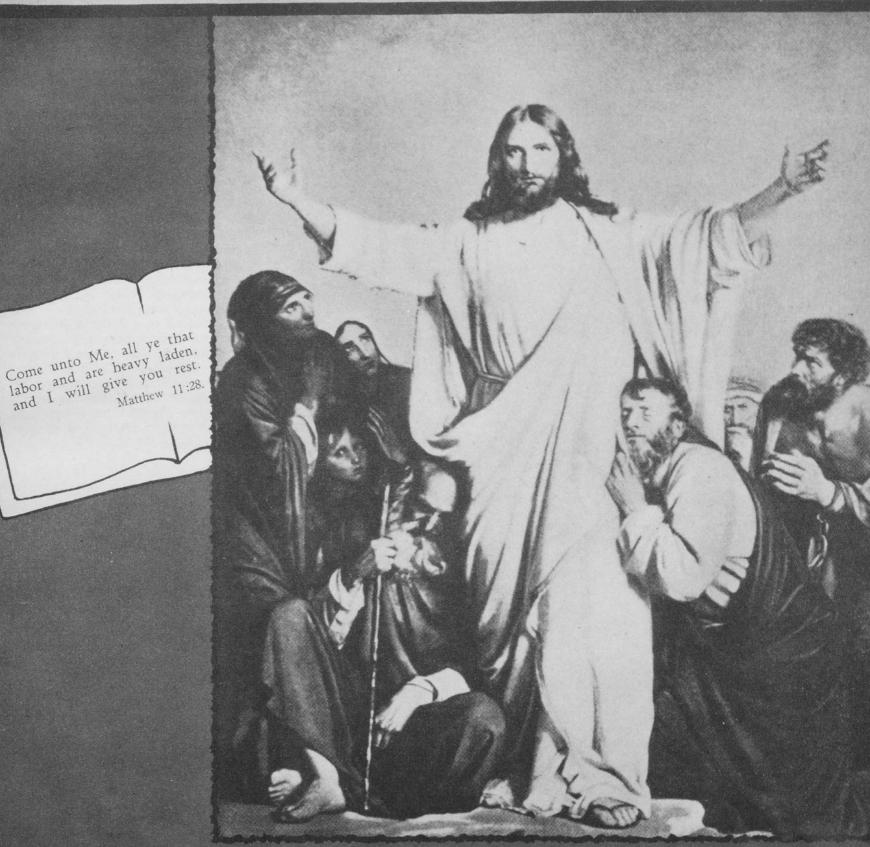
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



Healed in Answer to Prayer

ALL WHO are acquainted with Pastor David A. Hastie of Springfield, Missouri, must find it difficult to believe that two years ago he was in a helpless physical condition. They see in Brother Hastie a man of strong physique, of abounding energy, and can hardly picture him as anything else but a healthy, vigorous man. But in the summer of 1951 he suffered a complete nervous collaspe, and it was only through the miraculous intervention of God that he was able to continue in the ministry.

God healed his body in answer to prayer, and the story is a thrilling tonic to faith. It is one more proof that Divine Healing is still the Blood-bought heritage of twentieth-century Christians.

It was in 1949, while pastor of the South Side Assembly of God in Springfield, that Brother Hastie began to have physical trouble. Sudden spells of extreme weakness would come upon him—but the church and Sunday School were growing steadily under his leadership and he refused to slacken his pace. His heart was in the work of God and so he kept on preaching, teaching, visiting the people, pushing himself to the very limit of his strength. He had never learned how to take his work easily. He had been preaching since 1934 and had always had a very busy life.

For two years he suffered these occasional spells of exhaustion. Then in July, 1951, while ministering as Bible teacher at Braeside Camp Meeting near Paris, Ontario, Canada, scrious trouble developed. He collapsed and was unable to preach during the last two days of the Camp Meeting, being confined to his bed. At the close of the Camp his sons made a pallet for him in the back of his car and drove him back to his home in Springfield, a distance of about a thousand miles.

There was nothing to do but to go to bed and stay there for two weeks. Then on a Sunday morning he went to church, determined to preach with the help of the Lord. He had preached only a few minutes, however, when he was overcome with extreme weakness. He stopped preaching, told the congregation he needed help from God, and sat down. Then someone in the congregation arose and exhorted the people to believe that God would heal their pastor, so the meeting was turned into a prayer service.

He rested in the afternoon, then returned to the pulpit on Sunday night, but he was only half way through his sermon when again he had to quit. Some of the people helped their pastor out of the church and put him to bed at his home.

