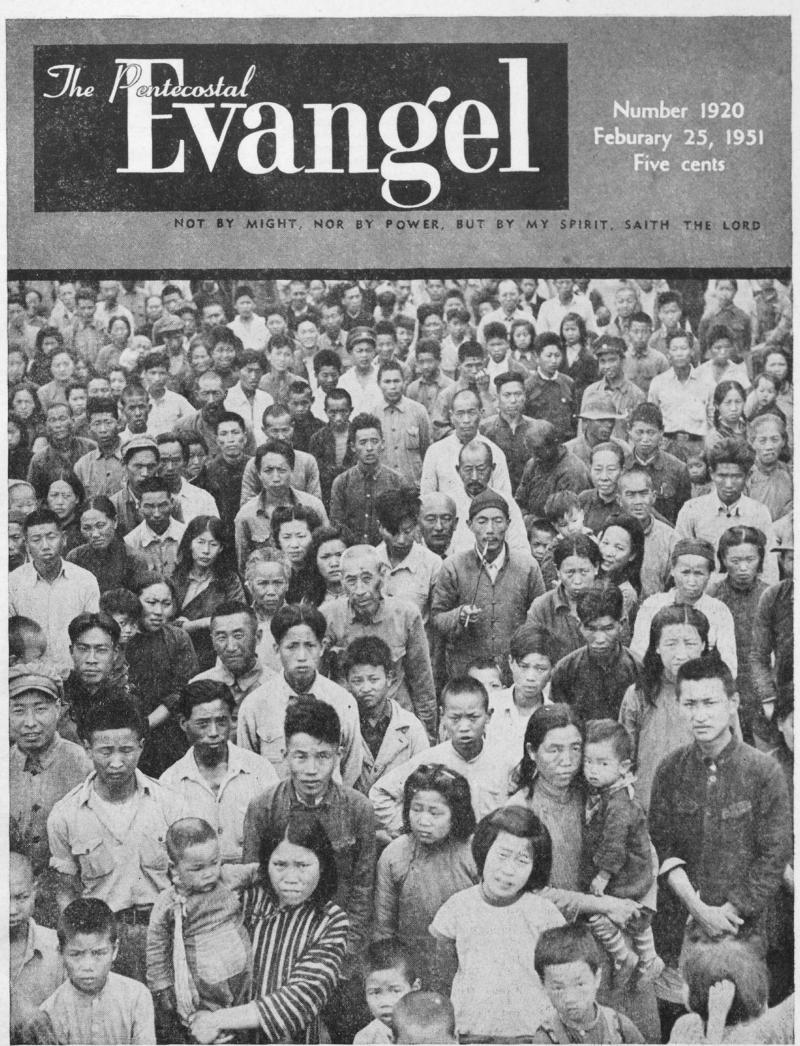
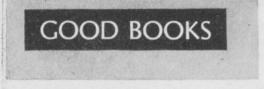


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Others have written books on Luther, but no one else has gathered so many interesting side lights and has given us such a graphic story of his life. A condensation of the book ran serially in GOSPEL GLEANERS last year. One of the readers said: "I have been wishing for many years that I had a popular account of Luther's life, but this is the first story I have found suitable for handing to my Roman Catholic friends. I wish it could be put in book form." We are happy to say that this has now been done.



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#### Reading the Bible in Public

I wonder why so many of the holiness churches neglect the reading of the Bible in their worship services and in the opening exercises of Sunday School? We have been members of an old denomination all our lives, until three years ago when God called us out, and in our former denomination there was always much of God's Word read in the services. We surely miss this in the various holiness churches which we have been attending.

God's Word is quick and powerful, and we need it. Perhaps if you could mention this in the EVANGEL the ministers and Sunday School superintendents would give the Scriptures a more prominent place in all public services.— Mrs. Frank Adams, Volant, Pa.

#### A Reader for Twenty-five Years

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL was sent to me by a friend over twenty-five years ago, for which I am still thanking God. I have been a faithful reader of it ever since. It has proved to be a rock in a weary land, and streams of water in the desert to me time after time. My prayer is that its blessings may be brought to many more like me.—Mrs. Erma Schmidt, Continental, O.

#### Ministering From a Wheel Chair

I want to thank God for ever sending Mrs. Roy Verbeck to my home. Sister Verbeck is in charge of the Home Department of the Glad Tidings Assembly of God here in Wichita; Floyd L. Dennis is Pastor.

I was a backslider and had no time for God, but Sister Verbeck kept coming, rain or shine, hot or cold. Today I'm saved and my home is a place of prayer. Another sister and I started to pray together; then God sent in others. Now we have regular prayer meetings and children's meetings. God has saved many souls in our prayer meetings, has baptized believers and healed sick bodies; and one young sister has been called into gospel work.

So don't ever give up. God can use you, even if you are confined to a wheel chair as I am. My husband has been sick for two years and unable to work, yet God has supplied our needs. What a wonderful God we have.—Mrs. Ed W. Flynn, Wichita, Kansas.

#### A Subscription for Each Convert

We have decided to give a one-year subscription to The Pentecostal Evangel to individuals who come to our altar for salvation.—Pastor F. D. Eide, Bethel Pentecostal Church, Newark, N. J.

#### Enjoys "Old-Timer" Articles

I have enjoyed the articles by J. R. Flower, E. S. Williams, D. W. Kerr, Christine Peirce, and others that have been in the EVANGEL recently. When I read Sister Peirce's article, "Pentecost—the Lost Chord," I knew that she had the same experience as I. I received my Baptism in the blessed Holy Spirit in September 1909.

Just looking at the picture of Brother Kerr was refreshing. It is just as he looked when I heard him a number of times. I always enjoyed hearing him, and I was enthused when I read the article. When I read about the ecstasy he mentioned, the *Hallelujahs* rolled out of my mouth and I had some of that same ecstasy.—Elizabeth L. Moll, Reading, Pa.

#### Appreciated in State Sanitarium

I enjoy reading the EVANGEL. I collect all the copies I can get and send them to a State Sanitarium. I have a very nice letter from the Superintendent and the Librarian, expressing their appreciation. God bless the Publishing House and all the employees.—Mrs. F. C. Melcher, Kosciusko, Miss.

## Do What You Can

#### Noel Perkin

"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD." If Mary could have chosen her own epitaph she could not have wished for anything better than these immortal words from the lips of Jesus.

In Mark 14 we read how she poured her precious ointment upon her Lord. Some were indignant and said, "Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence [about \$40] and have been given to the poor."

But Jesus said, "Let her alone. She hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good; but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could; she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying."

According to John, this is the same Mary who sat at the feet of Jesus. Her sister Martha was indignant because Mary just sat when there was so much work to be done. Martha was busy with serving and she thought Mary ought to be busy too. But here in Mark 14 we see that Mary was not only contemplative in her faith; she was also active. There are these two factors in any life. We need to keep them in balance.

We can be too active. We can forget to stop and look into the face of the One we serve, from whom we get inspiration and life. We can become so busy working in the vineyard of the Lord that we leave Him far behind, and forget that without Him we can do nothing. It looks as if we are doing a whole lot sometimes, but the works of man crumble into dust.

On the other hand, there are those who emphasize the contemplative side of life and forget about the active side. It is true that spiritual growth comes by contemplation, by association with God. "Consider the lilies, how they grow." They toil not. They are not active. They grow by beholding the sun with its life-giving rays. There is only one way to grow spiritually and that is by being much in the presence of God. But both of these phases of the Christian life are necessary. This is an active age. Sometimes it requires real perseverance and will power to be quiet —to get alone with God. Recently I was reading again some of the experiences of John Hyde, better known as Praying Hyde. When he went to India as a missionary, he was reproved by his superiors because he was not acquiring the language quickly enough.

