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



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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The High Cost of Dying

A survey reported by *Between the Lines* shows that the average American funeral now costs \$800 or more. According to a leading Washington mortician the same funeral could be provided for half the amount at good profit. A big elephant, he says, can be embalmed for \$1.50. On a \$225 funeral he makes \$95 profit.

"Operation Pray"—a Jaycee Project

Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycee) members in 2,050 communities in the U. S. are carrying out "Operation Pray" throughout May. Using the slogan, "Freedom Flows from Faith in God," local Jaycee committees are conducting a campaign to encourage greater church attendance.

A Good Law in Switzerland

It is reported that Switzerland has a practice of retracting drivers' licenses from automobile drivers who have been drinking, whether they have an accident or not. The report says that 50 per cent of the driving licenses that were withdrawn there in 1951 were retracted because of drinking.

Ask Death Penalty for Peddlers

Addiction to the use of drug heroin is said to be "a living death," putting the victim at the mercy of the peddler permanently. For this reason the Southwest Region Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, which met at Pasadena, California, urged the California Legislature to provide the death penalty for convicted peddlers of heroin.

Sponsor "Not Wanted"

The author of a "best seller" book has turned down a handsome offer for television rights because the sponsor would be a beer company.

"I could not place my influence and my Dad's work in jeopardy," said Miss Alyene Porter, Dallas, Tex., author of "Papa Was a Preacher." The beer concern proposed a weekly TV show, based on the book, to run for two or three years.

Behind the Bamboo Curtain

John Bechtel, Hong Kong, reports that at least 22 Protestant missionaries are still behind the Bamboo Curtain in China. Every Friday afternoon, he says, missionaries in Hong Kong gather in the Peninsula Hotel to remember these fellow-workers in prayer.

One of the 22 workers still in Red China is an Assemblies of God missionary. The others are: American Presbyterian Mission, eight; China Inland Mission, four; Christian Missions to Many Lands, one; Conservative Baptist, one; Lutheran Mission, three; Christian Book Room, one; Mennonite Mission, one; independent, two.

Distributing God's Word

The American Bible Society distributed 13,369,030 copies of the Scriptures in 1952. Of this total 7,822,644 copies were distributed in the United States. Altogether the Society distributed the Word in 149 different languages.

Bumper Crops in Israel

Citrus exports from Israel were expected to reach the five-million-case mark by the end of April. This figure is 1,300,000 cases above the amount of citrus fruit shipped last year. Another crop whose exports will top last year's figure will be the banana crop; banana exports are expected to reach 500 tons.

The Pope's Wealth

The newspapers report that the Vatican State treasure is estimated at several billion dollars, most of it in gold bullion. Little of the Pope's wealth is held in the Vatican vaults, however. Some is invested in international stocks and bonds, the balance in gold ingots on deposit with the U. S. Federal Reserve Bank.

Church Construction Gaining

The construction of new church buildings, now virtually free from government controls and materials shortages, is gaining. During the first quarter of 1953 there was a 14 per cent increase over the same period a year ago. Government reports said that new construction valued at \$103,000,000 was started this year, whereas new starts in the first quarter of 1952 totaled only \$90,000,000.

Government Officials Warn Missionaries Not to Evangelize India

A dispatch by *Religious News Service* from New Delhi, India, tells of increasing pressure from government officials against the preaching of the gospel by missionaries in that land. The situation calls for earnest prayer.

India will insist that foreign missionaries comply with the country's policy of limiting evangelical work to nationals, two government officials told the Upper House of Parliament. The officials are Home Minister Kailash Nath Katju and Deputy Home Minister B. N. Datar.

Mr. Katju said that everyone in India was free to propagate his religion, but the government did not want people from other countries to do such work. The government prefers that all evangelizing be done by national ministers.

"If missionaries come here for evangelical work, the sooner they stop it, the better," he said. He made it clear that Protestant and Roman Catholic missionary societies should limit their activities to educational, medical, philanthropic, rural, and social "uplift" work.

Liquor for Air Force Bases?

"There is now on the desk of Air Force Secretary, Harold E. Talbott, a proposal to permit the sale of packaged liquor on Air Force Bases," says *The National Voice*. "That the United States military authorities would even entertain such an invitation to disaster is unbelievable.

"In 1901, a law was passed making it unlawful to sell intoxicating liquor on U. S. premises, and that law has never been repealed. It is still in effect. This proposal is in direct conflict with this law.

"A flood of letters should go to Hon. Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. urging him to make use of the powers granted him by Congress to prevent the approval of this proposal to sell package liquor at Air Bases."

Leading Spanish Catholic Converted

Dr. Andrew M. Mateo, one of Spain's outstanding Catholic leaders, left the church. Dr. Mateo is a native of Spain and received most of his priestly training in the schools of the Jesuit Order, one of the strictest and most highly regarded orders of the Catholic Church. He has twice been honored by the written benediction of the Pope, and was offered a bishopric shortly before he left the priesthood.

Dr. Mateo is well-known in Catholic circles for the many books and articles which he published. The moving story of his search for spiritual freedom and of his personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ was told by Dr. Mateo himself in an article entitled, "From My Sycamore Tree," which appeared in a recent issue of *The Converted Catholic Magazine*.

Assemblies Show Remarkable Growth

Some very interesting information has come from a careful survey of Assemblies of God records made by the General Secretary's office during the month of March, 1953. At the present time there are listed 6,362 affiliated and co-operative assemblies with a constituency of 370,118 persons of sixteen years of age or over. Two years ago there were only 5,854 assemblies with membership estimated to be 318,478.

There are 742 churches of the Assemblies of God in the state of Texas alone, with a combined membership of 52,318. This means that in the state of Texas there are nearly seven Assemblies of God members to every 1,000 of population. The national average is 2.4 members per 1,000 of population.

Sunday School enrollment and attendance is even more remarkable. Latest statistics compiled by the National Sunday School Department reveal that there are 6,230 Sunday Schools with an estimated enrollment of 710,220 and an average attendance of 517,090. This represents an increase of 52,950 in enrollment and an increase of 46,750 in average attendance during the past year. These 6,230 Sunday Schools are staffed with 74,760 teachers and officers. During the 1952 calendar year 68,530 souls were won for Christ through the Sunday Schools.

The Land is not as Egypt

Gordon F. Preiser*



EGYPT WAS the land of bondage, the place where the children of Israel served tyrannical taskmasters who caused them many years of unbearable oppression. In type we are accustomed to thinking of Egypt as representing the unregenerate state, the former life of servitude to sin and Satan, the arch tyrant. As opposed to this we have come to think of Canaan land as the enriched state of the Spirit-filled believer who is "drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry" and "feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply." How regrettable it is that some who have been saved for a number of years never have gotten off Mount Pisgah. They view the blessings of the Canaan land experience, but never really enter in.

God has provided His "promised land" experiences for all. There is a place of blessed victory where we can enjoy the milk and honey of an enriched experience, dwelling in the exceeding great and precious promises. There is such a vast difference between the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan that the contrasts afford an interesting study.

DIFFERENT IN FERTILITY

Egypt is actually a part of the great Sahara desert. Were it not for a single river running through this land, it would be a barren waste. In fact, it is said that "wherever the Nile water goes there is fertility, but beyond that, both east and west, there is desert sand." How like those whose lives bespeak the Egypt experience! I am reminded of a gentleman with whom I was dealing at the conclusion of an evangelistic meeting. He pointed to his heart and remarked, "Well, I guess there must be SOMETHING there!" Yes, I presume civilization had made some impression upon him, but he knew nothing of the Canaan land experience. The soul of the nominal Christian is dry. There may be a streak of morality within, but to either side there is nothing but desert.

On the other hand, our geographers tell us that within this land of Canaan lies

what is called "the fertile crescent," the richest deposit of soil in the world. The Spirit-filled believer is living under conditions which enrich the soul with the choicest of heaven's blessings. Indeed, there is no place in all the world where there are richer experiences than in the "land of promise."

