God.

A CANADIAN PREMIER AND THE GOSPEL

On a recent Sunday evening in Massey Hall, Toronto, Hon. R. C. Manning, Premier of the Province of Alberta, preached the gospel to a large congregation. At the conclusion of the message an invitation was extended to all those who would renew their consecration to God by being more energetic in witnessing and diligent about family prayer. Many responded to this appeal by standing and publicly affirming their determination to be more faithful in every phase of Christian service. Those who had never definitely accepted Christ as Savior were then invited to stand. A good number responded. They were then urged to come forward and meet with workers who were ready to instruct them further in the way of salvation.

It was inspiring to see one so prominent in public life taking such a definite stand for evangelical truth and urging his hearers to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The Prime Minister stated that a common question was—"How can you mix politics with religion?" His reply was—"If your politics are so rotten they cannot come under the light of God's revealed Word, then change your politics."

"Politics," said Mr. Manning, "deal with problems arising through man's relationship with man. Religion deals with man's relationship with God. The first cannot be properly solved until the second is settled." He said that some religions were so bad they would further corrupt politics when introduced, but his appeal was to accept Christ as Savior, for then problems arising from the relationship of man with man would be solved.—C. B. Smith, in *The Pentecostal Testimony*.

Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Lesson for May 7

1 Samuel 12:13-25

Several years ago I was walking up Fifth Avenue in New York City when a friend came walking toward me. He smiled and said, "New York isn't so big after all." Since then I have been in many places where I once had lived and labored before. What embarrassments I might have suffered if, in any of those places, my former conduct had been unworthy. We meet not our friends only, as we pass through life; we meet again and again our own selves. Samuel had itinerated through all the land of Israel. His former conduct he was ever meeting. Happily he had so lived that he did not have to be ashamed of his walk.

1. Samuel Calls Israel to Witness

"And Samuel said to all Israel . . . Behold, here I am, witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed." vv. 1, 3. His life work began when he was a very little boy. He was now "old and gray headed." v. 2. His testimony was, "I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day." Let us think of this. "I have walked before you." Do we think sufficiently of our walk before others? What impression does our example make? We make impressions every time we meet people. It is not enough that they be of the right kind at certain times only. We need to cultivate making them the right kind at all times. "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor." Eccl. 10:1. It is not enough to say, "God has forgiven me." God may forgive, but the seeds of folly continue to grow. When Samuel called Israel to witness as to his conduct, they gave him a complete vote of confidence. It was not a vote of, "I think he is all right now." It was a testimony to the consistency of his whole life and ministry. Not once had he coveted. Not once had he taken advantage. Not once had he been overbearing. God give all of us such a testimony.

2. Samuel Calls Attention to His Sons

In verse two Samuel said, "Behold, my sons are with you." They were there but were they like their father? We are sorry they were not. Samuel had great hopes at their birth. He named the one Joel, which means, *Jehovah is God*; the other he named Abiah, which means *Whose father is Jehovah*, Ch. 8:2. Putting confidence in them when they had grown up, he appointed them judges under him, but, alas, "His sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment." Ch. 8:3. Why do we mention his sons? Because they afford a lesson to our youth, in whom we desire spirituality, holiness of heart, carefulness of conduct, those inward and outward qualities on which God can smile and which will exemplify the gospel of Christ in the world. We may be disappointed in a few,

but we thank God for the faithfulness of the many. May our younger people seek to follow Samuel; may they refuse to go in the ways of his sons.

3. The King in Israel

Samuel introduced Saul to the people in these words, "And now, behold, the king walketh before you." Ch. 12:2. "Now therefore, behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired." v. 13. He put the matter right up to the people. Their king was not his choice, neither was it God's choice. It was, however, an expression of the kindness of God. Israel was His people. He preferred that they should look to Him as their Leader and Deliverer. But God is not sullen, neither is He sulky. Their clamoring desire He would meet. He would be the One who would choose for them their ruler.

While introducing Saul to the people as their king, Samuel reminded them of their backslidings. God had delivered Israel from Egypt, but "when they forgot the Lord their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera" and others, v. 9. Let us remember that we must not play loose and fast with God. Wonderful things did He for His people when they walked in His fear. When they turned from walking in His ways, He allowed their enemies to triumph over them. If we would have the power of God working in our midst we must take heed to our ways. We may talk about "signs and wonders" as Israel talked about the wonders done in the land of Egypt, but signs and wonders cease when we stop walking with God. The promises of the Word are wonderful. Meeting conditions is also important.

We are glad that Samuel did not leave off speaking to the people after telling them of their defeats when they "forgot the Lord." He reminded them also that "when they cried unto the Lord, and said, We have sinned—now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee" (v. 10), the Lord delivered them out of the hand of their enemies on every side, v. 11. We need to warn the people, but we must not leave them in despair. Let us show them their sins, then show them the promise of renewal and blessing if they repent and believe.

4. A Repentance That Came Too Late

In verse 19 we read, "And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God." It was "thy God," not "our God." They felt that they were out

of touch, but this was not so concerning Samuel. God was still with him, a personal God. Pray "that we die not; for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king." v. 19. It would seem that they were willing then to give up their king, but it was too late. People sometimes do things which they later regret, but which they cannot undo. We would warn, Be very careful in making decisions, that you do not go against the will of God.

