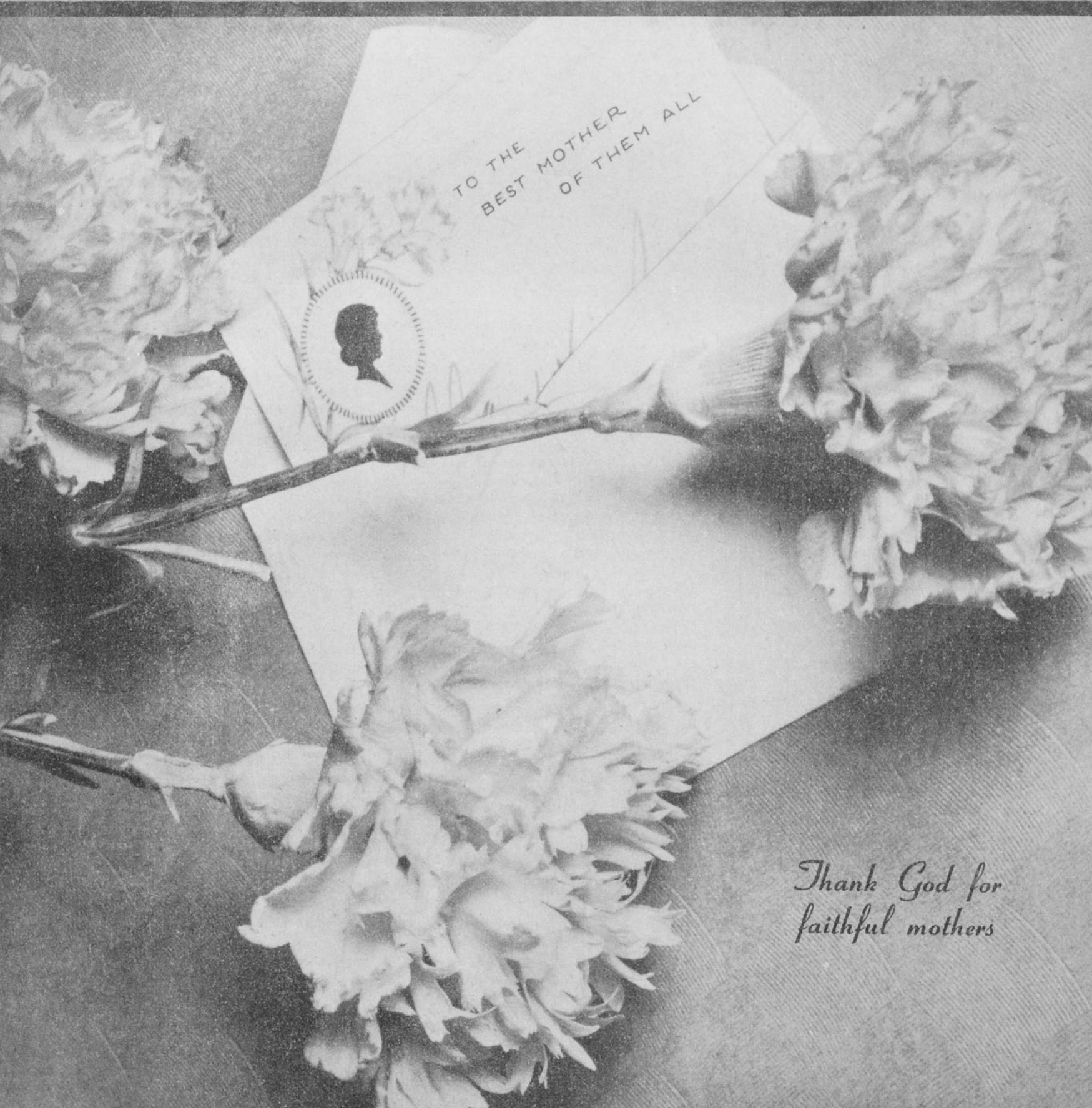


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*Thank God for
faithful mothers*

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Gospel Broadcasts on "The Voice"

The gospel is now being aired on the Voice of America short-wave station WRUL, Boston. The "Faith of Our Fathers" program, produced by Floyd Hitchcock, and the "Back to the Bible" broadcast, produced by Theodore Epp, are reaching twenty-three different countries in Europe and Africa by this means.

Displaced Persons

The International Red Cross reports that there are sixty million men, women and children classified as displaced persons—individuals forcibly moved from their homes to some distant point, usually in a different country. This is the largest number ever known in the world's history. What a shocking reminder of the insecurity that earthly homes can offer! How true is the scripture, "Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Hebrews 13:14.

New Villages in Israel

The immigrant settlements in Israel are taking on the character of permanent villages. A total of 166,330 immigrants have settled in 96 of these centers. The sites were always selected carefully with an eye to converting them into permanent villages as soon as the newcomers become able to fend for themselves. In order to speed this process along, the Government has established 2,888 public institutions in the settlements, including nurseries, kindergartens, elementary schools, synagogues, clinics, work shops, etc.

Televising the Gospel

Evangelist Billy Graham is finding that gospel programs on television have a greater appeal to the unsaved than gospel radio programs. He says that nine out of ten communications received from his radio audience are from Christian believers—whereas nine out of ten letters received from those who see his telecasts are from non-believers.

Undoubtedly television offers one of the greatest opportunities for evangelism in the world today. Now that the "freeze" is ended, many new TV stations will appear to plague the land with their mixture of good and evil. Our churches should prepare to take advantage of this new medium of preaching. There are fourteen million TV sets in operation and the number will grow by leaps and bounds.

A Million for Speed-the-Light

Christ's Ambassadors have started on their second million! A letter from Springfield, Oregon, arrived in Springfield, Missouri, on April 18 and in it was a check for Speed-the-Light. With this check the young people of the Assemblies of God passed the million-dollar mark in their Speed-the-Light Campaign. Thank God for youth who have caught the vision of world missions and who are willing to pray and sacrifice to speed the gospel light to those who sit in spiritual darkness.

The campaign began seven years ago when the C.A.'s began giving their dimes and dollars toward the purchase of the missionary airliner, the *Ambassador*. Since that time the contributions of the C.A.'s have purchased more than six hundred planes, jeeps, motorcycles, and other vehicles for the use of our foreign missionaries.

Newspaper to Run the Whole Bible

The *Beacon Journal* in Akron, Ohio, will publish the full text of the Bible as it appears in the Revised Standard Version. A few verses will appear each day, and it is estimated that the project will take ten years to complete. It is the first time any newspaper has undertaken to publish the entire Bible in its columns. The project is already under way, having started with the New Testament, and we hope that some people who used to think they did not have time to read the Bible but who always seemed to have time for the newspaper are finding that they do have time for a portion of God's Word each day, after all.

Developments in Israel

The fourth anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel was celebrated on April 30. The new nation has undergone many trials but has amazed the world with its achievements.

Israel has absorbed over 300,000 Jews from Arab and Moslem lands, including 120,000 from Iraq alone, and nearly 50,000 from the Yemen. About 15,000 Jews are expected to migrate to Israel from Iran in 1952.

In an effort to provide cheap housing for the thousands of immigrants who arrive in Israel every month, the United Nations will train Jewish building engineers in the construction of Mexican-type adobe houses.

Recently the people of Israel were granted a meat ration of nearly a quarter of a pound per person. It was the first meat distribution in two and a half months.

The first Government Industrial Merit Award was presented to the Kaiser-Frazer Company, which is manufacturing passenger cars in Israel.

Abba S. Eban, Israel Ambassador to the U.S.A., recently announced that Mack Trucks will be assembled in Israel.

Over 350,000 Americans have subscribed to Israel Independence Bonds in the amount of \$121,000,000 since the Bond Issue was launched eleven months ago. Goal of the bond issue is to raise half a billion dollars to expand the economic development of Israel.

The YMCA building in Jerusalem has a tower for Moses, one for Mohammed, and one for Jesus.

One hundred and six tons of asphalt from the Haifa refineries were exported to Turkey in a single week.

A trial consignment of thirty tons of pink marble from Galilee was shipped to the U.S.A. in February.

The work of expanding Haifa Port by extending dock facilities along the Kishon River will probably be completed by the end of 1952, and the Israel Cabinet has decided to seek a site for a second deep water port in the southern part of the country.

A Christian "Y"

The YWCA in Atlantic City, N. J., is a place where the Bible is taught and where sinners are led to Christ. It is an independent body, having severed all connections with the national organization in 1949. Their local bylaws limit voting privileges to "members of Protestant evangelical churches."

Some folk thought that the program of the "Y" in Atlantic City was too narrow and went to law about the matter. They obtained a Superior Court decision to the effect that the association must accept as voting members any applicants of good character regardless of their religious belief or affiliation. The Christian ladies in charge of the local "Y" were concerned lest the spiritual work of the organization be hindered, and they sent out a call for prayer. They appealed to the State Supreme Court regarding the matter. The State Supreme Court has overruled the decision of the Superior Court and has said that the local YWCA has the right to place religious restrictions on its voting membership if it wishes to do so. In other words, the Atlantic City "Y" will remain Christian in nature, as well as in name, thanks to the God who hears and answers prayer.

The Business of Coat-Making

Alice Reynolds Flower

IN THE EARLY part of First Samuel there is one verse which has always carried to me a deeply significant meaning. Speaking of Hannah, Samuel's mother, the record says, "Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice." There had been earlier events with which all are familiar—a woman's yearning heart, a life of devotion to God, fervent petition, a gracious answer; and then—a marvelous consecration, as the footsteps of the young Samuel were led by his own parents to the house of God for his future abiding place. Here was a mother who kept her vow to God.

Returning once more to the home at Mount Ephraim, this devoted woman still found a way to minister to her cherished son. Can we fully imagine the joy every stitch in that garment afforded her? Did her eyes sometimes grow dim with tender love-longing and concern for the absent boy as she busily plied her needle? I wonder. To Hannah, making that coat was no ordinary bit of sewing; it was her one chance to express yearly in practical manner the love of her heart. And she did it faithfully, delivering each tiny garment personally to her Samuel there in the house of God.

"I hope that only joy was in her heart,
No sadness, when each year she brought
to him
The little coat she fashioned with such love,
To fit his growing body straight and slim;
And that her breath was quickened by the
sound
Of rushing feet across the temple floor,
Responsive to kind Eli's 'Quick, my child,
That she may find you waiting at the door.'"

This article by the wife of our General Secretary, J. R. Flower, is available in booklet form. A copy should be placed in the hand of every young parent. Price of the booklet is 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen. Order from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri. Ask for item number 3 EV 3904, "The Business of Coat-making."



Real coat-making may mean pricked fingers, bent knees, tired bodies—but how it pays! And I speak from rich experience. It paid Hannah, both in Samuel the prophet and in the children which God was pleased to give her later as a reward for the consecration of her first-born.

"They talk of a mother's toil and care,
Of the tasks that her hands must do,
Of the furrows that creep o'er the brow once
fair,
Of the burdens and heartaches too.
But they know not the joy stitched in each
little dress,
The pattering footsteps that brighten and
bless,
The thrill of a baby's loving caress—
Ah, nobody knows but mother.

"There was never a task by the Father given,
That brought not its blessings too,
And the life that lies the nearest heaven
Was given, O mother, to you.
The task is great, but the joy is sweet,
The hours of prayer bring a faith complete;
And the highest wisdom our life can meet
Lies hid in the heart of a mother."

Another Good Coat-Maker

God never intended this business of

coat-making to end with godly Hannah. This will always be the appointed task of every true mother. I seem to feel even now the coats fashioned for me by my precious mother, in glory now for many years. She was a good coat-maker as her three daughters can freely testify. She gave us to God, but she faithfully fulfilled her responsibility of providing coats for us each; and now we rise to call her blessed.

What were these coats so diligently and lovingly prepared for our need?

First—A COAT OF PRAYER. She started this coat for me before I was born, and many were the faithful stitches taken to make it complete. In my teen years there were months of conflict over the will of God before making a complete surrender to receive the mighty Pentecostal outpouring. I can hear her now pouring out her soul to God for me, calling my name in prayer, as I stood quietly in the hall outside her closed bedroom door. And that coat was laid upon me inescapably. Thank God! May He give us more mothers who will fashion like coats for our bewildered young people today, for I believe God inclines His ear especially to a godly mother's prayer.

But mother's coat-making did not end with prayer. She fashioned for us COATS OF CONSISTENT LIVING. Her every walk before us stirred our hearts to follow God similarly. How a mother can control the atmosphere of the home! A deep truth some poet expresses thus—

"The baby has no skies
But mother's eyes;
Nor any God above
But mother's love;
His angel sees the Father's face,
But he the mother's, full of grace."

Yes, it starts with babyhood, and eternity will never fully reveal the far-reaching result of a godly mother's walk in her home. Fervor in the church is good; labor for others is greatly commendable; but "making the coat of consistent living" in that home, dear

mother, is your most important task. Do not lead your children to the house of God and then leave the task entirely to the pastor or Sunday School teacher. You are the family's spiritual coat-maker. You are fortunate indeed if you have a godly husband, like Elkanah, to help you with the task. If not, God will grant you special help for the need. Precept is grand, but—like the proverbial bridge barely scant of the opposite side—fails utterly if it is not backed up with practice through the trying daily routine of the home life.

The Word of God had definite importance in Mother's coat-making. After God miraculously raised her from a deathbed and filled her with His Holy Spirit, Mother started the family altar, gathering her three girls and the family maid together each morning for the reading of God's Word and united prayer. No co-operation at the start from Father—a backslidden birthright Quaker, who deliberately absented himself from these occasions—until one gracious morning when he turned his horse's head homeward halfway to his office, and, entering the house, joined the family circle then at worship. It was not long until he was in victory, and conducting the family worship himself.

