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



City Auditorium in Atlanta, Georgia
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EDITORIAL

The Coming General Council

Atlanta, "headquarters of the Southeast," has been chosen for the biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God which will convene August 16 to 23, 1951. Never before in the thirty-seven-year history of the Assemblies of God fellowship has a General Council been entertained in the Southeast.

The Council meetings will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, a million-dollar fireproof structure which seats 6,000 in the main arena. The Auditorium has a front annex, completed in 1949, which affords 21,000 square feet of space for exhibits, and this will permit the various departments of the General Council to arrange some very valuable displays of our missionary program, our Sunday School work, our Bible schools, publications, etc.

Atlanta is a growing city of 363,000 people (708,500 in the entire metropolitan area) in which there are twelve Assemblies of God. It has many historic places of interest to visitors, especially in relation to the battles fought in and near Atlanta in 1864. The Cyclorama in Grant Park contains a huge painting (400 feet long) depicting the Battle of Atlanta. In the basement of the Cyclorama is the historic locomotive "Texas" used by Captain Fuller in the famous pursuit and capture of Andrews Raiders who stole the engine "General" and raced it toward Chattanooga in 1862. World-famous Stone Mountain is only sixteen miles from Atlanta.

Capital of the "Peach State," Atlanta is a city of beautiful homes, splendid retail stores, impressive office buildings, magnificent churches, and many educational institutions of national reputation. It offers every advantage as a convention city and extends typical Southern hospitality to its guests.

In regard to climate, the local Chamber of Commerce points out that Atlanta is the second highest large city in the United States. "The altitude is 1,050 feet and the climate is one of the finest in the country. Seldom does the summer temperature exceed 90 degrees for as long as three days at a time, and it has rarely reached 100 degrees. Nights are cool and restful." The average rainfall during August is four and a half inches.

Representative and outstanding speakers will be heard during the Council. Although it is necessary to take a large

part of the time each morning and each afternoon for the giving of reports, the transacting of the Lord's business, and the election of officers, each session will open with a devotional service which will be a time of worshipping God together and receiving new inspiration from His Word. No business will be transacted at night. The vesper and night meetings will be devoted entirely to prayer, praise, and preaching.

The convention will open with a great C. A. Rally on Wednesday night, August 15. Robert F. Fierro will be the speaker.

On Thursday morning our General Superintendent, Wesley R. Steelberg, will bring the keynote address. Other morning speakers to be heard during the Council days will be J. R. Flower, Mrs. Marie Brown, E. A. Beck, and Thomas M. Miller.

Three of the afternoon meetings will be dedicated to Sunday Schools, Women's Missionary Councils, and Christian Education. On other afternoons the speakers will be J. E. Neely, J. B. Davis, Milton Barfoot, and Bond Bowman.

Sunday will be a full day, filled with spiritual refreshing for those who attend the Council. There will be two services in the morning: first, a Memorial Service, at which time Louis Turnbull will speak, and then a worship service when Ernest S. Williams will bring the message.

A mammoth missionary rally is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. The missionary rally has come to be one of the high points of each General Council, and this year it promises to be more colorful and more impressive than ever. May it be used of God to lift up the eyes of all His people to see the whitened harvest fields of the world, and to consecrate themselves more fully to the task of world evangelization.

The speaker at the great evangelistic service on Sunday night will be James E. Hamill. On other nights the speakers will be A. A. Wilson, Martin Luther Davidson, W. T. Gaston, Gayle Jackson, Ralph M. Riggs, C. C. Burnett, and Arne Vick.

The general theme of the Council will be, "The Second Half Century of Pentecost."

"We have traveled the path of Pentecost for fifty years," comments Brother Steelberg. "Let us keep the vision clear and the message dominant, right up to the day of His coming."

If you have not yet begun to pray for this important convocation, begin today. Ask the Lord to prepare each heart to seek His face, so that this may be a marshaling time for a more extensive, more powerful, more victorious offensive

against Satan's hosts than has ever been launched before.

The Council is only nine weeks away. Make plans now to attend. Let every Assembly arrange to send its Pastor to Council, if at all possible, so that this will be the largest and most representative gathering in our history. Each person who attends can make a contribution to the success of the gathering, and can carry home with him a large share of the benefits.

The Dinkler-Ansley will be the headquarters hotel. It and other hotels are located close to the Auditorium. Hotel rates were given in last week's EVANGEL. For reservation, write direct to the Housing Bureau, 380 Boulevard S. E. Atlanta, Georgia (telephone ALpine 4303). Grover Langston and the other members of the Housing Committee will do all they can to find you suitable accommodations if you will write to that address.

Faith and Works

An old ferryman painted the words "Faith" on one oar and "Works" on the other. When asked the reason he explained: "To make a passage across the river you need both oars. See where 'Faith' without 'Works' takes us." The ferryman shipped one oar and turned with "Faith" only, and went round and round in a circle. "Now let us try 'Works' without 'Faith.' We make just as little headway; and it is just the same in the journey of life."—Selected.

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The Gift for Teaching

Donald Gee

NONE WILL DENY that it requires a gift for teaching to successfully impart knowledge and proficiency in almost any subject. Most of us have known people who can play or paint exquisitely; or who can drive a car with the utmost ease and skill; and yet they entirely lack either the patience or the ability to impart their proficiency to the most willing pupils. They just cannot TEACH.

In our schools we suffered when young from a variety of teachers, some really gifted for their work, and others wooden, boring and unpopular. It is difficult to understand what motives induced some people to enter the teaching profession unless it was stark necessity. They pass through college and gain a mechanical knowledge of the subjects they will have to teach, and the technique of classwork. Eventually they become salaried teachers, but their life-work never sparkles, never has a sense of vocation, and leaves no deep impression upon their pupils.

Other teachers, on the contrary, win an abiding place in the respect and affection of those who sat in their classes. The first type MAY impart some rudimentary, soul-less knowledge of the subject in hand, but it is safe to say that only teachers of the second type give any real love for, and insight into, the subjects they teach. Personal recollections of wearisome lessons in history, grammar, art, English (or—most lamentable of all—in Scripture) exemplify the distinction.

To teach successfully demands something in the personality of the teacher—a love for the subject, producing a delight in imparting to others its hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge; a conviction of its real importance for fuller living; a devotion to the task never measured by working hours or salary. The impact of the personality of a teacher upon students is immense. Heads of schools, particularly, possess a power to mold characters that is second only to that of parents and pastors.

This brings us to consider teaching in

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This is the last picture taken of Brother and Sister Gee together. Mrs. Gee went to be with Christ on December 3, 1950.

our assemblies. That the Pentecostal Movement has come to recognize the value and importance of the ministry of teaching is cause for sober congratulation. There was a time when the only ministries regarded as "Pentecostal" and "in the Spirit" were those which were purely inspirational and prophetic in nature, or fervently evangelistic on the line of testimony. We know better now. We have grown to see the vital need for a ministry of teaching to follow and consolidate pure evangelism, and to balance prophecy. No church is fully obeying the Lord's command that neglects His plain commission to "teach all nations . . . to observe all things which I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). The weakness of untaught disciples has become glaringly apparent. They easily backslide; they become the prey of every wind of doctrine whereby men lie in wait to deceive (Eph. 4:14); they lack joy and peace in personal experience based on knowledge of their riches in Christ; and they retain all the weaknesses of children.

In spite of the healthy recognition of the need of teaching there still is a dearth of teachers throughout the churches. Here and there one may find a static assembly that has been "taught stiff" and has lost its evangelical zeal or prophetic fire. It is safe to assume that in such a case the teaching has lacked some vital element and has therefore missed the mark. True Christian teaching never kills—it quickens; it never dries up the soul—it "waters" the soul

abundantly (e.g. the ministry of Apollos, 1 Cor. 3:6). It inspires and strengthens for fresh devotion to evangelism. So-called "teaching" that has quenched revival fire is not teaching at all in the true sense of the word as used in the New Testament.

Undoubtedly even in the churches there are men who have taken upon themselves a ministry of teaching without possessing any real spiritual calling or gift for the task. Such men have been born with that particular mentality that enjoys systematizing knowledge, and they enjoy standing before any group that is patient enough to bear with them while they drag it through their alliterative headings, their blackboard diagrams and geometrical charts. In the hands of a real teacher such methods can become the essential "bones" upon which the warm living flesh of glorious truth can appear to our delight and edification. But it is not without ample cause that "teachers" (so-called) have achieved a reputation for being dry and uninspiring and obstructive to revival.

With unstinted appreciation let us acknowledge the ministries of brethren of a happier mold who regularly instruct the churches, the new converts and young people in the essential fundamentals of the faith. These may not be signally gifted; their ministry may never become more than local; but they do perform a valuable and honorable function—not least on our mission fields. It was such as these that Paul had in mind when he instructed Timothy that "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2), and the elders who thus labored in the word and doctrine were counted worthy of double honor (1 Tim. 5:17). These are soundly instructed men, not lacking in consecrated ability to impart the sacred things they themselves have first been taught by others. The Church rightly has an important place for such teaching, whether in Bible schools, Assemblies, or on foreign mission fields. Much of it today can also be transmitted through the printed word, and we desperately need more of it in native dialects.

Shining beyond all these, however,

are those brethren that are pre-eminently and particularly "teachers" given by Christ to His Church, and completing that five-fold radiant set of ministries of which the others are apostles, prophets, evangelists and pastors (Eph. 4:11). These men do not teach as a sideline; they are not teachers merely to fill a gap. They teach because they can do no other. The divine gift within them burns with holy fire. The Holy Ghost is never more clearly manifested in and through them than when they are exercising their God-set ministry in the Church (1 Cor. 12:28).

All who hear them are enlightened and revived and established in the truth as it is in Jesus. While they keep under the anointing of the Spirit they are never "dry," never boring, never quenchers of the Pentecostal flame. They only increase revival as they deepen the work of grace in their hearers. They are as absolutely "pentecostal" in their own God-given ministry as their fellow-servants the "prophets" (Acts 13:1). They possess as one proof of their gift the ability to present profound truth simply and attractively; while another proof of their calling is their capacity to adapt their style and methods to constantly changing types of listeners. Those who hear them testify, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" and quite correctly they could add, "While HE opened to us the scriptures," for it is none other than the Spirit of Christ Himself teaching through them. See Eph. 4:21.