They said, "You are spending too much time in your study of the Bible and in your prayer. You must give more time to language study." But he said he had determined that first things must come first. There was even some discussion as to whether he should not be sent home because he was not progressing fast enough. But the Indians had been so impressed with this man and his spirit that had been so affected through association with the Spirit of God, that they said, "Even if he doesn't get the language, let him stay with us." He had something that they wanted

Hyde did get the language, and became most fluent in the use of it, but he put his devotions ahead of his activities. He thought it nothing to spend whole days in prayer-at one time ten days, at another thirty days. As a result, great things were done by the Holy Spirit in the various villages. Once he was thirty-six hours on his knees, not dreaming but in active prayer. To go before the Lord and dream of all the things we would like to have-that is not prayer. In prayer our mind should be going out in positive broadcast of that which we want from God. That is the praying that brings something to pass.

> The Cover Picture Speaks "The hungry millions wait The coming of the Light That maketh all things new; Christ also waits, But men are slow and late: Have we done all we could? Have I, have you?"



Contemplation is important, but we need action also. If we were to shut ourselves up and say, "Let us just stay in the presence of the Lord," what would become of this sin-darkened world? There is a world steeped in wickedness. There is a world that needs God. I imagine our whole viewpoint of life would be changed if we could see the world as God sees it, as He contemplates the forces that are seeking to grasp the souls of men and as He sees people looking for light. You say, "Where are they going to get it?" Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Friends, that brings a responsibility upon us. Light is derived from Him; it is the Spirit of Christ that this world needs.

See that great land of CHINA—a courteous people, an intelligent people, a people that have been deprived of many of the blessings that we enjoy. Communism is grasping it, enfolding it in its grim arms as though it would crush the life out of it. That entire nation is now largely shut off from the Christian world. We had our opportunity, but how little we actually did for China! Thank God for that group of Chinese Christians and ministers who are holding on against opposition, against the powers of Satan. It is Communism or Christ.

We have a few missionaries still holding on in China—some of our lady missionaries in Nanking, and James Vigna in the Northwest area. Correspondence and contact with them is very limited, but thank God we can touch them by the hand of prayer. That land needs prayer. Prayer can break down the fortifications of the evil one.

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This address by our Foreign Missions Secretary was given to the students at Central Bible institute

## Signs of the Times

#### Northcote Deck

How soon is Christ to return? Have we any reliable data as to the nearness of His coming? These are questions worth asking and answering.

Years ago a friend of mine, just back from China, was sitting one evening on the Thames Embankment in London, looking at that scene of boyhood's days. On the same bench were two business girls. After a while they began to wonder what time it was. Each had on a cheap little wrist watch, in the days when they were made for looks rather than to go, and their watches did not agree. While they continued arguing which was right, my old Londoner friend heard the deep, sonorous notes of "Big Ben" booming through the city of London, literally setting the time for an empire. But those two girls didn't notice! They went on with the argument, though the time had been told clearly and beyond question.

So are men today! The clock of God has spoken in no uncertain tones giving warning of the approach of "zero hour," and men go on arguing.

All down the ages, of course, there have been general signs: "wars and rumors of wars . . famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:6-7). These indeed have shown the trend of the ages. But today, as never before, indications are multiplying that the "time is short," indeed.

#### Men's Hearts Failing for Fear

One undoubted sign is fear. Thus Luke 21:25-26 states, "There shall be signs . . . upon the earth, distress of nations, with perplexity . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth." Never has this been true on a world-wide scale as it is today. For fear has rightly been described as Public Enemy Number One.

Of course, as man is "born to trouble" (Job 5:7), he has been subject to fear all down the ages—fear of famine and ruin, fear of sickness and starvation, fear of danger and death. But today, as the age darkens to its close, fear fills the hospitals with the sick, the asylums with the insane, the papers with crime, and the graves with suicides. Fear, which has ever been the common lot of men, is continually intensifying a man's knowledge of science outruns his knowledge of God. Of late the atomic bomb has come as a new specter, so that increasingly today, no life, no city, no continent is safe from annihilation. In their further explorations of the unimagined powers of nature, men seem to be getting to the position of men after the flood when God said: "Nothing will be restrained from them" (Genesis 11:6). It seems as if the Savior will need to come soon, or mankind will destroy itself. Yet when the "elements melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3:10), it will be by judgment from God, not by the bomb of man.

Of course, today there are still scoffers who say: "Where is the promise of his coming, for . . . all things continue as they were from . . . the creation" (2 Peter 3:4). But before the first world war, in the words of the prophet of old, "All the earth sitteth still and is at rest" (Zechariah 1:11). He would be a bold man who asserted this today when the whole world is an armed camp, with no prospect of real peace.

#### LATER THAN YOU THINK!

Nothing could be truer— "It is later than you think." The sea and waves are roaring. The sky is black as ink.

"H-bombs" are in the making; "A-bombs" are on the self; War-dogs are barking nearer— It is time to rouse yourself.

The light has flickered downward To the dismal smoky wick. The clouds of Tribulation gather— Oh, so dark and thick.

The Reds are stained like crimson, The rest are tinged with pink. The world is ripe for judgment— It is later than you think.

You planned a trip to heaven, To live there evermore, But failed to start the journey, Through Christ the only Door.

The time has passed so swiftly— You never thought, alas, That before you took the Saviour So many years would pass.

And now the King is coming, The only Potentate! The clock is striking midnight. It is true, the hour is late.

-Leona D. Cole

Further, instead of a millennium, we have the fulfillment of the last clause of Luke 21:26, "the powers of heaven shall be shaken." This prediction is enlarged in Hebrews 12:26: "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." In a way unthinkable fifty years ago, man's basics are tottering. For example, fifty years ago man had bedrock in chemistry in two directions: the atom, indivisible, and the element, unalterable. Since then the atom has been smashed and the elements found to be transmutable. So there is no finality. Years ago two and two were believed always to make four, without any question. Dr. Einstein has shown that under certain conditions they make more than four. These are but instances of the note of uncertainty which has come over many branches of human knowledge. It does seem a fulfillment of Hebrews 12:26 in which God has been shaking the self-confidence of men. Certainly He has shaken the foundation of the security of life.

All over the world men's hearts are rightly "failing them for fear." Both age and youth are searching for a philosophy of life that will offer satisfaction and above all—security. They will find both only in Jesus Christ.

#### Jews' Return

Then there are a nation and a land which are certainly signs from God. Years ago at a conference of the powers at Vienna, Prince Metternich was briefing his assistants about the British delegation of which Jewish Benjamin Disraeli was the head. He used these significant words: "Keep your eye on the Jew; the Jew's the man to watch." Better advice could not be given today to all seeking to assess world affairs.

For, really to tell the world's time, the two main hands of the clock of God are the Jew and his land. Concerning their coming apostasy God in Leviticus 26:33 declared: "I will scatter you among the heathen [nations] . . . and your land shall be desolate . . . then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.' That is one of the most remarkable geographic and prophetic statements in the Bible. No nation has been so scattered all over the world; yet it has preserved its identity miraculously. And the land has lain desolate for long centuries, God putting in caretakers who would neither use the land nor allow anyone else to develop it.

Near the end of the past century God began to lift His ban. Jews began to return in a trickle which has now become a torrent. The land has suddenly sprung to life under Jewish enterprise and is already largely under in-

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tensive cultivation. Here are two not-tobe-ignored signs of the moving of God. First, 1900 years of exile of the people, 1900 years' desolation of the land. Then suddenly God reverses His fiat, and the prophecy of Isaiah 62:4 is coming true: "Thou [Israel] shalt no more be termed Forsaken, neither shall thy land . . . be termed Desolate . . . for . . . thy land shall be married," to its people—exactly what is happening today. The Arab is out and the Jew is in, in readiness for the personal return of our Lord Jesus as his Messiah, according to many detailed prophecies, such as Isaiah 11:11 and Amos 9:14-15.