There was memorizing of Scripture daily under her tender, faithful guidance—and those verses learned when I was a child, still live in my heart, quickened now by the Spirit of God who brings to remembrance what has been stored away.

All the later influences for God's developing grace in any young life are greatly enhanced when the power of a Christian home has made its tender impress first upon the tender child. Like a seed sown in good ground, the germinating process is normally active, and the subsequent growth steady and wholesome. That Timothy came from such atmosphere is evident by Paul's words—"I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." 2 Tim. 1:5.

Next, THE COAT OF DISCIPLINE—poorly made or sadly neglected by many today. To begin with, I fear people misunderstand the very word at times. It is a kind word, rightly understood and practiced—just as the trellis is kind to the properly trimmed vine that is taught to grow thereon in lovely sym-

metry. No home is beautiful or happy without obedience, respect, honesty and co-operation; and true discipline serves to this end when rightly administered by God-fearing parents, who conscientiously train these "tender plants" in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Sometimes it would seem easier, tired mother, to pass infringements by; but you may have far greater distress and inconvenience in the final count by so doing. There are homes today hiding ghastly skeletons that never would have existed if some mother had insisted on obedience at the very outset. No wonder many young folk find it hard to bend to God's will, never having known godly respect for their parents' word; and, as mothers, we actually make it hard for our children in later years by ignoring or minimizing the importance of this coat.

As a firmly-built house will far outstand a loosely built edifice, so a well-disciplined household will endure the changing effect of years and produce young men and women of sterling character. "Line upon line; precept upon precept; here a little and there a little." The old prophet Isaiah gave to us parents something to think about here, for this is how we make our home a firmly established structure, with proper order and authority. Many modern evils among youth are directly traceable to laxness in the matter of discipline, and someone further down the line always pays heavily for such laxness.

Merely reading the Bible to the children is not sufficient. There must be the building of character by rising standards of moral conduct, prompt and unquestioning obedience, respect for elders, integrity on every line that touches relationship with others, in the home as well as outside its walls. The standard of righteous living as taught by the Word of God must be faithfully, constantly, consistently raised as a part of the family existence—not a passing suggestion, but an essential detail of the family living, as is the eating, drinking and sleeping. Animals are trained to do unbelievable feats. How much greater is the possibility of training our boys and girls to be obedient, honest, respectful, and God fearing!

"Only an hour with the children,
Pleasantly, cheerfully given;
Yet seed was sown in that hour alone
That would bring forth fruit for heaven!"

One more coat that seems to be

especially important these days—UNDERSTANDING LOVE. For the past quarter century I have had a great deal of coat-making to do myself, for God has given me the joyous privilege of motherhood six times over, and then added to my "heart family" many other dear young folk. There is always a keen pain in my heart when some perplexed young person, opening her heart, says, "I could not talk this over with Father or Mother, for they would not understand." This is a mistaken idea sometimes; yet barriers do come so easily, and mother must keep ever wisely stitching on this "coat of understanding" if she would successfully fulfill her highest ministry in the home.

Too busy for occasional "heart-chats" with each child and "seasons together before God"? Perhaps you think so; but holding the confidence of that bright boy or attractive daughter is worth any effort, or sacrifice, or personal desire or ambition. No one else can make this coat like the mother herself, and when father and mother are united at the task the results for good are beyond measure. You cannot start soon enough. Take nothing for granted in these days of subtle and open moral defilement.

God's Early Pattern

The God of infinite wisdom, in revealing His plans to Moses for a well-ordered people to show forth His praise among the heathen, gave specific instructions concerning the younger generation. Read them for yourself in Deuteronomy 6:6-9, and again in ch. 11:18-21. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

These words, so dear to my own mother, give us three basic principles of a well-ordered Christian home. First—the emphatic command for personal righteousness in the older ones of the family. To quote again, "These words shall be in thy heart. . . . Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes." Hands and head well con-

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Healed Through Mother's Prayers

Allen Bowman

ONE DAY in the summer of 1951 Miss Mary Linder, business girl in Marion, Indiana, saw the mobile unit of the Grant County Tuberculosis Association parked in its usual place on the west side of the city square. Without hesitation she went in for her chest picture. She had been doing it for years. The Tuberculosis Association could not have picked a more convenient spot. The big truck stood within a few yards of Penney's Store where Mary was a trusted employee.

But this time the resulting report brought consternation to the unpretentious home on 38th Street where Mary lived with her widowed mother. The communication warned her that she should report to her physician.

Wonderingly—for she had always enjoyed good health—Mary saw Dr. McIlwain. But the physician, always a man of few words, wouldn't say much. "The condition shown by the X ray can't be helped," he told her. "Don't worry about it."

Mary tried not to worry. But her mother, now in her eighties, almost blind, and suffering from asthma, wasn't satisfied with the pronouncement. Soon afterward she had to consult Dr. McIlwain on her own account. She took occasion to pin him down to a definite statement about Mary's case. Finally he replied, "The pictures show a fibrous growth on the lung."

"Is it cancer?" Mrs. Linder asked quickly. Mary was the only one of her large family who lived with her. The bond between mother and daughter was unusually close.

"The growth isn't cancerous," the physician answered gravely, "but it is dangerous. It might become malignant."

Mrs. Linder caught her breath. "Shouldn't she have an operation?"

"No. Cutting could easily spread the trouble. There is nothing that can be done."

Slowly, stiffly, the aged mother rose and made her way from the office. Tragedy stared her in the face. Mary was her financial support, the companion of her old age. In short, Mary was synonymous with home.

Should she tell Mary what the doc-

tor had said? "Should she send word to her youngest daughter Lillian, a nurse employed in Chicago? Somehow she couldn't bring herself to do either—not until she had tried another resource. For long years Mother Linder had known God. Several of her sons were ministers of the gospel. She loved and trusted her Lord supremely.

One September night about two weeks later the aged saint lay sleepless on her bed. She began to pray for Mary with unusual earnestness. An hour passed, then another. She prayed on. Midnight came. Weak as she was in body, Mrs. Linder was still praying. And her faith was growing strong.

Toward morning the pleading mother heard a voice. It was clear and unmistakable, as though a person had entered the room and had spoken audibly. The voice said, "I will rebuke the devourer for your sake."

Mrs. Linder stopped praying a deep peace had entered her soul. She knew God had answered.

Even then she didn't tell Mary, but she did send word to Lillian. The energetic young nurse, accustomed to medical procedures, wasn't convinced that her sister was safe. Lillian decided to give up her plans for marriage and to devote herself to the care of her ailing relatives in Marion. But Mrs. Linder hesitated. When Lillian arrived at the old home and talked with her mother, the two agreed to a plan. They would persuade Mary to go to Chicago for a thorough examination.

As soon as Mrs. Linder broached the subject, Mary's quick mind sensed something mysterious. She began to ask questions, and soon wormed the whole story out of her mother. "Yes," Mary said, "I'll go." Lillian made advance arrangements, and soon Mary was in the hands of Chicago specialists.

The physician's examination revealed



nothing amiss. But Lillian still wasn't satisfied. She demanded an X ray. The specialist telephoned another doctor, who agreed to keep his office open a bit late in order to accommodate Mary. The X ray was taken. When the expert examined it he said without hesitation, "Your lungs are in perfect condition."

Months later the grateful family, whom the writer has known well for many years, are still rejoicing over the miracle. "I will rebuke the devourer for your sake," said the Great Physician to one of His beloved—and He did.

"The Hand That Rocks the Cradle . . ."

YOU KNOW the rest of the adage. Whatever is good or bad about the world and the people in it can be traced back, very largely, to the influence of our mothers.

Someone has said, "There has never been a great man who was not helped and inspired to greatness by his mother." Perhaps there have been exceptions to this, but they have been few. It has been at mother's knee that most good men have come to know the One whose influence has made their lives great.

At mother's knee the foundations for greatness are laid. The taller the structure, the stronger must be the foundation. Great men become great because of the foundations laid for greatness; and these underlying stones in life's building are the principles taught at mother's knee.

Nancy Lincoln had many hardships and disappointments in her pioneer life, but there was one joy that outweighed all disappointments and spurred her on—the joy of helping and encouraging her boy Abraham. Many hours she spent reading Bible stories to him, and though she died when he was not quite ten years of age, she had laid such a strong foundation that he could look back over his life and say, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

During his boyhood, there was only one person who had any hopes that Thomas Alva Edison would ever amount to anything. He was usually at the foot of his class, and the teacher told him he was addled, and was wasting his time in school. Naturally, the boy was discouraged, and told his troubles to his mother, the only one who believed in him. She took him out of school and taught him herself. Writing years afterwards of his mother, he said: "She was the best champion that a boy ever had,

and I determined right then to be worthy of her, and show her that her confidence was not misplaced. My mother was the making of me."

The name of the late Henry Ford is known around the world, but there are few who realize the part his mother played in building his life. His own words are: "I have tried to live my life as my mother would have wished. She taught me as a boy that service is the highest duty to others. I believed her then, and I believe her now."

"The longer I live," said Catherine Booth, "The more I appreciate my mother's character. She had an intense realization of spiritual things. Heaven was quite near, instead of being a far-off reality, as with many."

Oliver Wendell Holmes so beautifully expressed his sentiments in the words of a poem: "Youth fades, love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; a mother's

secret hope outlives them all."

John Wanamaker wrote of his mother as he was advancing in years, and was able to look back over his life: "My first life was my mother and my first home was on her breast. My first bed was upon her bosom. Leaning little arms upon her knees, I learned my first prayers. A bright lamp she lit in my soul that never dies or goes out, though the winds and waves of fourscore years have swept over me."

Yes, it is true that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." The responsibility of motherhood is very great, and the reward to faithful mothers should be proportionately great. God will see to it that mothers get a full reward in heaven. Let us see that they get a reward in this life, too. Let us give our mothers the love and gratitude and consideration that they richly deserve.—*Anonymous*.

Visions in the Night

Notes on the Book of Zechariah—Part One

FRANK M. BOYD

THE FIRST six chapters of the Book of Zechariah tell of a number of remarkable visions which were given to the prophet in the night-time. They were designed to hearten and encourage the temple builders in their task.

This first section of the Book gives many promises of blessing if the people will turn their hearts to the Lord. At the same time it contains many warnings as to the consequences if the people drift back into the sins of their forefathers.

Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai. Both of these prophets were raised up and inspired to stimulate the flagging zeal of the Jews who, on their return from Babylon in 536 B. C., had begun to rebuild the temple but had become discouraged and had dropped the work owing to adverse circumstances and opposition from their neighbors.

The name Zechariah is not uncommon in the Old Testament—more than twenty persons bore it. It is interpreted, "The Lord remembers." The prophet Zechariah is designated "son of Berechiah, son of Iddo." Iddo was one of the priests who returned from Babylon with Zerubbabel and Joshua (Nehemiah 12:4). Zechariah thus was of the family of Aaron, the family of priests. He exercised his priestly office in the days of Joiakim, the son of Jeshua (Neh. 12:12, 16). But he acts as prophet before this, if we can reason thus from the term "young man" which is applied to him in 2:4. He must have been

born in Chaldea, as he commenced his prophetic ministry eight years after the return from captivity, some two months later than his elder contemporary, Haggai.

"The latest note of time in the prophecy is the fourth year of Darius (7:1), but it is with reason conjectured that Zechariah lived to see the temple finished two years later (see Ezra 6:14, 15). Tradition makes him arrive at an extreme old age, dying in Judea, and being buried in a tomb near to the last resting place of his fellow-seer Haggai, in the neighborhood of Eleutheropolis." (Pulpit Commentary)

Talbert Wilson Chambers, a great Dutch Reformed theologian, has commented as follows: "The main design of Zechariah's prophetic activity was to administer consolation and encouragement to the people of God still in a condition of weakness and suffering. This plainly appears from the general tenor of the night visions, from the promised change of fasts into festivals, and from the glowing pictures of future blessedness and honor which occur in the latter portion of his Book. Yet it was necessary to prevent these consolations from being usurped by any to whom they did not belong, and to show that repentance and holy living were indispensable conditions of the attainment of any of these blessings. . . . Zechariah sounds the keynote to all spiritual religion—a return to God—and urges its importance by the mention of their fathers' sins and their fathers' punishments." Ch. 1:1-6.

Three months after his first prophecy and two months after Haggai's last message, Zechariah saw a series of visions in the stillness of the night, as follows:

1. The Horsemen in the Myrtle Grove. 1:7-17

These riders, together with the horses (red, sorrel, and white), represent God's agents in the earth. Power is an abstract quality, something invisible. Mere description of effects would not display so well, nor so clearly, the character and movements of God's power as do these concrete symbolisms, the horsemen. (Compare the horses of Revelation 6.)

The main message of this first vision is that the Gentile nations would be overthrown, and that, however dark the present condition of the Jewish people might be, God's purpose of mercy was unshaken and would be fulfilled.

Zechariah sees these symbolic pictures of divine power in action (vv. 7-10). In this scene there are (1) the prophet; (2) the angel-rider on the red horse (the angel of the Lord) and his attendants; and (3) the interpreting angel. The red color of the horse probably represents war and bloodshed, as in Rev. 6:4, for surely the world for centuries preceding the prophet's day had been bathed in blood.

But now the divine activities and intervention, as symbolized by these horsemen, had brought peace and rest (v. 11). In this second year of Darius, the world empire of Persia was outwardly at peace and no outside enemy threatened. The time had now come for Israel's restoration (v. 12, 13). In response to the angel's inquiry or intercession, Jehovah responds in this colloquy that He is displeased with the vindictiveness of Israel's enemies in exceeding the divine commission in punishing Israel (v. 15), and He is about to return and rebuild the cities of Judah (v. 16). Verse 17 seems to comprehend a yet broader vision of Israel's final restoration, as the latter chapters of Zechariah set forth.