Up to this time Brother Hastie had not consulted a doctor, but after a few days he decided he needed a complete checkup. He had supposed all along that he had been suffering from heart trouble. To his surprise, the diagnosis revealed that it was a case of complete nervous exhaustion.

The doctor questioned Brother Hastie about his activities. Then he said: "If you continue on with that schedule of activities, in six months' time you will be through. That will be the end." He insisted that the pastor give up all his work except the bare essentials connected with supervising the church. He advised him not to preach for some time, but said that after a while he might return to preaching if he would do it gradually and slowly.

"I don't know how you have kept going so long," he said.

Brother Hastie went to bed, but not for long. Suddenly he became conscious of the presence of God in his bedroom. His faith mounted high, and a miraculous surge of strength came into his body. As a result, he arose from his bed and dressed.

It happened that his wife was not in the house just then, and he thought, "She will be surprised when she returns."

When Mrs. Hastie returned and found her husband up and dressed, she was overjoyed—but not surprised: for the Lord had given her a vision that had assured her that he would be well. It had happened several days before this, but she had not told her husband about it until now.

It was during the regular Thursday morning prayer service at the church. The people were praying especially for the recovery of their pastor, and Mrs. Hastie was praying too, when suddenly she felt as though she were being transported in spirit. In vision she could see the figure of a man seated on a bench. His back was toward her, so she could not see who it was, but she could see by his posture that he was in great dejection. There was darkness all about him. Out of the surrounding darkness swift arrows were coming and they were sinking into his body.

As she watched she seemed to hear a Voice say, "Stand." The figure on the bench struggled and tried to stand, but slumped back, replying, "I can't." This was repeated two or three times. Then Sister Hastie became conscious of the fact that the man sitting on the bench was her husband. Immediately she felt the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon her, and she found herself praying in an unknown tongue.

After a season of praying thus in the Spirit, she heard the Voice again. "Now look," it said. She looked, and this time she saw the man standing upright; and as she watched she saw a flow of blood which began at the top of his head and flowed over his entire figure, making a pool of blood on the floor. She knew it meant the redeeming power of the blood of Christ. The arrows were still coming toward him out of the darkness, but as soon as the tips touched his bloodbathed form they fell broken around his feet.

Brother and Sister Hastie rejoiced together at the goodness of the Lord. Each succeeding day his strength became greater. Three days after this experience he preached at the church, both Sunday morning and Sunday night, and he has been preaching steadily ever since. He had no medical help beyond the checkup. He was healed by the power of God in answer to believing prayer.

It is nearly two years since the above happenings and Brother Hastie has had no recurrence of his trouble whatever. Shortly afterward he was elected to be Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, and he carried the double load of District and pastoral responsibility until a new pastor was called to take his place. With all the problems of the District work there was never any worry and despair, such as he had known previously. Before the Lord healed him he had been very irritable. At times he had suffered

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David A. Hastie, Pastor of Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo.

THE LORD OUR HEALER

BARTLETT PETERSON

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One of the remarkable characteristics of the Word of God is its power to inspire faith—"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." It must be assumed that correct interpretation of the Word is necessary in the begetting of the faith which will have strength to appropriate. With the passing of the years it is evident that DIVINE HEALING has become a household term in our Assemblies. It must, however, be more than a term! It must be constantly fed by the "Word" until it becomes an effective, operative, living act of appropriation.

Our opponents charge that we are Biblically incorrect in preaching Divine Healing. If this could be proven it would indeed be a grave charge in the light of the principles stated in Revelation 22:18. In this verse those who are guilty of adding to God's book that which does not belong there are in danger of having added unto them "all the plagues which are written in this book." It must be quickly pointed out, however, that if healing is in the Word we should be charged with grave error IF WE FAIL TO PREACH IT. Such failure is the more grave in view of the warning of Revelation 22:19-"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." This same protective provision is applicable to God's entire book. If healing is in the gospel, "... woe is me if I preach not the gospel." If it can be proven by the Word that Divine Healing is for today, what glorious privilege and tremendous responsibilities are ours!