It is, in my opinion, this gracious and important ministry that Paul had in mind when he wrote, "To another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:8). I know that there are other definitions of that gift, but to my mind they are far-fetched, and the presumed scriptural illustrations are purely arbitrary and quite out of harmony with the context of ministries in the body of Christ. It has been objected that if we regard the "word of knowledge" as a teaching-gift in the Church we rob it of its supernatural character as a manifestation of the Spirit. That all depends upon what we mean by the term "supernatural." To limit our definition of the supernatural to that which is spectacular and openly miraculous, such as speaking with tongues, or miracles of healing, is a lamentably unbalanced conception of Pentecostal truth. It was that very immaturity of understanding that weakened the testimony of the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 14:20). The root word of the whole subject is "grace," and we ought to see the truly supernatural in every operation of divine grace and power in redeemed sinners

who have become temples of the Spirit of God.

In that particular manifestation of the Spirit that Paul calls the "word of knowledge," we rejoice to see a gracious knowledge of the things of Christ such as comes through no merely human teaching, but marks the man taught of God (see Eph. 1:17-19). The resultant ministry glows with revelation and fire divine. Let those who will, regard such teaching as entirely the result of consecrated natural ability. We know better. We place it unreservedly among genuine manifestations of the Spirit of grace. In it we behold the glory of Christ. By it we retain the essential Pentecostal balance for prophesyings. On this basis, and on this basis alone, we can appreciate to the full Paul's tremendous preference for speaking five words with his understanding in the church rather than ten thousand in an unknown tongue. This is no inexplicable advantage of the natural over the supernatural. It is simply implementing his own exhortation to covet earnestly the best gifts. It is using the appropriate spiritual gift for teaching.

THE SINS OF SODOM

The demand for shorter working hours is a marked feature of this modern world. A work week used to be from sixty to seventy-two hours. It is now around forty hours. The prediction comes that it may be reduced to twenty-four hours. Some have declared that it may drop to twenty or fifteen, or even as low as five hours. This machine age accounts only in part for this lust for idleness.

When we think of the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah we are accustomed to think only of unmentionable lewdness and lust. But the prophet Ezekiel reproved the wickedness of Jerusalem as having so far outstripped those ancient cities that Sodom's moral condition could more easily be pardoned. Thus he ranked privileged Jerusalem and her sins alongside of Sodom, and then proceeded to uncover the real cause of Heaven's judgment on Sodom. In doing so, Ezekiel specified, not the notorious corruption of Sodom, but rather the secret causes of that corruption. "Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness . . . neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy" (16:49).

The English-speaking world has been as favored as Sodom with easy circumstances, soft living, and a social order whose corruption is being unchecked by a savorless Christian salt. Sodom's four basic sins reveal the secret springs of our own ruin.

(1) "Pride"—of power, production, riches, and wisdom.

(2) "Fullness of bread"—such a high standard of living that we fear no approach of famine. "Whose god is their belly," Paul would say of us.

(3) "Abundance of idleness"—short and still shorter working hours, then pensioned off at an early age, to enjoy "a long, well-earned rest."

(4) "Neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy"—an increasing tendency to let millions starve in the world, while sharing neither our goods nor our gospel with the world's poor and needy.

If these four sins are the secret springs to doom us and flood us with Sodom's more notorious lusts, then let us be solemnly forewarned by the Saviour: "If the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."—L. E. Maxwell, in *Prairie Overcomer*.

A Textbook on Christian Education

A high point at the recent convention of the National Association of Evangelicals was the presentation of a new book: *Christian Education in a Democracy*. It represents the work of the Committee on Philosophy and Practice of Christian Education over a five-year period.

Frank E. Gaebelein, committee chairman, stated that "this book makes history in that it represents the first sustained effort on the part of a group of evangelical educational leaders to work out a consistent philosophy of education, to apply it to the broad field of education, and to deal with educational problems. . . . It does for evangelical Christian education what the famed Harvard Report, *General Education in a Free Society*, did for secular education."

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To be in a storm of distress and sorely tempted and tried in manifold ways, and yet not to advertise it, but to tell it all out to God in secret prayer—this is victory. To keep a calm, peaceful spirit, and to walk calmly before our fellows, and give them the sunshine, even when the heart is bleeding and the mind is perplexed with manifold trials—this is proof of a truly humble, loving heart.—G. D. Watson in *Holy Living*.

"The empty vessel makes the greatest sound," said William Shakespeare. Be filled with God!

This Sunday, June 10, is Children's Day. Let us turn our thoughts to the boys and girls today and remember how important it is that they be taught the Word of God in childhood. We can learn a lesson from the Jews. As is pointed out in the accompanying article by Miss Specter, a Hebrew Christian, the Jewish people expect their children to receive an average of six hours of religious training every week.

Jewish Religious Training

Ruth Specter

THE CHILD has been considered by Jews, even since olden times, as the greatest of human treasures. He is the center of the home. To beget and raise children is a religious commandment, and to teach them in the laws of Judaism is the first essential to their spiritual well-being. It is written in the Jewish sacred writings: "At five years of age, reading of the Bible; at ten years, learning of the Mishna; at thirteen years, bound to the commandments; at fifteen years, the study of the Talmud."

The Jewish people expect their children to receive 300 hours of religious training throughout the year. So anxious have orthodox Jews been for their sons to be diligent pupils that they take the trouble to make the boy's first schoolday an occasion he will remember all his life. This custom also shows how deeply attached Jews have been to the Torah (Five Books of Moses) and how great has been their love of learning.

The Jewish boy looks forward to his thirteenth birthday as one of the most important events in his life. It is believed by Jews that up to the thirteenth year, the father bears the sins of his son. After that the boy must account for his good or evil actions. The father therefore recites the following benediction at the Bar Mitzvah (Son of the Law) ceremony: "Blessed be thou our God, King of the Universe, who hast relieved me from punishment for this one (the son)." About a year or two before this great occasion, the son is taught at the synagogue how to wear the phylacteries and prayer shawl; his various prayers in Hebrew, religious duties, the Haftorah and blessings, how to write and memorize a speech in Hebrew.

This ceremony is celebrated in the synagogue and in the home. Relatives and friends come to the synagogue to hear the boy chant the Haftorah and deliver the oration. The Rabbi talks to him and blesses him. After the service, the whole congregation is invited by the family to the vestry rooms for refreshments. The boy receives gifts and congratulations from everyone. He is now considered a man responsible for his own sins.

One glorious day in the city of David an event took place of which Isaiah wrote: "Unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given." This child was like no other child before Him or after. He was the greatest of heaven's treasures. He was the Son who far surpasses all the sons of earth. His was a birth at which all the hosts of heaven rejoiced. He was the CHILD born—the SON given upon whose shoulder is the government, the law, the Torah, the blessing, whose name is called "Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

We find Him in the temple a year before He becomes Bar Mitzvah astounding the doctors (teachers) of the law with His perfect knowledge, His wisdom, His authority in the Scriptures. He needed not a ceremony; He needed not a ritual; He needed not a celebration; but He fulfilled both the law and the tradition of the Jews as well.

He had no sins for which Joseph was responsible before He was thirteen; He carried not the punishment of His own sins after He was thirteen; but it was for *our* iniquities He was bruised, for *our* transgressions He was wounded. Surely this SON did not suffer for Himself as He hung on that cruel tree, did not bear the punishment

of His own sins; but surely, *surely* He hath borne *our* diseases and carried *our* pains! The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed! Blessed be His wonderful name forever!

ANSWERED PRAYER

Much that perplexes us in our Christian experience is but the answer to our own prayers.

We pray for patience and God sends tribulation, for tribulation worketh patience (Rom. 5:3-5).

We pray for submission and God sends suffering, for we learn obedience by the things which we suffer (Heb. 5:8).

We pray for unselfishness and God gives us opportunities to sacrifice ourselves by thinking on the things of others (Phil. 2:4).

We pray for victory and the things of the world swoop down upon us in a storm of temptation; for this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (1 John 5:4).

We pray for strength and humility and some messenger of Satan torments us until we lie in the dust crying for its removal (2 Cor. 12:7).

We pray for union with Jesus and God severs natural ties, and lets our best friends misunderstand and seem indifferent to us.

We pray for love and God sends peculiar suffering, and puts us apparently with unlovely people, and lets them say things which rasp the nerves and lacerate the heart; for love suffereth long and is kind, love is not impolite, love is not provoked, love beareth all things, believeth, hopeth and endureth, love never faileth, (1 Cor. 13:4-8).—*Sel.*



"THY WORD IS TRUTH"

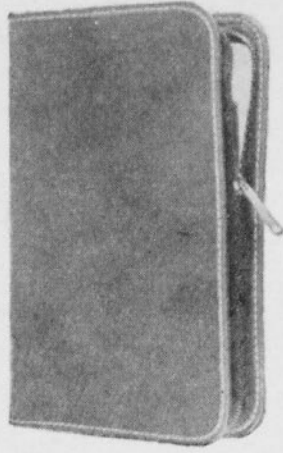
How shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rule imparts,
To keep the conscience clean.

When once it enters in the mind,
It spreads such light abroad,
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to God.

'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And, through the dangers of the night,
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Amos, the Herdsman Prophet

Frank M. Boyd

IN A PERIOD of the history of Israel when society and religion were both bankrupt, a strange personality emerged from the wilderness of Judea to burn the message of God upon the minds of the northern ten-tribed kingdom. His message was one of intense severity, a terrific arraignment of the sins of his day.

BACKGROUND FOR THE PROPHECY

Both the kingdoms of Israel and Judah were enjoying a period of freedom from foreign encroachment. Syria, the inveterate enemy of Israel, had been smashed by the Assyrians. Jeroboam II had come to the throne in Israel in 783 B. C. He, along with his southern contemporary neighbor, King Uzziah (or Azariah) of Judah, was a vigorous builder. Both these kings recaptured lost territory, extended their kingdoms, built up their military power, established trade routes, and made powerful political alliances.

