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



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EDITORIALY

The Progress of Pentecost

In reporting the growth of U.S. churches in its issue of April 2, *Time* magazine placed two Pentecostal organizations at the top of the list. The one showing the most phenomenal growth is the Church of God in Christ, a Negro organization having headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. It claims to have 340,000 enrolled members, an increase of 1,025% over 1926. The other is the Assemblies of God having headquarters at Springfield, Mo. The Assemblies, with 275,000 enrolled members, have made an increase of 474% over their 1926 membership.

Evidently the Assemblies of God can lay claim to being the fastest-growing non-Negro denomination among the 54 largest religious bodies (50,000 and over) in the United States.

The explanation of the phenomenal growth of the Pentecostal organizations lies in their simple faith in the Scriptures, their reliance upon the power of the Holy Spirit, and the emphasis they place upon evangelism and missions.

"I Was a Stranger. . . ."

One day, when all the servants of God shall stand before their King, He is going to say to some:

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

His words may be a surprise to some of us. We will answer and say to Him: "Lord, when saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in?"

And our King will reply: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Next time you see a stranger at church, remember these words of Christ's. Put yourself in the stranger's place. Perhaps he is a visitor from another city, and is hungry for a bit of Christian fellowship. Perhaps he is just passing through and has dropped in for an hour of worship before continuing on his way. Do not be afraid to speak to him. Make him feel that he is welcome, and perhaps he will come back.

The visitor may be a member of the armed forces, far from home and a bit lonesome for his own assembly. Make it your business to shake hands and get acquainted. Some day you may be a visitor in a strange church yourself, and you will know how much a friendly spirit may mean.

As the rearmament program gathers momentum there will be an increasing amount of moving about. New families may be moving into your community. Why not make an effort to get every one of those new families into your church? Invite them to come, and make them feel at home. If, on the other hand, they come to the service and no one pays any attention to them, they may decide to go to some other church for fellowship.

They tell us that in Africa there is a beautiful custom at some of the Christian churches. After the service, all the members form a circle outside the church. A hymn is sung, and then one by one they all go around the circle shaking hands with each other. People may be strangers when they come to a meeting like that, but they are not strangers when they go away!

In the case of large churches, of course, it is impossible to get around and speak to everyone, but if each member would say a word to all who are near him, many a load would be lifted and many a heart would be encouraged. Just a friendly greeting and a warm hand-clasp can help so much.

Especially should we be on the lookout for visitors who are unsaved. Their acquaintance may have to be cultivated to a certain extent. They may be reluctant to kneel at the altar and accept Christ as their personal Saviour the first time they come to church. In some places, unfortunately, a sinner may come to the meetings time after time and never be greeted by anyone but the pastor. Under those circumstances, can he be expected to keep coming?

If the sinner is unable to find friendship in the church, there are other places where he can find it. The world is beckoning to him. Ungodly companions will welcome him. Do not lose that unsaved visitor through thoughtless neglect. Be friendly. You represent the best Friend a sinner ever had. Introduce him to that Friend by being a friend.

It is easy to be so engrossed in your own circle of friends that a newcomer who would like to join your happy circle may find it almost impossible to make your acquaintance. Remember the admonition of the Word of God: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:3, R.S.V.

A Whole Burnt Offering

When I looked into his face and saw him brush back his hair from his brow, heard him speak of the trials and conflicts and the victories, I said: "General Booth, tell me what has been the secret of your success." He hesitated a second, and I saw the tears come into his eyes and steal down his cheeks. Then he said: "I will tell you the secret. *God has had all there was of me to have.* There have been men with greater opportunities; but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart, and a vision of what Jesus Christ could do, I made up my mind that God would have all of William Booth there was." I learned that the greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender.—Wilbur Chapman.

A Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is desire, hope! where there is darkness, light; and where there is sickness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love: for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life.—Francis of Assisi.

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Prized Possessions

Wesley R. Steelberg on REVIVALTIME

DO YOU REMEMBER the possessions you prized in childhood days? I remember certain objects that I treasured as a boy. They were so very precious to me. Perhaps you will laugh when I tell you what they were. One of them was a little tin whistle—just a little piece of tin bent over, but if I slipped it in my mouth in just the right way I could let out a loud, shrill whistle.

You see, I always envied the boys who could whistle by fixing their teeth just so and their tongue at just the proper angle. I had a chum who would stop outside my house at school time and whistle for me. I could always recognize that whistle, but I couldn't answer it. Oh, I could whistle in the ordinary sense, but I couldn't make one of those loud, shrill whistles, until one day I got this little tin whistle. So I treasured it dearly. One day my brother took it, and I remember how distressed I was because I could not find it.

Another possession that I prized was a top. It was not much to look at—it

had some notches cut in it—but somehow I could make that top spin just marvelously. Oh, I prized those things. And I know that children are not so different today. Some of you fathers and mothers have often wondered why little Sammy or Janie should want to play with some old spools or a bent spoon instead of their lovely toys. They pass by the beautiful dolls you get for them and pick up an old clothespin or some other strange object and get more fun out of that.

I think that some of us grown folk are very much like the children. We pass up the things that are of real value and we prize things that are comparatively worthless. Over in Ecclesiastes 5:13 we read: "There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand." What God is saying to us is this: "I am offering you life and joy, hope and

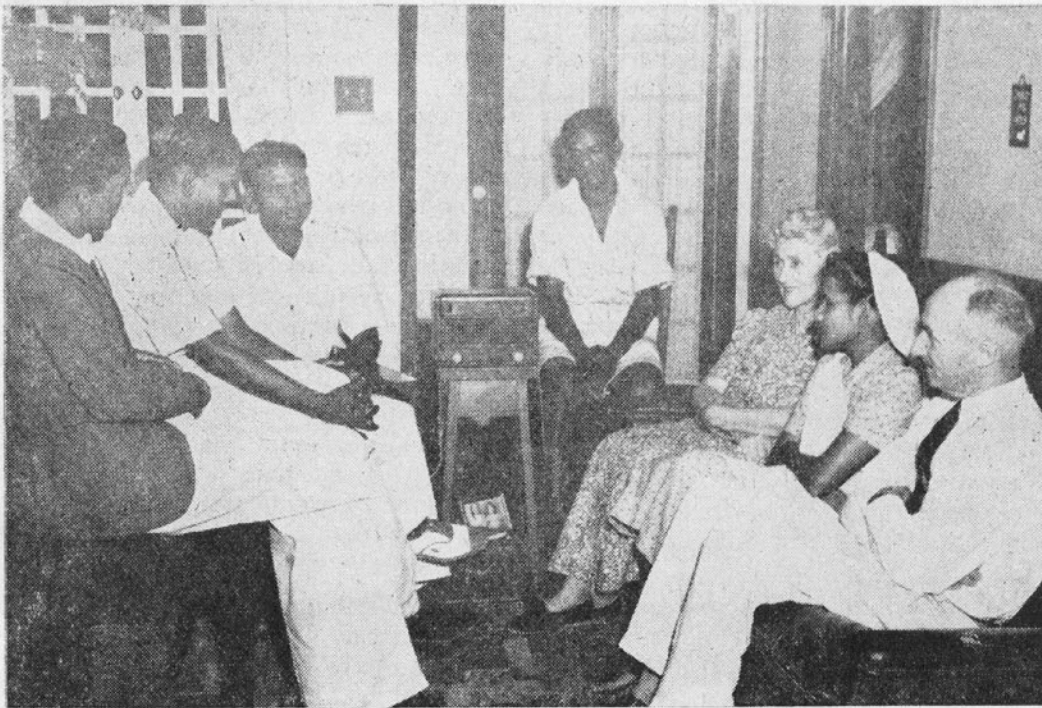
peace, forgiveness of sin and other wonderful gifts; and yet you cling to material things that can bring you only passing comfort, or a few moments of interest, or a little time of recreation, or a temporary satisfaction at the best."

True riches come from God Himself. Money, health, and such material or physical blessings are gifts from God, but there are spiritual blessings which are still greater and which we ought to prize most highly. You say, "Well, I would like to hear about these things. Perhaps I would like to possess them." Oh, I sincerely hope that you do. I will mention some of them.

One is the knowledge that your name is in God's Book of Life. When the disciples of Jesus returned from a wonderful preaching tour, they were all enthused over the divine confirmation that they had seen. Evil spirits had been cast out, sick bodies had been healed, and miracles performed. But Jesus said to them, "In this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20.

The Bible says that God keeps a book. It is called: "The Lamb's Book of Life." It is not simply a little guest book such as we find in some of our great institutions or buildings. When you visit some of these great landmarks you are asked to sign a register. You do so, but it is soon forgotten. I don't know what they do with all those names. Perhaps they count them, or perhaps they find out where most of the visitors have come from. At any rate, you get no benefit out of it. But if your name is in the Book of Life it means something. You know that someday in heaven, when the roster is called, your name will be read and all the angels and the redeemed of the ages will know that you are included in God's family record. What a wonderful thing it is to know that your name is written in heaven!

Another prized possession, especially in these days, is that peace that Jesus gives. The apostle Paul, writing to the church at Philippi, said, "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." In this day when uncertainties surround us, when men's hearts are failing them for fear, and when the potentates of the earth are



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trembling and wondering what will happen next, it is wonderful to have perfect peace in our hearts and minds.

