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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Ancient Art Revived in Israel

It is reported in *The Middle East Review* that an ancient art is being revived in Israel—the making of incense. Interest in the subject is said to stem from the desire to have a new temple in Jerusalem in due time. One of the immigrants is Mordecai Klein from Czechoslovakia, where he was considered an authority on herbs and their mixing. Klein says he is in Israel to be of service to “the third Temple.” He is receiving a government salary to roam the hills and explore its flora. He reports the finding of 25,000 herbs growing in Israel, at least 1,000 of which are of medicinal value. In Galilee he found the most precious herbs.

Rising Medical Costs

One of the many blessings that come with the Lord's healing and preserving power is the saving of money. Medical costs have been rising steadily until they have become a national problem. A survey made by the Federal Reserve Board revealed that more than ten million American families owe medical bills, ranging from one dollar to a thousand dollars, and 200,000 families owe more than \$1,000.00 each. The average medical debt is \$150.00.

Have we who trust in Christ as our Physician ever thanked Him enough for the health and strength we enjoy? We may not be in debt to the doctors, but we are deeply in debt to God for His goodness in healing our bodies and keeping us well.

A Premier Who Preaches

The Honorable E. C. Manning, Prime Minister of the Province of Alberta, in western Canada, has been preaching the old-time gospel on a tour of eastern Canada. Premier Manning is head of the Social Credit Party in Alberta. He tells his audience that he believes every word of the Bible, that heaven is a literal place, and that hell is a real place of torment by fire.

Mr. Manning says: “After 27 years as an active Christian layman and 17 years in public life, I am more convinced than ever that what this old world needs above all else is to accept the truth of God's infallible Word and apply it in every phase of private and public life.”

The preaching Premier is director of the “Back to the Bible Hour” which is now heard over 14 leading Canadian cities from coast to coast.

Oklahoma Legislature to Get Bible Reading Bill

State Rep. Wm. A. Shibley has announced that he will introduce a bill in the Oklahoma legislature to require daily reading of the Bible in public schools. “Spiritual things should be brought before our children daily,” he says. The bill will be patterned after the New Jersey law, under which Bible verses are read daily to pupils in the public schools, he pointed out, adding that the U. S. Supreme Court had upheld the New Jersey law.

Buddhist Service in Arlington

An archbishop of the Buddhists, who claims to be the spiritual leader of fifteen million Japanese Buddhists, conducted a strange religious service in Arlington Cemetery, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The archbishop and his aides came to this country to make a study of American religious institutions. They came as guests of the State Department. Would they be shown only the modernist side of American church work, or would they be shown the evangelical side also? The Buddhists doubtless could copy the modernists and duplicate many of their good works in the name of Buddhism, but they could not copy the evangelicals without accepting the gospel of Christ and experiencing a change of heart.

G. I. Generosity

During a recent tour of the Far East, Ivan L. Bennett, Chief of Army Chaplains, discovered many instances of charitable projects carried on by American servicemen. Troops in Pusan contributed more than \$30,000 for Korean hospitals and orphanages in less than a year. At Camp Drake, Japan, some \$85,000 was raised for Japanese and Korean welfare work. He said the list of projects could be extended to include one for most large military installations.

The Chief of Chaplains said: “No one can examine the records of our chaplains for chapel attendance, religious instruction and charitable projects without feeling an intense pride in the great majority of our soldiers who remain true to the ideals of their home and church while serving in distant lands.” He added, “While some men act in such a manner as to discredit themselves and their uniforms, these men are the rare exceptions who get more publicity than they deserve.”

Israel to Observe Anniversary

This year of 1953 will mark the 3,000th anniversary of the enthronement of King David at Jerusalem, and the Jews in Israel will celebrate the event by playing host to many important gatherings. In April there will be a great Music Festival in Israel. In May there will be an international exposition called “The Conquest of the Desert.” In August the seventh international Congress of the History of Science will be held in Jerusalem. Airlines and steamship lines are offering reduced fares to encourage tourists to visit Israel for these events. The ancient land is gaining more and more prominence in world news as the unfolding of God's prophetic plan for the nations moves unrelentingly onward.

Prophetic Manifesto Issued

In New York City in November an International Congress on Prophecy was held at Calvary Baptist Church. Over thirty outstanding students of Bible prophecy, representing various denominations, gave addresses on God's prophetic plan and its relation to the crises of our times.

The Congress adopted a manifesto urging Christian churches everywhere to re-emphasize the fact that the trend of world events clearly points to the imminent return of Christ. The manifesto also urged Jewish people to “give serious study to their Scriptures, which are also ours, with particular reference to their prophetic teaching concerning the coming of their Messiah.”

A Prelude to Christ's Coming

The meaning of the prophetic Scripture can be obvious even to a modernist, as is seen by the words of Dr. W. R. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's in London, England. He says: “We have a picture of the distress of nations against a background of the shaking of the clouds of heaven. Passages like this we prefer to pass over—but they are there. The belief that steady progress was promised by the New Testament is without foundation. On the contrary, the New Testament constantly affirms that disorder of the universe itself is a prelude to the advent of the Son of Man.”

The Crisis in Europe

The real crisis in Europe is not political or economic, but spiritual. Atheism and materialism have swept over Europe, leaving fully 75 per cent of the population pagan, according to Dr. Bredahl Petersen, president of the European Baptist Federation. “Europe, once the center of world evangelization, has yielded its task to America,” he said, “and when Europe turns pagan, the whole world will feel the effect.”

What Every Christian Ought to Know

JESUS CARRIED OUR SICKNESSES, AS WELL AS OUR SINS, TO THE CROSS. BODILY HEALING THEREFORE IS THE PRIVILEGE OF ALL WHO WILL BELIEVE—
—TODAY—FOR GOD HAS NO FAVORITES.

A. A. Wilson *

When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Matthew 8:16, 17.

WHEN I READ this Scripture and see the work of the compassionate Son of God in the midst of suffering humanity in the long ago, it brings comfort to my heart to know that He is "the same, yesterday and today and forever," and that He continues to work today as surely as He worked then. The same sad conditions exist among humanity today; but, thank God, the same miracle-working Christ is here too, for He has promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

Many Christians never have been taught the truth of Divine Healing. Therefore a question mark arises in their mind when they first hear of it; but if they will take their Bibles and go through the sacred pages carefully they will soon be inspired with faith to believe and know that our Saviour who healed the sick when He was on the earth has never ceased to be the Healer of His people; and the cry of their hearts will be, "Lord, help me!"

There is not an afflicted person on earth who does not want deliverance. Remember this: the Lord is no respecter of persons. He loves and cares for us today as He did those whom He healed so long ago.

We read in Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." Notice that it was by the anointing of the Holy Spirit that our Lord Jesus did His great work of healing the sick and delivering people from the power of Satan. Therefore He taught us, in John 14, saying: "He

that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." God's plan is for all believers to be anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to carry on the same work which He began.

Notice the closing verses of Mark's Gospel, where you will read these words: "These signs shall follow them that believe; In My name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." One of the signs, Jesus said, would be healing for the body. Not only the Bible but also church history proves that bodily healing was not merely for the early church. It was for all believers, for all time.

Let us consider for a moment how sickness entered this world. The answer is found in Romans 5:12—"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." It is clearly evident from this verse that physical death (and all that produces death) is the direct result of sin. But how came man

It's So Because God Said So

Just as the righteousness of Christ is our righteousness, so the "faith of the Son of God" is our faith, and it cannot be resisted by all the combined lies of the enemy. Unite this faith with God's promises—"I am the Lord that healeth thee," "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." Take God at His Word, and believe it is so, simply because He said so. Others have been healed this way. If you do not realize immediate results, still refuse to be denied, since "He is faithful that promised." Many are called upon to go through a "trial of faith," and it is heartening to know that His delays are not denials. Praise God for healing, at all times, even before the healing appears. Praise, like prayer, changes things and gives life to faith.—Keech.

to sin? Read the story in Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3:1-19. It was Satan who caused our first parents to disobey God there in the garden of Eden. Therefore Satan is the real originator of sin, sickness and death.

Many deny this and say that God Himself is the real author of sickness and death, because He said to Adam, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." But who caused Adam and Eve to disobey God's command, and so bring sin, sickness and death into this world? Was it not Satan, the serpent? Indeed so. Then Satan, and not God, is the real author of sin, sickness and death.

Turn to John 5:14. Jesus healed a man at the pool of Bethesda, and He said to that man, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." This particular sickness came as a result of sin.

In Mark 2:9, Jesus said, "Whether is it easier, to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." The people in that day, just as today, were filled with unbelief and did not believe that Christ had power to forgive this man's sins, so He said to them, in effect: "I will now prove to you that I have the power to forgive sins by curing this palsy, which is one of the consequences of sin." The Master intended that when they could see that He was able to cure, or heal, this man of the disease which sin had produced, they would have to admit that He could take away sin itself.

