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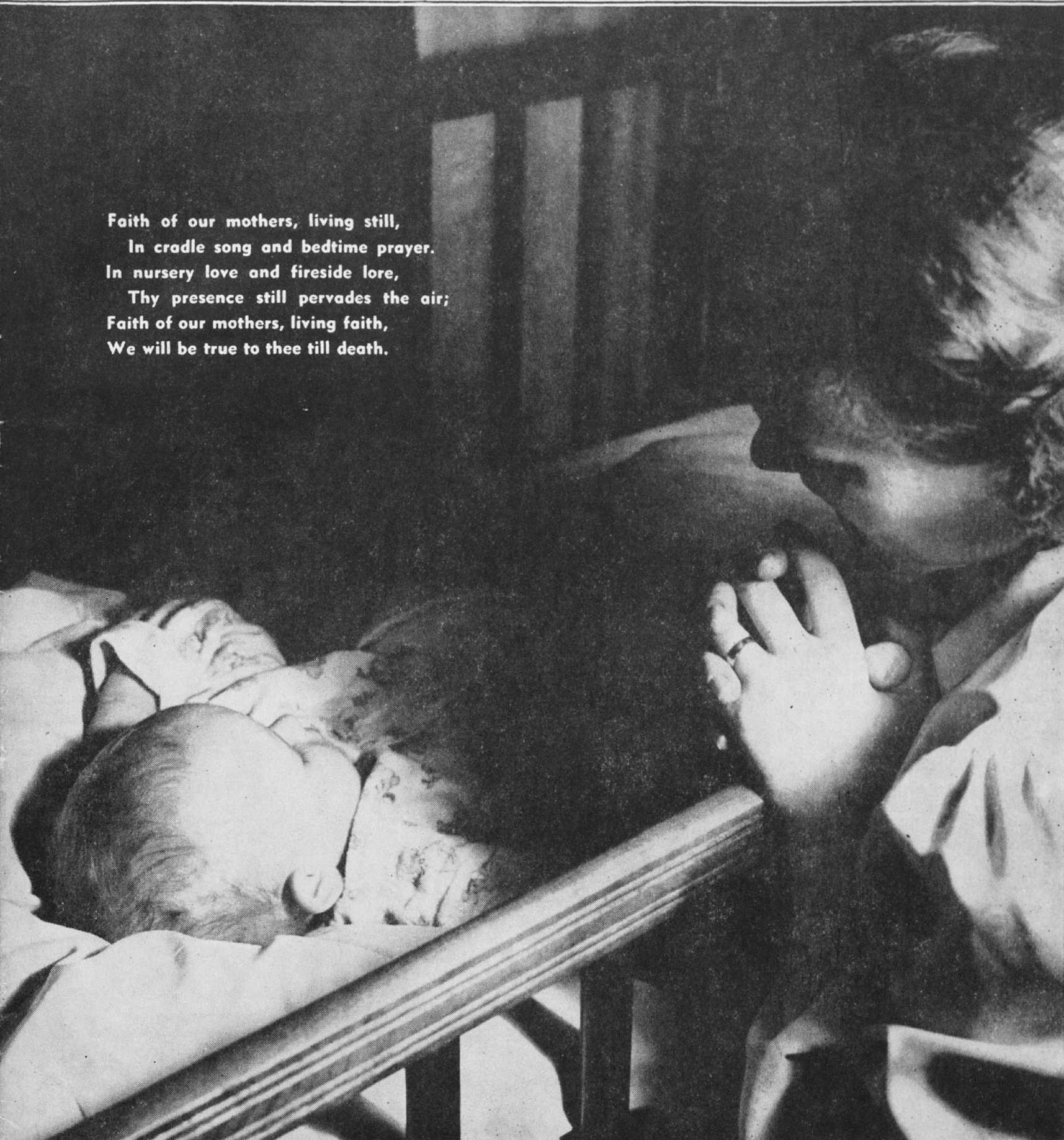
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Faith of our mothers, living still,
In cradle song and bedtime prayer.
In nursery love and fireside lore,
Thy presence still pervades the air;
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.



Entire Conformity to Christ

by Wesley R. Steelberg

Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29.

● THE INTERCESSION of the Holy Spirit through us and for us is that God's infinite purposes may be fulfilled in our lives. If we could know the purpose God has planned for us, if we could know the holy ambition God has for each of us, I am sure we would be inspired beyond our ability to express. What God has designed for each of our lives is so holy, so beyond human conception, that it is only as we draw very near to God and are granted the privilege of having the Holy Spirit pull aside the curtain, that we get a glimpse of that to which we may attain in the Lord.

As parents have ambitions for their children, so our heavenly Father has choice ambitions for us. I met a dear mother in the East some time ago who, when she was married, asked that the Lord might give her three sons. She said, "I want the best lawyer, the best doctor, and the best preacher that God ever gave to a mother." God has granted her prayer and given her three boys. One of them is an excellent doctor, one is a splendid lawyer, and one is a Pentecostal minister. So the ambitions she had for her sons were realized. Undoubtedly all through the years, while those boys were growing, she kept before them her hope. She probably encouraged them and taught them to the best of her ability to aspire to these things which she hoped they would accomplish.

Like this mother, the Holy Spirit has come to encourage us to aspire to those things which God has planned for our lives. Paul caught the vision, and his prayer was that He might know Christ and be like Him. "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Philipians 3:10.

The enemy would like to discourage us. He would like to tell us that the days of opportunity are over, that the days of great spiritual outpourings are past, that the things which we have heard are all history, and that we have very little to expect today. But the enemy lies. I firmly believe that our God is the same God that He has ever been. I believe that He is

yet willing and able and ready to do greater things than He has ever done before. God is not only interested in inspiring our hearts to aspire to the provision made for our physical and temporal needs, so that we will know that God heals our bodies today, that God does miracles, that God performs wonders, and that God is anxious for us to know Him in the mighty exploits of His glorious power. There is also an ambition expressed in Romans 8:26-29 that is even beyond these blessed provisions. It is this: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son." What a great and glorious ambition God has for us, that we should be conformed to the image of Christ—that we should be so like Jesus that actually we would be walking about in the very radiance and power and glory of Jesus while we dwell here upon the earth. I believe that is exactly what that means. I don't believe that it refers only to the hereafter. We know that we are now the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. I believe the process of this glorious change, the preliminary work of this transformation, is being performed right now in our lives by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Some years ago I was in prayer, while I was in the city of Philadelphia as pastor of Highway Mission Tabernacle, and I was waiting in the presence of the Lord, earnestly praying that God would anoint me for the coming services on the Lord's Day. As I wept and prayed before Him, it seemed that a mental vision came before me. I will not say it was an actual vision that blotted out all physical and material substance before me, but I will say that it was very clear to me. It seemed that I was seated at a table, and opposite me at the table was the Lord Jesus. There came from a side room, or some adjoining part of the place where we were, someone who seemed to be the Father. I did not see a face or a form, but I felt the presence of God. A wonderful tray of food and fruits and gifts of various kinds was set down on the table, and it seemed that whoever was serving us laid before me a portion, then before the Lord Jesus a portion, and a voice said, "One for Jesus, and one for you; one for Jesus, and one for you." About the third time

that happened I burst into tears, then I began to shout; I could scarcely contain myself, for the Spirit seemed to reveal that verse in the Gospel of John which says, "And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." Oh, how it thrilled my soul, how I shouted and praised the Lord, and rejoiced in my bedroom, for I felt it was God's purpose that I should have the privilege of sharing in the same glorious power that our blessed Lord exercised when He was here upon the earth. Oh, yes, it is God's ambition that we shall have the fulness of the Spirit even as Christ had it. If you would like a scripture for that, please turn to Ephesians 3:11-19: "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." There you have a little glimpse of the ambition and the hope that God has for each of our lives. He wants to manifest Himself in fulness of glory, in fulness of power, in fulness of revelation to every one of us. But we may hinder Him if we desire our own way, if we choose our own goal, if we do as we will.

Some years ago, my son Wesley was a



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student in Central Bible Institute. Like boys who are sometimes mischievous (and perhaps he derived it from proper sources) it became necessary for him to be disciplined. The discipline seemed to be protracted for a season, and I became a bit discouraged; I felt that perhaps he might fare better if he were to go elsewhere, so I wrote him a letter suggesting that if he felt a change of environment would be good for him and that he might be more successful elsewhere, having learned some very serious lessons, I would be willing to pay his tuition at a different school. I was very happy for the letter that he wrote back to me. In it he said, "Dad, I think that it is my duty, both as your son and as a young man who is preparing for the ministry, to continue in CBI and to conquer the obstacles where I am confronted by them."

Then he said these words which I have never forgotten: "Dad, God hasn't changed, and He won't. *We* must." That preached a sermon to me. I sat and wept as I read his letter and I said, "Oh, God, help us to realize the deep truth that is expressed in these words." "God hasn't changed, and He won't. *We* must." Oh, how much it means to our lives to reach that place where we determine by the grace of God to make a surrender of our lives and conform to the pattern and plan and will of God, rather than to determine to have our own and then seek constantly to ask God to bless our way when it is a departure from His way. In order to be conformed to the image of His Son, I believe there are several things that must take place in our lives.

One of the first is an alignment of the spirit. I know that there are numbers among our readers who are familiar with mechanical things to the extent that they know what we refer to when we say, "There needs to be an alignment." Back in the days when I was in the automotive business, working in the world of the racers who raced on the open track, how necessary it was for us to have an alignment in the motor—the connecting rods, the wrist pins and all of it aligned. Sometimes our spirits do not seem to align with God's Spirit as they ought. We have a spirit of our own. Sometimes, I fear, we blame evil spirits for some of the things that are simply brought about by our own spirits. In John 17:21 I read these words in Christ's prayer, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Here is not only a oneness with Christ, a union with the Father, but an alignment of the spirit. My spirit should conform to His spirit. Oh, the blessed operation of the Holy Spirit in our lives, His ability to know just what will bring

about the proper attitude of mind which is so necessary.

There have been times in my life, as I am sure there have been in yours, when I have had to struggle to get to God. Oh, how my heart would reach out in desperation. I would pray and weep before the Lord; sometimes I wished I might take hold of this physical body and rend it in twain, as some of the patriarchs used to rend their garments in the days of old—I wanted to release myself from the bondage of human restraint, that I might get out into God. The Holy Spirit is the only One who can help us to do this. How wonderful it is when our spirit blends with His. Difficulties are dispelled, time fades away, natural things are forgotten, spiritual things become of paramount importance to us.