A king Israel had demanded; a king they now had. The die had been cast. They must reap the reward of their own misguided choosing. Nevertheless Samuel gave them a word of encouragement, and we would encourage those who find themselves in situations which cannot be changed. "And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart." v. 20. "For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake." v. 22. Samuel would not sin against God in ceasing to pray for them, v. 23. God would not leave them destitute if they would return to Him.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Saul Chosen King (Lesson for April 30).
Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 10:17-26.

A SLOW WELCOME

A minister in the pulpit saw a man in the back pew with his hat on. He beckoned to a deacon who went to the man and asked him if he were aware that his hat was on. "Thank God!" said the man, "I thought that would do it. I have attended this church for six months, and you are the first person who has spoken to me."



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Ralph E. Baker

It would seem more plausible to confine the primitive heathen worship to Africa, but when we begin to examine some of the Indian lore of Alaska, it becomes more complicated than most modes of worship of other countries. However, the clans that emerge from each different tribe seem to be contented in that tribe until they find something better. They have all kinds of religion preached to them, and the results have been similar to bailing the Mississippi River dry with a spoon. But we have found that the power of God becomes so fascinating to these people that one whom God uses to perform miracles must take the utmost caution to prevent them from worshipping him or her.

We were called on to pray for a woman from the Tlingit tribe. She came from a family of medicine men and had practiced witchcraft most of her life. This lady was suffering intense pain and received relief immediately. She then wanted us to leave her some of the oil with which we had anointed her (James 5:14) as she thought it mighty powerful.

We have many calls to pray for the sick and the Lord has met us in a wonderful way. Hopeless cases of tuberculosis have been healed. One woman who has suffered with arthritis for years and whose hands and ankles were all twisted, received a wonderful healing. When she stands to testify she raises her hands so that all can see. Her Eskimo husband, a tough old seafarer, had a wonderful conversion and is tarrying for the infilling of the Holy Ghost, after seeing his wife filled.

The Holy Spirit is moving in the hearts of men and women in a way we have never witnessed before in Alaska. This is particularly significant when one realizes the type of people we have in this vast outpost of the world with its 186,000 square miles. It is not only a huge area in the north with one point only 40 miles from Russia, but it is peopled with men of various races and from all walks of life. Among others, many misfit politicians are sent here as a sort of Siberia. These people are not easily moved toward God. Sooner or later all of the celebrities have gotten around to come to Alaska and especially to the capital, Juneau, so that advertising a top-flight evangelist wouldn't mean any more to the inhabitants than the appearance of a string of light bombers on a routine flight. But when the Spirit of God begins to move, it causes a stir and brings results.

We have had several souls saved lately. One, who is the daughter of a native Salvation Army Captain, was saved and gloriously filled with

the Holy Ghost. After she had spoken in tongues for over an hour, she asked if her experience was in the Bible. When she was assured that it was, and she had been shown the Scriptures to prove it, she rejoiced greatly. Her father and mother came to the church and thanked the people for helping their daughter to such an experience. Our church is filling up rapidly with an average attendance now of ninety, and already we lack Sunday School space. We also conduct services in the federal jail and hospitals here.

Pray for us in Alaska that God will give us a real harvest all over the Territory. We are living in tremendous times and it is glorious to see what God can do in the midst of them.

Much of our praying is selfish praying. God's interest is too often lost sight of in our desire for self-aggrandizement, and this is really the burden of many of our prayers.—T. H. Atkinson.

WITH CHRIST

Godfrey Berggren of Danbury, Conn., went to be with the Lord on April 3, 1950, at the age of 62. Brother Berggren became an ordained minister in the General Council in 1940, and he has pastored the church in Danbury since that time.

Henry Lewis Marlenee, Eureka, Calif., went to be with the Lord Mar. 20, 1950, at the age of 54. Brother Marlenee became an ordained minister in the General Council in 1937. He pastored in Iowa and California. At the time of his death he was in evangelistic work. He is survived by his wife, Iva Marlenee, and seven children.

PROVIDING FOR OUR OWN

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1950

is the day when the Assemblies of God will be receiving their semi-annual offerings for the Old Age Assistance Fund.

Many of our elder brothers and sisters in the ministry are no longer able to carry on in the work of the Lord. They have given their time, talents and temporal gifts to promote the great Pentecostal testimony, and in their sacrifice have not been able to lay aside anything to provide financial security upon their retirement.

They have given heroically and many of them have an excellent record of pioneering assemblies and pastoring churches where there was not much financial support.

We think of the security of the retired laborers of industry, but ministers do not benefit from the Social Security laws. Shall we not much more provide for the welfare of these laborers in God's vineyard?

Offerings from all our congregations are deeply appreciated. We also value highly the contributions of individuals upon whom God lays the burden of this responsibility. Send all offerings to Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

Among the Assemblies

DRAGERTOWN, UTAH.—The East Carbon Assembly of God recently had a six-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. R. G. Davenport of Hale Center, Tex. Preceding the revival we had one week of intercessory prayer, and during the meeting we had daily prayer services at the parsonage. God moved mightily in our services every night. There were 21 saved, and 18 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Lee Francis, Pastor.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—The Lord has been blessing our church in a wonderful way. In a three-week meeting, about 20 were saved, and 10 received the Holy Ghost. It is wonderful the way God has been pouring out His Spirit. Our Sunday School has grown a great deal, and our Christ's Ambassador group has increased. Esker Turner is pastor.—DeForest Craze, Church Reporter.