DIFFERENT IN CLIMATE

Egypt is an arid land. Most of it is practically rainless and depends on the annual overflow of the Nile. All year long the land is dry. Then there comes that particular season when the great river overflows its banks leaving a deposit of fertile soil on the area nearby. It is a "once-a-year land." There are so-called Christians like that. They receive blessing only once a year. They perhaps attend church only on Christmas or Easter. Or they serve God only one day a week. Perhaps they recite a certain few prayers or go through a mere form of worship every Sunday morning. There is very little spiritual life, if any, in such a procedure. No fervor. No fruit-bearing. No lively out-

"But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which He did. Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it; and that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey. For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: but the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven." Deuteronomy 11:7-12.

cries from new-born babes in Christ. Only a quiet, dull, monotonous existence.

In contrast to the monotonous climate of Egypt we find that "probably there is no country in the world of the same extent which has a greater variety of climate than Palestine." And those who have entered that spiritual Canaan land are enjoying a variety of spiritual blessings continually. Our God is a Creator of infinite variety. He has given us, in the variety of operations and manifestations of His Spirit, a spiritual climate in which we may thrive! We need no "order of worship" other than the divine order, motivated and energized by the Holy Spirit. In that beautiful diversity of operations of the Holy Spirit one may enjoy the ever-fresh flow of "living waters."

DIFFERENT IN POPULATION

The Egyptians were descendants of Ham, who was cursed. As sinners, we are descendants of Adam, who was cursed. By Adam "sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). And "by one man's disobedience many were made sinners" (Rom. 5:19). Those who, by virtue of their rejection of Christ's redemptive work, are still living as Egyptians, are still living under the curse.

The Israelites were descendants of Abraham, who was blessed. Even as that great man of faith scanned the horizon of time and, catching a glimpse of Christ's day, rejoiced in faith to see it, we may partake of that blessed experience of having the very righteousness of Christ imputed unto us. And in contrast to those who are descendants of Ham, who was cursed, "we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise" (Gal. 4:28).

DIFFERENT IN TOPOGRAPHY

Egypt is a plain. The experience of the unregenerate is that of a monotonous, barren spiritual desert. There are no mountain-top experiences in such a land. There are no quiet, verdant valleys. Comparing Egypt with Canaan is like comparing the Gobi Desert with Yellowstone National

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The lake front at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This is the city where the General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet August 26 to September 1, 1953.

Park. The one is a waste, the other a panorama of beauty, owing to its picturesque mountains, enchanting dells, lakes, and waterfalls.

But the scripture says "the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys." What a contrast! The true believer does not stay in the plain. He is not satisfied with a "flat" experience, but longs for the spiritually invigorating air of "heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

DIFFERENT IN VEGETATION

Most of Egypt has no forests, no fruitful orchards. Only along the Nile is there much vegetation. Since trees represent the children of God (Psa. 1:3), it is evident that Egypt is no place for God's people. There may be a few scraggly trees, not growing much but barely existing! But in Canaan there are hardy oaks, lofty cedars and fruit trees abounding. The vibrant Christian is really growing. He is like a tree that is not growing wild, but "planted" by the rivers of water. His leaf does not wither but he keeps renewing his strength and bearing the fruits of righteousness. But what is the condition of the ungodly? They are like chaff. What a difference between a rich green leaf which has lost none of its living fullness, and dry, dead, useless chaff! God grant

that we may enjoy the rich spiritual growth which is provided for us in Canaan!

DIFFERENT IN RAINFALL

Except for a narrow belt on the north along the Mediterranean shore, Egypt lies in an almost rainless area. Here there are no such things as "showers of blessings." The only means of watering is by irrigation. The Egyptians waded through the muck and mire of the fields, diverting the water in furrows with their feet. This resulted, naturally, in an unclean and unhealthy condition which caused many forms of foot disease. Another means of irrigation was to use a foot-powered water wheel, suggested by the words, "and wateredst it with thy foot," in Deut. 11:10. These water wheels were driven by slaves. What a picture of filth, disease, sweat, toil and bondage! Do you think an Israelite would want to return to such conditions once he had enjoyed the blessings of Canaan? Who would wish to exchange the fountain of living waters for broken cisterns which hold no water? We are told that these cisterns were full of "water collected from clay roofs or from marly soil, having the color of weak soap suds, the taste of the earth or stable, and often full of worms!"

Another contrivance extensively em-

ployed to raise water from the Nile for irrigation was the *shadoof*. It consisted of a long stout rod suspended on a frame at about one-fifth of its length from the end. The short end was weighted as a counterpoise, and from the long end a bucket of leather or earthenware was suspended by a rope. What a multiplicity of means must be employed when there is a lack of rain! How repulsive it is to the "inhabitant of Canaan" to see a condition of spiritual blessing "worked up." Irrigated meetings have no place in Canaan! No need of a leader working the foot pump! No need of a song leader saying, "Come on, now, you can do better than that on these last two verses!—Let's stand and pull out all the stops! Let's get out our ten-stringed instruments!" And no need of coaxing the people to testify! You don't need the *shadoof* when you have the rain!

"The land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, AND DRINK-ETH WATER OF THE RAIN OF HEAVEN! HALLELUJAH! You don't irrigate hills and valleys! You don't need to irrigate when the rain of heaven is falling! This is God's gracious provision for His children. If we live in Egypt, we shall always be going down to the muddy Nile for water, but when we live in Canaan we look upward, for the water comes from heaven. How thrilling it is to know that this wonderful land of promise is ours. Truly it "is not as the land of Egypt!"

*"You need not look for me
Down in Egypt's sand,
For I have pitched my tent
Far up in Beulah land!"*

ANCIENT CUSTOM REVIVED

An ancient ceremony has been revived in Israel. It is the chanting of "Shirat Hayam" ("The Song of the Sea") which was recited on the Tel-Aviv beach on the seventh day of Passover. The Bible states that seven days after the Jewish people left Egypt they made their miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. To commemorate that event, the religious population of the seashore city gathers on the coast each year on the holiday to recite the Song of Exultation sung by Moses and the people of Israel after their crossing.

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The Neglected Commandment

Mary Leola Boyd

THE WRITER once heard a sermon on the neglected commandment to which the church desperately needs to be alerted: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1).

It is a sad commentary on brotherly love when a Christian takes morbid pleasure in spreading the news that So-and-So in the church has backslidden, rather than to go and restore such an one as unobtrusively as possible.

There is many a sheep in the wilderness of sin today, ashamed, miserable in soul and body, and homesick for the Lord, yet still wandering because this commandment has been neglected. But oh, the tact, love, and mercy that must be used in fulfilling it! That is why Paul specified that only the "spiritual" would qualify. That is why he, under the Spirit, added the complementary commandment, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Only the spiritual can get under the burden as though it were his own, and feel compassion for another's weakness.

It might be profitable for all of us to search our hearts. If our attitude toward the fallen be tinged with self-righteous condemnation, then we are yet carnal and would but drive the erring one farther away. We need to judge ourselves and get low before the Lord who said, "Considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." Self-righteousness opens the door to the tempter, and God may permit him to enter that we may be sifted as wheat.

To be truly spiritual is to keep fully aware that we stand not in our own strength, but in that of Christ Jesus who "is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:30, 31).

Too often Christians take the attitude of the elder son in the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15). We resent it when the fallen one is shown mercy, even though the sinner be a brother. Let us consider the heavenly art of restoring the lost, as illustrated in this parable.

The father did not reproach the penitent son over the disgrace brought upon his name. The filth, the rags, and the emaciation wrought compassion in his great heart, and his lips kissed those that had been soiled with lust and wine even

before confession could be uttered verbally. Oh, that kiss of love! How it must have unstopped the fountain of tears and wrought the miracle of a nobler love and higher form of repentance than that of merely returning to the shelter and provision of his father's house!

Oh, my brothers and sisters, let us pray that the Heavenly Father will pour into us of His unique love for the fallen! As sinners saved by grace, may we let the grace of God flow through us to unworthy ones who would naturally expect condemnation. This has been instrumental in saving many a defiant sinner, sweetening

many an embittered Christian, tenderizing many a stubborn will.