Some years ago I was in a young people's meeting on Staten Island, New York. It had been one of those services when it was rather a struggle to speak. I had not felt any particular response in the meeting. I was not discouraged, for I had committed

it to the Lord; nevertheless I was a little concerned, and at the close of the service I quietly invited all of the young people to come forward to yield and wait before the Lord in prayer. A group came forward and for a little season there was a volume of prayer going up before the Lord. I was kneeling over at one side praying quietly, saying, "Lord, won't You meet us? Won't You help us? Oh, God, I realize that it is not my preaching, and it is not any other part of the service, but it is Thy Spirit alone that can help us." And as we waited before the Lord quietly His Spirit seemed to descend upon us. First there was the spirit of weeping and brokenness. I remember I wept and felt so broken before the Lord. Then came a sweet spirit of worship. Someone started a chorus, and as we sang softly together I felt carried out into the very heavenlies. I said, "Oh, God, I want You to shape my spirit; I want You to bend it and align it and fit it until my spirit will be in tune with Thine." The next thing I

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Diligence

by W. B. McCafferty

This word means a steady application to any work at hand, or to any pursuit entered upon; and has reference to a constant effort toward the accomplishing of any purpose, task, or undertaking. It includes the idea of attentiveness, carefulness, earnestness, and industry in the performing of the task before one or the duty imposed upon one. It is opposed to negligence, indifference, indolence and idleness.

Diligence should characterize every Christian in his service to the Lord; and every student of the Word of God, whether he be within the walls of an educational institution or in a pastor's study. The writer of the Proverbs has said: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure men." Prov. 22:29.

The evangelist who is diligent in his work will not go without some reward for his diligence; the pastor who diligently studies in the hours set aside for study, meditation and prayer will profit before God and his people. The student who faithfully applies himself to the performance of the duties and tasks assigned to him will see the reward of his diligence in higher grades and marks of credit, with a consciousness of knowledge acquired.

In his diligence he will not fail in his attention to his instructor. He will be alert and attentive at all times. Nor will

he be surprised by questions suddenly propounded. He will be quick and ready with answers. If he is indifferent, indolent and lackadaisical he will miss much that would be profitable to him, and will make low grades and few credits. He may even fail completely, and his stand will not be "before kings" but rather before men of low degree.

It is a sin against God and a crime against one's self to idle away the golden hours of time and opportunity—hours that will never come again. Time is the most precious commodity with which we deal today; and all the time we have is the present moment. It should be valued above the priceless gems of the mine, and not a moment given to idleness and indolence.

"Be not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord," is the divine admonition. God enjoins diligence upon all who would serve Him acceptably. The sluggard has no promise of tomorrow: "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come." "Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty," said Solomon. There are several kinds of poverty. Spiritual poverty is worst. Poverty of the knowledge that makes for a full and complete man—the necessary knowledge of life as well as of things divine—is to be shunned. Avoid it by diligence in study and by faithfulness in the tasks that are assigned in the classroom or the home, and success will alight upon your banner.

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Editorial

Liquor Advertising

It is a matter of deep regret that the Langer Bill was rejected by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee at Washington last month. Senator Langer's bill would have prohibited newspapers, radio stations, magazines, newsreels, or other advertising media from carrying alcoholic beverage advertisements across state lines. It thus would have eliminated a large portion of the glamorous liquor advertising that now plagues the nation, and without this advertising the sale of liquor and the extent of its ruinous effect upon the American people would have been lessened considerably.

Public hearings had been held, marked by heated arguments for and against the Bill. One witness objected particularly to the "beautiful, artistic creations" and "words of bewitching challenge and charm" which are used in liquor ads. Another said the only truthful liquor ad he had ever found was this: "The road to ruin, walk in—wobble out—at La Victoria Bar, one and a half miles south of Estancia, New Mexico."

The President of the National W. C. T. U. offered scores of exhibits of liquor and beer advertising taken from published ads and radio and television script. "It is false and misleading," she said, "not to put the label 'poison' on all of it."

Opponents of the bill argued that serious economic losses would result if the anti-advertising measure becomes a law. Are profits more important than the public welfare?

The hearings lasted three days. Only a few committee members were present during most of the hearings. Witnesses speaking in favor of the Bill had one strike against them before they began. The day before the hearings were to begin, the Distilled Spirits Institute held a cocktail party in the Washington Hotel, to which they invited the press and many key people on Capitol Hill, though it was ostensibly a "Reception for Distillery Executives."

When the vote was taken, six members of the Committee were against the Bill and only three were for it. The Bill therefore died in Committee and never reached the Senate floor. But it is to be hoped that some Bill will be passed soon which will put a stop to deceptive liquor advertising. If the distillers insist on advertising, they should be made to tell the truth in their ads. Let them tell of the connection of their product with vice, crime, accidents, and other human ills, so that our young people may be warned against it!

Destroying the Brain

Testifying at a hearing on the Langer Bill, an Associate Justice of the Municipal Court in Boston, Mass., brought out some very pertinent facts that need widespread dissemination. Four of the propositions which he made are set forth as follows:

"1. Alcoholic beverage is no longer considered either food or medicine. Science now has established that alcohol is a narcotic drug having no vitamins, no fats, no proteins, and no minerals. It contains nothing that builds human tissue or that materially prevents disease.

"2. Its use injuriously affects the whole personality of its user. In time, if enough is used, it will destroy nerve and brain cells, thus causing insanity and untimely death.

"3. While in past years it was extensively used as a medicine, it is now obsolete for that purpose. Hospitals now have little or no use for it, and when now used by medical science it is generally used with the same restrictions applied to other narcotic drugs.

"4. Science now knows that there is no cure for alcoholics whose brain cells and nerve tissue within the brain have deteriorated to the point of extinction. About two-fifths of the brain matter is found to have died in this class of inebriate."

An Unusual Disease

If drunkenness, or alcoholism, is a disease, then we would like to compare it with other sicknesses in seven respects:

1. It is the *only disease which we advertise* to the tune of almost 130 million dollars annually.

2. It is the *only disease which we propagate* to the tune of 3 billion gallons of liquor consumed annually, or more than 20 gallons per man, woman, and child in the United States.

3. It is the *only disease which we legalize* to the tune of 482,033 retail liquor permits in drug stores, groceries, hotels, and wherever our women and children must go for the necessities of life.

4. It is the *only disease which we commercialize*, the annual drink bill being close to 9 billion dollars.

5. It is the *only disease which is voluntarily self-imposed*. Not one of the four million excessive drinkers, most of them alcoholics, in America, ever became an alcoholic without wilfully taking a drink and continuing to drink. This is not true of any other sickness.

6. It is the *most deadly of all diseases* for it destroys, as Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, "both soul and body in hell." No other sickness, however malignant, can kill a man's soul. But the disease of alcoholism will and does, as evidenced by the estimated cost of crime in the State

of Massachusetts alone, resulting from liquor, of 61 million dollars in one year, to say nothing of the intangible by-products.

7. Finally, we are glad to say this is a *disease which is curable* for all who wish to escape its malignancy. Thank God, there is a remedy for this disease available to all. There is no incurable case in the sight of God.—*Temperance League of America.*

A Contrast

When the brother of Col. Ingersoll died, the great apostle of unbelief came to pay his last tribute to his brother. He stood there by the grave, with the tears raining down his cheeks, and said: "Life is a dark and barren valley between the cold, ice-clad peaks of two eternities. We strive sometimes to look beyond the darkness for the light. Sometimes we cry for help but there comes back to us nothing but the echo of our own cry."

When a brother of D. L. Moody died, the great evangelist, leaning on his elbow on the coffin, said, "I thank God that He ever gave me a brother. I thank Him also that he permitted me to lead him to Jesus. I thank God that I can now look down into his face and know that I shall see him again."

Said an old preacher: "Tell my younger brethren that they may be *too big* for God to use them, but they cannot be *too small*."

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Jesus and His Mother

by Alice E. Luce

There could not be a sweeter or more profitable study for Mother's Day than the life of the mother of Jesus, the way He treated her, and the lessons she brings to us. The church of Rome has placed her in a wrong position as mediator between Christ and us; and our recoil against Mariolatry (the worship of Mary) has made most of us Protestants forget the honor and respect we owe her. The one and only command she has left us is, "Whatsoever HE saith unto you, do it." Let us see to it that we obey her.

The Mother Chosen

God had promised in Gen. 3:15 that the coming Redeemer (seed of a woman) should conquer Satan; and from that time the devil's enmity was specially directed against all women, because in each one of them he saw the potential mother of his Conqueror. When the fulness of the time was come, after the saints of four thousand years had prayed and waited for His coming (Gen. 49:18; Luke 2:25, 38), God entrusted to Gabriel the high honor of announcing His birth. The chosen woman was a pure, simple maiden of Nazareth, a picturesque village in Galilee. Her name was Mary (a lineal descendant of the royal house of David), and she was betrothed to a God-fearing carpenter named Joseph, who seems to have been much older than she was. The archangel addressed her as "highly favored" or *graciously accepted*—a word which disclaims all worthiness on her part and emphasizes God's grace which chose her. She was told that by the Holy Spirit's power overshadowing her she would have a son whose name would be Jesus (Saviour), who would save from sin all who came to Him.

Her Faith Tested

Up to the age of twelve Jesus lived with His mother, her husband Joseph, and the younger children (Mark 6:3) in the carpenter's shop at Nazareth. We are told that the example He set to His brothers and sisters was that of *constant obedience*. He would be the first to learn Joseph's trade; and we can imagine His joy when He succeeded in making His first article of furniture, perhaps something His mother

needed for their little home. He was the one Son who never gave His parents an anxious moment, and who never failed in His gratitude, obedience, and devotion to them. But at the age of twelve a change came. He went to the Passover feast at Jerusalem, and was left behind by His mother, who on returning to the capital found Him still in the Temple, attending the classes of the rabbis, who were astonished at His understanding and knowledge of the Bible. When she gave Him a mild reproof, He asked: "Wist (Knew) ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" Mary had spoken of Joseph as His father—but He had to make clear to them both that God, His Father in heaven, was to guide and control His life, and that He could no longer be wholly taken up with the carpenter work. This must have been a real test to Mary; but she accepted it, and little by little the ministry of her divine Son and the purpose for which He had come to this world dawned upon her. As she meditated and prayed, her faith in His Messiahship grew.

