

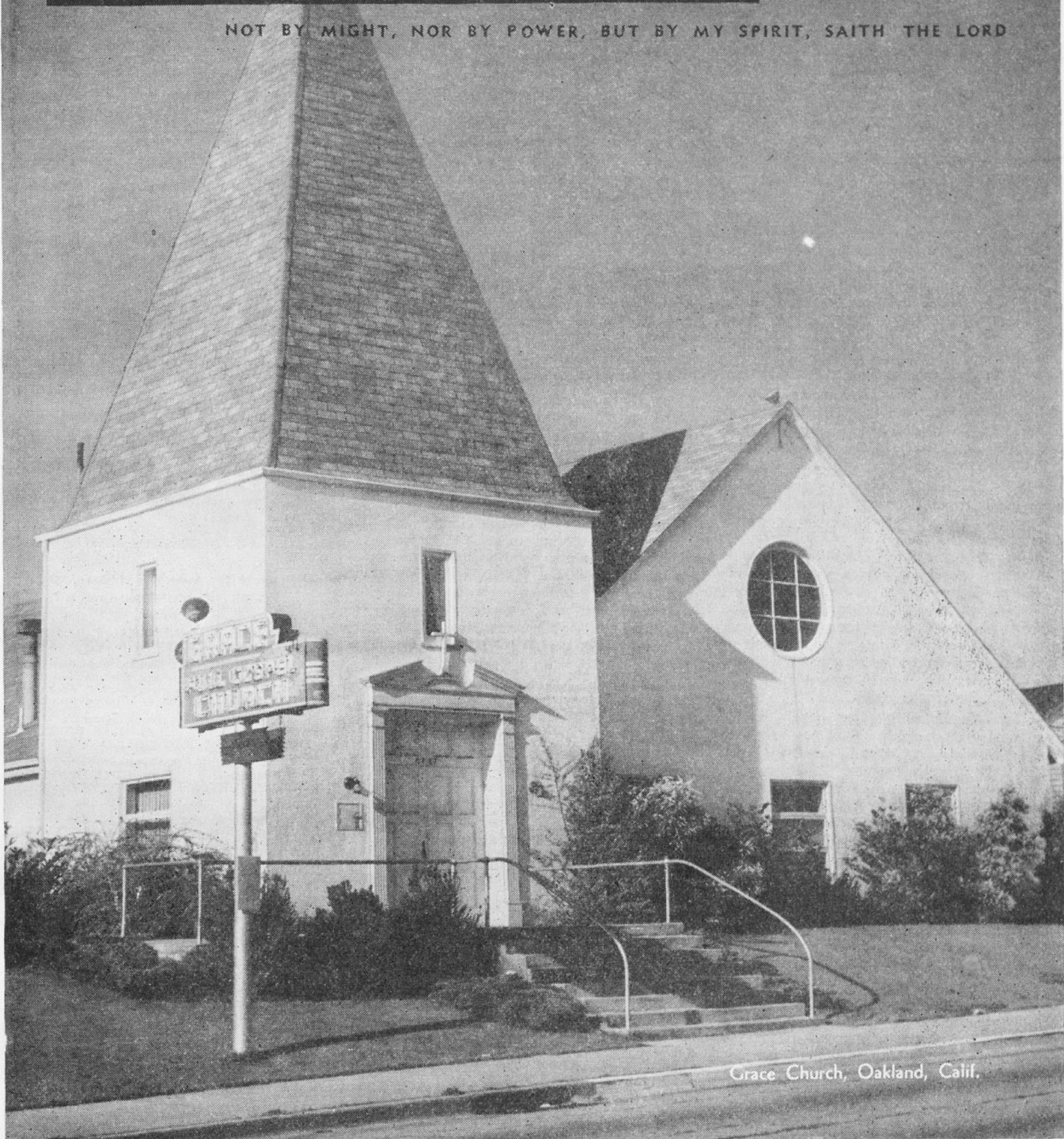
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



Grace Church, Oakland, Calif.

A REPETITION OF PENTECOST

When the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, and the Jews who heard them speak were amazed because they recognized the languages and understood what they were saying. (See Acts 2.) Repetitions of this phenomenon in the Pentecostal revival of this twentieth century have been numerous.

A letter from Mayme Williams, who has been evangelizing in the Philippine Islands, tells of another recent case. Writing from Manila, July 8, 1950, she states:

"When I returned from Hong Kong in April, the Lord permitted me to help in the preaching during the District Council. God poured out His Spirit and a good number received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother Brengle's youngest daughter was among those who were filled, and she spoke in perfect Tagalog and Ilocano. Those of the national workers who were able to understand her were overjoyed to hear someone speak in their own language. It had a profound effect on some who had not as yet believed."

Brother E. M. Brengle is an Assembly of God missionary at Manila. His daughter, of course, speaks English and it was only by the Holy Spirit that she spoke in these native Philippine tongues.

Two other manifestations of this kind that we might mention occurred recently in the Gary Full Gospel Tabernacle, corner Eighth and Connecticut, Gary, Indiana. Glenn Horst was pastor at the time. The phenomena came to pass this spring during a spontaneous revival which broke out in the regular meetings and which lasted for many weeks. God moved among the people in a miraculous way, saving folk in their homes, healing people of various diseases, and baptizing many with the Holy Spirit. The size of the assembly doubled in a five-month period.

It was in the midst of a worship service on Sunday morning that Paul Goodwin, one of the young men, suddenly arose and gave a message in other tongues. Another young man, Phil Pietrzak, arose and gave the interpretation in English. At the close of the service a young man of Italian descent, Leo Pilla, stood and testified publicly, saying, "If I had not believed before, I would have to believe now. Paul Goodwin spoke in perfect Italian. It was the highest type of Italian, more fluently spoken than had he studied a lifetime. It was without accent or brogue. I understood every word."

Then he went on in his testimony, saying, "I waited for the one who would interpret, and Phil Pietrzak doesn't know my language. I am sure of this for he is a personal friend of mine. I don't think he knows one Italian word, and yet he interpreted the message that was given as perfectly as beautiful Italian could be interpreted." In conclusion he said, "I don't think that the English language is

as beautiful as the Italian. That is why the interpretation lost some of its color; but had I never believed before I should have to believe now, for I heard a man speak my language who never studied it. I heard it interpreted by a man who doesn't know one word of it."

A week or two before this, another member of the Gary assembly, Mrs. Novak, spoke in an unknown tongue during the Sunday morning service. (At least, it was in a tongue unknown to the pastor and most others.) The congregation waited for the Holy Spirit to give someone the interpretation but there was no moving of the Spirit in that direction. Then an Italian man, Michael D'Angelo, arose and said: "She spoke my language. I understood every word, and this is what she said: 'O Lord, Thou art our Commander. Whithersoever Thou leadest us we will follow Thee. Lead on, O Commander, whether through the valleys deep or o'er the mountains steep. We will follow Thee, if Thou wilt but lead us. O Lord, Thou art our Commander. Lead on and we will follow Thee.'"

The Bible says that this phenomenon is for a sign to the unbeliever. (See Isaiah 28:11 and 1 Corinthians 14:22.) When the sign was given at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, there were many who believed and opened their hearts to God's Spirit. We pray the same may be true today.

PETER'S BONES

Our Roman Catholic friends are making much of the "bones of the apostle Peter" which they claim to have unearthed this summer under the high altar of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. They point to these as evidence that Peter actually went to Rome, as tradition has it, and was buried there after being crucified head downward in Nero's circus.

We prefer, however, to stick to the Bible rather than tradition, and lifeless bones do not interest us in the least. The Scriptures do not suggest that Peter ever went to Rome, or that he ever was a "pope." Far from being infallible, as a pope is supposed to be, the Word of God reveals that Peter was quite fallible. It tells us of a number of "boners" which he made, and someone has suggested that we can learn more about Peter by studying his "boners" than by studying his "bones."

What is more important about Peter than either his "bones" or his "boners" is his Baptism with the Holy Spirit. His bones were important only as they formed the framework of a body that became a temple of the Holy Spirit. That mortal body, including the bones, was laid away into dust until the resurrection day. It would be better to let Peter's bones rest until then, wherever they may be, and to study the second chapter of Acts to learn why this rugged, impulsive fisherman, in spite of his shortcomings and blunders both before and after Pentecost, could be an instrument in God's hands for the saving of the lost, the imparting of the Spirit, the healing of the sick, and even the raising of the dead. God is pleased to use His servants today as He used Peter, when they humble themselves and wait in His presence until they too are endued with power from on high.

Order the EVANGEL for your friends.

ON THE COVER PAGE

The photo on the cover page shows Grace Church, 4801 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif. The congregation worshipping in this attractive church building is affiliated with the Assemblies of God. Irving F. Ford is pastor.

The church is located in almost the geographical center of East Oakland, and therefore it has used the slogan, "In the Heart of East Oakland." Brother Ford opened the work, buying a lot in the fall of 1938 and having meetings in a temporary structure until the present building was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1946. He writes:

"These are lovely people in this community, a little better than average on the social scale and yet desperately in need of the Saviour. The Lord has laid the salvation of these upon our hearts. We find that lots of good music helps to bring them to the services."