AUGUSTA, GA.—The Olive Road Assembly of God, 2030 Olive Road, has just closed a great revival with the Skondeen Evangelistic Family. There were a goodly number saved, and we had a better average attendance during this revival than ever before. Five joined the church the last night of the meeting.—Thomas D. Rachels, Pastor.

TURLOCK, CALIF.—Bethel Temple has just concluded one of the finest evangelistic services it has been our privilege to enjoy. Evangelist Kenneth M. Haystead was with us, and the power of God was certainly upon him. Many were healed and saved, and they have affiliated with the church. Thank God for the continuing revival spirit.—R. Carrington, Pastor.

RANGELY, COLO.—We had one of the greatest revivals this oil town has ever seen. Evangelist Floyd A. Nelson of Trinidad, Colo., was with us for three weeks. Sixteen were gloriously saved, five were filled with the Holy Ghost, and several were healed. We broke our Sunday School attendance record three times; the highest attendance was 76. We have outgrown our building and we expect to build in the near future.—J. D. Gitchell, Pastor.

PALCO, KANS.—We concluded a week-and-a-half meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Harlie Ketner of Delhi, Calif. We had a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Twenty received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and three were saved. The entire church has been edified. We thank God for such a moving in our midst, especially among our young people. The Word went forth with deep anointing, and stirred our hearts.—William Satterfield, Pastor.

ANTLERS, OKLA.—We have had a fine revival with Evangelist Louie Shultz. God moved in a wonderful way and there were many healed. About 20 were saved or reclaimed, and several were filled with the Holy Ghost. This revival has been a great blessing to our church. Several were healed of weak eyes and their glasses, still on the Bible, stand as proof. Other serious ailments were also healed.—L. J. Choate, Pastor.

ESSEX, MO.—We thank the Lord for the revival we had in January with Evangelist Edna Watson of Bettendorf, Iowa. Due to the severe ice storm we were without electricity for almost a week, and we missed one night of service. The attendance, however, was good throughout the meeting. Several were saved and some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Our people were blessed and encouraged to believe God for greater things.—L. Blanche Virgin, Pastor.

CAMDEN, ARK.—We had prayer every night at the church for a week and a revival broke out. About 300 received the Holy Ghost and many were refilled. About the same number were saved and healed. Sixty-seven were baptized in water and nearly 100 were added to the assembly roll. Evangelist and Mrs. W. V. Grant of Malvern, Ark. were with us. In spite of the floods and rain we had larger crowds than we have ever had. People from other churches came and received help.—A. W. Tanner, Pastor.

MARIETTA, OHIO—We had a four-week meeting with Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. Though the weather was unfavorable, three were saved and some were reclaimed. Several received healing.—James A. Hinzman, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—We had a successful revival at the Girard Assembly with Evangelist Carl C. Haas of Tallahassee, Fla. The meeting was announced for two weeks, but was extended to four weeks. Many came forward for salvation. Several gave definite testimony to healing of serious ailments. There were a number delivered from the tobacco habit. Six were baptized in water, and 16 united with the church.—Emory Andrews, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We recently closed a three-week meeting with Evangelist Don J. McKinney, former C. A. President of Mississippi. He was a real blessing to us. A number came to the altar for salvation, and one was Baptized in the Holy Ghost. We have nearly 100 in Sunday School and our church is growing. Recently we built a new 80-ft. tabernacle.—Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly, 8218 S. Broadway.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—We recently had the best revival we have ever had in the four years of pastoring here, with Evangelist Richard E. Jeffrey of Sebastopol, Calif. About 15 were saved, three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many testified to marvelous healings. We had larger crowds than ever before, and we had a wonderful spirit of praise every night as the evangelist exalted Christ and His Word.—L. H. Gundlach, Pastor.

ENGLAND, ARK.—In March we had a 2½-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Covington, Tenn. There was not a multitude of people saved, but the anointed messages on Bible deliverance and faith in God certainly renewed our strength. Our church received a greater desire for the moving of the Spirit of God in our midst, and for signs and wonders to be performed.—C. E. Barr, Pastor.

SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK.—We had one of the best revivals in the history of our church. Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick were with us for two weeks. We had the largest crowds on record, and much prejudice was broken down. There were 50 saved, and 13 received the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School reached an all-time high in attendance. We appreciated the neighboring assemblies that visited us during the meeting. We give God all the praise for the work that has been accomplished.—H. D. Pieratt, Pastor.