These two stages of God's dealing with Israel and the event they portend, the return of Christ, have been likened to a train lumbering along the main line of the purposes of God. Through unfaithfulness the train came to a standstill, all its steam gone and all its faith in God lost. God thereupon ran the Jewish train into a sidetrack and left it there for the present. He then proceeded at Pentecost to make up a new train, well described as "the Church Express," which at present occupies the main line. From many indications this train is now nearing its goal, which is "to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). God will then bring the old Jewish train back to the main line to resume its journey, and reach its goal: to be the governing nation of the world under Christ Jesus Himself (Zechariah 8:21-23).

Finally, one of the most vital verses for us today is the Savior's statement in

Luke 21:24, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, till the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Now Jerusalem has been trodden down by Gentiles since Nebuchadnezzar's day, and the present Gentiles are the Arabs. But how long is their occupation of Jerusalem to last? Israel has taken back twice as much of the land as the United Nations allotted it, and has gotten away with it. She has beaten the disunited Arab tribes to a standstill. She controls the new city of Jerusalem right up to the walls of the old. When Israel is consolidated, who is to stop her from taking back the old city and starting religious observances? Neither the Arabs nor the U. N. can stop her-only God. Yet when the Jews take back the city, the times of the Gentiles will have been fulfilled, and before that the Church age will have ended, and the Church have been caught up "to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). So we had better keep this prophecy in mind, keep our bags packed, and be as "men that wait for their lord" (Luke 12:36).

Signs? What with the unparalleled fear of mankind, the world-wide distress of nations, the universal threat to mere existence, the return of the Jews and the revival of their land, evidently "the time is short" indeed (1 Corinthians 7:29). Then forgetting those things which are behind, let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14), ever "redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

It is later than you think.—Reprinted from "HIS."



The return of the Jews to Israel points to the nearness of Christ's second coming. This photo (courtesy of United Palestine Appeal) shows new immigrants arriving at Haifa, bringing with them the Torah, their sacred scroll of Scripture.



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## The Gospel of Healing

#### Christ's Message to the Sick is One of Grace, not Legalism

#### PASTOR PAUL

WE SHOULD instruct our sick rightly in the question of healing by faith. Healing is often preached as a LAW and not as a GOSPEL. Thus many are standing in this matter upon legal rather than evangelical ground. Now it is clear that Jesus, our wonderful Physician, is not come to preach law, but He came and said: "Believe the GOSPEL."

When He went into the synagogue in Nazareth they handed Him the prophecy of Isaiah, and He turned to the place where we read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent He to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Let us pay careful attention to these words. Jesus came with the gospel—the glad tidings. He did not preach, "It is a sin to employ a doctor, or medical remedies." If He had done so He would have been preaching law. On the contrary, He said that He had come to fulfil that Word, "Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses . . . and by His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4-5. He came to be our Healer.

Let us therefore preach healing by faith as a gospel. Enough harm has already been done by legal preaching. It is said, for example, "Throw away your medicines; don't go any more to the doctor." Well, have you helped the sick person by this? Most certainly not. Perhaps he may put his medicine bottles away and remain sick, just as he was before. You must bring the sick man the gospel. You must show him that Jesus really is a Savior. You must encourage him really to entrust himself to this Physician. You must give him such a desire that he really does so.

There are, of course, hindrances that can hold a sick person back from the help of the Lord. It may in some circumstances be a great hindrance to a sick person if he does not give up his attempts to obtain earthly relief. Quite certainly faith in Jesus as his Physician cannot break through if he is putting his confidence in an earthly physician, and it may therefore be necessary to point this out to him. However, this should never be done in such a way as to make it sin for him; rather should we exhort him simply to claim the help of the Lord. Then it follows of itself that he is no longer putting his trust in human medicines, but in the Lord and His Word. But this must be for the sick person a message of joy; he must see that he is now offered a better help.

#### II

Jesus said to him that was healed, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." By this we see that sin may be a reason for the disease we are suffering from, but we have no right to say that a man has sinned because he is sick. There are men who say: "If you had not sinned, you would not have been sick now." He that makes an assertion like this introduces a law again. You can make a sick person fearfully depressed by such talk. No, here the gospel must come in.

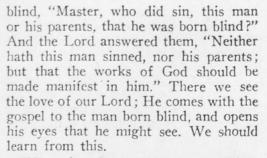
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#### ARTHRITIS HEALED IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

In May 1950, I came down with the dreadful affliction of arthritis all over my body. According to medical science my recovery was hopeless. My suffering was intense. I had seven doctors, used nine different kinds of medicine, and had intravenous and hypodermic injections, but to no avail.

One day in October, I gave up in despair and threw myself on the mercy of God. Praise the Lord, He heard my cry and answered prayer. He changed me from a helpless cripple to an active man. It is now three months since the Lord healed me. I play my violin and sing in the churches for the glory of God. I also drive my car as well as I ever did. Oh, praise the Lord forever!—Thomas H. Ross, 29 Estes St., Lynn, Mass.

(Pastor A. Lindsay, First Pentecostal Church, Lynn, Mass. has endorsed this testimony.)



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When therefore a sick person desires to be healed by faith we must, first of all, point out to him that he must separate himself from every sin. This we see also from James 5:14-15, where we read that the sick shall get the brethren to pray over him, and thereupon is added expressly in verse 16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." The sick person is to separate himself from his sin by means of confession of sin before men. He must also entrust himself to Jesus as his Physician, that he may be set free from the disease. In this manner we attain to wonderful blessings, and how Jesus is glorified thereby !

#### III

A good many fall into the error of preaching law and saying, "You must never become ill again. Jesus has now delivered you from all sickness. If you again become ill, it is a proof that your position is not right. You are not wholly obedient."

Or else they say, "You have no business to remain ill. If your faith is right you must be delivered from every disease. If a disease is not taken from you, it is a proof that you are not wholly and entirely obedient and trustful."

He that speaks thus again introduces a law, and many a sick person has been worried by such legal preaching. It is high time that we preached only the gospel upon this point. When Job became ill his friends wanted to prove that he had not been found righteous before God. They wanted to demonstrate that his sickness was the result of sin. Yet the Holy Scripture tells expressly that Job was not sick because he had sinned, but because God allowed His

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### PASSING and PERMANENT

#### NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

#### **Bible Stories Visualized**

Gospel marionette shows have invaded television. Filmed by the Protestant Radio Commission, the thirteen productions feature favorite Bible stories such as The Prodigal Son.

#### Eleven Billions on Homes

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the American people spent \$11,500,000,000 for homes in 1950. How many are putting all their money in an earthly home and investing little or nothing in a "mansion in the sky"?

#### The Gospel in Japan

The work of the Holy Spirit in Japan is one of today's outstanding miracles. It is reported that evangelistic meetings in the past three years have been attended by over a million Japanese, and that 200,000 professed to accept Christ.

#### Typhus in Korea

As we go to press (February 8) there are reports that many Communist soldiers in Korea are dying or are being greatly weakened by the spread of typhus in their ranks. Is this an indication that God is fighting against the Communists?

#### Koreans to Visit U.S.A.

A special mission will shortly be sent to the U.S.A. and other United Nations countries by the Korean Protestant churches to urge them not to "abandon Korea" under any circumstances. The emissaries will carry with them a detailed report concerning massacres of Christians by North Korean Communists in their drive through South Korea.

#### The Gospel in Public Parks

The U. S. Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional a municipal ordinance of New York City requiring a police permit for a religious meeting to be held in a park or other public place. The appeal was heard on behalf of a Baptist minister.