2. The Four Horns and the Four Carpenters (Craftsmen). 1:18-21

The horn is a symbol of strength and power to inflict injury and damage. The prophet had been told that the hostile nations should be punished and scattered. He is now shown the execution of this threat. As he observes, four hostile powers that had "scattered" Israel, Judah, and Jerusalem are cast down by four opposing powers represented by the "carpenters" (craftsmen or smiths, R. V.). The word "carpenters" is one applied to workers in wood, stone, and metal.

It is possible that the four horns may represent Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, and Medo-Persia, all of which had scattered Israel. To identify the four "craftsmen" positively, would lead to extreme speculation. The fact that they are "four," adequate to meet the power of the oppressive "four horns," is sufficient explanation.

3. The Man with the Measuring-Line. 2:1-13

Here is a positive revelation of divine enlargement and prosperity for Jerusalem (v. 2). Measuring always indicates a new order of some kind. Jerusalem is to be built without walls (v. 4); that is, with suburbs or "unwalled villages" surrounding it, indicating that a walled city could not contain the increased population. It will be protected by the presence of God as a "wall of fire" (v. 5).

Verses 6 and 7 may be a prophetic call to the exiles still lingering and settled down in the areas of Babylon, whither they had been removed. That they are still precious in God's sight is beautifully pictured in v. 8.

This is the eleventh in a series of studies on the Minor Prophets. Part Two of the author's notes on the Book of Zechariah will appear next week.

The divine power is to be exercised on behalf of His chastened people causing them to greatly rejoice, particularly because of His renewed presence and favor (vv. 9:10).

A much broader scope of blessing is pictured (vv. 11-13) which will include other nations' participation in Israel's glorious millennial future. Best of all, God will be there. cf. Ezek. 48:35.

4. Vision of Joshua and the Adversary, ch. 3

This vision is closely connected with the third. In that it was declared that the Lord would again dwell in Jerusalem and bless His people. But they must be cleansed, forgiven, and made pure spiritually. To this end He must have a holy priesthood to train them in righteous ways.

This vision "lays a sure foundation for the glowing assurances and promises contained in those that precede by revealing the fact of the divine forgiveness. Sin had been the cause of all the troubles of Israel, and its continuance would bring them all back. Hence the need and value of the great truth expressed in the dramatic form and rich symbolism of this vision."

Joshua, the high priest and representative of the spiritual leadership of the people, is seen in vision before the angel of the Lord in soiled garments and opposed by Satan (v. 1). Here Satan, "the accuser of the brethren," is actively engaged in his nefarious business of the ages, slandering God to man and slandering God's people to Him.

But Jehovah rebukes Satan, even though He must recognize Joshua's natural unfitness for His presence, and orders that Joshua, "a brand plucked out of the fire," be stripped of his soiled garments, covered with clean raiment, and clothed with the honored priestly attire (vv. 1-5). Thus is pictured and literally stated Joshua's forgiveness and cleansing, a type of God's grace to this Jewish remnant.

Joshua is now seen clothed in rich priestly attire; and he is personally exhorted to be an example to the people to keep the statutes of God, and to guard carefully the priestly office from perversion, as well as to vigilantly protect the "courts" of the Lord from intrusion of idolatry (vv. 6, 7).

Joshua and his fellow-priests, who sat with him in council and took their orders from him, are "men of portent, sign, or type" (R. V., "men which are a sign"). Their persons, offices, and duties look forward to things to come. They are seen to be typical of the era when God's servant, the Branch, will appear (v. 8). Messiah, "the servant of Jehovah" (Isa. 42), is the "Branch of David" (Jer. 23:5) who will effect the final purification of Israel.

The mingled figures of the "stone" engraved with "seven eyes," lying at Joshua's feet, symbolize "the stone which the builders rejected," who will be the sure foundation of the future order. The seven eyes probably have reference to the seven-fold fullness of the Holy Spirit with which Messiah is filled and anointed (cf. Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6) for the successful consummation of His great redemptive ministry for Israel and the nations (v. 9).

The nature of this new Messianic era is seen in v. 10 as one of security, peace, neighborly harmony, and prosperity.

MOTHER'S DREAM OF HEAVEN



This is a picture of Mother reading the Evangel. It was not posed for publication; it was her daily custom to sit down with her Bible and the Evangel, and how her face did shine with the glory of the Lord. She belonged to an Assemblies of God church in Compton, Calif. but now she is with Christ, rejoicing in His presence.

Mother always had a dread of choking to death, for she coughed a great deal from bronchial trouble. Another fear was that she might not have an abundant entrance into the kingdom, because she had done so little, it

seemed, to merit it. The enemy even tempted her to believe that she was not worthy to enter heaven at all.

"But one day," she said, "I dreamed that as I was sitting in my chair I started to cough, and an awful spell of choking came upon me. I could not get my breath and I knew I was leaving this life. Then two angels stood at my side. They started to rise and they took me with them. I looked down and could see the sun, moon, and stars under my feet.

"How the stars sparkled in their brightness! But heaven was brighter still. We came to the gates of heaven and the angels took me in. Oh, what a beautiful place! Beautiful trees, flowers, and ferns! The river of life flowed out from the throne of God. The view everywhere was rare and marvellous. The grass was so green. Everything was so full of life. No decay could be seen.

"No sun was in the sky. There was a beautiful soft glow of light everywhere, for Christ was the light of this city.

"I saw my loved ones there. They came to meet me. And I saw their lovely homes among the trees. There were many fruit trees. Someone gave me some fruit from one tree and it was the most delicious fruit I ever tasted—different from anything I had ever known. It was something like an apple, but oh, so much more tasty and juicy. For three days I remembered the taste so definitely.

"Then I felt myself leaning on the arm of Jesus. He led me up to the throne of God, and the Father asked, 'What have you done that you should enter here?'

"With shame I replied, 'I am a failure, but I come in the name of Your Son who died for me.'

"And the Father answered, 'You are accepted in My Beloved.'

"I was so happy—oh, so happy—when I awakened from my dream!"—Related by her daughter, Leona Harrington.

5. Vision of the Golden Candlestick and the Olive Trees, ch. 4

Chapter four presents a most remarkable vision of a golden candlestick or lamp-stand, with seven lamps, and a bowl or oil vessel at the top of it. This "bowl" provides a reservoir of oil, and from it seven tubes convey the oil to the seven lamps. On each side of the candelabrum is a living olive tree from which oil is directly and vitally supplied to the lamps (4:1-3).

Zechariah's inquiry as to the meaning of this symbolism (vv. 4, 5) is answered by the angel who says that the vision represents the great spiritual principle that the divine purpose is accomplished, whether in nations or individuals, not by human might nor power but by the flow of the vital energy of the Holy Spirit Himself (4:6).

Doubtless Zerubbabel was discouraged as he contemplated how much there was to do, and the opposition against him; so he needed this assurance of divine aid. He was faced with adverse conditions like a mountain looming high before him, but he is assured that these opposing forces will be leveled and the temple building completed, from foundation to capstone, amidst the shout of the bystanders—"God's favor rest upon it" (vv. 7-10). cf. Ezra 3:10.

The two olive trees are symbols of Zerubbabel and Joshua. They were the two "anointed ones" (literally, "sons of oil") through whom God was accomplishing His purpose then. God undertakes through His chosen servants to keep the light of Israel's redemptive testimony burning brightly by the power of

His Spirit. Even in the gross spiritual darkness of the tribulation days He will have his "two witnesses," His two olive trees, His "sons of oil" to keep alive His testimony in the earth (vv. 11-14). Cf. Rev. 11:4.

6. The Flying Roll, 5:1-4

In the sixth vision Zechariah saw a huge "roll" or scroll, unrolled to exhibit its full length and breadth, showing that its contents were to be made known to all. Its flight denotes the speedy arrival of the judgment, which it represents. Israel cannot enjoy the divine favor apart from practical righteousness. They must be free from violators of the divine laws. "The curse shall not fall lightly and pass quickly by, but shall fix its abode with the sinner until it has worked out its full purpose."

7. The Woman and the Ephah, 5:5-11

While the prophet was meditating upon the last vision, the interpreting angel retired into the background. He now comes into view again to explain a new revelation closely related to the former.

Zechariah sees in vision a woman, designated "wickedness," sitting in the midst of an ephah, the largest of the Jewish dry measures. She is confined in this ephah by a leaden cover. The whole is swiftly borne by two other winged women through the air to "the land of Shinar," the country of Mesopotamia, or Babylon. There, whatever is represented by the symbolism is to be given permanent residence and established upon its own base.

This prophecy was made subsequent to the

Babylonian captivity and long after Babylon had been conquered by the Medes and Persians. The expression, "This is the resemblance through all the earth," indicates that this symbolism was one universally recognized. J. A. Seiss in his *Lectures on the Apocalypse* sees in this a representation of exchange, trade, commerce and the establishment of "a great independent center, with its own ruler, king, or government."

The whole vision represents the establishment of a great commercial center in Babylon. That such is the program for the last days seems clear from Revelation 18, and that this whole gigantic trade mart is to be dominated by a religious power symbolized by a wicked woman is indicated in Revelation 17. Babylon (Babel) was the center of the first organized rebellion against Jehovah (Gen. 11:1-9), and many Scripture expositors believe that the pendulum of internationalism will swing back to that same point, where a great pagan world-center of wicked commercialism will be established.

8. Vision of the Four Chariots. 6:1-8

In this vision the prophet sees four war chariots drawn by red, black, white, and speckled-bay horses, emerging from a valley between two mountains of brass, or copper (vv. 1-3). "These impregnable, undecaying mountains represent the immovable, invincible nature of the theocracy and of God's decrees respecting it." cf. Dan. 2:35, 45. The chariots are explained to Zechariah by the angel as representing "the four spirits (or winds) of the heavens." v. 5. Both the Septuagint and the Vulgate render it "the four winds of heaven." The winds are often introduced in executing God's will upon sinners, cf. *Psa.* 104:4; 138:8; *Jer.* 49:36.

These forces are under the direct control of God, as He manifests His divine providences or judgments among the nations of the earth. In contrast with 1:8-11, these are not exploring scouts, but chariots of war which actually execute the divine will. The colors of the horses may signify war, famine, and pestilence as in Revelation 6.

In v. 6 the angel indicates the destinations of the various chariots, except the first with the red horses. Why this is omitted has never been satisfactorily explained. The references to "the north country" may be to Babylon, now quiet (v. 8), which was an area of great disturbance and war for so long; "the south country" may refer to Egypt.

The Symbolic Coronation. 6:9-15

The preceding visions are now confirmed by a public act which shows the glory of the future temple and of the administrator of the new order—the Priest-King, even Messiah, the Branch.

According to the order in the Hebrew text, Heldai (Helm, v. 14), Tobijah, and Jodaiah (Hen, v. 14) had come as envoys from those of the captivity still in Babylon, bearing gifts for the temple to the house of Josiah, where they were lodged. Thither the prophet is dispatched with specific instructions. He is to have circlets prepared of gold and of silver, forming a composite crown of these two metals, which was to be placed upon the head of Joshua the high priest (vv. 10, 11). This was a token of royal dignity, not Joshua's but His whom he represented—Messiah, the Branch (*Isa.* 11:1), the eternal Priest, the universal King.

He shall arise in His own country and nation and shall spring forth from a lowly origin to the highest glory (*Isa.* 11:1; 53:2). He is to build the new sanctuary of the Lord which is to be consecrated with the divine presence and "glory" (v. 12). He shall combine the offices of priest and king in Himself. Here is church and state, religion and secularism, combined in a unity of peaceful administration (v. 13, cf. *Heb.* 5:6, 10; 7:1). This union of church and state has never been successfully accomplished in human history, because of sin in both priest and ruler.

The crown was to be taken from Joshua's

head and deposited in the temple as a memorial of this prophecy (v. 14). The Jews who had come from Babylon to Jerusalem are a figure of the conversion of distant nations, and of their participation in the blessings of the spiritual temple in the Messianic times prefigured in this whole scene (v. 15). "Neither the restoration of the temple nor the advent of Messiah's kingdom was in itself doubtful, but the people's share in the former, and their participation in the blessings of the latter, depended on the preparation of the heart, obedience, zeal, and holiness." (*Pulpit Commentary*) cf. *Dan.* 12:10; *Mal.* 4:1, 2.

"Mr. Average Man"

"With the multiplying of your machinery you grow increasingly anxious and dissatisfied. Whatever you have you want more. Wherever you are you want to go somewhere else. You invent a hundred machines to do a hundred things for you and still you are the most nervously busy man in the world."

That is a picture of the typical man of this Western civilization, as seen through the eyes of Abraham Marie Ribbany, an Oriental philosopher. And we must admit that it is a correct diagnosis of Mr. Average Man, U.S.A. A pall hangs over our progress. There is inner agony joined to our outer advancement. Such terms as "meditation" and "contemplation" have been practically dropped from our vocabulary. Our life is a dizzy whirl and we do homage at the altar of aspirin. We have everything we need except the things we need the most.

Does this sound crude, cruel, caustic? Yet it is true. Furthermore, the shortcomings of Mr. Average Man can be traced still deeper. He is informed on religion but ignorant of the gospel. He attends church but has never accepted Christ. He professes piety on Sunday but pursues pleasure on Monday. He sings in the church but sins in the world. He worships God with his lips but goes after gold with his heart. No wonder he is so confused, so frustrated, so dissatisfied.