A precious possession that we might add would be a clear conscience—a conscience void of offence toward God and man. Oh, what a wonderful thing it is to lie on the pillow at night and to have the testimony of your conscience that all is well! Talk about money in the bank. Talk about a good stand-in with important people. Talk about popularity or pleasure. Let me tell you, none of these things can be compared with these prized possessions which God offers you.

We read of another prized possession in John 1:12—"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Thank God, there is an inner power that can give you victory over all temptation to sin, over all the allurements of earthly things. You need not come to the pitfall of despair. You need not get to the end of the way with that awful feeling—"I've spent my life, I've spent my money, and I've had my pleasure. Now where am I going? Out into a dark night, a foreboding night, and I know not what awaits me. I can only hope." Ah, but friend, there is no real hope for those who hope in that manner—that is the dreadful part of it. What you need is an inner assurance that your name is in the Book of Life. You need a peace that comes from having Jesus Christ in your heart. You need a power that can give you victory over all the powers of sin, and a conscience void of guilt.

How can you have these prized possessions, you ask? I will tell you. Simply by letting the Lord Jesus Christ come into your heart. When you have Him you have everything. In the 73rd Psalm we read these beautiful words: "Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." The Psalmist who wrote these words evidently had found the secret. He knew that only in God are the possessions found that are worth while. Won't you pause in the busy round of life and pray just now that God will save you and give you these blessings to be your own prized possessions forever?

We look upon the man who misappropriates funds as a dishonest man, but there are many who in God's sight are guilty of this sin who yet pass in the world as honest and respectable people. We have no right to spend the trust funds which we receive from God in needless luxuries, undue comforts, and unnecessary extravagances.—A.G.W.

Lights and Shadows on the Pilgrim Way

Another in a Series by A. G. Ward

YEARS AGO when I was signing up in the service of the King of Kings and pledging my love and loyalty to the "Pilgrim Way," I was prepared for a long, hard journey and many a severe battle. To use the words of Samuel Rutherford, "I thought if I had to wade through seven hells to reach heaven, heaven would be cheaply won even at that price." I thought, if I could make the Eternal City on a coal train I would be fortunate. Imagine my surprise when I was conducted into a richly upholstered pullman and told that I might ride free. All that was required of me was to remember that I was neither the engineer, conductor, fireman or brakeman but just an ordinary passenger, and was advised that should all the "imps" of hell bark alongside my coach, I was to refuse to even look out the window at them, but keep my seat and quietly meditate on God's Word.

The journey thus far has been delightful! It has far surpassed my fondest dreams. Of course, there have been rough bits on the way—sometimes very rough. Shadows? Yes—some dark, dark shadows. The shadows have hid the light of the sun and made traveling a bit difficult, but looking back I feel I would not have missed any of them for worlds like this one. How else would I have discovered the greatness of God, or learned how very, very real His grace is?

Soon after our youngest child was born, I was stricken with what proved to be a mastoid. The pain was awful! Day and night I suffered. It was impossible to rest, even for a few moments. (The doctor advised later that I ought to have had an operation. Such an operation would have cost \$350.00.)

One day, in the midst of my suffering, the door bell rang, and my wife came to my sick room to tell me that a brother had come a distance of a thousand miles to be prayed for—he had cancer. I had him brought to my room. He knelt by the side of my bed. I anointed him with oil and prayed for him as best I could. The heavens opened, and we

were greatly blessed. The brother went on his way rejoicing and soon afterwards I fell asleep. I did not sleep long but long enough for the Great Surgeon to perform one of the most delicate operations. When I awoke the mastoid was in my throat. I expectorated it and thus was saved from being poisoned by it. How foolish for some to argue that the day of miracles is over—that Jesus no longer heals!

"Yesterday, today, forever,
Jesus is the same.
All may change, but Jesus never.
Glory to His Name."

Down through the years we have experienced many wonderful healings, and in our meetings I have stood by and witnessed the Living Christ smite disease of various kinds, and heal folk often in less time than it takes me to record the same.

In the early days of our Movement it was one of the easiest things in the world for a Pentecostal preacher to overwork. There was so much to be done, and so few to help, and at the best "pioneering" is not easy. I had worked until I was exhausted, and it looked as though I had come to the end of life's road. Through the kindness of an old friend, we were provided with a furnished cottage by the shore of a beautiful lake, and slowly I regained my strength. While recuperating, an invitation came from the pastor of a Pentecostal assembly in Lancaster, Pa., inviting me to be the guest speaker at their annual missionary convention. He wrote that he would very much like to have me, but added that if I accepted his invitation he would not be able to pay me more than a certain amount (not very large) for my services.

I was anything but well; but I replied saying I had never allowed money to stand in my way of service, and that, the Lord willing, I would be with him for his convention. The shadows just then seemed dark. I was slowly recovering from rather a lengthy illness, and my first proposed meeting promised little in the way of financial returns, but I knew that someday the shadows would give way to the light of His glorious presence.

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The announcement of the Convention appeared soon afterwards in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. Ernest Williams, that good man who has since served our Movement for twenty years as General Superintendent, and who is now enjoying a well-earned and much-needed change, was then pastor of the Highway Tabernacle in Philadelphia, Pa. He wrote me suggesting that since I was to be in Lancaster, he would like me to come to Philadelphia a few days prior to the convention and have a visit in his home, and also get acquainted with his assembly.

I was glad to do as Brother Williams requested, and at his request I spoke several times in his church. There was a tall, stately, white-haired lady present whom I recognized. Years before, when I lay seriously ill in a Holiness College, she had passed my way and her heart had been moved to minister to my physical need. With the consent of her husband she had taken me to her beautiful home near the Hudson, and there had nursed me back to partial recovery.

One day, having heard me preach several times, this kind lady suggested that she would like to give me a present. I said: "Sister, I am not going around the country looking for presents; my business is to preach the gospel." But she insisted; and, fearing that she might foolishly buy me a gold watch chain with a cross dangling from it, I mentioned a raincoat as a real need. She took me to one of the large stores in Philadelphia, and purchased not only a raincoat but so many other useful things—suit, shoes, hat, overcoat, and so forth. In all, she spent about five hundred dollars.

I was overwhelmed with such kindness. The sun was surely shining—no shadows now, everything seemed so bright, except that I felt I owed the Lord fifty dollars tithes, for it seemed to me that I should tithe the value of all useful gifts given to me.

Immediately after the convention in Lancaster, I went to one of those great missionary conventions for which the Pentecostal Church in Cleveland, Ohio, has long been famous. No one in this world knew of my debt to the Lord, but on the closing day of the convention as the offering was being received, I looked up and said quietly to the Lord, "I wish I had that fifty dollars I owe Thee. How glad I would be to put it on the offering plate today."

A brother in the audience slipped a bill into an envelope, wrote my name on the outside, and handed it to one of the ushers. The usher did the perfectly proper thing; he gave it to the pastor. Then the pastor did the honest thing; he gave it to me. I opened the envelope, and you can imagine my delight when I

found it contained a fifty-dollar bill. Just the amount I had asked for, and it reached me before the offering plate. So I was ready with my missionary gift when the offering plate came my way. Someone says, "That just happened"—but let me tell you: that was a happening that never would have happened if I had not been in the "Pilgrim Way," and if God in heaven had not heard my prayer.

I am so very thankful that early in life I found the "Pilgrim Way." What days of heaven upon earth have been mine! "Shadows" a few, "lights" many—and now with Yonderland not so far in the distance, my heart is aglow. Faith is carrying me aloft, and it seems I feel at times the breath of another world blowing upon me. I have no dark forebodings, no sense of fear, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Heavenly Rest

I have known the peace that God can give one,
I have known to lean upon His breast.
I have learned to trust Him in devotion
And this is rest, Oh, this is heavenly rest!

I have learned to turn aside to hearken
Unto His voice, to feed upon His Word;
To wait on Him when clouds of doubt
would darken
Until the beauty of His voice was heard.

And just to rest in Him where lies my treasure
Enfolded close on His eternal breast,
To feel His love unstinted in its measure—
Oh, this is rest; yes, this is heavenly rest!
Mrs. R. M. Devin

A Hint to Preachers

Long prayers and long sermons tend to quench the fire instead of kindling it. Brethren, in all things has our Lord Jesus given us the best example—also in regard to praying. When with His disciples, His prayers were of medium length. In the midst of a large crowd, as at Lazarus' grave and the feeding of the five thousand, His prayer was short. When He was alone with His Father, in the Garden or on the Mount—then He prayed all night.

So ought ye also to do, dear brethren. Among God's children, make your prayer medium long, as Jesus did when He was about to be crucified. When in a crowd or with the sick or dying or the unfortunate, short. When you are alone with your Father in your secret closet, pray as long as you please.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Keep Praying for China

Let us not be discouraged because the missionaries have had to depart from China. God has not left Himself without a witness in that land. A great army of Chinese preachers, teachers, and believers are carrying on triumphantly in spite of difficulties. Frank Houghton, General Director of the China Inland Mission, writes:

"Personally I never imagined that so long after the establishment of the new regime we should be hearing of baptisms from all over the field, of men and women and young people taking their stand as soldiers of Christ, of leaders in the churches who are proving truer and wiser and more courageous shepherds of the flock than we had dared to hope, of Bible schools and seminaries with their full complement of qualified students. This is a work which will go on, with or without missionary co-operation.