Her Faith Strengthened

When Jesus was thirty years old He went out from the home and began His public ministry. Joseph had probably passed away, and the younger sons had grown up; but as the latter did not believe in Jesus and were resisting the pleading of

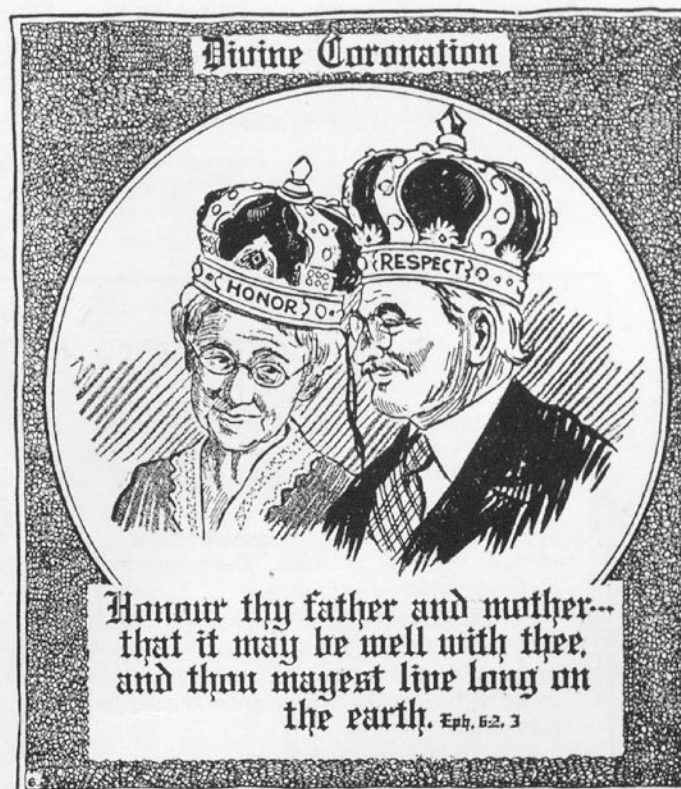
God's Spirit (Psalm 69:8) it is evident that His mother would be happier with Him, even in His wanderings and persecutions, than living with any of them. The first miracle (John 2:1-11) gives us another glimpse of His mother. It was probably the wedding of one of her close relatives, as she was helping to prepare the feast. She had not as yet seen her Son perform any miracles, but as her faith in Him grew she quietly made known to Him the need, and then saw how abundantly He supplied it. Jesus is still the same miracle-worker. Bring all your family problems to Him, all the joys and all the sorrows. He can turn the water of earth into the wine of heaven, the tears of sorrow into the shouts of joy.

Her Failure Reproved

Only on one occasion do we find Mary on the wrong side, hindering instead of helping her Son. We can well understand how the natural, mother love would make her worry over His tireless labors, watchings, fastings, and long journeys on foot. So she joined His younger brothers and went after Him to call Him home. All His life He had been obedient to her and had never failed to care for her and serve her in every way; but now He had to show her (even as He did at the age of twelve) that His duty to His heavenly Father must come first. So He looked around on the group of believers seated beside Him, and said, "These are My mother and My brethren." Those who obey Him are the closest to Him. Paul expressed our duty to earthly parents thus: "Children, obey your parents *in the Lord*." Fathers and mothers are to be given honor and obedience in everything that does not conflict with our duty to our Father in heaven. Mary learned this lesson—that she could not control her divine Son in the fulfillment of His heavenly mission, even though He was wearing Himself out, and her mother heart could not but suffer with Him.

Her Steadfastness Rewarded

Jesus' final act of filial devotion took place while He was hanging in excruciating agony on the cross. He saw His mother standing near. She was then going through what the aged Simeon had prophesied at the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple; "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also." Luke 2:35. Forgetful of His own sufferings, Jesus cast a look of tender love on her, saying, "Woman (a term of respect, equivalent to our *lady*), behold thy son!" Then turning His eyes to John, His beloved disciple, He said, "Behold thy mother!" From that hour John (Continued on page ten)



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Trip Home on AMBASSADOR

Irene E. Crane, Nigeria

(Editor's Note: The following story is told by Irene E. Crane of her recent trip home from her field in Africa, much of which was made on the AMBASSADOR. We have carried stories by those going out on the plane. Perhaps it would be interesting to you to know how it feels to come home on the plane as well.)

● MY TRIP HOME was such a delightful experience that I want to tell you about it even at this late date.

I said good-by to my station in Nigeria on December 29, and crossed to the eastern side of the Niger to join May Garner and Elsie Weber, two other missionaries to Nigeria. We had landed in Lagos, Nigeria, on January 17, 1947. The same day exactly three years later found us flying from Port Harcourt to Lagos, a distance of two hours by air. We were in Lagos two days. There we obtained visas for the Gold Coast, and took care of other items of business. From Lagos we flew to Accra, Gold Coast, to board the AMBASSADOR. We were in the air on the second lap of our journey an hour and 15 minutes.

For me the most exciting and tense time of my entire trip home was waiting for the plane at Accra after we knew that it actually was on its way for us. It arrived on the afternoon of January 23. The members of the crew were eager to be off again immediately upon their arrival. They wanted to reach Ouagadougou, Upper Volta, before dark, but though the customs agent hurried it took more than an hour to clear us. Fifty-five minutes out from Accra our flight director, Robert T. McGlasson, informed us that we were having to turn back because the airfield at Ouagadougou had radioed that a heavy ground fog would make it unsafe for us to land there after five o'clock.

The night was spent at a hotel at the airport at Accra. We were up at four o'clock the next morning, ready to travel.

We were impressed with our crew. They put their work first in everything.

It was a three-hour flight from Accra to Ouagadougou, Upper Volta. When we arrived at the airport we found that a number of missionaries had gathered to greet us. We learned that some of them had come quite a distance for the occasion, and that the night before they had cooked a dinner for us and for two of their missionaries, Mabel M. Schaefer and Henry I. Dahlberg, who were returning to the States. Five ducks had been prepared. The missionaries were so disappointed when the plane failed to arrive the night before! We were disappointed, too, when we learned of their preparations for us.

Our next stop was at Roberts Field, Liberia. It took us around four hours to reach the airport there. The going was rough all the way because of the hot-air currents.

We stayed in the army barracks at Roberts Field on Tuesday night. Wednesday morning we had a nice visit with Henry B. Garlock, our Field Secretary for Africa. Mr. Garlock had come over on the plane and had planned to re-

turn with us, but was being detained in Africa. After our visit with Mr. Garlock several of us accompanied some of the Liberian missionaries to the Firestone Plantations. There I bought a real ice cream cone with American money. It was a joy to be able to use American money again.

When we left Roberts Field that afternoon seven more passengers had been added. Soon after we left the airfield we were flying through a storm. The ship was tossed about and for a moment fear came to my heart, but then I thought of the many safety devices on the plane, and recalled how that many B-17 planes had come in during the war with sometimes three motors dead. I remembered, too, that hundreds of people all over the world were praying for our safety. It is a comfort to know that friends are praying.

It took 10 hours and 40 minutes to cross the Atlantic from Roberts Field to Natal, Brazil. The distance was covered without difficulty.

Our longest hop was from Natal to Trinidad, which required 12 hours and 40 minutes. We were in Trinidad only long enough to eat and refuel, and then were off again for St. Petersburg, Florida. We flew all night—10 hours. It was a thrill to be over American soil. We were warmly received at the Pinellas Park Home. We stayed there until Saturday morning.

The final hop to Springfield was made in five hours and 20 minutes. A large crowd was on hand to greet us, many persons whom I knew. I cannot begin to describe the joy I felt upon arriving in Springfield.

Convention in India

Hilda Wagenknecht writes from Bettiah, Bihar, India:

"We have just had our first real convention for the Oudh and Tirhout District here in Bet-

tiah. The meeting last year was only a small conference to form the district. The convention was a blessed one indeed!

"The meeting started on Sunday, March 5, and lasted for an entire week, with spiritual services three times a day. Pastor Chakku from Delhi was the main speaker, and I have never heard a better Bible teacher. He had the morning and afternoon services and gave such good messages and Bible teachings, speaking an hour and a half, and two hours sometimes, yet no one seemed to grow weary.

"At the close of each service there was much time given to prayer. God met us in a wonderful way. One of our teachers and about 12 girls received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many others were refilled and refreshed. There was such praise and worship! A deep work was done in many hearts.

"At the close of the Friday afternoon service a young man from Chapra was saved. He prayed for hours. [Mary Wagoner tells us in a report on the same convention that the young man had attended the meeting according to his own admission 'just for the fun of it.']

"On Sunday morning we had a baptismal service. Twenty-six were baptized—two teachers, three young men, and the rest older girls from our school. Later that morning we had a Communion service. The church was packed. The last service of the convention began at 3:30 in the afternoon and lasted until 8 o'clock that night."

Clarence W. Ollson writes from Valencia, Venezuela that, since February, 21 persons have been filled with the Spirit in the church in Valencia. He adds that it is possible that two or three others also received, but that the 21 had definite experiences. A new church building has recently been opened at Valencia. Seven have been baptized in water since the new church building has been in use.

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IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER

the Subscription Increase EFFORT sponsored by The Missionary CHALLENGE. The EFFORT opened on May 1 and will continue until midnight, June 30. Fine awards are offered to those obtaining the highest number of subscriptions to the CHALLENGE.

Awards are: 1. Choice of a trip to West Africa aboard the AMBASSADOR, or a year's tuition at one of our Assemblies of God Bible Schools, or \$200 in cash. 2. \$100 in cash. 3. \$50 in cash. Every entrant who secures 10 or more subscriptions will be given a valuable premium.

If you are interested in entering the EFFORT write to The Missionary CHALLENGE 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, for a selling kit. It will be sent you in care of your pastor. Please furnish the name and address of your pastor and let us know how many subscription blanks to send you. Rules will accompany kit. Anyone may enter.

A Wedding in Uruguay

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Pugh, Uruguay

● "AND THE THIRD DAY there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage."

We were made to think, a few days ago of the wedding Christ attended when we were asked to attend a wedding in one of the colonies about eighty miles from Paysandu, Uruguay. Many of the customs seemed the same. Several Christian families live in the colony, and the lay leader's daughter was to be married to one of the young Christian men. The bride's father came to our home and invited us to attend the wedding and the wedding feast and to perform the church ceremony.