I do not mean to infer that Christians necessarily are living in sin, or are possessed by Satan, when they are sick or afflicted. What I want to say is that the origination of all sin, sickness, death, heartache, woe and sadness is the result of Satan and sin. In Luke

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A Portrait of Jesus

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And when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36.

THE PHRASE, "moved with compassion," is often used in describing Christ, and it gives us a graphic picture of His character. If we use the literal rendering of the original Greek word which is translated "compassion," it reads as follows: "All His bowels were agitated and trembled with sympathy and compassion." This is one of the strongest and most expressive words in the Greek language.

The entire life of Jesus Christ portrays continual concern over mankind. He has a greater interest in our welfare than we ourselves. What touches man touches God. What brings sorrow to our hearts brings sorrow to the heart of God. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities. He is concerned about our welfare.

The plan of redemption of man from sin reveals this compassion. Redemption and sacrifice were the purpose of Christ's coming to this world. When God ejected Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, it was more than just an act of judgment—it was an expression of the compassionate consideration of God for man. Lest man should eat of the tree of life, and live forever in a sinful state, God thrust them out. To save man from such a fate, and to leave the way open for His Son to come and redeem man, He cast Adam and Eve out of the garden. The incarnation of our Lord, His life and ministry, His death upon the Cross, His ascension to the right hand of the throne of God to intercede for us, all speak of His compassion for mankind.

There are several incidents in the Scriptures which picture this compassion of Christ. Matt. 15:32 reads, "Jesus called His disciples unto Him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they . . . have nothing to eat." They have followed Him into the wilderness and are fainting for lack of food. Christ, seeing their physical need, makes this statement, "My very being is moved with inward agitation," and from this interest and concern springs

forth this great miracle. A small lunch for a boy becomes a banquet for thousands! His compassion reached to their interests.

You will notice in so many of the mighty miracles of Jesus, this phrase occurs: "He had compassion on them." It seems to be implied that before, or when, God's supernatural is manifested, there must or should be an agitation within us with compassionate interest for those with whom we are working. I would rather have a Sunday School teacher who was not quite so brilliant, but had a burden for the class, than some of these scintillating stars who have brilliance of personality, but no consistency or dependability. The teacher who has a personal interest, whose soul moves with intense compassion, will do more to bring the truth of God to a class, and do more to shape their lives in the mold of Christian character, than any other factor in the world. It is when we are burdened with the compassion of the Spirit for the needs of mankind that we are used of God to accomplish His will and power. I am not finding fault with brilliance—I am not demeaning education—but I do say that in order to have results that are eternal and lasting, the compassionate interest of the Spirit of God must be working in a person's life.

In Matthew 14 we have another incident. Jesus went forth—"moved with compassion"—and He healed the sick. He had just heard of the death of John the Baptist. When the news reached Christ, He sought solitude in a desert place. He went there to pray, to weep, to mourn the passing of John the Baptist. But the clamoring crowd, the sick and needy multitude, followed Him even to this desert retreat. When Jesus saw this multitude He forgot His own sorrow. He looked upon them with compassion and healed their sick. He stepped out of His natural desires to assume again the labor of love in ministering to those who needed Him.

God has committed into our hands this ministry of showing compassion. We ought to be moved as Christ was moved at the sight of the needy multitudes around us. "They fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd," our text says. The sight caused Jesus to be moved with compassion, and it was then that He said

to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Oh, the challenge to personal evangelism! The Saviour asks us to catch a vision of what it means to grasp, to grip, and to save from the bondage of sin and the licking flames of hell the souls that are doomed to perdition and judgment and damnation, and bring them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 20 we have the account of the healing of the two blind men who came staggering and thrusting their way through the crowd, crying, "Have mercy on us." Christ "had compassion on them," it says. He touched their eyes; and immediately sight returned to those blinded eyes. Another, stricken with leprosy, emaciated and thin and ravaged, his body broken out in running sores, wasting away to a painful death, cried from the depth of his soul, "If Thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Christ, moved with compassion, said, "I will; be thou clean."

In Mark 5 we are told of the deliverance of the demon-possessed man—so controlled and dominated by demon power that even chains could not hold him—compelled to dwell among the



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tombs. Sensing the presence of Christ, he came humbly to His feet and was completely healed. The legion of demons departing from his body entered the swine, and drove them into the lake to commit suicide. The Scripture tells us that as Christ was leaving that area, this man came to the boat where Christ was and asked if he might leave with Him. But Christ told him to go home to his friends and show them how God had compassion on him.

There are so many incidents of this

kind in Scripture, but space does not permit us to mention any more. There are so many cries coming to our ears today—so many people dying for a word of sympathy, a word of kindness—yet they slip out into eternity never having received it. The Spirit of God yearns over the Church, hoping and desiring to see us display this compassion. So much could be accomplished—so many more could be saved. Are we moved with compassion?—*Kansas Fellowship News*.

build-up. We read that when David was greatly distressed, he "encouraged himself in the Lord." He said to himself, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance." Had he permitted his mind to dwell on his troubles, or on his own inadequacy, he would have become more and more discouraged; but instead he looked away to the Lord his God and trusted in divine help.

By faith you can reject harmful thoughts, dispel your fears and encourage yourself in the Lord.

THIS IS THE VICTORY

Walter Fred Vaughn

And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4.

MOST OF OUR failure in practical Christian living is due to the fact that we do not have a handle on our faith.

Faith is mighty—faith is invincible—provided it is anchored in the promises of God. But it must be a working faith. The reason why more of us do not put our faith to work is that we do not know where to take hold of it.

There is a verse in Paul's Epistle to the Philippians (4:8) which will put a handle on your faith: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on these things."

In other words, control your thoughts. Let your mind dwell on these things. Do not simply give them a passing thought but deliberately think about such things constantly so that there will be no room in your mind for less worthy thoughts.

Here is a handle which is within the reach of every one of us—a handle for our faith. We can simply commit our minds to God and then, with the help of the Holy Spirit, control our thinking. Do not think this is an unimportant matter. It is a fundamental fact of human nature that what gets your attention gets you. That is the reason why businessmen are willing to spend so much money on advertising. They know that if they can get a customer's attention time after time, eventually they will get his business. Whatever thing you can get a man to continue thinking about will eventually control the man's life. This is the handle we can take hold of, and it is our opportunity to

make our faith work toward practical success in Christian living.

Take it as it applies, for example, to the problem of fear, anxiety, and worry. There are those who have made a study of human nature who tell us that man's greatest enemy is fear. People are afraid of losing their health, or their friends, or their jobs. Jesus, who understood human nature, declared: "Be not afraid, only believe." He told us to take no anxious thought for the morrow, but rather to trust in our loving heavenly Father. He was always talking about faith because He knew human beings are always prone to worry and doubt. Faith is the remedy for fear. Put this handle on your faith. When tempted to fear or worry, remember that God is your Father and that He will always take care of you. Having His promises, what need have we to doubt?

A great many people feel unequal to their responsibilities. They go to bed at night worrying about the problems of the next day and wondering how they ever can face them. As a consequence they grow weary, they fear they may fail, and so they are in no condition to meet the responsibilities when they come.

No wonder they fail! The way they feel is largely a result of the way they have been thinking. In their minds they have talked themselves into defeat. Many a person has talked himself into a nervous breakdown. The subconscious mind is like a factory: it takes the raw material which we feed into it, in the form of thoughts, and from it manufactures the finished product of fear, or a defeatist attitude, or wrong decisions.

If a man can talk himself into a breakdown, he also can talk himself into a

Paul likewise has set us a good example. He said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). He took an attitude of faith. He asserted, in effect, "I can, because Christ can. I do not have to depend on myself, neither do I have to pull the power out of thin air. Christ is the source of my strength, therefore I am sufficient for all things." Some Christians are always saying, "I know I can't." Paul said, "I know I can."

If you will take a cue from the apostle, you will discover that his method pays off. Tonight, before you go to sleep, don't say to yourself, "I have power to lift only five pounds, and must lift ten." Say instead, "I have power to lift ten pounds and need lift only five." Don't say, "I have so much to do tomorrow I don't see how I will ever get through." Say instead, "I have many things to do tomorrow, and it will require considerable strength to get through the day, but God and I are more than a match for anything that turns up."

Here is a handle which you can put on your faith. You and God are a winning team. Believe it; say it; act as though it is true, and it will be—for it is true.

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

"What is this Jesus says?" asks G. Campbell Morgan. "Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels."

"My dear friend, before you hear that solemn pronouncement, I pray you listen to that imperial claim. Jesus said wonderful things about Himself. Do you hear it? He says He is coming again. He says He is coming in His glory; and He says He is coming in the glory of His Father, and in the glory of the holy angels. . . .