FAITH—AND WORKS

From William Ewart Gladstone comes the story of the little girl who really believed in prayer.

Her brother had made a trap that caught little sparrows, and she began to pray that it would fail. Then, for three days, her face was radiant with assurance when she prayed.

Her mother inquired how she could be so certain her prayer would be answered. "Because," she replied with a smile, "I went out three days ago and kicked the trap to pieces!"



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MINISTRY GIFTS

W. I. EVANS

MINISTRY is a very prominent word in our life and our thinking. This word occurs in Romans 12:7. It is given in connection with the various ministries of the Holy Spirit that result from the exercise of spiritual gifts. The course outlined in Romans 12, beginning with verse 3, is the result of proving the perfect will of God. "I say, through the grace given unto me to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." The context shows that we are to exercise ourselves in ministry in proportion to the measure of faith that God has given to each one, as if to say that ministry is resultant from the exercise of a gift of the Holy Spirit in proportion to the faith imparted.

There is, then, a measure of faith for the exercise of a spiritual gift, which exercise results in ministry. I suppose that means that it takes a measure of faith for one gift to be exercised effectively and it takes another measure of faith for another gift. I wonder in that connection if that is why the Corinthians and some of their successors (some of us included) probably found it easier to speak in tongues under the

This message was given at the Spring Convention of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, Eau Claire, Wis., April 25, 1950. (Transcribed from the District recording machine and revised by Brother Evans.)



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Our responsibility is not merely to exercise the gifts of the Spirit that have been entrusted to us, but to exercise them effectively.

inspiration and impelling of the Holy Spirit than to exercise some other gift, so that Paul had to tell them that there were certain limitations and restrictions placed upon the exercise of that particular gift.

I am not suggesting that we have less speaking in tongues among us. I would advocate that we have more speaking in tongues with the emphasis on private devotions. I believe if we exercise speaking in tongues in relation to God in our private devotions more, we will have more effective speaking in tongues in our assemblies. For there is a value and place for speaking in tongues with interpretation in the assembly.

"As we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office." This is a striking analogy and I think it is clearly intended to explain to us the matter of our spiritual ministries and their exercise. As we have many members in one physical body and all members have not the same office, so we being many believers are one spiritual body in Christ and every one members one of another.

"Having then gifts differing." The distinguishing feature, the characteristic that makes you and me different members, is the gift of the Holy Spirit in the individual's life for ministry. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy" (that would be the gift of prophecy in exercise in the ministry of prophecy) "let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith."

Faith seems to stand out there. It is a challenge to my thinking. Why does Paul apparently limit the exercise of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the proportion of faith? I take it that he is here classifying the gifts of the Holy Spirit and he is including in the term "ministry" (v. 7) a number of gifts of the Holy Spirit that are distinct from gifts of utterance. Prophecy is characteristically a gift of utterance, and over against prophecy he places ministry, saying, ". . . or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation:

he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness." All these apparently are avenues of ministry. That puts tremendous importance upon this matter of faith, and I call it to your attention because faith is inseparable from ministering and is involved therein.

When we minister to the Lord, as those leaders did at Antioch, it brings us into vital faith with the Lord for the exercise of gifts in ministries. The expression here is, "Let him wait on his ministry." When we minister to the Lord, we are waiting on Him for the energizing of faith, and that energizing of faith results in our ministering to others. All exercise of spiritual gifts is for profit, for the building up and edification of the body of Christ, and apparently is effective only when faith is living and operative in the life.

That may explain a lot of things which present difficulties in this field of manifestations and gifts of the Spirit. Let me call this to your attention, that in the case of prophecy the phrase is added, "according to the proportion of faith," and I have a feeling that the same phrase is understood to be added to each of the clauses that follow. It would read this way, if we included that phrase in each instance: "Let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith, or ministering, let us wait on our ministering according to the proportion of faith; or he that teacheth, on teaching, according to the proportion of faith." The writer has given such prominence to faith in verses 3 and 6 that it seems only proper that it should be understood in each instance. "Ministering according to the proportion of faith." That certainly puts a responsibility upon the members of the body of Christ.

We are the members of the body of Christ and we are different. We differ as members of the body of Christ exactly as the hand differs from the foot, and as an eye differs from an ear, etc.—"having then GIFTS differing." Going back to the natural figure, we would say, "having then MEMBERS different." Let the hand develop skillfulness in the things that it is expected to do. Let the feet become skillful in those functions appointed to the feet. Let the ear de-

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The Glory Age of the Church

Harry A. Stemme

OUR SCRIPTURE is found in 2 Corinthians 3:7-11, 18. Please note the number of times the word "glory" occurs.

"But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. . . . But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Paul is contrasting two great dispensations in God's program. One is called the ministration of condemnation and death; the other is called the ministration of the Spirit and righteousness. Both were ushered in with glory. Some people are inclined to minimize the privileges the Old Testament saints had under the Law but God revealed Himself to them in marvelous ways. All the way from Egypt to Canaan they saw His signs and wonders. "And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel." Exodus 24:16, 17. They heard God's voice speaking to them. The divine Presence in the cloud by day and in fire by night was continually with them. They ate manna from heaven, and saw water pouring out of the rock at the word of Moses. Each step of the journey was under divine direction. They could say not only, "The Lord is my shepherd," but also, "The Lord is my tailor and my shoemaker." Forty years their garments waxed not old and their shoes did not wear out. That is a

long time to wear one pair of shoes.

Each age began under the leadership of a great personality. "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." The Glory Age of the church is greater and more wonderful by so much as Jesus Christ is greater than Moses. When the Lord was about to ascend into heaven He told them that they would soon receive the Holy Ghost.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4.

When this mighty experience swept over a hundred and twenty simple Galilean folk, God poured a divine and glorious life into them that ushered in a new age. My message is to that member of the body of Christ who feels he has the most limitations in personality and gifts. The Holy Ghost delights to manifest His power and glory through those who are little in their own eyes. Just as one hundred and twenty with their meager talents were enabled to gain multitudes of disciples, so God is ready to mightily equip His servants and handmaidens today with ministries and manifestations of His Spirit which will shake entire cities with this Latter Rain outpouring. Not one will be passed by in God's program of making His serv-



ants able ministers of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost knows how to take the least talented saint and make him mighty in the power of God.

Some of you older people can recall three stages of American civilization through which you have passed. First you remember what the late President Roosevelt described as the "horse and buggy days." In those days it took a long time to travel a few miles. When night came you trimmed the family lamp and filled it with kerosene.

Then came a dramatic moment which opened a new world of electricity to this country. News flashed everywhere that what Benjamin Franklin had discovered by his kite could now be harnessed to light up whole cities. How Edison and those with him must have thrilled when their experiment proved successful. A new era was here. I suppose if you should ask the head of a great electrical corporation how many useful purposes electricity now serves our people, all of us would be amazed. It is not only good but good for something.

The third stage in our American civilization opened with tragic suddenness. We were in World War II when atom bombs were dropped on two Japanese cities turning them into rivers of liquid flame. Across the headlines of a large Chicago newspaper I read this headline, "The Atomic Age is here." We are told that with the splitting of the atom, the possibilities not only for destruction but also for a new harnessing of nature's powers is so amazing as to cause our imagination to grow dizzy.

When the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to the right hand of God and poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, no wonder the one hundred and twenty reeled under that influx of divine Glory and staggered like drunken men. Something new in religious experience burst upon their raptured souls. Filled with the Holy Ghost, they spoke in other tongues the wonderful works of God as the Spirit gave utterance. But this new age outpouring did not end with only wonderful joy and ecstasy. In a few hours three thousand Pentecostal saints were enjoying the same experience. It flowed resistlessly on and all Jerusalem was filled with fiery messengers of the new "Way." Samaria was swept in and now with mighty missionary vision the eyes of these early baptized saints looked to the "uttermost parts of the earth" upon which to plant the cross of Jesus Christ. Their message—Christ the Savior, Healer, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, and coming King—transformed lives everywhere. It formed a glorious fellowship

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Evangelist Harry A. Stemme of Maywood, Calif., gave this message at the Southern California District Camp Meeting.

Pentecost in Continental Europe

David J. du Plessis



They . . . went every where preaching the Word. Acts 8:4.

ONE OF THE PHENOMENA in the Pentecostal revival of the past half-century is the fact that it reached every continent of the earth within the short space of ten years. No one can say that the revival was organized from any one church, movement, or country. It was as a rushing mighty wind that seemed to fill all the earth.

Before 1910, revivals with the Pentecostal evidence of "speaking in tongues" had broken out in the United States, Britain, Sweden, Germany, Africa, India and South America. In some instances those who enjoyed the blessing in one country did not even know about their brethren of like precious faith in other countries. It is only in more recent times that the leaders in the churches that have grown out of this revival have become acquainted with one another. The fact of the matter is that even in 1950 we still discover movements that have enjoyed the Pentecostal blessing for many years but have remained isolated. In the whole of the Pentecostal revival there are only a few brethren that are acquainted with the major movements in most countries. Not one has travelled sufficiently to have been able to learn all about this great and glorious revival that continues to spread with greater force in these days.