"One grave danger is lest, as more missionaries withdraw, their prayer-helpers in the home countries should imagine that the work is finished; whereas it is continuing to grow, and will need even more urgently the prayers of Christians throughout the world."

Missionaries Rated Low

Among ten major classes of people in China, missionaries rate lowest—even below prostitutes—in the opinion of the Communistic Chinese government. A list recently appeared in several Chinese newspapers classifying the people according to their usefulness to the government in this order: 1, soldiers; 2, laborers; 3, farmers; 4, government workers; 5, artisans; 6, intellectuals, teachers, and students; 7, craftsmen; 8, business; 9, prostitutes; 10, missionaries.

At first reading this list may seem to dishonor the missionaries, but what ambassador for Christ wants to be considered "useful" to a Communist government? Better to be "pricks in their eyes and thorns in their sides." The missionaries can take comfort from the words of a godly man of long ago: "Take heed that you never become useful to the devil."

When the Power Fell

About three in the morning as we were continuing instant in prayer, the power of God came mightily upon us, insomuch that many cried out for exceeding joy, and many fell to the ground. As soon as we recovered a little from the awe and amazement at the presence of His Majesty, we broke out with one voice, "We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord."—John Wesley.

BIRTH PANGS

When I was a child in California we used to gather butterfly cocoons, silky little envelopes that had been spun as a covering while the caterpillars are in chrysalis state. We placed them where we could watch the butterflies emerge. We saw the colors form and knew that the butterfly was complete in its nest. Then the little creature would begin to twist and struggle until it seemed the exhausting effort would take its life. The cocoon then would split a tiny bit, but under our watchful eyes we saw the butterfly continue the struggle.

Once pity overwhelmed us for the gallant little warrior, and I took my knife and slit open its prison. But my happiness turned to consternation when the butterfly fell to the floor gasping. No beautiful proud wings unfolded, and soon all movement ceased—it was dead! But how different the next time when I allowed another butterfly to tear itself completely out—the beautiful gauzy wings with their multiplicity of color were unfolded and gently waved

until dry—then, soaring and diving, it fluttered away.

That taught me a great lesson. The struggle for release gave it the strength to live and fly. So it is with the Christian; the struggle of faith keeps us alive spiritually and, as it were, keeps the "dry rot" of inactivity out of our experience.

Many of us give up all too soon; sometimes we are on the verge of one of the greatest victories of our lives, when, in the heat of the battle, we throw up our hands in despair, and are swallowed by the force of discouragement.

Don't give up! God's Word is true! His promises will not fail! His arm is under you! He watches over all! Keep faith's eye clear by praying until the struggle becomes a shouting triumph! In the language of a great Christian scholar, "Let us always take care that we do not consider so much the danger to which we are exposed as the power of Christ by which we are upheld."—F. A. Sturgeon.

A Rebuke to Pride

The life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ are a standing rebuke to every form of pride to which men are liable. Note the contrast between these well-known sins and His own holy life.

Pride of birth and rank: "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

Pride of wealth: "The Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

Pride of respectability: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Pride of personal appearance: "He hath no form nor comeliness."

Pride of reputation: "Behold a man gluttonous and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners."

Pride of independence: "Many others who ministered to Him of their substance."

Pride of learning: "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?"

Pride of superiority: "I am among you as he that serveth." "He humbled himself." "Made a curse for us."

Pride of success: "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." "He was despised and rejected of men."

Pride of self-reliance: "He went down to Nazareth and was subject unto them."

Pride of ability: "I can of Mine own self do nothing."

Pride of self-will: "I seek not Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."

Pride of bigotry: "Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is on our part."

Pride of resentment: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

*"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride."*
—Selected

Seasons of Prayer

All that have a care to walk with God, fill their vessels more largely as soon as they rise, before they begin the work of the day, and before they lie down again at night: which is to observe what the Lord appointed in the Levitical ministry, a morning and an evening lamb to be laid upon the altar. So with them that are not stark irreligious, prayer is the key to open the day, and the bolt to shut in the night. But as the skies drop the early dew and the evening dew upon the grass—yet it would not spring and grow green by the constant and double falling of the dew, unless some great showers, at certain seasons, did supply the rest; so the customary devotion of prayer, twice a day, is the falling of the early and the latter dew; but if you will in-

crease and flourish in the works of grace, empty the great clouds sometimes, and let them fall into a full shower of prayer; choose out the seasons in your own discretion, when prayer shall overflow, like Jordan in the time of harvest.—Jeremy Taylor.

The Cross Conquered

It is said when the Moravians began their mission in Greenland, they found the natives so ignorant that they decided to begin by educating them. The results were so utterly disappointing that they decided to leave.

While waiting for a vessel, one of the missionaries, who had been translating a portion of the Gospels, thought he would test his translation by reading it to the natives. After he had read of the sufferings and death of Jesus there was a period of silence. Then the chief rose and asked the missionary to read it again. When he had finished the second reading, the chief asked, "What you read . . . is it true? You say, 'It is true!' Then why did you not tell us that first? You must not leave us now. We will listen to the words of the Man who suffered for us."

So the Cross conquered where education failed. The missionaries remained to see much fruit from their labors.—*Sunday School Times.*

Answer to a Scoffer

"David, a man after God's own heart!" scoffed an infidel. "A pretty specimen—a liar, an adulterer, a murderer."

The Christian's quiet answer was another one of those replies which seem inspired. "You are a proof of the truth of God's Word," said the Christian to the infidel, "for the Bible says that Nathan said to David, 'By this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.'"

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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The Common People's Gifts

God's work gets more of its support from the widow's mites than from the millionaires' checks. The Russell Sage Foundation reports that "more than 60% of all the money donated to charities in this country is given by families earning less than \$3,000."

Prayer and the UN

A resolution urging the United Nations to open its daily sessions with prayers for divine guidance has been adopted by the North Carolina Senate. Our Lord said, "Without Me ye can do nothing," and the UN certainly has shown this to be true. Perhaps it will yet humble itself and give God a chance to help.

Religion in the News

The national news syndicates in recent weeks have been reporting a "phenomenal upsurge" of interest in religious activity in all parts of the country. There is an increase in Bible sales. Church building is at an all-time high. Near-record crowds in city-wide and county-wide evangelistic campaigns, a peak in church attendance, and the fact that religious books are taking a regular place on best-seller lists, are other good signs.

Preparing for the Tribulation

A Baptist church in Duluth, Minn., is evidently in earnest in its belief in the prophecies concerning the Rapture of the Church and the great tribulation which shall follow. In the cornerstone of its new building the church has placed a document stating that Jewish people who preach the gospel during the tribulation period are to have the use of the church building. The Baptist congregation expects to vacate the building when the trumpet sounds and the saints are caught up to be with Christ.

Sentiment Against Gambling

The work of Senator Kefauver and his committee investigating crime has had a wholesome effect on public sentiment in regard to gambling. In many communities gambling is being restricted as it has not been in years. In Cleveland even bingo is now prohibited. In Miami, Fla., a housewife was arrested for selling tickets for an automobile raffle which the Catholic Daughters of America were sponsoring. She was charged with selling lottery tickets and was given a thirty-day suspended sentence.

French Buy Church Bonds

The French Government is sponsoring a second bond drive on behalf of war-devastated churches to speed up reconstruction. The first bond drive, inaugurated in 1948, resulted in a subscription of 1,950 million francs within 24 hours. Under the loan plan, a subscriber must indicate to which denomination he wishes his investment to be devoted. The bonds are due for repayment with a good rate of interest after a stated number of years.

Religion in the Schools

The University of Delaware at Newark has told seven church-sponsored student clubs that they will not be permitted to hold denominational services in university buildings in the future. University authorities state that "the holding of sectarian services is not in keeping with the non-sectarian character of a state university."

Meanwhile in Iowa a bill is pending in the state legislature at Des Moines to broaden religious teaching in the public schools. This bill would provide that all teachers in Iowa may read and discuss the Bible with their classes and repeat with them the "Lord's Prayer."

Israel—a Good Land

The spies returned from Canaan and said, "It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us." Deuteronomy 1:25. For centuries the Holy Land has been considered barren and of little value; but Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Minister of Finance, points out that the reports of technicians who have been studying the development potential of the country permit the hope that the country is not nearly as poor as many think.

"The reports of the experts are very encouraging," he says. "They have strengthened our hope that our difficulties are temporary and that the hardships we have to continue to impose on ourselves are for the sake of a much brighter future that is not far away."

He characterized the immigration of the next three years as a matter of urgent necessity, and predicted that after 1953 those coming to Israel will do so as the result of "force of attraction rather than expulsion." At the present time the airlift is bringing 1,000 Jews from Iraq to Israel every day. It is

a six-hour round trip from Bagdad to Lydda. As many as 119 immigrants crowd into the big Skymaster planes, which shuttle back and forth at one-hour intervals.