JEANNETTE, PA.—After much fasting and prayer by our people, God began to move in our Assembly in an unusual way. The attendance picked up and within two months' time around 200 knelt at our altars to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Evangelist Christian Hild was with us two weeks the latter part of January. We had capacity crowds every night, and 149 people came forward for salvation. The last night of the meeting 39 responded to the altar call. Our Sunday School set a new attendance record with 458 present on Rally Day. Every denomination in the city felt the influence of this revival. A number of wonderful healings were witnessed during this special meeting, and others since. The crowds have continued to pack our church since the meeting closed.—K. D. Baker, Pastor.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Singleton were with us for a three-week meeting. This was one of the best revivals our church has had for a number of years. About 24 were baptized in the Holy Ghost, a large number were refilled, and about 12 were saved. The entire church has been edified. The anointed preaching and singing of our evangelists was a blessing to all. One evening while they were singing, the Holy Spirit moved over the congregation in a wonderful way and a volume of praise arose. With no preaching, three were saved and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School averaged 475 during the meeting, and we set a new attendance record of 513 the closing Sunday. Just prior to this meeting we had over 20 baptized in the Holy Ghost in our regular services. We thank the Lord for sending the rain of His Spirit upon us.—L. H. Hauff, Pastor.

NEWVILLE, PA.—We had a good meeting with Evangelist Paul R. Ridings of Martinsburg, Va. There were a number saved and some backsliders reclaimed. Our church has been inspired to greater activity. Our cottage prayer meetings the past week had about 60 in attendance. We are planning a building program as our Sunday School is outgrowing its present quarters.—Charles N. Crome, Pastor.

REEDLEY, CALIF.—We have had a fine meeting with Evangelist Kenneth R. Schmidt of LaCrescenta, Calif. Several were saved or reclaimed. Two young men from a family of eight were saved. This family has been coming to God one by one over a period of years, and these two made the family circle complete. One of the backsliders reclaimed is a man for whom we have prayed for many years. We broke our Sunday School attendance record with 423. This meeting has been a blessed spiritual uplift to our church.—A. H. Drake, Pastor.

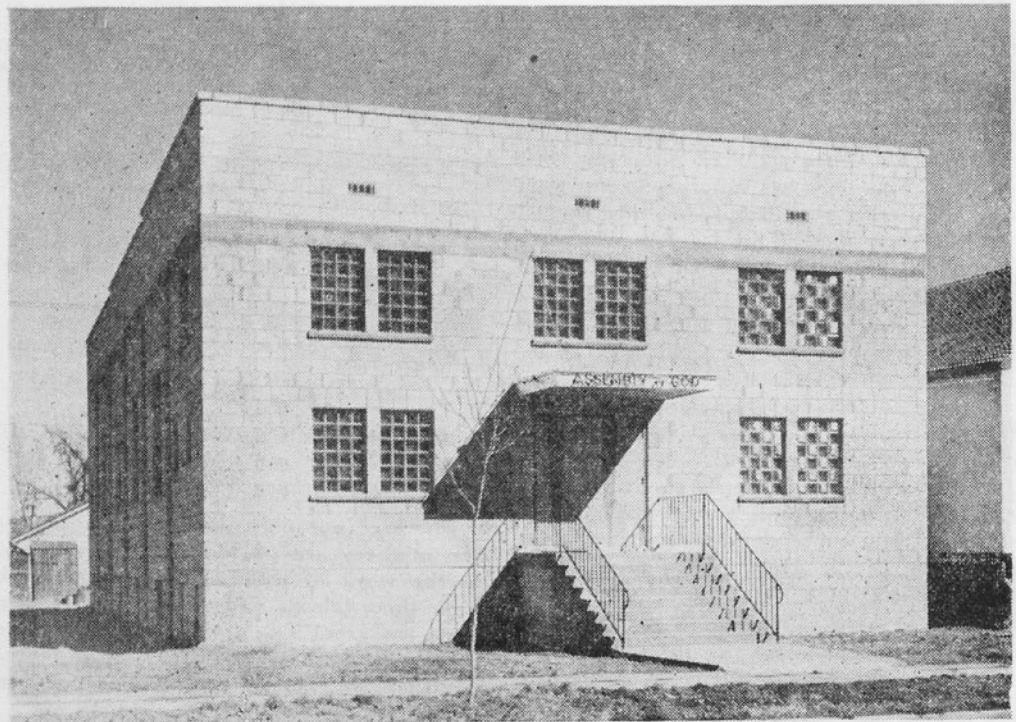
ALVORD, TEX.—In July, 1948, H. M. Harrison came to pastor the church here. At that time we were worshiping in an old building near the railroad. We now have a new church, 32x80, with four Sunday School rooms, nursery, and baptistry. It is located on the highway and is free of debt.

February 26th marked the first anniversary in our new church. Twelve were baptized, and nine others united with the church, during the past year. We have 25 Spirit-filled Christ's Ambassadors. Our Sunday School has grown from 40 to 80, and we hope to purchase a church bus soon. We have a radio broadcast Sundays from 9:00—9:30 a.m., station KDNT, Denton, Tex.—Mrs. Daisy Skaggs, Secretary.

BAKER, FLA.—On Feb. 19 the Shady Grove Assembly closed a three week revival with Evangelist Woodrow Oxner of Mobile, Ala. Seventy-one testified to salvation, and 9 received the Holy Ghost. Many were healed in answer to prayer. The Sunday School record was broken every Sunday with 163 as the highest attendance. We received 25 into the church, and 27 children under 12 years of age were placed on the children's roll. The revival spirit continues. Since the meeting closed three have been filled with the Spirit and two saved.—James Seymour, Pastor.