The facts and figures that appear in this and many other writings cannot be considered complete, since it is still difficult to collect details about the work. It has spread everywhere and continues to grow at such a pace that each month makes a difference in the statistics. While in some countries there might seem to be a lull in the breezes that blow from heaven's shores, other lands where

missionaries have labored with little success are now enjoying mighty gales of sweeping revival, and thousands are being swept into the kingdom of God in a few weeks or months. Only heaven is able to keep proper records of these spontaneous outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh in these last days.

RUSSIA

It is not possible to get a clear picture of what has transpired in this country of the north during recent times. It is known, however, that about 30 years ago there were over 500,000 Pentecostal believers in Russia. During the revolution some of the leaders were imprisoned but subsequent reports give us the impression that the Pentecostal fires have never been quenched completely. The most recent information has been that the Pentecostal and Baptist movements have been forced to unite and the work continues. Shall we not pray that in these days God may pour out such a blessing upon the remnant of His people that it might sweep the millions in darkness into His marvellous light. Men may legislate against ceremonial worship and they may "jam" voices upon the ether waves, but they never can stop the Holy Spirit from moving upon the hearts of the people. God is able.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

The only countries which to our knowledge, have no Pentecostal testimony, are Yugoslavia and Albania. In all other lands behind the iron curtain from the Baltic to the Adriatic Sea, there have been mighty revivals. In some countries that are now suffering because their leaders in all walks of life are being purged from the community, the Pentecostal movements have been the strongest Protestant groups. It almost seems as if the purges of religious leaders came as a consequence of the most glorious revivals that our brethren have ever experienced in those lands. It is impossible to give exact figures but it is definite that from the Baltic States to the Balkan States there are hundreds of thousands of Pentecostal saints who must be praying for a greater revival even now.

SCANDINAVIA

From very humble beginnings the Pentecostal revival in Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark has grown to be

a mighty stream of religious power. Assemblies with a membership of 500 to 1,000 are not unusual. Conventions with 3,000 to 10,000 present are annual occurrences. Some of the finest church buildings can be found in these countries and the Pentecostal brethren have entrenched themselves strongly in most of the cities.

In Stockholm is the famous Filadelfia Church which seats over 4,000 people, and it belongs to an assembly of over 6,000 members. In this city there has been published for several years a daily newspaper called DAGEN. It is owned, directed, and edited by Pentecostal brethren. As far as we know, it is the only Pentecostal daily paper published in the world.

In Sweden there are two groups that are considered Pentecostal. The larger movement is the Free Pentecostal Assemblies. There are over 600 assemblies with a total membership of more than 100,000. The Organized Assemblies have a membership of almost 30,000, and over 200 assemblies. The entire Pentecostal fellowship of Sweden has sent out nearly 400 missionaries to the fields of the world and they support many workers in foreign lands. There is no other church or missionary society in the country with such a force of workers on the foreign field.

Let us take a closer look at the work in Finland. This country has passed through very severe trials in recent history, but in spite of this (or because of this) the people have not lost one bit of their religious fervor. The Pentecostals are no exception. They continue to enjoy gracious showers of blessing all the time. In Helsinki there is a church seating almost 3,000 and this has become the center for almost all Pentecostal activities throughout the land. There is also a strong Swedish Assembly in Helsinki, worshipping in a church that seats about 1,500. Since there happens to be a very large Swedish population in this country, the Pentecostal revival has divided itself into two groups working in the closest harmony but keeping apart in order to avoid having bi-lingual services all the time. Only those in bi-lingual countries will realize the advantages of not having to interpret all that is said in every service and every conference.

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REVIVALS IN CUBA

Hugh P. Jeter, Cuba



M. L. Hodges
El Salvador



Mrs. M. L. Hodges
El Salvador

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hodges returned to El Salvador, Central America, in July to resume their missionary work there.

● YOU WILL BE GLAD to know that revival fires are burning in Cuba.

In Guantanamo more than 20 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in recent weeks. In Santiago 10 received in one week. Thirteen were baptized in water in Bayamo on May 20. A denominational pastor in Jiguani reports a revival with more than 100 accepting the Lord. He is praying for the sick and God is healing many. At Contramaestre the people have been meeting for weeks in a corral because the only hall they can obtain is not large enough for them. They have some \$300 to put on a lot and hope to start building soon.

From May 22 to May 28 another minister and I held a meeting in the baseball stadium in the town of Banes on the north coast of the Oriente Province. There was no Pentecostal work there at all. God moved in a remarkable way. We had some 2,000 out for the first service. After that the crowds and interest continued to grow until there were from 10,000 to 15,000 in attendance the last few nights of the campaign. There were healings of almost every description, and hundreds expressed a desire to accept the Lord as their Savior.

The rain threatened to hinder our services at Banes. It rained on the second and third days, but stopped before time for service; however, on Thursday night, the fourth night, the rain did not stop. Some 500 found shelter in the grandstand, but about 1,500 more stood in a steady rain for an hour and a half to hear the Word and to have prayer for their needs. God rewarded the faith. There was an unusual number of miracles that night.

Though they stood in the rain, some testified to having been healed of asthma and bronchial trouble.

Many are becoming convinced of the power of God, and of His mercies, and from all parts of the island we are receiving invitations to hold meetings.

Governor's Wife Lays Cornerstone

A new church is being erected by Malchus B. Bennett's congregation in Belize, British Honduras, Central America. In a picture appearing on this page the framework of the building is shown.

The cornerstone was laid by the British Honduras' governor's wife on May 31, this year. We are thankful for those connected with national governments who will identify themselves with the cause of Christ.

Building the church has been largely a step of faith on the part of the congregation. The people's means are quite limited. One of the problems has been the equipping of the church with modern sanitary facilities, required by the government. An appeal has been made to friends in the United States for help in providing the fixtures. Anyone who feels led to respond to the appeal may send his offering to the *Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri* marked "*Fixtures for Belize Assembly.*"

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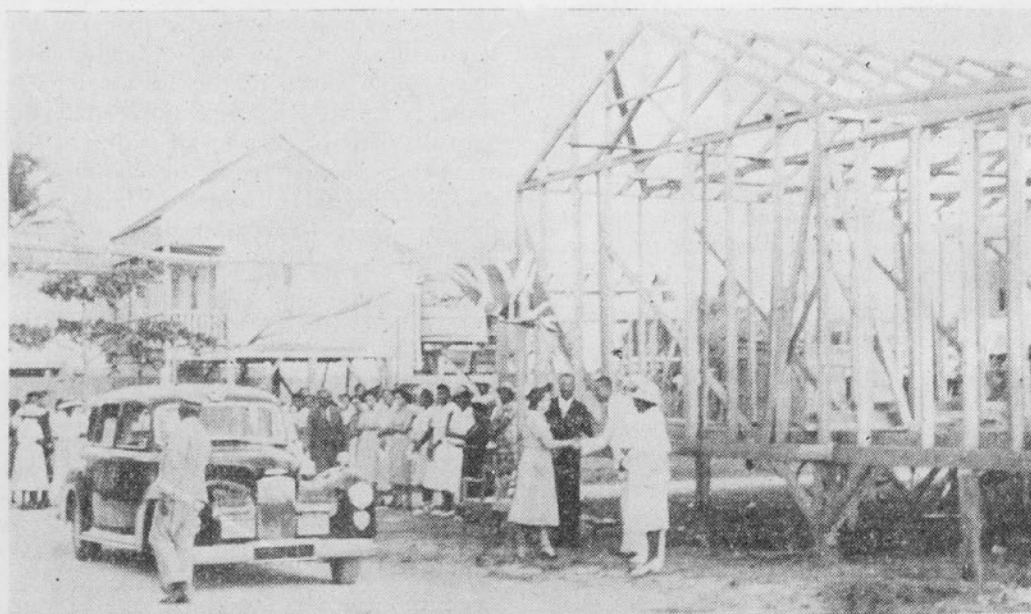
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The wife of the governor of British Honduras on the Belize Assembly grounds, being introduced to visiting ministers. The cornerstone for the new assembly, framework of which can be seen, was laid by the governor's wife. Automobile shown is the official car.



Top: Presentation of diplomas, commencement of 1950, at Bethel Bible Institute, Manila, Philippine Islands. T. Glenn Dunn is making the presentations, assisted by Alice Ruth Melching. Below: The 1950 graduates of Bethel Bible Institute pose for a picture.

In the Russian Zone

Balthasar T. Bard, Europe

● MORE THAN A MONTH AGO I made a trip to Berlin. I was unable to obtain permission to board the military train which has to pass through the Eastern zone so I traveled to the city by plane.

While there I had the opportunity to speak in a German service sponsored by Christian American soldiers, and at an army chapel. I also ministered in a large Pentecostal church in the Western Zone and for two groups on the Russian side.

I went three times into the Eastern or Russian sector. The atmosphere there was so different from that of the Western sector. It seemed so oppressive! I noticed at one

place that there was a crowd in front of a store. The young man who was with me at the time told me that the people were lined up to purchase their needs. The commodities were rationed.