Unprecedented prosperity abounded; everywhere there was luxury and self-indulgence. Amos speaks of their winter houses, their summer houses, built with hewn stone and with ivory paneling (3:15; 5:11). Business was good, wine was plentiful, and the wealthy banqueted on ivory couches with rich furnishings; but ease and extravagance on their part went hand in hand with the misery of a slave population, who could not afford the bare necessities of life.

The nation was full of religion. There were the idolatrous shrines at Bethel, Gilgal, and Beersheba; and the golden calves of Jeroboam I were still worshiped at Bethel. Moral laxity was prevalent; the righteous were hated and opposed. "The rich nobles, who took the lead in religious matters, were selfishly indifferent to the cries and groans of a suffering multitude who suffered because of injustice, oppression, and violence." Spiritual blindness characterized this period. Time was idled away in drunkenness and carousing; they lolled on their couches, while swift judgment and retribution was approaching.

THE PROPHET AND HIS CALL

Amos was a native of Tekoa, a village 12 miles south of Jerusalem, which nestled among limestone hills and

This is another in a series of articles on the Minor Prophets. Further studies in the series will be published from time to time.

stretches of wilderness. Though a native of Judah, he was called to preach in Israel. His was the rugged training of the wilderness. He was an outdoor man. His had been the experience of solitude and loneliness, but also of appreciation of the glory of creation (see 5:8) and of communion with God.

He was not a professional prophet, nor a courtier priest, but an ordinary workingman (1:1). As he says of himself, he was no prophet, but a herdsman (7:14, 15). In addition he was a dresser or nipper of sycamore fruit. This was a kind of wild fig, which ripened only by nipping or puncturing it.

Amos' *humility* is shown in that he made no attempt to hide the facts of his past life. That he lived a *solitary, yet industrious life*, is revealed in his occupation and his references to the heavenly constellations. That he was *wise* is seen in the fact that in his preaching he employed terms which were pointed, blunt, and practical. There was no preaching over their heads. He was *faithful* to God's call—not an ear tickler, but one who dealt uncompromisingly with his hearers. He was *steadfast*, for he refused to be turned aside even by Amaziah, the priestly representative of Jeroboam at Bethel (7:10-17). That he was *successful* and his impact on the people widespread is evident from Amaziah's statement—"the land is not able to bear all his words."

Amos spent no time in a divinity school. As Kyle M. Yates says, he was "unwilling to be classed among the guilds who made their living by bowing to the wishes of the people and preaching a pleasing message that would guarantee a return engagement." See 2 Tim. 4:1-4. "He was pulled away from his sheep in the wilderness by a tremendous conviction that God wanted him to preach to the people at Bethel. It must have been a profound experience with the Almighty in the desert that left such an indelible impression on the herdsman. The hand of God was upon him. He could not hold back."

THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

Visualize the great crowds assembled at Bethel on a sacred feast day. Here are gathered a multitude to enter into the formal observance of a high day. They have no desire for a sermon that will cut them to the quick, and the prophet seems at first to accommodate

them. For he wisely begins with a pronouncement of judgment upon Damascus (Syria), Israel's implacable foe.

Then he launches a broadside at Philistia; then blasts Edom, Ammon, Moab, and Judah in turn (chs. 1 and 2). What a wonderful preacher! As long as he is denouncing other nations he is popular, but when he begins to speak of Israel there is opposition. Amaziah protested, advising him to leave the country (ch. 7:10-17).

The simplest division of the prophecy is a threefold one: declamation (chapters 1 and 2); lamentation (chapters 3 to 6); revelation (chapters 7 to 9). These may be easily subdivided.

DECLAMATION. Chapters 1, 2

The first utterance of Amos (1:2-2:3) is against the states surrounding Palestine—Damascus, Philistia, Edom, Ammon, and Moab. In these oracles of judgment we have "a picture of the Semitic world [descendants of Shem] so summary and so vivid that we get the like of it nowhere else—the Semitic world in its characteristic brokenness and turbulence, its factions and ferocities, its ceaseless raids and quarrels, tribal disputes flaring into most terrible massacres, vengeance that wreaks itself alike on the embryo and the corpse (1:13; 2:1). . . . And the one commerce which binds these ferocious tribes together is the slave-trade in its wholesale and most odious form."—Brice.

Syria (Damascus) is indicted and judgment pronounced for her merciless cruelty in war (1:3-5); Philistia, for enslaving her captives (1:6-8); Tyre, for dealing in an odious slave traffic (1:9, 10); Edom, for heartless, unbrotherly conduct, and an unforgiving spirit (1:11, 12); Ammon, for her fiendish cruelty, based upon covetousness for wealth (1:13-15); Moab, for cruelty, hatred, and inhuman treatment of other peoples (2:1-3).

The second declamation concerns the judgments of God which are without respect of persons.

Judah is indicted and judgment pronounced for her disloyalty to Jehovah and for despising His law (2:4, 5). Israel is about to come under dire punishment for their outbroken sins against Jehovah (2:6-16). They are denounced for perversion of justice, the selling of debtors by creditors, contrary to the law (Ex. 21:7; Lev. 25:39; Neh. 5:5), and betraying the poor for small bribes (v. 6); for desiring the poor to be crushed to earth (v. 7); and for incest (v. 7). They are condemned for the cruel luxury which made the poor debtor's necessities minister to the rich man's pleasures (v. 8); for ingratitude (vv. 9, 10); for despising the two

spiritual favors granted them—the message of the prophets and the deeds of the Nazarites (vv. 11, 12). Severe punishment is predicted (vv. 13-16) for these terrible sins.

LAMENTATION. Chapters 3-6

To say that the prophets were impassive men, lacking in personal emotion and concern for their own countrymen, is to miss entirely the purpose of God in choosing *men* to be His mouthpiece. God took each prophet, clothed his own unique personality with Himself, and gave expression to His own emotion through the emotion of the prophet.

In his first lament (chs. 3, 4) the soul of Amos is greatly grieved as he contemplates the original election of Israel in contrast with her present state, yet he has no question of the source of his message—"Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken" (3:1; 4:1; 5:1)—and he pronounces the dire judgment of God uncompromisingly.

Chapter three pronounces the necessity of judgment upon Israel. The "lion" of judgment (v. 4) is already roaring; the snare of God is already set for His disobedient people (v. 5); and the trumpet summoning the evil forces against His people is about to blow (v. 6), but God is giving His people fair warning through the voice of His prophet (v. 7). The latter part of this chapter again reveals the necessity of judgment upon Israel and the certain desolation which it will bring (vv. 9-16).

Chapter four reveals that the heavenly discipline has failed to bring Israel back and expresses a fivefold lament of the heart of God over their failure to respond to His chastenings—"Ye have not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (4:6, 8, 9, 10, 11). Amos shows now that there will be no escape; wrath will descend. His sentence, "Prepare to meet thy God" (v. 12), is not a further call to repentance before doom shall strike, but a solemn announcement that the omnipotent God in His judgment is now about to "meet" them (v. 13).

The Prophet's second lament (chs. 5, 6) is a tender-hearted plea to yet seek God; but, as chapter six clearly shows, the heart of God is disappointed, and "woe" is about to break upon Israel. The horrible features of Israel's fall are portrayed—blasphemous superstition (5:5, 6), oppression of the poor (5:11), ritualism without righteousness (5:21-25), idolatry (5:26), and iniquitous luxury and license (6:3-6).

That the hated Assyrian is to be the instrument of God's judgment is revealed in 6:14.

REVELATION. Chapters 7-9

These chapters contain five visions of certain judgment and one of restoration.

The first two (7:1-6) represent a threat of judgment by natural causes—the grasshopper (vv. 1-3) and the drought (vv. 4-6), which had been averted by the prophet's intercession (vv. 3, 6). The third (7:7-9) is contrasted with them to show that God's plumb-line has found Israel "wanting," deficient, impossible of rebuilding, so that judgment is inevitable, intercession futile, and human protest also futile (7:10-15).

The parenthetical historical narrative of 7:10-17 is a remarkable character sketch of the prophet. Amaziah, the chief of the idol-priests at Bethel, a crafty and determined man, hearing Amos' prophecy against the house of Jeroboam, takes it up as a political matter, and makes an accusation against the prophet with the purpose of silencing him. Apparently the king had done nothing about this prophecy, possibly deeming Amos a visionary. Therefore, Amaziah by his own authority endeavors to make Amos leave Israel and return to professional prophesying in Judah, for that seems to be Amaziah's estimate of Amos. But Amos knows his God, is assured of his call, and goes so far in his refusal as to make a dire prediction against Amaziah and his family (vv. 16, 17).

The fourth vision of the basket of summer fruit (8:1, 3) shows that Israel was ripe for judgment—"the end is come upon my people of Israel" (v. 2). The riotous songs of the temple at Bethel will be turned into wails and howls, and grim death will stalk around the idolatrous altars.

Chapter 8:4-14 is again parenthetical between the fourth and fifth visions and is a scathing indictment of the grandees, the luxury-loving "upper crust" of Israel, for their oppression of the poor and their voluptuous feasts. Bitter mourning and desolation are to come, and since they have rejected the warnings of the prophets, there will be no further word from God in their hour of distress and perplexity. They who trusted in idols will find no help in them.

The fifth vision (9:1-10) is of the Lord Himself standing by the altar and commanding the destruction of the temple at Bethel (v. 1). No one shall escape this judgment (v. 1), flee where he will (vv. 2-4), for God is Almighty (vv. 5, 6). Their election as a nation shall not save the guilty Israelites (vv. 7, 8, 10); nevertheless Israel, as God's people, will yet be spared to perpetuate His elective purpose. They will be sifted among the nations, scattered, but not destroyed (vv. 8, 9).