But consider this. Long before our Oriental philosopher, there was a holy prophet of the East named Isaiah who gave a better, deeper diagnosis:

"But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." *Isa.* 57:20, 21.

"We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men." *Isa.* 59:10.

And were not the words of the Lord Jesus Christ addressed to Mr. Average Man when He said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"? All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Christ the iniquity of us all. There is more truth and comfort in these ancient Scriptures than in all our modern science; for the greatest problem confronting men and women today is the sin question, for which there is no answer in modern technology.

Do not let the complications of present-day life keep you from understanding the simple facts of spiritual life. Most of your troubles may be traced to one source—sin. You and I and all mankind have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none righteous, the Bible says, except our Lord Jesus Christ; but the good news of the gospel is that He who was righteous took the place of every guilty soul and canceled our sin-stained record by dying for us on the Cross. We may be saved simply by renouncing our sins, repenting before our Maker, and receiving Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Eternal life is obtained as simply as that.

You must choose between everlasting life or everlasting damnation. No scientific eradicator can erase the "everlastings" of the Scriptures. The poorest man is he who has gathered to himself everything except the Saviour. The unhappiest man is he who knows only the passing pleasures of this Christless age. What mad moderns we be if we miss the miracle of the New Birth that is offered to us in Christ! What a pity if we continue to grope around like the blind, stumbling in frustration and bitterness of heart, when He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life waits to satisfy our souls and put purpose in our lives.—Edwin R. Anderson, Waterbury, Conn.

THREE GOOD REASONS

I once met a thoughtful scholar who told me that for years he had read every book he could which assailed the religion of Jesus Christ, and would have become an infidel but for three things:

"First, I am a man; I am going somewhere; tonight I am a day nearer the grave than I was last night. I have read all that such books can tell me; they shed not one solitary ray upon the darkness; they take away the only guide, and leave one stone blind.

"Second, I had a mother: I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned upon an unseen Arm as a child goes to sleep on the breast of his mother. I know that was not a dream.

"Third, I have three motherless children. They have no protector but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world, if you blot out from it all the teachings of the gospel."—Bishop Whipple.

MISSIONS AT HOME

New Fields . . . Deaf Mutes . . . Prisoners
Jews . . . American Indians . . . Alaska
Foreign Language Groups in U.S.A.

THEY MULTIPLIED BY DIVIDING!

Many folk at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, can remember when there were no other Assembly of God churches in the city. Now there are ten, and three of these can trace their beginnings directly back to the efforts of Central Assembly.

In 1935, when R. M. Riggs was pastor and K. H. Lawson was assistant pastor, they had as a summer project the holding of tent revivals in various sections of the city.

"You could see the stars through the holes in the tent," a deacon recalls—but souls were saved just the same.

In the north side of Springfield a little Sunday School had been started as a branch of Central Assembly. Soon those who met for Sunday School began to ask for night services. Services were begun and carried on through the winter, and the following summer Brother Lawson took the tent into that area. The meetings were highly successful both in attendance and in permanent results.

From this nucleus, the Northside Assembly of God was formed. Members of Central Assembly were asked by the pastor to go into this new church to work and support it. A

church was built and it has been enlarged and remodeled several times to keep pace with its growth. Glenn A. Green is pastor.

On the east side of Springfield, a member of Central Assembly had an unused store building which he offered to the church for use in beginning another branch Sunday School. A tent meeting in this area brought together another nucleus of believers, and more workers were sent out by the mother church to help this new work. Today East-side Assembly is a fully developed church and has its own fine building now on the very lot where the work was started. John J. Paproski is pastor.

In the northeast section of the city a tent meeting was held in 1932 by Mrs. Charles E. Robinson, and another in 1935 by Brother Lawson. A large number were saved and baptized in the Spirit, and a store building was acquired for services. Once again the pastor of Central Assembly looked about for capable workers and sent them to help the new church. Gene Hogan, who helped in the tent effort, became the pastor. A lot was purchased the following year while Paul Gaston was pastor, and a tabernacle was constructed. The congregation of Northeast Assembly (now Bethel Assembly) grew, and additional class rooms were built to accommodate the Sunday School.

In 1948 Sister Pauline Mastries became pastor of the church. It continued to grow and develop until the tabernacle became too small. A building fund was started last July, and a sign was erected at the corner of Dale Street and East Avenue announcing that this would be the site of the new church. But it was a disaster which spurred the congregation into immediate action.

That disaster came in the form of an unusually heavy snowfall in November. The snow collapsed the roof of the tabernacle, rendering the building unfit for use any longer. This type of disaster, by the way, was not covered by the insurance policy.

The congregation with a Sunday School average of around 160 moved into a store building once again, but only until they could get their new church built. As soon as the winter was over they had ground-breaking ceremonies at the new site. Thirteen pastors from the area were present, and worked with other volunteers so that most of the foundation was dug that day.

The new stone church is to be 50 x 80 feet, with a Sunday School annex 50 x 50. Estimated cost of the proposed building is between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

Those who have seen these churches grow from humble beginnings to their present state know that the Scripture is true: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Prov. 11:24).

The willingness of Central Assembly and its leaders to give sacrificially of its means and workers to see these new churches grow and prosper in their early days paid off. Souls were reached. New avenues of service were opened up for many who previously had no specific job in the church. And the "mother church" has grown until its present facilities are entirely inadequate. In fact, they found out what any church can prove for itself—that the usefulness of a church is multiplied by being willing to "divide" its members and share this gospel message with others.

WHAT ONE BIBLE CAN DO

A pastor in the northern part of Brazil visited a certain community for the first time and asked if there were any there who were "people of the Bible." He was at once directed to a certain home. There he found a group of believers and heard the following story.

A Bible had been purchased many years before and laid aside by its owner. But one day the owner died, and his books were divided among his sons. One of them saved the Bible from the rubbish heap and read its message. Soon he was reading to his family, and the power of the Book was being felt in their lives. Not only he and his family, but others as well, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ through the reading of this one Bible.

When these people learned that the visitor was a minister of the gospel which they had learned about through the Book, they were overjoyed. Tears came to their eyes as they told him he was an answer to their prayers; and with that group as a nucleus the first evangelical church in that region was organized. Such is the power of one copy of God's Book—powerful not only to change an individual but so filled with heavenly dynamite that a community can be revolutionized by the force of its teachings.

"NOW WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD"

In a church service in Africa, one of the Christians said in a prayer, "Lord, just a few years ago we were living like animals, thinking only of what we would eat and what we would wear. Now we are children of God, thinking of the things that will last forever."—Selected.



Sister Pauline Mastries, pastor of Bethel Assembly (formerly Northeast) of Springfield, Mo., turns the first shovel of dirt in ground breaking ceremonies held April 5, 1952, while K. H. Lawson, District Superintendent, looks on.

The new Bethel Assembly will be located on the corner of Dale Street and East Avenue, where Brother Lawson held a tent meeting in 1935 when he was assistant pastor of Central Assembly.

If What We Say Is True, Then--

Mrs. Violet D. Schoonmaker, North India

THE SCENE: A Mohammedan zenana (quarters for women) in the city of Chapra, North India. A woman missionary is seated on a low stool. Beautiful, dark-skinned women are on the floor around her. A song has been sung; and now a Bible portion is being read and explained concerning the God who sent His Son into the world.

One woman at least is taking in what the missionary is saying. Suddenly she interrupts: "God has no Son. Our Koran forbids our believing this."

"But God does have a Son," the missionary replies, "and He came into the world and died for our sins. There is no other Name whereby we must be saved."

The missionary goes on telling the old, old story till a look of inexpressible terror comes over the face of her objector. With tears in her eyes the woman cries out, "If what you say is true, we Mohammedans are all lost!"

Is what we say true? If it is not, why do we say it? Do we ourselves really believe it? Is it true that the heathen are lost; that there is only one way of salvation and one Name whereby men must be saved?

What *we* say about it is unimportant. What does God say about it?

God says, "... they are without excuse." Romans 1:20. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalm 9:17. Also of the wicked,

"... thou shalt surely die. . . ." Ezekiel 33:8. God has something to say to us about it, too: "... if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 33:8. Does God really mean this? If He does, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

In William Carey's cobbler shop there hung a brown paper map of the world, the work of his own hands—a reflection of his soul. Carey was distressed. The thought of a *world* without God troubled his heart. He believed that "God so loved the WORLD . . ." and that He meant, "Go ye into all the world. . . ." The situation haunted his soul. He talked of it to all who came into his shop; his dreams were troubled by it. Later, when he took up teaching, it is said that his pupils saw sometimes a strange sight—their master moved to tears over a geography lesson. Pointing to continents, islands and peoples, he would say, "All these are pagans, pagans!"

His sister, Catherine, reported that more than once she saw him stand motionless for an hour or more in his little garden, so absorbed in his tense thoughts and prayers that his neighbors judged him beside himself. He was amazed to find others uninterested, even ministers of the gospel. And if they did show a measure of interest **THEY DID NOTHING ABOUT IT.**

But Carey did something. He preached the

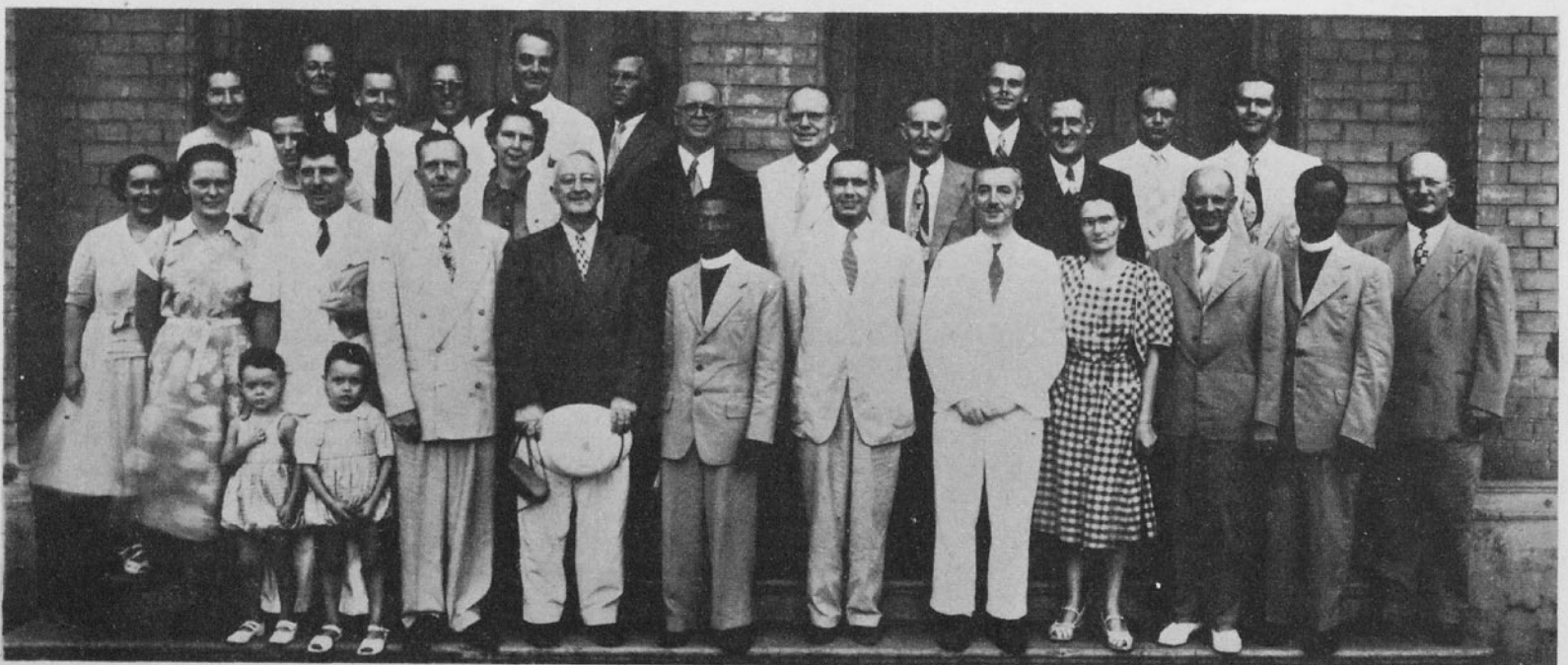
great sermon in 1792 that through God did more to arouse the church to missions than anything had ever done. You recall the text? "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left. . . ." Isaiah 54:2, 3.

When Carey finished his sermon with the great missionary maxims, "Expect great things from God," "Attempt great things for God," the congregation arose to leave as usual. When Carey saw the people leaving he seized Andrew Fuller's hand and wrung it in distress, "ARE WE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING? We dare not separate WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING."

So profound was the impression made that soon afterwards, at Kettering, a company of twelve ministers organized a missionary society. Carey went forth as the society's first missionary. Later he wrote, "If you want the kingdom speeded, go out and speed it yourselves. Only missions can redeem your intercession from insincerity."

For forty years Carey labored in India without a furlough. Working with his own hands he supported himself and his mission. He translated the Scriptures, in whole or in part, in no fewer than thirty-five languages or dialects. Carey DID SOMETHING ABOUT THE SITUATION. What are we doing to-day?

Have you ever read the story of Jane Conquest? Her child lay dying one night in her little hamlet by the sea. As she watched alone, suddenly a bright light shone in at the lattice. A ship was on fire and hers were the only eyes that saw the flames. Leaving her dying boy to the care of her heavenly Father, she trudged through snow to the little church on the hill—



BIENNIAL INTER-MISSION CONFERENCE AT LOME, TOGOLAND

In attendance at the Biennial Inter-Mission Conference of the Protestant Federation of French West Africa at Lome, Togoland, February 15-18, were representatives of eleven missions: Christian and Missionary Alliance, The Christian Mission, Conservative Baptist, Gospel Missionary Union, English Methodist Mission, Mission Biblique, Paris Evangelical Mission, Sudan Interior Mission, Upper Volta Mission, World Evangelization Crusade and the Assemblies of God. At the rear center are R. S.

