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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Church Membership Increased

Church membership, as revealed by the Yearbook of American Churches, totaled 88,673,005 persons in 252 religious bodies in 1951, compared with a total of 86,830,490 in 1950. Protestant church membership was equal to about 60% of all church members in 1951.

Churchmen Elected in Korea

The recent elections, that returned Syngman Rhee to office as President of the Republic of Korea, chose a retired Presbyterian minister, Tai-young Ham, as Vice-President. He succeeds Sungsoo Kim, a Presbyterian layman. President Rhee himself is a Methodist layman.

Balloons for Sovietland

The International Council of Christian Churches is determined to get gospel literature behind the Iron Curtain, despite the Reds' efforts to keep it out. They will send up small balloons on the borders of Red countries in Europe, and let the wind carry them into Communist territory. A waterproof envelope will be attached to each balloon, containing a portion of the Scriptures.

Sunday Schools Growing in Latin America

The enrollment of Sunday School pupils in South America increased 145% between 1936 and 1950, according to World Dominion. In the same period the increase in Central America and Mexico was 276%. In third place was Asia, with an increase of only 32%. The largest decrease in Sunday School enrollment was in Europe, with a loss of 13%. North America still claims more than half of the world's Sunday School pupils with 23,000,000 out of a world total of 37,000,000.

Pentecostal Evangelist in Algiers

Evangelical Press reports that Douglas Scott, an evangelist of the British Assemblies of God, is now in Algiers and he reports victories which are very remarkable for this Mohammedan-dominated country. Four gospel halls have been opened and a thousand persons are attending the eleven services each week. Miracles of divine healing are attracting much attention. It was Brother Scott whose ministry in praying for the sick played such an important part in pioneering the Pentecostal work in France.

Brother Scott intends to stay in North Africa until solid churches can be established along indigenous lines. In a recent letter he declared:

"There was a powerful North African Church in the first century. The evidences of this past glory are seen in the numerous Christian ruins along the coast of Tripoli to Agadir in Morocco. We have even seen ruins of baptistries left with steps going down and coming out of the pool. Our vision is to preach this Pentecostal message from one end of North Africa to the other, for this soil is stained with the blood of martyrs from the time of the Roman emperors' persecutions and from the Mohammedan invasion of the seventh century. We are looking to the Lord to give us men who can head this work.'

"Wine Discovery" Month

October has been designated by the wine industry as "Wine Discovery" Month and \$400,000 will be spent during the month to get consumers to "discover the pleasures of wine." Doublepage ads will appear in top national magazines, and large displays in 138 key newspapers. They will publicize the results of a recent survey made by the wine industry, which revealed that 47.6% of American families drink wine in their homes, an increase of 26.6% since 1938. They undoubtedly will omit any mention of the Bible's warning against wine, such as Proverbs 20:1, which says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Prayer-Counting Device Patented

Damon M. Doherty of St. Cloud, Minn., has invented a Rosary device to keep count of one's prayers. According to Alliance Weekly, Mr. Doherty said he was led to develop the device because he found it difficult to say the Rosary while working or driving his car when he would be interrupted and lose his place on the circle of beads.

"How does it work? Simple; as the user finishes each prayer, he pushes a plunger near the top of the recorder and a pointer on a revolving disc points to the next bead. The device has the full approval of Catholic officials, it was said."

The invention has eight patents on it. Evidently the inventor expects it to have a wide sale; but if people will read what Matthew 6:7 says about "vain repetitions" before they buy, they may decide to save their money.

Forgetful Churches

A chaplain recently interviewed 1,073 airmen and learned that 945 claimed a home church, but only 211 of them had received word of any kind from their churches. Three quarters of them had received no word from their churches since they entered the service. They supposed their churches had forgotten them. Let none of our assemblies forget to write to their servicemen. It is good to pray for them, but prayer alone is not enough. A letter, card, church bulletin, Sunday School paper, or other remembrance sent at regular intervals will cause a serviceman to feel that he is still a part of the church family and will encourage him to remain true to God while absent from home.

Search for Noah's Ark Fails

A French expedition battled its way to the summit of Mount Ararat last month, according to the Anatolia News Agency, but found not a trace of Noah's Ark. The expedition, led by Polar explorer Jean de Riquer, hoisted the French flag atop the rugged peak after climbing through snow, rain and heavy winds. It was accompanied by a Turkish army detachment.

Evidently the reports that Noah's big boat was still preserved in the ice and snow high up on the mount where it settled after the Flood, are not true, but this fact does not alter the truth of the Bible account of the Flood in the slightest degree. It is the doubter who asks for visible proof before he will believe God's Word. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Catholics Hear the Gospel

Roman Catholics in the city of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, walked out of the Rosary Service in their church on June 23 to listen to the preaching of the gospel, as a great one-month evangelistic campaign got under way on the island. Priests, forced to close the church for lack of a congregation, also turned out to hear the news of salvation.

Earlier in the day the evangelist, Walter M. Montano of Christ's Mission, New York City, was welcomed to Adjuntas by the mayor, who said:

"Although I am a Catholic, I admire the work of Protestant pastors, and the noble Christian life of your believers inspires me. I see such a high level of conduct in Protestant people that I do not find among my own people of the Catholic church. I extend this official welcome to our most distinguished visitor, Dr. Montano, with whose work I already am acquainted. The doors of this city are open to you."

The campaign was sponsored by all the Protestant churches of Puerto Rico, representing 200,000 members.

Digging Out the Old Wells

John W. Sullivan

at the Eastern District Camp Meeting, Green Lane, Pa.

And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. Genesis 26:18.

THE IMAGERY used by the Holy Spirit in bringing this lesson to us is such that we all can understand. We can live without soft drinks, beer, and kindred things, but we cannot live without water.

Throughout the sacred Scriptures water is frequently mentioned as a symbol of life. Jesus likened the Holy Spirit in us to "wells of water," "rivers of living water," etc. He had a wonderful way of teaching the mysteries of heavenly things. We don't need a Philadelphia lawyer to interpret His sayings. He put the cookies on the bottom shelf where the children can reach them!

Here in the twenty-sixth chapter of Genesis we read that the Philistines at Gerar had stopped up the wells after the death of Abraham. It appears that as long as Abraham lived, the wells were carefully watched and kept open and clean. Streams of crystal-pure, life-giving water flowed freely. But Isaac evidently was a bit careless. He left the wells unguarded while he sojourned hither and yon. Then when famine came he returned to Gerar and found his father's wells stopped up.

Isaac was of the second generation of the called-out ones. You and I, my friend, are of the second generation of this great Pentecostal Movement. There is a close similarity between Isaac and us. Our fathers dug some spiritual wells, and you and I ought to investigate to see whether those wells are still flowing.

Our beloved elder brother, Flem Van Meter, honors us with his presence tonight. He knew what it was to dig the wells in the first place and partake of the cool, clear waters of this Latter Rain downpour. Oh, my brother, as the flocks and herds of Isaac shriveled and shrank and died when the enemy stopped up the wells, so will our movement become

a rotten, putrefying mass of corruption without the continual flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our assemblies. There is no substitute for the Spirit, any more than for water.

This man Isaac was no shirking lazy-bones! He was a hustler and a go-getter. He sowed and reaped a hundredfold. His flocks and herds increased greatly! "He became great," say, the record. But while he labored so, diligently and so successfully, the Philistines became envious! The reason for his prosperity and greatness? Water! The enemy was no fool! He could see the secret, and while he saw he schemed and planned!

"Ah," says the enemy, "I will plug up those wells! That is where Isaac gets his strength. That is the foundation of his greatness. If I cannot prosper and thrive, I will see to it that Isaac loses out also!" Hey, Isaac! Isaac! The enemy is hanging around. He will be subtle and bold. Watch your wells!

Poor Isaac, so busy! Pressing here and pushing there! Too busy! Oh, my dear Pentecostal brethren, can't you see what I am driving at in my corn-field preaching? We are so busy today! We are buying, building, studying, planning, and growing careless about the wells. Watch your wells, brother. Our fathers



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found those streams of pure water when in the early days of this movement we were the envy of men! The world looked upon us with mingled jealousy and contempt, and said we were mad! They said it was a passing fancy which would fade away in the light of scientific knowledge! But, while they ridiculed, we drank! Oh, Hallelujah! We just drank and kept on growing. Brother, watch that well!

Let me call your attention to this one facet of truth! The thing that stopped the wells was not a spiritual substance, but earth. As it entered, the flow ebbed. More earth entered, and there was another decrease in the water's flow. Perhaps someone told Isaac what was happening. I can hear Isaac say, "I will have that fixed when I get a little time! I am so busy with these other matters just now." I thank my God that finally he saw the necessity of digging, and he dug!

You will recall that there were many of those wells of Abraham plugged up. Brother, the enemy will not stop with plugging one well. He will keep on and on until we are as dry as a powder house! In this day of spiritual drouth, when there is a "famine for hearing the Word of God," there is nothing on this earth that will draw men and women to God like the pure, holy, sparkling streams of living water flowing from our people and our assemblies! In the name of Jesus Christ, I call you to the high and holy task of digging wells! Not new ones, but the same old-time wells from which our fathers drank!

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Let me call your attention to the well of utter and absolute dependence on God! Upon what do we rely today? Where do we preachers get our messages? Where do our singers get their songs? Most of the Abrahams of this Pentecostal movement did not know but what homiletics was something to eat or wear, and hermeneutics was something to be shunned like poison ivy! They had to depend on God! They had no highly polished orations, but they

had a message that burned with holy Fire and seared the hearts of men and women until they were glad to cry to God for mercy! Their altars were lined with sinners and the slain of the Lord were many! Was it native eloquence? Was it "book larnin"? No, it was utter dependence on God!