There is a difference between the exodus from Egypt in Moses' day and the exodus from Iraq. When the Jews left Egypt they carried goods of their own and they took spoil from the Egyptians as well. The Jews leaving Iraq are not permitted to take any of their possessions. Instead, the Iraqi government has confiscated their funds (amounting to millions of dollars) and the immigrants, perhaps wealthy at one time, arrive in Israel penniless. Some bring nothing whatever to help them in their new life—not even a fountain pen.

The newcomers tell how Iraqi customs officials stripped them almost naked, searching for hidden treasure and plainly enjoying the opportunity of cutting apart a man's suit or of tearing off the soles of his only pair of shoes. Wedding rings were wrenched off women's fingers. As the Jews debark at Lydda airfield, they look as if they have just awakened from a nightmare. They stand with tears in their eyes—exhausted after escaping from the land of oppression, yet thankful for the opportunity to begin life again in their own land of freedom.

News in Brief

American religious bodies had made available to the United Nations more than three million dollars worth of relief supplies for Korea, as of March 15. Protestant and Catholic relief agencies have joined to set up "American Relief for Korea."

A new gospel telecast can be seen Sunday afternoons at 4:30 on WBKB, Chicago. A daily religious program has been scheduled by a television station in Washington, D. C.

Armin C. Oldsen has been named preacher of the Lutheran Hour, to succeed the late Walter A. Meier.

The Commission on Evangelical Action of the N. A. E. has petitioned President Truman to replace William O'Dwyer, American ambassador to Mexico, "by someone who enjoys the respect of our nation and whose morals and ethical ideals are above reproach."

The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (Northern) is running short of ministers. About 2,000 Presbyterian churches are without pastors, according to *Presbyterian Life*; old preachers are dying faster than new preachers are being trained.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada recently received a gift of a million dollars from a wealthy merchant to supplement the low salaries of many of its ministers.



Behind the trees and the crowd is the newly dedicated church building in Tahta, Upper Egypt. The foundations for the building were laid fourteen years ago. The struggle of building has been long and hard; therefore, the victory is great.

Hawaiian Revival

ALFRED J. MORRISON, HAWAII

Secretary of Assemblies of God in the Hawaiian Islands

WE HAVE JUST experienced the greatest thing any of us has ever seen, and something exceedingly above that which we dared to expect here in Hawaii—a sweeping revival.

A. C. Valdez, Sr., of Phoenix, Arizona, was here several months ago and talked with Eldon E. Vincent of our Honolulu Assembly of God concerning holding a city-wide meeting in Honolulu with his son, A. C. Valdez, Jr. Plans were made and the civic auditorium was rented for February 4 to 18, 1951.

In the very first service, which opened as scheduled, we had an attendance of 3,000. Two days later 5,000 were present. After that we had capacity and overflow crowds. (The auditorium seats 6,000.)

The second Sunday night neither the owner nor the manager of the auditorium was able to get into the building at all, it was so packed. They were alarmed, and insisted that we admit only as many as we were able to seat in the building. We persuaded them to let us rope off the entrance and maintain a group of men there to keep order so that the crowd outside might at least look in and hear.

Each altar call brought hundreds. The last Sunday night close to 1,500 surged forward. More than half of the seekers were Catholics or Buddhists. Some 14,000 decision cards were signed and turned in, and many others did not have an opportunity to sign a card. It was difficult to care for so many at one time.

There were those who came who did not understand English, but they felt the drawing of the Spirit of God. Since several nationali-

ties attended we had to appoint personal workers to deal with them.

More than twenty churches, and mission groups of several denominations, participated.

Since the meetings a Decision Card Committee has been busy sorting and compiling records. Converts are being contacted and given further encouragement and help.

Churches are now enjoying an increase in attendance. The Honolulu Assembly of God had 485 in Sunday School last Sunday.

Harold B. Headrick said that our Wahiawa Assembly had 189 in Sunday School—double what they had before—and 240 in the Sunday worship service. Wahiawa is twenty-five miles from Honolulu where the meetings were held, but hundreds came from that area. One coast town near Wahiawa has had no church, but 100 decision cards were turned in from the community. Brother Headrick is preparing to open a work there, and to place a young minister and his wife in charge. From a large pineapple camp we received seventy-five cards.

Our little church in Kailua had three times the normal adult attendance last Sunday. Twenty-nine persons sought the Lord at our altar.

God has done marvelous things among us. One blind man who had not seen light for eighteen years saw the lights in the auditorium. He sells papers. The next day after he received his touch two policemen were required to keep the traffic moving past him. He testified all day.

One Chinese business man with a good background, an unbeliever, watched the platform with field glasses for several nights. Then one day he stopped his car to talk to the evangelists and told them what he had been doing. He was convinced that what he had seen was of God and that he should surrender to Christ. He was saved in the street.

On the front page of one of the Chinese newspapers there was a fine article concerning the meetings.

The expense of the campaign amounted to several thousand dollars, but by Tuesday night of the second week the entire expense budget, including the fares of the evangelists, had been met. The last part of that week no offering had to be taken except for a love offering on Sunday night. Little time was given to finances. Everything was done in the spirit of love and the people freely gave. Christ was exalted in a manner seldom seen or heard.

Without a doubt it was the advertising of the healing ministry that brought the multitudes. That is what brought the multitudes of 1900 years ago to Christ—healing. Some came expecting the evangelist to “heal them.” In every service the younger evangelists stressed: “It is not Brother Valdez who heals you—it is Jesus.” There were hundreds healed.

The outstanding conversion of our church has been that of a Hawaiian woman. She had been to the services at the auditorium, and had been stirred. We did not know her. She had moved near our church just prior to the campaign. Her first husband was killed in the war, and her present husband is a drunkard. She had been drinking some because of despondency. After attending one of the services she dreamed that her husband was being murdered. In the dream she managed to escape with him and they found their way to a lovely garden. Christians and children were there, and along the path she saw Brother Valdez. Running to him she asked what to do to escape those who would kill her husband. He spoke to her: “Go to the little Assembly of God in Kailua. It is near your home. You will be saved.” She came and was saved.

Pray for Hawaii, for those of us who labor here, and for those reached during the revival campaign.

Martha Jacobson writes from Nigeria:

“Mathilda Birkland and I have been given the privilege of going to a new tribe with the gospel message—the Bekworras in the Province of Ogoja, Nigeria. Although there is some Catholic missionary effort in the way of schools it seems that the Catholics have not succeeded in indoctrinating very many as yet apart from their students.

“As we go preaching from compound to compound the people receive us gladly. Frequently they say: ‘We are in darkness. It is good that you have come to show us the path of God.’ Many have never heard of Jesus so we must explain that He is the Son of the Creator and not some man.

“Centuries of living in sin have brought the people very low, yet there is little consciousness of sin and consequently little appreciation of the fact that God sent a Saviour. To have a full stomach and plenty of palm wine to drink is their main concern. That there is a heaven and a hell is new.

“There are surrounding tribes in similar darkness.”

A New Virgin in Venezuela

E. Yngve Olson, Venezuela

VENEZUELA has numerous virgins. Someone finds a doll, thought to have been dropped from the sky; a piece of wood miraculously changes into a small image; or some other object, that happens to have a remote resemblance to the accepted thought of the Virgin Mary, is found and *Venezuela has a new virgin!* The spot where the object first appears is consecrated and pilgrimages are started to the place. It means a new source of revenue for the idolmakers, the picturemakers, the candlemakers, and the food vendors.

Torrential rain fell recently in the area of Caracas, Venezuela, for two weeks, causing a flood. Homes, business houses, other buildings, bridges, etc., were destroyed or greatly damaged and a number of persons were drowned. Caracas, the nation's capital, a city of close to a million inhabitants, was cut off from its seaport, eight miles away, because of the great landslides onto the only highway. Total damage for the area was estimated at around \$10,000,000.

After the rains the outline of a woman and what looked to be a small body in her arms,

suggesting Mary and the Christ Child, was discernible high up on one of the mountainsides facing Caracas, and the superstitious went up to pay reverential regard.

Irreligious ones asked, "Why did she not appear in time to prevent so much destruction?"

After making the long climb up the mountain to see the new "virgin" many returned disillusioned for there was nothing to be seen but a bare spot where the rains had washed away the grass; nevertheless, some were gullible.

Several of our Pentecostal believers live near the path that leads up to the eroded spot. One woman, Bonifacia, told us in a hoarse voice that she had been preaching day after day to the superstitious pilgrims, telling them that they should not look to idols of stone, clay, and the like, but to the Lord Jesus Christ.

All of our believers give strong testimonies, and the new "virgin" has afforded them a good opportunity to testify.

You can see how much the people of Venezuela need the true message of Redemption.

Margarita Lagmay, our Bible woman in Santa Maria, Philippine Islands, teaching some of the Sunday School children. These children can quote many verses from their dialect Gospel of John.

Below: Converts of the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shields in the Philippine islands. All are filled with the Holy Spirit except one.



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KOREAN RELIEF

Good used clothing, and canned goods, are desired for Korean relief. Only clean clothing in good condition should be sent. (No high heel shoes, and very few rayon garments, please.) Money for handling and forwarding expenses in connection with the relief also is needed.