I asked my escort if one could send mail out of the Eastern Zone by air. He replied that no one did. The Russians consider that too much profit from the air mail goes to the imperialists, as the Western powers are called; therefore, it is said that they hold the air mail for several days before letting it go. Thus, air mail customers are lost.

I inquired why so many of the young folk had joined the German Communist party. I was told of one young woman whose story, perhaps, is typical. The young woman lived in the Eastern Zone. She lived at home, and life for her was rather dull. She heard of the Communist socials for young people. Snappy music was played and there was dancing. So, primarily for entertainment, she started attending. There was propaganda, and through

the propaganda she became convinced that the people were not being treated right under the Western powers. She became interested in the Communist party.

Fortunately, a little later she did get a true picture of the situation. One day she chanced to go into the Western sector and saw all the things that could be purchased there. She hardly could believe her eyes. At first she was certain that it was a trick of some kind—the imperialists had put the articles out merely for display or show! Her aunt, who lived in the Western sector, told her that she would buy her a pair of shoes. The young woman did not believe that it was possible, but when she came out of the shoe store actually with new shoes on her feet, she was convinced that she had been deceived by the Communists.

To be entertained is only one of the reasons why young people are becoming Communists. Great effort is being concentrated on them. I was told by one who lives in the Russian zone and whose children go to school there, that one of the main subjects taught in the schools is "Daily News." The children must inform themselves as to what is going on according to the newspapers. Of course, the newspapers to which they have access are pro-Russian. Students who do not join the party have no future to which they can look.

As for the elder generations, the Russians are leaving them alone, I understand, provided they are inactive with their views. They have given them up as incurable.

Russia is sparing no expense or effort, and losing no time either, to put her propaganda across. As Christians we ought to understand the situation. We can pray, and we can provide the Word of God. We must have a planned spiritual program for Germany.

The Right Road

Kathryn Schmidt, North India

● WE HAVE BEEN WORKING several miles out from Nawabganj (Gonda District, U.P.) in recent months. It has been my first time for any length of time out in the district because of my school work. Many contacts have been made.

We were invited to speak in one of the schools, and when we spoke in the bazaar some of the teachers came to listen.

Our hearts were encouraged by the interest shown by the people. A Mohammedan, a government village inspector, called me to his office one day and asked about our work. At first I thought that he might raise some objection to the work that we were doing, but after talking with me for a while he told me that he had studied in a Christian school and had read the Bible a number of times. He encouraged us in our work. If any of the head men of the village ever gave us trouble he asked us to report to him.

Another old man, a shopkeeper, who had heard about Christ, said that he believed that in a few years there would be many turning to Christ. When I asked why, he replied, "You people are traveling on the right road."

SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

Lesson for September 3

1 Kings 5:1-12

The temple was begun 480 years after the children of Israel were come out of Egypt, in the fourth year of the reign of Solomon (ch. 6:1), when Solomon was 24 years old. It was a big undertaking for a young man, but young men can do great things when God is with them. They need, however, to pray with Solomon for wisdom that they may be divinely guided, lest the zeal of youth cause them to err.

1. Why David Could Not Build

David greatly desired to build a temple for God and devoted his ambition to gathering materials for the same. Early in his reign he called Nathan the prophet and confided in him concerning his desire to build a house for the Lord. 2 Sam. 7:1-3. He was forbidden, however, to build because he had been a man of war and had shed blood. 1 Chron. 28:3. Nevertheless he continued to gather material together that his son Solomon might erect the building. 1 Chron. 28:5; 29:2-5.

The temple represented worship, reconciliation, and peace, quite the opposite from war and bloodshed. From this let us learn that God's worship is to be established in peace and reconciliation, not in conflict. First of all, there is to be reconciliation with God, justification by faith whereby "we have peace with God." Rom. 5:1. Then there is to be reconciliation with our fellow-men. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23,24. Israel, in their worship, brought their lamb of sacrifice. If there was need of reconciliation they were to leave their offering at the place of worship until they had been reconciled to their brother, then they might acceptably offer their gift. Christ is the Lamb by which we are reconciled to God—but if we would worship God in the Spirit, we are to become reconciled to our offended brother before offering our worship. Were all to do this how different, in many places, would the spirit of worship be.

2. The Value of Having Friends

David's conduct had been such that Hiram, the king of Tyre, "was ever a lover of David." ch. 5:1. This was well for David, it was well also for his son. Some do not appreciate friendship. They think little of offending others. If we make ourselves friendless we are poor indeed. The Bible speaks so much of friends. It warns against unrighteous friendships. Deut. 13:6; 2 Sam. 13:3. It speaks of the value of good friends. Prov.

17:7; 27:9, 10. Then it warns that "a whisperer separateth chief friends." Prov. 16:28. When we have friends may we show ourselves faithful. May we not let the mischievous whisperer mar the friendship which we enjoy. Abraham cultivated the richest of all friendships, friendship with God, and was called "the friend of God." James 2:23. Concerning Christ as our Friend we learn, "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18:24. Some think they ought to have friends when they make no contribution to friendship. This can never be. There is a price to pay if we would have friends. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." Prov. 18:24. If you wish to have a friend, you must be a friend. Had David continually irritated Hiram, Hiram would have ceased being his friend.

3. A Legacy of Friendship

When Hiram learned that Solomon reigned, he sent his servants to Solomon with his good wishes. This gave Solomon opportunity to solicit his help in carrying out the desire of David his father in building a house for God. What sorrows come to children because their parents show unfriendliness or unkindness to others. It was friendship between David and Jonathan that brought lasting blessing to the crippled Mephibosheth. It is through friendliness that man is able to advance in life.

Out of the friendship which had grown between David and Hiram, Solomon was able to get "cedar trees out of Lebanon," and skilled craftsmen of the Sidonians. ch. 5:6. Think of the greatness of the undertaking and what it might have meant had Solomon not had the good will of Hiram. Thirty thousand men were commissioned by Solomon to go to Lebanon to labor, 10,000 at a time, and it seems that there were 70,000 workers at home, while over all were 3,300 overseers. ch. 5:13-16. Although the job was so great, because of wisdom in Solomon no friction arose between him and Hiram. Instead, "The Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together." v. 12.

4. The Beauty of Co-operation

The co-operation between Hiram and Solomon speaks of the blessing of harmony and co-operation between nations. How blessed it would be were the nations of today to get together instead of striving against each other. No armies were needed to protect Tyre from Israel. There was peace and trust. This beautiful condition we cannot force on other nations, but we

can pray that the God of peace may intervene. Have we not been taught to pray for kings and for all that are in authority, that we might live a quiet and peaceable life? 1 Tim. 2:1, 2.

We may also gather from our lesson the beauty of co-operation among the people of God. Let us make Hiram to represent one denomination and Solomon another. If they could get along so well together "building a house for God," certainly God's children, seeking to advance the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, ought to be able to get together in closer co-operation. Tyre was a kingdom. It was not swallowed up by Solomon, neither had Solomon any desire that this should be done. Israel was a nation. Hiram was not envious because it was not a part of Tyre. Living in peace they were able each to make a contribution to the advancement of the kingdom of God. Is it not time that warfare should cease among the people of God and co-operation take its place? God would be pleased were all Christians one in spirit, though not one organically, with the prayer in our hearts, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

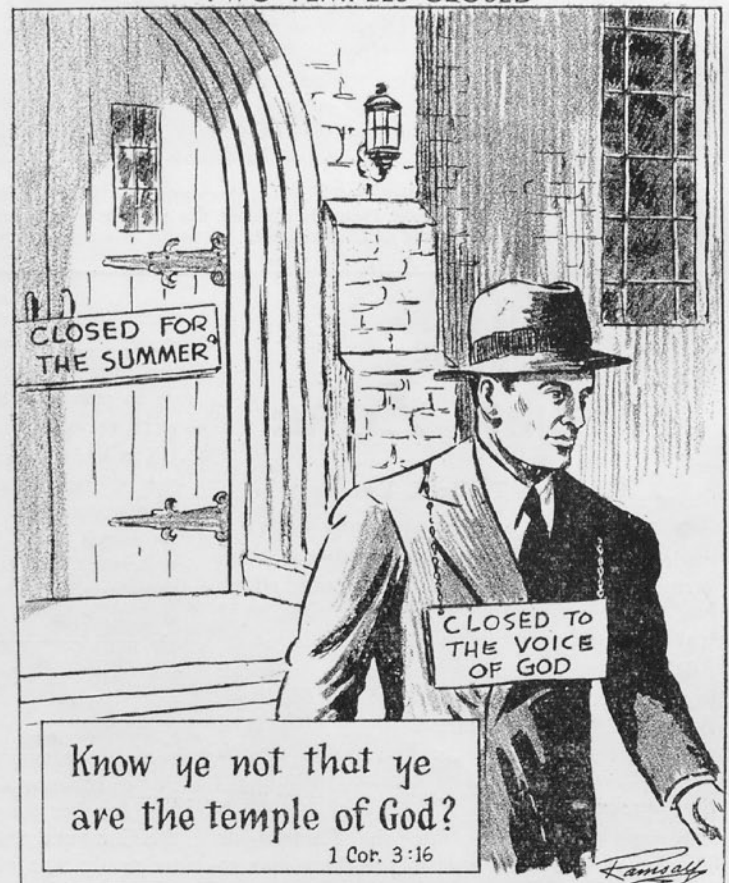
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

SOLOMON'S WISE CHOICE (lesson for August 27). Lesson text: 1 Kings 3:5-15.