They preached the glories of heaven until we literally "sat in heavenly places!" They preached the Baptism with and in the Holy Spirit until people would thirst and ache for it. God answered that thirst with streams of living water! They preached holiness of heart and life until the people shunned the "very appearance of evil" as they would shun the smallpox! They preached divine healing with such force and fervor, such intensity of faith, that countless miracles were done in the name of Jesus! They knew one thing, these blessed Abrahams: if any thing worth while was to be accomplished, God would have to do it! God did it!

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Then there is the well of the assurance of God's presence! That well left no room for doubt. God was there! They knew it, not only because it was a Bible promise, but because they felt it! The Spirit was bearing witness! They used to sing, "God said, Go and I'll go with you. God said, Preach and I'll preach with you!" They believed it and practiced the presence of God! No attempt was made to reason it out! God was there! He manifested His presence with them!

H. C. Morrison, that giant of Methodism, told about a seminarian who became a pastor. He arose on Easter morning to laud the teachings of Christ as a great man and a marvelous teacher. He said, however: "We have no indelible proof, scientifically, that Jesus actually arose from the dead. Our learned men have made mighty efforts to discover some tangible proof which we can offer the world as evidence, but their efforts are in vain. We do not know and cannot state with assurance that He actually arose from the dead."

One precious old brother, whose cup was full to overflowing, arose and in a hesitant, embarrassed sort of way said, "I do not like to take issue with my pastor, but I want to say that I know that He arose!"

The pastor said that was passing strange. A layman, uneducated at that, knew more than the great men of science and learning! "How, my brother, can

WHY PRAYERS MAY FAIL

"For years," said a brother recently, "I prayed for the conversion of an erring son, but all the time he seemed to go from bad to worse. During those years I had a bitter feeling in my heart toward a brother who I felt had grievously wronged me. I insisted upon reparation, which he refused to make. Feeling my cause was just, I held this against him, and would not overlook it. At last I realized that this thing was hindering prayer. I judged it before God, and freely forgave. Oh, the liberty as I then turned to God about my son. Soon I heard with joy of his conversion. Though far from home he was brought under the power of the gospel and led to Christ."

An unforgiving spirit explains why thousands of petitions go apparently un-

heeded

you make such a bold assertion?"

The old man shouted, "Why, for forty years we have wisked and talked together, and I know that He lives!" Oh, Hallelujah! The Asrahams of this movement knew some things, and so can we.

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Let me mention the well of praise to God. Spontaneous, ecstatic, Spirit-inspired praise is dear to God! The Abrahams literally believed the promise, "With joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation." Volumes of praise left their lips and hearts until the angels themselves must have had a new touch! They didn't need a cheer-leader to prime the pump, either. Neither did they have to sing the same chorus over and over again until the flesh was stirred.

They did not mope around with their lip stuck out far enough to roll out a biscuit on it! No hang-dog look about these Abrahams! Brother, hear me! It is as natural for Spirit-filled saints to praise their Lord as it is for a goose to go barefooted! How about that well tonight? Too many times and in too many places, we mope into church and mope out! Nervously glancing at the clock to see if it is twelve o'clock yet! Dry singing! Dry praying! Dry preaching! What is the remedy? Dig a well! Blast out with spiritual dynamite the fleshly and earthly substances the devil has put in the well until the gladsome, joyful Hallelujahs roll again! Who wants to visit a dry, dead, shriveled-up assem-

Then there is the well of Christian love and unity! Oh, how those Abrahams loved one another! Let one of them be sick and the rest got there as quickly as a jolt wagon or horse could bring them! No need to go to the relief headquarters or to a lodge for help. They helped one another. They agreed and they were in unity! Organization cannot produce unity among the brethren. There is only one way to have harmony in the camp and that is for every last one of us to be filled, led, and motivated by the Holy Ghost! He will never lead us at cross purposes! He simply cannot cause confusion among the saints! It is contrary to His holy nature to so do! If there is disagreement, lack of unity, little or no real fellowship, human selfishness and stubbornness is to blame. Let us ask God to blast out that well until brotherly love and unity are the order of the day in Pentecost!

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I have time to mention one more only, and that is the well of praying through until we know the will of God. Too many preachers are sitting on a nest of door knobs that never will hatch anything but more confusion and bitterness. But, there they sit! Like any other sitting hen, they see to it that if anyone else comes around they get a flogging! Feathers are ruffled and squawks are heard! They realize their work there is done, but they refuse to quit until they have another place lest they lose a week's salary! Oh, my precious brethren! Who called you to this divine and holy job of preaching the gospel? The same God who called you, and equipped you, will never let you down! If a week's salary is the end of your vision and the zenith of your aspirations, you had better get a job digging coal, or taking in washings, or working at a saw mill! Let us pray through until we know! Then, knowing, let us move!

May God help us to arm ourselves with the necessary tools. Picks, spades, shovels, and mattocks! Dynamite, powder and T.N.T! Dig and sweat and blast until one well after another begins sending up streams of holy water, and Pentecost once again becomes the envy of the world!

To submit to God's will is one thing: to rejoice in it another.

You will never stumble if you stay on your knees.

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How I Received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

J. Roswell Flower

It is very seldom that I feel free to tell the story of how I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I do not want to hinder others by influencing them to seek for an experience similar to mine. No two people are alike and God must deal with each one according to his own particular needs. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God, the promise of the Father, given freely for all. This gift is to be received by believers, whose hearts have been opened to the truth, and who have been made conscious of their need. Some find it easy to believe God and to yield to the Spirit's operations, while others find it difficult because of dulled spiritual sensibilities, or superactivity of the natural mind.

Recently, I have received a request for advice from a brother who has been seeking for many years. He has received much instruction, has tarried in many services, and still seems to be far from the realization of his desire. It is possible that my own experience may be of help to him and others like him, if not to those of different disposition, and so I feel led to break my silence and tell something of the Lord's dealings with me and of how I received this precious Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

In the spring of the year 1907 I was living with my parents in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. At that time I was contemplating the practice of law. My parents were godly people, and I had been raised to respect the Word of God. It was customary for the family to have daily devotions, but I had never yielded my own life to the Lord Jesus, nor experienced the New Birth. Many times had I been conscious of the wooing of the Spirit and knew the way of salvation just as thoroughly as though I had been saved, but my heart had not been turned toward the Lord.

About this time, there were certain groups of godly people in Indianapolis who were meeting together in prayer bands to intercede for a world-wide revival. They were not satisfied with their own spiritual state and were earnestly seeking God to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To one of these groups came a preacher, Glenn A. Cook by name, from the old Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, Calif., with the simple announcement that God was again pouring out of His Spirit and that believers

were being filled with the Holy Ghost just as the disciples were filled on the day of Pentecost, and that he, himself, had opened his heart to the Lord and had been a recipient of the Holy Spirit in Latter Rain measure (James 5:7), speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave him the utterance. Acts 2:4.

The good news was received by many of the more spiritual people of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and certain Holiness bodies; prayer meetings were begun and before long, wonderful scenes took place beggaring description. There were prostrations, strong crying unto God, weeping and manifestations of joy. Most notable of all, those who were filled with the Holy Ghost experienced physical manipulations of face and body, and the final exercise of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave utterance. Some of this speaking in tongues seemed to come gently, unaccompanied by any noteworthy manifestations save those of great joy. Other manifestations came with great power and ecstasy, as though a mighty avalanche of unseen power seized the seeker and filled him with rapturous glory. These manifestations only increased the hunger and anticipation of other seekers, who began to seek the Lord daily for His fullness. Some were prostrated under the power of God for hours at a time. Others had visions of heaven and of hell. Others were led by the Spirit through the agonies of Cal-



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vary. These experiences were so real that those receiving them would weep in an agony of spirit and then be lifted to the loftiest heights of exaltation. Invariably they came through with a tremendously increased conception of the value of the blood of Christ and the cross, resulting in a wholehearted and complete consecration to God.

My parents attended these meetings and were convinced from the beginning that God was visiting His people. They both became candidates for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The conversation in our home took a decided turn toward spiritual things, and the entire family was affected thereby. I did not pay much attention at the first, although I had no doubt of the reality of the things I was hearing. Then my own mother came home with the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. She gave every evidence of the great experience that had come into her life. She would weep with joy. She would spend much time with her Bible and in prayer. Both Father and Mother continued to attend the meetings each night. Finally I decided to drop in to see for myself.

One Sunday, early in April, after spending most of the afternoon in the country with a camera, I dropped into the back of the church to see what was going on. The afternoon meeting was about half over. There did not seem to be any set program. The people were getting to their feet, one by one, and testifying to their experiences. The air seemed to be surcharged with the spirit of joy and expectancy. Everyone was smiling and encouraging everyone else.

As the meeting continued, one man attempted to give a testimony when he was interrupted by the leader who asked him to wait for a moment, for he sensed the Lord wanted to do something. The man waited for a moment and then attempted to testify again. Once more the leader interrupted him. Then I became conscious of the sound of singing, first very low, then increasing in volume. One person after another arose, with hands upstretched and eyes closed, while the singing rose and fell in a wonderful chant, a song without words, or in a language that was unknown to me. I had never heard anything like it before, but the attitude of the worshipers was so reverential and the music so heavenly that I knew instinctively that I was wit-



Missionary to Hometown, U. S. A.