"He is coming! The first apostles were not mistaken. He is coming! The Man who came and was rejected is coming to be crowned. The Man who wore for thee, O soul of mine, the crown

*"God bless thy year,
 Thy going in, thy coming out,
 Thy rest, thy traveling about,
 The rough, the smooth,
 The bright, the drear,
 God bless thy year."*

PERHAPS TODAY!

Fred W. Hoffman

of thorns, is coming with the diadems of the universe upon His brow. The Man who held the reed in brutal mockery patiently in His hand, is coming, grasping the sceptre of all the universe of God.

"He is coming! He is coming in His glory, who came in His grace. He is coming in the glory of the Father, who laid the Father's glory by to come before. He is coming with the holy angels, who divested Himself even of their ministry. He is coming! Oh, if we could see it; if we could realize it. Do not ask me for a calendar. There is none here, and therefore I will not make one. Do not ask me when He is coming. There are many phases of the great event—but when He comes again we shall all confront Him; when He comes again, every last one of us will be with Him, either on the right hand or on the left—His own, or such as have rejected Him. He is coming!"

Good New Year's Counsel

With my spirit within me I will seek Thee early. Isa. 26:9.

Let me ever seek God. And let me seek Him early. Let me not first embark in an enterprise and then ask His blessing upon it. Let me not first make all my arrangements and then ask Him to guide me. Let me not first take counsel with myself and then ask Him to ratify that counsel. This is a matter of unspeakable importance, and it is to be feared that there are very few who seek God when they should. It is but a mockery of God to enter a path of one's own election, and then ask His guardianship. A man engages another to marry him, and then tells it to God and asks His blessing. A man takes his departure for another city or another land, and when his trunks are packed, he looks to God for His preserving care. Far be such a habit from the spirit that is within me. Let me seek God early. Let me not put Him down fourth or fifth in the list of friends whose counsel or whose aid in any concern I propose to seek but in everything, great and small, let me give Him the pre-eminence; let Him be all in all to me.

Never take counsel from your fears.

A BUSINESSMAN who is a firm believer in the imminence of the Lord's return has upon his desk a small, neat placard, reading: "Perhaps Today." Thus, in the midst of the daily round of duties, this Christian layman is ever mindful of the fact that his Lord might come today, and he is led to conduct his life in the light of that glorious fact.

The realization that the Lord's return for His redeemed ones is imminent is one of the most powerful incentives to holy living and earnest, untiring service.

Some time ago, a high-school boy, a professing Christian, was questioning whether it is not right for a Christian to dance, and the question was put to him: "If the Lord Jesus were to come soon, would you want Him to find you on the dance floor?"

Apparently startled at the thought, the lad quickly replied: "Oh, no, of course I wouldn't."

In the Olivet Discourse, our Lord spoke a clear word of warning for these days in which we live, when He said: "But take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:34-36).

Scriptural prophecies relating to the Lord's return are being fulfilled in marvelous ways in these days. Signs multiply that the coming of the Lord for His own is near. The Lord spoke of many signs which would indicate the approach of the day of His return. He told of wars and rumors of wars, and of famines and pestilences, and of earthquakes in diverse places. It is true that through all of the history of the Church, there never has been a time when some of these signs were not present; but it also is true that there never has been a time when all of the signs of His return were converging upon a single period of time as in the present hour.

To the alert and Bible-believing Christian the startling events unfolding in the past few years are vibrant with meaning and with a blessed hope. Rapidly changing conditions among the na-

tions, and in the Church, and in human society bear striking testimony to the fact that the Lord is coming soon.

Perhaps the most remarkable sign of the present day is the return of Israel to their ancient homeland after an exile of more than two thousand years. Though returning in unbelief, they have again established a national life, and are going back in increasing numbers to a land of prosperity.

The rise to power of atheistic Russia, the rapid spread of communism, the realignment of the nations of Europe in accord with Scriptural prophecies, the world-wide breakdown of moral standards, the spread of lawlessness into every realm of human society, and the swiftly increasing apostasy within the professing church, all indicate that we are very near the end of the age of grace, and that the Lord is coming soon to receive His own to Himself.

In the same Olivet discourse, the Lord declared. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

In the light of these remarkable developments in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Word of God, the wise-hearted Christian will live close to his Lord, and endeavor by His grace to lead a holy life—"And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming" (1 John 2:28).

The imminence of the Lord's return also presents to the Christian a challenge to witness to his faith, and to seek to lead others to trust in his Saviour. Most of us have friends or loved ones who are not Christians. From all indications, the time remaining in the age of grace is short. Those who are to be won to Christ must be won quickly. When the Lord comes for His own, to take them out of the world, all who are unsaved will be left behind, to endure the sufferings and the anguish of the tribulation period. How necessary, then, that we shall use every opportunity, by prayer and personal witnessing, to win these souls to Christ while there is yet time, for their night cometh when no man can work.

Because the return of the Lord is imminent, a few simple rules for Christian living will help us to be ready to greet Him with rejoicing:

Never do anything you would not be glad to have your Lord find you doing, if He should come today.

Never go where you would not like to have the Lord find you, if He should come today.

Seek each day, by prayer and faithful witnessing, to lead unsaved souls to know Him, for the Lord is coming soon, *perhaps today.*

A Lesson in HUMILITY

A. G. Ward

I HAVE BEEN traveling the Pilgrim Way for a long time. I have not found it a way of roses. The way is rough—sometimes rugged. I have passed through more than one long tunnel. Often I would have been fearful—very fearful—but for the presence of my Companion and Guide, who has never left me, although at times I have not been conscious of His nearness. However, on the whole my journey thus far has been delightful, and faith assures me that it is better farther on.

*Farther on the way grows brighter,
Count the milestones one by one,
"Farther on," my Saviour whispers,
"It is better farther on."*

I had not been long on the Pilgrim Way before learning that it was a way of genuine HUMILITY, and that I must walk humbly with God if I hoped to make a success of the Christian life.

One day while I was riding horseback over my somewhat far-flung Methodist circuit out on the Western plains, a Voice spoke to my heart and said, "My child, you will never be able to blow the gospel trumpet and your own horn at the same time." This word came as a challenge to me. Like other young men, I had ambitions and aspirations. I had high hopes that someday I would succeed in gaining the attention of the crowd. Even at that early date in my ministry I could see some small evidence of the realization of my dreams. Now I was face to face with the question of reckless abandonment to the will of God and the way of self-renunciation.

It was a crisis moment in my life. But as I rode over the prairie and meditated on what I had heard, I finally said, "Lord, I make my choice here and now. Today I throw to the winds my own horn; and so long as I may live, with Thy help, I shall blow only the gospel

trumpet." With the passing of the years I have sought to adhere closely to the decision of that now far-off time; and have grown to so abhor self-exaltation that I fear at times I have lacked the needed grace to bear with it when seen in others.

True humility is part of the price one must pay for deep spirituality. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

Someone has said: "Humility is the only soil in which the graces root. The lack of humility is the sufficient explanation of every defeat and failure. Without humility there can be no true abiding in God's presence, or experience of His favor and the power of His Spirit. Without this there is no abiding faith, or love, or joy, or strength."

In the early years of my ministry it was my good fortune to meet that great and good man, Dr. A. B. Simpson; one who stood head and shoulders above most of his fellows; and I shall feel eternally indebted to him for an example of true humility, which has meant so much to me down through the years.

Dr. Simpson was a scholar. He was a great preacher. He was also a prolific writer. He was deeply spiritual. He was a man whose bearing commanded respect; yet it was his delight to lie prostrate at God's footstool, self-abasing and self-disparaging, amazed at God's mercy and abhorring his own vileness.

For many years the Christian and Missionary Alliance held an annual meeting in Beulah Park, not far out of Cleveland, Ohio. Each year during the closing days of the convention Dr. Simpson was present, and on Missionary Day preached the missionary sermon. Because of the very large missionary offerings which were raised in those days by the Alliance, even secular papers became interested. On one occasion when the reporters knew that Dr. Simpson would be coming to Beulah Park, they gathered there to interview him. Finally, to their delight, they saw him out on the Camp Ground, and approaching him asked, "Are you Dr. Simpson?" He replied that he was. Then the reporters said, "May we take some pictures?" Dr. Simpson readily agreed; but a moment later when he learned they wanted his picture, he said, "Oh, no. You may take pictures of the grounds and the buildings, but not of me," and he fled for cover.

Since then I have been in large meetings where photographers have been busy throughout almost the entire service, taking a great variety of snaps.

*"Humility, that low, sweet root
From which all heavenly virtues
shoot."*

Dr. Simpson's extreme modesty led him to refuse the degree of Doctor of Divinity offered him by a Southern college in recognition of his scholarship and outstanding accomplishments. His reason was simply that he did not want any honor "that would exalt him in any measure above the lowliest of his brethren." But he could not escape a degree. The grateful Christian public, by a kind of spiritual instinct, conferred a degree upon him, which in spite of his reluctance he carried to the end of his days.