The last message of Amos grows out of the latter part of this fifth vision and depicts the future restoration of Israel (v. 11, compare Acts 15:14-17);

the possession of those who had been their enemies, typified by Edom (v. 12); their great prosperity and fruitfulness in the covenant land (vv. 13, 14); and the perpetuity of their possession of it (v. 15).

PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. Outward, formal, hypocritical worship, no matter how imposing and even when carried on in the name of Jehovah, is a stench in the nostrils of God.

2. God is long-suffering and very patient in warning the sinner, but incorrigibility will ultimately meet with dire judgment.

3. Social injustice—oppression of the poor, slavery, unjust usury—will meet with divine retribution.

4. Ease, luxury, and idleness make men soft. In this state they readily depart from God.

5. God always has a prophetic voice to represent Him and to sound forth warning in times of national declension.

6. The rugged experiences of the Christian life, as exemplified in Amos, develop strong men of God.

7. God never fails to keep His covenant promises. He will yet restore Israel (through chastening and repentance) to His divine favor.

A Call to Christian Education

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., places the blame for the widespread immorality and crime directly upon secular, materialistic philosophy. In an article published last month in *Sunday School Times*, Mr. Hoover said:

"The continuing flood of immorality and crime accompanies an all-too-evident substitution of a secular, materialistic philosophy for the historic reliance upon divine guidance which has been a cornerstone of our democracy.

"The youth who has experienced old-fashioned Christian training and discipline in the home and has received sound, efficient Bible teaching in Sunday school has been given a sword and buckler against temptation.

"Parents . . . must create in the home an atmosphere of Christian living and reliance upon divine guidance. This may well be accomplished by a revival of family Bible reading and prayer."

Princess Recommends Christ

Princess Wilhelmina of the Netherlands said, in a message to the recent meeting of the International Council for Christian Leadership, Washington, D. C.—"It is clear that we are on the eve of a new era, a new world order, and if this is to be the better world we are all longing for, it can never be realized without Jesus Christ; on no other foundation than His teaching can it rest."

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

First Flax Harvest

The first flax harvested in Israel since Biblical times was harvested near Gadera last month. The crop was highly successful and it is expected that 2,500 acres will be planted within four years. The flax will provide the raw material for the textile and paper industries, as well as providing a source of oil.

Cigarette Consumption Up

American consumption of cigarettes has doubled in the past ten years. The number has increased from 181 billion per year in 1940 to 361 billion per year in 1950. Men, women, and teen-agers have tried to quiet their war-jittery nerves by smoking instead of by praying.

Decrease in Divorces

There was a slight decrease in the divorce rate in the U.S.A. last year. The divorce rate for 1950 was estimated at 385,000—about 3.0 per cent below 1949 and the fourth year there has been a decrease. According to *The Survey Bulletin*, there were 1,669,934 marriages in the U.S. last year, a 5.7 per cent increase.

Preaching to Korean Prisoners

Bob Pierce, who saw God work so mightily in the mass meetings in Korea a year ago, has gone back to the Orient to spend the summer preaching to the 160,000 North Korean and Communist prisoners of war. He is working in cooperation with Chaplain Harold Voelkel, who has spiritual oversight of the prisoners.

Denominations on TV Network

The "Faith for Today" series of TV programs offered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the ABC chain of stations is said to be the first large-scale network television program to be offered by a religious denomination. More recently the Methodist Church has also introduced a network television program called "Circuit Rider."

A Convincing Testimony

The superintendent of schools in Cook County, Illinois, received an anonymous letter saying: "When I was a student in high school . . . I worked in the lunchroom. I was dishonest. . . . However, since that time I have become a Christian and have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I want to make restitution for the wrong I did. Please find enclosed a hundred-dollar bill."

Badly Mixed Up

Among the church announcements in the Indianapolis *News* for Easter Sunday was an advertisement by a man who calls himself "The Divine Aaron." He claims that in answer to his seventeen years of prayer, Satan has been converted, hell abolished, and the stain of original sin lifted from the human race. It reminds one of the person who became confused while singing the chorus "Happy Now" and he sang: "The devil's converted, and I am deserted." But he was only mixed up. So is this preacher!

A Travesty on the Truth

There is an organization in Lincoln, Nebr. called "The Temperance and Tolerance Association of America." According to Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, this "Temperance and Tolerance Association" is "endorsed by liquor and beer associations and financially supported by liquor stores and saloons."

The liquor traffic needs only to promote moderate drinking. Moderate drinking will promote the larger use!

The W.C.T.U. president charges that the Association in Lincoln, using a misleading title, has as one of its projects the distribution of a "wet" motion picture "for the showing of which churches and other groups have been offered payment." The name of the 52-minute film is, "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

Fraudulent Spiritist Mediums

Great Britain has passed an act of Parliament to recognize "non-fraudulent spiritist mediums." The bill repeals the "Witchcraft Act of 1735" and amends the "Vagrancy Act of 1824." No doubt this action should have been taken long ago, but we are wondering what the British Government would accept as a "non-fraudulent spiritist medium." Is it merely one who does not make merchandise of his "powers"? Or is the Government making itself a judge as to what is genuine and what is false in spiritism? Perhaps it is leaving it up to the public to decide whether these mediums actually contact and get messages from the spirits of departed loved ones. At any rate, these practices get nothing but condemnation from the Bible. Read what the Lord says about newcomers and consultants with familiar spirits and you will have nothing to do with spiritists if you are wise.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

PAUL AT MELITA

Lesson for June 17

Acts 28:1-10

Chapter twenty-seven ends with Paul in high favor with the centurion who was responsible for the prisoners whom he was taking to Rome. When it was discovered that the wrecked ship was near some land, the soldiers decided to kill the prisoners lest they escape. Only a desire to save Paul kept them from doing so (v. 43). Paul's faithfulness saved, not himself only, but the lives also of others. Think what our faithfulness may mean! Many may be saved thereby. On the other hand, what if our lives prove unfaithful?

1. Educated People Can Be Cruel

We have been foolishly taught that education is the world's greatest need; that it would solve the problems of the world. Education has been taken to heathen lands with the thought that thereby Western ways of life and standards of brotherhood would be copied. We now see clearly that education solves no problem. Learning, without God, only increases the despotism of the human heart. Character comes from moral conditions within. Among the most primitive people the greatest kindness may be shown. Corrupt man needs a change of heart rather than increase of learning. Learning may prove a blessing when turned into right channels; but for this to be so, God must be revered and the need of a change in heart emphasized. The world of today is suffering from a learning that is divorced from God.

2. Barbarous People Can Be Kind

Barbarous people are those who are rude, uncultivated, unpolished. The ancient Greeks looked upon all who were not Greeks as being of this class. We in our day have fallen into similar error. Missionary fields are looked upon as fields where ignorance prevails, but this often is not the case. Although they know not God, many have a civilization much more ancient than ours and a culture that ranks high. Europeans look on us of the new world as rather uncultured people that have grown to great strength through the advantages of a young country, but think that we lack in the refinements that come with long civilization.

Barbarous people, although crude as to culture, may be wonderful in spirit. This Paul learned when cast upon the island of Melita. "The barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one." What bigness of heart! Let us learn from this not to judge according to the appearance, but to judge according to the quality of the heart. Many a good soul has

been shunned because his coarseness of garb or lack of advantages have been mistaken as evidences of a similar quality within. But this is not necessarily so.

3. Beware of False Suspicions

When the apostle saw the barbarous people laboring in behalf of the shipwrecked crew he joined with them, gathering wood for the fire. Christian ministers best serve when they live close to the people. While it is possible to make oneself too commonplace, the greater danger is to hold oneself too aloof from the state where people actually have to live.

As Paul gathered sticks he picked up a snake with them. The coldness had numbed the viper into inaction; but when the heat of the fire reached it, vitality returned, and it fixed its fangs upon the apostle's hand. This brought forth surmises. The natives concluded that Paul must have been some awful man, perhaps a murderer (v. 4), and looked for him to swell up and die. How easy it is to arrive at false conclusions! What a world this would be were it suddenly rid of all false suspicions! May we guard against "evil surmisings." God vindicated His servant by preserving him from harm through the bite. Then a great change came over the people.

4. Beware of Hasty Judgments

When Paul received no harm from the poison of the viper, the people changed their thinking. Instead of looking on him as a criminal under the curse of God, they suddenly regarded him as one of the gods. How changeable humanity is. In some instances it is worship first, then condemnation, as with Jesus when He rode into Jerusalem (Matt. 21) and with Paul when he healed the man at Lystra (Acts 14:8-13); while in our lesson the condemnation came first, then the worship followed.

Here is a beautiful Biblical fulfillment of the promise, "They shall take up serpents." Paul was not playing with vipers. He was not presumptuous. He was bitten unawares. God does not promise His protection to any who "tempt the Lord their God" by presumptuous sins—and it is presumption for any to fondle poisonous snakes just to show their supposed spirituality.

5. A Great Healing Ministry

The chief man of Melita was named Publius. His father was sorely sick and Paul, by the power of God, healed him. This began a great healing campaign. The campaign was begun, not by advertising a great healer but by a great healing. When the father of Publius was raised up, advertising was unneeded. The word went abroad and others came with their diseases "and were healed." Paul had passed

through many sorrows. He had been rejected by his countrymen, confined in prison, and sent to Rome as a prisoner; but he still had the same faith which he had before those sorrows began.