Not all the world's heathen live in mud huts, wear queer clothing, or practice primitive customs. Many of them drive new cars and eat hamburgers. You see them every day —for they live in your home town. Or did you notice?

Someone has said that the trouble with modern Christianity is that it is ringing church bells when it should be ringing door bells. Too often we sit complacently waiting for the lost to come to us when we should be obeying Christ's command to "go."

During the month of October YOU will have the opportunity to do something for the sinners, the unchurched, the unreached in your home town. You are not going to wait for them to come to you, but you are going to them; for this is the month when thousands of churches throughout America will be uniting in a great nation-wide Sunday School Enlargement Campaign sponsored by the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God. The purpose of this campaign is expressed in its theme, "TAKE CHRIST TO THE DOORWAYS OF AMERICA." The New Testament pattern of prayer, planning, and personal contact is bound to bring results. Materials prepared to help you include: special issue of the "Evangel," a complete Personal Worker's Kit, Sunday School tracts, record cards, booklets on visitation and follow-up, and various other promotional materials.

What will you get out of this campaign? Well, it may cost you something in time and physical strength, and perhaps there will be wear and tear on the family car. But that will all be forgotten in the spiritual thrill you will feel when new families are reached for Christ, souls are saved, and you find the joy of being a laborer with God.

If you would like a free sample packet of Enlargement Campaign materials, simply send your request to:

National Sunday School Department 434 West Pacific Street Springfield 1, Missouri nessing a manifestation of the Spirit of God, and I was moved to tears.

An altar call was given at the close of the service and seekers crowded around the front of the church to seek the Lord. Many of them stayed on their faces in prayer before the Lord all through the supper hour. Seeking the Lord seemed to be the primary order of the day, and all other things secondary. I was much impressed and expressed a desire to shake hands with the leader before leaving the church—much to the secret delight of my mother who had been praying earnestly for me, but wisely keeping silent lest she spoil the work of the Spirit in my life.

Then I began attending the services nightly. It was a real Holy Ghost revival such as I had often heard of but never before experienced. It gripped me irresistibly and I found myself being carried along with it, losing interest in everything else. One week passed by, when I became conscious that I must do something with Christ. There was no particular struggle. Others were going to the altar and so I went along with them. I bowed before the Lord and confessed my sin as I was instructed to do. The promises of God were read to me and I arose to my feet, testifying to my acceptance of Christ as my personal Saviour. I did not receive any particular evidence of my faith, but I believed as best I knew how, and in my heart settled it forever that I would serve the Lord.

I continued to attend the services nightly. They were growing in power and in attendance. After each service an altar call would be given and men, women, and children would crowd forward to wait in prayer before the Lord until a late hour. Often the early morning hours would find seekers still at the altar, such was the intensity of desire and hunger for God. Some of these were yielding to Christ for the first time, backsliders were being reclaimed, some were receiving wonderful experiences of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

In those days (1907) the old Holiness teaching of a second work of grace was much stressed, in these Pentecostal revivals. It was taught that a sinner must be converted, then sanctified as a second work of grace, and finally baptized with the Holy Spirit. He must receive these as three separate and distinct experiences. I did not fully understand it all, but under the urge of this preaching I went forward one night to be sanctified. The church was full and I thought there would be many others at the altar, but as it happened. I was the only one who went forward that night. Being somewhat of a retiring nature, I became quite self-conscious when I found I had the entire altar to myself, and was tempted to arise and flee. Then reason asserted itself and I resolved that since my motive was right, I would stay right there until the Lord did something for me.

The leader of the meeting knelt by my side, after the benediction was pronounced, and inquired about my spiritual state and my desires. I told him I had come to be sanctified. He read some scriptures to me and told me to believe God for sanctification just as I did when I came forward for salvation. Upon his assurance that this was the right thing to do, I laid all on the altar as best I knew

how, stepped out on the promises of God, and took Christ as my Sanctifier. I then arose and stood with the rest of the people. And then something happened! How, I cannot tell, but something dropped down into my soul and I was filled with ecstasy. I began to bubble over with divine joy. It seemed as though my very flesh was laughing within me. I was almost beside myself, but too timid to let it out, so decided to slip out of the church and go home as fast as I could. The joy continued all the way home. I believe that I ran the most of the way, two miles. I had such a wonderful emotion of joy that I was fairly beside myself. As I ran into the house, something fell off the sideboard in the dining room. Later, my mother told me I had jumped up and down, but I could not recall having jumped at all. Then I feared to retire for the night lest this wonderful feeling should be gone in the morning. Praise God, it was still there when I awoke, but it had undergone a change, now deepening into a great peace and assurance that I was a child of God, really saved through the blood of Jesus and born of the Spirit.

According to the theology of the Pentecostal Movement at that time, I had been sanctified. In its primary sense, sanctification is a dedication, and when one comes to a place of complete surrender to God and dedicates his entire being to Him, he receives a spiritual witness to his faith. Now I knew that I was ready to go on for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I must seek until "my" day of Pentecost be fully come.

This was the beginning of many wonderful things in my life. I had been ushered into a new realm. All the old life had dropped off. The use of tobacco had ceased with the first meeting I attended. There was now but one desire, to serve God acceptably and live only for him. The old friends deserted me but I was living in the heavenlies so completely that I was not conscious of what had happened until sometime later. For months, the revival continued. Night after night we were at the services, often until midnight and after. Several all-night prayer meetings were held, and on one occasion a small group of eager young people remained at the church for two days and three nights, in almost continual prayer. But I did not receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps my mind was taken up too much with the wonder of the experiences of others, or my faith was weak, or I was not sufficiently hungry for God. Perhaps I did not know how to yield to the operation of the Holy Spirit. Other young men and women all around me were pressing through and were being filled with the Holy Ghost, but I was still listed among the seekers. On the other hand, I had many evidences of the presence of the Lord in my life. I have distinct recollections of sitting at my desk in the office, looking up to the Lord in an attitude of praise and worship, and receiving spiritual blessing which would ripple over my body in delightful little thrills, or fill my soul with laughter and praise. I seemed to be in the realm of the Spirit's operations, and yet was not filled to the point where utterance was given in other tongues.

After about one year had passed, I remember a time when it seemed that I began to enter into a real spirit of "tarrying" before the

Lord. As I drew nigh to God, He seemed to shut me in with Himself. The communion became most precious. Each day I was conscious of being drawn more closely to Him and it seemed to me that at almost any moment I would receive my heart's desire.

Then a distraction came, which I was to regret for many a day. I was a member of the Y. M. C. A. The local organization had made a successful drive for a new building. It was the last word in Y. M. C. A. efficiency and we were all proud of it. When the day of opening arrived, I took delight in showing my friends through OUR new building. When the

festivities were over, I became conscious that I had been turned aside from my purpose, and that the precious, drawing, wooing of the Spirit had ceased. Evidently I had grieved the Spirit by permitting a distraction to swerve me from my inheritance. I still had the joy of the Lord in my soul, but the dew of heaven, that sweet, abiding, enticing Presence had ceased. I was distinctly conscious of the loss and of the great mistake I had made. I was to learn that even good things can turn us aside from God's best, if we permit them to. It was a dear lesson.

(To be continued)

They Tripled Their Sunday School

E. T. Quanabush, pastor of Bethany Pentecostal Church, Paterson, New Jersey, says that the secret to a growing Sunday School lies in being Pentecostal, and in working. The growth of this Sunday School in the past year and a half attests that Pastor Quanabush speaks from experience.

Bethany Church, which is affiliated with the Assemblies of God, will observe its fortieth anniversary in November of this year. One of the first Pentecostal churches established in the United States, it formerly was the home of Metropolitan Bible Institute.

When Brother Quanabush accepted the pastorate early in 1951, the Sunday School records showed an average attendance of 168 the previous year. With accommodations for over 2,000 in Sunday School, Pastor Quanabush felt his first responsibility was to begin building the attendance. Within four months, the Sunday School had set a new record of 583 in attendance, and at the end of fifteen months, another new record of 993, with an average of 532 in attendance.

Pastor Quanabush has some definite convictions about the way to build a Sunday School.

"First, and most important," he says, "round up all who hold places of leadership within the church, and advise them that it is their responsibility to attend Sunday School. No one should hold office in a church if he is unwilling to set a good example, and it is certainly a bad example to miss Sunday School. If you want to build a Sunday School, you may lose a few members. It is a price that Sunday School-minded pastors and superintendents have paid. You may have to sacrifice your popularity with some officers who are failing to discharge their responsibilities, but let them know you mean business.

"Second, get every member to come regularly. If you are successful in gaining the cooperation of all your officers, then you may expect to be successful in getting the members of the church to attend Sunday School. If you do not get the members interested, how can you persuade newcomers to be faithful?

"Third, put your officers and teachers to work. Two things are absolutely essential: the organization of a teachers' training class, and visitation of absentees and prospects. We have a weekly teachers' training class that is attended by the regular and assistant teachers and officers. New recruits are being trained in a special class in our regular Sunday School period. The more trained teachers you have, the higher your standards of teaching will become, and the more faithful and efficient your staff will be. One Sunday afternoon members of our staff and other volunteer workers visited 2,000 homes, leaving booklets, tracts, church announcements. We have learned from experience that we gain an average of only one visitor for every hundred calls, but we rejoice in this success.