The Court also ruled that the city council of Havre de Grace, Md., acted illegally in refusing two members of Jehovah's Witnesses permission to use a public park.

The decision in the New York City case was 8 to 1. In the Havre de Grace case the Court was unanimous.

#### **Church Construction Uncertain**

Churches with building plans are advised by W. A. Harrell to get construction started as soon as possible. He warned that priorities, rising costs, and scarcity of materials "raise a serious doubt" for church building programs beyond the next few months.

"So far," he said, "churches are in the clear under National Production Authority provisions for religious and educational buildings," but "whether those provisions will be tightened as they were in World War II we don't know." Mr. Harrell is secretary of the department of architecture of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

#### The Governor's Statement

In his inaugural address, Governor Howard Pyle of Arizona said: "I am yours to direct. I am God's to lead. I will do my best." We need more governors who will take an attitude like that.

#### Church Income Tops Billion Mark

For the first time, the annual income of America's 48 largest denominations has topped the billion-dollar mark. Members of these denominations gave \$1,137,554,266 for local church expenses and benevolence causes during 1950.

#### "Hour of Decision" Gets High Rating

The "Hour of Decision," featuring Billy Graham and his evangelistic team, has received the highest Neilsen audience rating ever accorded a religious broadcast. The 3.4 rating was achieved in December after only five weeks of broadcasting. The "Hour of Decision" is heard on ABC each Sunday afternoon.

#### Atomic Explosions

Several atomic bombs have exploded in the U.S.A. this month, but they were not Russian-made, thank the Lord, and none of our big cities was devastated. The explosions occurred in a desert portion of Nevada where the Government is said to be experimenting with smaller atomic weapons and bomb shelters. The flashes were visible for hundreds of miles, it is reported. Radioactive snow fell on two cities in New York State following the atomic blasts in the State of Nevada.

#### Jerusalem's Growth

Jerusalem's population has risen from 70,000 during the siege in 1948 to a high of 134,000 in the last week of 1950, according to an official report. Approximately 200 new industrial enterprises and many small workshops, employing nearly 1,500 workers, were opened during the same period. In addition, the railroad line from Tel Aviv was opened to passenger traffic, restrictions on the use of water were lifted, consumption of electric current doubled, and road construction progressed.

#### No More Baccalaureate?

"The baccalaureate service, in many public schools the last vestige of recognition of religious faith, may be declared illegal," states The Banner. "In connection with such a service at the Somers, New York, public high school, the New York state commissioner of education has ruled, in reply to a Roman Catholic protest, that it is to be forbidden. What had been held was a strange conglomeration indeed. An invocation and benediction were pronounced by an Episcopal clergyman, and a non-religious address was given by a Jewish rabbi. The Catholics state that they cannot participate in such a service. No doubt we would feel the same way about it. In any case, it points up the utter abandonment of public education to secularism."

#### World Statistics on Sunday Schools

New statistics released during the recent World Sunday School Convention in Toronto, Canada, show that there are 27,944,454 pupils enrolled in Sunday Schools in the U.S.A. and 9,442,830 in other lands, making a world total of 37,387,284 pupils. Add the 3,351,180 teachers and officers and you have a grand enrolment of 40,738,564. It is reported that this is a 75% increase since the conference in Oslo, Norway, fourteen years ago.

#### Average Income Growing

Despite advancing prices, Americans were in a better financial condition on January 1. The Federal Reserve Board estimated that 4 out of 10 American families had assets valued at more than \$5,000 and about half of all consumers were completely free of debt. Six out of every 10 had a net worth of at least \$1,000. And 92% of all Americans now have more assets than liabilities.

With an increased income, and with the disappearance of refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, and other consumer goods from the market, Christian people should have more money to invest in the world-wide progagation of the gospel.

#### George Washington's Prayer

On June 8, 1783, General Washington offered the following prayer for his country:

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large.

"And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

"Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

#### No Envoy to the Vatican

The Evangelical Press Association, meeting in Chicago last month for its annual convention, passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, it is reported that a successor to Mr. Myron Taylor may be appointed as the President's personal envoy to the Vatican:

"We, the members of the Evangelical Press Association, representing publications with a circulation of four million, strongly reaffirm our opposition to such an appointment which violates the American principle of separation of Church and State, concedes a privileged position to one ecclesiastical body, and fosters disunity in the nation at a time when unity is sorely needed.

"Resolved, that this action be presented to the President of the United States."

It is reported by Religious News Service that President Truman has given up the thought of establishing an official diplomatic mission at the Vatican. Such an ambassador would require Senate confirmation, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is not favorable; but the President is said to be considering the appointment of a personal representative to the Pope.

## KNEELING IN THE DUST

#### George G. Hemminger, Sierra Leone

FOR MORE THAN a year we have been making weekly visits to a town about seven miles from Freetown.

One night after the service we were distributing gospel literature when our national pastor was called aside. After a few minutes he came to me and told me that some men were present who wanted to become Christians. They had requested that we pray with them.

I went with him and found six men, all eager to become Christians. They had been "holding to" Mohammedanism, they said, and were confused as to what steps they should take in turning to Christ.

It had been an open-air service, and since it was the dry season the ground was covered with thick dust. After we explained the way of salvation the men knelt and found the peace they were seeking. When we arose their knees were white with dust. It was a matter of great rejoicing to us as they were the first fruit of the village.

They are now having prayer meetings together in the village, and are quite happy in the Lord.

We have been visiting another town called Old Wharf—it is along the river front. Even the first time we were there the people were friendly. There was one question they asked us that touched our hearts: "Why is it that you go to other towns and teach the people, but do not come to us?" Since then we have been conducting services for them once a week.

At the close of our first service in Old Wharf our national pastor heard one Mohammedan say, "After all, the Christian way is the right way."

We have some phonograph records which were made by one of our missionaries while he was at home on furlough. We play one or



THE PAST YEAR'S STUDENT BODY OF INSTITUTO BIBLICO MIZPA

Top: Instituto Biblico Mizpa students at Bayamon, Puerto Rico, pose for picture under banner. Bottom: Parade on Commencement Day of Instituto Biblico Mizpa students. (Note police escort.) two of these at the services and the people enjoy them very much.

At one of the services in Old Wharf my wife was speaking, using flannelgraphs of Paul and Silas. When she finished she asked for questions. Immediately one man asked which song Paul and Silas had sung at midnight. The people had been taught only two songs at the time, so no doubt the man was wondering which of the two songs had been favored by Paul and Silas.

They had never had the gospel message at Old Wharf, though so near civilization. We counted 78 at one of our services and nearly all were fishermen.

### Cuban Challenge

#### Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Nicodemus, Cuba

WE HAVE PASSED through the long, tedious experiences of customs and have set up our home on a mission field once more, this time near Santa Clara in the Province of Las Villas, Cuba. Our home is four miles from Santa Clara and 25 miles from our Central Bible School near Manacas, where we are teaching.

Cuba, as you may know, is the largest of the West Indian Islands. The area is 44,164 square miles. The island is 730 miles long and the breadth averages 50 miles, with a maximum of 160 miles. There is a population of approximately 5,000,000.

The challenge before us is great. The nearness of Cuba to the States does not mean that the island is evangelized as so many have thought. There are fine opportunities for pioneer gospel work as a good percentage of the population is not Catholic.

There are centers here of more than 20,000 population that have no full gospel work. An entire province of near 400,000 population is without even one Pentecostal church.

The island saw some outstanding evangelistic meetings during 1950. There were conversions, remarkable healings, and Baptisms in the Holy Spirit, but the need is still great.

### To Another Tribe

#### Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Cobb, Nigeria

DOORS HAVE OPENED for us to preach to the Gwaris since we have won, by the help of the Lord, our friend, the Paramount Chief Kujama. He is the chief for whom we asked prayer that he would agree for us to build a church in one of his villages that we might put a pastor there. Since the church has been completed God has blessed.