When I see exhibitions of pride, as I sometimes do, I find myself saying, "Dear folk, if they only knew God they would not be proud; and if they knew themselves they could not be, even if they tried." A man who gets all wrapped up in himself makes a very small parcel. Some say, "Always talk big and at least a few people will think you are great," but John Plowman says, "Better save your breath for running up a hill."

Sir Isaac Newton said, "I do not know what I may appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only playing like a boy on the seashore, and diverting myself now and then by finding a smooth pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

In comparison with what there is to learn, the greatest thinkers know very little; and often they feel that the most amazing thing about them is their amazing ignorance. "They who know most of God on earth or in heaven, know that they know little after all; but they know that they may know more and more of Him throughout eternal ages."

Gladly do I join with Chalmers and say, "I want to feel my own nothingness. I want to give myself up in absolute resignation to God, to lie prostrate and passive at His feet, with no other disposition in my heart than that of merging my will into His will; and no other language in my mouth than that prayer for the perfecting of His strength in my weakness. I desire, from the abyss of my nothingness and vileness, to cry unto God that He might cause me to do as I ought, and to be as I ought."

*"He always wins who sides with God;
To him no chance is lost;
God's will is sweetest to him when
It triumphs at his cost."*

At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love served.—Hugh Black.

Convention Time in Mexico

H. C. Ball

AS I TRAVELED towards the important industrial city of Monterrey in company with three of our Assemblies of God Mexican pastors from the American side of the border, I reminisced on the small beginnings and growth of the work in the Republic of the Aztecs. Our work here in Mexico began in 1920. We now have a membership of 20,000 in our 400 churches. There are approximately 500 national workers. The work is entirely indigenous. All church officials are Mexican.

I looked forward with eager anticipation to the convention, for there I expected to see Cesárea Burciaga, the first man to pioneer in the State of Coahuila and to bring the glorious Pentecostal message to the people there.

In 1920 Brother Burciaga left Houston, Texas, where he had been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. He passed through San Antonio visiting our small congregation there. He told the people of his call to the city of Múzquiz in the State of Coahuila. In those days all of our congregations among the Mexicans were small and very poor in this world's goods. Nevertheless our people took up an offering for him and I am sure the Lord multiplied it to cover his needs. Not long afterward Brother Burciaga wrote us of his battles and victories, and within a year invited us to be with him for the dedication of the first Assembly of God chapel in Múzquiz.

Rodolfo C. Orozco, who had served as our assistant pastor in San Antonio, Texas, would also be there. He was to be our convention host. Brother Orozco had previously been the pastor of the Monterrey church (where our convention was to be held) and God had used him to build it into one of our largest churches. Our brother is also the Superintendent of Alba Institute, a Christian training school for young ladies. The graduates of this school are serving the Lord today not only in Mexico but in many other countries as well.

On my arrival I noticed that a number of automobiles were parked in front of the church. Some of them, however, were from the States. At any rate, it was obvious that our people there are becoming more prosperous and God has enabled them to afford better means of transportation. However, all were not so fortunate. I noticed one pastor with his coat sleeve literally worn out. Others had patched and threadbare clothes. Very few of our Mexican pastors know much about the comforts of life which we enjoy in the States.

The church was filled to overflowing. Services ran almost continuously from early morning until late at night. How the people sang! Their music testified to the joy they felt in their hearts. In spite of persecution (they have had their full share during the past year), hardships, poverty, terrible



Pickow—Three Lions

Mexican women preparing dough for the tortillas (Mexican bread) from corn flour.

drought and intense heat, their joy in the Lord remained steadfast. We had days of wonderful fellowship together, days of blessing and encouragement to all.

When the convention was over and we left Monterrey and her muddy streets (they had at that time the first good rain in months) we thanked God for the Rain of the Holy Spirit which is bringing spiritual life to thousands.

SIX-HOUR SERVICE IN NIGERIA

Robert L. Cobb

THE UMUAHIA SECTION of our Nigerian field contains about fourteen churches. We planned a baptismal service for this area as there were a number of candidates. It was late in the monsoon season but the weather was still unpredictable.

At last the eventful day arrived. The rain came down in torrents. We were much in doubt as to whether the people would venture out, as many of them had ten or twelve miles to walk. However, they came, all eighty of them! A few fortunate ones had umbrellas; others had only banana leaves to protect them from the downpour.

We had a glorious service there at the water's edge as these precious souls followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. After they had all been baptized we returned to the local church for the remainder of the service. The power of the Lord came down in our midst and fourteen out of the eighty received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The service lasted six hours! God is working in Nigeria!

THE SITUATION IN INDIA CONCERNING VISAS

NORTH BIHAR, India (E/P). Here is a statement by Dr. E. L. Cattell, Chairman of the Evangelical Fellowship of India and also member of the Executive Board of the National Christian Council. His statement follows an Executive Board meeting and gives the up-to-date situation concerning the granting of visas to missionaries.

"Some members of the Indian Parliament recently raised many questions in an attempt to embarrass the Home Minister over the matter of granting visas to foreigners, particularly missionaries for residence in India. It was charged that there are now 1000 more missionaries in India than in 1947, when India won her freedom. As a result of this prodding Dr. Katju, the Home Minister, promised to review the matter and formulate a new policy.

"Pending the formulation of the new policy, the Department began to refuse visas to practically all new missionaries and to scrutinize the work of returning missionaries much more closely. During that period of some two months, the Government placed great emphasis upon the need of replacing missionaries with Indian nationals just as quickly as possible.

"The National Christian Council marshalled facts and made representations to Government. For instance, it was found that the charge that there are 1000 more missionaries in India now than in 1947 is not true. The number today is practically the same as in 1947. While there have been many new mis-

sionaries who have come to India, they have been matched by an equal number who have left the field for a variety of reasons. The progress that Missions have made in Indianizing their administrative posts is also very impressive.

"The National Christian Council has now received official assurance from the Home Ministry that no change in policy will be made and the one in force at the first of the year will be continued. Christians in India are rejoicing at this news and are grateful to Mr. Nehru and his Government for this decision. We are especially thankful to God for answered prayer in holding open the door for evangelism in India somewhat longer. It seems clear that this policy will be continued so long as the present Government is in power."

(In spite of this seeming good news the authorities actually are not as lenient as formerly. There is considerable delay in issuing visas in some cases, and the local authorities in several instances have not granted residential permits.)

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donley and baby daughter sailed for North India December 8 on the freighter *S. S. Raki*.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stewart of El Salvador are now in the States. They arrived on December 1st for their regular furlough.

The Lawrence Olsons have a baby girl, Esther Ann. She arrived on December 6, before her father got home from Brazil.

Evelyn Withers has been transferred. Her new address is: Nawabganj, Gonda Dist., U. P. India.

Mrs. Maurice F. Petersen and her four children sailed recently from New York to join her husband in France. Brother Petersen has been studying language there and in a few months time when his work is completed the family will leave for their field, Upper Volta, French West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elmore, new recruits, and stationed in Colombo, Ceylon.



Ralph Elmore



Mrs. Ralph Elmore
Ceylon

Word has been received from Miss Louise Davis that the Lord has visited their Mission School at Feloka, Liberia, with a gracious revival. Over forty children were saved and some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Teachers and missionaries also were richly blessed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Carlblom of Sulawesi (Celebes), Indonesia, sent the following report: "One of the highlights of our biennial conference was the receiving of six brethren and their churches from another Pentecostal group into our organization. Our new Bible School at Minahasa is growing and God is richly blessing our efforts to train these young men for the gospel ministry."

Wayne Turner writes from Iserre, France: "We are glad to be in beautiful France. We are thankful to be settled a couple of weeks before school starts. The Assembly work here is about three years old and they have three hundred active members."

Miss Ruth Melching has been transferred from Hong Kong to Formosa. Her new address is: Box 574, Taipei, Taiwan, Formosa.

Harold Kohl writes from Ceylon saying that they recently dedicated a new mission at Balangoda. They held a three-day convention there, during which two received the Baptism. In a baptismal service held in the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle they recently immersed eight young people.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
Immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
Pass on and carry swift the news ye bring:
Make straight, make straight the highway
of the King.

Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,
Through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
Build ye the road, and falter not, nor stay;
Prepare across the earth the King's highway.

Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,

To see the promise of the day fulfilled,
When war shall be no more, and strife shall cease

Upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.
—Laura S. Copenhagen



Maurice Petersen



Mrs. Maurice Petersen
French West Africa

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

November, 1952

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,279.06	N. H.	95.08
Arizona	709.28	New Jersey	6,582.89
Arkansas	2,976.42	New Mexico	1,079.01
California	27,576.91	New York	7,620.34
Colorado	6,319.33	North Carolina	475.21
Connecticut	738.86	North Dakota	3,304.58
Delaware	637.45	Ohio	10,103.29
D. of C.	447.00	Oklahoma	10,805.27
Florida	7,750.56	Oregon	9,440.01
Georgia	1,821.91	Pennsylvania	9,756.07
German Br.	55.24	Polish Br.	72.00
Hungarian Br.	199.12	Rhode Island	215.79
Idaho	2,043.58	Russian Branch	178.43
Illinois	7,871.04	South Carolina	695.80
Indiana	3,118.04	South Dakota	1,517.69
Iowa	3,686.24	Tennessee	1,096.46
Italian Branch	63.00	Texas	19,876.43
Kansas	7,708.52	Ukrainian Br.	40.00
Kentucky	676.75	Utah	97.11
Lat. Amer. Br.	220.55	Vermont	25.00
Louisiana	1,270.75	Virginia	1,905.69
Maine	164.70	Washington	19,404.90
Maryland	1,611.95	West Virginia	490.56
Massachusetts	811.23	Wisconsin	4,784.75
Michigan	10,828.84	Wyoming	445.87
Minnesota	9,148.12	Alaska	295.10
Mississippi	800.25	Canada	433.14
Missouri	10,246.77	Foreign	256.37
Montana	2,655.64	Spanish Liter.	3,105.85
Nebraska	3,421.50	Legacies	1.55
Nevada	100.25	Miscellaneous	7,753.66

Total Amount Reported	\$240,912.75
District Fund	\$10,300.34
National Home Missions	2,046.73
Office Expense Fund	11,155.21
Literature Expense Fund	19.96
Given Direct to Missionaries	\$51,640.52
Received for Council Foreign Missions	\$165,749.99
Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions	3,208.86
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State	84,005.92
Total Receipts for Foreign Missions	\$252,964.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Belgian Congo	\$ 4,472.16	Chile	3,747.15
Gold Coast	9,966.70	Colombia	170.00
Liberia	6,029.03	Paraguay	411.49
Nigeria	6,388.00	Peru	3,603.00
Nyasaland	1,440.00	Uruguay	1,173.53
Sierra Leone	1,277.20	Venezuela	1,696.94
Togo-Dahomey	11,598.77	West Indies	10,673.38
Union of S. Af.	5,583.16	Children's Educ. in U.S.	1,156.67
Upper Volta	6,624.13	Entertainment of Missionaries	5,058.39
China	2,846.67	BGMC Mtg. & Ship. Exp. Convention Exp.	262.13
Fiji	955.68	Deputational Exp.	2.58
Formosa	5,914.94	Field Secretaries	2,997.89
Hawaii	2,965.36	Literature	45.80
Indonesia	4,441.16	Mission Cars	59.99
Japan	5,643.33	N. Y. Office Public Relations	860.00
Korea	351.76	Refunds and Transfers to Other Depts.	1,008.58
Malaya	1,735.00	Spanish Lit.	1,099.82
Philippines	9,210.49	Speed-the-Light, C. A. Dept.	13,332.80
Samoa, Amer.	422.07	Miscellaneous	208.97
Burma	713.87	Retired Missionaries	2,661.00
Ceylon	3,268.64	Total Disbursements	\$206,162.39
India	28,962.12	Credited to Designated Accounts	46,802.38
Egypt	3,339.86	Total Receipts	\$252,964.77
Europe	7,679.63		
Iran	100.00		
Israel	201.45		
Syria	148.00		
Gen. Amer.	6,836.46		
Latin-Amer. Work in U.S.	351.43		
Mexico	3,833.52		
Argentina	1,216.04		
Bolivia	4,236.88		
Brazil	3,431.18		
Total Distr. to Council Foreign Missions	\$203,679.29		
Non-Council Missionaries	2,483.10		

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

HERALDING THE KING

Lesson for January 11

Matthew 3:1-11

The lesson centers in John the Baptist. Jesus said, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Matt. 11:11). John was the prophet foretold by Isaiah—"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isa. 40:3; Matt. 3:3). He was the Elijah of Christ's first coming—"And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come" (Matt. 11:14).

1. John's Divine Appointment

a. His Miraculous Birth. John was a miracle child, born to parents who were aged. His father was a priest in Israel so John was of the priestly line. However, he seems never to have filled a priestly office, but to have assumed the office of a prophet instead. For the circumstances surrounding his birth, see Luke 1. He was raised up for the special purpose of being the forerunner of Jesus (Luke 1:17). From infancy he was set apart for God, a Nazarite, filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:15, 16).

b. His Plain Life. As forerunner of our Lord Jesus he was to "go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah" (Luke 1:17). This Elijah spirit is shown even in the place where he abode, the food which he ate, and the clothing which he wore—"And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey" (Matt. 3:4). Some have said the locusts which John ate were pods from certain trees. Since his ministry was in the wilderness, or desert, we can hardly picture trees growing there. On the other hand, locusts were included among the clean meats according to the law; so we conclude that John's meat was locusts which fly, and not the fruit of some tree. "Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing . . . even these of them may ye eat: the locust after his kind" (Lev. 11:21, 22). The main thought in the description of John is his rugged self-discipline and fervency of spirit.

2. John's Stirring Ministry

a. Simplicity of His Ministry. As John himself was a marvel, so was his ministry. He had a simple, straightforward message and he delivered it in a simple forceful manner. John was thirty when he began his ministry. He was about six months older than Jesus. His ministry was timed just right. He knew himself to be the prophet, foretold by Isaiah, who was to go before the Lord. He entered his ministry with the words, "Repent ye; for

the kingdom of heaven is at hand." A man sent from God has a clear, straightforward message and needs not to play to the galleries, nor to think up schemes whereby to hold the masses.

b. Success of His Ministry. It is a marvel that John, unannounced and unattended, lifting up his voice in the wilderness, far removed from centers of population, should draw multitudes to hear him preach. It shows, however, what the power of God can do. Where the Holy Spirit is working in revival power, people will be drawn. Is it possible that much of the advertising and promotional efforts of the present testifies to our lack of that from God which draws the people? This ought to cause us to think and seek the Lord.

On the other hand, not all are like John the Baptist; neither may our calling be an extraordinary one. Though we must not excuse ourselves and settle down to take our ease, nevertheless we must recognize that there are times of special visitation and there are men specially chosen of God. John's ministry was that of an awakener. He stirred the whole country—"Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan" (Matt. 3:5). But John not only stirred; he converted. There was fruit when the revival was over. The people "were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins."

c. His Stern Denunciation of Evil. There were skeptics among those who attended John's ministry, as there always will be. These he denounced with a stinging denunciation—"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" (Matt. 3:7). Here we need caution. It was one thing for John, moved by the Spirit of God, to speak thus; it would have been quite another thing had he begun denouncing them in carnal indignation. The Bible account of John's ministry is given as a guide for those who live in the Spirit, not as a defense of those who wish to wreak human vengeance.

A woman once said to me, "The Bible says to rebuke them sharply." Then with venom she began to rebuke with no uncertainty. John the Baptist never did that. What he said came from the Holy Spirit; therefore it had telling effect. He saw the sin under the cloak of religion. He uncovered the false hope they had in believing that they were the favored sons of Abraham. His was God's message aimed at awakening them to their need so that they might turn and repent.

God send us stirring, old-fashioned Bible preachers, men filled with only one thought—to glorify God and have His approval.

3. John's Exaltation of Christ

a. A New Era Begun. John's ministry was the beginning of a new era. John had come to introduce a new era in religion. The law was to give place to the gospel. The axe was to be laid to the root of false profession. Unless religious profession was accompanied with good fruit, it was to be cut off at the very roots. Pharisaism, Sadduceism, formalism, profession without proper living, all were to be cut down before the King and the kingdom of heaven could come to the heart.

b. The Messiah Announced. John said that the Messiah was coming, and with His coming a baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire was to be bestowed. The Holy Spirit was to be given for spiritual power and fellowship, the fire for sanctifying grace and holiness of life.

c. The Ministry of Messiah. The Messiah, so said John, would have His winnowing fan in His hand to separate the chaff from the wheat. What is the chaff? It is worthless. It serves no useful purpose. It typifies everything that does not bring forth fruit unto God. The chaff may not all go in a moment. The Lord knows when the wheat is free from earthly qualities that hinder spiritual perfection; and He knows how to use the winnowing fan to blow the chaff away. In every life that is consecrated to God the Lord is working.

d. The Chaff in Our Lives. What mean the tests and the need for repeated renewals of consecration? The Lord is ridding His

THE FAN NEEDED TODAY



people of the chaff. The kingdom of heaven is the rule of God in the hearts of men. We are by nature of the earth, earthy. The Spirit has come to lift us into a life that is heavenly; that is, a life born from heaven, provided for us by the Holy Spirit who comes into our hearts to abide. This does not mean that it is to be a life always of heavenly joy. It means a life in conformity to the will of God. The fire is to burn the chaff. Being unquenchable, thank God, it is always with us, constantly burning and ever renewing. It is the spiritual and sanctifying fire of the Holy Spirit who dwells within.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Magi Visit the New-Born King (lesson for Sunday, January 4). Lesson text: Matt. 2:1-12.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN OUGHT TO KNOW

(Continued from page three)

13:11 we read, "And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself." Jesus healed her; and when the ruler of the synagogue found fault because the healing was done on the Sabbath day, Jesus said to him, "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" This poor woman had been dominated for eighteen years with this terrible condition, but Christ had power to deliver her—and, thank God, He is just the same today.