For some time we have been forwarding clothing and canned goods to Japan for our missionaries to send on to Korea as they could, but now we are able to send the relief supplies to Korea. The war has left many homeless and destitute there. Some of these are Christians.

The clothing and canned goods should be sent prepaid to B. M. Kvamme, Assemblies of God Oriental Relief Agency, 907 South Huson Street, Tacoma 6, Washington. DO NOT SEND THE SUPPLIES TO SPRINGFIELD. Offerings for defraying the expenses of handling and forwarding should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, marked "Korean Relief."

NEWS NOTES

Robert B. Thomas, missionary to Argentina, arrived in the States on furlough early in March.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Wilkie, missionaries to Bolivia, announce the birth of a son, William Lee, on March 19.

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Mr. and Mr. Robert J. Renfroe have arrived safely in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, where they will begin their missionary work.

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

IN PRISON FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Lesson for April 29

Acts 5:17-32

The chapter from which our lesson is taken is one in which divine power is greatly demonstrated, both in grace and in judgment. It begins with the account concerning Ananias and his wife Sapphira who were numbered with the disciples, but who kept back part of the price instead of wholeheartedly casting in their lot with the disciples. The curse of death came to them because of their hypocrisy in pretending to give the whole when they gave but a part, and not because they held back a part, for Peter said, "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" God hates hypocrisy, dishonesty, and deceit.

1. Christian Separation and Holiness

In verse 11 we are told that "great fear came upon the church, and upon as many as heard" what happened to Ananias and Sapphira, "and of the rest durst no man join himself to them" (v. 13). Church membership was not cheap in those days. We have no criticism of providing cards for those seeking membership in the church, on which they promise fidelity to certain requirements, but the church needs more than rules to preserve its purity. It needs the power of the Spirit of God, bringing such a sense of divine holiness that men will tremble to make a false profession. Where holiness fills the church, worldliness takes its place outside.

2. Christian Power and Blessing

When the church was holy, entirely unworldly in its desires, God wrought special miracles through the apostles. The church was one. There were no divisions among the members. "They were all with one accord in Solomon's porch." Would that this condition might always have remained, but it did not (Acts 6:1). Unity is the fruit of Christian love. Unity and spiritual power go together—"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people."

Through the miracles, hearts were reached "and believers were the more added to the Lord [not to the church membership alone, but to the Lord], multitudes both of men and women." Multitudes of suffering ones were brought from the surrounding countryside. Devils (demons) were cast out and the sick were healed "every one." What a manifestation of God's power! God was establishing the church as His own institution and He was doing it with "many infallible proofs."

3. Christian Provocation of Persecution

Such manifestations of divine power were too much for the materialistic Sadducees.

"Then the high priests rose up, and all that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation." The Sadducees denied any resurrection, and believed not in angels or spirits. When men came testifying that the Man Christ Jesus, who recently died on the cross, was risen, and that therefore these mighty works were being done, they were stirred with anger. Some Sadducees had gotten even into the high priest's position. Religion is in great danger when it falls into the hands of materialistic, unbelieving leaders who have no time for the supernatural.

These leaders, being offended, "laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison." "Then," some writers observe, "the persecutors went home." They thought they had defeated the Christian cause.

4. Deliverance and Commission

But the apostles did not remain in prison for long. "The angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth." Then the angel commissioned them, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life" (vv. 19, 20). What a deliverance! What a commission! Let us follow this example.

May we not be content with preaching cold theory. That is what is wrong with many churches today. Their ministers do not have a living message for the people. It is *life* that Jesus came to bring—"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The early Christian church had life—not a life of entertainment and mere social intercourse, but *spiritual* life. Man and God are united in the life that comes by the power of the Holy Ghost in a holy church. It is such life that people need today. They are overwhelmed with the troubles of this dying world. Give us, Lord, abundance of Thy life, that we might minister the same to dying men!

5. Triumph Over Persecution

The conference of the rulers reconvened; they sent to have the prisoners brought before them. What was their surprise when the officers returned saying, "The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within" (v. 23). Upon learning that the apostles were preaching in the temple, "the officers . . . brought them *without violence* . . . and set them before the council" (v. 27). The council began to realize that they were dealing with no ordinary men. Moreover, they feared the people lest they should be stoned. The persecuted

followers of Jesus were winning their way. With everything being done to stop them, their influence was being felt more and more. Jerusalem was being filled with their doctrine, not alone because of the preaching of the apostles, but also because of the talk among the people. Let us learn from this that by holding forth the Word of Life and living as Christians ought we will do more for our message than by volumes of self-defense.

The world needs a Saviour. The Spirit-filled church has the message concerning Him. Like the apostles, "we ought to obey God rather than men." May the Lord fill us with power Divine that we might preach Jesus and make all men see the blessing of the grace of God!

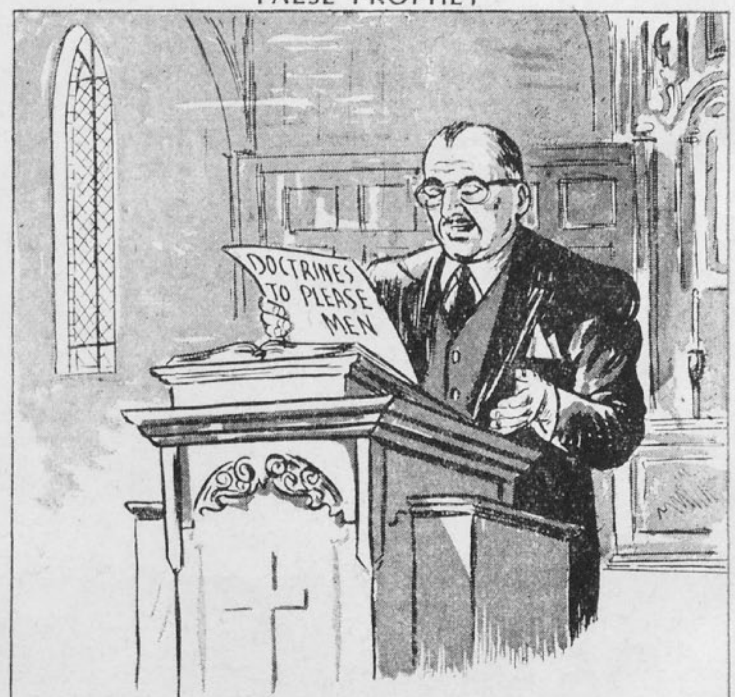
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The First Persecution (lesson for Sunday, April 22). Printed text: Acts 4:7-20.

Immigration in Israel

The Jewish Agency plans to bring 200,000 immigrants into Israel during 1951, and estimates that it will cost fifteen million dollars to do this. In addition to 54,000 Jews from Iraq, who will be brought by plane in "Operation Ali Baba," it expects to bring in 90,000 from Eastern Europe, 30,000 from North Africa, and 20,000 from other areas. Every week between 1200 and 1500 Jews arrive from Rumania by ship. Immigration is still continuing from Poland though at a reduced rate. There has been little or no emigration from Hungary in the past two years. However, negotiations with the Hungarian government in 1950 resulted in permission for 3,000 people to leave and about 2,000 have already reached Israel. But it is estimated that 150,000 Jews are still in Hungary.

FALSE PROPHET



We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29

F. Williams

The Great Welsh Revival

Ruth Russell

Thousands of people today are praying that genuine revival will sweep our country. There are some who scoff and say it cannot happen. Others point to great revivals of past years when conditions were apparently just as desperate and people were just as indifferent.

Perhaps no revival had a stranger history than the great Welsh revival of 1904. Seth Joshua, outstanding Welsh evangelist, had prayed for five years for a revival. He used to pace along the River Taff and cry out to God to raise up a young man as He had raised up Elisha from the field. Joshua didn't want a man from Cambridge lest it appeal to the pride of the nation, nor from Oxford, lest it appeal to the intellect alone. He asked God for a man literally from the fields of Wales.

God did better than that. He raised up one from beneath the fields in the depths of the coal mines, and placed His hand upon young Evan Roberts.

The time was September, 1904; the place was Southern Wales. Joshua had gone to Newcastle Emlyn to hold special services. Finding he needed help, Joshua sent for a group of young people from the parish of Joseph Jenkins at New Quay where a revival had broken out the previous February. Among the brake-load of singing and praising Christians came Evan Roberts, a twenty-six-year-old student from the preparatory school in Newcastle Emlyn.

He was deeply moved when he heard Joshua pray for someone from the field, and when he heard the words, "Bend us, O Lord," he broke down. For hours he, too, made this his prayer, and finally his heart was filled with a great desire to change the world by the power of the Holy Spirit, and he believed that God was going to use him in a great awakening.

Soon after, he was led back to the mines where he had started working when a lad of fourteen. He asked the Lord for six souls, then raised the quota to twelve. When he began to preach, people came first out of curiosity, later because of his simple message about Christ. Soon the spark of revival was fanned into a great fire which in three months spread throughout Southern Wales.

The young missionary was called to hold meetings up and down the green valleys of Southern Wales, often as many as five services a day. Enormous crowds would gather hours before his arrival and frequently meetings were held for months after he left town.

G. Campbell Morgan, when describing a meeting he attended, said, "It was utterly without man-made order, characterized from first to last by the orderliness of the Spirit of God."