Calls are coming in from all over Nigeria for us to come to preach.

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Luke 13:24.

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S. S. Bryant North India

Dorris E. Trigg

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Mrs. S. S. Bryant North India

Adeline E. Wichman

Gold Coast



Mrs. H. S. Lehmann Gold Coast

Gold Coast



Cuba



Pedro B. Torres Pauline B. Smith

## THEY RAN ALL DAY

#### Mrs. Vivan I. Smith, Upper Volta

THE LORD MET US in the Mossiland Bible School (French West Africa) during 1950

One day early in the year 12 students received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. At chapel time the following morning three more received. Until December 17 there had been good prayer services and many refillings, but no more initial fillings.

On Sunday, December 17, Nakelsegoama, a national minister, delivered our morning message. He stressed the need for the students to have the help of the Holy Spirit upon entering the Lord's work.

Nakelsegoama was a soldier in the French Army during the last war. He told how as raw recruits he and other soldiers were made to run one kilometer (approximately fiveeights of a mile), then two, then greater distances. Later heavy packs were placed upon their backs. After some time they could run long distances with packs without becoming winded.

The soldiers, he said, could not understand the meaning of such training until they were engaged in actual combat, when at times they had to run all day. They realized then that it had been necessary that their strength be developed.

Nakelsegoama used the foregoing as an illustration of how God's soldiers must have training and the Holy Spirit's power when out on the battlefield fighting for God. He urged that all seek the Lord.

We went to prayer and tarried until late afternoon. Four received initial fillings of the Spirit. One who received said it seemed that warm oil was penetrating his entire being.

Reports are coming in from various points over the field of conversions, healings, and deliverances.

We have read of revivals on other fields and we have been praying, "Lord, do not pass by Mossiland." We do praise Him for what He has been doing. Join us in prayer for a great outpouring here.

### Impossible Now

#### J. Paul Bruton, Togoland

LESS THAN SIX MONTHS ago we arrived at Sansanne Mango, Togoland (French West Africa) to establish a mission work. Today the ground has been cleared of all bush, and our buildings have been finished.

Since our arrival cries for help have been coming in from every direction. One chief, located 300 miles away, sent his son with this plea: "We have heard that there are missionaries in Sansanne Mango. Please send us a teacher. We will build a house. We will build a church. Whatever you need we will provide.'

We had to send word back that it was impossible to send anyone now, although there are nearly 100,000 persons in that area.

We went to one village 19 miles from our station for a service and were well received. It was a stirring sight, seeing the many faces before us waiting eagerly for what we had to say.

According to all information we have gathered, the people of this area have never had Protestant missionaries before.

### **Evangelistic Meeting** Held in Lucknow

A THREE-WEEK TENT MEETING was held in Lucknow, North India in No-vember, with Arne Vick, of North Hollywood, California, as evangelist. Brother Vick has been in India for several months, at the request of the field councils there, helping in conventions and evangelistic work.

The Lucknow revival was held in a large rectangular tent, pitched near the heart of the city. As many as 30 persons responded each night to the altar call. Among those converted were several young persons who are now attending the regular church services.

One Indian woman, seeking the Lord at the altar for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, had to leave the tent before she was satisfied, to make the eighteen-mile trip to her home. After she reached her home she received a glorious infilling.

The pastor of the Hindustani work closed many of his services so his people could attend the meetings. By the beginning of the second week there was a good attendance.

Esther M. Fritz and Grace L. Walther of West Bengal were in Lucknow during the tent meeting to assist with the music.

-From the Lucknow missionaries.

#### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Verne A. Warner, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, arrived home for furlough on January 20.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Lehmann, Pauline B. Smith, and Adeline E. Wichman sailed for Gold Coast, West Africa, on January 23. \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney S. Bryant, and Dorris Elaine Trigg, a new appointee, left the States for India on January 21.

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Pedro B. Torres has returned to the Cuban field to resume his work there. \*

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Isensee, missionaries to Peru, announce the birth of a daughter, Marguerite Ethel, on January 1.

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#### CHRIST AND THE CROSS

#### Lesson for March 4

#### Mark 15:16-28

Before going into our lesson, let us look at the anguish of the Cross. A person crucified had his hands either tied or nailed to the cross; the feet were tied to the cross, more often than nailed, but nailing was common. As a seat for the sufferer a piece of material was attached to the cross on which the thigh might rest. Our hands and feet are supplied with a large number of nerves, the nerves of the hands being especially sensitive. Can you imagine the suffering when huge nails were driven through the hands and feet by a large hammer, tearing the flesh and crushing the bones and tendons?

Only the worst of criminals were held to be deserving of such treatment, there to hang until suffering and thirst released them in death. They hung often for as long as three days before they were dead. To hasten death and thus shorten the suffering, the bones of the legs and thighs often were broken by heavy iron instruments. What additional anguish the crushings of the bones and muscles must have brought! It was the death of the cross that Jesus died. He had been shamefully scourged, and crowned with thorns; now He was crucified. His physical sufferings are described in Isa. 52:14: "His visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men."

#### 1. Jesus Scourged and Mocked

Pilate released Barabbas "and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged Him, to be crucified" (v. 15). He was turned over to the soldiers to do with Him as they would. They led him away from the court that was supposed to be a court of justice. Then they gathered together others of their company (v. 16) and proceeded to make sport of Him. Removing His garment, they put upon Him a mocking robe; a thorny crown was pressed upon His brow; a reed for a scepter was put in His hand; and they saluted Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (vv. 17, 18). Little did they know what they were doing, and little does that person know what he is doing who rejects Jesus as his Savior and Lord. The mocking over, the soldiers led Jesus to Golgotha for His crucifixion. Jesus, with an already broken heart, now suffers a broken body; the sinless One goes to the cross for the sinner; the innocent suffers for the guilty. Oh, that we might be able to comprehend!

#### 2. Jesus Helped by Simon

The unjust trial, the mockings, the scourging, the weight of the sins of the world were too great for the physique of Jesus. All appointed to crucifixion were required to carry their own crosses; but when Jesus staggered under His load, Simon a Cyrenian was drafted into helping Him bear His cross. It is believed that Simon did not entirely relieve Jesus, since this would have violated the part of the sentence that the condemned was to bear his cross.

Let Simon, assisting Jesus with His load, teach us something which all of us need to know. Too few know the way of the cross, yet Jesus plainly taught that we are relatively to drink of the cup that He drank of, and be baptized with the baptism that He was baptized with (Mark 10:35-40). Paul could say of his own experience, "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body" (2 Cor. 4:10). "For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh" (v. 11). May we not forget that it is as we suffer with Him that we shall also reign with Him. 2 Tim. 2:12. Many are willing to enjoy the blessings of the gospel; few are willing to endure the afflictions. He that would be a true follower of Christ must learn to "take up his cross daily" and follow Him (Matt. 16:24, 25).

#### 3. Jesus, Crucified as King

Jesus had been born "King of the Jews," now He was crucified "The King of the Jews." Mark 15:26. As Jesus hung on the cross thirst became intense, "and they gave Him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but He received it not." It was a common practice to offer such a drink to a person being crucified, to help alleviate the suffering. Jewish instruction, it is said, was to put a grain of frankincense into a cup of strong wine. They founded this plan on Proverbs 3:16 which reads, "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those

that be of heavy hearts." Jesus was offered this potion but refused to drink it. Jesus would take the cup which His Father had given Him without any alleviation of the pain. He was drinking the cup of man's sins; He would not become deadened to the fact. How different was He from the world for which He died! Poor lost souls of men drink of every kind of cup, seeking to lighten their burdens, to drown convicting conscience, and to give them a false feeling of hope and joy. Sin, bitter sin, is their trouble. The cup of their sins Jesus drank. Now He says, "Come unto Me ... and I will give you rest."