"If the Lord acknowledges the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a sweet-smelling savor, could it not also be true that the spirit of murmuring and complaining is a stench in His nostrils?"

"The unspeakable gift calls for spoken gratitude."

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The Biennial All-Alaska Missionary Convention of the Assemblies of God was held at Anchorage June 13 to 18. The times of refreshing that came from the presence of the Lord will linger, and the glory of His visitation will spur us on until the great Alaskan fellowship meets again, should Jesus tarry. And should He come before that time—the Bridegroom of our souls—then what a glorious gathering it will be as we are brought together in the grand finale of all time! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Fred Vogler, an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God and Home Missions Director, and G. F. Lewis, also an Assistant General Superintendent, were a great blessing to the fellowship of ministers, missionaries, lay delegates and visitors who gathered in this great convention. Fred Vogler was in charge of the business sessions, and the workers cooperated as one man to further the cause of Christ and souls in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Considerable discussion was given to the need for a sturdy deep-sea boat to carry the gospel into the villages and canneries along Southeastern Alaska's rugged coastline. Mr. and Mrs. C. Byron Personcus are in the States now, presenting this urgent need to our assemblies. Brother Personcus is our licensed pilot, and will operate the boat when we are able to obtain it.

For the interior of Alaska a four-place Stinson "flying station wagon" is serving the missionaries under the able piloting of Edward Badten. This new aircraft will, for the most part, replace tedious river boat trips, which always entail many hours of rugged endurance at great expense, and the dogteam, so limited in its scope. Missionaries will now be able to reach their destination in record time to minister to needy people. Other uses of the mission plane are many and varied.

One of the outstanding blessings of the convention was the Spirit-empowered ministry of Gayle F. Lewis. Souls were stirred to new resolves and aspirations as the Word found lodging in many hearts. Unique messages on the work of the Holy Spirit were particularly helpful to all.

C. A. Rossignol was our hospitable host pastor, while Mrs. Rossignol provided delicious meals so generously for the entire convention crowd. The Rossignols turned their home over to the mothers with small children, and they moved out with a homesteader family for convention week.

One convention highlight was the day spent at the Children's Farm Home at Palmer.



Photo by Helen L. Teeter

Alaska convention group gathers at the Children's Farm Home at Palmer.

Brother and Sister Cather and their assistant, Inez Tyler, gave the convention crowd a delightful day on the farm. Altogether the fellowship of workers from all over the vast northland Territory meant much to everyone, and already the 1952 convention is being anticipated.

(Reported by Helen L. Teeter, Valdez, Alaska.)

PENTECOST IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE

(Continued from page five)

The Swedish group has quite a large number of assemblies along the West coast of Finland and the total membership exceeds 6,000. Finnish assemblies can be found in almost every town of any size and the total membership is about 20,000. In spite of poverty and many other trials these dear people of God have a tremendous urge to do missionary work. If they could get the funds over 100 missionaries would be ready to leave Finland to go to any part of the world within a few weeks. I have never attended more fervent missionary conventions than in this country. Since they cannot go, and have little to give, they are doing with all their might what they can—they PRAY.

The occupation of Norway during the war did not diminish the missionary zeal of the Pentecostal brethren in the least. As soon as they were free again they found that the members, about 35,000, had secretly saved their missionary offerings and they were able to send out 70 missionaries in a short time. This just about doubled their forces on the foreign fields. There are over 300 churches in the movement and many of them own large buildings. The Filadelfia Assembly in Oslo operates a very strong publishing concern.

In Denmark, the Pentecostal revival has not been as aggressive as in her sister coun-

tries. Besides a few independent assemblies there are two major movements. The one consists of free assemblies and the other is centrally organized. Lack of co-operation between these two movements tends to hinder the progress of the revival. Both movements are missionary-minded and have representatives in a number of foreign fields. It is considered that there are less than 10,000 members in this country.

Since there is a strong Scandinavian population in Iceland, the revival fires have also spread to that country, but as yet there are less than 500 members in the few assemblies that have been established there. It is a bit of a puzzle to understand why the Scandinavian brethren have put forth so little missionary effort in Europe itself, in comparison with the mighty missionary program that they have developed in countries more distant from their lands; for many parts of Europe are sorely in need of missionaries.

WESTERN EUROPE

While the Pentecostal revival flourished in some countries before the war, it only began to spread in others during and after the war. On the whole the Pentecostal movement in Europe is today the most aggressive evangelical group among the Protestants. The fact that they are so aggressive brings upon them the displeasure and severe criticism of the established Protestant churches and leaders. Yet they are reaching people in all nations that have never been touched by the gospel message from the pulpits of decadent Protestantism.

The largest and strongest group of Pentecostal churches was found in Germany before the war. It is estimated that there were about 1,000 churches and over 100,000 members. Today it is impossible to tell just what the true position is. Just prior to World War II all Pentecostal churches except the largest organization were forced into a union

with the Baptist Churches. Both Baptists and Pentecostals benefited by this union, but after the war things changed. Many members from the churches in the east had become refugees. Millions of displaced persons had moved into the country. These unsettled conditions soon caused the rise of numerous new assemblies, and even groups of assemblies, that had little in common with the Pentecostal assemblies still existing, and there was a lack of co-ordinated effort and fellowship.

This was partly remedied when the leaders of about a dozen groups met together in Stuttgart in 1948. A Pentecostal Fellowship was then established and there has been a great measure of very profitable co-operation among the churches since. There are still some Pentecostal assemblies in the Baptist Union but neither party seems to be very happy about the situation. However, revival fires are brightening up and we trust the Lord will overrule all difficulties and bring about a strong spiritual unity among the churches. The one difficulty that seems insuperable is the fact that much of the movement can be found in the Russian Zone and it is not possible for them to have fellowship with those in the West.

Germany is ripe for revival; but, as in most other European lands, there is a sad lack of trained workers who can be placed in charge of new Pentecostal assemblies that are springing up. The German brethren need the assistance of others to establish training centers for workers, and to build places of worship. If these two things can be supplied there is no telling to what extent the Pentecostal movement will develop. The nation is tired of formal religion and there is a real hunger for experimental Christianity. A revival in Germany will affect every nation in Europe, just as the great Reformation swept into every neighboring country from its cradle in Germany.

Very early in this century Pentecost came to Holland, but there has never been a sweeping revival throughout the country. However, in spite of the terrors of war, the brethren continued their aggressive evangelism and they are now reaping a rich harvest. New assemblies are springing up. There are over 20 thriving assemblies and new centers are being opened periodically. Small as the work is, they have not failed to send missionaries to the foreign fields. China, the East Indies, and Brazil have enjoyed their ministry.

In Belgium the Pentecostal brethren have had very difficult times. Workers have come from Scandinavia, Britain, and Holland. Today there are less than a dozen assemblies, but there seems to be promise of better days ahead. There are more Protestant missionaries and workers (native preachers) in the Belgian Congo than there are members in the Protestant churches of Belgium! May God bring the burden of Belgium as a mission field upon the hearts of many who may now be wondering where they should labor for the Lord.

France has a population of 42,000,000. Catholics and all other faiths can show only 6,000,000 active members. This means there are over 35,000,000 people in this country without church affiliation of any kind. The civilization of this nation is decaying. There

is no land on earth where so many people can be reached with the gospel more easily than in France. This is one of the most promising mission fields in the world today—but where are the missionaries? The Pentecostal revival came to France rather late but the Lord has graciously blessed so that there are over 100 churches today. However, the membership is small. It is estimated that there are less than 8,000 Pentecostals in France. There is complete religious liberty in this country and the doors are wide open for the gospel message.

Farther south we have Spain and Portugal. In the latter country the Swedish brethren have been working for a number of years. We learn that there are now about 25 assemblies with a membership of less than a 1,000. There is a great need for more missionaries, to train nationals for the ministry. In Spain there are but a few struggling assemblies. The believers have to endure much persecution, but the people of Spain are just as hungry for the gospel message as any in the better known mission fields. May the Lord soon send a sweeping revival over these two countries, for their influence reaches millions in Africa and South America.

Italy is just as Catholic as Spain, yet here the Lord has done a most glorious miracle. Without the aid of missionaries from abroad, a Pentecostal revival has swept this country until there are over 300 assemblies with an estimated membership of around 100,000. There are no outstanding evangelists or trained leaders in the movement. Large public gatherings are seldom held. Wave upon wave of persecution has swept over these humble believers, but their zeal for God seems never to abate. Just after the war, while the country was occupied by Allied armies, there was complete freedom of worship and during those years the Pentecostals were able to come out into the open and have conventions. This caused a measure of fellowship between the churches that are scattered all over the country from north to south. The force of the revival seems to be strongest in the south and in Sicily. With the help of the churches in America the brethren in Rome have been able to build a large and attractive church

almost in the heart of the city. The new constitution of Italy provides for religious freedom, but it seems that very few religious leaders and government officials realize the meaning of freedom of worship.