If perchance you are a backslider, and you feel that the wasted years of sinning have piled up into an insurmountable barrier to forgiveness, we would elaborate on the significant things which Jesus included in the parable of the Prodigal Son just for those who would feel as you do:

The father eagerly ran to meet his son who was yet "a great way off." (That is where you are, is it not?)

The father took all the responsibility for his cleansing by clothing him with the "best robe"—Christ's righteousness.

The son had wasted all of his inheritance, yet the ring of heirship was placed on his hand.

The father shod the wayward son's feet with shoes—symbolic of carrying the gospel (Eph. 6:15). Reclaimed, and ended for service!

Return to your Father's house today!

THE BATTLE OF THE AGES

THERE IS a battle that has raged throughout the ages. It is a battle between God and the devil for the possession of the souls of mankind. The center of conflict has ever been the person and work of the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. His miraculous conception, His atoning death, His triumphant resurrection: these are the three mountain peaks of faith Satan would destroy.

The salvation of men and nations depends upon the Son of God. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

This is the center of the battle today. That fearful apostasy known as Communism is only one phase of the enemy's attack. The tide of battle ebbs and flows and takes on many aspects, but the fighting always rages hottest where Christ is preached.

There can be no neutrality. The times are too serious for compromise. Silence is as treacherous as outspoken opposition.

What value is prayer addressed to God which is not breathed in the name of Christ? Will He grant peace, howl we never so loudly for it, when we exclude from our councils the Prince of Peace?

Must we, in order to be considered tolerant, keep silent about Jesus Christ in the presence of powerful forces which do not accept Him as Deity? Has it become bad manners to be loyal to the King of Kings?

A tremendous division becomes apparent, a division of all mankind into two great camps.

On one side are those who are loyal

to the Christ as very God of very God from everlasting to everlasting, who took on Himself our humanity by being born of a virgin, and who lived a holy life, died a sacrificial death for all mankind, miraculously rose in mighty triumph from the dead, lives at the right hand of the Father, and is coming again in power and glory. This Christ they accept and acknowledge as their own personal Saviour, the Captain of their salvation.

On the other side are those who deny the claims of the Son of God, either by outright opposition or by silence in the presence of His enemies.

Cleared of all man's devious reasonings, that is the issue. We must face it. It is time to stand up and be counted!

Thousands who regard Communism with horror will nevertheless find themselves marching with the red hordes who blaspheme the holy Name. Christ-denial brings us into fellowship with Communists on the most important and most evil point in their doctrine.

"He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22).

The crux of the conflict is not primarily economic or political. A Person stands in the center of the battle. The banner of the Cross waves above Him. His eyes are as a flame of fire. Out of His mouth issues a sharp two-edged sword. The rally call is sounding. Who is on the Lord's side? Let him step forward now and take his place in the ranks of those who are loyal to the Christ.

—A. M. Quick.

NATIONAL MINISTERS SPEARHEAD REVIVALS IN VENEZUELA

VENEZUELA, the most northern republic of South America, has been visited this past year with some remarkable revivals. The national workers and missionaries alike have witnessed Pentecostal outpourings in this republic and revival fires are still burning. Nevertheless, millions remain bound by superstition and idolatry and many tribes in the interior are still unreached.

Early in the new year an evangelistic campaign was held by our national workers in the important city of Ciudad Bolivar. Many souls were reached with the gospel message. The estimated attendance was about 5,000. After the meetings the people were eager to have a week of Bible studies so our missionary, W. C. Stepp, made the long journey two days east to the Orinoco River. Finally he reached Ciudad Bolivar. Previous to the campaign the people there had never heard the full gospel message. They now desire to have an Assemblies of God church established in this city.

In February our workers loaded the Speed-the-Light car down to the axles! They weighted the top carrier with the P. A. System, 227 Bibles, hymnbooks, musical instruments, cots, hammocks, etc. This time they were off to San Fernando, an interior city several hundred miles distant on the Apure River. This was the very first time that the Assemblies of God had ever held an evangelistic campaign in this state.

The people received the message with open hearts. Some 3,000 attended nightly.

The audience was made up mostly of Indians. Here in Venezuela a large percentage of the population are mestizos of mixed Spanish and Indian blood. Over 600 came forward to accept Christ as Saviour.

The newspapers gave considerable publicity to the meetings. They made special mention of the healing of a man who had long dragged himself through the streets of San Fernando. For the past three years he had not been able to stand or walk. One night after the message was given and the sick had been prayed for, to the astonishment of all, this very man came walking to the platform to testify to his healing!

The newspaper also reported that a number of persons were healed of blindness, hernia and tuberculosis. Several deaf and dumb were healed, too. Luiz Dominguez had not spoken for four years but there in the meeting he began to sing psalms of thanksgiving!

They came from distant points—old men, young men, old women and young ones. The passage ways and the yards, filled with bleachers, were all crowded from the early hours of the day. The heat was extreme but refreshing showers fell on all! The people wept when our workers left and are eager for them to return.

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When Venezuela won her independence from Spain in 1811 she proclaimed religious freedom, yet millions of her people are still fettered by sin, supersti-



The Evangelistic Team in the revival meetings in Venezuela. Standing, left to right: Jose Castello, Pedro Ramirez, Roberto Gonzales, and William Stepp. Seated: Mrs. Ramirez and Mrs. Gonzales.

tion and ignorance. Our first missionaries went to Venezuela in 1918. We now have about forty churches in this republic, three of which are located in Barquisimeto. We also have a fine Bible School in this city for the training of national workers. There are at present forty-five students enrolled, preparing themselves for service in this portion of God's vineyard.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article has been compiled from information furnished by William C. Stepp and Yngve Olson, two of our missionaries to Venezuela.)

Tibetan Monk Baptized

Grace Walther, North India

WE HAD a most interesting baptismal service recently. Three different languages were used. One of the candidates was a Tibetan monk. His testimony was unique. He said that although he had heard the message of salvation before the missionaries left China he had not accepted the Lord.

Now God had put within him a great desire to be saved so he traveled many weary months across the highest mountains in the world. He trudged part way on foot and crossed treacherous rivers—sometimes on rafts made of inflated skins. From time to time he rode his pony. Finally he arrived, feet cracked and bleeding, yet with a determination in his soul to confess Christ as Saviour.

Although his permit is valid for six months he feels an irresistible urge to



The Zion congregation in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, established about a decade ago by Miss Milda Meyrick. The pastor is standing at the top at the extreme right with his hand on the wall. The church is in the background.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Shaw
South India



Mr. and Mrs. Everett Devine
Chile, S. America

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From our Leper Home in Uska Bazar, North India, Edith Dutton writes: "We now have a pump for irrigating the farm in case the rains fail. The jeep, too, is a great asset. God has been very gracious to us and has given us a good crop of wheat and rice in spite of hail storms all about us. We are trying to get our dispensary set up to government requirements and are in need of a microscope. A good secondhand microscope is available for \$175. Pray that God will supply this need."

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The Finkenbinders in San Salvador send the following news item: "We have a weekly radio program in Santa Ana and another in San Miguel. These are the second and third largest cities of our republic. Brother Gustavo, the pastor of our church in Santa Ana, has informed us that certain ones who have identified themselves with our assembly testify to the fact that they found Christ as their Saviour through our broadcasts."

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Virgil Smith, from Santa Catarina, Brazil, writes: "The last week of the old year we had a young people's conference in Joinville. Most of our local young folk attended and about seventy young people came from other towns. We had good services and all went back with a new zeal for Christian life and service."

"Recently we visited our new work in the western part of the state. A real revival is going on there. The hall in which the meetings are held is packed out at every service. The new Christians are already buying a lot on which to erect a church building. We plan to have the first baptismal service soon."

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Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholson, formerly missionaries to Cuba, have now entered the evangelistic field. Their new address is: 1818 Myrtle Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

return soon to his own people, for he says, "What of the old ones who may die without the message if I tarry longer!"

Our population here is quite a mixture. Since Kalimpong, our station, is so close to the borders of Tibet and Nepal, we make many interesting contacts with the people of these closed lands.

We are kept busy with our weekly Bible classes, prayer meetings, and young people's meetings.