Early one morning we found ourselves bouncing and bumping along the rough road in our Speed-the-Light Jeep to get to the wedding. We saw upon our arrival at the home of the bride that many guests had arrived ahead of us. If at all possible one goes to a wedding here when invited because the family would be offended if an invited guest did not appear. There were cars, trucks, buggies, wagons, and horses. At least 200 had gathered—some from great distances. The large cement house was filled with guests and there were many in the yard.

The young men were preparing roast beef. Several calves had been slaughtered. Great slabs of beef were suspended over beds of coals. The meat was turned periodically to keep it from burning.

The wedding ceremony was held in a large garagelike building which had been decorated with paper streamers, bells, and branches.

A white satin gown was worn by the bride, and a lace veil adorned her head. The groom was dressed in a dark suit.

At 11 o'clock the wedding service began. Hymns were sung, and there was prayer; then we gave place to the civil authorities. In many of the Latin countries there must be a civil wedding ceremony. The church ceremony is optional. After the civil authorities had finished we read a portion from the Bible, delivered a short message on marriage, and performed the church ceremony.

After the wedding, long tables were arranged for the wedding feast. The young girls served. Besides the roast beef there was Russian meat

balls in tomato sauce, Uruguayan vegetable salad, roast chicken with rice, dried peaches, and raisins with sweet breads. Dried fruit is a very special dessert here in Uruguay.

At six in the afternoon everyone gathered in the wedding building for a gospel service. We had prepared a message on the coming marriage supper of the Lamb. Most of the guests were un-saved. Everyone was quite attentive, and the presence of the Lord could be felt in the closing part of the service. Three raised their hands for prayer, and one man came for salvation.

The wedding feast continued two more days but we had to return to Paysandu for our church services. We have been invited to return to minister to the group again at some time in the future and hope to be able to do so.

Please pray for the Christians of the colony. They do not have regular services which is a serious handicap to them.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

Twenty-five Displaced Persons assigned to the Assemblies of God are expected to arrive in the United States within the next few months. Circumstances were such that blanket assurance that the Assemblies of God would be responsible for them had to be given before individual sponsors could be found. There are at least fifty more Displaced Persons—persons of our own faith—who should be taken in by responsible persons in our movement.

Perhaps you are one who has been weighing in your mind whether or not you should assume responsibility for a Christian Displaced family or individual. What joy your decision to accept them would bring to them.

The members of a Ukrainian assembly in Newark opened their homes to Displaced Persons. It has brought great blessing to the assembly.

We must not shut our hearts against these unfortunate people. We read in Isaiah 58: "Is

this not the fast that I have chosen? . . . Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him? . . ." One of our Displaced Persons' sponsors has written: "I have always accepted those scriptures as a necessity in my Christian life, and believe that God will be on the side of anyone who will dare to step out on His Word regarding the unfortunate." God has smiled upon America, but some day as Christian Americans we may have to seek a shelter in other lands. We trust that that will not be necessary, but it is well that we extend mercy now if we would expect to have mercy extended to us in time of need.

Do you have room in your home, or can you furnish room for a Displaced Person or Persons, and can you give assurance that they will have means by which to live? If you are interested, why not write to the Assemblies of God, European Division, Room 604, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York?

News Notes

Paul Weidmans, Miss Minnie L. Ecklund, Miss Lillian Bach, and Miss Marie Johnsrud, whose pictures appear below, were passengers on the AMBASSADOR on its recent flight to Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz, who are studying French in Paris, announce the arrival on April 19 of a son, Larry Dean.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Lindvall, missionaries to El Salvador, on April 9, a daughter, Karen Jane.

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A baby girl, named Rebecca Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Nicodemus, missionaries to Bolivia, on March 23.

AMBASSADOR FLIGHTS

The following are tentative dates for flights of the missionary plane, the AMBASSADOR. Friends are requested to keep the dates in mind and pray for the safe journey of the plane.

May 16 to West Africa and Belgian Congo. Returning to Springfield on or about June 1.

June 20 to Holy Land. Returning to Springfield on or about July 8.



Marie Johnsrud
Upper Volta



Lillian Bach
Nigeria



Minnie Ecklund
Nigeria



Mrs. Paul Weidman
Gold Coast



Paul Weidman
Gold Coast

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham



ISRAEL'S COAT OF ARMS

On May 15, 1950, Israel will celebrate the second anniversary of her national independence. The above design was approved on February 10, 1949, as her official coat of arms.

The design chosen demonstrated the extraordinary continuity of Jewish history. The seven-branched candelabra between the olive branches is an exact copy of the candelabra engraved on the marble arch erected by Titus in Rome in A.D. 70 to commemorate his victory over Judea.

It was no accident that caused the artist of 1949 to turn to the Arch of Titus for his model. After almost 1,900 years and unspeakable vicissitudes, the Jewish people, condemned by Titus to dispersion and national annihilation, was alive again as a nation, taking up the thread of its history where, in the providence of God, it had been snapped by the Roman legions. Are the "times of the Gentiles" almost ended? If so, the second coming of our Lord cannot be far away. Luke 21:24.

A CURE FOR NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS

Dr. C. G. Jung, of Switzerland, in his book *Modern Man in Search of a Soul*, wrote a paragraph which has been widely quoted: "During the past 30 years, people from all the civilized countries of the earth have consulted me. Among all my patients in the second half of life—that is to say, those over 35—there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because he had lost that which the living religions of every age have given to their followers, and none of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook." If Dr. Jung's contention is correct, there are many people who are suffering from various nervous disorders and even physical and mental breakdown, who could have been spared these tragic experiences had they maintained a living faith in God.

TO PROMOTE WORLD GOVERNMENT

The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1949 is Sir Lord Boyd Orr. He is the first head of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, and he also is deeply interested in the Congress of World Federalist Organizations. These two interests—feeding every one in the world and creating a world government—are his chief interests in life, and these interests won for him this coveted prize of nearly \$22,000. He has turned the prize money over to the promotion of world government. The idea of forming a world government is constantly gaining ground.

LIQUOR AT THE CAPITAL

Liquor flows freely in the city where the nation's laws are made, according to a Washington correspondent of the *Dallas News*. There are 2,393 places licensed to sell liquor. Consumption of liquor is at the rate of 3.91 gallons for every man, woman and child in Washington. The national average is 1.17 gallons per capita.

Drunkenness has increased alarmingly. Arrests for drunkenness have nearly doubled in the past 20 years, in proportion to the population. Actually they have trebled in number. Population has dropped since the war, but 33% more drunks have been jailed. More than 2,000 persons were hospitalized in the District of Columbia last year for physical and mental ailments arising from alcoholism. More than 100 died from drunken driving, homicides, poison drinks, and alcoholism.

The law in Washington prohibits the sale of liquor on Sunday, and on any night after 2 a.m. This has led to the creation of many "bottle" clubs, in which members can get drinks after legal hours. Recently the U. S. Attorney's office moved to close eleven of the plush after-hours drinking clubs.

The legislative capital of the nation ought to be the most sober city in the country, rather than the most drunken. The words of Proverbs 31:4, 5 would apply to the law-makers: "It is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted."

DECEPTIVE LIQUOR ADS

The British people, like many Americans, are getting tired of the blatant falsehoods which are constantly put before the public in ads for alcoholic beverages. The Report of the Royal Commission on Licensing declared recently: "Some drink advertisements are palpable, scientific untruths."

HALF A MILLION LIQUOR STORES!

There are nearly half a million places (482,033, to be exact) where beverage alcohol is retailed in the U.S.A. Liquor stores outnumber by 29,393 the total number of churches and schools in the nation!

EDUCATIONAL "COMICS"

A college course on how to create "comics" that stress education and information instead of murder and robbery is being offered at New York university.

SNOW IN ISRAEL

Israel experienced the greatest snowfall on record in January. Snow fell on Mount Carmel for the first time in 30 years; flurries fell in the Negev for the first time in living memory. Snow covered the shores of the Dead Sea for the first time in modern history. Jerusalem had 14 inches of snow.

As a result of the sub-freezing weather, much of the banana crop and trees were destroyed and the citrus orchards were hit also. The weight of snow caused many roofs to collapse. The snow and cold added greatly to the misery and suffering of the newly-arrived Jewish immigrants living in tent cities, and to the Arabs in refugee camps, who had already suffered much from floods during the winter.

The Lord said, in Job 38:22, 23: "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow . . . which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" The day of Jacob's trouble may be at hand.

JEWS IGNORANT OF CHRIST

The late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise said: "For 1800 years, certainly for most of that time, Jews have not been given an opportunity to know what Christianity is, or to know what the Christ means. The ignorance of the Jew concerning Christianity condemns not the Jew, but Christendom."

These words are food for thought. How often have you prayed for the Jews or tried to win one of them to the Lord Jesus Christ? The gospel is for the Jew as well as the Gentile. It is the power that can save them, but it must be preached to them before they can hear and accept it. Romans 1:16.

HOW HIGH ARE YOU BUILDING?

Said an English journalist, commenting on land values in American cities: "The price of land is too high for ordinary buildings. The only way the enormous price of foundation land can be balanced is to rear buildings reaching hundreds of feet into the skies." And the *Expositor* comments: "The price paid for the redemption of man is too high for the rearing of ordinary lives. Jesus in Gethsemane, Jesus before His accusers, Jesus before Pilate, Jesus on the cross—this is too enormous a price for anything less than lives of great spiritual stature, reaching like shafts of light into the skies."

CHRISTIANITY AT WORK

When peace was proclaimed in Hyderabad, reports *Friends of Moslems*, the local congress president (a Hindu) raised the Union of India flag in Mirmal and said: "While we Hindus and Moslems have been fighting one another, there has been another army fighting with the weapon of prayer. That army is the Christian community, which has taken no part in this quarrel but has done everything to make peace. It is due to its prayers that peace and deliverance have come to us."

ANTI-SEMITISM IN RED TERRITORY

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor accuses Stalin of seeking to annihilate Jews behind the Iron Curtain, and particularly in Soviet Russia. If the charge is true, Russia is sealing her doom, for no country has ever persecuted the Jews and continued to prosper.

Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

DAVID ANOINTED KING

Lesson for May 21

1 Samuel 16:1-3, 6-13

Samuel was a faithful servant of the Lord. He continued to mourn for Saul even though Saul had completely failed the Lord. This should teach us tenderness of spirit, and by all means, it should teach us never to glory in the failures or misfortunes of others. I would ask, however, Was not the interest of Israel a large part also of the mourning of Samuel? Samuel had guided the affairs of the nation until Saul was made king. The question of his heart now was, What will now become of Israel since God has rejected Saul?