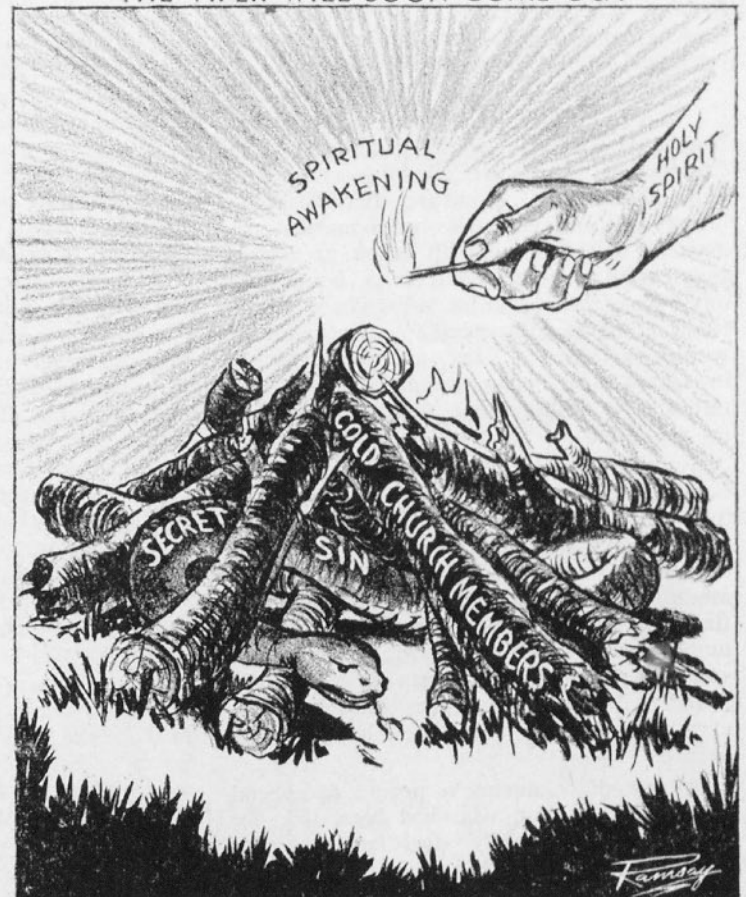
The healing at Melita sets before us God's plan as given in the promise, "These signs shall follow them that believe." The signs were for the benefit of a world that knows not God, to convince men of the power and purpose of Christ. The signs were to follow them that believe; it was the faith of the believers, more than the faith of the afflicted ones, that brought the signs. There are two forms of healing ministry. The one kind we have just mentioned; the other is where the Christian privilege of healing is presented through faith in the Word of God, for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." All God's ministers can encourage and develop faith by preaching the promises of God. May God quicken our faith as believers that we may inspire the faith of others. May we also expect these signs because of our personal faith, through our walk with God and feeding on His truth—"These signs shall follow them that believe."

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Paul Is Shipwrecked (lesson for Sunday, June 10). Lesson text: Acts 27:20-44.

Alcoholism in France has reached plague proportions, with half the population walking around under the influence of drink, says Dr. Leon Derobert, leader of the French temperance movement. "You may think more than half the Frenchmen you see walking about are normal," he says. "They are not. You are just catching them between two drinks."

THE VIPER WILL SOON COME OUT





First General Conference of The Assemblies of God in Indonesia, held in Djakarta, Java, January 1—10. Back row, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Osgood, Mrs. Kenneth C. McComber, Miss Margaret Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Busby, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Devin, Leonard Lanphear. Second row, extreme left, Kenneth C. McComber; right, Mrs. Leonard Lanphear, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker together with Indonesian pastors and workers from various parts of Indonesia.

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FROM NORTHWEST CHINA

W. W. Simpson, Northwest China

Editor's Note: According to information received recently by W. W. Simpson, veteran missionary to China, foreign missionary work has been greatly curtailed in Northwest China of late, but national believers are assuming greater responsibility for the spread of the gospel. In this article Brother Simpson tells of occasions when God has used miracles to get the message of salvation before the people in China.

I HAVE JUST received a letter from Northwest China which indicates that Communist rulers are showing more and more their anti-God nature. Permission is being refused the few missionaries remaining in the country to go on preaching tours, and greater control is being put on their credit. Some of the mission societies that have endeavored to maintain their works through all the changes wrought in China are becoming discouraged and either are withdrawing their missionaries or are advising them to withdraw.

But there is a bright side, at least among our believers. The nationals are rallying to the support of the work. They are traveling among the assemblies and are receiving support. At one place, where a series of meetings was held, expenses were more than met and good offerings were given. A number were saved during the services, and some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. All assemblies report good meetings even where there have been no meetings before.

At one place during a period of special meetings a woman, who had been sick for some time, reportedly died at *cockcrow*, but the Lord raised her from the dead about nine o'clock and she told the assem-

bled people that she had seen both heaven and hell. She was completely healed from that time. The truth of the gospel was confirmed by the miracle.

To another meeting a sick young man was brought in a cart for prayer. When prayed for he was healed and was able to walk some five miles to his home. Several members of his family believed and invited an evangelist to hold meetings in their home. In two days an assembly was formed.

Last September a leper came to meetings at a certain place, but because the people were afraid that they would get the leprosy he stayed only two days. Our compassionate Lord knew all about it and healed him entirely. Now he is well.

These miracles open the way to extend the work to other places.

I know of a business man, head of a family that had never heard the gospel, who became very sick in 1935. Physicians were asked to treat him, but after some days gave him up to die. According to Chinese custom, friends and relatives were notified and came to pay their last respects. One man knew of a Pentecostal group not far away and suggested sending for the Christians. A few believers came to pray for the dying man, but while they prayed he passed away. The heathen family became angry and drove the believers away.

The coffin was brought in and preparations made for burial, but just as they were ready to place the body in the coffin the dead man sat up and called for all friends and neighbors to come quickly as he had something to say. A crowd soon gathered around him.

The man told the people that when he left his body he was seized by two *ruffians* who dragged him a long way through dark tun-

nels to a pit filled with flames. There were many persons in the pit, and some he recognized. While an effort was being made to push him into the pit, Someone approached, dressed in white. The *ruffians* saw Him and began to tremble. They were rebuked, after which they fled.

The One in white apparel said, "I am Jesus. My servants prayed for you and I have come to deliver you from this pit. I have a home for you, but you must first go and tell all your friends what you have seen and warn them to go to the gospel hall, and to listen, repent, and believe so they will not be tormented in these flames."

After delivering the message the man fell back lifeless. A short time after his death some 500 of the people of his community were saved. I later heard that the number had grown to more than 1,000.

The failure and inability of the Lord's people to preach the gospel in all the world as a witness to all nations is forcing the Lord to use extraordinary means to bring the gospel before the people.

PIONEERING IN COSTA RICA

Lewie E. Spencer, Costa Rica

EARLY THIS YEAR I took a trip out into the country from San Isidro de El General. In a service by a river four husky men gave their hearts to the Lord, including the engineer working on a new bridge. Later my family went over. We were gone fifteen days. We found hearts hungry for the life-giving message; some heard the gospel for the first time, and thirty-six accepted the Lord as their Saviour. It is a wide-open field. There are no other Protestant works in the area. Pray that nationals will be made available for the evangelization of the area.

We visited a mountain home far out in the country from San Isidro. To reach the home we had to go over a road just wide enough for the jeep, with a sheer drop of more than 100 feet on one side. In places I had to back around in order to make the sharp, steep curves. We had a night service and seven accepted the Lord, including the man and wife of the home. The next day three believers were baptized in water. They had known Christ for two years.

We have had a Vacation Bible School in Alajuela, also one in San Jose. Attendance was good in both schools and a number accepted the Lord.

THE MORAL: ACT NOW

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any.

—Borrowed



TAMIL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Faculty and student body of the Tamil Bible Institute, Madura, South India, 1950-1951. The graduating class was the first from the school. Twelve received diplomas.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Ollson, missionaries to Venezuela, arrived in the States the end of April.

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Alice Ruth Melching sailed from San Francisco for Djakarta, Java, Indonesia, on May 4 to reinforce our missionary staff there. She had been stationed in the Philippine Islands.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Schirman sailed for France on May 8. They will study French there for a short period before going on to Upper Volta, French West Africa, for their second term.

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The new address of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Giordano is: % American Embassy, Asuncion, Paraguay, South America.

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Miss Ethel McClendon, who has been engaged in missionary work in Cuba, returned to the States early in May.

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Miss L. May Garner and Elsie Weber have arrived safely in Nigeria.

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Mr. and Mrs. Murray N. Brown of the Togo-Dahomey, French West African field are at home on furlough. They reached Boston May 19.

and Punto Fijo. He had been absent fourteen years. Until four years ago he was connected with a denominational group.

It would be difficult to describe all that happened in his six weeks' ministry here. Overflow crowds of hundreds of persons attended the services. Approximately 300 made profession of faith in Christ. The sick came from great distances, desiring a touch from God, and many of them were rewarded. A deaf mute in Caracas can now hear, and is learning to speak. One person in Maracaibo, born blind, is able to see. A woman, given up to die by her relatives, who were physicians, began to improve immediately.

One of the worst cases of burns I have ever seen was brought to the last service in Caracas. A young woman was burned four years ago, and was unable to walk. Her legs were a mass of sores and raw flesh, and the joints were stiff. It was a horrible sight, but prayer was offered for her; and according to reports the sores are healing, and she is beginning to walk.

The nationals here are taking hold and with great sacrifice are going forward with the gospel. Practically all of our past year's Bible School graduates are in full-time gospel work.

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Please send the total amount received for subscriptions to *The Missionary Challenge* in your church on *Missionary Challenge Day, June 3*, to the *Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri*, immediately so that your church may receive missionary credit (just as it does for regular missionary offerings). Missionary credit will be given for subscriptions taken in your church on that day only.

We suggest that you open the subscription envelopes we have provided and take the money from them, and then send a check or money order to cover the entire amount. Be sure to include the subscription envelopes with the remittance for subscriptions. We need the subscriber information on the envelopes.

It is also for the benefit of Subscription Increase Effort salesmen that we ask you not to delay in sending the subscription remittance and envelopes.

Thank you.

REPORT FROM CHILE

Everett E. Devine, Chile

OUR SECOND annual conference, held during the last two weeks in February, was a blessing to the work in general. Robert B. Thomas and Samuel Sorensen of the Argentine field helped us in the tent services. The Lord met us.

Emil R. Schneider was elected assistant superintendent of the field, John C. Jackson was elected secretary-treasurer, and the writer was elected superintendent.

Some time back Eugenia A. Brown came to Valparaiso and conducted a Vacation Bible School. The people of the church took great interest in the special effort for the children. The school was a blessing to the church. Average attendance was 135. On one or two days there were around 150 children present. For three Sundays following the Vacation Bible School we had to hold two Sunday School classes out of doors because there was no room in our building.