Expansion in Upper Volta

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bascue
French West Africa

GOD IS wonderfully blessing the work here at the Yako station. We held a baptismal service in March at which time 25 converts were immersed and joined the church. At another impressive service a month later, 29 more candidates stepped out boldly for Christ and were baptized.

What a glorious sight to see them all come with their charms, fetish medicines, jujus, etc., and throw them into a big fire, thus witnessing before all the village their faith in Christ.

We praise God for His mercy to these Mossi tribespeople who have been so long in the bondage and darkness of heathenism!

There is not very much out here in this hot, dusty, deserted African bush to recompense the missionary UNTIL some of these wild bush natives get saved in the old-fashioned way. But it is rewarding to watch the converts. The fear and superstition actually lifts from their countenances in a moment of time. They experience unbounded joy in their new-found salvation.

I believe we shall continually witness greater and greater numbers turning to God out here. We are believing, expecting, praying, and working toward this end. Continue to intercede with us for a real harvest of souls.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Shaw have been reappointed to South India. They and their two children sailed for Madras, April 9, on the SS. ROEBIAH.

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Mr. and Mrs. Everett Devine and family have arrived in Chile for another term of service. Their new address is: Casilla 77D, Santiago, Chile, South America.

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Brother Yumiyama, Superintendent of the Japan Assemblies of God and instructor at the Japan Central Bible Institute in Tokyo, has moved his family to the Institute grounds. His residence there will prove most beneficial and practical.

A small house, formerly used for a girls' dormitory, has been assigned to Mr. Yumiyama. It is adequate, except that our brother should have a study built on to the house. A Japanese-style bathroom is also much needed. These items will cost \$1,000. Could you help? Kindly designate your offering for "Mr. Yumiyama's Study," and send it to Noel Perkin,

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE FIRST EVANGELISTIC MISSION

Lesson for May 24

Acts 8:5-17

We have given some study to Stephen, who was appointed to assist in the distribution of the daily portion among the disciples. Now we study the life of another who served in similar activity. Philip began as a deacon and later he became known as "Philip the evangelist" (Acts 21:8). Today we take up the account of his first revival.

1. THE MINISTRY OF PHILIP

a. *Philip's Message.* After the stoning of Stephen severe persecution began against the church. Through the persecution the believers were scattered abroad (v. 1) and they "went every where preaching the word" (v. 4). As for Philip, he "went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them" (v. 5). The Samaritans were an exclusive sect. They had their temple on Mount Gerizim and they accepted only the writings of Moses as inspired. They were a mixed race which resulted from colonization by other nations sent into the land by the king of Assyria (2 Kings 17:24). With these people the Jews had no dealings (John 4:9). It is remarkable that Philip, who had been schooled in Jewish prejudice, should begin his ministry at Samaria; but he had a burden for souls and a love for Christ which lifted him above both natural and sectarian boundaries. He "preached Christ unto them."

b. *Philip's Miracles.* Philip's ministry was not in word only but in demonstration of the Holy Ghost and power. Needs were met, both spiritual and physical. Unclean spirits came out of many. When unclean spirits came out in Bible times there were manifestations giving evidence of Satan's presence. Where there are demons present today we may expect manifestations which are similar, if they are driven out. Not only were unclean spirits cast out, but "many taken with palsies [paralysis], and that were lame, were healed" (v. 7).

c. *Philip's Method.* Philip followed Biblical order. He put the preaching of Christ first and His preaching was confirmed by divine miracles. The pattern given by Jesus was (1) "Preach the gospel," and (2) "These signs shall follow them that believe" (Mark 16:15-18). This course the disciples followed. "They went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming

the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20).

2. THE JOY OF THE CONVERTS

a. *Rejoicing in Physical Blessing.* There was great joy in Samaria when the people saw the demons cast out and the sick made whole (v. 8). Evidences of healing were before their very eyes. The paralytic walked, the lame leaped. No one could question the reality of the healings. The dumb were heard to speak, the deaf to hear. The healings could bear examination both at the time and afterwards. Then there were the marvelous deliverances of those who had been bound by Satanic power. There was no lack of witnesses to the healing, delivering power of God.

b. *Rejoicing in Spiritual Blessing.* Had healings alone been the result, the revival at Samaria would have been a failure. No revival is a success unless it gets people to God and to the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. It is probably that the rejoicing at Samaria began when they saw signs and wonders done in the name of Jesus. But as Philip continued to preach "the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus," the people became pricked in their hearts. They repented of their sins and accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour; then "they were baptized, both men and women" (v. 12). This brought a deeper joy. We rejoice when we see miracles; we rejoice "with joy unspeakable and full of glory" when we know Christ as our Saviour and Lord.

3. THE HYPOCRISY OF SIMON

a. *A Convert in Appearance Only.* At Samaria there was a sorcerer named Simon. Through his magic he had bewitched the people, but he had never done miracles such as Philip was doing. Simon's supposed miracles had been deceptive; the miracles of Philip were genuine. When Simon saw the blessing which came to the people, he joined with them and was baptized also. But with him all this was external. True repentance was not there. He only wanted gain from the gospel. Let those take heed who preach about baptismal regeneration. Too much stress put on water and too little on repentance may result in deception for many. Simon accepted the message and instruction of Philip in his mind, but his heart was unchanged.

b. *A Disciple With an Unworthy Motive.* Simon continued with Philip and studied

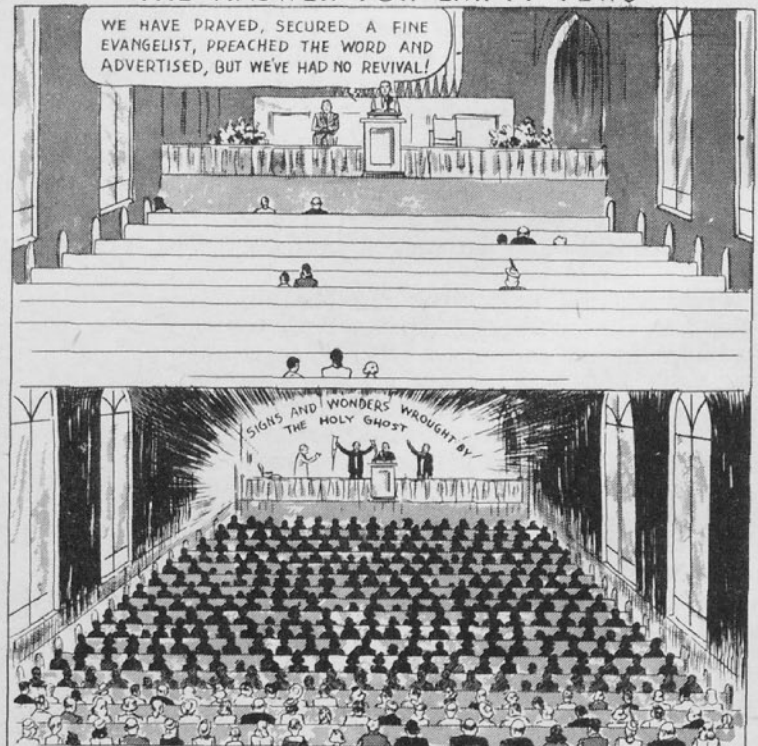
the miracles that were wrought. He wished to know the system Philip used so that he might obtain similar results. But God has no set system. Men may imitate what others are doing, and may learn from them, but in divine things it is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." It is the Spirit that works in all the gifts and ministries which He has placed in the church. The Spirit, and not the flesh, must direct (1 Cor. 12:11).