#### 4. The Climax of the Crucifixion

On either side of Him was a thief. "And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors" (v. 28). Before Him the crowds wagging their heads, railed on Him. The darkness of sin which He felt seemed shared by nature. "And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour." In that darkness the miseries of Jesus filled His cup to the full. Being in an agony, "Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" v. 34. He had endured the scourgings; He had been willing to drink the cup of man's sins; He had been mocked, ridiculed and crucified. He could endure all of this, if only His Father in heaven would stand by Him. But now the Father's fellowship was withdrawn!

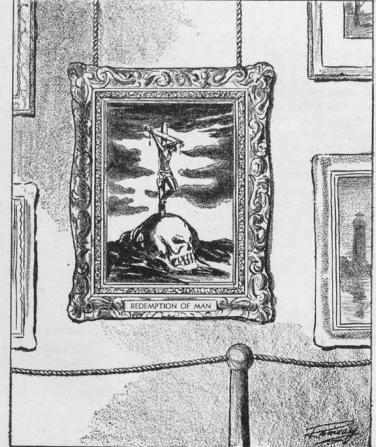
The sense of the banishment of the sinner from God forever, was felt by the suffering Jesus. This seemed more than He could bear. It was the end. He had drunk the cup to the bitter dregs and now, crying with a loud voice, He "gave up the ghost." v. 37. Then what happened? "The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.' v. 38. The way into the presence of God was thus opened to all who will accept Christ as their personal Savior. Reader, the way to God is opened to you; "Jesus paid it all." He bore your sins in His own body on the tree, that you, being free from sins, might live unto righteousness. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . let us draw near with a true heart." Heb. 19:19-22.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Pilate and the Christ (lesson for Sunday February 25). Lesson text: Matthew 27:15-26.

When you are in argument for the truth, do not grow angry, for this would be to fight the Lord's battles with the devil's weapons. —Spurgeon.

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The astounding stories which follow have been gleaned from a report received from District Superintendent R. C. Jones.

#### CAN CHURCHES BE BUILT ON PENNIES?

#### Valdosta

The Women's Missionary Councils of Georgia, with Mrs. S. W. Noles as President, about eight years ago decided they could do something for home missions. They selected the city of Valdosta as their particular responsibility and undertook to build a church —on pennies! Raymond Sanders, now in Africa, was their home missionary preacher. The new work flourished on pennies, and in about four years it became self-supporting. J. P. Jones is pastor there now, and they have a lovely church—built on pennies.

#### Dublin

Successful in their first venture, with the help of the Lord the W. M. C.'s entered Dublin, and in just two years this second new church was established. Frank Cottingham began the work, and James Harvell has carried it forward since the first year. Now Dublin is a progressive church with a keen home missionary vision to build churches in other towns unoccupied by the Pentecostal message.

#### Waynesboro

Again with their pennies, the women went into Waynesboro with a tent and with R. M. Reeves as their preacher. It took two years to get the work on its feet here so that the local congregation could take full responsibility. They have purchased a lot, and have begun by building their Sunday School unit first on the back of their lot.

#### Cedartown

The W. M. C.'s are now occupying Cedartown. They have bought a nice lot and have erected a tent. V. L. Tankersley is pastoring this new effort.

#### A Tubful of Pennies

Saving pennies to save souls seems such a small thing to do, but God has blessed the sacrifices of the women of the Georgia District, and they are getting the job done. A tubful of pennies poured in for home missions at the District Council last May, amounting to \$1,029. Interest in pennies is growing, and the women expect to bring in even more at the next District Council.

#### A YOUNG CONVERT GOES TO WORK

The burning desire to preach and to work for God seized a young man, saved and filled with the Holy Spirit only a year earlier in the Dublin Assembly. His pastor, James Harvell, had been burdened for the town of Wrightsville, about eighteen miles away. This was the young man's opportunity to go to work for souls, and Buford Green was Pastor Harvell's man for the job.

A vacant house was secured, and prayer meetings were held in the empty rooms. God blessed, filling not only those empty rooms, but the yard as well, with hungry souls. Revival meetings were conducted and souls were saved. The new congregation raised a thousand dollars and purchased a good lot, and the District loaned them a tent. Revival services continued from four to six months. Various pastors, with their workers, came to assist the new congregation, and in less than a year it had grown to a full-size assembly. A short time ago the Wrightsville Assembly of God elected T. C. Dorsey as pastor. Now they have built a nice concrete block auditorium.

The victorious note in this project is that it was built by a lay-preacher who had no credentials, and it has financed its own way from the beginning, with no help from the District except prayers, fellowship and hard work. With the blessings of God upon a place, these elements will build a church in any town.

#### BOBBY GOT HIMSELF A TENT

The College Park Assembly is just completing its new building. It all started when Bobby McCurry, a member of the Washington Street Assembly in Atlanta, got some money together and bought himself a tent. With the good advice and help of his pastor, Jimmie Mayo, he went to College Park on his own.

The Washington Street Assembly and others helped with prayer, preaching, fellowship and finances. The Christ's Ambassadors of the Northwest Section of the District got the vision and raised some support for the new work.

After a time S. W. Skelton was appointed pastor, and the congregation has grown until it is a thriving little church with around seventy in Sunday School.

#### FINANCED ITS OWN WAY

Two years in a tent was the beginning of the Fort Valley Assembly. God has blessed the new group and its pastor, Horace Chapman. Now, with a lot and a thousand dollars, they have started on their building program.

The District has not been able to help this congregation financially, but God has honored the vision of this young minister, formerly C. A. President of the First Assembly in



#### NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT SANTA PAULA, CALIF., LAST MONTH

This new ultra-modern building was dedicated to the service of God on Jan. 3, 1951, by F. C. Woodworth, Southern California District Superintendent. It is 52x92 with a two-story section at the rear for Sunday School classrooms.

Two years ago this Assembly was still worshiping in the same 26x40 frame building which they had occupied for twenty years—ever since N. D. Davidson founded the church in 1929. It was quite inadequate, having no Sunday School facilities, but the faithful people had almost despaired of ever having a larger church. They had purchased lots on which to build but had incurred a large indebtedness in doing so, and there were only 29 members.

Then God stirred their hearts, and the building program was launched in faith, under the leadership of Pastor Paul M. Wells. Three and a half months later this new \$37,500 edifice stood on a prominent corner in the heart of town, with its doors open to the public.

The church had a series of special meetings in January with Evangelist Arthur S. Arnold. The blessing of the Lord was evident every night. At least 17 were saved and 14 were filled with the Holy Ghost. A goodly number of others were reclaimed and refilled.

In the past two years the church membership has jumped from 29 to 83, and the average attendance at Sunday School has increased from 89 to 191.

Macon, and Fort Valley is another assembly which has financed its own way.

#### STILL IN THE "TENT STAGE"

Other new works, still in the tent stage, are Cairo, Millegeville, Bayville, Hawkinsville and Fayetteville. Brunswick has purchased an army building, which will soon be moved to a good lot and suitably remodeled into a church.

No mention has been made of the great new effort being made in Atlanta at the present time by the Washington Street Assembly. It is a story in itself.

What Georgia is doing to take the gospel into cities and towns where the truth of the full gospel is not known, can be done by any District, with a like amount of vision and sacrifice. Quoting Brother Jones, "These small beginnings make big churches bye and bye."

#### THE GOSPEL OF HEALING

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servant to be tested. Job's example shows us that a righteous man can yet fall ill.