There are two kinds of knowledge. The knowledge that our schools, colleges, and universities teach has come to us through the physical senses. It is safe to say there is no knowledge of chemistry, biology, metallurgy, mechanics, or any other field of science but that which has come to us through the five senses—seeing, tasting, hearing, smelling and feeling. Man has done research on himself by means of that knowledge, but has been unable to progress very far. Science cannot find the human spirit. It cannot discover how the mind functions in the human brain. It cannot find God, nor discover the origin of matter, of life, of force, or of creation. All that it can discover are things it can see, hear, taste, smell or feel. We call it "sense knowledge."

There is another kind of knowledge that has come to us through the Bible. This is revealed knowledge. It brings us in contact with the Creator. It explains the WHY of creation—the reason for man, the nature of man, and the ultimate destiny of man. It deals with things that the senses cannot discover. It tells us things that we can only know through revelation from God.

Unhappily sense knowledge has gained the supremacy in the nominal church. The church should be a spiritual organization, a spiritual body, to be governed through the spirit instead of through the senses. When sense knowledge gained the ascendancy in the church (and in the fountain of the church, the theological school), the church ceased to be a spiritual body and simply became a body of men governed by sense knowledge.

No wonder, then that sense knowledge

will deny miracles, answers to prayer, the deity of Jesus and the fact of His resurrection from the dead. Sense knowledge denies the miraculous because it cannot understand it and cannot explain it. The chief quest of sense knowledge has been for reality. Man's spirit craves it. Reality cannot be found by the senses. It is discovered only by faith, through revelation from God's Spirit. Jesus said, "I am the way, the reality, and the life." Jesus is the answer to all who seek for true philosophy.

"Have faith in God," said Jesus. These are the four greatest words in the Bible. Remember that God is not a respecter of persons. He has no favorites. He did not do more for the apostles and the first Christians than He will do for us today. It is a great comfort to one's heart to discover that our heavenly Father loves all His children equally. He loves every one of us just as He loves His only begotten Son, for Jesus said, "That the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them even as Thou hast loved Me." We all have the same redemption. That redemption is from the works of the adversary and from His dominion over our lives. The work that He wrought in Christ at Calvary provided redemption for every person who will accept Jesus as his Saviour and will confess Him as his Lord and Master.

When we are "born again," we receive the life and nature of God, our heavenly Father. His nature makes us righteous. All who receive His nature are brought into the family and are recognized as the sons and daughters of God, and each one has equal rights in the family. Each may have a different gift, but the gift does not make one child dearer than another to the heart of our Father. Each one can have the same kind of fellowship with the Father. Each one has a right to use the name of Jesus. Each one can use the authority vested in that Name to deliver him from the power of sickness and heal him.

I repeat: our heavenly Father has no favorites. The closer our fellowship is with the Father, the sweeter and richer our lives will be.

The problem of Divine Healing is a problem concerning the integrity of the Word of God. Many never have recognized it, but the Word is the healer today. God, in Christ, wrought a perfect redemption of man, and by so doing He provided perfect healing for every believer; but because of a lack of knowledge of the Word, Christians everywhere are ignorant of the way to appropriate the healing that Christ provided for them at Calvary.

In Psalm 107:20 we read, "He sent His Word, and healed them." Then in John 1:14 we read, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." That is the Word sent by God. God had sent His spoken Word through the prophets. He sent the living Word in the flesh, in the person of Christ. Now He unveils the life-giving Word in the Gospels and the Epistles, and these by the Holy Spirit become life and health to them that believe.

May the Lord help each one to erase all doubts and unbelief and to search the Scriptures for this great hidden truth. *The Lord is*

Universal Week of Prayer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

to

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3.

the Healer of His people. God bless you and inspire faith in your heart so that you may appropriate to yourself the blessing provided in the atonement of Christ—healing for your body—for He has said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."—Full Gospel Tidings.

ON THE COVER PAGE

On the shore of Lake Superior, just 27 miles north of Duluth, is the city of Two Harbors, Minnesota. In that city is the lovely little church that is shown on the cover page—the Two Harbors Gospel Tabernacle, affiliated with the Assemblies of God. Claude Bratvold is pastor at the present time.

The Pentecostal work in Two Harbors began through the intercessory ministry of a women's prayer band. Several upstairs halls were rented as places of worship in the early days. Eventually a building was purchased at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Fifth Street, and this served as meeting-place for several years.

It was in 1940 that Pastor Balken brought before the people the need of a better building. The people responded and a building committee was appointed, whose first step was to purchase a lot across the street and to move the house that was on it farther back to serve as the parsonage. Then they launched into the construction of their new church. Pastor Balken and the church members furnished a great deal of the labor.

Succeeding pastors led the people forward in the task of finishing the church building. The mortgage was burned in December, 1948. The corner-stone was laid at the dedication service in 1950.

The building is finished in grained stucco and PermaStone. The main auditorium has 120 cushioned seats; a choir loft and baptistry are included in its double platform. The side wing contains a pastor's study and a prayer room. There is a full basement providing room for Sunday School classes, a kitchen, furnace room and rest rooms. The average attendance at Sunday School is 115.

The radio voice of the church is the "Agate Bay Gospel Tidings" program, heard each Saturday at 7:45 a.m. over station WREX, Duluth, 1080 kc. Brother Bratvold invites all EVANGEL readers within listening distance to tune in each Saturday morning, and when in Two Harbors to be sure to attend any or all of the services. The church is located on the famed North Shore Drive (Highway 61).

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IF WE ALL PULL TOGETHER!

1952 was a great year for starting new Assemblies of God works in all of our districts. At the last account there had been 332 new Assemblies started during the year, and more are being reported. Praise God!

New Assemblies mean new victories for God, new names in glory, new triumphs of faith.

The key to this great push into new territory seems to have been *co-operation*. The forty-one District Home Missions Representatives have co-operation with the National Home Missions office in a way that has encouraged us greatly. But more than that, they have worked hard in their own districts, encouraging and helping in the establishing of new works.

Our established churches have done a wonderful job in "mothering" new works in some districts, notably the New York-New Jersey District, where several churches have caught the vision of opening new works in neighboring communities, and "mothering" the works financially and otherwise.

Great blessing would come if other churches which are already established would follow this example. If there is no nearby community where your church can begin services, there may be a struggling pioneer work near which needs "adopting" for a time. This sort of co-operation is necessary if we are to see as many souls saved as possible in 1953.

Co-operation from the District and from neighboring churches is important in the new field, but the "key" man in the pioneer field is the pioneer himself.

The National Home Missions Department salutes the consecrated men and women who have stepped out by faith and entered new fields for the purpose of winning souls and establishing a Pentecostal testimony in those places.

Without their co-operation, the new works we reported for 1952 would never have become a reality. May God bless these pioneer men and women, and give them many souls in 1953.

NEW GOALS FOR 1953

The over-all goal for the next five years, if the Lord tarries, is a total of 10,000 Assemblies of God churches. This includes the some 6500 churches now in existence.

For 1953, our goal is 757 new churches. The District goals, prorated according to the number of Assemblies already in existence in each District, are as follows: Alabama, 25; Appalachian, 6; Arizona, 6; Arkansas, 53; Eastern, 24; Georgia, 9; Illinois, 21; Indiana, 14; Kansas, 18; Kentucky, 8; Louisiana, 11; Michigan, 18; Minnesota, 14; Mississippi, 10; Montana, 7; Nebraska,

9; New England, 10; New Mexico, 12; New York-New Jersey, 24; North Carolina, 6; Northern California-Nevada, 37; North Dakota, 7; Northwest, 27; Ohio, 19; Oklahoma, 53; Oregon, 20; Potomac, 18; Rocky Mountain, 18; South Carolina, 4; South Dakota, 6; South Florida, 13; Southern California, 37; Southern Idaho, 6; Southern Missouri, 29; Tennessee, 9; Texas, 81; West Central, 22; West Florida, 14; West Texas, 14; Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, 14; Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, 14; Wyoming, 4.

It is not too early to begin to pray for laborers to be thrust forth into the fields that are "white already to harvest." It is not too early to begin to plan for the new work you would like to see in the town next to you. It is not too early to begin a "new works" fund in your section or in your local church. The command of the Master still stands, "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, *beginning at Jerusalem.*"

PIONEERING IN MISSOURI

Cave Springs, Missouri, is a small community, with only a general store and a few dwelling houses, but under the leading of the Holy Spirit, a Central Bible Institute student and his wife, Brother and Sister Stewart Robinson, accepted the challenge to build a work for God.