"Fourth, you must appeal for volunteers to call for those who have promised to attend Sunday School but who have no means of transportation. Sometimes folks have asked: 'How could you persuade your church board to purchase three big busses?' The answer is simple: Get so many people to promise to come to Sunday School that each board member has to make two or three trips for them before Sunday School each Sunday. They

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"It will not be easy to put a program such as this into effect. Some of your workers will be fearful of going from door to door. Some will be more interested in listening to their favorite radio programs. You may have to do some preaching about the apostolic method of evangelism-from 'house to house.' You may have to remind your people that God did not give the Baptism in the Holy Spirit merely to establish a new sect, but to give the world an anointed ministry that would point men to

"To effect a program like this may take you months, or even years; but keep at it, and don't let down. It's Scriptural. When your workers do go out and visit and obtain promises of attendance, they will feel the joy of obedience. They will realize the purpose of the Baptism in the Spirit. They will know the joy of winning souls.

"I believe the secret of a successful Sunday School in a nutshell is: BE PENTE-COSTAL. Stress the importance of the Spirit-filled life. Encourage your people to be filled with the Spirit and to allow the Spirit to work through them. God has promised us the power to serve Him and to witness for Him; but if we see results in our Sunday School, we must work!"



As Superintendent of the Sunday School, David P. Cook (left) is a "key man" at Bethany Pentecostal Church in Paterson, N. J. Here he is receiving a set of keys from the pastor, E. T. Quanabush.

This Assemblies of God Sunday School has tripled its average attendance in fifteen months, and house-to-house visitation has played an important part in its success. "We gain an average of one visitor for every hundred calls," Brother Quanabush says.

Next month the workers in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools across the nation will engage in a great simultaneous visitation program as the 1952 Enlargement Campaign gets under way.

Some Words in Jesus' Name

L. Virginia Carpenter, Cuba

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

Though many knocks are heard here every day, the one we were hearing was different. Upon opening the door we were asked, "Is this the house where a man named Jesus lives? I have come to say some words in His name."

There followed the testimony of the caller, a crude, bearded man from the mountain country. Evangelio Lafita was his name. He was born and reared some distance from where we now have a chapel. He had never darkened the door of the chapel nor of any other church; however, his children had attended our Sunday School and had carried the Sunday School papers and memory verses back to the home.

As the man talked we stood in wonder. This was what he told, and it was with a glow in his eyes:

"For nearly two months I have been a very sick man. Until night before last I had been unable to move for more than a week. I am the father of eleven children. My wife has had poor health for several years.

"Just two nights ago my wife became quite ill. I was unable to get to her to do anything for her. She grew worse. I did not have even a nickel so a doctor could not be called. I remembered then the Jesus I had read about to my children from their Sunday School papers, and began to cry to Him, 'O Lord, if there is a Christ, give me strength and lift me from this bed so that I can care for my wife. Heal me and I will give You my life.'

"Immediately strength came into my body and I sat up. Then I was able to get up. I walked through the house praising God.

grew worse. Finally about 11:30 I saw her eyes roll back in death. I could find no pulse. Her breathing had stopped. I felt that her spirit was gone.

"I threw myself down beside her bed and stretched my arms across her body. I opened my shirt before God and said, 'O Jesus Christ, you know that I love my wife more than anything in this world. I need her to rear my children. Take my heart, take my life, take my soul but save my wife. All the love I have for my wife I give to You, to serve

"Very shortly the warmth began to come to her body and she opened her eyes saying, as if from a vision, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and He will save and heal you.' She became stronger and soon was able to eat a little. She is improving.

"How I thank God for what He did for me that night! For more than forty years I have found that when a man is down the world only steps upon him. It was Jesus Christ who came to me in the middle of the night when there was no other help.

"I have been wicked. I drank. I gambled in the cock fights, and I smoked. Everyone around this country knows what a very wicked man I have been, but Jesus Christ has taken it all away. I feel that I can pray for the sick and see them healed. I want to tell everyone that Jesus Christ saves from sin and heals sick bodies."

He ended his testimony with a gesture with his hand, "Jesus Christ can do anything!"

The following Friday night, long before church time, Evangelio Lafita was in a church

"I tried to help my wife, but she only

building for the first time in his life. He came to the little chapel where his children have been attending Sunday School. When he stood to give his testimony we realized that he had been with God. There was strength in his His entire community has been stirred by

the change in him, since his former life was so well known.

Note: In a letter accompanying the foregoing account, Miss Carpenter says, "God is doing so many wonderful things for us here. Even out in the mountains and among the most primitive of all the people of the Baracoa area, there seems to be a general spirit of revival and a hunger for God which can be explained only as the work of the Holy Spirit, since there is no one in those places to preach the Word to the people. We would appreciate your prayers that God's presence will continue to be felt here."

Richard L. Johnston, Japan WE HAVE BEEN in Kobe at the God's Love Children's Home, opened by Florence M. Byers early in 1950, a little more than a month now. Already the fifteen children have won a place in our hearts.

Enjoying Work in Kobe

All of the children in the Home are true orphans. Some had been castaways. Others had been given temporary homes.

Only last month four-year-old Shin-chan was taken into the Home. His mother and father had died and he was left without a home. When taken in he was dirty and dejected, but after a good bath and clean clothes and contact with the other children there was a noticable change in him. Each evening the orphanage family gather to sing hymns, testify and pray. At first Shin-chan would stare at the rest when they prayed and sang, but now he sings with all his might and it would do your hearts good to hear him pray.

A young woman who has just started working in our home recently was saved in another church here in Kobe. When she told her family, who are Buddists, of the Christ who had come into her heart, they told her that she must leave home. Little did members of the family realize that Christ could mean more to her than they did. They thought that they could cause her to change her mind, but the young woman went to stay in the home of the pastor of the church where she was saved. She was there a short time.

Since coming to our home the young woman's twenty-six-year-old brother has been at the point of death. He has cancer. Physicians have given him only a short time to live. Knowing that Buddha could not help him, the brother sent for his sister to pray to her God.

A number of us accompanied the sister to the hospital to see the sick man. He was receptive to the Word. Since prayer has been offered for him, his temperature has returned almost to normal. He is feeling better; however, he still is in pain. Please pray with us that healing will be completed in his body and that all of his family will be brought to Christ.



PENTECOSTAL BELIEVERS AT CATANIA, SICILY

Some of the believers of the Pentecostal work in Catania, Sicily. The church has experienced a moving of the Spirit in recent months, some 200 persons receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in only a short period. There is still a great need for evangelization in the city. The picture provides a good view of the interior of the church building. Assemblies in America have contributed largely toward the purchase of the building to house the congregation. (The photograph was furnished by Joseph Giusti who was engaged in missionary work in Catania for a while.)

MISSIONS ABROAD

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Henry B. Garlock, Field Secretary for Africa, arrived in Springfield last month and is now back in his office in the Foreign Missions Department. Mr. and Mrs. Garlock are living at 2132 North Missouri Avenue.

The home address of Miss Margaret E. Carlow, who has been stationed at Sendai City, Japan, is % Ruth Carlow, Box 1035, Caldwell, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen F. Emberson, who are engaged in missionary work at Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii, write that they feel in the perfect will of God serving the Lord in their section of the Island. Japanese and Filipinos are the largest racial groups with which they have to work. They are starting Japanese services. The Embersons returned to Hawaii early this year.

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The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Edwards, who in the July 27 issue of the Evangel requested used Junior flannelgraph materials dated from January, 1952 for our Tamil work in South India, is: Shencottah, Travancore, India. Packages with the materials requested should be labeled, "Used Educational Material. No value." Kindly place date of lesson on any material furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewie E. Spencer, missionaries to Costa Rica, arrived in the United States the latter part of July for furlough.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Johnson, formerly of the Gold Coast field, have accepted the pastorate at Ashland, Oregon. Their address will be 526 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jackson, missionaries to Chile, have a daughter, Carol Ann. She was born on July 22.

Henry C. Ball, Field Secretary for the Latin American field, left Springfield August 9 for a two-week visit to Venezuela. He was to attend the Venezuelan District Conference and the Caribbean Conference before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Osgood are expected to arrive in the States within the next few weeks. They have been on the field for nearly two years. Brother Osgood is Field Secretary for the Far East.

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Duty rates have increased during this past year on so many things going into Venezuela that missionaries in that country are having to pay enormous prices to receive packages sent to them. For that reason it is advised that those contemplating sending packages to missionaries in Venezuela first check with the missionaries to determine whether it is practical to send the articles.



JULY CONFERENCE AT TOMOHON, SULAWESI, INDONESIA

Missionaries and national workers of Indonesia in attendance at a conference at Tomohon, Sulawesi, Indonesia, in July. Howard C. Osgood, Field Secretary for the Far East, and Mrs. Osgood were present, arriving eight days before the business sessions to help with the dedication of three new church buildings and with a three-day convention. Missionaries and national workers of Ambon were brought to the conference aboard the M. V. Evangel, which also had brought the Osgoods. Missionaries from Djakarta arrived by plane. In the election of officers, John C. Tinsman was named chairman of the Assemblies of God of Indonesia, and Harold R. Carlblom was elected vice-chairman. Leonard E. Lanphear was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

FORMOSAN YOUTH HUNGRY FOR TRUTH

Garland E. Banintendi, Formosa

WE ARE GIVING one week each month to evangelistic meetings in Taipeh and have just concluded our first series of services. Seventy-three came forward for salvation. All but six of the converts were young people between the late teens and thirty-five years of age. The Formosan youth are hungry for the truth whereas the older folk are steeped in heathen worship. God is working in the hearts of the Formosan young people, but thousands still throng the streets unevangelized.