4. THE MINISTRY OF PETER AND JOHN

a. *Something Additional to Salvation.* Who can doubt the salvation of the Samaritans? "They believed Philip" as he preached. They accepted his message. They were baptized in water and they had great joy. Surely the Holy Spirit was with them. It is our firm conviction that every person born of God has the Holy Spirit bearing witness with his spirit that he is a child of God (Rom. 8:16). He is born of the Spirit. We find, however, as we study the workings of the Spirit in the Book of Acts, that there is a separate and subsequent experience called the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Salvation is a cleansing work. It prepares a believer to be filled with the Spirit. The believers in Samaria lacked this spiritual baptism.

b. *The Falling of the Spirit.* When word came to the apostles at Jerusalem that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to pray for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (v. 15). They believed the baptism with the Spirit was so important that

THE ANSWER FOR EMPTY PEWS



The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. Acts 8:16

no believer should be left without this experience. When Peter and John came, they laid hands on the Samaritan disciples and prayed, and they received the Holy Spirit. The ministry of Peter and John was not a substitute for the ministry of Philip, but a supplement to it. Philip was doing a great work, but needed the help of the apostles to minister further truth. From this we learn that different spiritual ministries complement each other.

c. *The Request of Simon.* When the Spirit came to Samaria there were great visible demonstrations. Simon, seeing how God answered the apostles' prayer, offered them money, saying, "Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost." Peter rebuked him, saying that the gift of God may not be purchased with money (v. 20).

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The First Martyr for Christ (lesson for Sunday, May 17). Lesson text: Acts 6:8, 10-12; 7:54-60.



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GOD IS MOVING!

An increasing number of reports of revivals in some of our Home Mission fields have reached the National Home Missions Department. We rejoice with our workers and give God the glory for every soul who has found Christ. Here are two of the reports.

SITKA, ALASKA

Leon Ayers writes: "God mightily met us during three weeks of meetings with Brother and Sister Clayton Nelson here. There were well over one hundred people who had never been in the church since we have been here, who were in one or more of these services. Much prejudice is gone as far as the city is concerned, and we have noted increasing results ever since the revival meeting. I honestly don't know how many were saved, though I'm sure there were over thirty. Two received the Holy Spirit, and many experienced God's healing touch. We had made ten new ten-foot pews for the auditorium and yet the church was full at practically every service.

"While our Sunday School has been steadily growing, we were thrilled with 132 present on Easter morning! Can you imagine that many in this little church at Sitka? The best of it is that many of the people's hearts are hungry for God. The place was packed out in both services on Sunday. Actually, our attendance was much more than that, for at present we are ministering in four different places to four different groups of people

who cannot possibly come to one common meeting-place. The total of those places would run over 200.

"God is working especially among the students in the Mount Edgcumbe High School (operated by Native Service) here. There were only two students in our group last year, and we began with three this year. At this writing that number has grown until we have over one hundred on our Edgcumbe roll, with an average attendance of around fifty-five. The reason the number isn't higher is that we are unable to secure a larger room. Several of the students have given their hearts to the Lord and I believe this is only a start.

"Please remember to pray for us here at Sitka that the Lord will supply every need in order that we may meet the challenge of hungry hearts with which we are faced. The question at present is this: How much longer will I be physically able to work out on a secular job and still keep up the spiritual end of things? I am not able to say. It is indeed a trying situation mentally and physically. The harvest is so great and the laborers so few.

"Another problem arising from the growth of the work is the financial strain on the church. Though we minister to more than one hundred students in addition to our own church, we receive no financial aid or remuneration whatsoever to help buy supplies, postage, etc.

"If you know of any C. A. group, Sunday School class, church, or family who would care to help in our ministry to these high-school students, we would be glad to furnish them with pictures and a short case history of the students. It would tear your heart out to read the students' requests for prayer from week to week as we have given them opportunity to write them down. Please pray with us

and for us, that God will give us His wisdom in this place.

"We have been granted the privilege of taking recordings of services into the Sanitorium connected with Mt. Edgcumbe High School, but have been unable to take advantage of this open door as yet because we have no tape recorder."

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Virginia Kridler writes: "We had a wonderful Indian revival with Manuel Cordova, a Pomo Indian evangelist from Northern California. God took hold of some of our teen-age Indians. Several of them were saved and three were filled with the Holy Spirit. One of these was a sixteen-year-old girl who just ten days before had been out with some young people and was beaten up so badly in the face that her own sister didn't even know her. She was very sick for several days and was not able to attend any of the special services till the last day. She came to the altar and sought the Lord with all of her heart. When she raised her hands heavenward, the glory of the Lord came down and she fell under the power of God, speaking in tongues. We were all so happy for her. Her mother, a Christian widow with five younger children besides this girl, was so happy and thrilled. God has done a real work in this girl's life. Isn't Jesus wonderful!

"We had a wonderful Easter day with our Indian people. There were 230 in the Sunday School. Seventy-three of these were Indian young people from the Indian Government School here in the city. There were five baptized in water—three of these were teen-age boys, two of whom had just been saved and filled with the Spirit. How thrilled I was, for these are in my young people's Sunday School class.

"Easter night we had our biggest crowd. The church was completely filled. Chil-

dren had to sit upon the altar and there were around fifty people outside who couldn't get in. When the call was given the altar soon filled with seekers and a number of the children were praying on the platform. There were seven slain under the power of God at the same time. It was glorious.

"The special services are over, but we can still feel a real revival spirit in the midst of the church, and the testimonies are glorious and really uplifting. The presence of the Lord is so real."

Yes, God is moving by His Spirit—saving souls in some Home Mission fields where the struggle has been long and the labor seemingly fruitless. And simultaneous with the increase of the harvest and spiritual responsibilities, our workers are faced with urgent need for increased finances. Buildings which for years were adequate suddenly have become gloriously yet perplexingly inadequate! Funds are desperately needed to enlarge or rebuild in some places, while other workers are pleading for help to get their first building erected.

You can have a part in preserving the results of God's moving in Alaska and among the Indians by designating an offering now for either of these fields. We are grateful for those who have helped already, but a great need continues to face us as God moves in one field after another, bringing many souls to Himself. Help us garner the precious grain! Send your offerings today to National Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

This Week's Cover

El Bethel Assembly of God, shown on this week's cover page, was the scene earlier this month of the annual convention of the West Central District Council. Gayle F. Lewis, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was the main speaker during the convention.

The El Bethel congregation moved into this new building last August, after worshiping for many years in a small frame building. Lillie B. Hinkle was the founding pastor of the church. Harold Hamilton, her successor, shepherded the flock for a number of years. For the past nine years Ralph E. McCaulley has been the pastor.

The new building, formerly used by a Lutheran congregation, is located at 14th and Main Streets. The auditorium seats over 650. The El Bethel Assembly bought it fully equipped with pipe organ, oak pews, pianos, departmental chairs, tables, etc. The parsonage, a frame building next door, was also included in the purchase.

After moving in, the El Bethel Assembly redecorated the interior of the buildings, and on December 1, 1952, rededicated them. Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was the dedicational speaker.



Lest we forget

This is the third in a series of articles concerning some of our elderly pioneer ministers. All ministers featured in this column are receiving financial aid through the Old Age Assistance fund. As you read, ask the Master, "What should I do to show my appreciation for these pioneers of our movement?" Then give cheerfully when the special Old Age Assistance offering is received in your church on Sunday—May 31.

The morning was cold and gray. A busy Assemblies of God pastor in a large city picked up the telephone and dialed a number. A quivering voice answered, "Yes, my husband is at home, but he is losing his hearing, and he can't talk over the telephone." Assured that he could see the aged minister, the Pastor departed immediately.

It was a modest little dwelling with a number that ended with ½. Inside, everything was clean and orderly. This was the home of one of our retired ministers—a veteran of many battles in the service of the Lord.

In a thoughtful sort of way Brother P—— began his life story. Himself the son of a Methodist preacher, he had felt as a lad of ten the gentle hands of his aged father laid upon his head accompanied with the prayer, "God bless my preacher-boy." Preacher he did not want to be! But at last, at the age of 20, it was his only way out. Surrendering to the Lord, he discovered heavenly peace flooding his soul. He was then a school teacher in one of our central States.

It is a long road from that fifth Sunday in May, 1909, when he preached his first sermon, to the fifth Sunday in May, 1948, when he gave his last sermons. And how glorious were the last!—in the morning service his subject was, "Shut in With God," and at night, "Preserving Seed for the New World." Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

In these years many great experiences came to this gracious man and his devoted wife. Besides rearing a family of four children by faith in God, they helped multitudes to know Christ in the power and joy of salvation. Those were years of great victory and fruitfulness—when 100 or 125 might be filled with the

Holy Ghost in one of their revivals. The little wife, beaming with the love of God, remarked, "Why, I believe I have helped pray a thousand through to salvation."