In October, 1950, Evangelist Billy Wolfe held a revival meeting in a stone building made available for that purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Teague of the community. Previous to this meeting David A. Hastie and the Christ's Ambassadors of the Southside Assembly of Springfield held Saturday night street meetings in the community during the summer months.

Sunday School was started October 26, 1950 with twelve in attendance. This number was increased greatly as a result of the Daily Vacation Bible School in June, 1951. The enrollment for the school was eighty-five and there were fourteen conversions. At present the Sunday School enrollment is fifty.

A building fund was started early in the spring of 1951, and the congregation began to

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On October 14, 1951, ground-breaking services were held with David A. Hastie as the guest speaker. On November 2, 1951, Cave Springs Assembly of God was granted affiliation with the General Council.

In August, 1952, Brother and Sister Bert Webb held a revival meeting in the new church, and at the conclusion of this meeting, the dedication service was held. Nearly a thousand dollars were given or pledged on that day, and by October first, less than two years from the time of the first service, the church was entirely free from debt. Brother Robinson has resigned and F. Wildon Colbaugh is the new pastor. It is the desire of the members of the church that it may be a real lighthouse for the glory of God in Cave Springs.



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ENLARGED HEART

When I was an infant I had whooping cough which caused me to have an enlarged heart. A cardiac condition developed that caused severe pain, until in recent years one attack after another kept me in untold misery.

In July, 1951, I was X-rayed and examined by a reputable doctor. He told me that my condition was beyond the reach of medical help as my heart pumped only water part of the time. He instructed me to do no work and no walking. If I lived it would be a miracle, he said, and I would be an invalid the rest of my life.

At that time I was 16 years old and unsaved. My parents and the church began to pray for me. By seeking the Lord I was wonderfully saved, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and called to tell the sweet story of Jesus. Praise His wonderful name! I was completely healed a year ago. Now I can ride my bicycle to town and back, and do all the work that any other young man can do. I feel well, and I am in better health than ever before in my life.—Ernest Lee Moore, Route 1, Seymour, Tex.

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GALL BLADDER TROUBLE

In the winter of 1946 I was suffering very much. My husband got me to go to his doctor for an examination. The doctor said I had gall bladder trouble and would need an operation if I was not better soon. I also had migraine headaches, arthritis, and erysipelas in my left arm.

I knew God was able to deliver me from all these afflictions, but I did not seem to have the boldness to enter into the Holiest by the new and living Way (as Heb. 10:19-20 tells us) and claim my healing.

I finally gave up doctors and medicine, and looked with confidence to Jesus. I told my husband not to ask me to go to a doctor again. I was determined to trust in One who I knew would hear my cry if I obeyed Him.

The next Sunday after I made my decision to trust God, I sent my son to Sunday School. I told him to tell Brother Winstead, the pastor at that time, that I could not be there to take care of the secretarial work of the Sunday School, but that I would try to be there for church service.

I was feeling very low that day, and I was hardly able to drive the car, but I went to church. The people were standing for prayer as I walked in. After the prayer I walked down to the altar and asked them to pray for my healing. They anointed me with oil according to God's Word (James 5:14) and

prayed. I began praising the Lord for my healing before the pain and sick feeling left me. As I praised the Lord, I was healed. I was made a new woman throughout. Praise His name.

Not one of the afflictions has ever returned these past six years. I am well and strong and able to do my work. I have been witnessing in the prison and state hospital.—Mrs. Bessie Coleman, P. O. Box 250, Lockhart, Fla.

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ANAEMIA AND NERVOUSNESS

All my life I had been anaemic and nervous. When my little girl was seven years old I became very ill and had to take medicine every day. All my doctors said I would have to take medicine the rest of my life.

In January, 1952, Evangelist Rudolph Cerullo conducted a meeting in Troy, N. Y. God spoke to my heart saying I should go to the meeting and have them pray for me. Before I went down I asked God to let me know in some way that He was healing me. As Brother Cerullo started to pray for me the Holy Spirit came upon me just like lightning. I fell to the floor and I could feel God healing me in such a wonderful way. I felt like a new person when I got up. Praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I have not had to take any more medicine.—Mrs. Martin Behr, 70 Oak St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

HOMINY, OKLA.—Evangelist O. W. Newman of Imperial, Texas was with us for three and a half weeks. Five were saved and two filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was wonderfully blessed. One man, 62 years old, was saved for the first time in his life and healed of cancer.—Woodrow Clay, Pastor.

SHELBY, MISS.—Evangelist and Mrs. R. T. Havener of Meridian, Miss. were with us for two weeks. Souls were saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. The saints were edified and stirred to do more for God.—T. C. Stephens, Pastor.

HILL CITY, KANS.—Evangelist and Mrs. Woodrow Hill of Augusta, Kans. were with us for three weeks. Sister Hill's ministry in the morning services and in the children's services proved a special blessing to all. Brother Hill's anointed ministry of the Word in the evening evangelistic services was blessed of God. Many outsiders attended and ten knelt at the altar for salvation. Two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Harold E. Ockerman, Pastor.

SHREWSBURY, PA.—The Lord has given us an outpouring of His Spirit in a meeting conducted by the Fortier Family of Elkhart, Ind. The first night of the meeting several responded to the altar call and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. During the three-week meeting several others found pardon for their

sins and 19 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Some remarkable healings were reported. The prayer room was filled night after night and usually prayer continued until after midnight. For four years we have been praying for a visitation of old-time power. We trust that this is but the beginning of the answer to these prayers.—R. V. McIntosh, Pastor.

HILLBURN, N. Y.—Our church was blessed during the three-week meeting with Evangelist Martha Reed of Valley Cottage, N. Y. The Lord moved mightily from night to night. Conviction rested heavily upon every service. Some sinners were saved and many backsliders reclaimed.

An outstanding healing was that of a lady who had an operation on her leg and had been in the hospital for eight months. The doctors said that her leg would always be stiff. She walked with a cane. She attended the meetings and was wonderfully saved and healed. She is now able to kneel, and she walked over a mile to church.

Many denominational people attended the meeting and eagerly listened to the message on the second coming of Christ. (Harold Thompson is pastor.)—Ann Solomon, Assistant Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—Last January Evangelist Kenneth E. Hagin of Garland, Texas, was with us in a meeting. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and several received healings which still hold good today. Recently Brother Hagin returned for another meeting. About 50 or 60 were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

In the January meeting my oldest daughter was healed of a head injury received when she was a child. She had suffered with headaches so severe at times that she could hardly stand it. She has not had one headache since.

In the meeting just closed my youngest daughter was healed of an eye trouble. She has been wearing thick glasses for over four years. Now she has taken her glasses off and she sees as well as ever without any pain.

There were many other outstanding healings during this meeting. Brother Hagin inspires the faith of the people to believe God for the things He has promised.—J. E. Inlow, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CARTHAGE, N. Y.—On November 9, Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. began a three-week meeting with us. From the first service the anointing of the Spirit rested mightily on preacher and people alike. The Lord indicated to us in a very precious way that He was present to deliver, if we would only believe. This was confirmed to us night after night as people came to the altar for salvation. The emphasis was always on this point in Brother Robie's simple messages. Jesus, the great Deliverer, was the exalted One.

Many were the shouts and tears of joy as blinded eyes were made to see, ears unstopped, limbs straightened, growths removed, and pains of arthritis and other ailments ceased.

Mrs. Bonnie Gates, wife of our church treasurer, was miraculously delivered from a serious internal condition which had partially destroyed some of her intestines, making natural function of some organs impossible. She had been afflicted for 22 years.

Ervin E. Stowell of Russell, N. Y. was delivered of stomach ulcers of two years standing while sitting in the congregation as a prayer for deliverance was offered during the opening part of the service.

A Catholic lady was healed of defective hearing. Praises ascended from those who witnessed her amazed expression of delight.

A man with a cancerous growth behind his eye, which was exceedingly painful, was completely delivered. He stated that he has had no pain whatever since we prayed for him. He went back to his doctor, and the doctor told him that he did not need to go back to the cancer hospital in Buffalo.

A 77-year-old lady who had been blind in one eye for eight years was healed and can now see to thread a needle. A medical doctor and an oculist said that the blindness was caused by a paralyzed nerve.

Several were delivered from the tobacco and liquor habit. A number of Catholic folk came to the meetings and were saved and healed.—William H. Dickinson, Pastor.



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ALLEN, ALA.—We had a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit in the Allen Assembly of God. Evangelist Robert Rogers of Talladega, Ala. was with us for twelve nights. God met us each night in a wonderful way. Fourteen were gloriously saved and eight were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Not only are the revival fires burning in the church, but the young people have carried the revival spirit into the schools. Some were astonished when they heard the young people praising God in school and on the school grounds.—W. C. Buchanan, Pastor.