Our little mission is bulging with people but we are going to continue to evangelize and look to the Lord to solve the building situation. We have all of our evangelistic services on the street in front of the mission, and use the mission for the altar services.

Our church folk here in Taipeh met for prayer each night for one week before our evangelistic meetings. The Christians are zealous workers, and quite dependable. They have the street services well organized. Benches are moved out and put in order, electric lights are strung, the platform arranged and the organ and loud-speakers put in place. By service time the folk are all at their posts. We thank God for them and their zeal.

An old man recently came to our altar. He later told us that while out walking late one evening he lost his way. Eventually he saw a light and started toward it, but the

light did not stay in the same place. In his confusion he stumbled and fell. A voice spoke to him then, saying, "I will not choose a man of wealth or high position but one whose heart is right." When he put out his hand to get up, his hand fell on a crucifix. He had been near a country cemetery so perhaps that accounts for the emblem. He showed it to us and we explained to him that though Christ had died for our sins on the cross, He had risen from the tomb and had ascended to heaven. The old man went on to tell us, with a light in his eyes, that he had been a very sick man and had had no relief from his sickness until the Lord spoke to him in the dark. He evidently was healed at the time.

There is a thickly populated section of the city, known as Bang Ka, that we feel the Lord would have us enter with the gospel. It has a large Buddhist temple. The people worship there, but they do not oppose the gospel. Large crowds will gather for street meetings. We do not have sufficient funds to open a work. It will mean renting a building and supplying benches, a platform and songbooks. We would appreciate help in the endeavor. If God lays it upon your heart to contribute toward the opening of this new work, you can rest assured that Formosa is a worthy field for your investment. Contributions should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "Church Building, Taipeh, Formosa."

Note: Since the above information was furnished, Evangelist Mark Buntain and Robert Taitinger have been in Formosa on their way to Japan. The evangelistic services begun by Garland E. Benintendi were continued with their help, and 163 persons were at the altar for salvation.



NEHEMIAH OVERCOMES OBSTACLES

Lesson for September 14

Nehemiah 4:12-23

Opposition arose as soon as it was known that the Jews planned to rebuild the walls of the city. "But when Sanballat . . . and Tobiah . . . and Geshem heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?" Neh. 2:19, 20. What a mixture of scorn. First, there was the laughter of derision, as much as to say, "Crazy Jews, they think they can restore the walls of Jerusalem as they used to be." Second, there was insinuation. Were they planning to rebel against the government of Persia?

Where people undertake to do things for God, the enemy will always be there. While he scorns their effort, he also concocts lies and starts rumors of falsehood. As an illustration, such falsehoods were put out concerning a certain group of devout Christian people that the populace was made to believe their way of worship was hideous. Finally a young person ventured into one of their meetings, waited for the altar service, then left disappointed because none of the wild things that were being reported took place. There will always be enemies to that which God is doing.

1. The Enemy Conspires

In chapter three is given an account of the people who built the walls. Each had his place at which he labored. As long as the wall was in ruins there was no persecution. As long as the Church lies in cold formality the world is not bothered about it. It is when earnest souls set themselves to build the walls of spiritual grace and blessing that have been lying in ruins, that the roar of indignation begins. There was taunting laughter when the purpose of Nehemiah was made known. Now that the walls were going up, taunting laughter gave place to solid wrath and great indignation (ch. 4:1).

Not knowing how better to show their displeasure and contempt, Sanballat "spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, What do these feeble Jews?" Notice that he spoke before "his brethren and the army of Samaria." He had with him forces with which he might have destroyed the Jews were it not that Nehemiah had authority from the king of Persia, to which Sanballat and his confederates were subject. It was well that Nehemiah had papers showing his backing.

Tobiah the Ammonite retorted, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." Empty words. Tobiah knew he was lying. But

we who are Christians have heard such words. Soon after I received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit a minister whom I had known prophesied that the experience was of no lasting character, that in a few months it would be evaporated, leaving me disillusioned. Others have had similar reproaches thrust at them. Sometimes such words are spoken in ignorance; more often they have back of them an unwillingness to yield to the will of God. Stirred with envy, opponents would rather dismiss the matter lightly than to humble themselves that they might enjoy the blessing of the Lord

When disdainful laughter and false accusation could not keep the walls from going up, "then conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it" (v. 8). The enemy is getting madder and madder, but the walls are going up. Hallelujah!

2. The Builders Watch and Pray

Beginning at verse 4, we are introduced to the praying of the people against their enemies. The farther they get with erection of the walls, the more bitter the opposition becomes. When Nehemiah recounts the conflict he says they "conspired all of them together to come to fight. . . . Nevertheless we made our prayer unto God, and set a watch against them day and night" (vv. 8, 9). This is one phase of "watch and pray." We need to pray for God's help and protection; we need also to watch lest the enemy overtake us unawares.

The builders became weary. This is understandable. "The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish: so that we are not able to build the wall." We have known what it was to be

physically exhausted; we have known also what spiritual exhaustion is. Often the two go together. Some of God's people have struggled both physically and spiritually in an endeavor to see the work advance, only to become exhausted and discouraged.

Add to this the reports that kept coming from every side—"From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you" (v. 12). Verses 11 and 12 are expressions of despair from a weary, worn-out people.

3. The Enemy is Thwarted

When the gloomy reports came to Nehemiah, they were enough to crush the spirit out of him, but vialiantly he met the discouragements. He must have felt very sure that he was in the will of God. It appeared that the Jews might have to fight to retain their existence. Nehemiah prepared them for this. He so arranged the workmen that

they might on a moment's notice gather to any part of the wall where the enemies might attack. As they labored "some stood guard" and all had swords by their sides. They even slept in their working garments, changing them only for washing. Working on, though weary to the point of exhaustion, their nerves taut, not knowing what moment they might be pounced upon, they erected the walls. They succeeded. It was a heroic struggle.

Fellow Christians, what does this lesson mean to us? Does it not mean that we should renew our life of prayer, place all our confidence in God, and labor for renewal of spiritual life and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God? We fear that too many are content to leave the spiritual walls fallen down. It is easier to live on a natural plane than on the plane of the Spirit. Our enemies, Satan and his emissaries, like nothing better than for us to be content with things as they are. We will find the enemy rising as we earnestly labor to build the walls and to get a restoration of the anointing of the Spirit upon our lives, upon our assemblies, and upon our ministry. But as we pray and labor the walls will go up. Revival will come.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

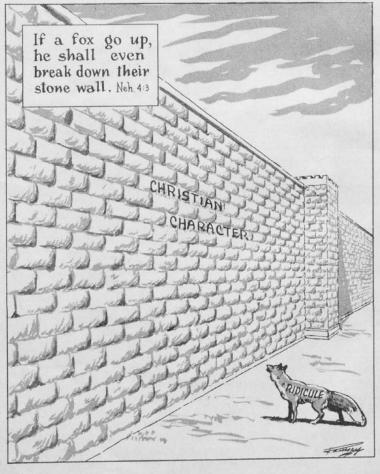
Nehemiah's Patriotism (lesson for Sunday, September 7). Lesson text: Nehemiah 2:1-9.

The heights by great men reached and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night.

-Longfellow

Forty is the old age of youth. Fifty is the youth of old age.—Hugo.

DON'T BELIEVE IT!



HEALED

If God has healed you recently, will you not write out your testimony and let us publish it so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch? Make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

RUPTURED STOMACH AND INTERNAL DISORDERS

For ten years I had a ruptured stomach and internal disorders. Two doctors told me that an operation would not be successful, which was a polite way of saying, "We cannot help you." I was very nervous, and many times I would have to go for a walk to get peace. When I washed, it was all I could do to prepare supper that night. For two days afterward I could hardly walk or get around. My mother and sister did a lot of my work.

It was impossible for me to go without a support on my stomach. I also had a terrific headache three weeks out of four.

Evangelist Warren Litzman conducted a meeting in March, 1951, at the First Assembly in Shreveport, La. I was healed while standing in the healing line believing and praising God for the deliverance of others. Now I have no headaches, and I do not have to wear a support. I can wash, clean house, mop, cook, work in the yard or garden, all in the same day, and yet not be too tired.—Mrs. B. W. Dollar, 3009 Standard Oil Rd., Shreveport, La.

(Endorsed by Pastor S. A. Rice, Shreveport, La.)

ANEMIA

Our daughter was anemic from birth, and was always sickly and under the doctor's care for the first six years of her life. She had to have liver injections regularly every week.

When she was four years old we decided to drop the injections for a while to see how she reacted. One morning she went into convulsions, so we had to resume her weekly injections. For the next two years her blood count never reached higher than 70.

When she was six we again left off the injections and medicines for four weeks. The result was that her blood count dropped from 70 to a very dangerous point between 30 and 40.

I have given these facts to show Elaine's true condition until the time she was completely healed through prayer

pletely healed through prayer.

In November, 1947, Evangelist Clifton Erickson held a meeting at the Lakeside Assembly in Milwaukee, Wis. We did not belong to the Assembly of God church, and we had a skeptical attitude toward healing by prayer.

However, a friend of ours persuaded us to take Elaine to these meetings. When they prayed for her, God filled our hearts with faith and trust—a faith that lays hold of God's promise in simplicity. We did not give Elaine any medicine or take her back to the doctor for four weeks. Then we took her back for a check-up. After the examination the doctor said, "This is almost unbelievable,

but I have wonderful news for you. Her blood count is up where it should be. It is 90 now." What a contrast from just three or four months earlier, when it dropped to between 30 and 40.