We need to think of the kingdom of God in times of crisis. If someone has offended us, or even if leaders fail, the burden of our heart should be, What can we do to keep the church of God together? Too many forget this. They think only of their own interests or feelings, and sometimes they allow a spirit of bitterness or personal strife to influence them in their actions.

1. God's Interest in His People

Samuel was interested in the well-being of Israel. His anxious heart mourned over Saul and over the people. He knew that Israel's safety and success lay in the Lord. He knew this, but his eyes were on the leader who had failed. It is possible that he was looking to the failing man when he ought to have been looking to the unfailing, covenant-keeping God. If Samuel did not fail in this regard, we know that many of us do. When a leader in the church disappoints the people, what havoc it brings. It would be otherwise were the people to realize that, although man may fail, Christ is still Head over all things to the Church.

2. Problems in the Path of Obedience

While Samuel mourned, the Lord spoke to him saying, "Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons." v. 1.

Having such clear direction from God, a person might think that Samuel need have no fear. Some might think caution could be thrown to the winds—a holy boldness, as they would call it, being all that was needed. Samuel felt otherwise. It was no easy task that was set before him. For him to be found anointing another as king would be treason against the present ruler in the eyes of Saul. Samuel knew this and said, "How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me." Let us remember that life is filled with problems, and each obedience to the will of God faces its particular problem.

3. Divine Guidance Afforded

The call of God respects human caution. It is the foolhardy who jump at conclusions without weighing carefully what is involved. Samuel's

caution, consciousness of danger, and lack of trust in himself, caused him to seek God earnestly for wisdom and counsel. Then the Lord told him how to proceed. "And the Lord said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord." v. 2. This was the first step in guidance.

Samuel was not to stop looking to God when this was done. When Samuel had obeyed this far, then the Lord promised, "And I will show thee what thou shalt do." We need divine guidance when stepping into the path of obedience; we need His continued guidance if we are to continue in the path of obedience. With Samuel several steps in guidance are seen. He was first to go to Bethlehem, taking a sacrifice with him; when there he was to call together the elders and the father of the coming king. v. 3. Then he was to watch the checks of the Spirit as they came and refrain from anointing the wrong one to be king.

4. Human Judgment and the Divine Will

When Eliab, the oldest son of Jesse, was brought before Samuel, Samuel said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before me." v. 6. Eliab must have been an impressive looking man. If Samuel was to choose humanly, here was just the man that he would select. But God saw differently and said, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him." v. 6. Why God refused him may be partly seen in ch. 17: 28. Especially in spiritual matters, God's choice ought to be sought rather than choices made after the flesh. It often is not the person who "flashes," or that makes good impressions at first, that has stability of character and wearing qualities.

As Jesse brought his different sons before Samuel, the Lord rejected them one after another. Finally the last son presented by Jesse was brought forward and he too was rejected. By now Samuel may have been a little perplexed. Had he not been sent to anoint a son from the house of Jesse? Now what should he do? We sometimes get to "Wit's End Corner" in this matter of guidance. Then we must stand by faith and wait for the Lord's next move.

5. The Lord's King Brought Forth

When Jesse had finished

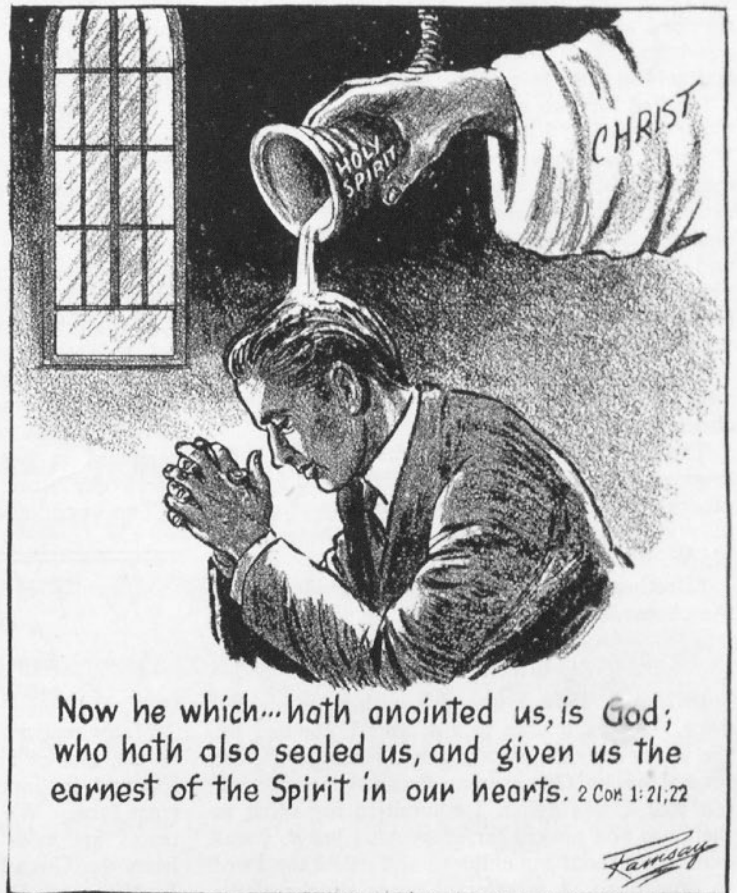
presenting his sons before Samuel, Samuel said, "Are here all thy children?" Then said Jesse, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep." v. 11. The word "youngest" in this verse may be correctly translated "least." David was Jesse's youngest son, and it seems that Jesse looked on him as being the least promising. Even parents sometimes misappraise the value or ability of their children. That little fellow who seems to be the laggard, given encouragement and proper incentive, may become the leader. David had the right qualities in him, but they had not yet been brought to the surface. He had slain the lion and the bear, possibly saying nothing about it. God knew what was in him as He knew also what was in Eliab and the other sons. From this let us learn that "the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." v. 7.

6. The Lord's King Anointed

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." v. 13. Saul had been anointed with the Spirit when he was set apart as king, but he had abused his calling. David was anointed and continued to live in its guidance. May we so live that the Holy Spirit may continue with us and ever guide us into all truth. David illustrates the man that walks with God; Saul illustrates the man who permits himself to become the tool of Satan. "The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him." v. 14.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Saul Rejected as King (Lesson for May 14).
Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 15:13-23.



Now he which hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Cor. 1:21, 22

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THE NECESSARY ANOINTING

"I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee"

Testimonies by some who have proved Him

ABSCESSSED LUNG HEALED

In the summer of 1946 I had an abscess on my left lung. I had been in poor health for about eleven years. My lung was almost gone and I was hemorrhaging quite a bit. Prayer had been offered for me several times. One morning while I was in the hospital I was praying and the presence of God came down. I felt the soreness leave my body. When my husband returned to the hospital, I was shouting the praises of God for I was healed. I weighed 90 pounds at that time; now I weight 140. I do my work, and also chop and pick cotton. My health is good. I praise God for healing me.—Mrs. Leanio Stewart, Route 2, Box 132, Manila, Ark.

(Pastor Lehman Rorex of Monette, Ark. verifies this testimony. He has been Mrs. Stewart's pastor for three years and knows that she has experienced a definite healing from the Lord.)

ARTHRITIS HEALED

In April, 1947, I became afflicted with the terrible disease of arthritis. It was present in every joint of my body, including my neck, jawbones, shoulders, elbows, wrists, and each joint in my fingers and toes. I could not turn over in bed without assistance. I suffered untold agony.

I called the doctor and he told me what was wrong, but said that medical science knew no cure. All he could do was to make me as comfortable as possible. Upon the doctor's advice I had my teeth X-rayed. The picture revealed a deterioration of the jawbones but no pus bags. The doctor put me on a strict diet, and told me not to worry.

I called for two ministers to pray for me, but I got no relief. I told my wife that I thought I would have my teeth extracted. She said that I might have my teeth out and still have arthritis. It was then I determined to trust God or die in the attempt. I gave up my diet, and I did not take any more injections of vitamin fluid or other medicine. I began to eat the food that the doctor had prohibited, and from that time there were signs of improvement. In a very short time I was driving the car, working in the garden, and doing anything I chose to do.

The arthritis is gone! All praise to Him who loves us and desires us to have His best. I want others to know of His love, mercy and power to save and to heal.—William E. Green, 1026 N. W. 87 Ave., Portland 1, Oreg.

(Brother Green is an ordained minister in the Assemblies of God.)

RAISED FROM DEATH BED

In March, 1949, I was sick with a kidney ailment. I was unable to eat, and I vomited all the water out of my body. I had been bedfast for several weeks. One evening I was very weak and felt that I was dying. I committed my spirit to the Lord and prayed for everyone I knew. I was concerned about my children and asked the Lord to save them. A wonderful peace enveloped me as I was able to say with Job, "Though He

slay me, yet will I trust in Him." I had plenty of time to call my children, but I did not feel led to do so.

At nine that evening I became unconscious and was having convulsions. I was taken to the hospital, and X-ray pictures showed that I had a stone in my kidney. A specialist was called, who after an examination said that I was too far gone but that he would operate. He held no hope for my recovery, however. (All this was told to me some 10 days later. I did not even know that I had been taken to the hospital.)

I was placed in a section of the hospital for those whom they do not expect to recover. They gave me a pint of blood, and pumped oxygen into my body. The fourth day my kidneys started to work, but I took pneumonia and my temperature went up to 105.

One night when it seemed certain that I was dying, my youngest son went home from the hospital and cried out in desperation for the Lord to heal me. He said, "Lord, I know you can still save her. Lord, please don't let Mother die. She is the best friend I ever had." He also asked the Lord to save him. He poured his heart out to God until two in the morning and then fell asleep. While he was sleeping he dreamed that a messenger from God appeared to him and said, "Death has passed your mother by."

At 3 a.m. that same morning I was pronounced dead. My daughter, who is a registered nurse and was attending me at the hospital, stayed until 3:20 and then went home. My bed was made ready to be taken down to the undertaker. When they came to take me, they were amazed to find that I was breathing.

Later that morning my son went to his sister's home. She told him that I was dead when she left the hospital. My son said, "Well, phone the hospital; I can't believe she is dead." My daughter called and this is the answer she received: "Your mother is breathing normally. Her temperature is about normal and she has taken a glass of milk."