Russell L. Schirman
Upper Volta



Mrs. R. L. Schirman
Upper Volta



A. Ruth Melching
Indonesia

A NATIONAL RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yngve Olson, Venezuela

IN FEBRUARY a Venezuelan, Buenaventura Angulo, pastor of a church in the States, returned to Venezuela to do evangelistic work in our leading churches of Caracas, Maracay, Valencia, Barquisimeto, Maracaibo,

WITH CHRIST

John H. Stroud, Indianapolis, Ind. went to be with the Lord April 25, 1951, at the age of 63. Brother Stroud has been affiliated with the General Council since its inception at Hot Springs, Ark. He has been ill for several years and was confined to the hospital the last nine months. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Beula Stroud, and two daughters.

David Bruzelius, Monroe, Wis., departed this life to be forever with the Lord on May 5, 1951, at the age of 48. Brother Bruzelius was ordained in the General Council in 1932. For the past two years he traveled in evangelistic work in Kansas and Oklahoma. He died unexpectedly of coronary obstruction while in a meeting at Perry, Okla.

FIRST MISSIONARY CONVENTION IN NEVADA A GREAT SUCCESS

RENO, NEV.—The first annual Missionary Convention of Nevada is history. The WMC Presidents of the Southern California and and Northern California-Nevada Districts, and the pastors of the co-operating sections, were thrilled with the results of this convention. The spiritual atmosphere, the missionary offering, and the attendance surpassed our hopes. Our hearts overflow with gratitude to the Great Missionary who came from heaven to save us.—Walter E. and Eunice Smith, Pastors.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The 17th annual Kentucky District Council was held in Louisville, Ky., April 17—19. Preceding the Council the C.A.'s held a profitable two-day Representatives' Seminar. Throughout the Council we were enriched by the messages of G. F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent.

The following officers were returned to office on the nominating ballot: S. W. Brewer, Superintendent; W. G. Hinecker, Assistant Superintendent; Carl E. Schmidt, Secretary-Treasurer.

Two important items of business were the establishing of a Women's Missionary Council and action authorizing a full-time District C. A. President.

The Council concluded with an ordination service in which six candidates were set apart for the ministry.—by Carl E. Schmidt, District Secretary-Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS BEING EMPHASIZED IN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

It is evident from the report of the recent annual session of the Michigan District Council that home missionary work is being emphasized and encouraged in the "Wolverine State." During the fiscal year ending March 31, nine new churches were opened, and beginnings were made in two other places during April.

The District Superintendent reported that seven church buildings had been dedicated during the year, and seven others are now under construction. The Treasurer reported that \$9,339.09 was received in offerings from the assemblies during the year for home missionary work.

To further assist the expansion program, the Council in session authorized the District Presbyters to set up a revolving loan fund to assist new and struggling churches with building projects.

Another decision made by the Council was to change the status of the District Secretary-Treasurer from an appointive to an elective office.

Officers chosen for the next two years were: Chas. W. H. Scott, Superintendent; Bond P. Bowman, Assistant Superintendent; and D. G. Foote, Secretary-Treasurer. Sectional Presbyters elected were: Parvin C. Lee, Arthur F. Thornton, Irving M. Mitchell, Wesley C. Wibley, Carl B. Ausbury, and Everett D. Cooley.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT CHOSEN IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

At the annual convention of the Rocky Mountain District Council last month, R. G. Fulford was elected as the new District Superintendent. Brother Fulford formerly served as District Secretary and Treasurer for five years.

The resignation of J. E. Austell, after twelve years of fruitful ministry as District Superintendent, came as a surprise to the convention. At various times during the session, words of appreciation were spoken concerning the faithful ministry of Brother and Sister Austell.

V. J. Crews, Pastor at Greeley, Colo., was chosen to be the new Assistant Superintendent. William Brandt, Pastor at Paonia, Colo., was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Richard D. Emerson was re-elected to the office of District C. A. President.

Wilfred A. Brown, guest speaker at the convention, enriched the listeners with his messages.

Due to the shortage of materials, it was decided not to proceed with the construction and opening of a proposed new Bible School in the Rocky Mountain District at this time.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED FOR TWO-YEAR TERM IN WEST TEXAS

An important matter of consideration at the recent Council Meeting in West Texas District was the term of office for the District Superintendent. A resolution was passed to the effect that this office shall be for a two-year term.

All District officers were returned to office on the nominating ballot, as follows: J. A. Thomas, Superintendent; E. R. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; and S. E. Eldridge, Secretary-Treasurer. Sectional Presbyters are: H. H. Woods, C. H. Browning, H. M. Reeves, C. R. Love, and J. W. Harper.

Speakers during the Council Meeting were Ralph M. Riggs, J. O. Savell, H. M. Fulfer, and Mrs. A. N. Trotter.

At the missionary service, following a message by Sister Trotter, a missionary offering was received for the Latin-American Bible Institute at Ysleta, Texas. The amount in cash and pledges was \$1,032.00 which will enable the school to conclude the scheduled term.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

CAIRO, GA.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Tom Owens of Georgia. Fifteen were saved and six received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—James W. Thomaston, Pastor.

HEMET, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Sheran of Los Angeles, Calif. were with us in a recent meeting. The saints were stirred and souls were saved. The Sherans were a real blessing to the assembly.—L. J. Cagle, Pastor.

DE KALB, TEX.—On April 15 we closed a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. M. C. Allen of Winnsboro, Tex. Nine were saved and the entire church received spiritual strength. The attendance and interest was good. The Sunday School increased from 130 to 188 the last Sunday of the revival.—B. O. Smith, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—We recently had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Gaylord Atwell of San Francisco. A number were saved, and our assembly received spiritual benefit.—John R. Duncan, Pastor.

CLEWISTON, FLA.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Walter Smith of California. Several were saved and 12 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School reached a new high of 172.—Maxwell Cloud, Pastor.

MATADOR, TEX.—We had a wonderful revival (Apr. 8 to 22) with Sister Eddie Strickland of Lockney, Tex. Eleven were saved and eight received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. There were also some outstanding healings.—G. R. Underwood, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. G. McCleery of North Kansas City, Mo. Twenty-three were saved and seven were filled with the Holy Ghost. Thank God for His goodness.—Thomas G. Cates, Pastor, Dodson Tabernacle, 8426 Prospect.



James Montgomery boards a plane for Bermuda, at Montreal, Canada, May 16. Bidding him goodbye are Pastors Wm. H. Kautz and E. N. O. Kulbeck, both of Montreal.

Brother Montgomery, who is the National Director of Sunday Schools for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, is conducting a series of brief training courses for Sunday School workers in Bermuda, Jamaica, and Trinidad. (Photo courtesy of Trans-Canada Airlines.)

WINTER GARDEN, FLA.—We recently had a meeting with Sister Allie Taylor and the Waves of Healing Party. Hundreds responded to the altar call. As many as 74 came in one night. There were a number of marvelous healings. The effects of this meeting will be felt for some time to come.—H. D. Worley, Pastor.

HIGHLANDS, TEX.—We had a successful youth revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Emerald Wray. Three were saved and eight backsliders were reclaimed. We praise the Lord for the outpouring of the Spirit in each service. The Sunday School attendance record was broken.—Frank Looney, Pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—We recently had a revival with Evangelist Anna B. Lock of Galva, Ill. God poured out His Spirit and many received their Pentecost. Souls were saved and the church was edified in general. People from other churches attended the meetings and some of them received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Obie L. Harrup, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

TUCSON, ARIZ.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Gelene Jeffers of Glendora, Calif. Several were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The members were benefited and refreshed by Sister Jeffers' ministry. The church was started only six months ago and the Sunday School increased to 67 during the meeting.—Roland E. Webb, Pastor, South Side Assembly.

McCOMB, MISS.—We had a two-week meeting (ending Apr. 8) with Evangelist F. C. Drake of Wright City, Texas. God met us in each service in a special way. About 25 came forward for salvation and a hundred were definitely healed.

A lady who had not walked for two and a half years was prayed for. She got up and walked across the auditorium several times. Today (May 5) she is still walking and doing her housework.

Another lady was healed of diabetes in the last stages. She was not able to walk alone. Now she walks without assistance and does her own housework.

One was healed of arthritis. She is now able to walk by herself, do all her work, and cook three meals a day for her family.

These are just a few of the things that God has done in this meeting.—N. R. Kellum, Pastor.

GOODWAY, ALA.—We had a successful 2½-week meeting with Evangelist A. L. Wolfe of Hattiesburg, Miss. Four were saved and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Several testified to definite healing.—G. A. Baluis, Pastor.

DUNN, N. C.—We are praising God for the revival with Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Near the close of the meeting 23 followed the Lord in water baptism. We had a record Sunday School attendance of 250.—A. A. Amerine, Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—In April we had a meeting with Evangelist Paul Hill of Carthage, Mo. A goodly number came forward for salvation, several received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and several were healed. The Sunday School attendance record was broken with 443 present. Every department of the church was blessed.—C. B. Roberts, Pastor, King Hill Assembly of God.

LAUREL, MISS.—We closed a meeting April 23 with Evangelist E. R. Lindsey of the Oregon District. Brother Lindsey built up the people's faith in the Word of God. Several were saved and healed and the church was edified. We are looking forward to the time when Brother Lindsey can return for another meeting.—Nolan Lee, Pastor.

DUNCAN, OKLA.—We had a meeting with the Eskelin Family of Detroit, Mich. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. The attendance was good and a number from other churches became interested and are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. On the closing night of the meeting Brother Eskelin raised an offering of \$11,000 in cash and pledges for the erection of our new auditorium.—Haskell Rogers, Pastor.