The meetings were conspicuous because of the great number of men present. No one seemed to be in charge. When one felt led by the Spirit he would rise to give a testimony or lead in prayer. There were neither instruments nor choir, but the huge congrega-

tion would break out into spontaneous singing and the hymns were enriched by the well-known musical ability of the Welsh coal miners. Occasionally when a prayer did not strike the right chord, someone broke in with a song.

Then a boyish-looking young fellow, with his hands in his pockets, shoulders thrown back, eyes bright, and his mouth widened in a smile, would step in front of the platform, and, with a single sentence, catch the attention of the audience. With his Bible in his hand he would continue speaking for a short time, as the Spirit led, for Evan Roberts never prepared a message ahead of time.

When he finished, a girl would sing an invitation hymn and Roberts would locate those who seemed under conviction. Then while the crowd sang, Roberts would deal with the drunkard or church member, innocent girl or hardened sinner—all of whom needed the Lord. When a person confessed Christ, the congregation would roll out the joyful "Dio!ch Iddo," "Thanks to Him."

The converts numbered twenty thousand

Evan Roberts is dead.

The man who was God's instrument in the Welsh Revival of half a century ago went quietly to sleep in a Cardiff hospital during the last week of January, this year. His voice will be heard no more in this world, interceding for souls and warning sinners of their ways, but the work which the Holy Spirit accomplished through his yielded life will never be forgotten. The accompanying article will refresh your memory as to some of the details.

Evan Roberts said that if you desire an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your community there are four essential conditions which you must meet:

(1) Is there any sin in your past that you have not confessed to God? On your knees at once! Your past must be put away and cleansed.

(2) Is there anything in your life that is doubtful—anything you can not decide whether it is good or evil? Away with it! There must not be a trace of a cloud between you and God. Have you forgiven everybody—EVERYBODY? If not, don't expect forgiveness for your sins: you won't get it.

(3) Do what the Spirit prompts. Obedience—prompt, implicit, unquestioning obedience to the Spirit. Better offend ten thousand friends than quench the Spirit of God.

(4) A public confession of Christ as our Savior. There is a vast difference between profession and confession.

You praise the Father and praise the Son; why don't you praise the Holy Spirit? You speak of Him as "something!" The Spirit has been smothered in hundreds of our churches. Quench not the Spirit. When the Fire burns, it purifies, and when purified you are useful in the work of God.

within five weeks. Meetings were held day and night, and churches were filled to capacity. There was very little preaching, but prayer, testimony and singing would sweep the congregation.

Because of lack of patronage, theaters and saloons were closed. Thieves and murderers surrendered to the Lord and the police courts were idle. Sins were confessed and old debts paid. Lives were changed over night and church members became personal workers. Work was forgotten and frequently one meeting would last days at a time.

One midnight at Trecynon, the congregation stopped singing when Tom Hughes, a well-known atheist, entered Ebenezer chapel. "I have burned my books which said there was no God," he said. "I was shipwrecked and the waves were gathering fast about the plank which alone stood between me and hell. But God called to me. I came to Him and was lifted out of destruction."

One hardy miner hurried out of a meeting about eleven o'clock one night. Shortly after midnight he arose from bed, dressed and returned to the meeting, testifying that he couldn't sleep until he had publicly confessed Christ as his Savior.

A young man, who had trained at Oxford to become a monk, ran away to sea. Twelve years later he settled in Wales and spent his free time in drinking clubs. While he was on the way to one of these clubs, a friend invited him to one of Evan Roberts' meetings. He refused, but finally consented to flip a coin. He tossed, it turned up "heads," and he was converted that night in the chapel.

In one district where the magistrates usually sat for two or three hours holding court, the business was finished in one hour, for there was not a case of drunkenness to be tried. The coal miners working in the colliery sang hymns when descending into and ascending out of the pit and spent part of their mealtime in prayer.

A railway employee testified that he was questioned at every station in regard to his soul's salvation.

A seventy-year-old man had prayed all day in a chapel for his father who was nearly a hundred. While he was making his final appeal late in the evening, the son recognized an aged man tottering forward. The penitent slowly raised his head as he cried, "All my life I have lived in sin, but at last the Light has come." The vast audience broken forth spontaneously in thankful praise.

A collier was walking alone in one of the mines. To his great surprise he met one of the principal officials of the mines who stated that he had been waiting for the miner for two hours to learn how to be saved.

A deacon who had never before done any personal work invited the eighteen men in his athletic class to a meeting. That night he led everyone of them to Christ.

Christmas of 1904 was the first real Christmas many children of Wales—and even men and women—ever had. Instead of being spent in the public-houses as formerly, the money was used for groceries and toys. The poverty of former years had been replaced by joy and plenty, for Christ had been invited into thousands of homes.

Virtually the whole of Wales was on its knees on Christmas Day. In many towns there were huge demonstrations and in some cases

paraders marched all night. Not a single prisoner was detained throughout the holidays and the officer in charge of the Miskin district said it was the quietest Christmas he had ever experienced.

The revival lasted for about four years and spread throughout England, Scotland, Ireland, parts of Europe and even crossed the seas to America and Australia, changing the lives of thousands.

It is impossible to place one's finger upon the secret of this amazing awakening. Seth Joshua himself later wrote, "The secret of the Lord was with many even before the blessing

came. I know a man who for five years was carried out by the Spirit and made to weep and pray along the banks of a Welch river. At last the travail ceased, and calm expectation followed the soul pangs of the man. He lived to see the answer to his heart-cries unto the Lord."

Joshua was writing about himself, of course.

Perhaps those who today are crying out to God for a great awakening will, like him, live to see their prayers answered. Or do we lack the praying Joshuas who will pray unceasingly for years for the needed revival? —*Christian Digest.*

once, and will be undertaken as soon as the offerings begin coming in.

All contributions should be designated for the National Children's Home, and sent to the Department of Benevolences (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY FRANK M. BOYD

Are not John the Baptist and Elijah the same person?

No, not as to personal identity. This relationship was the subject of discussion between the scribes and John (in John 1:19-21) and between the disciples and Jesus (Matt. 17:10-12).

The Jews expected Elijah to come as a forerunner of "the great dreadful day of the Lord," the time of the events ushering in Israel's restoration (Mal. 4:5, 6). In fact there is a Hebrew manuscript which specifically designates him as "Elijah, the Tishbite" in Mal. 4:5. Many believe that he is one of the two witnesses of Revelation 11:3.

John the Baptist positively denied that he was Elijah, and thus clearly differentiated between himself and that prophet of old. Furthermore, Jesus just as distinctly affirms that Elijah (according to Mal. 4:5, 6) would "first come and restore all things" (Matt. 17:11), but He also referred to John the Baptist as Elijah (Matt. 17:12). This meaning is explained by Luke 1:17.

The whole question may be resolved by saying that John the Baptist was Elijah in "spirit and power," but not as to identity, and that Elijah will return as the forerunner of the second advent of Christ, just as John was the forerunner of His first appearance.

What is the relation of Ezekiel 38 and 39 to Rev. 20:7-9?

Rev. 20:7-9 is certainly the account of an event after the millennium has run its course, and is certainly not the same event as described in Ezekiel 38 and 39, which is pre-millennial in time. This latter eventuates in the defeat of the hordes of Magog from "the uttermost north" (38:6; 39:2

Life in a Family of 66

"There's never a dull moment" at our National Children's Home—nor a dull child, either. There just isn't anything dull on the big hilltop, which is home to the fifty-six boys and girls and the ten staff members. Never a dull moment for the happy family of bright youngsters, and never a dull moment for the workers, who are ever alert to the needs of the children—needs for physical welfare, needs of childish hearts that must be loved and encouraged, and foremost, needs for a well-guided spiritual life.

"HE . . . PUT HIS HAND UPON THEM, AND BLESSED THEM."

That the Lord has laid His hands upon these children is beyond doubt. Several of the older girls (12 to 16 years of age) have set their hearts on attending Bible School when they have finished high school. Of course, they have no family that can finance their way through school, but we are trusting with them that their needs will be met. The oldest girl in our family is so thankful for all that the Home has done for her since she was a little girl, that her gratitude finds expression in serving the Home as assistant to the house mother of the girls' dormitory.

A new spiritual awakening has been evident among the boys. One boy began coming alone to pray and read a portion of Scripture with "Daddy Jolliff" before boarding the

school bus every morning, and again in the evening. Very soon he brought another boy with him, and then some more. They prayed through to victory, and others joined them; now every boy in the Home, even down to the little fellows, can testify to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOME'S NUMBER ONE NEED

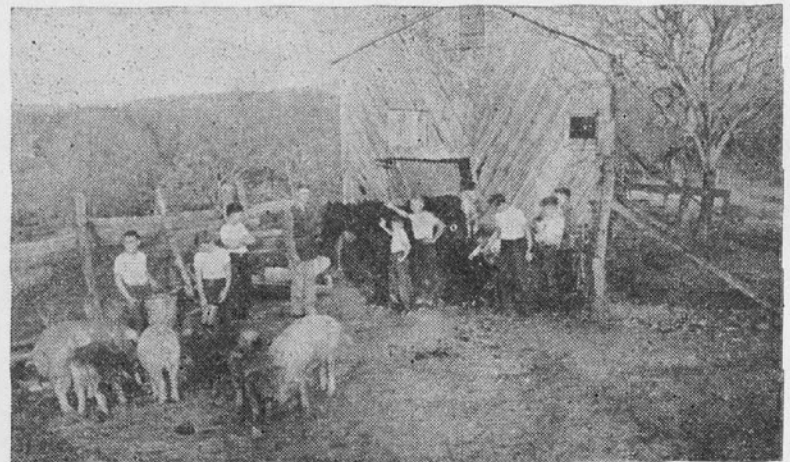
A sufficient supply of pure, fresh milk is the outstanding need of the Home just now. To provide this would be relatively simple if we could erect the necessary dairy barn. The older boys have learned to milk and they enjoy caring for the cows and also the horse, pigs and rabbits.