I was weak when I left the hospital and was not able to stand alone. A few days later I dressed, and with the aid of my son I walked through the house. Together we praised the Lord for His wonderful healing power. This happened in April, 1949, and I have been well every day since.

The Lord knew how to bring my son to Him—

"I HAVE SEEN HELL"

A Vision Described by
Evangelist Lorne F. Fox
NOW IN TRACT FORM

Many readers asked if this startling message on the fate of lost souls, which appeared in the Evangel in January, could not be reprinted in tract form. We are happy to announce that the tracts are now available, and can be ordered from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri. Price 50c per hundred. Ask for Tract No. 4654.

self. Surely that is the reason He did not heal me at first. My whole family have been drawn nearer to the Lord because of my sickness and miraculous healing.—Mrs. Lucy Fleetwood, 15612 Mayall, San Fernando, Calif.

(Pastor Robert Perryman, Van Nuys, Calif. endorses this testimony. He writes, "As far as I am able to observe, Mrs. Fleetwood seems to be in perfect health at this time.")

THYROID TROUBLE HEALED

For years I was in a rundown condition due to a bad cause of thyroid gland trouble which ate up the blood corpuscles. I had several doctors treat me, but I did not get relief. In January, Evangelist Mal Kerr came to our church for a revival. I was prayed for and the Lord instantly healed me. I have not had any symptoms of the disease since.—Mrs. Ethel Boyce, Kitzmiller, Md.

(Verified by Pastor Harold Kohl, Kitzmiller, Md.)

JESUS AND HIS MOTHER

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took her to his own home and cared for her as a sacred charge left to him by his Lord. Mary was human like the rest of us, and she needed human help and comfort. There is, however, one remarkable thing we may note about her, which applies also to Mary of Bethany. It is that neither of them are mentioned as going to the tomb to embalm the body of Jesus. We should have expected them to be the first to go, as they were the two who loved Him most.

If we couple this with what Jesus said about Mary's ointment of spikenard, that she had *kept* it for His burial, it seems that she had comprehended more of His teaching than any of the apostles. Instead of keeping that precious ointment any longer, when the glorious truth dawned on her that He would rise again from the dead, she poured it out upon Him while He still lived, and He gave her words of special commendation. May it not be that both she and Mary his mother were then *expecting* that resurrection, and so did not sorrow as the others did? They were not surprised nor incredulous, but their faith had risen to the level of expectation. So naturally they would not be found among those who went to embalm the sacred body, for they knew that it would leave the tomb.

Let us learn from these humble women to take the Bible as saying just what it means and meaning exactly what it says. It is to the child-like, simple heart that God can reveal His deepest truths. Matt. 11:25. From Mary's whole life we may draw the lesson of instant, implicit obedience to the will of God. It is summed up in her response to Gabriel's message: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word." Every mother who takes this attitude before God can claim the fulfillment of His will in the salvation of every member of her family. Although Mary's younger children did not believe on Jesus at first, after His resurrection we find them saved and seeking the Baptism with the Holy Spirit along with their mother. Acts 1:14. To every young couple starting out in their new home, let us recommend not only the honoring of mother and respectful attention to her advice, but also strict obedience to the only command left us by the mother of Jesus: "Whatsoever HE saith unto you, do it."

ENTIRE CONFORMITY TO CHRIST

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knew, I heard some stirring as though they were about to go home. I looked up, and the pastor, Brother Brubaker, who is now the District Superintendent, motioned to me. I slipped over quietly, and he said, "Do you know what time it is?" I said, "I hadn't thought anything about it." He said, "Brother Steelberg, it is ten minutes to three." I had been carried in the Spirit into the presence of the Lord, and when we are synchronized with God, what glorious things take place!

The alignment of the spirit is followed by an adjustment of our will. That is a very important thing in the process of being conformed to the image of His Son. It is a delicate operation, that can be performed only by that same royal Personage, the blessed Holy Spirit Himself. But oh, how wonderful it is to find ourselves submitting to God. The Lord uses various means to accomplish this. Sometimes He allows us to exhaust ourselves in our struggle to reach certain achievements. But when we finally have surrendered and submitted and our will is adjusted to His, then He can begin to accomplish glorious things.

I was a pastor in Stockton, California. It was more or less a pioneer work. The church had passed through some difficulties, and when I came there were some problems that seemed almost insurmountable, but the Lord blessed us and we had had a measure of success though it was a real struggle. One Sunday morning I saw a dear friend of mine had come into the church and seated himself in the congregation. He lived in a distant city. I was curious as to why he was visiting there that morning, so at the close of the service, I hurried down to greet him and I addressed him familiarly. I said, "Brother Gust, how is it that you are here this morning? Have you business up here?" "Yes, sir," he said, "I have, and if you will permit me to come over to the house, I have a proposition to make to you."

So after greeting the friends at the close of the morning service, we went to the house. He said, "Brother Steelberg, I have the joy and the pleasure of being an emissary of the church to invite you to become pastor of the _____ Assembly in _____." The community is largely Scandinavian. You are Scandinavian by birth, and can speak and understand the Swedish language. You would fit into this church so nicely and we are very anxious for you to come.

"I am going to tell you some of the things that we are going to do for you, in order that you may be inspired. We have a fine seven-room house, hardwood floors throughout. We are going to furnish it with new furniture. We are going to make a down payment on a brand new Chevrolet car. Personally I am going to put a new suit of clothes on your back. Friends living on the farm are going to supply you with chickens. Someone is going to put a fine Jersey cow in the pasture just outside your yard, and they will set your table with the finest of foods."

I said, "Now wait a minute, Gust, this all sounds very good, and you can imagine how it appeals to me. My average income has been between \$9 and \$13 dollars a week for months and months."

"Oh," he said, "We are going to give you a salary of \$35 a week to begin with, and of course

we will raise that in a short time as the people become acquainted with you."

I said, "But I can't respond to that unless I hear from heaven." He said, "You don't mean that you would turn it down?" "No," I said, "it is not my privilege to say what I will do. When I laid myself upon the altar to become a servant of the Lord, I promised God that I would go where He sent me, and I'd stay where He put me, by His grace."

"Well," he said, "everything points to the fact that you are God's man for this community. I would like to take the word back this evening. I have to catch a train and get back. I know that the whole congregation will rejoice greatly if you will let me tell them that you are coming." I said, "I am sorry, but I cannot do it until I hear from heaven."

The next morning between eight and nine o'clock I went on my knees and I began to pray. I prayed as earnestly as I ever knew how and I laid the whole matter before the Lord. I said, "Lord, You see this proposition. You know how it appeals to me, but I want sanction from You." By noon I had received no satisfaction. I kept praying. At five o'clock that evening I was still in the same place, only in a worse condition. I had begged and coaxed, threatened and bargained, argued and talked myself hoarse. I was still praying at nine o'clock at night.

Somewhere around midnight I said, "Lord, not my will, but Thine be done." I was crushed, I was broken, I was at the end of myself. Then the Lord spoke sweetly and said, "You are going to stay right here in this little church. You are going to accept the meager income they are affording you. You are going to drive that old 1915 Model T Ford touring car with Chevrolet fenders." I said, "Yes, Lord; yes, Lord; yes Lord." Then the Lord said, "If you had been willing to listen, I could have told you about nine o'clock this morning what I am telling you now."

Sometimes we think our will is conformed; sometimes we feel that we are perfectly willing to do the will of God, but so often we have ambitions and desires of our own, and what we

are really doing is asking God to say "Yes" to what we want. That is why the Lord has to take some of these peculiar methods to bring us to that place. It is the Lord Himself who must promote us. He was the One who put me in a new place, a far better place than the place I would have had. Economic conditions existing at that time brought that little church almost to closing its doors, but God led us through and brought me out another way. I can see how Abraham could say to Lot, "You choose whatever you wish, and I will take the other." Lot looked on the well watered plains and said, "I am going down towards Sodom." Abraham took the hillside. It didn't look very fertile, but he was in the center of the will of God. Hallelujah! And being in the will of God he could command heaven. Oh, what marvelous things come into our lives when we are in tune with God.

Then I find that there is an awakening of the affections and desires and latent forces of nature. The Psalmist describes it in the 119th Psalm: "Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness." Oh, what the Lord does to our desires when we are determined to be conformed to the image of His Son. He changes the whole attitude of our lives. He changes our whole personal ambitions so that they are in accord with His ambitions for us.

When I was a young man, I had a very great disappointment. I had a conflict with a reknowned evangelist over certain methods which he used, and he seemed to resent the fact that I had expressed myself concerning these matters, so he used his influence to cancel a number of engagements that I had. I came to the place where there wasn't an open door for me anywhere. I was utterly discouraged. I think I had one dollar in my pocket. I drove a truck hauling furniture and equipment around the city to earn enough money to buy a railroad ticket back home. I think I wept most of the way for 1500 miles. It was a dreadful experience to me. I felt utterly disillusioned. I had no confidence in anyone. When I arrived home I told my mother that I was finished with the ministry.



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Something died within me. I shut myself in a little clothes closet, and alone I prayed and prayed. My eyes would shed no tears. I seemed to get nowhere. For two long weeks I was in the most barren wilderness that I ever experienced before or since. Then the Lord in His mercy permitted me again to be conscious of His tender dealings and ministrations in my heart. As I waited in His presence, I cried out to Him, and said, "Lord, because of the influence of this evangelist, my ministry is ruined; I have no hopes, no one I can turn to, and I had so hoped to be a big preacher."

As I waited before the Lord, He allowed me to see a great river. There stood by the river what appeared to be an angel. He had a rod in his hand. It reached way up yonder until I couldn't see the end of it. He began to drop it down into the water. I watched in amazement as it came down by arm lengths. I wondered if it would ever stop. Then I began to realize that the river must be very, very deep. Finally I saw the end of it. He took hold of it and it came just to the water's edge. Then he bade me step over and look into the river. I looked and it was clear as crystal—I could see tiny pebbles on the bottom. The Lord sweetly spoke to me and said, "In Me there is plenty of depth. There is a greatness and a wideness and a fulness that no one can pass over. Let your ambition be this, My son—to preach the Lord Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, for in our Lord is all fulness. All power, all majesty and all glory belongs unto Him." The Lord awakened new ambitions within me, not to preach profound sermons but just to be able to set forth the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we are conformed to the image of His Son, He gives us a sense of supernatural appraisal, that we may judge by the Spirit that which is best, that which is worth while. There are so many things today that appeal to us. There are so many things that would distract; others would attract and would clamor for our attention: but I believe that the Lord wants to help us to be able to appraise that which is edifying and profitable. That which is truly best. In 2 Corinthians 4:18 we read, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." To see things from the eternal viewpoint is something that only the Holy Spirit can help us to do.