ELECTRA, TEX.—God gave us a gracious revival with the Eskelin Family. Their singing and instrumental numbers were a blessing to all who heard them. Brother Eskelin's illustrated sermon each Friday night made the gospel truths more real to us. We especially praise God for the revival among our young people and children. There were many testimonies of salvation, baptism of the Holy Spirit, and healing.—G. W. Risner, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, TEX.—Since we came to the Hi-way Tabernacle formerly called North Tarkington Assembly eighteen months ago our Sunday School has grown from 50 to 159. About 45 have been saved and a number have been definitely healed. Our missionary vision has increased and last month the missionary offering was \$138.20.

We are reaching new folk in almost every service. We had a Holy Ghost revival in a neighboring community of Rayburn, Tex. We purchased a Sunday School bus to send down there for the people. We are planning to enlarge our Sunday School rooms.—C. M. A. Cowey, Pastor.

COSHOCTON, OHIO—We had a glorious revival with Evangelist Gladys Voight of Cambridge, Ohio. The old-fashioned, straightforward preaching brought 23 backsliders and sinners to the altar. One young lady and a boy received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The boy was so "drunk" with the Spirit that he had to be helped from the church to the car. Every department of the church was benefited. God is blessing in our new work here, both in the church and on the radio. We have a radio program on Saturdays, 9:45 to 10 a.m., over the local Station, 1560 kc.—Earl B. and Mary Johnson, Pastors.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—In April, Evangelist Howard Rusthoi was with us for three weeks. In every service souls were converted, and almost every night someone was baptized with the Holy Ghost. On the last night 25 came forward for salvation. Several testified to healing. Brother Rusthoi's ministry was a blessing to the church as well as to the many who found Christ.

We praise God for the continuous revival that we have had here at the First Assembly for more than six years. Since we moved into our new building almost three years ago, one or more has been saved each Sunday. Our congregation continues to grow week by week. Over the past thirteen Sundays we have averaged more than 1,000 in Sunday School.—James E. Hamill, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

WILLITS, CALIF.—We had an eight-week meeting with Evangelist Earl Henderson of Oroville, Calif. Many were saved, reclaimed, or filled with the Holy Ghost. We also witnessed many miracles of healing. The Sunday School increased from 89 to 130. For six weeks we have averaged over 100 in attendance.—Elbert A. North, Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly.

DALLAS, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Rodney Duron of Beaumont, Tex. conducted a three-week meeting in March at the Love Field Assembly of God. A number were saved, some were reclaimed, and several received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. An elderly couple, their son, three daughters, two sons-in-law, several grandchildren, and other relatives came to the Lord in this meeting. We praise the Lord for the revival spirit that continues in our midst. L. L. Ammons is our Pastor.—Mrs. Willie Ellason, Church Secretary.

AKRON, PA.—On March 27 we began a three-week meeting with Evangelist Stanley W. Karol. God was present to confirm His Word. We conducted a house-to-house visitation which covered eight small communities. Under the anointed ministry of Brother Karol there were definite results among the Christians and the unsaved. A number were saved and are continuing to attend the regular services. Many were refilled with the Holy Spirit and a number testified to definite healing.—Warren C. Anthony, Pastor, First Pentecostal Tabernacle.

HAMLIN, PA.—In April we had an outstanding meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg of Toledo, Ohio. Fifty-eight gave their hearts to God, four were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many received definite healings. Night after night the church was filled and extra chairs were used. Approximately 250 people, who had not been in our church before, attended this meeting. We had over 200 in Sunday School each week and the last Sunday we broke our record with 246 present.—George W. Clement, Pastor.

PLYMOUTH, INDIANA—Members of the First Assembly of God in Plymouth have been busy since February remodeling a building at Michigan and Madison streets which formerly was the Eagles home and the Tripp clinic. About 5,000 volunteer man-hours have been spent in the \$10,000 remodeling job by the 100 church members. One person put in more than 400 hours.

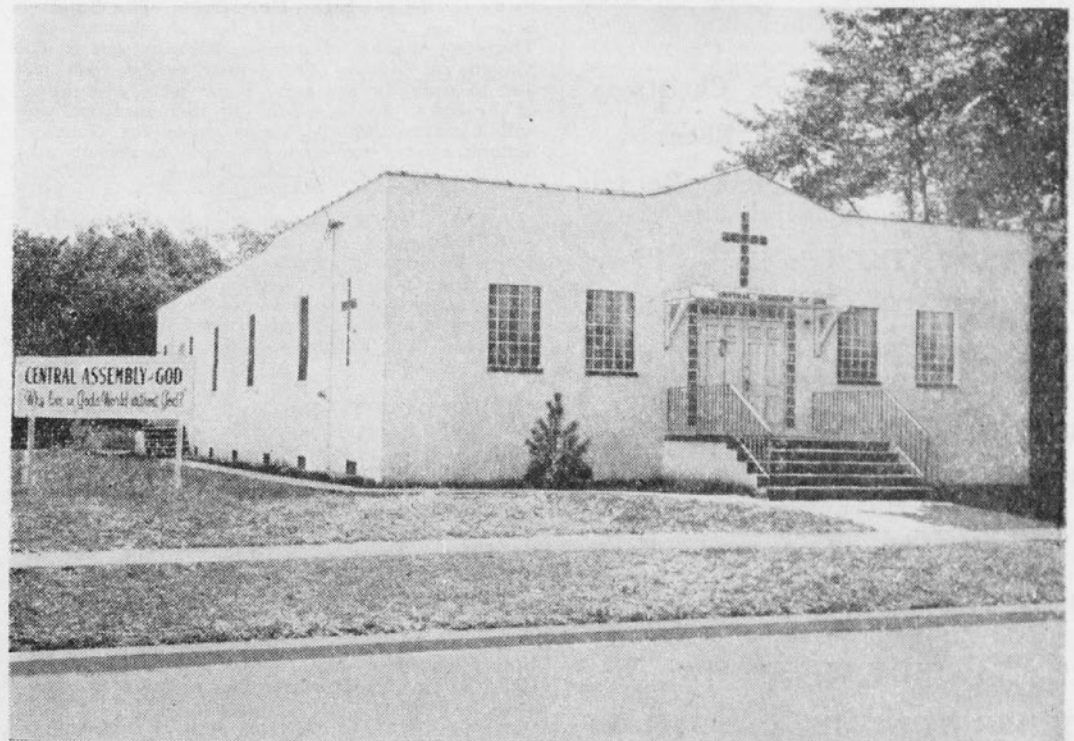
The work is now completed and the church has moved into its new home. It has a church auditorium which will seat 250, a junior auditorium to seat 100, eleven classrooms, office, nursery rooms, and a seven-room parsonage.

Grateful to God for the new facilities, the congregation lost no time in making use of them. The first prayer-and-praise service was held in the junior auditorium on Wednesday night. The following Sunday dedication services were held, and on Monday the church was host to the Sectional Fellowship Meeting of the assemblies in northeast Indiana.—William Van Winkle, Pastor.

CHANDLER, ARIZ.—We have moved to Arizona where we are now working among the Pima Indians.

Formerly we labored as pastor of the Full Gospel Church in Brewster, Ohio. During our ministry there we were called to the Massillon Hospital to pray for a man with heart trouble. He had had several attacks and the suffering was very intense. He lost six months' work and was under the doctor's care, but through prayer and obedience to the Lord and His Word, he was saved and healed. His name is Roy Sheperd. Through his suffering the family was drawn close to the Lord and all are still going on with Him. Brother Sheperd is working every day, and enjoys the best of health.

My wife also was healed. She had a growth on top of her head for quite some time; it was about the size of a small bird egg, and it hurt when she combed her hair. But one night, in answer to prayer, it dried up and fell off. Praise the Lord.—Caleb Smith, P. O. Box 384 A, Chandler, Ariz.



NEW ADDITION TO CENTRAL ASSEMBLY IN MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

On Feb. 25, 1951, Pastor R. A. Rieben and the congregation at the Central Assembly of God in Muskegon, Mich., dedicated a new 38x50 addition to their house of worship. The completed building, shown above, contains 25 Sunday School classrooms and a small assembly hall, in addition to the main auditorium which will seat 400 people.

Charles W. H. Scott, Michigan District Superintendent, preached the dedicatory sermon. Other guests who ministered during the day were Clarence Goudie, returned missionary from Africa, and the Kolenda Brothers Quartette.

The Creston Street Gospel Tabernacle,

predecessor of the Central Assembly, was founded 26 years ago by Marcus Horness. He served as Pastor for 23 years until Brother and Sister Rieben came. A building program was launched and in February 1949 the new building was ready for use. The main services were then transferred to the Central Assembly, which is near the heart of the city. Services are still being conducted on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at the old church which is out near the city limits.

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SPRINGFIELD, MO.

ROHNERVILLE, CALIF.—In February we had a three-week meeting with Evangelist T. T. Ward of Anaheim, Calif. Attendance was very good. Over 100 sought God for salvation and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School reached a new high of 131. Over \$2500 was pledged for the erection of a new church. R. L. Neal is our pastor.—V. Georgia, Church Secretary.

PALCO, KANS.—The saints were stirred to a deeper life during a three-week meeting with Evangelist R. William Miller. Several married couples as well as a number of young people and teen-agers sought the Lord for salvation. Two of these couples gave their hearts to the Lord after their children received His healing touch. There were a number of definite healings.—William Satterfield, Pastor.

BIG SPRING, TEX.—We had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Jones of Texarkana, Ark. The revival went on for two weeks, closed for the West Texas District Council which convened here, and then continued on for another week. The interest was good, and the blessing of the Lord was upon every service. A number of men who had been seeking the Baptism for some time were filled with the Spirit. We had a substantial increase in the Sunday School.—C. R. Love, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—We wish to express our thanks to God for two fruitful meetings in recent months. In the meeting with Evangelist Clair Brooks 35 received the Holy Ghost and as many were saved. Then a goodly number were saved and filled with the Spirit in the meeting conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. O. E. Gaddis. A number of wonderful healings were reported which are standing good today.—Oria R. Bray, Pastor.

PAOLA, KANS.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. M. E. Nedved of Kansas City, Kansas. Ten were saved and many refilled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School set a new record for attendance. On Thursday evening of each week Evangelist E. L. Slavens of Kansas City came to be with us and to pray for the sick. There were a number of healings. As a result of this meeting we will have to provide more space for Sunday School rooms to care for the increased attendance.—Robert L. Boyd, Pastor.