The beginnings of this wonderful ministry were in the Congregational Methodist Church, but on July 28, 1911, this Methodist preacher was gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many new beginnings were to follow. A new fellowship must be formed. In time he became a charter member of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. With a new revelation of glory and power he began building new congregations. Five churches were established. Using his skill in carpentry he built or helped to build eight places of worship and one parsonage. All told, he pastored 25 of our churches with terms varying from one to eight years. Twice, in two different States, he served a term as District Presbyter.

Like Paul of old, Brother P—— was to taste bitter persecution. People were not always kind. He was "egged"; his home was stoned; and once pepper was scattered on the altar to annoy those who came to seek the Lord in the meetings. But by the grace of God he carried on, laboring with his hands to supply the need around him. He remembers clearly the first tithe offering given to him—a faithful woman gave him 30c. He studied for a time to know what to do with it. Great dislike appeared in one community because he trusted the Lord for his body and for the health of his family, but God was faithful to His promises and always saw them through.

Now the sunset hours of life have come. He and his faithful helpmeet look back upon many fruitful years of hard work and glorious service when they led the throng to the House of God. A great satisfaction comes to their hearts when they recall the names of at least 32 young men and women, once under their ministry, that have since labored in the vineyard of the Lord. But age tells. Occasionally Brother P—— feels able to go to church. The Master's call that has always been sweet to his ears cannot lose interest to them now, for the path of the just is as the shining light that increases to the perfect day. He looks forward to the coming of the King, or the gentle touch of the Master's hand.

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Where will Bible School Graduates Go?



THE STUDENTS in our Bible Schools (2,533 this year) represent every District in our national constituency. The graduates carry the influence of the schools into nearly every church and community in our Fellowship.

Did you know that 60% of all the Assemblies of God ministers that have been ordained in the past three years have attended Bible School? That 93% of all foreign missionaries that have been appointed in the past three years have been trained in Bible Schools? These are the actual figures, based on an examination of all the questionnaires filled out by the ministers at the time of their ordination. It is apparent that Bible School training is playing an increasingly important part in molding our spiritual leadership in the Assemblies of God.

This month nearly 600 young people will complete their three-year, four-year or five-year courses of training in our Bible Schools and will graduate. Not all of them will step out into full-time gospel service immediately. Many plan to continue their studies. 26% will take further training in some Assemblies of God school or college. 10% will go to some secular college outside the Assemblies of God. 5% of all the graduates will go to some ministerial school outside the Assemblies of God. But eventually, all of them will enter some phase of gospel ministry.

An anonymous poll of these students who are graduating was taken this spring, to determine their future plans. The re-

sults of the poll are given below. (Approximately two-thirds of the nearly 600 students who are graduating were polled.)

- 12% Evangelists
- 21% Home Mission Preachers
- 24% Pastors
- 11% Assistant Pastors
- 11% Children's Evangelists
- 3% Church Directors of Music
- 2% Church Directors of Christian Education
- 1% Chaplains
- 1% Church Secretaries
- 14% General Christian Service in Local Churches

(In the 14% who plan to do general Christian service in local churches, over half of them will be public school teachers, and the remainder will have other secular employment, including nursing.)

Approximately 22% of the 600 hope to be foreign missionaries after they have completed the required period of ministry in the U. S. A.

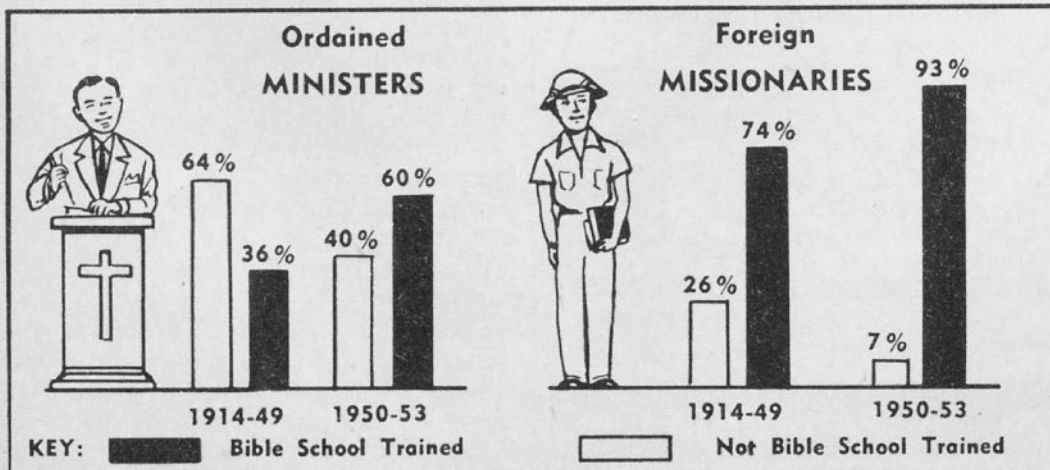
The foregoing figures give some idea of the work that our Bible Schools are doing. They are training young people to serve the Lord in a variety of capacities. Primarily they are teaching the Word of God. They are emphasizing the need of prayer and consecration in the lives of Christian workers. They are preparing laborers to go into the whitened harvest field of the modern world and garner precious souls for Him who died for them.

The need of workers in the Lord's har-

vest field is greater today than ever before. In the U. S. A. alone over 67,000,000 make no profession of Christianity whatever. Only one out of every 178 persons in America is Pentecostal. In large areas of our country there is only one Pentecostal believer to more than a thousand people. Throughout the world less than 30% of the people are called Christians, and 60% of all the nominal Christians are Roman Catholics. In foreign lands there is only one Protestant missionary for every 97,000 persons.

The hour has arrived when darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people. With all its educational, industrial, and economic progress humanity is groping in darkness and desperately needs the Light of the World. Our Bible Schools stand as lighthouses of faith constantly warning against the treacherous rocks of modernistic, materialistic philosophies, and sending their bright beacons of truth into all the world through the ministry of their graduates.

The youth of our Assemblies of God face the challenge of world conditions. Many of them are about to graduate from high school. What will they choose as their life vocation? Will they choose simply to follow a lucrative profession? Will they survey the field with the thought, "Where can I find the most comfortable position and how can I assure myself of the maximum benefits?" or will they fall on their knees and pray, "Where can I invest my life so as to yield maximum dividends in service to God and humanity?" The will of God



should be the prime consideration of the Christian.

In the great plan of God there is a place for each one. Our Heavenly Father has endowed each life with special aptitudes and talents. He has chosen those talents for us according to the position He intends us to fill. One without some

God-given talent for music or art, for example, would not likely be called into that kind of work. Happy is the young person who makes an earnest effort to ascertain God's purpose for his life and who plans accordingly.

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Christian service. They welcome applications for enrollment of young men and young women who have given their hearts to Christ and have heard His call to follow in His footsteps. Write today for full information. You will find a directory of our schools in the first column of the opposite page.

Unbridled Ambition

Don Mallough *

AMBITION IS like a wild horse. It must be bridled to be useful.

Unbridled, it has brought many a life to a calamitous end. But properly harnessed and directed it has given rise to every noble achievement. Ambition therefore can be either a blessing or a curse. It is a gift of God but it can be so used as to play into the hand of Satan. Without ambition a man is as good as dead. With unrestrained ambition there is no telling when or where he will run amuck.

Is it not thus with many of the good things in life? Appetite is one of God's good gifts to men. When uncontrolled, it makes a mockery of the laws of man and God. Thirst is given to us for a purpose. Yet it often runs afoul of all that is decent through drunkenness and debauchery. Like steel, a man without temper is useless. That same temper, if unrestrained, makes him a detriment to society. These things are of value only as long as we use them properly. The use to which we put

the force of ambition determines its worth or handicap.

All illustration of intractable ambition is found in the lives of James and John (Mark 10:35-37; Matthew 20:20-21). They had heard Jesus say, "When the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matthew 19:28). Through that utterance came a glimpse of an important position for them. Smoldering ambition burst into flames and soon overran any restraining influence in their lives. With unabashed candor they made a most presumptuous request. "They said unto Him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand in Thy glory."