A young man came to me one day, laid his head on my shoulder, and cried until his whole body was convulsed with sobs. I put my arm around him, because he is just like a son to me and I love him dearly. I said, "Whatever is the matter? Has some serious difficulty overtaken you?" He said, "I have just about decided to give up the ministry." I said, "Why?" He said, "Because I am not an ex-convict, I'm not an ex-pugilist, I have never been in the circus, I have never been on the stage, I have never had any of these experiences so many have had, and I feel people don't want my ministry because I haven't had any of these experiences." I looked at him and saw that he was perfectly serious. I said, "My precious boy, God help you to appraise the ministry above that of simply being a sensationalist. Yours is the privilege of preaching the living gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ confirmed by the Holy Ghost from above. I would rather have that little word which we find in Mark 16, 'The Lord worked with them, con-

firming the Word with signs following,' than all of the sensational, spectacular life stories or background that you could gather together." Oh, that God would help us to appraise things according to divine values—not as the world estimates them, not even as the church estimates them, but as God appraises them. May He help us to see it is more worth while to be edified than to be entertained. There is far greater value in having God's smile of approval upon our lives than in having the applause of all Christendom. May the sweet, tender Spirit of God minister to you and help you to conform to that operation of God in your life until you will be aligned in spirit, adjusted in will, awakened in all the forces of your being to appraise and appreciate God's purpose, God's plan, God's ambitions for you.

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ALL-ALASKA CONVENTION

Our Alaska Missionary Convention is scheduled to be held at Anchorage, June 13 to 20. All Alaska missionaries are urged to attend, and laymen are also invited to join in the fellowship.

We are believing God for a great time of blessing, as the workers from the isolated towns of the far northland come together for fellowship, conference and prayer. Fred Vogler, Home Missions Director, will be in charge of the convention, assisted by one of the other executives of the General Council.

For particulars, write to Pastor Claude A. Rossignol, P. O. Box 1841, Anchorage, Alaska.

ANOTHER CHURCH ESTABLISHED

(This interesting account has come to us from W. A. Katter, Secretary of the North Central District, concerning the opening of the church at New Ulm, Minnesota. The story is written by Betty Coleman, who, as a Vocational Volunteer, assisted in the opening of this new work.)

Upon entering a cafe in New Ulm, we notice

a stranger waiting to be served. In appearance he is a tall sturdily-built man with a look of straight-forwardness and real character. But there is more than that—there is an expression of serenity and peace which is noticeably absent from the faces of those about him. And now, stranger still, he is bowing his head before partaking of the meal which has been set before him. It was at this very moment that God spoke to him—Herman L. Hagemeister—and laid a burden on his heart for the people of New Ulm.

At the time, he was pastoring a church, and in the years that followed he has since built and pastored other churches; yet the burden for New Ulm was ever present. It was his constant prayer that someone would be led to open a full gospel church in that town, and it was in the midst of this concern that God spoke saying, "Thou art the man; go and seek a place in that town." How we thank God for people with a vision and a heart open to His leading.

So it was that the Hagemeisters moved into New Ulm on August 5, 1948. Sunday School was started at once in their home, and Sunday evening services were begun in a hall. At first there were times when only the Hagemeister family was present, but the blessing of the Lord was upon the venture and gradually there were added to the church those who were saved.

It soon became evident that help was needed, especially a pianist, and the matter was taken to the Lord in prayer. At this very time the Lord was dealing with a nurse at Lakeside Hospital in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and He troubled her continually until she made a full consecration to Him, and finally joined the Hagemeisters at New Ulm. This was a year ago and she has proven a blessing to the work in many ways.

Until January 1949 there was still no church building, but at this time the little group came into possession of a lot and in May they began building. Much lumber from a former structure was salvaged and put to good use in the new building, and church members and neighboring pastors were gracious and willing to help in every way possible. Altogether it was with little money, much toil, many trials and consecrated effort and prayer that the building was completed to a point where it could be opened for its first service on Christmas Day 1949. What could be more appropriate on Christ's birthday than the opening of another soul-saving station? Many have had a part in planting and watering this pioneer work, but God gives the increase, and we know He will reward all according to their faithfulness and loyalty to His call.

Among the Assemblies

LONGVIEW, TEX.—We had a wonderful four-week revival at the South Side Assembly of God with Evangelist B. L. Alexander of Seminole, Okla. There were 20 saved and 22 received the Holy Ghost.—M. H. Baird, Pastor.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA. (by wire)—Evangelist Louise Nankivell of Chicago with us. Largest public auditorium filled. Many saved. Great visitation of God. Paralytics rise from beds. Some say it is like the days of the Apostles. Many leave cots nightly.—by Russell W. Harvey, Pastor.

FILLMORE, CALIF.—We moved into our new church last November, and in December we had a meeting with Evangelist Paul Boyer. A number were saved and they have been a blessing to our church. The Sturgeon Evangelistic Party held a wonderful three-week meeting in February. Seven were saved, a number reclaimed, and our people were edified. Our Sunday School was greatly helped, and we appreciate the interest the Evangelists took in our children. Evangelist Alva Buckley held a two-week meeting. Thirty-two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, ten were saved, and many were healed. We had been so hungry for an outpouring of the Spirit, and we are grateful for this visitation from the Lord.—Ray F. Curtis, Pastor.

FORT MADISON, IOWA—Since our Thanksgiving Church Dedication services, our people have been hungry for God's refreshing rain. A. M. Alber, Sioux City, Iowa, ministered to us at that time. Many have fasted and prayed. The women gathered for prayer at the church in the mornings, and the men in the afternoons. In March, Evangelist C. B. Roberts of Tarkio, Mo. was with us for over three weeks. This was one of the best revivals in the history of our church. Many have remarked that it was similar to the one 20 years ago when the Pentecostal message first came to our city. There were 68 saved or reclaimed, and 12 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Several were delivered from the tobacco and drink habits. Entire families were saved. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was prevalent in all the meetings. One evening 14 ran to the altar for salvation. Every department of our church has been blessed. The revival is still on.—Mirko E. Parlotz, Pastor.

KNOXVILLE, IOWA—We want to share with our Evangel friends the news of our five-week revival with Evangelist Earl Hall of McLouth, Kans. Some 30 were at the altar for salvation and 18 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Although the weather was adverse most of the time, the building was filled to near capacity night after night. Many of the seekers were men for whom the Christians had prayed for years.

Largely through the help of our Evangelist we were able to set an all-time record in our Sunday School attendance of 202. The anointed ministry in the Word and in song was a blessing to all. The revival has continued and we feel that the end is not yet!—John and Genevieve Howard, Pastors.

CLARKSVILLE, TEX.—At New Year's we had a Watchnight Service. At that time 20 people pledged to pray 30 minutes a day throughout the year for our church. God has begun to answer our prayers. Our Sunday School has had a continual growth in attendance the past three months. Our record attendance is 109. We have recently organized a Women's Missionary Council. The Lord has been blessing them. One of their projects is finishing the inside of the church.

We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Wenona Hughes of Paris, Tex. Five were saved and four were filled with the Holy Ghost.

We also want to praise the Lord for His blessing on our Wednesday night children's service. Our Christ's Ambassadors are experiencing refreshing showers of blessing. They are expecting greater things in the future. We are happy to report that we have moved into our new home that is built on the church property.—Willard Smith, Pastor.

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EATON, OHIO—God gave us a gracious four-week revival with Evangelist A. R. Vander Ploeg of Toledo, Ohio. Many nights it was necessary to use extra chairs to accommodate the crowds. Forty-six accepted Christ, and 17 were filled with the Holy Ghost. The entire city was aware of this meeting, and many of the business men were interested. We received free time on the radio enabling us to reach more people. We broke all previous Sunday School records with 146 in attendance.—H. Warren Staats, Pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—Two years ago C. C. Helvey of Dallas, Tex. came to take the pastorate here. Prior to this he had traveled extensively in the evangelistic field. God has abundantly blessed in all departments of the church. The indebtedness for the educational building has been reduced \$6,000. The Sunday School attendance has steadily increased, and the teachers have been drawn closer to the Lord. Our Vacation Bible School, directed by Brunette Parker, Dean of Women of Southern California Bible College, was an outstanding success.

On June 29, 1949, we began our first radio program, "The Fountain of Life" (over station KGER, 1390 kc., Long Beach, Calif.) featuring the Helvey quartet, instrumental numbers, and the church choir directed by Charles Davies. Later we started the second program, "The Old Ship of Zion," which includes singing and a message by the pastor. We now have a new organ which adds greatly to both programs as well as to the regular church services.

We have had several Spirit-filled revival meetings. Our last meeting was with Evangelist Richard W. Culpepper. During the seven-week meeting many people were won for the Lord, and many wonderful healings were witnessed. Several new families were brought into the church. The last day of our Sunday School contest we had 286 in attendance. The closing day of the revival, Feb. 12, was Homecoming Day. We had all-day services, and dinner was served in the basement of the church. We enjoyed a glorious time of fellowship.—by Mrs. Ray Secrest, Church Reporter.

WOULD YOU LET THEM GO?



The full burden of assistance for our Ministers, who by reason of age or because of illness are no longer able to carry on, rests upon the Assemblies of God Fellowship. These servants of God do not benefit from any denominational Pension Plan, nor do they qualify under the Social Security Act. If we fail them they are in most cases thrown upon local or state charity. For their self-respect—AND OURS!—we cannot let this happen.

SUNDAY, May 28th, or a date conveniently near, has been chosen as the time when offerings for the Old Age Assistance Fund will be received in all our congregations. Let us as individuals and churches show our gratitude to these veteran servants of the Cross by receiving a liberal offering for their benefit. \$30,000.00 is needed for this benevolence. Send all offerings to Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

Coming Meetings

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

LYONS, KANS.—May 23—June 11 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. R. Vinyard. Old-fashioned tent revival.—by Ray and Anna Robertson, Pastors.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, 629 E. Delavan Ave., May 14—28; Evangelist Lorne Case, Kitchener, Ontario.—by Frank D. Christie, Pastor.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.—City-wide campaign, Armory Building, June 16—; Evangelist Mal Kerr, Pottsville, Pa. Neighboring pastors cooperating. (William C. Jones is pastor.)