Elaine's blood is normal and she has never needed any kind of shots or medicine since. The doctor still marvels at her health. We know it was not the doctor or medicine that helped her; it was the power of God that flowed into her body in answer to believing prayer.—Mrs. Andor Storvik, 2738 N. Downer Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

(Endorsed by Pastor David M. Carlson, Milwaukee, Wis.)

CANCER OF THE STOMACH

I had an operation for cancer in 1949, after which the doctors gave me only five years to live. I was not able to do my house work, nor could I take care of our six children.

During a revival in May, 1950, a night was set aside on which prayer would be offered for the sick. I went in the healing line and God instantly healed me of this cancerous condition. Now I do all my house work, including washing and ironing, and also gardening and canning. It has been two years since the Lord healed me. Praise His holy name.—Mrs. Essie Samples, P. O. Box 598, Sunray, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. F. McClesky, Sunray Tex.)

CHRONIC PAIN IN SIDE

Periodically, since childhood, the pains in my right side would double me up for days until I could not walk. One night I lay sleepless with pain. I asked God to make the pain go away until I could get enough money for an operation. The pain left and I went to sleep.

The next week I attended a meeting conducted by Evangelist C. M. Patterson. He called me out of the congregation to pray for me. As I arose from my seat I had no fear or doubt. I was not merely trying to believe. I just knew God would heal me and I was going to let Him do it.

The healing power of God hit me like a bolt of lightning. It whirled around through my head and throat, healing me of headaches and bad tonsils; then God's power went down into my right side bringing complete healing.—Mrs. Virgie Megears, 413 East "B" St., Rt. 2, Russellville, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. B. Lindsey, Russell-ville, Ark.)

STOMACH ULCERS

I was confined to my bed with stomach ulcers, and I did not know if I would ever get out again. I had had an operation and two-thirds of my stomach had been removed. Knowing there was no chance for my recovery, I planned to commit suicide while still in the hospital, but the prayers of my wife and friends kept me from it.

One day Brother Strauser came to see me. He asked me if I believed that God could heal and could answer our prayer. I told him I did. He prayed for me and the Lord touched my body. In a short period of time I saw a change for the better, and it was not long until I was able to be up and walk around the room, and later to be out and about. I am able to eat any kind of food I desire without any ill effect. I firmly believe it is only be-

cause of prayer that I am alive today.— Charles F. Powell, 773 Madison St., Coatesville, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. E. Strauser, Coatesville, Pa.)

EDITORIALLY

NUMBER 2000

Each week a serial number appears on the cover page of the EVANGEL. This week it is Number 2000, signifying that 2000 weekly issues of the EVANGEL have been published.

This issue therefore marks an important milepost in the history of Pentecostal publications. As far as we know, there is no other Pentecostal magazine in existence today which has such a long record of continuous publication as our EVANGEL.

The EVANGEL had its beginning in July, 1913, when J. Roswell Flower began publication of a weekly paper called "The Christian Evangel" in Plainfield, Indiana, a suburb of Indianapolis. The circulation ran between 1500 and 2000.

"The Christian Evangel" was the first Pentecostal weekly ever to be published. When the General Council of the Assemblies of God was formed at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in April, 1914, it was "The Christian Evangel" that first published the news of the event. Brother Flower, the editor, was present at Hot Springs. He mailed the Preamble to the Constitution directly to the printers in Indiana, and they rushed it through so that copies of the EVANGEL containing the Preamble were distributed at Hot Springs while the convention was still going on.

The General Council established the Gospel Publishing House at Findlay, Ohio, in June 1914, and took over the publication of "The Christian Evangel." E. N. Bell was Chairman of the General Council, and J. R. Flower was Secretary. Accordingly, Brother Bell was named Managing Editor and Brother Flower was his assistant. The paper was published every week except the week of General Council, which was an annual event in those days, and Christmas week. It contained four large pages and the subscription rate was \$1.00 a year. Later it was changed to eight smaller pages.

When the Gospel Publishing House moved to St. Louis, Missouri, the name of the paper was changed to "The Weekly Evangel," and the size was increased from eight pages to sixteen.

In June, 1918, the Gospel Publishing House moved to Springfield, Missouri, and the name was changed back to "The Christian Evangel." The following year the name was changed to THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL and the paper has carried that name ever since. For the past many years it has been published 52 times a year.

To our bountiful Father in heaven we return thanks for fullness of grace and abundance of mercy which has enabled His children to publish two thousand issues of this weekly magazine. We earnestly solicit the prayers of every reader for divine help and guidance to be given to each member of our editorial and publication staff, and to each writer who contributes to these pages.

Our only desire is to glorify our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to extend His kingdom. To this end we shall continue to declare the whole counsel of God and tell of His wonderful works in the earth.

God grant that each reader may receive a double portion of blessing from the magazine, and that its present circulation of 150,000 may be doubled very soon.

MARY, THE VIRGIN MOTHER

Harold J. Ockenga has written an excellent treatise entitled, "Mary, the Virgin Mother of Jesus," which is now available in booklet form.

The friendly, reasonable manner in which the Bible facts about Mary are set forth makes it an ideal tract for our Roman Catholic neighbors. It deals primarily with the new dogma of the Assumption of Mary but it also takes up other teachings in relation to Mary, such as the Virgin Birth, the error in praying to Mary, the superiority of our spiritual relationship to Christ over any fleshly relationship to Him, the place Mary held among the disciples, etc.

"Mary is to be honored, revered, elevated among women as the chosen vessel to be the mother of the Lord Jesus Christ," the author says, "but the blessed virgin does not save, for she herself needed a Saviour. Nor is she the mother of all Christians as a second Eve. Let us give the blessed virgin Mary all the honor and esteem she deserves according to the Bible, but let us take care lest we do more and fall into the error of heathen cults which all had women prominent in their liturgy."

The price of this 16-page booklet is 35c for 25 copies; 60c for 50; \$1.10 for 100; and \$6.50 for 500. Ask for tract Number 4-4659 entitled, "Mary, the Virgin Mother of Jesus." Order from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri.

foundation of the Sunday School."

Brother Lindquist has high praise for the National Sunday School Department and the Gospel Publishing House which are attempting to supply our Sunday Schools with all the useful methods and materials that can be devised. "We look forward with real anticipation to the Regional Sunday School Convention which will be held next May, Lord

willing, in the Minneapolis Municipal Audi-

torium.'

nothing can take the place of the sense of obli-

gation and duty implanted in young hearts by

consecrated parents who will themselves bring

And he added: "The key to Sunday School

success is the teacher. The consecrated teach-

er, who shows personal interest in every stu-

dent and faithfully teaches the lesson, is the

the family to Sunday School."

The Gate to Paradise

Frances Bevan

When Ezekiel was brought in the visions of God to see the Temple of the Lord's glory that is described so graphically in the latter part of his prophecy, what was the first thing he saw? A gate—a way of entrance into the sacred enclosure—a gate in a wall.

We hear of only one gate in this wall, great and high. The man who was to be Ezekiel's guide "stood in the gate," but not with a flaming sword to guard the way. He was there to be a guide into the courts of the Lord's holiness, the secret place of the Most High. Had there been no wall there would have been no gate. But "behold a wall." It shut out from view the space within.

Let us ask ourselves. Is there now for us a Temple of God? Is there now that which is the habitation of God through His Spirit? Is there still that which is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, of which Jesus Christ is the corner-stone? Does the house now exist of which Peter the apostle wrote, "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ"? And around this holy Temple is there a wall? Or is this Temple common ground? Is there now a holy enclosure within which are those who have "washed their robes," and outside of which are the unclean, and the lovers and makers of that which is a lie?

But before the Lord speaks of the wall, He speaks of the gate. If the Lord is the wall of fire round about His sanctuary, He is the gate also. He tells us: "By Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." The wall is there, but He directs the eye first to the gate, before He gives the measure of the wall, great and high. He shows the open door, and He does not measure it. It is one of the many parables of His immeasurable love.

Is it by entering into the gate of heaven after death that a man is saved? No, for the Lord says: "Behold, now is the day of salvation." "According to His mercy He saved us," Paul could say. To us who are saved, the



THE MINNEAPOLIS GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Here is another view of the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle that is shown on the cover page. This view shows the manner in which the two buildings are joined together.



F. J. Lindquist

It was in 1924 that Frank J. Lindquist went to Minneapolis to be pastor of the group that formed the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle. At that time there were about 41 members. There was a wooden tabernacle seating about 500, which had been built in 1922 while N. G. Nielsen was pastor. N. G. Nielsen had left for Denmark

and Paul Ralston had served as pastor for one year.

There have been many changes in the twenty-eight years that have passed since Brother Lindquist became pastor. The church has had a steady growth and has undertaken two major building projects.

In 1930 the present church auditorium was built. It will seat a thousand people by adding some extra chairs. North Central Bible Institute used this church building for school purposes for seven years until it bought a building of ts own. There are 14 classrooms, so the Sunday School could accommodate about 350 quite readily.

But as the years passed there arose a need for more Sunday School space, so a large educational building was added. It was dedicated in May, 1951, with our late Brother W. R. Steelberg officiating, Governor Youngdahl, Mayor Hoyer, Evangelist Billy Graham, District Superintendent G. R. Carlson, and local ministers took part in the ceremonies on this happy occasion.