Arkansas State Law (the Home is at Hot Springs) protects children living in such an institution by requiring certain standards for dairy barns. To meet these specifications in erecting our dairy barn will require a considerable sum of money, which we do not have. One generous friend has offered to furnish all the lumber for the barn, but we will need several thousands of dollars for steel, concrete, labor, etc.

How about making this new dairy barn a project for your Sunday School or your class, for your church or your Christ's Ambassadors? Individual contributions (whether large or small) will also be gratefully received. Work on the barn should be started at



They're all smiles in the cafeteria as they line up to be served a nourishing warm meal. The boys find good use for their abundant energy in caring for the stock, and helping to provide milk and meat



for the large family. The old barn has been condemned, and funds are needed for a new dairy barn. If you would like to help the Home, be sure to read the accompanying article.

literal) and the establishment of Israel in kingdom blessing (39:22). Compare also Ezek. 39:7, 23, 25, 28. The difference between Ezekiel 38 and 39 and Rev. 20:7-9 is further seen in that in the former the enemies of Israel are not annihilated—"I will leave but a sixth part of thee" (39:2), whereas annihilation is apparently the fate of those in the latter passage.

While there is a similarity between Ezek. 39:17-20 and Rev. 19:17, 18 in the point of the activity of the "fowls" devouring the flesh of these armies, there are also decided differences. This writer sees no reason why Ezekiel 38 and 39 could not be fulfilled even before Rev. 19:11-21, in a Russian assault upon Palestine, which will be supernaturally thwarted. The event is certainly at least one phase of the series of events that mark the ending of this present age, for it brings about Israel's exaltation. That the "heathen" (*nations*, Hebrew "Goyim") are to have in the destruction of Gog an object lesson of what it means to oppose God and His people and to incur His wrath—"Behold, I am against thee" (Ezek. 28:3; 9:1)—is seen in 39:21.

Did not God centuries ago, in the reign of King Hezekiah of Judah, supernaturally destroy the cruel, sadistic Assyrians, who were bent upon annihilating Judah? They had captured "all the defenced cities of Judah" and Jerusalem seemed right in their grasp, when "the angel of the Lord" slew 185,000 of them in one night (Isa. 37:35-38).

Should there not be some evidence given to present living nations that God is "against" the cruel, atheistic, blasphemous, lying rulers of modern Russia and her aggressive armies?



DAYS OF REVIVAL AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIBLE COLLEGE

God has been gracious in granting us one of the most precious revivings and refreshings of His Spirit. We thank Him for it humbly, for the true working of His Spirit makes us realize how utterly dependent upon Him we really are.

The moving of God's Spirit grew out of our Prayer Emphasis Week a month ago. For the beginning of the week, the regular program of the school was not laid aside. We were not trying to coerce God into doing something for us, but rather we were seeking to prepare our hearts so that He could fulfill His promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14—"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

For a time we continued our class schedule, but when God graciously broke in upon our hungry, waiting souls the classes were forgotten. Students longing for the fullness of the Holy Spirit crowded around the altar of the chapel and were mightily supported in their seeking God by the praying and encouragement of others. The spiritual rain kept falling until it became a real deluge. From all directions shouts of praise and worship arose to God as one after another was filled with the Holy Spirit in true apostolic fashion.

Classes were laid aside; meals were forgotten, as was time itself, while a great band of earnest

young people sought their God hour after hour. They prayed until the light of a new day began to dawn. For a week and a half the heavenly rain continued to fall. Now we are back in classes, but the revival spirit is still very much in evidence among us.

The moving of God's Spirit has been marvelous in our eyes. It has been real, heart-searching, and of lasting benefit. Approximately twenty were filled with the Spirit. Many students received special calls, and a number were gloriously healed in body. Some had particularly striking manifestations, yet the revival was not attended by any of the excesses that sometimes detract and get attention fixed on men rather than on God. Our hearts and minds were fully taken up with the great Baptizer and Healer, and our rejoicing was in Him while He so freely bestowed His choice gifts upon His waiting children.—Irvine J. Harrison, President, Southern California Bible College, Costa Mesa, California.

SERVICEMEN'S CENTER OPENED IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

The First Assemblies of God Church in Oakland has opened "The Haven," an attractive center for men in the armed forces, and all visitors are welcome.

E. Elsworth Krogstad, the Pastor, states that as far as he knows this is the only Assemblies of God center in the area for many miles around that is ministering to the men in the armed forces, and there are thousands of them in the various training camps and military installations in California.

If readers will send the names and addresses of servicemen stationed in California the workers of this church will contact them. "The Haven" is located in the church at 10th Avenue and E. 14th Street, Oakland, Calif. Addresses of servicemen to be contacted should be mailed to that address.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

A number of readers may be visiting London this summer to attend the "Festival of Britain." While in London you are invited to attend the Pentecostal Church (Assembly of God) at Luton, Bedfordshire. It is situated on Church Street, only thirty-five minutes' ride on fast train from St. Pancras Station in London. The Pastor is Douglas S. Quay, 104 Dallow Road.

Headquarters of the British Assemblies of God are located at Luton, and Pastor Quay assures us that American visitors will be most welcome.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

SOQUEL, CALIF.—We had a four-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Leonard Miller of Watsonville, Calif. Ten came to the altar for salvation, others were reclaimed, and two were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of the Lord was present in a wonderful way.—E. Mehninger, Pastor.

NEWCASTLE, WYO.—We had a meeting (Feb. 18—Mar. 4) with the Eden Evangelistic Party of Coffeyville, Kans. Twelve were saved, eight were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many testified to healing. We are moving forward by God's help and plan to build to accommodate our growing Sunday School.—W. Neil McDaniel, Pastor.

ELKTON, KY.—In August 1948 we rented an empty church and began services here as we believed it was God's will to establish a Pentecostal work in this town. In May 1949 we were able to purchase the property, together with a lot for a parsonage, for \$4,500. It is a concrete block building with a full basement. God has enabled us to pay \$2,900, plus interest, on the note. We have also secured pews, pulpit, altar, a good piano, and venetian blinds.

Souls are being saved and the church is growing steadily. The Sunday School attendance often tops 100 with normal attendance in the 70's. We had the largest V.B.S. attendance in the state last summer.

The work has developed beyond the home mission stage, and Brother and Sister O. L. Wardlow have formally accepted the pastorate. I shall remain here as adult Sunday School teacher until I have finished teaching this school term. Then I shall return to college to complete my training in preparation for missionary service.—Reveille Ann Clopton.



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AVON, N. C.—We closed a meeting Feb. 18 with Evangelist and Mrs. J. Merrill Rayner of Lonaconing, Md. God met with us in a wonderful way. Ten were saved and one received the Baptism.—Alvin W. Price, Pastor.

PLAINS, TEX.—Evangelist Dora Lane was with us for four weeks. Thirty-two were saved and 45 were filled with the Holy Ghost. The young people and children came to the church before service to pray. The Sunday School is averaging well over a hundred.—A. J. Pettit, Pastor.

VIRGINIA, ILL.—We had a four-week meeting with Evangelists Helen Early and Marjorie McCulloch. Several sought the Lord for salvation. The spirit of revival is still in our midst and someone is saved at practically every service.—Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Pastors.

LAIRD HILL, TEX., Mar. 15—We are now in the fourth week of a meeting with Evangelist W. D. Metzgar of Fairfield, Tex., and the spiritual tide is still rising. In spite of inclement weather the church has been filled every night, and mighty conviction has been upon the congregation. Many have been divinely healed through obedience to God's Word and the prayer of faith. The preaching has built faith in the hearts of the people—not faith in the evangelist, but faith in God and in the Bible.—R. I. Stewart, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 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.

EARLE, ARK.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Roy E. Gilliam of North Little Rock.—by J. S. McMahan, Pastor.

SWAN CREEK, ILL.—Gospel Center, Apr. 17—May 6; DePringer Evangelistic Party.—by Edith Swope, Pastor.

AMES, IOWA—Assembly of God, Apr. 22—May 6; Evangelist and Mrs. William E. Varney.—by Paul Brewer, Pastor.

NEWARK, N. J.—Bethel Pentecostal Church, 61 N. 4th, Apr. 22—May 6; Evangelist Paul Kauffman.—by F. D. Eide, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Lake View Gospel Church, 3142 N. Racine Ave., Apr. 22—; Renee Martz.—by Devore H. Waltherman, Pastor.