MARION, IND.—The Shawley Memorial Assembly of God experienced one of the finest old-time Pentecostal revivals with Evangelist A. R. Vanderploeg and wife of Toledo, Ohio. People were saved, filled, and healed. There were various manifestations of the Spirit. Eight were immersed in water, and seven united with the Assembly. The Sunday School is progressing. On the last Sunday our evangelist spoke to the children, and some 25 answered the altar call. The meetings closed with a mighty outpouring of Pentecostal power.—B. E. Hillman, Pastor.

SEAGOVILLE, TEX.—We have had one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. Evangelist Paul Sturgeon was with us for four weeks. Thirty-two were saved and five received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The power of God fell in every service and many received healing for their bodies. We had 53 in Sunday School at the beginning of this revival, and at the end of the meeting we had 83. The past Sunday we had 96 in attendance. We are praising God for the way He is visiting His people in these closing days.—David O. Nunn, Pastor.



NEW ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH DEDICATED AT CALDWELL, IDAHO

This fine new church at Caldwell, Idaho, was dedicated to the worship of the Lord on February 28. O. C. Arnesen, Superintendent of the Southern Idaho District, led the large congregation in the responsive reading of the dedication charge. Charles Slaughter, Sectional Presbyter, led in the dedicatory prayer.

W. F. Morton, former pastor in Caldwell and former District Superintendent, preached on the subject, "The Revival We Need." Music for the occasion was provided by Jerry Willard (baritone horn), Walter Braun (vocal solo), and Mrs. Braun (organ). The service closed in a real move toward God.

Work on the new building began October

1948. Most of the actual construction was done by the men of the congregation. As in Nehemiah's day, "the people had a mind to work." More than 3,600 hours of labor were donated. The building, 40 x 80 in size and built of pumice block, is reinforced with steel and concrete. Contracts were let on the heating, wiring, roofing, and plastering.

God's hand was clearly seen in answering prayer in many of the purchases. We secured nine fluorescent lights for the auditorium for just a little more than the price of one. There are two stories with full basement providing adequate Sunday School rooms and heating plant, and the total cost was only \$14,000.—John E. Shaw, Pastor.

SAN PEDRO, CALIF.—We have had a very good revival with Evangelist S. A. Merrill of Los Angeles, Calif. During the three weeks of meetings the Lord saved a goodly number, and there were five we know who received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Ralph I. Salzman, Pastor.

GILBERT, ARIZ.—We have just closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Frank Barnett. There were 28 saved. We broke our Sunday School record with 114 in attendance. We thank God for this revival.—Ernest W. Norman, Pastor.

PITTSBURG, KANS.—For the past 14 months our church has enjoyed a continuous, though not spectacular, revival. We have had a number of evangelists, and each time the revival remains with us. Many have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and most of them have continued to walk with the Lord. We have just concluded a most fruitful campaign with Evangelist C. A. Waack, Tulsa, Okla. We are very much in need of a larger church.—C. E. Peak, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—We have recently closed one of the most profitable revivals in the history of the Central Assembly of God with Evangelist Charles B. Dobbins of Fort Smith, Ark. A number were converted, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed through the wonderful name of Jesus. We appreciated our brother's ministry very much. Our Sunday School is continuing to grow; we have reached a new high of 586. To God we give the praise.—Charles E. Blair, Pastor; Edwin P. Anderson, Associate Pastor.

CRANE, MO.—We have recently closed a four-week meeting with Evangelist Juanita Gray. Our town was stirred and 21 people were saved. More than half of this number were young married people. We re-opened the work here about 16 months ago, and God has richly blessed. The Sunday School has reached 69 in attendance. We are building a completely modern church on Main St., and expect to move in sometime this spring. The building material has been paid for, without getting a loan.—Ted L. Vibbert, Pastor.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—We are now engaged in a community church census which is to be followed by a week of personal visitation evangelism, March 14—17. We are occupying our new educational unit, which has 6,832 sq. ft. of floor space and is fully departmentalized, and our Sunday School has shown a 40% increase over last year's attendance. We occupied this building in October, 1949. On February 20 we started our Men's Fellowship with over 200 men in attendance.—Raymond P. Murray, Pastor.

LIVE OAK, CALIF.—We recently closed a successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Walter Trumbo of Sacramento, Calif. The anointed messages brought spiritual benefit to our church. There was a good attendance every night. Several prayed through to salvation, and 15 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Some testified to the healing of their bodies. Our church has been refreshed in the Lord. B. H. Givens is pastor.—Lorene Brothers, Church Reporter.

MISSOULA, MONT.—In February we had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Cantelon of Winnipeg, Canada. God graciously met us in every service. There were a number saved, and many new contacts were made. The Sunday School average, which was 146 last year, has changed for the better. We had 253 and 293 in attendance the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in February. The closing night of the meeting we had 400 present. When our building is completed the seating capacity will be increased to accommodate 500. Seventeen people were baptized in the beautiful new baptistry.—Eugene A. and Doris Born, Pastors.