The new educational building is 40 by 84 feet in size. It provides 44 separate class rooms, and some rooms which can be sub-divided. It is fireproof, and has a full basement.

A middle wing (size 40 by 40 feet) connects the church with the educational building. It contains church office, Sunday School office, pastor's study, five-room apartment for the custodian, kitchen, four rest rooms, and boiler room.

The educational building and furnishings cost about \$160,000. One might expect missionary giving to lag under the added financial burden; but not so, says Pastor Lindquist. "We have endeavored to maintain our giving for missions while paying for this new building," he says, "and we are happy to state that there has been no decline. The church contributed \$22,000 to missions in 1951."

What effect has the new building had on Sunday School attendance? "The new building has inspired greater effort for Sunday School," he says. "An increase of more than 100 was noted in our first year in the educational building. Our peak so far has been 567 but we can take care of at least 900 with all our facilities."

To what would Brother Lindquist attribute the growth that his Sunday School has enjoyed? "Free transportation by bus, visitation by teachers, telephone calls, direct mail, and the use of good literature, all help to build the Sunday School," he says. "But

preaching of the Cross is the power of God; it is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Therefore, before the wall is mentioned, the gate is shown—the Gate that is none other than Him who says: "I am the Door."

And entering in, we learn the further lesson of His grace. The wall exists as the defense and the security of those who have passed within. From the outside, a barrier; but from within, a wall whose name is salvation—salvation to him who has entered by the gate of praise (Isa. 60:18), a gate that is open to him who can sing the new song of those who rejoice and are glad in the salvation of the Lord. We can sing, "We have a strong city, salvation hath God appointed for walls and bulwarks."

There is one way only into this place of safety, this house of defense, this strong habi-

tation, this fortress of the redeemed. Christ says: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." And having entered by the gate, we know that as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people, from henceforth, even for ever. He has enclosed them in the secret place of the Most High-in the shadow of the Almighty. Eternal peace is within His walls for all who have sheltered there. For it is to "any man" that the Door stands open-as to the thief who passed from the Cross to paradise. So into the hidden paradise of God are souls passing while on the earth below, through Him who is the Gate of Praise-Christ, only

Take heed to the warning: "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." expenses to be met in connection with sending our many boys and girls to school from the Home. Perhaps there are some, having no children of their own, who would like to select a boy or girl by choosing from the picture or by writing the Home, and assume responsibility for his or her school expenses during this school year. This can be arranged by writing the superintendent and matron of the Home, Brother and Sister Raymond Jolliff, National Children's Home, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The National Children's Home is grate-

The National Children's Home is grateful for the good offerings received for the Home on Children's Day, June 8. Many obligations were met, but the running expenses continue, and offerings are needed to maintain the work of shaping these lives for God in a happy, wholesome, Christian environment.

Offerings for the Home should be designated for National Children's Home, and sent to the Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

Suppose You Had Fifty-Three!

It's school time again, and parents all over the nation are re-arranging the family budget to include school clothing, books, fees, and lunches, as well as many other "extras" which come during the school year.

But suppose you had fifty-three children of school age, instead of one or two! Suppose that when the school bus stopped at your door empty, it drove away jammed to the doors! This happens daily at our National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Fifty-three of our fifty-nine boys and girls are attending Lakeside Public School, two miles from the Home. And just as surely as other children need new things for school, so also do these.

Sister Jolliff, matron of the Home, says: "With the starting of school there are many added expenses and many pressing needs. Money for lunches, school books, and other supplies, including clothing, is greatly needed.

"Some groups or individuals may wish to sew or purchase clothing for the children. Cotton dresses, slips, sport shirts (not T shirts), blue jeans, socks, and underwear are greatly needed items. Many are not aware of the fact that there are teen-age fellows and girls in the Home, and that they actually need clothing more than the smaller ones, as more clothing comes in for the smaller children.

"The most needed sizes for the girls are eight through twelve, and Junior misses' sizes twelve and fourteen. Colorful, washable cotton plaids are very suitable for school wear.

"For the boys the most needed sizes are eight through sixteen. It is always a problem to see that everyone has good school shoes. Most of the children have medium or wide feet. Some families may wish to send good used shoes which, though their own children have outgrown them, still have some good wear left in them. Other friends may be able to send an offering for shoes so that the boys and girls may be taken to town to make their own selection of good school oxfords.

"The Home can get school supplies at wholesale prices, so it might be best to send

an offering designated for such, and let the Home purchase the pencils, tablets, etc."

The children are furnished good hot lunches at school for twenty cents each. This is not much, if you only have one child, but for fifty-three it adds up to \$53.00 per week for school lunches alone.

A dollar a week will pay for one child's lunch. This means that if fifty-three interested friends would pledge just one dollar per week, the lunch expense would be met without burdening anyone.

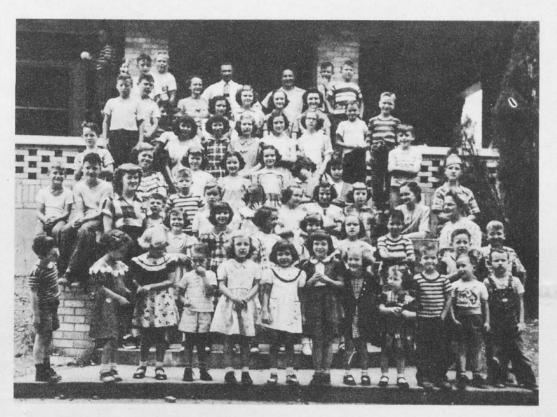
School books and fees add to the heavy

REST WHERE YOU ARE

Turmoil and confusion may prevail and things may seem to be going to pieces, but rest where you are. This is only possible when the spirit has learned the secret of abiding in the Lord. If we are dependent upon circumstances for rest, we will often be full of unrest, but there is such a thing as committing everything so completely to the Lord that, though our hearts may be weary or torn and bleeding, we may still rest where we are. Life is only a vast school of discipline. We need its thorns as much as we need its roses. The bitter is as necessary as the sweet. Clouds must come as well as day.

It is said that in the heart of a cyclone there is perfect stillness, and there is such a thing as rest in the midst of the storm. Few, if any, have learned the secret perfectly.—Selected.

The fifty-nine boys and girls in our National Children's Home are pictured below with most of the staff members of the Home. All but six of the children are of school age and attend Lakeside Public School, two miles from the Home. They need clothing and shoes for school. They also need money for lunches, books, fees, etc. like other children.



THE WORSHIP OF MARY

The great heathen festival accompanying the promulgation of the Assumption of Mary is described by Francis Schaeffer, European representative of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, who was in Rome reporting on it.

"Pilgrims in the church of St. Mary Maggiore, passing through the Holy Door, kiss its side posts and even the threshold, as if it were the gate of Heaven. A trough of money is under the altar. Money from many lands is piled high on it. In a small chapel, bones of leaders of the past are exposed. The skeleton fingers are lovingly kissed. Before the procession starts, schoolgirls outside sing hymns to Mary unceasingly for over two hours. Victor Emmanuel's monument crawls with thousands of people; windows, roofs and streets are crowded. Bells toll and the multitude chants in unison, 'Maria, Maria'.

"A mass of monks and priests pass by. The crowd calls out the names of the better known. Cardinal Spellman of New York causes more stir than any. Thousands upon thousands chant as they move along. The way is lined with armoured Swiss guards. Diplomats from forty lands are present. Before the Pope is carried the triple crown; his miter is jeweled with clusters of diamonds and rubies!

"As he passes a million voices cry out 'Viva il Papa!' The Spanish delegation shouts, 'Espana por El Papa!' (Spain for the Pope!') in St. Peter's Square thirty-eight cardinals kneel and do obeisance to him. Then he kneels and prays aloud 'for guidance in his most grave act.' He is speaking ex-cathedra for the first time since the Pope was declared infallible in 1870. When he finishes the crowds shout until ears almost burst, 'Maria, Maria, Viva la Maria!' over and

"When he has closed his statement of the new dogma, there are great crowds again. The Sistine choir flawlessly sings 'The Hymn to Our Lady' over and over in many lan-guages. The five hundred Roman Catholic churches in Rome ring their bells. A twentyone-gun salute roars from the Janiculum Hill. Two thousand doves are released to wheel over the crowds. The Pope pronounces his solemn benediction as his soldiers come to attention. Then he disappears into St. Peter's to say Mass. When evening comes, the whole city is illuminated."

The Roman Catholic Church now has a goddess. The Roman Catholic Church has openly declared something to be an infallible doctrine which is acknowledged to have neither Biblical nor historic foundation. The importance of November 1, 1950, is that, on that day, this church affirmed its right to declare anything to be true teaching, without appeal to objective sources. They declare themselves "a living church," in the sense that this church can have truth revealed to it without Scriptural basis.

In a booklet sold in Rome in these days, bearing ecclesiastical approval, the first page pictured Satan falling down before Mary in her triumph. As the heavenly host watched "she flew to her God with her glorious body

like a shot arrow." "The patriarchs and saints saw her and exulted." "In the august presence of the Holy Trinity, the Son said to His Mother, 'Come, we crown Thee. Thine is the universe.'"

"Yet the name Mary," comments Mr. Schaeffer, "is not once mentioned in the Gospel of John even though John had been given the special care of Mary. After the birth narrative, her name is not mentioned again in the Gospel of Luke. Matthew and Mark speak of her only in quoting the Jewish opponents of Jesus. Jesus addresses her as 'Woman'-the term he used of other women." Her name does not occur in the Epistles or the Revelation.