Switzerland, so beautiful in nature, and so free in life, can be considered almost the perfection of democracy. Great Pentecostal revivals have swept over the cities of this land. It seems, however, that no one ever saw the vision of a church arising out of these revivals, and so there is not much to show of the fruits. Some foreign evangelists have encouraged the converts to remain in the established churches in the hope that they would leaven Protestantism with the life and power of Pentecost. This proved to be poor advice for the fire was soon quenched. There are over 100 Pentecostal assemblies but very few have their own church buildings. Recently some of the larger assemblies have begun to realize the wisdom of having their own place of worship and so a few good churches have been opened. There are very encouraging signs of increased revival fires and we feel sure the Lord has great things in store for the saints in Switzerland.

It is not possible to cover the whole of the Pentecostal revival in Europe and the rest of the world in one brief article. We purpose therefore to write a series of articles, giving a general review of this glorious movement throughout the world. If any reader should happen to have information that might assist us we shall be very happy to hear from them. Hundreds of requests have come to the writer, asking for information about the work in all lands. If mission secretaries and missionaries will come to our aid and send us the most recent newsflashes and statistics, we shall be able to publish the whole truth. This will surely be a blessing and an encouragement to many thousands who think they are the only ones that have seen the truth. Address your correspondence to P. O. Box 328, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Three Kinds of Praise

There are three kinds of praise representing really three stages in the Praise Life.

First, there is praise for blessings received. This is Thanksgiving. Only one leper out of ten who were healed returned to give thanks. And do we return to give thanks for one blessing in ten?

The second kind of praise is praise for blessings expected. This is Faith. Often the blessings never come until we believe God sufficiently to praise Him in advance. We never praise in vain, for our praises soon become objectified in real and tangible blessings.

A third kind of praise is praise to God Himself. This is Worship. It has no reference to blessings, either received or expected. It rises above our needs and our experiences and is taken up entirely with the present character of our glorious Lord. There are many who know Thanksgiving who do not know the praise of Faith. And of all those who know the praise of Faith there are too few who know extended moments of true Worship.

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Back to Hymns—and God

The spiritual awakening that is becoming evident all over the country is having an effect on the kind of songs the people like. Burl Ives, well-known singer of folk songs, says that there is a growing public demand for hymns. Sacred records are selling as fast as records of popular songs. One of the big song hits of the past few months has been, "Let's Go to Church Next Sunday."

An Anti-Christian Textbook

The sentence, "Jesus never lived," has been deleted in the latest editions of a Soviet-written history textbook which is compulsory in the schools of Eastern Germany. According to Ecumenical Press Service, the removal of the offending sentence is the result of the churches having taken the matter up with governmental authorities.

Russia and Tibet

Lowell Thomas affirms that Russia is planning to take Tibet in order to have a pathway to the Republic of India and convenient to its invasion. An exchange comments: "The communists would probably destroy the monasteries and monks. This might in the long run prove to be a blessing to Tibet in opening it to the gospel teaching."

Keep an Eye on Jerusalem!

"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke 21:24. Wilbur M. Smith points out that the Arab control of a small part of Jerusalem may be keeping the times of the Gentiles from coming to an end. This little portion of the Old City embraces the site of Ornan's threshing floor, that patch of real estate which the Jebusite offered free, but for which David insisted on paying the full price. 1 Chron. 21:25. It was here that the Temple was built. A Moslem mosque occupies this spot today, but Dr. Smith suggests that the conquest of a few already-surrounded streets and city wards could swing the pendulum.

100,000 March in Brooklyn's Sunday School Parade

Nearly 100,000 boys and girls marched in the 121st annual Sunday School parade at Brooklyn, N. Y., recently. Schools of the borough were closed, and ice cream and lemonade were provided for the marchers, who represented 301 Brooklyn Protestant churches in celebrating the founding of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union in 1816.

Heading the list of distinguished reviewers was Margaret Truman, the President's daughter, who brought "greetings from Mom and Dad to all the children of Brooklyn." The parade featured banners, floats, and costumes based on the 1950 theme, "God, the Redeemer of Mankind."

Actually there were 26 separate parades,

each with its own line of march and reviewing stand in the streets assigned by Sunday School officials. Similar parades were held in the neighboring borough of Queens, where schools were also closed for the day.

Evangeline Booth With Christ

General Evangeline Booth, former commander of the world-wide Salvation Army, died July 17 at the age of 84. She was born on Christmas Day in 1865, the same year her father, William Booth, founded the Army, and she spent all her life in tireless service for God and man.

It Is God's Hour for Japan

Donald E. Hoke, representative of *Christian Life*, reports from Japan that "now or never is God's hour to evangelize Japan." He says: "I wish I were 10,000 men to stand on every corner and preach the gospel to these poor people. We have only a few years, maybe months, in which to reach Japan. Only a miracle will do it." The burden of his report is a call to prayer—"not indifferent, lackadaisical, 'now I lay me down to sleep, God bless Japan' prayer, but prayer that will make us weep over Japan."

Church Funds in Tobacco Stocks

Protest arose from the floor at a recent session of the Newark Methodist Conference in Bloomfield, N. J., when it was revealed that money in the Centenary Fund and Preachers Aid Society had been invested in tobacco stocks. One delegate complained that Conference members are asked to refrain from smoking and that it did not seem consistent to invest in tobacco stocks.

According to Religious News Service, no action was taken by the Conference, but Bishop Oxnam, presiding officer, said, "It would seem to be very easy for the investment committee to find other means to invest the money."

Free Bus Rides to Church

For the next 90 days at least, residents of Jacksonville, Florida, may ride to and from church and Sunday School free of charge. Wiley L. Moore, president of the Jacksonville Coach Company, said that all they have to do is tell the driver, "I'm going to church," or "I have been to church." The free rides started July 30.

According to Religious News Service, the Company estimated the cost of the plan at from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a Sunday, but said it would reduce advertising to defray part of the expense.

Mr. Moore said the program of free rides was taken under consideration after he had made a trip to Washington, D. C., and discussed the critical world situation with several Congressmen. "The Church is the backbone of the nation," he said, "and if the churches fall by the wayside, we are finished."

Truman Village in Israel

A campaign was launched in June to raise \$500,000 for the Jewish National Fund in order to establish the Harry S. Truman Village in Israel. The new colony is being named after the President in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the Jewish State.

Air Agreement with Israel

The United States has just concluded an air agreement with the State of Israel whereby each country will permit air lines from the other to maintain regular schedules. TWA has been operating under a temporary agreement, but will now maintain regular schedules to and from Palestine. Israel's carrier *El Al* began regular air service between Israel and the U. S. on June 25, 1950, under the permanent agreement. This is the first air agreement which Israel has made with any nation.

Reviews Visit to Israel

In Israel today one meets "sheer miracles, and the belief runs deep that 'God hath done this,'" reports Dean Harmann Maas of Heidelberg. Dean Maas, who visited the new State this past spring at the invitation of the Israel Ministry of Religious Affairs, reviewed his trip in a speech in Karlsruhe recently.

He referred to the change in the people of Israel, which he said was evidenced in a recent poll taken to determine what professions the Jews wished to follow. According to the poll, 50% wanted to be farmers, and 25% wanted to be artisans, but none wanted to be bankers "or anything of that nature."

Regarding the United Nations' desire to partition Jerusalem, Dean Maas said, "Who was it saved Jerusalem? The earthly Jerusalem is promised to the people of Israel by the Lord. Christians are promised another Jerusalem, that one that is above."

Replacing the Vatican Envoy?

A news release from the Washington office of the N.A.E., dated August 1, states that during the past few weeks several important developments have taken place on Capitol Hill, apparently as the result of tremendous pressure by the Roman Catholic laity. Myron Taylor, who formerly served as the President's envoy at Vatican City, has been appointed as a special assistant to the President, with desk and secretaries in the White House.

According to various sources, such as the Washington Religious Review and others, this action is interpreted to mean that the Roman Catholic laity were incited to threaten revolt against the Administration unless some concession was made to replace the envoy to the Vatican. This concession comes in Mr. Taylor's being made their liaison in the White House. Thus far, no official statement has been made as to what Mr. Taylor's position is, under whose auspices he works, or what the official position of the President is in regard to replacing the envoy. However, it is generally believed that no further steps will be taken now to replace the envoy until after elections.

Now is the time to insist that all official ties between our government and the political system of the Vatican be severed permanently. Write to "The President of the United States, White House, Washington, D. C.," and register your opposition to the continuation of this unconstitutional practice.