MASCOUTAH, ILL.—The Lord has graciously visited our assembly with a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Beginning January 8 we had a 4½-week meeting with Evangelist Lela B. Haycock of Columbia, Mo. Thirty-five received a glorious infilling of the Holy Spirit, eight were saved, and a number of others were reclaimed and refilled. At the close of the revival, the Lord had filled every adult member of our church, as well as many of the children. Some who received the Baptism were from surrounding assemblies. Thank God, the revival still continues.—Thomas D. Creek, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—The East Oakland Full Gospel Tabernacle has had a meeting with Evangelist L. L. Ferguson. Several were saved and seven received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was revived.—Fred A. Atwell Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—We have had one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Sunnyland Assembly of God. Evangelist Warren L. Litzman was with us for four weeks in an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival. Our evangelist spoke under great anointing and every night when the altar call was given men and women ran down the aisle to the altar. Nearly every night someone was filled with the Holy Spirit. There were many people healed.

We have completed our new church building and this was the first revival held in the building. It was encouraging to see the new building, seating over 350, filled during the meeting. Our Sunday School has more than doubled in the past three months.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Three years ago last fall we purchased a lovely brick building, 75x100, situated only a few feet from Oakland's main street. In less than three years we were able to pay for it. We burned the mortgage before a crowd of 1000 people on our third anniversary, Oct. 3, 1949. The speakers were H. J. Ketner, W. T. Gaston, and F. C. Woodworth. Special music was given by the Texas Musical Harts and the Kansas City Gospel Singers. Brother Hart raised several thousand dollars in pledges toward the purchase of a new building adjoining the church.

In December, 1949, we had a successful revival with Evangelist Jack Coe. A number sought God for salvation, several were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and others testified to healing. Our Evangelist worked wholeheartedly with us, and he raised \$7,000 in cash toward the down payment on the new annex.

On January 5, 1950, we purchased the two-story brick building, 50x100, which makes our entire church building 125x100. It provides us with 19 more Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, storage rooms, rest rooms, offices, library, and two C. A. chapels, one seating 250 and the other 75.

We have just closed a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Martin L. Davidson. Several sought God, and definite healings were claimed. The attendance was splendid. Our Sunday School attendance reached 739 which is our highest thus far this year. For the above blessings we give Jesus Christ all the glory.—Cecil J. Lowry, Pastor, Oakland Revival Tabernacle.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—We wish to share our blessings with the Evangel readers by telling what God has done for us during the past four years. The Sunday School has grown from an average of 107 to an average of 259. The active membership has grown from 45 to 103, and the Lord has blessed the church financially.

Four years ago the congregation was worshipping in a basement church that was built under the ministry of Roy L. Buckley. God has now enabled us to build a buff-brick church, 50x80 plus entrance, with a seating capacity of 500. It has oak pews and a Hammond organ, which was purchased under the leadership of our C. A. group. We have a nursery equipped with a speaker, play-pen, baby beds, etc. It also has a double-plate glass window that affords full vision of the services. There is a pastor's study and an office for the Sunday School secretary, both with up-to-date equipment. Our church and furnishings are valued at \$75,000. The present indebtedness is less than \$11,000.

God has sent a number of evangelists our way who have had a definite part in the growth of our church; namely J. C. Kofahl, now pastor in Alton, Ill., Thelma Wilkins, and Clarence Smith, Granite City, Ill. Charles E. ("Daddy") Robinson of Springfield, Mo., gave us a profitable 10-day Bible study. Last October Dean Duncan of Denver, Colo., ministered to us, and we had the largest attendance in our history. Last February we had a five-weeks' meeting with Evangelist Frank and Gladys Lummer of Davenport, Iowa. Over 50 people came to the altar for salvation, 15 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were also definite healings. We give God all the praise for His wonderful work among us.—E. L. Stalons, Pastor, Assembly of God, Fourth St. and Second Ave.

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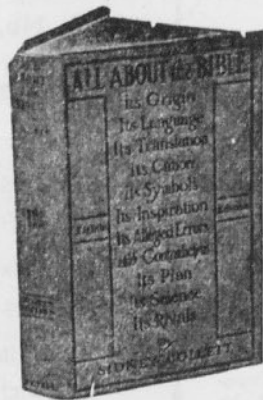
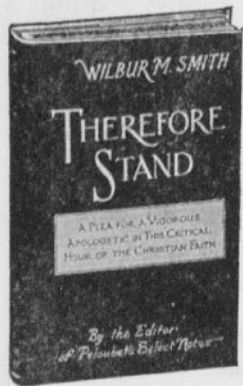
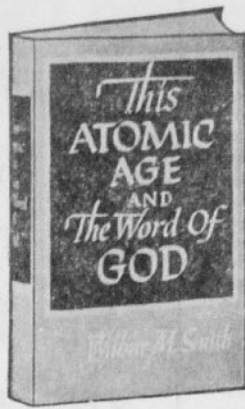
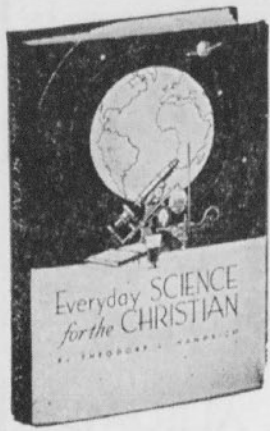
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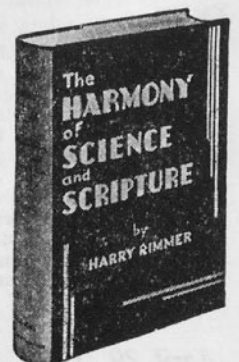
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COVINA, CALIF.—May 2—; Evangelist A. A. Allen, Ingleside, Tex. (R. L. Davis is pastor.)

OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Apr. 25—; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (Max Johnson is pastor.)

AKRON, PA.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, S. 9th St., Apr. 30—May 7 or longer; Evangelist Lillian Overstreet, Upper Darby, Pa.—by Warren C. Anthony, Pastor.

NAPA, CALIF.—Meeting in progress, Evangelist Z. P. Miller. (A. J. Ruedger is pastor.)

DONNA, TEX.—Assembly of God meeting in progress; Mrs. Carl P. Benson Evangelist, Amarillo, Tex.—by W. W. Wright Pastor.

GLENDORA, CALIF.—Assembly of God 400 W. Foothill Blvd. meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Albin G. Johnson.—by M. R. Henegar, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, 12th and C. Sts. S.W., May 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Ridings, Martinsburg, W. Va. District C. A. Rally, May 29—31.—by Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

McKEESPORT, PA.—Apr. 23—May 7, Evangelist H. E. Roberson. (Fred Diehl is pastor.)

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—Meeting in progress, Evangelist James Eastman, Springfield, Ill. (Roscoe Russell is pastor.)

POPLAR BLUFF, MO.—Assembly of God, Apr. 18—; Evangelist George Hayes.—by Louise Copeland, Pastor.

COLTON, OREG.—Meeting in progress; Sheneman Evangelistic Team, Oxford, Nebr.—by R. A. Bullock, Pastor.

WESTPORT, OREG.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call.—by Ernest Illum, Pastor.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—Meetings in progress, Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. (H. D. Ferrell is pastor.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO—First Christian Assembly, 1224 Race St., May 21—; Evangelist Velmer and Wilma Gardner, Wenatchee, Wash. (A. B. Crabb is pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Evangelistic Temple, Capitol at Houston Ave., May 7—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dean E. Duncan, Denver, Colo.—by Raymond T. Richey, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Bethany Pentecostal Church, Springfield and Armory Sts., May 9—21; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest V. Berquist, Louisville, Ky.—by A. D. Skyrmer, Pastor.

LODI, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Temple, Walnut at Washington Sts., May 2—16; Evangelists Stanley and Ethel MacPherson, Bob and Ruth Ferguson. (Thomas J. Custock is pastor.)

LYNWOOD CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly, 4330 E. Century, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. J. L. Isaacs, Hawthorne, Calif. (Robert Stevens is pastor.)

BRIMSON, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, May 2. Services 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 6:30 (C. A. service) and 7:45 p.m. This is an annual meeting with Brother and Sister George Shepherd, Pastors.—by Chas. A. Parker, Prsbyter.

DALLAS, TEX.—Pleasant Grove Assembly, 1103 Carson St., Apr. 30—May 14; Evangelist Charles C. Robinson. Homecoming service Apr. 30; evangelist speaking afternoon and night.—by James H. Pruitt, Pastor.

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RAYMOND, WASH.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 18—; Canadian Evangelist Fulton Buntain.—by Ralph M. Phillips, Pastor.

AURORA, ILL.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist C. Merrill Johnson, Elgin, Ill.—by W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

ALLIANCE, NEBR.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Norman Correll, Columbus, Nebr. (H. J. Blakkolb is pastor.)

SALEM, N. J.—Pentecostal Church, 322 Grant St., Apr. 18—30; Evangelist L. J. Miller, Elizabeth, N. J.—by Parker B. Hayes, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—West Side Gospel Tabernacle, 1462 S. Belmont Ave., Apr. 16—30; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by Thomas Paino, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Lindale Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist William T. Holcomb, Lomita, Calif. (James McKeehan is pastor.)

ORANGE, VA.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 252 Madison Rd., Apr. 30—May 14 or longer; Skondeen Evangelistic Family.—by V. B. Stinchcomb, Pastor.

VINTON, IOWA—Gospel Tabernacle, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. J. B. Hosier, Waterloo, Iowa.—by Lloyd Shoemaker, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 6th and Fir St., Apr. 23—May 7; "Ambassadors Advance" campaign, Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Wilkerson.—by Gene Martin, Pastor.

VICTORIA, TEX.—City-wide tent meeting, Boulevard at Laurend, Apr. 21—; Evangelist Charles B. Dobbins, Fort Smith, Ark. Afternoon services 3:00 at Victoria Assembly of God, cor. North and Depot Sts.—by Willis E. Berry, Pastor.

KANSAS C. A. CONFERENCES

Youth-gear'd conferences in each section of the District. Bert Webb, National C. A. Director, speaker. Services 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Pittsburg, May 9; Lawrence, May 11; Jewell, May 12; Oberlin, May 15; Dodge City, May 16; Wichita, First Assembly, May 18.—by Paul Witten, District C. A. President.

WISCONSIN S. S. CONVENTION

Second District Sunday School Convention, Wisconsin-N. Michigan District, Thursday, April 27, at Gospel Tabernacle, Eau Claire, Wis. Services 10:00, 2:00 and 7:30. G. Raymond Carlson, North Central District Superintendent, speaker.—by G. M. Hillestad, District S. S. Representative.