In Mark's record we are told that THEY made the request. Matthew says their mother actually spoke the words. It is evident that mother and sons connived together in a premeditated plan to acquire a place of advantage. If the Lord would not honor the request of the men, perhaps He would incline an ear to a

dotting mother—such was the perverted reasoning of scheming minds. Jesus knew the source of their vaunted desires and answered James and John.

How childish are the actions of a parent using carnal intrigue to get pomp and position for the child of her love! Rather let such things be forgotten than thrust a child into a position without preparation, or a role far from God's choosing. What lamentable ignorance it is that causes those with unsuitable talents to ask for the place of rulers!

Such an instance shows the perversity of the human heart. Its corruption may stay successfully hidden for a time. One spark will cause it to burst forth suddenly. Unreined ambition summons all the designing thoughts and is capable of producing the most fatal effects.

The sons of Zebedee were working on entirely the wrong principle. Their insight was only into temporal things. Their ambition was for place and position. They saw only thrones and kingdoms. They reasoned that position makes the man and that any means of reaching that position is justifiable. Their thinking was typical of the worldly-wise but backfired in bringing spiritual attainment. They exercised shrewd management and artful maneuvering. They thought the spoils came to the fastest, loudest talkers and to those exemplifying the most boldness. Theirs was a philosophy of 'every man for himself.' They adhered to the principle of scurry and scramble. Their ambition was to be ministered unto rather than to minister. Their object was to get rather than to give. They joined a vast throng of place-hunters but were due for a rude awakening.

How discreetly and yet how firmly Jesus rebuked them! He said, "Ye know not what ye ask." They saw only the glitter of an exalted position. They had no comprehension of agony, suffering, hardship, and difficulties that must precede a crowning with eternal glory. They knew not that, before any could sit on His right and left in splendor, some must hang in those positions on crosses. When our Lord questioned their ability to share in the necessary sufferings they glibly avowed their willingness. Even that answer shows their misconception of the plan of God.

They did suffer for Christ. On this occasion He predicted they would. James was the first of the disciples to be martyred. He was put to death by the sword (Acts 12:2). The Talmud decreed such

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he is served, but in the spiritual realm greatness lies in serving. The greatness of a man is determined, not by the number of people who serve him, but by the number whom he serves. In the Kingdom of God the principles of advancement are the reverse of the systems of this world. Repeatedly Jesus emphasized that truth.

"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matthew 23:11).

"If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:35).

We all may learn a lesson from Luke 14:8-11. Rather than strive for the uppermost seat and be rudely demoted, our choice should be the humble spot from which there can come promotion.

Advancement, promotion, and eventually eternal rewards do come to men. But they come not to the graspers, the high-minded, nor the bold. Promotion comes in God's time and in God's way. We must learn the lesson sung by the Psalmist: "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another" (Psalms 75:6-7).

The wise man channels his ambition into God's will and trusts his future with Him.

What more could one desire than an opportunity to live, love, and serve?

NEWS

GRADUATION PLANS ANNOUNCED AT CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Special events of graduation week will take place May 25 to 28, according to Bartlett Peterson, President of Central Bible Institute.

The baccalaureate address will be given by G. W. Hardcastle, Superintendent of the Arkansas District Council, on Wednesday, May 27. The service will begin at 7 p.m.

Commencement is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m.

The Alumni Fellowship Dinner and annual business meeting is announced for 6 p. m. on Tuesday, May 26.

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DETROIT, MICH.—The Evangel Assembly of God, 13881 Joseph Campau, sponsored a three-day Mid-Western Slavic Fellowship Conference. The ministers and laymen were thrilled by the presence of the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Brethren ministered in Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, Serbian, and English.

There was a goodly representation of visitors from many parts of this area and from Canada. The church supplied accommodations and served meals during the conference.

Arvids Keikulis of Latvia was the evening speaker. Those ministering at other services were: former U. S. Army Chaplain Joseph P. Lukowski

a death for leading people away into heretical practices of worship. This was evidently his fate for preaching the gospel of Christ. John did not die a martyr's death but did suffer much in exile (Revelation 1:9).

These converted fishermen were bold to ask for glory and for suffering. At the time of the asking they little understood what they were requesting. The Word of God says, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:3).

Not only did James and John make a mistake in asking for exalted positions, but by so doing they sowed dissension among the rest of the disciples. The others criticized them for grasping for honor. The ten actually showed by their resentment that they too had similar ambitions. Proof of this is given in the accounts of disputing about greatness that came at the last supper (Luke 22:24). How strange is the source of our criticisms of others! We are never more easily offended than when we behold in others the evil that is predominant in ourselves.

After rebuking these brethren, our Lord gave a brief discourse on the right channeling of ambition (Mark 10:41-45; Matthew 20:25-28). His words are the basic rule for spiritual advancement and greatness. The greatest man is the servant rather than the ruler. The way up is down. The world counts one great when

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One feature of the Conference was a round-table discussion on Friday and Saturday mornings. These sessions proved very valuable to the pastors and Christian workers. The questions discussed were, "What is needed in Pentecost today?" and "What can we do to promote conversions?"

The fellowship services brought such blessing and benefit that many expressed the hope that such a gathering could be held annually.—Fred Smolchuck.

GENERAL COUNCIL

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The biennial session of the General Council of the Assemblies of God will begin Wednesday night, August 26, with a great C. A. Rally, continuing until the following Tuesday or Wednesday. All meetings will be in the Milwaukee Auditorium. For accommodations write the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, David M. Carlson, 2320 E. Park Place, Milwaukee 11, Wis., enclosing stamped envelope for reply.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

WIGGINSVILLE, TEX.—Evangelist Billie Sanders from Houston, Tex. was with us for a meeting. Twelve adults came to the altar for salvation and two were saved at home. Several received healing from the Lord. The Sunday School attendance record was broken.—Floyd Sorter, Pastor.

CUBA, ILL.—We just closed a two-week meeting with the Grafner-White Evangelistic Party of Dellroy, Ohio. The messages brought deep conviction to the hearts of the sinners and a number were gloriously saved. The Christians were stirred to go deeper with God. The anointed music and singing was a blessing to all.—Willis Akridge, Pastor.

WATER VALLEY, MISS.—Many enjoyed a spiritual refreshing during a meeting with Evangelist William E. Lovick. Fifteen were saved or reclaimed.—George E. Walters, Pastor.

FAIRVIEW, OREG.—We want to praise the Lord for what He is doing here. Most of the former members have moved away but the Lord is moving new ones in. We reached an all-time high of 52 in Sunday School at Easter. Two young ladies were saved in the evening service. We covet the prayers of the saints for this place which many consider almost impregnable to the gospel message.

We opened a new Sunday School in a rural schoolhouse at Riverside, which is located up the river about eight miles from Fairview. This is a small community of about twelve families. The first Sunday (Nov. 9) we had seventeen present, and since then we have had as high as 28. One fifteen-year-old high school boy who had never been inside a church or Sunday School before has not missed a Sunday since we started.—Myrtle Badger, Pastor.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—We experienced a glorious three-week meeting (Mar. 25—Apr. 12), with Evangelists Ross and Iverna Lamb of Santa Rosa, Calif. This meeting benefited both saints and sinners. "Sitting at the feet of Jesus" aptly described the atmosphere of many of the services as the saints worshiped the Lord together. On other occasions the prayer rooms were spiritual battle scenes with the old and young alike bombarding heaven. Little children were filled with the Spirit.

Around 30 were filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost. We did not keep an accurate account, but a number were saved, or reclaimed, and others received healing. Our new Scoutmaster, who was reared in the Mormon church and who has been saved just a few months, approached God for healing. The Holy Spirit descended on him and within a few minutes he was gloriously filled with the Spirit. A young woman of Mormon background was wonderfully saved in the evangelists' home.—Guy M. Heath, Pastor.

KERMIT, TEX.—We praise God for the good meeting we had with Evangelist O. W. Newman. Sixteen were saved and nine received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Several came into the church. The last night of the meeting the church gave Brother Newman \$500 to help him buy a house trailer.—Cecil L. Gillock, Pastor.