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Today this message, after being submerged for centuries, is bearing the same fruit as in the beginning of the Book of Acts. God is giving simple-hearted believers the same blessing and ministry as Peter had when he preached on that glory day when a new age came into being. Hallelujah! None of us have exhausted the infinite resources of our great Baptizer. Let us come to Him this day for a new anointing which shall open doors of ministry through us. I am persuaded that in these closing days of time the Lord Jesus is calling Pentecostal believers to wait on Him anew for a burst of end-time power. Some of us are lagging behind. We are getting stale. May we let the Holy Ghost stir us to enter into the benefits both in life and service of this Glory Age. The Holy Ghost demands conquest over ourselves to crucify the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. These cursed things are slaying too many who once knew the power of a personal Pentecost. Remember, Paul calls this age a "ministration of righteousness." Brother, if you have ill will, harsh, unkind criticism, evil habits in your life you have moved from the light of the Glory Age into the dark past of the pit from whence you were dug. Move into the light. Be an un-to-date New Testament Christian.

In closing, turn again to 2 Corinthians 3:18 for a beautiful picture of God's program for each Christian in this wonderful age. One day, when seated at my desk, I was blinded by a flash of light. When I looked in the direction from which the flash came I saw a youngster quickly leap behind a garage to escape

my detecting him. This mischievous young scientist had captured the rays of the sun and reflected them to my face. This is the thought of Paul here. We reflect as from a mirror the glory of the Lord. The glory of Christ shines upon the upturned face of a seeking soul so that he reflects the power and glory of "that same image." The result? That all depends upon the nature and length of the exposure. Keep your face turned up long enough, and the Spirit will change you into Christ's likeness from one degree of glory to another.

*"Fix your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace."*

MINISTRY GIFTS

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velop keenness to function in its proper fashion. Let the eye be developed to function properly in its sphere. That would be following the figure of the natural. The apostle turns to the spiritual and says, "having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given us, let us exercise these gifts according to the proportion of faith."

Just as natural development and skill is necessary for the effective function of a physical organ, a member of the physical body, so faith is essential for the exercise of spiritual gifts in ministering effectively. So it brings us right back to this tremendous truth—that if we would be effective as members of the body of Christ (that is to say, if we would exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit effectively in ministry), we must KEEP UP THE SUPPLY OF FAITH! If my livelihood depends upon the effective use of my arms and hands I must keep those arms and hands fit. If I neglect them, the muscles will become soft and I will not be effective in the use of them. But this is a spiritual matter. I am a distinct member in the body of Christ by virtue of the fact that the gift of the Holy Spirit to be exercised in my life has a distinctive purpose. It is related to a distinctive ministry, and in order to have its effective exercise in that ministry I must have the proportion of faith.

I do not generate faith. Faith does not come out of the ground. Faith comes from God, and who would have it otherwise? Only by waiting upon God, by ministering to the Lord, will I have a vital living faith for the exercise of gift-ministry.

I would like to call your attention to the words of Peter. In 1 Peter four there is a tremendous necessity laid upon us to wait upon God for the supply of faith—vital, living, operative faith. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another" (that is the purpose of a gift—it is for ministry for edification) "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10. That is a beautiful figure. Gifts of the Holy Spirit are entrusted to us, but they are still divine property. We are only stewards of those gifts. We are responsible, nevertheless, for the effective exercise thereof. Do you know the chief characteristic of a good steward?

"It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

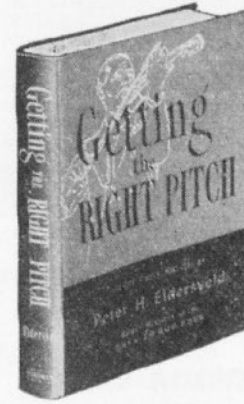
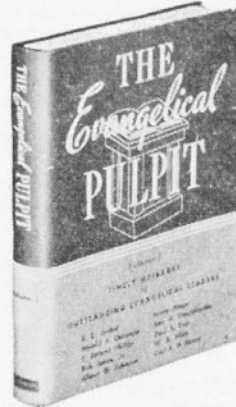
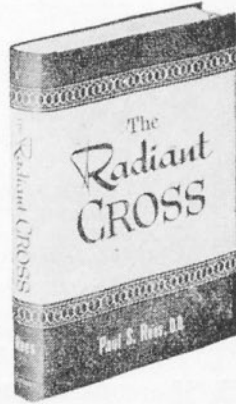
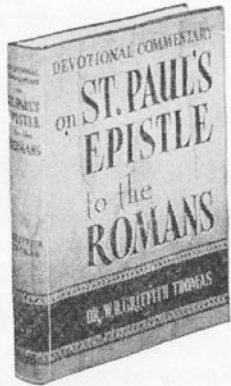
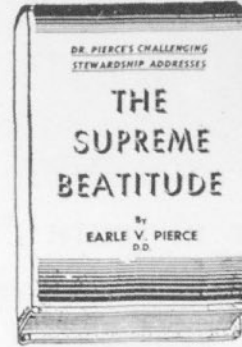
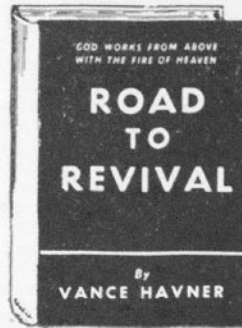
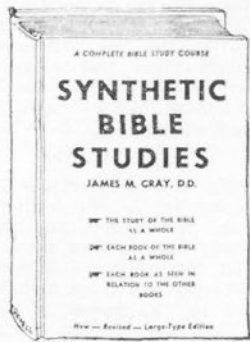
The sum total of these scriptures that we have been examining would call for a re-emphasis of responsibility and faithfulness. I must not construe this as meaning simply that because I am a steward of the gift of tongues I must be faithful to keep up the exercise of speaking in tongues. I think there is a deeper meaning. These scriptures tell us most emphatically that we must be faithful in waiting on God, so that we will have the divine dynamic for the effective exercise of speaking in tongues. The same is true of any other gift of the Holy Spirit. My responsibility is to exercise the gift effectively. That can only be possible as faith operates in me; and I must get that faith from God, not by getting a whole reservoir of it to carry with me all my days, but by drawing from God day by day.

Notice how Peter breaks this matter down to bring it home with tremendous force. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth." Here Peter classifies gifts first as gifts of utterance ("if any man speak") and then as gifts of ministry ("if any man minister.") Peter comprehends all the gifts of the Spirit in this twofold grouping.

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." What a responsibility! If I have a gift of the Holy Ghost that has to do with utterance, preaching the Word, teaching the Word, directing the flock of God, exhorting, admonishing, rebuking, encouraging, or comforting, as in prophecy, I must so wait on God that when I speak I will be speaking as the oracles of God. It is my responsibility to keep so vitally in touch with God, keep so fragrant in His presence, keep so anointed by His Spirit, that my speaking will be just as if God Himself were speaking.

That is a tremendous thought! I am beginning to think that I have not yet learned in my life how to sacrifice in the light of this great responsibility that is laid upon me. Do I wait upon my ministry? Do I shut myself up in the presence of God to the extent that it involves real sacrifice? Or do I plan my daily life so that this matter of waiting on God is subordinated to my own convenience? This stirs me! This makes me feel I have been trifling in things divine. It makes me feel that I have not begun to understand anything about sacrifice. Beloved brethren, this holy ministry that you and I have COSTS something. You have sacrificed some and you have found to your joy that sacrifice ceases to be sacrifice in the light of the overwhelming compensation, so great is the compensation of any little degree of sacrifice you are willing to make to have the anointing of the Spirit of God resting upon you. It costs something.

"If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth." It is very clear, brethren, that such ministry, resultant from gifts, must have the ability provided by God. It must come from God. We cannot generate it. We cannot turn the tap on at will. But we can wait in His presence. "Let him wait on his ministry!" I believe that God is longing to lay hold of our poor, feeble, human instrumentality and pour through it the streams of divine power for the manifestation and revelation of Himself.



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The Minot Youth Singspiration, made up of seven churches in Minot, N. D., sponsored 12 nights of united meetings in the High School Auditorium with the Jack Holcomb Evangelistic Party. The attendance at the beginning was around 400, and increased to well over 1,000. A splendid number from many different churches came for salvation.

Brother Holcomb's ministry in sermon and song was thoroughly appreciated by every one of the pastors. Carrol Holcomb contributed much to the meetings with his sweet spirit and song leading, and the work of Bob Watters, the young organist, was also a great inspiration.

This meeting will long be remembered as one of the bright spots in our Singspiration efforts. It was the first united campaign in the town's history. Since these meetings made such a fine impression, the ministers are looking forward to another united meeting next year.—Raymond R. Wiley, Pastor of Minot Gospel Tabernacle, Singspiration Director.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMP WELL ATTENDED

The Southern California District Camp Meeting which was held July 14-23 at the new campus of Southern California Bible College at Costa Mesa was well attended by ministers and visitors from all parts of the district. The new district tent which was equipped to seat 2,000 was filled to capacity on the evening of C. A. Day, the 21st. The peak attendance was on W. M. C. Day, Thursday, July 20.

God blessed the entire camp. The preaching was excellent; some were saved or reclaimed, others baptized with the Holy Spirit, some healed, and many encouraged in the Lord. General Superintendent Wesley R. Steelberg was principal speaker. F. C. Woodworth, District Superintendent, was personally in charge of most of the services. E. W. Mincey was song leader. Other speakers during the camp were John H. Bostrom, Gene Martin, Wallace Ross, Wm. Robertson, L. H. Hauff, J. Raymond Ton, I. J. Harrison, T. A. Kessel, Harry Stemme, Oliver Foth, Gladys F. Pearson, and Martha McLean.—L. E. Halvorson, District Secretary-Treasurer.