Roseberry, retiring field superintendent of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and Henry B. Garlock, our field secretary for Africa. Assemblies of God missionaries present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones, George Flattery, Charles Greenaway and David Wakefield. The two African brethren are pastors of the Paris Evangelical Mission at Lome, which Mission was host to the conference.

"She crept through the narrow window
And climbed the belfry stair;
And grasped the rope, sole cord of hope,
For the mariners in despair.

"And the wild wind helped her bravely,
As she wrought with an earnest will;
And the clamorous bell spoke outright well,
To the hamlet under the hill.

"And it roused the slumbering fishers,
Nor its warning task gave o'er
Till a hundred fleet and eager feet
Were hurrying to the shore.

"And the lifeboat 'midst the breakers,
With a brave and gallant few,
O'ercame each check and reached the wreck
And saved the hapless crew."

William Carey and Jane Conquest DID SOMETHING. What are we going to do, you and I? God stir us, I pray! Stir our cold purposeless, passionless hearts that go our way while a WORLD perishes!

A WORLD is dying. A WORLD is hastening toward destruction. A WORLD is calling to us for earnest, wholehearted and selfless endeavor. *What are we going to do about it?*

Hudson Taylor once said that it was possible to sing of our all being on the altar, and yet be unprepared to sacrifice a ring from our finger, or a picture from our wall, much less one of our children to go to warn the lost.

If what God says is true, then let us act as though we believe it.

Sight Restored After Twelve Years

R. Rex Jackson, Nigeria

A WOMAN of the Ishan tribe has been healed of blindness that had afflicted her for twelve years. Gabriel Oyakhilome, national leader of the area, tells about the healing:

"A Christian woman at Ohordua has received sight after twelve years of blindness. She was saved a number of years ago, and as a public testimony of her faith was baptized in water, but she never had seen the church or the pastor. Someone had to lead her to services. Often she sought for her healing at the altar but as the years went by she remained without the Lord's touch.

"Many mocked at the woman, and she was even called a witch because of her condition. The heathen told her to trust in *jujus* for the Lord would never hear her prayers.

"One Sunday the pastor's message was on God's power to heal today. The message touched the woman, and faith began to well up in her. A few days afterwards the Christian women went to smooth and polish the mud floor of the church. The blind woman was led to the building to help. While she was

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Faculty and student body of our Alba Bible Institute at Monterrey, N. L., Mexico. Rodolfo C. Orozco, center front row, is superintendent. On his left is Mrs. Elsie M. Isensee, former missionary to Peru, now teaching in the Institute. Thirty-two young women are enrolled. The term began December 5.

down on her hands and knees rubbing the mud she began to talk to God. She told Him that she would like to see the work that she was doing. Even as she talked with the Lord she began to see her hands. Soon she could see everything in the church. By the time the work was finished she was able to walk unaided to her home. After that it was a matter of only a few days until she could go to a market, seven miles away, all by herself.

"Now her sight has been restored completely. It has been a testimony to many of the power of our Lord. We do thank Him for the wonderful healing."

Ten-Day Meeting Stirrs Costa Rica

Lewie E. Spencer, Costa Rica

WE HAVE just completed a ten-day meeting with Evangelist T. L. Osborn in which God has confirmed His Word with signs following to such an extent that Costa Rica has been shaken. Through divine healing thousands of homes have been opened to the gospel. There were nights when as many as 1,000 persons made profession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Hundreds were healed of sicknesses and diseases. One notable case was that of a cripple, known by nearly everyone in San Jose where the meeting was held. He had been crippled for fifteen years, unable to walk without crutches. He was healed instantly and the next day walked down the main street of the city. Many followed behind to get a glimpse of him.

You may wonder why we did not continue the campaign. Here in Costa Rica the church and the state are one, so an effort was made to stop the campaign the very first night. A group of people marched to the president's home that night and we were able to continue.

When the priests saw that hundreds of Catholics were attending the meetings, even thousands, they did everything in their power to stop us.

One night soldiers were sent to take all the sick persons and children from the stadium. The stadium rented was one that is used for bull fights and boxing. It holds about 10,000. One night it was full, but the next night we found the gates closed. We tried in vain to have them opened. It was decided to make another march to the president's home. We headed through the center of town but were stopped by the police. Several pastors were taken to jail, including two of our own. They were held overnight. For twenty-four hours Brother Osborn and his family were kept under guard at their apartment. They were not allowed to leave.

All the newspapers either were against the campaign or else they were afraid to print the truth. Little could be done.

Our church has been growing steadily since we were forced to close the meeting. There is not enough room to accommodate the crowds. In our church alone during the past two weeks fifty have accepted the Lord.

I would like to present to you a need that has been approved as one of the most urgent in Central America. We have an opportunity to purchase the property next to our church in San Jose. A number of young persons are wanting to attend Bible School but at present there is no space for a School. By purchasing the property we would have room for a Bible School. At the same time the building could serve as an evangelistic center and give room for the expansion of the church. We have been asked \$4,250 for the property.

Pray with us that the revival fires will continue to burn and that laborers will be raised up to help carry the glorious gospel to every corner of Costa Rica.

DAILY BREAD

The Israelites used to gather the manna fresh every day; they were not allowed to store it up. There is a lesson here for us. If we would be strong and vigorous, we must go to God daily. A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs at once to sustain life for a week to come. We must draw upon God's boundless stores of grace from day to day, as we need it.—D. L. Moody.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

HEZEKIAH'S MISTAKE

Lesson for May 18

2 Kings 20:12-19

Hezekiah was one of the outstanding kings in Judah—"He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah" (2 Kings 18:5). Because of his trust in God and his devoted prayer, miracles were wrought in his behalf and in behalf of his nation (2 Kings 18:1 to 20:11). Yet we find him in his old age rebuked for his mistake and error. Let this teach us that we are never safe from folly, except as we humbly seek the Lord and carefully look to Him for guidance.

1. The Pride of a Godly King

The only way that we may conclude that it was Hezekiah's pride that made him show to the representatives of the king of Babylon "all the house of his precious things . . ." is by looking beneath the surface. For example, when the queen of Sheba made her visit to Solomon, she saw "the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord" (1 Kings 10:4, 5); yet no rebuke is given Solomon for allowing her to see all this excellence. What then must be the difference in the attitude of Solomon at that time, and the attitude of Hezekiah when he revealed the excellences of his kingdom to the representatives of Babylon? Undoubtedly the difference lay in their hearts. We have reason for believing that Solomon's heart was humble when the queen of Sheba visited him. What she saw was the consequence of God's blessing on his administration. With Hezekiah, he made an exhibit that was the result of pride—if the king of Babylon was great, he would let them know that he too was great.

Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. God knows when the heart is humble and things are done for His glory; and He knows if the heart is lifted up and things are done for self-interest or for personal show. Sometimes what we do is not so important as the motive that prompts us to do it.

Why do we wish the work of God to succeed? Is it altogether for the glory of God, or are we more zealous for our own success? Such questions we may ask ourselves in all our endeavors in life. Self is subtle and needs constant and careful watching.

2. The Rebuke From a Faithful Prophet

Hezekiah was making a self-glorifying display of all that he had—"There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that

Hezekiah showed them not" (v. 13). While we rebuke his pride, we may also rebuke his simplicity or gullible innocence. He ought to have remembered that Babylon (or its equivalent, the Assyrians) had sought to invade his country and had given him much concern and trouble (chapters 18 and 19). But his trusting heart forgot all this when Merodach-baladan, king of Babylon, "sent letters and a present" upon learning of his recovery from his sickness. It is too bad that we need ever to be suspicious, but we do need to be careful, especially concerning friendships with those who are out of Christ. Let us love all people, but there are counsels of our own hearts which we need to hold, keeping them to ourselves.

God knew the possible pride which prompted Hezekiah to show everything that he had. He knew also the unwise simplicity and trustfulness that was associated with the knowledge which he gave to the representatives of Babylon. The splendor which he revealed of his kingdom began a festering desire for conquest that these glories might be transferred from Judah to Babylon. God saw it, and sent the prophet to foretell what the result would be (vv. 16-18).

Have we thought of what may be the results of our doings? Our mistakes, especially if they result from pride or unholy motives, may start conditions that may cause others to suffer when we are gone. Every act has its influence, and how far such influence may go only God knows. It seems to me that there was much trustful simplicity in what Hezekiah did. He seemed not to have a feeling of condemnation when Isaiah asked, "What said these men and from whence came they unto thee?" "What have they seen in thine house?"

In reply he said, "All the things that are in mine house they have seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them." Innocent, Christian simplicity is lovely, yet how we need wisdom and spiritual tact. Lord, supply us with the wisdom we need.

3. Resignation to God's Will

When Isaiah said, "Hear the word of the Lord," and unfolded to Hezekiah that the time would come when "all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day" would be "carried into Babylon," Hezekiah did not seem much concerned. His answer was, "Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?" v. 19.

We have entitled this part of the lesson, "Resignation to God's will." What do you think about

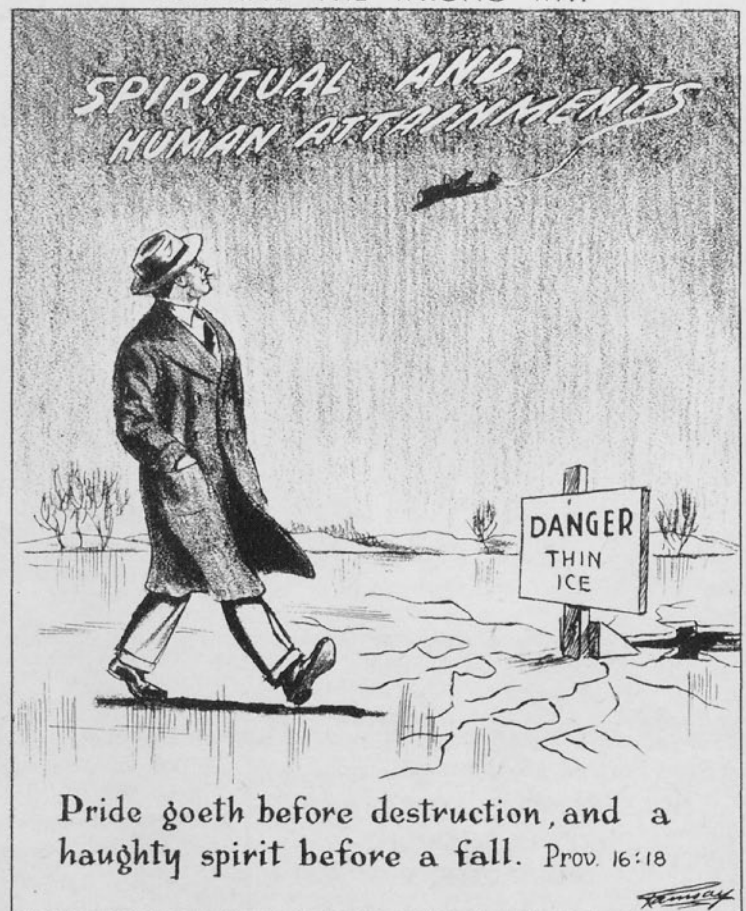
it? Did Hezekiah's folly in revealing all the wealth and splendor of his kingdom have any bearing on the prophecy concerning coming disaster? Or did the prophet just take advantage of the occasion to foretell that the hour of judgment was coming to Judah? I believe Hezekiah's folly was the cause of the prophecy, and therefore I am not altogether satisfied with the subtitle, "Resignation to God's will." In my opinion there was much selfishness in Hezekiah's pleasant thought that, although judgment and sorrows were to befall his people, he need not worry so long as it didn't happen in his days.

How like Hezekiah most of us are. They say our national economy is inflated and that the inflation eventually my spell ruin. We coast along making no effort to stop it. If the next generation suffers as a result, it is all right with us as long as the crash does not come in our day! We see the nations following a path that must some day lead to another world war, but we are content so long as we can ward off the inevitable for a few years and have "peace in our time." In soothing comfort we who are Christians see the world dying in its sins while we sit at ease—it is all right as long as our peace is made with God! Would that God might stir us out of our complacency and give us a burden and zeal, not for ourselves only, but for others, including youth and children—the generation that now is and that which is to come.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Hezekiah's Life Lengthened (lesson for Sunday, May 11). Lesson text: 2 Kings 20:1-11.

LOOKING THE WRONG WAY



Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18

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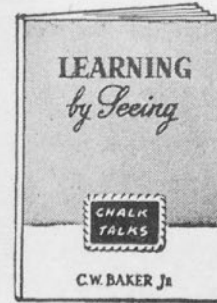
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By **Ira Miller**. (Number 3 EV 1804.) Price \$1.00.

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The chapters, "The Song that Jesus Sang" and "What Happened in Dark Gethsemane," are especially interesting. The latter chapter treats a much mooted question in a logical way, we believe. It refutes a treatment of this subject which does seem a bit fantastic—that Jesus in Gethsemane was praying that He might not die there under satanic onslaught but be able to reach the Cross. It is a thought-provoking book.

OUR FATHER

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Here is a very fine exposition of the "Lord's Prayer," lifting it out of a place of formality and ritual into its true place as a medium of expression of the devout soul in worship, petition, and longing for the rule of God to be manifest in the earth, while involving a recognition of our social responsibility.