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Furthermore, the Bible does not prove that we can pray away or believe away every sickness. They that are tied by law in their thoughts on healing by faith would simply storm a Job with prayer meetings in order, by this means, to get rid of the sickness. But what does Paul write to Timothy? We read in 1 Tim. 5:23, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities," Timothy stood upon a perfectly correct Christian standpoint, and was the co-worker of the apostle Paul; and yet Paul does not write to him, "Pray your stomach well and believe your frequent illnesses away!" Nor did Paul send him a napkin, a thing that had already helped many a sick one on whose body it was laid. Acts 19:11-12. No; the apostle knew perfectly well that not every disease is to be overcome so simply. There he gave Timothy, who was perhaps among those who care too little for their body, the advice to use a little wine.

We see here the beauty and simplicity of the gospel. It shows us that in every case of sickness we can come to Jesus; indeed, the redemption of our body is already purchased by the death and resurrection of Jesus, but the full redemption of our body can only be consummated when our Savior comes again. Therefore the redemption of our body, as we have it in Romans 3:23-24, is an object for hope-something we are still to look for. We are also in this mortal body to glorify the Lord. And then both sides become one gospel, both that of receiving healing and that of receiving grace to suffer, when in one way or another our mortal body shall endure testing from God; and this last is not to be despised. With His wonderful, gracious providence God allows a man-as a Paul or a Timothy-to go through many kinds of infirmity and sickness, and gives him also in his bodily infirmity grace to manifest the power of Jesus. V

Not seldom one hears the opinion expressed: "If you have the gift of healing, every sick person you pray with must become well, and the healing must come at the same instant. If this does not happen, it is there-

by certain that you have not really the gift of healing."

Such an assertion, again, is nothing else but introducing law. The gospel has to do also with the gift of healing. He that has received such a gift must use it in the gospel way. That is, he says to the sick one, "You can let hands be laid on you in Jesus' name and can thus receive health." The gift of healing is indeed a gift, but a gift can only benefit those who receive it. The sick must also really receive healing, and that can only be by faith. Therefore we read of our most blessed Lord Himself, in Mark 6:5: "And He could there do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And He marvelled because of their unbelief." Jesus Himself, therefore, who possessed the gift of healing in the most perfect degree, could not use it in the face of unbelief.

If we take a legal standpoint we demand everything from the one that has received the gift; we say simply, "If he has the gift of healing I must become well when he lays hands on me." We are thus looking to a man instead of unto the Lord; to the gift and not to the Giver. How often ministers have prayed with the sick according to Mark 16 or James 5, and nothing is accomplished. But how different it is when the possessor of the gift stands there with the consciousness that he himself can do nothing, but is entirely dependent on the power and grace of the Lord; and when, likewise, the sick one does not look to him that is praying the prayer of faith on his behalf, but unto the Lord who has power to heal. Then Jesus can manifest His power and His glory.

Would that the Spirit of God might succeed in quite opening our eyes to this great question! Would that the gospel might become to us the glad tidings that makes our very heart-strings to sound, and begets a living faith to blaze forth in us. And would that God could more and more bring us to that place where it could be established afresh again and again-"All things are possible to him that believeth."

#### DO WHAT YOU CAN

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BRAZIL to the south of us, a nation having a territory as big as the United States, has just a handful of Christians. It has only a million Protestants. Ten million have turned to Spiritism-ten times as many as are Protestant Christians. Why? Because some have come with a semblance of reality from the spirit world. God has given us reality. We have a living Christ. Brazil does not want a dead Christ on a cross that is being presented to them, but a living Christ that can transform, a Christ that can lift us up out of the mire of sin, a Christ that can put a new song in our mouths.

Look at that great continent of AFRICA, territorially having a quarter of the earth's surface. There you will find modern cities. You will find people also in primitive conditions. But there is a childlikeness, an attractiveness about the primitive African wherein he can throw off his burdens and smile while carrying a heavy load. He has a readiness to accept truth. Africa has one of the most fertile soils today for sowing the

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gospel seed. But Africa needs reality. It needs Christ, a living Christ, borne in a consecrated human vessel. Not only something to hear about, but something they can see.

Look at INDIA, a great nation with its multitude of religious beliefs and multiplied gods. They are looking for light. Religion to the Indian is something you can talk about quite readily, not shamefacedly. He is ready to discuss it with you. It is a subject of intense interest. It is useless to go to India with only a doctrine. They want something that is living. A spiritually-minded nation needs spiritually-minded Christians. That great land is still open to the gospel.

Then there is EUROPE with something like 600,000,000 people. Europe is sophisticated. They feel that they know. They have the heritage of centuries of learning, and they don't want America to tell them how to run things. Yet except for a minority they do not have Christ and they need Him. It is true there are Christians there, mature Christians; but infidelity has' crept in and they have been taught everything but the truth that they need most. Europe is ready to respond to reality.

We received word from CUBA of God's working down there. Our brethren told us how they had rented one of the largest auditoriums in Santiago de Cuba and the people filled it.

Finally they went into the open air and it was estimated there were 15,000 people gathered. It is stated that five blind people were healed in that meeting. Others who were crippled threw down their crutches and ran through the crowd. The Spirit of the Lord was moving. It is reality that draws the people. It is useless for us to go without that enduement that comes from the Lord Himself. "Wait," Jesus said, "until you are endued with power from on high, and you shall be witnesses unto me." There is a need and an opportunity waiting for those who are ready to go out and Do something for the Lord.

Mary did more than she realized. Two or three days after she poured the ointment upon Jesus, He was crucified. I suppose the fragrance still hung over His head at the time

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CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. when they nailed Him to the cross. I imagine that right to that very last hour the fragrance of her act of love remained with Him. And wherever the gospel has been preached, the story of her devotion has been told as a memorial of her.

There are great folk who have done wonderful things in the centuries that have passed, but you have to look at a memorial tablet to see what they did. I was in Genoa, and visited a cemetery where many notable people of Italy are buried-noted generals, poets, authors, politicians. There was beautiful sculpture surrounding their tombs depicting incidents in the lives of these people. One could spend a very interesting time going from tomb to tomb. There is the whole story in marble of this one and that one who has passed away, but most people know little about them unless they go to the cemetery. Their lives have been forgotten by the average person. But "he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

When you go into Westminster Abbey you see the memorials of England's great men. I remember seeing one tablet in the floor in memory of a fellow who lived to be 107 years of age; that was the great thing that he did! There are very few folk who know anything about him unless they visit the Abbey. But when you do something for the Lord your deed lives on.

This story of Mary is an example for us, friends. She did what she could. God does not expect you to copy someone else. He made you different from everyone else because He has a special ministry for you. Do not bury your talent. Do what you can.

I have often said, "Do what you are asked to do. If you don't do it very well, they won't ask you again." They asked me to play the piano one time in a little country meeting. No one else knew how, so I consented. I seated myself at the piano, and hit the right chords to start with. The people began singing. Somehow I skipped along and managed to finish up on the right chords about the same time as they did. We did two verses like that and then the preacher said, "Now, suppose we sing the next verses without the piano." He didn't ask me to play any more; but I went out of the meeting feeling that I had done what I could. That is all God is asking any of us to do.

Do what you can in PRAYING. Oh, thank God for the reality and power of prayer. When I was pastor of an assembly in the East, we had a young evangelist come to us. One day he said, "Brother Perkin, the people need to pray here." I said, "I know they do. You just do all that you can to instruct them and to bring them into a prayerful attitude." Whenever I would visit him I would find him on his knees. Consequently, when he preached, one could feel the power of God present in the meeting. I don't think I have ever sensed the presence of God more than in some of those meetings, where we saw as it were a rain of fire coming down upon the meeting as the people prayed. I saw those lines of fire. An unbeliever came in and wept, and said to me as he went out, "I've never been in a meeting like this before. I saw fire in streams." God is the same today. He is the God of Elijah, the God of Pentecost, but it is when the people prayed and looked to God with anticipation that

God met them and manifested Himself.