ELMIRA HEIGHTS, N. Y.—Glad Tidings Assembly, 157 Lewis St., off Lake St., May 28—June 18; Evangelist and Mrs. Russel Mayhue, Toronto, Canada.—by Joseph F. Maisch, Pastor.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Cooper Square Tabernacle, cor. 3rd Ave. and 7th St., May 21—June 4; Tom Johnstone, principal of Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Canada, Evangelist.—by W. A. Radawski, Pastor.

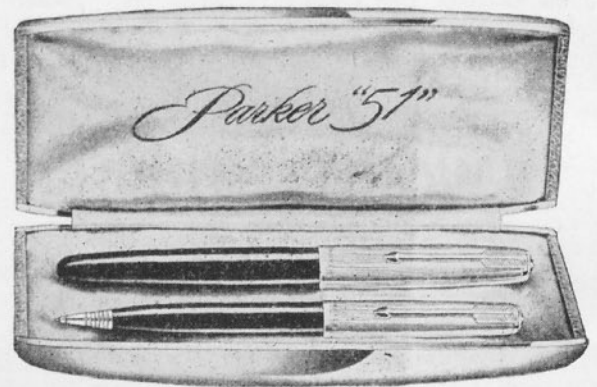
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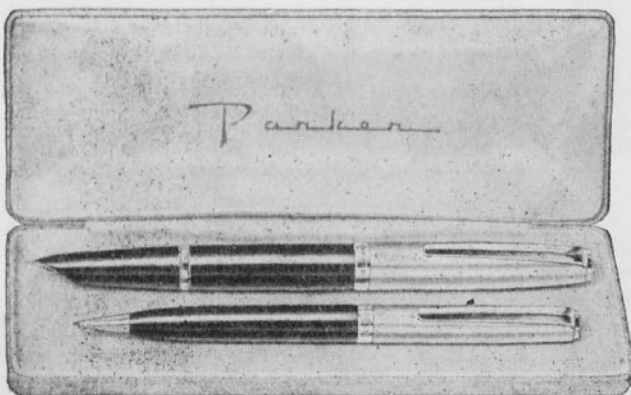
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JEANNETTE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, May 14—28; Evangelist Horace E. Roberson. (K. D. Baker is pastor.)

MANGUM, OKLA.—Assembly of God, 405 N. Harden, May 7—21; Evangelist and Mrs. E. C. Lagmay.—by Ovid V. Winans, Pastor.

VENTURA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 40 N. Ann St., May 7—21 or longer; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. (James Lynd is pastor.)

WEST COLUMBIA, TEX.—Assembly of God, May 14—; Evangelists Eulma Lee Cunningham and Tommy Ruth Zarnow.—by James A. Wilborn, Pastor.

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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. Oberlin, May 15; Dodge City, May 16; Wichita, First Assembly, May 18.—by Paul Witten, Dist. C. A. Pres.

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The 17th Annual Georgia District Council, First Assembly of God, Macon, Ga., May 9—11. Wesley R. Steelberg, guest speaker. Credentials committee will meet candidates Tues. afternoon. W.M.C. business meeting, Tues. 2:30 p.m. C. M. Hicks, host Pastor.—by R. C. "Keetah" Jones, District Superintendent.

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BINGEN, WASH.—Assembly of God, May 2—; Evangelists Bert and Ada Dixon of England.—by Leo Lovin, Pastor.

S. NORFOLK, VA.—May 2—; Evangelist Floyd E. Heady, St. Louis, Mo.—by Kelley Wigfield, Pastor.

MADISON, S. DAK.—May 21—; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (G. T. Cummings is pastor.)

GREAT FALLS, MONT.—Assembly of God, May 16—June 4; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif. (C. A. Brown is pastor.)

FINDLAY, OHIO—First Assembly of God, 124 Ash Ave., June 4—; Evangelist Clyde C. Goree, Madisonville, Tex.—By J. F. Pepper, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Maplewood Assembly of God, Maple at Lucas Dr., May 7—21 or longer; Evangelist W. S. Barham.—by Ray R. Soper, Pastor.

LEE'S SUMMIT, MD.—Assembly of God, 1st and Market Sts., May 21—June 4; Evangelist W. M. Stevens.—by John H. Waugh, Pastor.

CORNING, N. Y.—Calvary Tabernacle, May 21—June 4; Evangelist C. S. Tubby of Canada.—by Norman G. Love, Pastor.

UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO—Assembly of God, 518 N. Dawson St., May 14—; Evangelist Mable Collins, Indianapolis, Ind.—by C. E. Dewlen, Pastor.

BAKER, OREG.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; W. E. Davis Trio. (Herbert Brown is pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Southside Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen. (W. H. Law is pastor.)

MERIDIAN, IDAHO—May 17—; Evangelists Earl and Helen Cornelison, Kansas City, Mo. (C. A. Slaughter is pastor.)

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Gospel Temple, Holly and Mackubin Sts., May 7—21; Evangelist Wallace Ross, Bell Flower, Calif.—by W. Weides, Pastor.

KERMAN, CALIF.—Grace and Truth Tabernacle, May 14—28 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call, Trenton, Mo.—by J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—Bethel Gospel Tabernacle, 12 Howard St. (off River), May 7—21 or longer; Evangelist Werner M. Johnson.—by R. A. Babcock, Pastor.

CAIRO, ILL.—Assembly of God, cor. 37th and Elm, May 14—; Evangelist Earla McKinley, Kansas City, Mo.—by U. E. Hopkins, Pastor.

OROVILLE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. S. A. Merrill, Los Angeles, Calif.—by William T. Scott, Pastor.

FARGO, N. DAK.—First Assembly of God, 403 7th Ave. N., Apr. 30—May 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Lother, Winnipeg, Canada.—by Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Bethel Assembly of God, 1920 N. W. 30th St., May 14—June 4 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. W. A. Wilkerson.—by T. J. Lemons, Pastor.

TIPP CITY, OHIO—Bethel Tabernacle, 4th and Plum Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. VanderPloeg, Toledo, Ohio.—by E. P. Cooper, Pastor.

SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.—Gospel Tabernacle, 2nd and MacNeil Sts., May 7—; Evangelists Homer and Gertrude Doyle, Sunnyvale, Calif.—by George C. Klassen, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Elim Assembly of God, 2069 Ebers St., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Clark, Bakersfield, Calif.—by L. Wayne Turner, Pastor.

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH.—Assembly of God, opp. high school, city-wide campaign, May 7—21 or longer; Evangelist Christian Hild, St. Paul, Minn.—by G. A. Uldin, Pastor.

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TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 35th Annual Session of the Texas District Council, Music Hall, Houston, Tex., June 6-8. Fellowship Meeting Mon. night, June 5 with Christ's Ambassadors in charge. For information write the District office, 1200 Sycamore, Waxahachie, Tex.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

CHICAGO, ILL.—Lakeview Gospel Church, 3142 N. Racine, May 7—14. Spring Missionary Convention. Kenneth Short and Robert Fierro, speakers.—by D. H. Waltherman, Pastor.

POTOMAC C. A. CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Potomac District Spring C. A. Convention, Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, 12th and "C." Sts. S. W., May 29—31. Arnold Hashman, Flint, Mich., guest speaker. Harry V. Schaeffer, host Pastor. For room reservations write church above.—by H. Paul Robinson, District C. A. President.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Ralph Roberts, Box 311, Senath, Mo. "Have accepted the pastorate here."

NEW ADDRESS—J. C. McCluskey, 914 Webster, Woodward, Okla. "Have accepted the pastorate here."

NEW ADDRESS—E. E. (Ted) Smith, General Delivery, Charleston, Mo. "Have left the evangelistic field and have accepted the pastorate here."

RADIO BROADCAST—Station KSIM, Sikeston, Mo. from our church auditorium in Charleston, Mo., Wednesday, 6:30—7:00 p.m.—by E. E. (Ted) Smith, Pastor.

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NOTICE—Vernon L. Klemin, 1004 W. 1st St., Roseburg, Oreg., serves as contact pastor in Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital for the Servicemen's Division of the C. A. Department. Parents or friends of patients at the hospital are invited to contact Brother Klemin if they desire his help in ministering to the spiritual needs of their loved ones.

OPEN FOR CALLS Pastoral or Evangelistic

Arthur E. Moore, Knoxdale, Pa. "Ordained minister of Eastern District. Eighteen years experience."

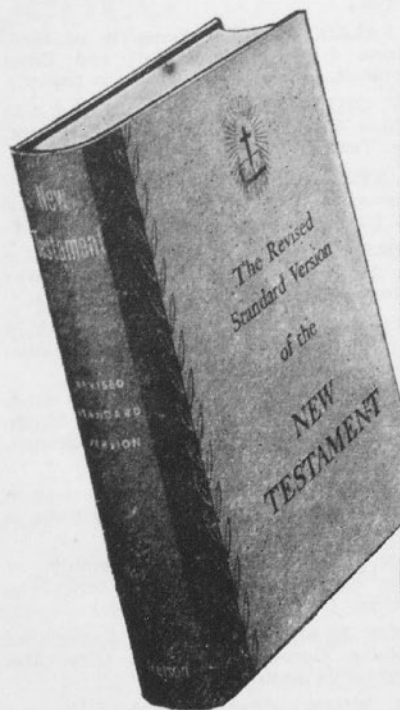
A. Ephraim and Marguerite Hokanson, Box 111, Julesburg, Colo. "After pastoring the church in Julesburg, Colo. for six years, have resigned effective June 1st. Open for calls in altitude under 4000 feet. Ordained for 19 years; wife also ordained. Have three children."

Evangelistic

Jack Fowler, Gardendale, Ala. "Resigned the Tanner Williams Assembly (Wilmer) to re-enter evangelistic field."

C. A. Pankey, Green Way, Ark., % Albert Louis. "Have resigned the pastorate in Carlisle, Ky. to enter the evangelistic field. Wife and I sing and play musical instruments."

T. L. Ward, 2026 Cowden St., Memphis, Tenn. "Have resigned pastorate at Brownsville, Tenn. to enter evangelistic field. Prior to June 1st mail will reach me at Cookeville, Tenn."



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING LUKE

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken a narrative of the things which have among us, ² just as they were delivered from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, ³ it seemed good to me also, things closely^a for some time past, to write for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things which have been informed.

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