THOUSANDS CONVERTED IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

On the first Sunday of June, 1945, we opened the Canal Street Assembly of God Church. As a fifth anniversary gift the Lord gave us a great five-week revival (June 4 to July 9) with over 5,500 converts, under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Gayle Jackson of Sikeston, Mo.

There were only about 300 present in the big tent for the first service. When the altar call was given 43 sinners made their way to the prayer tents where our workers prayed with them until they were saved. Then the evangelist began praying for the sick. God began performing miracles of healing, and it was not long until the great tent, seating 2,000, was filled to overflowing and hundreds had to stand outside.

People were delivered from many varied afflictions, especially from goiters and crossed eyes. Deaf ears were unstopped; blind eyes were opened. Two men left their wheel chairs. Some who came on crutches walked away holding them in their hands. Scenes like this were repeated night after night, and the entire audience would lift their voices and hands in praise to God as the miracles took place.

The healings were wonderful, but they were not the greatest result of the meeting. They only paved the way for the Lord to work in the people's hearts. Each night, as the invitation was given, 200 to 300 would come forward to accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour. This mass movement of sin-sick souls coming for salvation was a most inspiring sight. The final tally of

cards filled out by those claiming salvation was 5,586. There were over 9,500 for whom prayer was offered in the healing services.

Many declare that this was the greatest revival ever conducted in the famed old city of New Orleans. Truly it was a Pentecostal revival such as I had never witnessed in all my life.

On the last Wednesday evening over 125 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. At least 100 of those who received the Holy Ghost had never heard anyone speak in tongues before.

We had a water baptismal service on the last Sunday afternoon and immersed 101 in a large tank under the tent.

About 125 became members of the Canal Street Assembly on the last Sunday night. A goodly number of others have joined since, and a number have received the Baptism. There was such a tremendous increase in membership and attendance that we have had to move into a larger building while we erect a new church. The attendance is increasing every week.—T. Horace Clark, Pastor.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

DENVER, COLO.—The Denver Revival Tabernacle recently had a campaign with the Kindschy Evangelistic Party (Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kindschy and Gaylord Kindschy). The preaching was excellent and the special music was truly inspiring. The whole church was drawn closer to the Lord in these meetings and several backsliders returned to Christ. D. L. Cooper is our pastor.—Leavah Prather, Church Reporter.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—About three years ago we felt moved of God to begin a new work on the northeast side of town, and now we have a nice tabernacle 36x60 with a large C. A. room and Sunday School rooms. We recently had a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. F. U. Whaley of Tampa, Fla. There were 53 saved and around 20 received the Holy Ghost. We baptized 20 in water. Many nights the evangelist did not get to preach as the Holy Ghost would take over the service and sinners would come to the altar. There were many outstanding healings. People came as far as 175 miles to the meeting. Our Sunday School more than doubled; we broke all records with a total attendance of 186.—P. F. Ramsey, Pastor.

OLIVEHURST, CALIF.—Last February we had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Nola Stout and co-worker Norma Elliot from Missouri. Twenty-nine were saved. Our church was inspired to do more for God.

Following this meeting we completely re-decorated the church. The seats and floors were refinished, and a new pulpit was installed.

We recently had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Johnnie Smith of Modesto, Calif. The anointed preaching and singing was a blessing to all. Eight were saved and three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Twenty-eight have been baptized in water this year. We give God all the praise for the work that has been accomplished. W. A. Frazier is pastor.—Troy A. Kesner, Church Secretary-Treasurer.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—We recently had a successful revival with the Eskelin Evangelistic Party of Hayward, Calif. They came here scheduled for only one Sunday. Apparently God had plans for them to stay longer, so for four weeks the blessing of the Lord came down as they ministered to us in Word and song.

We also would like to report that God has been manifesting Himself to us in a marvelous manner in our regular services. People have been saved, healed, or baptized with the Holy Spirit. We have several wonderful testimonies of miraculous healings which have come in answer to believing prayer. There is prevalent in the church a revival spirit that seems to be increasing daily as our people continue to look to God.

About 20 months ago we moved into our new brick church which cost approximately \$75,000. We have reduced the indebtedness to around \$17,000. Recently we installed a refrigeration air conditioning system in our auditorium which is now free from debt.

During the past year we had meetings with Evangelists Harvey McAlister and Robert Pruett. These revivals also brought a great blessing to our assembly.—Leonard L. Norville, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CHARLESTON, MO.—We thank the Lord for the good revival we had with Evangelist Earla McKinley of Kansas City, Mo. We had around 400 present nightly and there was a goodly number saved. We are also thankful for the growth in our Sunday School. We averaged 175 in attendance this past month.—E. E. (Ted) Smith, Pastor.

MCLEAN, TEX.—We had a glorious 2½-week revival with Evangelist L. R. Awtry of White Deer, Tex. Seven were saved, and three were filled with the Holy Ghost. Two were reclaimed and one refilled. Several were delivered from the smoking habit and one from drinking. A number were healed by the power of God. Three were baptized in water. Our Sunday School set a new attendance record of 56. The attendance a year ago was 19.—L. R. Green, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

MOUNT AYR, IOWA—Aug. 27—; Evangelist Leona Newberry, Springfield, Mo. Sectional Fellowship Meeting Mon., Aug. 28. (C. W. Hardy is pastor.)

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—West Gate Assembly of God, 1700 Suwanee Dr., Aug. 20—Sept. 3; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp. (D. J. Haidt is pastor.)

EAST KANE, PA.—Pentecostal Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Paul W. Klinger, Shamokin, Pa., evangelist and children's worker. (Arthur E. Hardt is pastor.)

BEND, OREG.—Assembly of God, E. 2nd and Greenwood, Sept. 17—Oct. 1; Evangelist Bob Pruett of Texas.—by Paul E. Brown, Pastor.

OELWEIN, IOWA—Assembly of God, Aug. 27—; Evangelist Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass. (C. E. Hamilton is pastor.)

CARTHAGE, MO.—Assembly of God, Sept. 10—; Evangelist J. Murrell Cockerell, Fort Worth, Tex.—by J. A. Rogers, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—13th and Stewart, Aug. 20—; Sister W. L. Miles, Evangelist.—by Joseph F. Liles, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—Alton Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 10—24; Evangelist Carl C. Haas, Tallahassee, Fla. (H. A. Hamilton is pastor.)

HOBBS, N. MEX.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 20—; Evangelist Hardie G. Weathers, Houston, Tex.—by Raymond Hudson, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Assembly of God, 2903 Grand Ave., Aug. 27—; Evangelist Charles C. Robinson, Waxahachie, Tex.—by Joseph Raculia, Pastor.

DOWNSVILLE, LA.—Assembly of God, Aug. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex.—by Otties Deal, Pastor.

CHELAN, WASH.—Aug. 29—Sept. 12 or longer; Evangelist Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (Kenneth B. Gregg is pastor.)

DRAGERTON, UTAH—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris, Loveland, Colo. (A. E. Hokanson is pastor.)

BYARD, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, Aug. 13—27 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. H. M. Wisenbaker, Sulphur Springs, Tex. (L. D. Wisenbaker is pastor.)

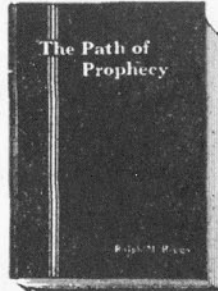
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ELKHART, IND.—Tent revival, Bristol St., sponsored by Bethel Assembly of God, Aug. 13—27; Evangelist Leona Sumrall.—by Dale C. Zink, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—First Assembly of God, 4737—2nd Ave. N., Aug. 20—Sept. 10; Evangelist Clyde C. Goree, Madisonville, Tex.—Wiley T. Davis, Pastor.

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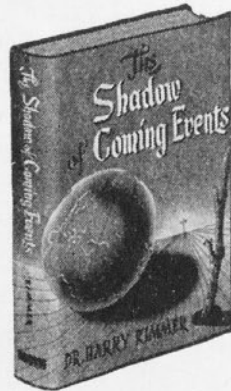


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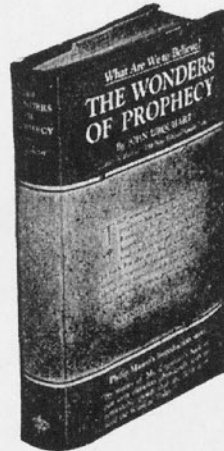


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NATIONAL CONVENTION of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 3—5, 1950. The first convention at Des Moines and the second convention at Oklahoma City were times of rich blessing, with many Pentecostal groups represented. Plan to attend this third national convention in Memphis. Details to be announced later.

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Fellowship meeting and dedication of First Assembly of God, 1749 E. Broadway, Sept. 4. Services 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:45 p.m. Fellowship dinner 1:00 p.m. Special invitation to former pastors and members. Beginning revival Sept. 3 with Evangelist Jack Coe of Tex.—by L. G. Gilmore, Pastor.

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