(Those who know names in the Christian world may object to quotations from Charles F. Aked, a well-known modernist. However, Dr. Drake himself is thoroughly evangelical.)

HEIRS TOGETHER

By **W. Melville Capper and H. Morgan William**. (Number 3 EV 1670.) Price 75 cents.

Personally I would not hesitate to put this book into the hands of our young people today to guide them in the ways of courtship and marriage. This volume presents a truly sacred, wholesome, holy, and Christian approach to these privileges and responsibilities.

So many modern books on this vital subject deal with it only from the standpoint of avoiding the consequences of immoral conduct, or of refraining from violating the artificial standards of modern society; or they deal with it from a baldly physical approach. Here is something superior—a Christian classic on the subject, written by godly Christian physicians.

THE SANCTITY OF SEX

By **Frank A. Lawes**. (Number 3 EV 2421.) Price \$1.00.

If ever there was a time when a book like this should be made available to the young people, it is in this era of loose living, lowered standards, and bold immorality. The subject of sex is being widely treated in books and magazine articles these days. Some of these presentations are good and helpful, but most of them are positively bad and harmful.

"The Sanctity of Sex" is one of the most wholesome books I have found on this subject; probably the very best I have read, in brief compass. The author is frank and minces no necessary words—and yet he clothes the whole presentation with an atmosphere of sacredness that is missing in most books.

Actually a sense of the presence of God pervades this book. The author's treatment of "The Character, Commencement, Choice, and Confusions of Courtship" is invaluable.

CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE

By **William Childs Robinson**. (Number 3 EV 1244.) Price \$2.50.

The title is somewhat misleading, for the author does not limit himself to the presentation of this one typical phase of our Lord's person and ministry. The book is rather a broad presentation of Christ as Immanuel, Saviour, Lord, etc. both in His essential being and in His relationships to the Father and His people.

The author's references to sin in the people of God must be understood not from the individual standpoint of deliberate sinful acts but in the broader sense of their imperfection, infirmity, weakness, and unworthiness as expressed by Paul when he said, "... sinners, of whom I am chief." Undoubtedly this was the author's intent.

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J. H. JOWETT—Great Pulpit Masters, Vol. V

J. H. Jowett's Sermons. (Number 3 EV 1836.) Price \$2.25.

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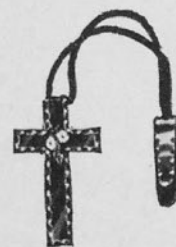
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THE BIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MURRAY McCHEYNE

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Much of this book is in diary form, so it is a bit difficult to absorb, but the reader who will stay with it will find a real stimulus to consecration. His soul will be enriched from the devotion of this noted Scotch preacher to his Lord.

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The book sets forth the plan of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, dominated by a foreign temporal sovereign, the Pope, to destroy the fundamental ideals of our democracy.

Walter Montano, editor of *The Converted Catholic*, warns American Protestants in the following language: "Communism itself has been instrumental in giving the Roman Catholic Church its biggest build-up in the history of this country. In Europe also the Vatican has made its postwar militant political Catholicism indispensable to the Allied Occupation forces in the war against Russia."

Most likely it is this political power of Romanism and its avowed opposition to Communism that influenced President Truman to ask for an American ambassador to the Vatican. Such an appointment would gravely endanger our Constitutional principle of the separation of Church and State.

COMMUNISM, DEMOCRACY, AND CATHOLIC POWER

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The writer of this book is eminently qualified to reveal the startling facts concerning the two ideologies that threaten our American democratic way of life—Communism and the Roman Catholic hierarchy. He was trained in theology, law, and journalism.

Both of these authoritarian systems, the one atheistic and the other supposedly Christian, seek to rule the human mind throughout the world. The true Christian must keep absolutely free and aloof from both, except as he may influence individuals in these systems for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every alert Christian worker should read this book and its forerunner, "American Freedom and Catholic Power."

The Glory of the Commonplace

IT CANNOT BE too often or too emphatically affirmed that Christian life has to do with spiritual vision and commonplace circumstances. Someone has said that it is kin both to the skies and to the streets. The loftiest flights of spiritual vision are meaningless unless they are translated into actualities of earthly service. It requires hands (that is, practical application in lowly service) to save vision from being merely visionary. On the other hand, the work of the hand is futile if it is not the result of a heavenly vision: if it is not carrying out a heaven-given pattern. It requires wings to impregnate the ordinary with the eternal. All of which means that the ideal Christian life must be expressed equally in the twin terms of wing and hand.

Yet very few of us maintain the proper balance. All too frequently we are satisfied to cultivate only one of these phases. Many of us are men and women of only one dimension—of the wing. We are always soaring. We seldom come down to earth. We consider ourselves too spiritual to be contaminated with secular duties or the commonplace things of life.

God does not reveal Himself to men in a continuous ministry of miracle. For the miracle would vanish by becoming the commonplace. If God carried us along by a constant supernatural afflatus, that would deliver us from exercise or effort; it would be inimical to man's truest development, by robbing him of the opportunity of acquiring moral strength and fibre. This is why our angel-ministers are but visitors and not permanent dwellers. This is why our moments of inspiration are moments and not hours or days. This is why every moment of transfiguration



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must have its valley where demons wait to be cast out. It would thwart God's whole purpose of soul and character training, if He did otherwise. When these moments are past, we must turn the message they have brought into obedience and translate their ministry to us into service to others.

"It is of little use to light our torches at the heavenly flame, unless we carry the light with our own hands into the dark places of human life and light its daily round of common task." For ordinary life is our common opportunity of glorifying God. While it is true that if all life were miracle, none of it would be miracle because the miraculous would become commonplace, it is also true that every life that is yielded to God is a constant miracle, since God is in all of that life's events, the commonplace as well as the sublime. For, when a commonplace thing is done in obedience to God's command and for His sake, it ceases to be commonplace and becomes impregnated with the miraculous.

The one who is always sighing for some extraordinary circumstances in which he may show his devotion or prove his consecration, while at the same time neglecting the God-given opportunity of serving in lowly commonplace ways, is failing signally. We need to recognize the glory of the commonplace. If we do not glorify God in the commonplace, we shall probably not glorify Him at all. In these days of sensationalism and showmanship in so-called spiritual things, we are in danger of developing a love for the spectacular, which by incapacitating us for the ordinary does great damage to Christian character. God had a reason for making life commonplace and humdrum. It is for its character-building value.

Our ordinary duties have, as a rule, so little glamor about them—they are so humdrum and call for so little heroism—that it is difficult for us to recognize them as opportunities for effective and fruitful service for Christ. They seem so often to be irksome burdens. They seem so often to conflict with our aspirations and with our inclinations, that we are inclined to think of them as actually a hindrance to our growth in grace and holiness. And yet they are God's own appointment for us, arranged with a view to our fullest, realization of life.

The more immature we are, the more we sigh for great opportunities. It is so much easier to think of doing big things than actually to accomplish small ones. It is so much more agreeable to imagine ourselves as successful leaders of large causes than to be willing to be hewers of wood and drawers of water.

May it be ours to earnestly seek to combine in our Christian character in proper balance the qualities of both the wing and the hand.—*Author Unknown*

A WORM WITH A BUILT-IN ALARM CLOCK

"In the vicinity of the Island of Fiji, there lives an annelid worm known as the palolo. This little denizen of the Pacific Ocean lives about six feet below the surface of the water, and attaches itself to the coral rock, never leaving this submarine home for the entire period of its existence, which is one year.

"Sharp on the stroke of midnight at the last quarter of the October moon, each year, it suddenly loosens itself from its hold on the rock, and with countless millions of its fellows, rises to the surface in order to engage in the act of reproducing a new palolo. This is accomplished by the process of budding or the appearance of slight protruberances from the outside of the body, the process taking from midnight to 8 o'clock in the morning, when the new individual is complete and sinks down to attach itself to the same old rock.

"The natives know when this event is to transpire, because the little annelid worm keeps astronomical time, and is never ahead of schedule. The fishermen are ready with their nets and a good catch of this edible sea-dweller is always assured.

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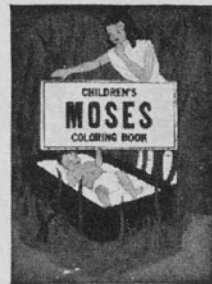
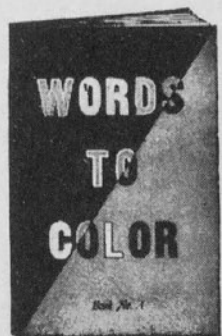
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Dorothy C. Haskin

"I THINK my dad could influence your husband for Christ, and I'd like to invite him to dinner—but I don't dare until after the election. You see, Dad forgets he is a Christian during presidential election year. If your husband did not agree with him politically, Dad would argue until he made your husband angry. Then he couldn't help him spiritually."

This is what Marion had to tell the anxious woman who was trying to find someone to take an interest in her husband's spiritual welfare. *It was election year; therefore her husband's salvation would have to wait!*

Politics do boil every four years, making a problem for the Christian citizen. The welfare of his country and his duty to the Lord often pull him two ways. Following the Christian principle, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," will lead one to the following rules:

Don't be violent about politics with unbelievers! They always confuse politics with religion. Jefferson Davis' mother-in-law did not believe one could be a gentleman and a Democrat, but she found Jefferson was. Also, it is possible to be a Christian and be either a Democrat or a Republican. But some people can't understand, so don't offend them.

Be temperate when you discuss politics with a young Christian so your example will show him the things important for a Christian to emphasize.

Be as enthusiastic as you wish when talking to those who believe politically as you do. Be a good citizen; plug for the man you are going to vote for until it interferes with your being a witness for Christ; then, give Christ the preference, for spiritual things must come first.

We also find in Christian circles the other extreme—the Christian who looks at you with a far-away expression in her eyes and murmurs, "I really don't know much about the election and I'm not very much interested. You know, my citizenship is in heaven."

True, but she is still a citizen here. As some people in the world have dual citizenship, so has the Christian. My friend, an American, married a Canadian. The United

States claims she is still a citizen, and the Canadian government claims her because of her marriage. She values her citizenship in both countries. Similarly the Christian should value both her heavenly citizenship and her earthly citizenship, and never fail in her duty to either of the two unless there is a conflict which forces her to make a choice.

There is an answer to this aloof attitude in the Bible. If you expect to be a good citizen in heaven, God says you will prove it by being that kind of citizen here. "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). If you consider your citizenship here the least, and it is, then be faithful to it and vote so that you may be worthy of citizenship in heaven.

When the Jewish people were in Babylon, Jeremiah gave them this message from the Lord—"Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive . . . for in the peace thereof ye shall have peace" (Jeremiah 29:7).

The citizenship of the Jews certainly was not in Babylon, it was in Judah. Yet they were to do all that they could for the welfare of Babylon, the country in which they were living temporarily. They were pilgrims and strangers, yet they were to be a civic blessing wherever they lived.

The same is expected of New Testament saints. The command is, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake" (1 Peter 2:14) and one of the duties of citizenship is to bear your responsibility toward the governing of your country by casting a ballot.

Then suppose the party you do not favor is elected! Shall the Christian grumble for four years, sniping and undermining the administration wherever possible? No, he is told to "Honor the King," or the ruler (1 Peter 2:17).

This was originally written about the despots on the throne of Rome. No Christian could admire them. Instead, most Christians feared them because they sought to put them to death. Yet they were told to honor them. So, greater than our chagrin at the "wrong man" being elected should be our adherence to the Biblical principle of loyalty toward

God, give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who are faithful, men who will not lie;
Men who will stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking,

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking!
For while the rabble with their thumbworn creeds,

Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.

—J. G. Holland

whomever is in authority.

We owe more than loyalty to those who are in authority. We should pray for them daily (1 Timothy 2:1). In fact, if we believe the wrong man was elected, we should pray for him more than ever—he *needs* our prayers!

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

GENTRY, ARK.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelists Gladys Sater of Galena, Kans. and Goldie Stockton of Joplin, Mo. One was saved and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. We set a new Sunday School attendance record.—Norman H. Wilburn, Pastor, Bethel Heights Assembly.

FARMERSVILLE, TEX.—We began a three-week meeting February 17 with Evangelist and Mrs. James R. Goodwin of Dallas, Tex. Sixteen were saved or reclaimed, 40 were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many were healed. Many made new consecrations and a number were refilled with the Holy Spirit.—F. Howard Yates, Pastor.

CHEHALIS, WASH.—For 21 glorious weeks we were marvelously blessed of the Lord in our new brick church by the ministries of Evangelists Gladys Norwood and Marie Carlquist of the Rocky Mountain District. Their ministry was outstanding and fruitful.—A. Knudson, Pastor, Beth-el Assembly of God.

GROOM, TEX.—We came to pastor this church in December, 1951. The Sunday School has increased to an average attendance of 25. Recently we had a meeting with Evangelist Glen H. Lester of Briscoe, Tex. Fifteen were saved and four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—M. L. King, Pastor.

CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.—On March 30 we closed a two-week meeting with W. A. Frazier, former pastor at Olivehurst, Calif. Several were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. We broke our Sunday School attendance record with 458 present. The average attendance for March was 296. Herman Taylor is the Sunday School superintendent.—H. J. Hays, Pastor.



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FLUSHING, N. Y.—Our church received much spiritual blessing and strengthening of faith during the meeting with Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. Some came to the Lord for salvation and a number received healing in their bodies.

One outstanding case of healing was that of a woman who was unable to use her arm. Some months previous she fell and her arm would not go back in the shoulder socket. The doctors said that she would never be able to use her arm again. After prayer she was instantly healed and was able to use her arm normally.—Charles R. Shuss, Pastor, Free Gospel Church.