ELDORADO, ILL.—Fifteen were saved and two filled with the Holy Spirit in a two-week meeting with Evangelist J. S. Perry of Eldorado, Ark. Many testify to bodily healing. Our entire church has been drawn closer to the Lord. For a small church (average attendance 30) this was truly a great outpouring of the Spirit.—Burl E. Duncan, Pastor.

SLATON, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth R. Smith of Oklahoma were with us for three weeks in February. God did something for us each night. There were 15 saved or reclaimed. Five were filled with the Holy Ghost and many others were refilled. The power of God was present to heal. We had an increase in Sunday School attendance.—Clarence Glaze, Pastor.

BUTTE, MONT.—In March God gave us a genuine Pentecostal revival with Evangelist Peggy Bolam. From the first night to the last (and also in the morning services) the Lord was present to fill hungry hearts. It has been a long time since we have experienced such a mighty deluge of the "latter rain." Souls were saved, the sick healed, and when the last service came to a close 36 had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. All these received mighty baptisms of power and spoke fluently in other tongues. Truly we have a church that is Pentecostal in experience. We hope to be in our new church in a month or two, and we are so glad God visited us in this manner before we enter our new building.

As a result of this meeting it was our happy privilege to receive 17 into church membership on Easter Sunday. The Sunday School broke all previous attendance records. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."—Elmer M. Trygg, Pastor.

INDEPENDENCE, OREG.—Evangelist and Mrs. Clayton Beish were with us for three weeks. We appreciated the emphasis Brother Beish placed on the Word of God and the power of God. His messages built faith in the hearts of the people and many were saved, refilled with the Spirit, and healed. Sister Beish's messages in song were a blessing to us. We praise God for this time of refreshing.—Mrs. Claud Lucas, Secretary-Treasurer. (H. E. Silvius is pastor.)

COMING MEETINGS

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

PARADISE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, May 3—; Evangelist Ethel Fox.—by Ray Parks, Pastor.

CONSHOHOCKEN, PA.—May 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace.—by James Donald, Pastor.

CHADRON, NEBR.—May 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (C. G. Beebe is Pastor.)

WELLSBORO, PA.—Calvary Tabernacle, May 13-31; Evangelist George Butrin.—by Peter Bedzyk, Pastor.

GLENDORA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, May 17—; Evangelist R. H. Bishop, Denver, Colo.—by Robert A. Peters, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—First Assembly of God, May 17-31; Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. (R. R. Morrison is Pastor.)

MARTINEZ, CALIF.—May 24—; Evangelist Florence Boucher, Santa Maria, Calif. (L. L. Ferguson is Pastor.)

MARSHALL, MO.—Assembly of God, May 3—; Evangelist C. B. Roberts.—by Warner L. Miles, Pastor.

LEBANON, OREG.—First Assembly of God, May 10-24; Mathan Musical Evangelists, Kansas City, Mo. (H. D. Robeson is Pastor.)

MONTECA, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, May 11-24 or longer; Evangelist Tom Ming Sr.—by Don Annas, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Chicago Gospel Assembly, May 12-24; Evangelist S. Clyde Bailey, Terre Haute, Ind.—by Arvena Meek, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, NEBR.—Columbus City Auditorium, May 31—June 14; Evangelist A. C. Valdez Jr.—by C. T. Beem, Pastor.

TYLER, TEX.—Rose Center Assembly of God, May 10-24; Evangelist W. M. Dunn.—by D. D. Lewis, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Pleasant Grove First Assembly, May 13—; Evangelist Emerald Wray, Graham, Tex.—by Paul Spinden, Pastor.

SHELBY, Mont.—May 31—June 14 or longer; Evangelist Stewart Robinson, Springfield, Mo.—by Dennis Finch, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Bethel Missionary Assembly of God, May 17-31; Evangelist and Mrs. Lyman Jollay, Flint, Mich.—by J. J. Traub, Pastor.

MUSKEGON, MICH.—Central Assembly of God, May 19—June 7; Evangelist Lee Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by R. A. Rieben, Pastor.

ST. CHARLES, MO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, May 26—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper, San Pedro, Calif. (Roy L. Buckley is Pastor.)

GARIBALDI, OREG.—Assembly of God, May 10-24; Evangelist Fred Versolenko, Walla Walla, Wash.—by John Hoskins, Pastor.

DUNN, N. C.—May 10-24; Evangelist William F. Voodre, Durant, Fla.—by A. A. Amerine, Pastor.

CANTON, MISS.—May 17-31; Evangelist and Mrs. B. M. McCutchen. Homecoming Sunday May 24; former pastors and members invited.—by John M. Hutson, Pastor.

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ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.—May 10-24; Evangelist and Mrs. Gaylord Kindschy, Denver, Colo. and Tom Gilliam, Joplin, Mo. (R. G. McAlister is Pastor.)

ALGER, OHIO—Assembly of God, May 19—31 or longer; Joshua G. Gott, evangelist.—by LeRoy A. Hoy, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA—Elim Tabernacle, May 22—June 7 or longer; Evangelist H. E. Hardt and party, York, Pa. Prayer for the sick each night. (Harold J. Snelgrove is Pastor.)

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CHICAGO, ILL.—The Stone Church, 44th Annual Missionary Convention, May 10-17. Speakers: Charles Greenaway, Melvin Hodges, George Carmichael, Hilda Reffke, and others.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION EXERCISES—Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 31, 3 p.m. at Newport High School Auditorium, 15th St. and Irvine Ave., Newport Heights. Commencement on Monday, June 1, 7:45 p.m. at Bethel Temple, 1250 Bellevue Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.—by Warren L. Hill, Director of Public Relations.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL S. S. CONVENTION—Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minn., May 20-22. Opening night graduation exercises of North Central Bible Institute. Evening speakers: Paul Copeland, Billie Davis, and Victor Trimmer. Morning Speakers: George Davis and Hart R. Armstrong. Round table discussion; visual demonstrations; 16 afternoon conferences; 14 exhibits. Regional Chairman, E. B. Adamson; City Chairman, G. Raymond Carlso. For room reservations write W. A. Katter, 910 Elliot Ave. S., Minneapolis 4, Minn.

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BRADFORD, PA.—Union meeting, Evans Roller Drome, 1020 E. Main St., May 17-31; Fox Evangelistic Party. Sponsored by Olean and Vicinity Pentecostal Fellowship. (Roy Nylin is Chairman.)

HUNGARIAN BRANCH CONFERENCE—Hungarian-English Pentecostal Assembly, Freemansburg, Pa. (near Bethlehem, Pa.), May 27 and 28. Guest pastors will speak. Business sessions both morning and afternoon, after short devotional services. Evening services in both English and Hungarian. Mrs. Irma M. Raroha, host pastor.—by Victor A. Hudak, Hungarian Branch Secretary.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—City Auditorium, San Antonio, June 2-5; G. F. Lewis, General Superintendent, guest speaker for Council and also for C. A. Rally Monday night, June 1. For accommodations write J. P. Billingsley, 127 Eureka Dr., San Antonio, Tex. For information write District Office, 1200 Sycamore, Waxahachie, Tex.—by E. B. Crump, District Secretary-Treasurer.

EL DORADO, KANS. Assembly of God, May 17-31 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. M. W. Roll, Englewood, Colo. (V. H. Thomas is Pastor.)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—The Cincinnati Revelational Tabernacle, 1706 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio.—Clarence A. Kindschy, Pastor.

NOTICE—The Glad Tidings Assembly of God of Wichita, Kans., formerly located at 1504 N. St. Francis, has moved to 1557 Park Pl.—Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

NEW ASSEMBLY—I have accepted the pastorate of the Park Ridge Assembly of God, a new assembly reaching the Greater Northwest Chicago Suburbs. Services are held temporarily at 151 Vine St., Park Ridge, Ill.—Devore H. Walterman.

NOTICE—The Southern California Bible College Alumni Association’s annual banquet will begin at 6 p.m. May 30 in College Dining Hall. Tea served in Student Lounge beginning at 3:30 p.m. Make reservations if possible.—William Seaberg, Alumni President.