LAS ANIMAS, COLO.—Evangelist Dean Eldridge of Loveland, Colo. was with us for a youth revival. Souls were saved, sick bodies healed, and the saints edified in Christ. Brother Eldridge's messages were heart stirring and his singing and trombone numbers were greatly enjoyed. Our young people are on fire for God and have a real desire to win others.

The night following the meeting, Brother Eldridge spoke at the sectional C. A. Rally in Canon City. His message stirred the hearts of the young people and a time of prayer and intercession for souls followed.—Bennie R. Harris, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—On November 2 we began a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. William Andrews of Seattle, Wash. From the very first service the power and presence of the Lord was evident. Each Thursday night Brother Andrews prayed for the sick and numbers testified to the healing touch of the Lord. A number of backsliders were reclaimed and many knelt at the altar accepting Christ for the first time. We have no exact count of the number saved, but the meeting was of great spiritual benefit to our church.

On Friday evening after the special meetings we conducted our Third Annual Missionary Convention. Charles Greenaway presented the challenge of the Togo-Dahomey field in Africa. Raymond Brock and Roberta Hill were also with us. These fine missionaries helped to make our convention the best we have ever had.—Tommy Hollingsworth, Faith Tabernacle.

WARRIOR, ALA.—God manifested Himself in a gracious way during a month's meeting with Sister Vera Holmes of Granbury, Texas. This was her second meeting with us. The sick were healed, souls were saved, and a number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We broke our Sunday School attendance record of several years standing, and our missionary offering was possibly the highest in the history of the church.

God has been rewarding our efforts in the past year by increasing our number and saving souls from time to time. We have made some improvements on the parsonage by installing a new bathroom and all modern fixtures in the kitchen. We laid a solid oak floor in the church auditorium and improved some of the Sunday School rooms. We purchased a new Sunday School bus. God has given us a most co-operative group of people and the Assembly is moving forward in harmony.

Our Assembly is located on U. S. Highway 31 and we are happy when those passing through visit our services.—Talmadge F. McNabb, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—God has bestowed many blessings upon us during the past year. In the fall of 1951, Evangelist Christian Hild was with us and God mightily used his messages from the Word of God.

We have now concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist Hattie Hammond. Her ministry taught us to know Jesus in a real and better way than ever before.

In the past year the Sunday School has taken on new life. Our average attendance is about 100 above last year. We have a Sunday School bus which brings in the children from unsaved homes. We are thankful to God for His faithful-

ness to us, and we are looking to Him for a bigger and better year in 1953. Warren B. Straton is pastor.—Sarah P. Strazzeri, Church Secretary, Bethel Full Gospel Church.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We have just concluded one of the most refreshing and profitable revivals that this church has had in some time. Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. brought to us the glorious message of the second coming of Christ. Good crowds gathered nightly to hear the singing of Sister Sheran and the messages of Brother Sheran. The prayer life of the evangelists left its reflection upon many. Souls found the Saviour and rejoiced in the experience of being "born again."—John B. Lilley, Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly.

VINELAND, N. J.—Our first annual Missionary Convention proved a real blessing to the church. A Missionary Convention is the nearest thing to heaven because it represents the pattern of heaven—giving. It has been a good chapter written into the history of the church, and only eternity will tell all the fruits of this convention.

Speakers at this convention were: Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Denton, China; Hugh P. Jeter, Cuba and Spain; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, Egypt; Josephine Spina, South India; and Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Bender, Venezuela.—Norman T. Spong, Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly.

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.

FORDYCE, ARK.—Jan. 4—; Evangelist M. A. Groff, Ft. Smith, Ark.—by Roba Harrison, Pastor.

LINCOLN PARK, MICH.—Bethel Assembly, Dec. 31—; Musical Vanderploegs.—by Seth Balmer, Pastor.

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 4—; Evangelist Lloyd Conditt, Fort Worth, Tex.—by Louie Shultz, Pastor.

LINDA VISTA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 11—; Evangelist B. D. Bennett and party, Rosemead, Calif.—by Larry Hudlow, Pastor.

EL RENO, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 18—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Ray, Denver, Colo.—by J. D. Keen, Pastor.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 11—25 or longer; Evangelist Ward W. Popejoy.—by F. C. Cornell, Pastor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 7—21 or longer; Sunshine Evangelistic Party, Covington, Ky.—by William L. Devereaux, Pastor.

DEMING, N. MEX.—Dec. 30—Jan. 11; Evangelists Bob and Ruth Ferguson, Canton, Ohio. (Robert S. Bubb is Pastor.)

WEST MONROE, LA.—Dec. 28—Jan. 11; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph L. Kay, Chandler, Ariz. (E. L. Tanner is Pastor.)

BEGGS, OKLA.—Jan. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. L. H. Evans, San Antonio, Tex. (James Williams is Pastor.)

BUFFALO, WYO.—Jan. 4—25; Evangelist Verla Spencer, Brainerd, Minn.—by L. C. Sloan, Pastor.

CORNING, N. Y.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Jan. 4—25; Evangelist L. C. Robie.—by Norman Love, Pastor.

NEWARK, N. J.—Bethel Pentecostal Church, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist Hattie Hammond.—by F. D. Eide, Pastor.

COALINGA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 4—22; Evangelist Al Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (A. H. Drake is Pastor.)

PRINCE FREDERICK, MD.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist A. B. Marks, Washington, D. C.—by William Helms, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—Youth meeting, Dec. 28—; Evangelist Marlin Maddoux, Beaumont, Tex. (Clifford Andrews is Pastor.)

NEWARK, DEL.—Jan. 4—18 or longer; Evangelist John Higginbotham, Cleveland, Ohio.—by Arthur E. Hardt, Pastor.

ORLANDO, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 4—18; Evangelist Jonas E. Miller.—by J. Vernon Cardiff, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, MISS.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 4—; Evangelist Haskell Grant, Malvern, Ark.—by M. G. Barfield, Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—City-wide Training Course, Jan. 11—16; George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, instructor.

BONNER SPRINGS, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. C. McCleery, Kansas City, Mo.—by Velma Duvall, Pastor.

EDGEMONT, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, Jan. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Colsen, Hillsboro, Oreg. (Dale K. Eden is Pastor.)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—City-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 11—16; Charles Denton, National S. S. Representative, instructor.

EL PASO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Dec. 28—Jan. 11 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Neal Sheneman.—by O. O. Shipley, Pastor.

GALVESTON, TEX.—Area-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 12—16; G. Raymond White, National S. S. Representative, instructor.

TAFT, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Children's Revival and Workers' Training Course, Jan. 4—11; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Norman Field is Pastor.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Area-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 11—16; D. V. Hurst, Supervisor of Workers' Training Division, instructor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, Jan. 11—Feb. 1; Evangelist W. V. Grant and party, Malvern, Ark. Sunday evening services at Fresno Civic Auditorium, Kern and L Sts.; all other service at church.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

KANSAS TRAINING SEMINARS—Topeka, Jan. 5—10, Melvin Brewer, speaker; Wichita, Jan. 12—17, Vic Trimmer, speaker; Kansas City, Kans., Jan. 19—24, Vic Trimmer, speaker. Using book, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses."—by Paul Witten, District S. S. Director.

INDIANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Fort Wayne, Ind., Assembly of God, 2329 Winter St., Jan. 26—28; J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent, main speaker. Some free rooms for ministers. For reservations write host pastor, Paul Paino, 3226 Beaver Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

OSHAWA, ONT., CANADA—The Pentecostal Church, Jan. 11—25; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Sunday services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. conducted in Plaza Theatre on King St. Prayer for the sick each night. Six churches co-operating. For information write Pastor R. A. Bombay, 37 Fairbank St., Oshawa, Ont., Canada.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

SERVICEMEN in San Diego, Calif. and vicinity are invited to a Servicemen's Rally at 7:15 each Saturday and Sunday nights, Ocean Beach Assembly, Cape May and Ebers St. (Fred Cottriel is pastor.)—by A. St. Clair Nordlund, Servicemen's Director.

NOTICE—The name of the Linden Full Gospel Church has been changed to Linden Assembly of God to conform to the official name of our denomination. We shall be glad to assist and welcome those who are moving to this industrial area or nearby communities. The church and parsonage are located on the corner of East Blanche and Bower Sts., Linden, N. J.—Fred D. Drake, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

ARCHIE C. STELLER, Blackfoot, Idaho, died of a heart attack December 9, 1952, at the age of 60. Brother Steller was ordained in 1951. He was pastor of the assembly in Blackfoot at the time of his homegoing.

CHARLES W. SNYDER of Millville, N. J. went to his eternal reward November 29, 1952, at the age of 61. Brother Snyder was struck by a taxi Nov. 20 while on his way to a gospel service. Ordained in 1945, he was pastoring the Gospel Lighthouse in Millville.