ARDEN, ARK.—We had a glorious meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Adams of South Dakota. Eighteen were saved and two were filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School attendance record was broken with 101. The people received benefit from Brother Adams' messages on Prophecy.—Mrs. Leona Altenbaumer, Pastor.

ELKTON, KY.—On April 22 we closed a three-week revival with Evangelist Gertrude DeGraffenreid of Oklahoma City. Twenty-one were saved, several were healed, and luke-warm Christians reconsecrated their lives to God. Some were delivered from tobacco and whisky. The Sunday School has more than doubled since last October.—Mrs. V. I. Wardlow, Pastor.

WELLSBORO, PA.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur E. Davies of Shamokin, Pa. Fourteen came to the altar for salvation and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. We expect to be in our new basement church in time for our annual D.V.B.S. God is continuing to pour out His blessings upon us.—Herman E. Yost, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—We had a four-week meeting with Evangelist Fred Brand. Eighteen were filled with the Holy Ghost, 30 prayed through to salvation, and a number were healed. Six came into fellowship with the church.—Fred Wampler, Pastor, Friendship Assembly.

PALMETTO, FLA., Apr. 30—We are enjoying a wonderful revival with our pastor, J. D. Lacey, doing the preaching. Seven have been saved and six have received the Baptism. We praise God for His blessings these past two weeks; the church was blessed and many were healed. We are looking to the Lord to do more for us in the next week of the meeting.—Mrs. Betty Turner, Sec.-Treas., First Assembly of God.

(Near) **CHETOPA, KANS.**—We had a two-week meeting at Golden Rod School District. Seven were saved, five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and a number were healed. At the close of the meeting we had a water baptismal service.—Robert W. Boyd, Chetopa, Kans.

JENKS, OKLA.—We have pastored the assembly here for 22 months and the Lord has been good to us. Many have been saved and a number have received healing. The Sunday School averaged 225 the first quarter. The attendance Easter was 515.—James Bright, Pastor.

MIDWAY, TEX.—We are praising God for a gracious outpouring of His Spirit in the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Guy Burton of Waco, Tex. We started with a week-end meeting to close on Easter Sunday, but God began to move and the meeting continued for three weeks. Forty confessed Christ as Saviour and four were filled with the Holy Ghost. Before the revival our membership was eight and the Sunday School attendance was running from 30 to 39. Now we have from 56 to 70 in Sunday School. Souls are still being saved and believers are still being filled.—Elmer W. Peschke, 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.

HARVEY, IOWA—June 11—; Evangelist N. R. Dickerson, Pawhuska, Okla.—by Keith Rogers, Pastor.

WATERTOWN, WIS.—June 17—; Evangelist and Mrs. Neale Sheneman, Oxford, Nebr.—by Harvey Flaherty, Pastor.

PETERSBURG, VA.—June 3—; Evangelist Anna B. Lock.—by Gay G. Benson, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, 1st and Nevada Sts., June 17—; Evangelist Claude O. Wood, Cupertino, Calif.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

BRADFORD, PA.—May 28—June 17; Evangelist Eva V. Hagans, Akron, Ohio. (William P. Berringer is Pastor.)

HANCOCK, MD.—Assembly of God, June 3—17 or longer; Evangelist Roy McCauley, Davis, W. Va.—by W. C. Blewitt, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.—First Assembly of God, 1217 Ross Ave., June 10; Evangelist Eddie Hundley.—by C. C. Crace, Pastor.

FRUITA, COLO.—Assembly of God, May 29—June 10; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Paul Clapper is Pastor.)

KINGSTON, JAMAICA—June 1 for two weeks; Evangelist Philip Hawtin. (Cyril Huck-erby in charge.)

LEAVENWORTH, WASH.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Fulton W. Buntain. (W. M. Alcorn is Pastor.)

VICTORIA, B. C., CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, meeting in progress; Evangelists Paul and Esther Mae Wyrick.—by E. W. Robinson, Pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA—Berean Chapel, 905 East 6th Ave., June 5—; Evangelist G. R. McGhghy, Clarinda, Iowa. (R. A. Mason is Pastor.)

ELMER, MO.—Assembly of God, June 10—24 or longer; Evangelists Jimmie and Dorothy Adams, and David Lummer. (Floyd Buntenschach is Pastor.)

DANVILLE, ILL.—Assembly of God, 428 N. Walnut, June 10—24 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. E. Weber, Bushnell, Ill.—by James E. Hyllberg, Pastor.

LAS ANIMAS, COLO.—May 27—; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (Darrell Chapman is Pastor.)

EL CAJON, CALIF.—Evangelistic Tabernacle, Washington and Avocado Sts., June 10—; Evangelist and Mrs. Elmer Van Horn, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by S. E. Linzey, Pastor.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—First Assembly of God, 804 Second Ave., June 3—17 or longer; Evangelists Harold and Margaret Pearson of California.—by E. L. Stalons, Pastor.

NEBRASKA BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP—State Camp Grounds, Lexington, Nebr., June 11—15. Evangelist Russell Rexroat, speaker. For information write F. L. Sobotka, Burwell, Nebr.

WAYCROSS, GA.—Tent meeting in progress; Homer Peterson, night speaker; Jonas Miller, morning speaker. All Pentecostal churches of the city co-operating.—by George Klarman, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

INTERIOR ALASKA PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP, Assembly of God Church, 323 Third Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska, June 26—July 1. Watson Argue, Seattle, Wash. will speak twice each day. Mrs. Argue will also speak. Three services daily. Meals on free-will offering plan in church basement.—by Herbert Bruhn, Pastor.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Camp Grounds in Lakewood Park, Devils Lake, N. Dak., June 20—22. There will be an election of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and District Presbyters as well as the usual business matters. Each affiliated Assembly entitled to one delegate. The Credentials Committee will meet.—by Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—I am traveling with the Wilbur Henry Evangelistic Party as advance man and instructor in afternoon preparatory services.—Royden D. Zook, 318 Cynisca St., Waxahachie, Tex.

TIME CHANGE on radio program, "The Assembly Hour," station KSUM, St. James, Minn., 1370 kc., 10:15 to 10:45. Sponsored by St. James Tabernacle.—by R. Rudell, Pastor.

NOTICE—If you have friends stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky. or Smyrna Air Base, Tenn., we will be glad to contact them.—by J. B. McIntosh, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Nashville, Tenn.

NOTICE—Clifford Lewis has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church of Jersey City, N. J. and the church is in the process of dissolution. Joseph Campana is President pro tem.—by Mary Zeho, Secretary.

RADIO PROGRAM—"Berean Assembly of God Hour," station KWDW, Des Moines, Iowa, 1150 kc. Sundays 7 to 7:30 p.m.—by T. M. Truman, Radio Pastor.

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NOTICE—We are establishing an Assembly of God Revival Center in San Antonio, Tex. this summer. If you will send us the names and addresses of servicemen in the San Antonio area, we will be glad to contact them. We are resigning the pastorate of the First Assembly in Fort Worth to enter this new field.—Pastor and Mrs. Leonard L. Norville, P. O. Box 7032, San Antonio 10, Tex.

CRAIG GUEST HOUSE—The Craig Memorial Building, erected by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig and used for many years by Glad Tidings Bible Institute, is now being used as a Guest House. Elderly people and others in good health with a regular income may apply for admission. Address all inquiries to Craig Guest House, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco 15, Calif.—by Leland R. Keys, Pastor, Glad Tidings Temple.

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NOTICE—If you have friends stationed at Pine Camp, N. Y., we would be glad to contact them.—by Pastor Allan E. Mitchell, 248 High St., Watertown, N. Y.

SERVICEMEN stationed at Camp Gordon, or those working at the H-bomb plant near Augusta, will find a welcome at the Lake View Assembly, corner of Metcalf and Ellis Sts., Augusta.—by Delma Whitehead, Pastor, 2002 Ellis Street, Augusta, Ga.

NOTICE—From May 18 to September, I will be conducting meetings in Germany.—by Hans Bretschneider, 2053 Radio Ave., San Jose, Calif.

NOTICE—If you have friends stationed at Walters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells, Tex., we will be glad to contact them.—by Pastor Leon C. Quillin, Box 431, Mineral Wells, Tex.

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Pastor Bracy I. Greer, 715 S. Peak St., Dallas, Tex. "Pastor, First Assembly, Peak and Garland."

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70] CHAPTER 20

AND God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD thy God, ^o which have brought thee out of the land of E'-gypt, out of the ^phouse of bondage.

3 ^tThou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou ^x shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is ^y in heaven above,

Mk. 10. 19.
Lk. 18. 20.
Ro. 13. 9.
Jas. 2. 11.
Lv. 19. 11.
Cit. Mt. 19.
18.
Mk. 10. 19.
Lk. 18. 20.
Ro. 13. 9.
Act. 23. 1.
Cit. Mt. 19. 18.
Mk. 10. 19.
Lk. 18. 20.
Ro. 13. 9.
Dt. 5. 21.
¶ Nu. 16. 15.

neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet ^m thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

18 ¶ And all the people saw the ^qthunderings, and the ^rlightnings, and the noise of the ^strumpet, and the mountain ^usmoking: and when the people saw ^{it}, they ³removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Mo'-ses, ^zSpeak thou with us, and we will

Cit. Ro. 7. 7 & 13. 9. m 2 S. 11. 2. n For ver. 1-17, see Dt. 5. 6-21. o (ch. 18. 1). ch. 29. 46. p ch. 13. 3. Dt. 5. 6. q ch. 19. 16. Jb. 26. 14. r ch. 19. 16. 2 S. 22. 15. s ch. 19. 13, 16. ¶ Lv. 25. 9. t ch. 23. 13. u ch. 19. 18. 2 S. 22. 8. z ver. 23. ² Read trembled, ch. 19. 16. Heb. 12. 21. y Cf. Dt. 4. 19. z ch. 19. 19. Dt. 5. 6.


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