SOUTH FLORIDA S. S. CONVENTION

South Florida Sunday School Convention, Evangel Temple, Miami, Fla., May 8—10. William E. Kirsche, Chicago, Ill., guest speaker. For information write Goldie Runyon, P. O. Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.—by Goldie Runyon, District Sunday School Representative.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Illinois District Council, Springfield, Ill., First Assembly of God, cor., Carpenter and Klein Sts., May 2—4. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, guest speaker. Credentials committee meets Monday afternoon. For accommodations write Dean Heady, host pastor, 524 N. Klein St.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Forty-first Annual Missionary Convention, Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., May 14—28. Speakers—H. S. Lehman, Arthur Johnson, George Clark, Vernon Pettenger, and others.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 5th annual Ohio District Council, Pentecostal Church, N. Howard and York Sts., Akron, Ohio, May 1—4. Wilfred A. Brown, guest speaker. C. A. Rally Mon., night. Ordination service Wed., night. For reservations write to church. James Van Meter, host pastor.—by Paul J. Emery, District Secretary-Treasurer.

LOUISIANA MINISTER'S SEMINAR

Minister's Seminar, Alexandria, La., Apr. 24—28 and May 1—6. Studies in Epistles, English, and Pentecostal Truths. Teachers—H. Paul Holdridge, Hope, Ark., and R. M. Riggs, Springfield, Mo. Meals on freewill offering plan; beds in dormitory without charge. Registration fee for two-week course \$5.00.—by F. C. Chamberlain, District Superintendent.

TENNESSEE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tennessee District Council, Memphis, Tenn., First Assembly of God, 1084 E. McLemore St., May 2—4. Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. May 1, pre-Council rally at 7:30 p.m. James E. Hamill, host pastor.—by H. E. Darnell, Secretary-Treasurer.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

EL DORADO, ARK.—Assembly of God, 1215 Ross Ave., May 3-7. Services each night at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Speakers: Malcolm Blakeney, Trinidad; Mrs. Phil Hogan, China and Formosa; Miss Eugenia Brown, Chile; and Sidney Bryant, India.—by Corbett C. Crace, Pastor.

INDIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Indiana District Council, First Assembly of God, 2210 N. 13th, Terre Haute, Ind., May 8—11. W. A. Brown, General Treasurer, speaker. Free rooms to ministers as far as possible; reasonable meals and hotel accommodations. D. LeRoy Sanders, host pastor. For reservations write Mrs. Archie Brown, 119 N. 6th, West Terre Haute, Ind.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

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MISSISSIPPI SECTIONAL COUNCILS

South Section, First Assembly, Hattiesburg, Apr. 25. South-Central Section, First Assembly, Laurel, Apr. 26. South-West Section, Bethel Temple, Jackson, Apr. 27. Central Section, Eighth Street Assembly, Meridian, May 2. North-East Section Assembly of God, Aberdeen, May 3. North-West Section, Assembly of God, Water Valley, May 4.

Services at 9:30 a.m.; 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Those applying for credentials or renewals are requested to meet the credentials committee.—by Jeff Gibbs, District Superintendent.

CAMP MEETING AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

Four local churches, Visalia, Exeter, Ivanhoe, and Woodlake Calif., are sponsoring a spring camp meeting at Cutler Park, 5 miles N. E. of Visalia, May 18-June 1. Camp Evangelist, Bobby Clark; camp Bible Teacher, Arthur G. Osterberg; Edgar White, Committee chairman. C. A. services Friday nights. No cafeteria or cabins on grounds. Campers bring your own tents and equipment. Tents may be rented from nearby tent companies. For further information write Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Corresponding Secretary.—by Pastor Monroe S. Thompson, Woodlake, Calif.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—M. R. Henegar, 121 W. Carroll, Glendora, Calif. "After pastoring in Needles, Calif., have resigned to accept pastorate of the Assembly of God church here."

NEW ADDRESS—Edwin S. Stevenson, 102 W. Pleasant St., Corry, Pa. "Have accepted the pastorate of the First Pentecostal Church here."

NEW ADDRESS—R. G. Hardy, Route 1, Sneads, Fla. "Have resigned the Pilgrim Rest Assembly and accepted the pastorate of the Welcome Assembly, Delwood, Fla."

NEW ADDRESS—Dolphas G. Lewis, 724 4th St., Rupert, Idaho. "After two years of evangelistic work, have accepted pastorate here."

NEW ADDRESS—Pastor and Mrs. Albert W. Earle, Benstone St., Stamford, Conn. "After pastoring in Augusta, Me., almost eight years, have accepted pastorate here."

NOTICE—Chaplain (Capt.) James A. Duguid, % Post Chapel, Fort Sill, Okla. "Am on 90-day tour of duty at the Artillery School here. Will be glad to contact servicemen and their families in this area."

NOTICE—Have accepted the pastorate of University Assembly of God here, and will discontinue my work with Southwestern Bible Institute at close of this term.—Royden D. Zook, 318 Cynisca St., Waxahachie, Tex.

NOTICE—Three women needed for practical nursing in Full Gospel nursing home. Furnish photo and pastor's recommendation with application. Horton Rest Home, 525 Third St., Council Bluffs, Iowa.—by L. G. Young, Business Manager.

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