We thank God for those who have learned to GIVE to God. There is nothing that brings greater blessing than giving what you can to God. At a recent missionary convention down South, the people were being blessed and they were giving very generously. One woman who had been looking forward to the time when she might have a piano in her home arose and said, "I have been saving, and I have just about enough now to get my piano, but I feel that God wants me to give that to Him. Here is my money." (She had something like \$300.00.) She said, "I'm going to give it so that the gospel might go forth."

The wife of one of our field secretaries was there. She went to this woman afterwards, put her arms around her, and said, "God bless your heart. That certainly did me good. You are not going to outdo me in giving. I have a piano. I'm going to send that piano to you." So the piano was shipped from Springfield to the home of that lady. She gave her gift to God and He gave her a piano. Do what you can.

When we tell of the multitudes who need clothing, we receive donations and you would be surprised at the kind of stuff that is sometimes sent to us. I sometimes wonder if people would offer such things to the Lord as they offer to His people. We have some very fine things sent in and we thank God for that, but some folk seem to think that any old rag will do. Often it is not worth as much as it would cost to ship it across the sea.

Hudson Taylor used to go through his library periodically and pick out the books he was not using. If he had no further need of them he would give them away. He would say, "The Lord is coming one of these days and I want to keep up to date. I want to keep my books moving out so that someone else might get blessing from them." There are many things we can do for God if we really look to Him to guide us.

Mary gave what she had. It was precious, but she poured it on the head of her Lord, and the fragrance is coming down to us today. Christ has done all that He can, and thank God for the revivals that are breaking out in different parts of the earth. God is working. Satan is working also. He is doing all he can to bring confusion and discouragement, and to divide God's people. Are we doing all we can to spread the gospel, to promote the Kingdom, and to hasten the coming of the King?

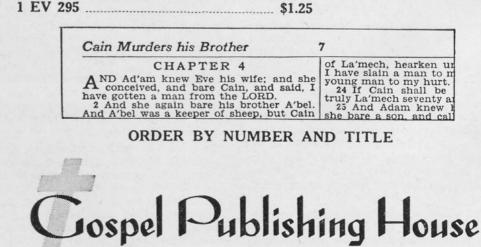
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### SWEDISH EVANGELISTS INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

Carl Forsberg and John Polsom, Swedish evangelists who had planned an itinerary among some of our American assemblies, were severely injured in an auto collision near Des Plaines, Illinois, on January 25. A letter from them dated January 31 stated that they had been released from a Chicago hospital that day, and that they were praising God for sparing their lives, but added that they would need a few weeks to recuperate before they would be able to visit the assemblies that have been expecting them.

#### OUTSTANDING MIRACLE OCCURS IN UNION CAMPAIGN

PASO ROBLES, CALIF.—The Men's Interchurch Brotherhood sponsored a union campaign (Nov. 19 to Dec. 10) with Evangelist William E. Long and party. The attendance more than doubled that of the Brotherhood's two previous campaigns. Sixty-four decisions were made for Christ.

An outstanding miracle has come to light the past few days as a result of these services. A lady who had suffered for years with arthritis and a strange malady of ossifying, and had spent over \$5,000 seeking medical help, was marvelously healed in answer to prayer. She is still praising God and telling others what God has done for her.—A. LeRoy Stewart, Chairman, Men's Interchurch Brotherhood.

#### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BERRYMAN, MO.—We had a month's meeting with Evangelist Fred H. Brand of St. Louis, Mo. There were 18 saved and two filled with the Holy Spirit. Much good was accomplished.—Rex Worley, Pastor.

OZARK, ALA.—We had a wonderful revival with Evangelist L. V. Clark of Columbus, Ga. The Spirit of God worked in our midst in a gracious manner. Several were saved or reclaimed and four received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Several were healed.—J. W. Watson, Pastor.

FREEPORT, PA.—Edwin C. Schmid, Eastern District S. S. Representative, conducted a Teachers' Training course at the Gospel Tabernacle. Fifty-nine enrolled and 54 received certificates. The blessing of God rested on the sessions. We are looking forward to the next course.—Charles Shaffer, Pastor.

#### COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 17 days before the date which appears upon it.

GENERAL COUNCIL—Atlanta, Georgia, August 16—23, preceded by C. A. Rally on Wednesday night, August 15.

WATERLOO, IOWA-Mar. 4-; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (T. W. Stark is Pastor.)

DERBY, COLO.—Feb. 18—; Evangelist George H. Barr, Calif.—by Norman Humphrey, Pastor.

RIVERTON, WYO.—Meeting in progress, Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.—George D. Alber, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Berea Tabernacle, Feb. 13—25 or longer; Evangelist C. S. Tubby, Ontario, Canada.—by S. H. Wilson, Pastor.

VICTORIA, TEX.—Dedication of new church, Feb. 25. Morning speaker, B. V. Robison, former pastor; afternoon speaker, J. O. Savell, District Superintendent. Feb. 25—Mar. 11; dedicatory revival, Evangelist C. L. Stewart. —by Willis E. Berry, Pastor.



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HAMPTON, ARK .--- Happy Home Assembly, Feb. 25-Mar. 11 or longer; Evangelists James O. Johnson and James M. Bryan, St. Louis, Mo. (A. G. Caloway is Pastor.)

COLORADO CITY, TEX .- Assembly of God, 7th and Oak Sts., meeting in progress; Evan-gelist and Mrs. R. D. Jones, Texarkana, Ark. (V. F. Love is Pastor.)

WILDER, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Mar. 5—9, Sunday School revival; Carlyle Beebe, former, S. S. Representative of Nebraska. Neighboring churches invited.—by Bennie R. Harris, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Laurel Street Tab-ernacle, Laurel St. and Pleasant Run Blvd., Mar. 11—25; Evangelist Marvin L. Smith, Mobile, Ala.—by J. L. Price, Pastor.

TOWNSEND, GA.—South Newport Assem-bly of God, Feb. 26—Mar. 11; Evangelist Raymond Parker, Clinchfield, Ga.—by David Speight, Pastor.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA—Assembly of God, 7th St., and 7th Ave., Feb. 11—; Evan-gelist and Mrs. J. A. Voseka, Seattle, Wash. —by Gerald F. Houk, Pastor.

EDGEMONT, S. DAK .- Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 5-; Evangelist Gerald Eden and party, Coffeyville, Kans.-by A. D. and Mildred H. Duncan, Pastors.

NEW ALBANY, MISS .- Assembly of God, Mar. 4—18 or longer; Evangelist Minnie Lee Buchanan, Decatur, Ala.—by John Caperton, Pastor.

REDLANDS, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Orange St. and Western, meeting in progress; Sturgeon Evangelistic Party.—by Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Lake City Tabernacle, E 127th and 30th N.E., Mar. 6—; Evangelist Wilfred Myers.—by W. Howard Hollar, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Calvary Tabernacle Assem-bly of God, 622 Sunnyside Ave., Feb. 18—; Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence G. Mitchell, Fort, Worth, Tex.—by H. D. Hobbs, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Bethel Temple, Lavergne and George Sts., Mar. 7—18; Evangelist I. E. Ade, Plainfield, Wis.—by W. L. Williams, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Dedication of First Assembly of God, S.E. 20th at Madison and Main Sts., Mar. 4, 3 p.m. Atwood Foster, Dis-trict Superintendent, speaker.—by N. D. Davidson, Pastor.

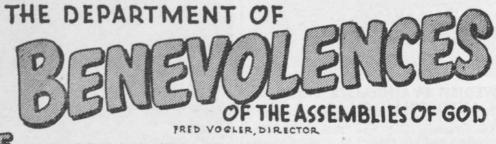
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