Such is the strong delusion, however, that a priest in the railway compartment in which Mr. Schaeffer was traveling said to him seriously, "Today is the most important day for the Catholic Church since the Resurrection."-The Sunday School Times.



GREENVILLE ASSEMBLY PROMOTES A NEW CHURCH

GREENVILLE, TEX .- The First Assembly of God, 3033 Cornelia Street is promoting and organizing a new church which will be known as the Central Assembly of God. The new church will occupy the recently purchased Church of Christ building on Henry Street near Wright Street.

The major part of the membership will remain at the First Assembly, according to the pastor, Joe Newby. Two members of the board are transferring to the new church. "The new church is going out from the First Assembly with the blessings of God upon them," says Brother Newby. "This organization is in perfect accord and followship. Members of best according to the control of the c Brother Newby. "This organization is in perfect accord and fellowship. Members of both churches heartily approve of both groups." The establishment of the new church has the hearty approval of the Texas District Council also.

Bates, Home Missions Secretary for Texas District, preached at the new church for eight days in June. "I enjoyed the revival very much," he said. "There was the sweetest spirit I ever witnessed. Both groups are working together in perfect harmony. I feel this is a fine example that other churches would do well to follow. Why wait until there is a split in a church to start a new one?"

E. W. Hancock will serve as pastor of the

E. W. Hancock wil new Central Assembly.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

WHITE OAK, MO .- We had a meeting with Evangelist Aaron Holloway of St. Louis, Mo. Twenty were saved and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School increased from 13 to 55—Mrs. C. C. Shipman, Church

WYNONA, OKLA.-We praise the Lord for the two-week meeting in June with Evangelist and Mrs. M. A. Groff of Ft. Smith, Ark. Four were reclaimed. The anointed music and straight preaching was a blessing to our church.-R. E. Lister, Pastor.

ANGLETON, TEX .- The First Assembly of God has just concluded a successful revival with Evangelist John Wilkerson of West Palm Beach, Fla. Around 30 adults and young people knelt at the altar for salvation. The Sunday School

attendance records were broken with 133 present.
God has abundantly blessed the church. In a
period of about 13 months our attendance doubled and then tripled. We are praying that God will make our church a lighthouse in this Gulf Coast area and will continue to deliver men from physical and spiritual ills.-Richard D. Strahan, Pastor.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.—We concluded a profitable two-week meeting with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. It was wonderful to see the people come to seek God in the old-fashioned way. Two came for salvation, one received the Baptism, and several were re-filled. The saints were edified and encouraged during this meeting.-William Vickery, Pastor.

DENISON, TEX .- The fourth annual openair meeting, held in the heart of the city in Forest Park, was a glorious success. The Paul Cantelon Evangelistic Party, were with us and the blessing of the Lord upon this group won the hearts of the people. The members of this party have a real burden for souls. Over 70 came forward to profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Among the converts were several men for whom the church had been praying for years. We are rejoicing over the large number of visitors attending the services.—E. A. Manley,

EMORY, TEX.—August 1 marked the end of our first year as pastor here. God has blessed the church in a marvelous way. The Sunday School attendance has increased and we had a record attendance of 119. In order to keep growing we need a larger church. We now have

24 members on the church roll.

Recently we had a meeting with Evangelist
Harold Hubbard of Mineola, Tex. Six were
gloriously saved and the church was blessed by the messages each night.—Artie L. Jones, Pastor.

Near BOONE, N. C.—Three years ago Iva Lee Nicholson and Cora Brown began a pioneer work here. Hearts were stirred to accept the Pentecostal way. In September, 1951, we organized as an Assembly of God, and Brother L. V. Pierce was called as pastor. Souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Last May we began a church building and it is now near completion. We feel that the way the needs for the church have been supplied is a real miracle of God.

We had a meeting recently with Evangelist and Mrs. James Anderson of Texas. Several

were saved and eight received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. We are rejoicing in the victories the Lord has given us, and we are expecting even greater things from the Lord.—Nellie Moretz, Church Secretary, Meat Camp Assembly of God.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance. due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

LAMAR, MO.—Assembly of God, Sept. 16—30; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (J. S. Eastman is Pastor.)

BOISE, IDAHO-Bethel Assembly of God, Aug. 31—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif. R. H. Buck is Pastor.)

HARTSVILLE, S. C.—Aug. 31—; Mrs. Pearl Ballew (missionary to India), Fairview, N. C. by B. L. Holliday, Pastor.

JENKS, OKLA.—Bixby and Jenks Assemblies co-operating in Workers' Training Course, Sept. 1—; N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla., instructor. (James Bright and Floyd H. Cagle are pastors.)

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Bethel Assembly of God, Sept. 7—; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call, Trenton, Mo. (Wiley G. Hinecker is Pas-

EMORY, TEX.—Assembly of God, Sept.
—; Evangelist K. E. Hagin, Garland, Tex. by Artie L. Jones, Pastor.

NEW MEXICO SECTIONAL S. S. CON-NEW MEXICO SECTIONAL S. S. CON-VENTIONS—Tucumari, Sept. 23; Portales, Sept. 24; Lovington, Sept. 25; Artesia, Sept. 26; Anthony, Sept. 30; Albuquerque, Revival Taber-nacle, Oct. 1; C. W. Denton, National S. S. Representative, speaker.—by Earl G. Vanzant, District S. S. Director.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION and Sectional STATE S. S. CONVENTION and Sectional S. S. Representatives' Seminar—Assembly of God, LaGrande, Oreg., Sept. 22—24. Victor Trimmer and George Davis, National S. S. Representatives, and Billie Davis, Associate Editor of "Our Sunday School Counsellor," speakers. (Robert Pirtle is District S. S. Director.)

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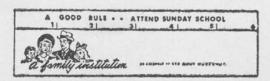
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ERIE, PA.—Glad Tidings Church, Sept. 3—14; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by C. E. Bell, Pastor.

MADISON, WIS.—Assembly of God, Sept. 16—28; Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick.—by Hugo W. Olson, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.—Workers' Training Course, Sept. 1—14; Paul Miller, instructor. (C. C. Crace is Pastor.)

WATERTOWN, S. DAK.—Bible Conference, Sept. 8—14; R. E. McAlister, Toronto, Canada, speaker.—by G. A. Wacker, Pastor.

CHARLESTON, MO.—Aug. 31—Sept. 14; Evangelist Nola Stout and Norma Elliott.—by L. C. Ramsey, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Gospel Assembly, 1901 N. Lowell Ave., Sept. 15—26; Evangelist G. G. Preslar, Dyer, Tenn.—by J. A. Meek, Pastor.

WICHITA FALLS, TEX.—Tent meeting, Sept. 7—; Evangelist O. F. Capers.—by J. A. Hendrix, Pastor, Beverly Drive Assembly.

BRAINERD, MINN.—Sectional S. S. Workers' Training Course, Sept. 21—26; D. B. Hurst, Springfield, Mo., Supervisor of Workers' Training Division, teacher.

WEST TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Tent meeting, 7th and Paris Ave., Sept. 7—; Evangelist T. T. Ward, Cherokee, Okla.—by Archie Brown, Pastor, First Assembly.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Full Gospel Assembly, Sept. 2—21; Evangelist O. W. Klingsheim, Hillsboro, Oreg. On Sept. 12 the church will celebrate its 40th anniversary.—by Melford A. Olson, Pastor.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—District S. S. Convention and Seminar, Sept. 16—17; G. Raymond White, National S. S. Representative, speaker. (E. E. Noland is District S. S. Director.)

YAKIMA, WASH.—District S. S. Convention, Sept. 22—23; Paul Copeland and Edwina Pollock, Director and Assistant Director of National S. S. Department, speakers. (Vernon W. Skaggs is District S. S. Director.)

RADIO BROADCASTS

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Station KCUL, 1540 kc., Sundays 8:30 to 9 a.m.—Elbert Wilkinson, Pastor, Riverside Assembly.

MERRILL, WIS.—"Christian Fellowship Broadcast," station WLIN, 550 kc., daily 9:45 a.m. and Sundays 9 a.m.—Pastor Michael Vincelli, Director.

ROSARITO BEACH, MEX.—"Healing Virtue Broadcast," station XERB, 1090 kc., daily at 6 a.m. Also at NUEVO LAREDO. MEX. (beginning Sept. 15), station XEXO, 1540 kc., daily 11 p.m.—Evangelist Wilbur Henry.

PASCAGOULA, MISS.—Station WVMI, 570 kc., Sundays 2 to 2:30 p.m.—Abel P. Adams, Pastor, Three Rivers Assembly.

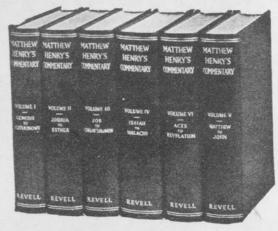
TUCSON, ARIZ.—"The Friendly Church Broadcast," station KCNA, Sundays 8:30 to 9 a.m.—Spencer A. Weddle, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—All those moving to Paducah, Ky. to work in the new Atomic Energy Plant are invited to attend the Calvary Assembly of God. We are building a new church at 28th and Tennessee Sts. Services are being conducted in a tent while the building is under construction.—by Nolan Sluder, Pastor, 2900 Turner St., Paducah, Ky.

CORRECTION—In the EVANGEL of August 24 we published a footnote on page five, stating that there was no Pentecostal church in Bristol, England. We have since learned that there are five Assemblies of God churches in the city and we understand they are all thriving assemblies.

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