DELTA, COLO.—Revival Tabernacle, May 6—; Calabrese and Duncan Gospel Team of Kansas City, Mo. (H. R. Parish is Pastor.)

CLANTON, ALA.—First Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Kalamazoo, Mich.—by J. H. Aplin, Pastor.

FIFTH SUNDAY RALLY and Homecoming, Southside Assembly of God, Greenville, S. C., Apr. 26—29. All-day service Sunday, dinner on grounds. Special speakers each night and Sunday.—by J. Murrell Cockerell, Box 37, Branwood Sta., Greenville, S. C.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Mission Tabernacle, Apr. 29—May 4; Robert Fierro. YOUTH RALLY, Saturday night, May 5; Bert Webb, National C. A. Director, speaker. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE with Brother Webb, May 6—13; nearby Sunday Schools invited to attend.—by Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MOVED—Georgia District Council, May 8—10, will meet at North Highland Assembly of God in Columbus, instead of Savannah, due to crowded conditions because of new H-bomb plant near Savannah. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, main speaker. Committees meet Tues. noon for fellowship luncheon and remain in session all afternoon. W.M.C. annual business session Tues. 2 p.m. Ordination service Thurs. night. For room reservation write E. W. Bethany, host pastor, 3702 3rd Ave., Columbus, Ga.—by Keetah Jones, District Superintendent.

MAYSVILLE, KY.—May 6—; Evangelist N. R. Dickerson of Pawhuska, Okla. (H. E. Turner is Pastor.)

PORUM, OKLA.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist A. N. Burns of Oklahoma City.—by John E. Frady, Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Wyatt Park Assembly, Apr. 15—29; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph A. Wilkerson.—by J. E. Wilson, Pastor.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, 13th St. near So. Phillips Ave., Apr. 29—May 13; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

EL DORADO, KANS.—Apr. 17, two weeks or longer; Evangelist W. M. Stevens.—by L. J. Hollis, Pastor.

BIG STONE GAP, VA.—Apr. 16, two weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. O. E. Gaddis. (W. W. Smith is Pastor.)

MEDFORD, OREG.—Assembly of God, Apr. 8—; Evangelists Mark and Huldah Buntain of Canada. (J. S. Manchester is Pastor.)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Bethel Temple, 4956 W. George St., May 8—20; Evangelist Paul Hild. Minneapolis, Minn.—by W. L. Williams, Pastor.

KEY WEST, FLA.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence G. Mitchell, Fort Worth, Tex.—Donald T. Newman, Pastor.

WATERTOWN, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, Apr. 29—May 13; Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson, Casper, Wyo.—by G. A. Wacker, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—House of Prayer Assembly, May 6—13; Sunday School Emphasis Campaign, Evangelist N. B. Rayburn, Waynoka, Okla. (Ted Stephens is Pastor.)

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBR.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist G. R. McGhghy, Leon, Iowa. (H. W. Thiemann is Pastor.)

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—Assembly of God, May 6—20; children's revival, Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (M. R. Hutchinson is Pastor.)

KERMAN, CALIF.—Grace and Truth Assembly of God, Apr. 8—22; Evangelists Floyd Myers and Arthur Hicks, Fort Smith, Ark.—by J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 10th Ave. and E. 14th St., Apr. 15—29; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Gaston, Springfield, Mo.—by E. Elsworth Krogstad, Pastor.

ANITA, PA.—Pentecostal Church, Apr. 13—22; Evangelist Mal Kerr. Sponsored by Pentecostal Churches of Anita and Punxsutawney, Pa.—by Donald E. Berkey and E. A. Lowmaster, Pastors.

MUNCIE, IND.—Glad Tidings Church, May 6—; Evangelist Anna Lock.—by Roy J. Davidson, Pastor.

BIXBY, OKLA.—Assembly of God, May 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick.—by F. H. Cagle, Pastor.

GALESBURG, ILL.—Calvary Pentecostal Church, Apr. 29—May 13 or longer; Youth Revival, Evangelist Manuel Shoults.—by George Wm. Clark, Pastor.

VERONA, ONT., CANADA—Pentecostal Assembly, May 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass, Brookline, Mass. (Tom Richardson is Pastor.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, Wisconsin-North Michigan District, at Racine, Wis., Apr. 26. Bert Webb, guest speaker. W. E. Wood is host pastor.—by G. M. Hillestad, District S. S. Director.

FARGO, N. DAK.—Silver Anniversary, First Assembly of God, 403 7th Ave. N., May 2—6. Speakers, Ivan O. Miller, E. A. Miller, and Henry H. Ness, the founder.—by Milton Barfoot, Pastor, and Edmund Lothar, Assistant.

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DANTE, VA.—May 6—20 or longer; Evangelist W. C. Langford.—by E. C. Worley, Pastor.

ELK CITY, OKLA.—Apr. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (J. S. Murrell is Pastor.)

CORNING, N. Y.—Calvary Tabernacle, Cutler Ave., Apr. 24—, two weeks or longer; Evangelist C. S. Tubby of Canada.—by Norman G. Love, Pastor.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.—Church of the Lighted Cross, 280 Parrish St., Missionary Convention, Friday to Sunday, Apr. 27—29. Carl Butler, missionary returning to India, speaker.—by Byron D. Jones, Pastor.

STATE CONVENTION, Women's Missionary Council, May 8, at First Assembly of God, Pine Bluff, Ark. Services at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Glenn Horst, night speaker.—by Mrs. Cora Jennings, State WMC President.

EIGHTH ANNUAL COUNCIL, New York-New Jersey District, at Faith Tabernacle, Conklin and High Sts., Binghamton, N. Y., May 7—10. Evening speaker, H. S. Bush, Superintendent of South Florida District.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, District Secretary.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL, City Auditorium, Big Spring, Tex., Apr. 23—26. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker. For hotel and tourist reservations write Pastor Clarence R. Love, Box 867, Big Spring, Tex.—by S. E. Eldridge, District Sec'y-Treas.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL convention at State Camp Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Apr. 23—24. Speakers: Glenn Horst of China, Elizabeth Galley of Japan, and A. C. Bates, Home Missions Secretary of Texas District. First service Monday evening.—by Mrs. R. L. Steger, State WMC President.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL, Glad Tidings Church, 2410 Grand Ave., Vancouver, Wash., Apr. 25—27. All missionaries and visiting ministers are welcome.—by J. A. Bogue, Secretary-Treasurer.

INDIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL, new Calvary Tabernacle, Evansville, Ind., May 7—10. G. F. Lewis, main speaker. A number of free rooms for ministers. For reservation write host pastor, Hansel P. Vibbert, 11 W. Iowa St., Evansville, Ind.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL, Trinity Methodist Church, West Market and West Sts., Lima, Ohio, Apr. 30—May 3. Bond P. Bowman, Detroit, Mich., main speaker. First service C. A. Rally, Mon. night, Apr. 30. For reservations write Earl E. Hart, 633 East Eureka St., Lima, Ohio.—by T. E. Hartshorn, District Secretary.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL, Assembly of God, Normal, Ill., May 1—3. Noel Perkin, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. Credentials Committee meets Apr. 30, 3 p.m., at the church. Rooms provided as far as possible. For reservation write host pastor, F. A. Mitchell, 1204 W. Locust St., Bloomington, Ill.—by W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

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RADIO PROGRAM—"The Assembly Hour," station KSUM, 1370 kc, Sundays 10:30 to 11 p.m.—by Robert Rudell, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle, St. James, Minn.

NOTICE—If you have friends at the Naval Air Base at Jacksonville, Cecil Field, or Green Cove Springs, we would be glad to contact them.—Pastor J. Bashford Bishop, 2240 Post St., Jacksonville, Fla.

NOTICE—We now have an assembly in Iowa Park, Tex. If you have friends here or stationed at Sheppard Field Air Base, we will be happy to contact them.—Pastor D. F. Ferguson, Box 119, Iowa Park, Tex.

NOTICE—Young men stationed at Boston Navy Yard or Chelsea Navy Yard are invited to the First Pentecostal Church, 113 Hawthorn St., Chelsea, Mass. (Chelsea is part of Boston; five minutes' travel across Mystic River brings a visitor from Boston proper to the First Pentecostal Church of Chelsea.) Levi L. Storms is Pastor.

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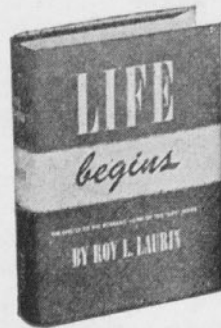
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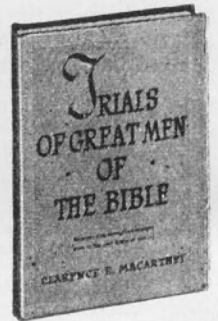


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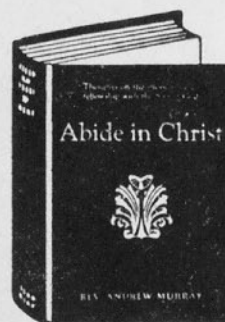
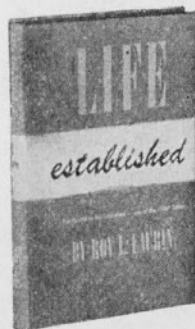
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