CHELSEA, MASS.—We had a meeting (Feb. 10—Mar. 16) with Evangelist Richard Vinyard. The attendance was good in spite of the worst snow storm we have had in New England in 50 years. Many sought God for deliverance from sin and there are numerous testimonies of healing. Some were healed who the doctors said had only a short time to live.

Brother Vinyard held two Holy Ghost rallies. About 50 received the Baptism in the first and nearly 40 were filled with the Spirit in the second. The meetings were sponsored by two churches.—Levi L. Storms, Chairman (Pastor of First Pentecostal Church).

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The latter part of January we began a three-week meeting with Evangelists John and Olive Kellner of Geneva, N. Y. Our hearts were filled with rejoicing when 52 accepted Christ as their Saviour. People were healed in every service. One lady received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as we prayed for her healing.

A twelve-year-old girl had a growth about the size of a pea on her arm for three years. It had become sore and inflamed. In a few days after prayer the growth turned black and then dropped off.

The evangelist prayed for a lady who had suffered from arthritis for 20 years and who was unable to walk without the aid of crutches. One leg was drawn up preventing her foot from touching the floor. After prayer, the leg straightened out and her foot went down to the floor. Her crippled hands were loosened and the bones in her neck cracked allowing her to turn her head. She walked to the rear of the church without her crutches and each day she has been improving.

Many were healed while sitting in the congregation. The revival spirit is continuing and God is manifesting His healing power in our regular services. Many of the new converts are attending our church regularly, including the prayer meetings, and are earnestly seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.—John E. Brown, Pastor, South Buffalo Assembly.

FALLEN TIMBER, PA.—One day while engaged in earnest prayer the Lord impressed me to bring the gospel message to this small mining community which is about three miles from our church in Hollentown.

Last August Sister Weyandt and I and some of our people came here and held outdoor meetings. At first we thought no one else was listening, but soon faces appeared in cellar windows, attic windows, from behind trees, and around the corners of houses. Later we were invited into their homes. Since that time many have been marvelously saved and healed.

One woman whose right side had been paralyzed for two years was saved and healed and now attends our church. Another woman whose arm was useless because of arthritis now has use of her arm. A 65-year-old lady, whom the doctors could not help because of a complication of diseases, is healed and rejoicing in the Lord. Her husband and son used tobacco for many years, and the son was a habitual drunkard, but both men were delivered by the power of God.

We visited an old couple in their home. The man was about 80 and was longing for someone to tell him how to be saved. Both were saved the first time we visited them. About a month later the man died. Before he died he said, "Mother, don't worry, Jesus is calling me."

Hardly a week passes without someone getting saved. Over and over these people have testified that they are thankful someone came to tell them how to be saved.—David L. Weyandt, Pastor, Hollentown Assembly of God.

HIGHWAY CITY, CALIF.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelists Andy Martindale and Austin Baker. Some were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. The attendance was good. Souls are being saved in our regular services.—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor.

Near DARDANELLE, ARK.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bert Lacy Jr. of Fort Smith, Ark. Fifteen came to the altar and wept their way through to Calvary. The community was stirred. Sister Lacy conducted children's church each night.—Charles B. Like, Pastor, Carden Bottom Assembly.

MONTGOMERY CITY, MO.—We had a meeting with Evangelist L. V. Coons of Chariton, Iowa. Eight were saved or reclaimed, a number were refilled, and many new families were reached in this meeting. Brother Coons stimulated our people to greater prayer and fasting which has been a blessing to our church.—Maurice Burgund, Pastor.

ROCK SOUND, ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS—We had a good meeting (Mar. 13—23) with Evangelist Harry DeVries. The attendance was good. Many sought the Lord for salvation and a number were healed. On March 23 our hearts were thrilled to see 50 young people and children come to the altar to give their hearts to the Lord. The Sunday School record was broken with 138 present.—L. L. Grossnickle, Pastor.

DELHI, CALIF.—On March 9 we closed a meeting with Evangelist H. J. Ketner. A goodly number were saved and there were several outstanding healings. Eighteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with other tongues and glorify God. Thirty-five were baptized in water, and some received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as they came up out of the water.—B. H. and Mrs. Givens, Pastors.

GREGGTON, TEX.—We had a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Davis. Nineteen prayed through to salvation and are going on with the Lord. We broke all attendance records in Sunday School. We tore down the small building in which the assembly used to worship and have completed a new church on the same ground.—J. L. McKinley, Pastor, Oak Grove Assembly.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Mary Jane Parker conducted a Training Course using "Personal Workers' Course" as a textbook. The attendance was good and on the last Sunday 15 certificates were awarded. I believe this training has contributed to our recent growth. At present there are 89 enrolled and 78 in average attendance in Sunday School.—Morris S. Williams, Pastor.

NEWTON, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker of Fort Worth, Tex. were with us in a meeting. About 19 came to the altar for salvation. Sister Walker held children's church before the service with an average attendance of 40. The church was greatly benefited by this meeting.—R. C. Davis, Pastor, First Assembly.

LAUREL, MISS.—The three-week meeting with Evangelist Jonas E. Miller will be long remembered. A number were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, or healed. The last Sunday of the meeting all the Pentecostal churches cooperated in a city-wide Fellowship Meeting and Brother Miller spoke on "Spiritual Gifts."—Noland D. Lee, Pastor, First Assembly.

NORTHRIDGE, CALIF.—The Lord has blessed us in our pastorate here. We redecored the interior and exterior of the church and supervised the construction of a \$6,000 modern stucco parsonage and garage.

Every department of the church has enjoyed a steady growth. We introduced the 4—6 point grading system in the Sunday School and conducted three teachers' training classes. As a result, the attendance doubled and the last two years we received the Gold Crown award.

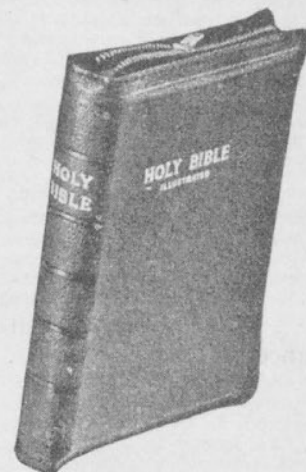
The WMC has done a wonderful work locally and for the Indian work in California. These ladies also sent hundreds of garments, food parcels, and visual aid materials to Germany, India, and Manila.

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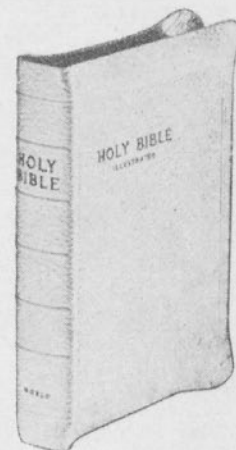
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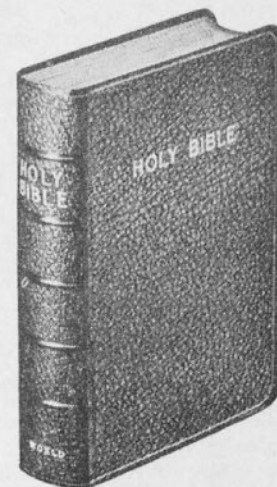
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16 And Mō'ses said unto Kō'rah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aār'on, to-morrow:
17 And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aār'on, each of you his
had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:
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CROFTON, KY.—The Lord answered prayer and sent us a wonderful revival. Around 20 have been saved, 14 have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 14 new members have come into the church.

Last fall the Sunday School began to grow and we reached a record attendance of 120. Our pastor moved so we could use the parsonage for Sunday School rooms until we are able to build. The C.A.'s are erecting a neon sign at the church. We are expecting greater things from God as we continue to labor for Him. (Winston McLenore is pastor.)—Mrs. Altalee Pyle, Church Secretary.

ANACONDA, MONT.—We are rejoicing over the blessing of the Lord on the work here. On Easter Sunday we broke the record with 154 in Sunday School. We are now in the Loyalty Campaign and we hope to hold our attendance.

We have just concluded a seven-night meeting with Evangelist Christian Hild. We had record-breaking crowds. Many came to the altar for salvation.

The young people recently began a radio broadcast over the local station, KANA. This program is being well received in the city.

The second Sunday of each month we conduct services at Warm Springs for patients in the mental hospital. We have an attendance between 200 and 300 at each service. The attendants and nurses speak very highly of our services, saying that they bring a lift to the patients.

Every other Sunday we have services at Galen, a hospital for tuberculous patients. We have opportunity to pray with many for salvation and healing. We thank God for opportunities to carry the gospel to all people.—R. R. Nichols, Pastor.

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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.

QUAKERTOWN, PA.—May 6—18; Evangelist Robert Wallace, Portland, Me.—by J. Wesley Clark, Pastor.

TULARE, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, May 6—; Evangelist Walter E. Larson, Modesto, Calif.—by Dan E. Flaming, Pastor.

KINGSTON, N. Y.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, May 11—; Evangelist L. C. Robie. (R. R. Vinson is Pastor.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Union meeting, May 26—June 23; Evangelist Jack Coe. (Sam Scott is Chairman.)

VERNON, TEX.—First Assembly of God, May 4—; Evangelist Clyde C. Goree.—by Robert Pruett, Pastor.

HERTFORD, N. C.—Assembly of God, May 15—; Evangelist William F. Voodre.—by Alvin W. Price, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, OKLA.—May 18—June 1; Workers' Training, N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla., instructor. (Kenneth Bird is Pastor.)

WEST MEMPHIS, ARK.—Sectional S. S. Convention, May 23; Raymond White, National S. S. Representative, speaking.

HOOPESTON, ILL.—Assembly of God, May 18—June 1; Evangelist Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill.—by Joe V. Shoults, Pastor.

PUEBLO, COLO.—Central Tabernacle, May —June 8; Evangelist and Mrs. Lee S. Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by C. F. Ferguson, Pastor.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT S. S. TOUR —May 13—22; Charles Denton, National S. S. Representative, speaking. (Goldie Runyon is District S. S. Director.)

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Southside Assembly, May 13—25; adult and children's revival. Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Willis Hirsch is Pastor.)

TORONTO, CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, May 14—June 1; Evangelists Ernest and Virginia Berquist. (H. R. Pannabecker is Pastor.)

HULETT, WYO.—Youth revival, May 4—; Evangelist Gaylord A. Kindschy, Denver, Colo.—by Joseph E. Overstreet, Pastor.

Near STRAFFORD, MO.—Potter Assembly of God, May 4—18; Evangelist Marvin Haley.—by Dorman Buttram, Pastor.

HARTFORD, KY.—Assembly of God, May 20—; Evangelist Marvin Robinson, Waxahachie, Tex.—by Kenneth H. Casper, Pastor.

GRAND RIVER, IOWA—May 4—18 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Howard E. Hannah.—by Orville Grace, Pastor.

TOLEDO, OHIO—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, May 6—25; McColl-Gerard Evangelistic Party. (W. J. Domm is Pastor.)

COALINGA, CALIF.—May 13—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif. (Paul Keeth is Pastor.)

WOLF POINT, MONT.—May 13—; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif. (Currell Muirhead is Pastor.)

MARINETTE, WIS.—Assembly of God, May 14—25; Evangelist W. L. Williams, Chicago, Ill.—by Walter P. Tyson, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Calvary Assembly of God, May 6—18; Evangelist Margel Spencer, Sanford, Me.—by Irving R. Johnson, Pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF.—Maple Chapel, 700 S. Adams, May 6—20; Evangelists Stanley and Ethel MacPherson. (Ray Schoch is Pastor.)

SALISBURY CENTER, N. Y.—Full Gospel Church, May 11—25; Evangelist Joseph DuBose, Nederland, Tex.—by Joseph A. Falcone, Pastor.

GRAN QUIVIRA, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, May 18, homecoming services. All former members and pastors invited.—by D. B. Chaney, Pastor.

MACON, GA.—First Assembly of God, May 13—27 or longer; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by C. M. Hicks, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Stone Church, 43rd Annual Missionary Convention, May 18—25; Marguerite Flint of India, Mr. and Mrs. David Kensing of Central America, E. L. Mason of Africa, and Hugh Jeter of Cuba, speakers.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

WACO, TEX.—Tent meeting, 18th and McKenzie, beginning May 11 and continuing through summer; sponsored by C. A.'s of 18th and Pine Assembly. Bob Willis, Texas District C. A. President, speaking first ten nights.—by Hardie G. Weathers, Pastor.

N.A.E. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

CHICAGO—The annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals held at the Congress Hotel here last month marked the tenth anniversary of the organization. The theme of the convention was "By My Spirit," and the addresses gave particular emphasis to the working of the Holy Spirit in every phase of Christian activity.

Bob Cook, President of Youth for Christ International, brought a mighty message on the need of a baptism in the Holy Spirit as an experience subsequent to the New Birth. Evangelist Billy Graham brought the closing message, challenging all the delegates to renewed consecration and devotion to the cause of evangelism.

Charles W. Denton, a National Representative in the Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God, spoke one afternoon on the subject, "The Holy Spirit and the Child," using the text, "The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls" (Zech 8:5). At the close of his address mimeographed outlines were distributed to all the delegates.

Paul S. Rees, pastor of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church in Minneapolis, was chosen to serve in the capacity of President of the N. A. E. I. Cedric Peterson, Conservative Baptist, was elected First Vice-President; and Paul P. Pettit, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Portland, Oreg., was elected Second Vice-President.

Rutherford L. Decker will continue to serve as Executive Secretary. He has been released from his church (Southern Baptist) in Kansas City to give full time to the work of the N. A. E.

Members of the Assemblies of God, the Church of God, the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and other Pentecostal bodies were chosen to serve on the Board of Administration and various Commissions.

The N. A. E. has taken a firm stand in defense of the evangelical position on major questions affecting the civic and spiritual life of all American citizens. It has raised a strong voice against anti-Protestant persecutions which have occurred in Spain, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, and other Latin countries.

Through its Washington office the N. A. E. also has engaged in the battle to secure religious liberty in Italy. In recent months there has been a campaign to close down the Assemblies of God churches in Italy and to outlaw all Pentecostal meetings in that land. The fight is on and prevailing prayer is needed for the success of these efforts to obtain religious liberty.

LOS ANGELES CHOSEN FOR NEXT PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION

CHICAGO—The Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America met here in April and laid plans for the 1952 convention. It will be held in Los Angeles, October 28 to 30.

The plans call for three night services and two days of fellowship meetings. The opening service will be a youth rally with a speaker yet to be chosen. A speaker from the Pentecostal Holiness Church and one from the Assemblies of God will be selected for the other two night services. Speakers from the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, the Church of God, the Church of God Mountain Assembly, the Open Bible Standard Churches, and the International Pentecostal Assemblies will be heard during the day meetings.

It is planned to have a grand communion service on Thursday afternoon, October 30.

The meeting in Los Angeles will be the fifth annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. Other conventions were held at Des Moines, Oklahoma City, Memphis, and Detroit. The decision was made in Memphis to seek for a suitable building for the 1952 convention, preferably in the city of Los Angeles. Pastor Rolph McPherson appeared before the Board of Administration at its recent meeting in Chicago and offered to turn over all the facilities of Angelus Temple for the three days of the convention, and his offer was accepted.

The choice of Los Angeles will bring to the West Coast members of the co-operating bodies an opportunity to enjoy this Pentecostal fellowship, and the leaders expect to see a great response from all Pentecostal groups. Local planning committees will be appointed and the full program of the convention will be announced in due time.

WITH CHRIST

E. E. (TED) SMITH, pastor at Marshalltown, Iowa, went to be with the Lord April 6, 1952, at the age of 31. Brother Smith was ordained in 1943. He was District C. A. President of Mississippi for some time.

THE BUSINESS OF COAT-MAKING

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trolled—this is what every parent greatly needs. Children are not easily deceived, whatever you may think to the contrary. Your daily living before them gives force to the precepts they hear from your lips. The putting forth of your hand in ministry to others, as well as your personal conduct before them on every line, is the first and greatest sermon their young hearts comprehend.

Moses' instructions need not be relegated to that ancient day. They can well be called the secret of a successful Christian home today. Fundamentally, people are the same for all time; and that which has brought success in the past will bring it again. There are varying conditions, individuals, periods of time; yet today, as in every age, Solomon's words are true, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

All who have worked with children coming from unwholesome atmosphere know the tremendous effort to overcome the first vitiating influences of a sinful home. As yet to that young heart there is no godly standard, no vantage point of approach to righteousness; and through the quagmire of early defilement there must be built some sort of causeway for appreciating and understanding the things of God. School teachers comment on their inability to teach a child to speak good English when the language of the home is careless and corrupt. So it runs through every phase of training. It takes years to undo the effect of those first early influences that touch the child in the home.

Ideal is the situation where Jesus is revealed in the father's daily life and in the mother's busy round! Where each parent is a partaker individually of His abundant grace, and where both undertake the "coat-making" task unitedly. It becomes the logical procedure in such a united front to put into practice the ancient command: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." It means giving the Word of God and prayer the proper place in the home life; but it has to come first in the hearts of the parents so the expressing thereof may come easily and naturally.

There are homes where religious exercise is stilted and strained. Children quickly recognize such a condition and recoil from it. An unspoiled child responds immediately to religious influence that is sincere and unaffected. "In our Christian living we are to be spiritually natural and naturally spiritual," said a godly minister many years ago. In no place is this more applicable than in the ordinary round of home living. How important, then, that each parent be Spirit-filled, continuing to live in the sweet buoyancy of God's moving!

What seasons of refreshing can be known while at some household task, surrounded by the children to whom God's Word can be made real, personal, and attractive in the midst of those very homely conditions. What life-long lessons can be imparted in the round of daily living, well backed by everyday happenings—always the best illustrations for vital truths. What gracious times can be known at the family altar with all taking part, from teen-age Jack down to baby Jane lisping her first prayers. Sitting, walking, lying down, rising up—always a place for God as the occasion may serve. Not a constant preaching at those dear boys and girls—just maintaining the atmosphere which will produce the fruit you desire in their young lives.

Then finally—"Thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." Here is the truth of God's Word marking the structure of the house—the framework of the establishment. To merely write it upon the building would mean little; the household itself should present to the world the embodiment of the truths believed within the family circle. It is required of a deacon, or any spiritual leader—and, we should be able to add, every Christian parent—that he be able to rule his own house well. Always a successful Christian home must be a well-disciplined institution.

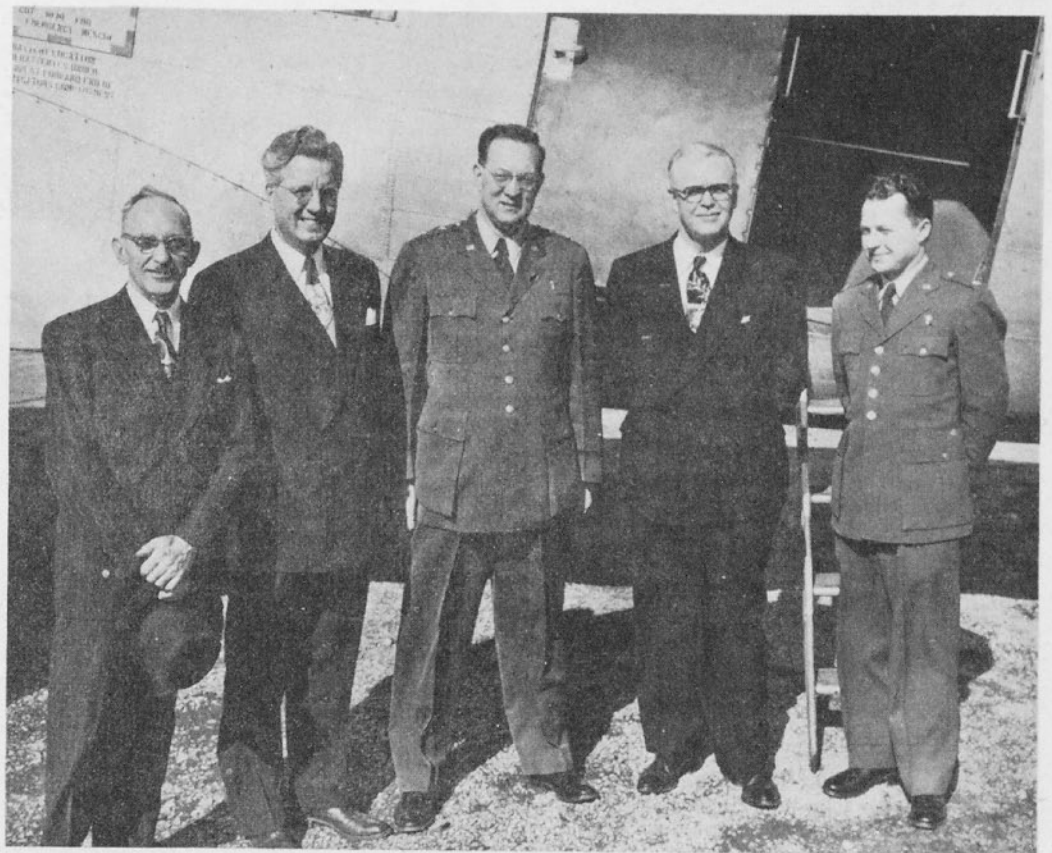
This is the duty of Christian parents, a task too often relegated to a pastor, Sunday School teacher or some other outside religious influence. "Thou shalt write"—heed it, dear father or mother. And for now, and every day to come, the only way the passing world can read the truth upon your portals is by your faithful building of it within the structure of your home. Such building never fails to bring its full reward to you, and to every one beneath your roof, as well as unknown multitudes whom their lives may reach in future years.

Christians are pleading for revival—and, please God, let it come first to our homes, where family altars have been neglected, where confidence between mothers and daughters is waning, where fathers and sons fail to meet life's problems together, and where plain, everyday holiness is lacking. No one can do more to help such revival than parents themselves, awake to all the glorious possibilities of their calling.

If George Fox could say, "Every Quaker should make himself felt for ten miles around," should we not say as much for our truly godly homes today? But do we? and why not?

"So long as there are homes to which men turn at close of day,
So long as there are homes where children are, where women stay,
If love and loyalty and faith be found across those sills,
A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills.

"So long as there are homes where lamps are lit, and prayers are raised;
So long as God is honored and His written Word is praised;
Although a people falter through the dark, and nations grope,
With God Himself back of these little homes we have sure hope."



CHIEF OF AIR FORCE CHAPLAINS VISITS CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Three distinguished guests from Washington, D. C. visited Central Bible Institute on March 19. They are shown above with two Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God just before their departure from Springfield. Left to right: J. R. Flower, General Secretary of the Assemblies of God; Bartlett Peterson, President of CBI; Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter (Major General), Chief of Chaplains, U. S., Air Force; Douglas G. Scott, Washington, D. C.; and Chaplain D. E. Russell (Major), advisor to the Chief of Chaplains. Brother Scott, Pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church (Assemblies of God) in Washington, is Chairman of the Commission on Government Chaplaincies for the National Association of Evangelicals.

General Carpenter addressed the student body at the regular morning chapel service, and then he met with a large group of students who are interested in the chaplaincy. He told the young men that the chaplaincy offers "a real field of service" to properly trained ministers. "You can reach a lot more men in the armed forces than you can reach in a pastorate," he said.

He explained that a chaplain's time is divided between worship services, moral and religious education, personal counseling, humanitarian work, cultural development, and public relations, but he emphasized that the chaplain is expected to put his spiritual work first.

The Air Force now has 960 chaplains, he said, but it needs 390 more. The educational qualifications are high. In addition to other requirements such as physical fitness and age, the applicant must have had four years (120 hours) of college and three years (90 hours) in a theological seminary. "We members of the chaplaincy take pride," he said, "in the fact that the chaplaincy is the best educated group in the Air Force."

Before leaving Springfield the visiting officials conferred with General Council and CBI officials. They made it clear that each chaplain must have the full endorsement of his denomination. The Assemblies of God now have six chaplains in the Air Force and ten in the Army. Any ministers who are interested in the chaplaincy should apply to J. R. Flower, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Brother Flower is Chairman of the Assemblies of God Committee on Chaplaincies. Air Force chaplains must sign up for two years.



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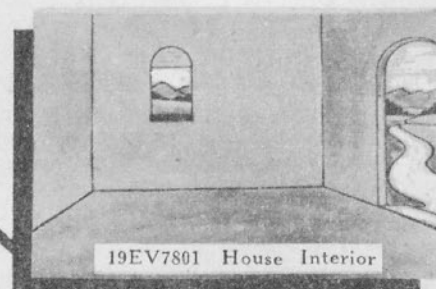
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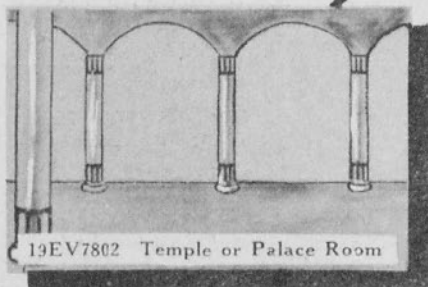
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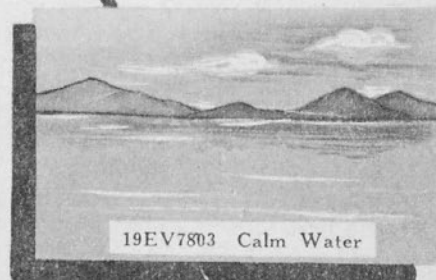
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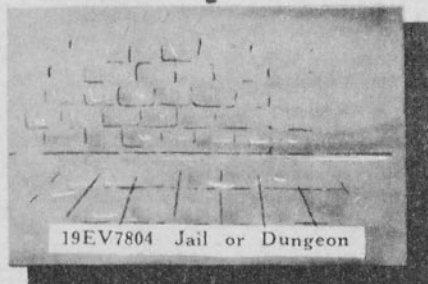
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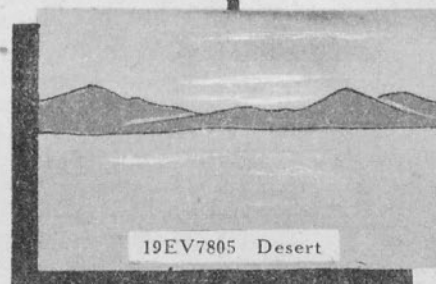


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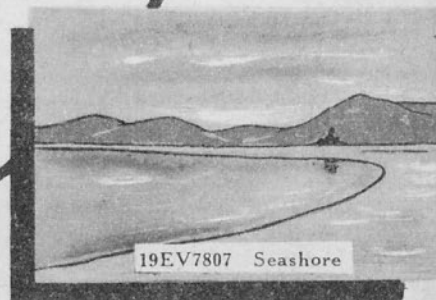


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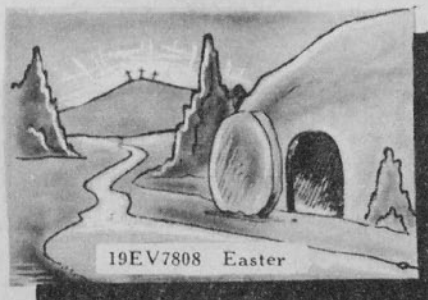


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