BASIS FOR BELIEF IN DIVINE HEALING

The examination of any major Scripture truth should require that we go back to the beginning. A journey back through the dusty corridors of the past brings us face to face with the Word—"In the beginning God created. . . ." «With one masterful stroke of the pen, Moses defeated all would-be opponents of the truth of creation—"GOD CREATED!" It should not be thought incredible for Godcreated man to turn toward his Creator for RE-CREATION. Could a better word be found to describe either the REGENERATION of a soul or the RE-JUVENATION of a body than RE-CREATION? Our Creator is also capably our Re-creator! On this basis alone, the truth of Divine Healing should be as



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easily understood as the simple act of bringing a watch to a watchmaker for repair.

God's creation was pronounced "good." It was perfect. Sin, sickness and death were unknown until Satan's blighting breath blew upon it. These three giant enemies sprang upon God's creation with conquering might: At once the promise of a Deliverer was in evidence. God promised that the woman's seed was to bruise the serpent's head. Here in the third chapter of the Bible is a promise of deliverance which becomes clearer on every succeeding page. The promised Deliverer, who was scheduled to do battle on a cross, must agree that He made provision for deliverance from sin and from the last enemy called "death." Could He have left one enemy giant unconquered and trium-phantly have cried out, "It is finished"? Nay, Calvary was a complete sacrifice for the complete needs of man!

RELATIONSHIP OF SIN AND SICKNESS

Prior to the entrance of sin there was no sickness. Is it not safe then to conclude that had there been no sin there would have been no sickness? Though the Scriptures do not lay blame on the suffering saint who may be ill, it is evident that sickness was caused by sin. That sin and Satan are responsible for sickness is evident in Luke 13:16-"And 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?" Again in Acts 10:38 responsibility is placed on Satan-"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing ALL THAT WERE OPPRESS-ED OF THE DEVIL. . . . "

Deuteronomy 28 catalogs in detail the curses of the broken law. It is noteworthy that these verses read like a medical journal listing all manner of diseases and sicknesses. Here the curse of the law is presented as sickness. In Galatians 3:13 we read of God's triumphant provision for deliverance from the curse of the law-"Christ hath redeemed us from the CURSE OF THE LAW." How? By hanging on the tree! This verse emphatically declares that healing for the body was included in the atonement of Christ. This truth is evidenced further in the law of types and antitypes. Christ has estab-lished the reliability of this law in His statement, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." It is fitting to point out that the lifting up of the remedy by Moses was for physical healing—"even so" hath God lifted up Christ in our behalf. His death on the cross was a double cure for a double curse-sin and sickness.

In Numbers 16:46-48 we find healing set forth clearly in type when Aaron was commanded TO MAKE ATONEMENT for the people by using a censer with incense. This was for physical healing, for a plague had begun. Healing in the atonement is again set forth in type in Leviticus 18:18, 19. This relates to the healing of the physical disease of leprosy.

Since Calvary was the fulfillment of every type which depicted it, Christ has

also included healing for our diseases in His atonement! The most complete Old Testament picture of Christ's atonement is unquestionably found in Isaiah 53. This has often been called "The Atonement Chapter." An examination of verses 4 and 5 will indeed be faith building-"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." A more exact translation of verse 4 is: "Surely he hath lifted up and carried away our diseases and our pains." The word "borne" as used here is applicable to the scape goat which bore away the Jewish people's sins. The same picture is found in John 1:29 which speaks of Christ as a Lamb which taketh (beareth) away the sins of the world. Hallelujah! He hath lifted up and carried away all our diseases and our pains.

Matthew confirms this rendering in chapter 8, verses 16 and 17: "... 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."

The atonement of Christ is complete and adequate for the whole man and all his needs. The announcement by the Sufferer on the cross was, "It is finished!" Thank God He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, chastised for our peace, and beaten with stripes for our healing!

As sin and sickness are joined as twin giants which would destroy us, so has salvation and healing been allied in a blessed and victorious relationship with power to set us free. The Psalmist coupled the two in Psalm 103:3—"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." James 5:15 makes provision for both the forgiveness of sins and the healing of sickness: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

The forceful use of the word "ALL" in the Scriptures in conjunction with healing is a distinct encouragement. WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE— Matthew 19:26; HE HEALED ALL THE PEOPLE—Matthew 8:16; Acts 5: 15, 16; HE HEALED ALL CASES— Matthew 4:23; HE HEALED IN ALL PLACES, AT ALL TIMES AND UN-DER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. Whether at the pool, in the temple, by the gate, through the hem of His garment, or at a distance—He always healed all!

Let the mighty dome of the heavens echo and re-echo the marvelous truth of Divine Healing. From Genesis to Revelation the Bible upholds God's thrilling promise, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and thousands are proving it is still true today.

An INVALID From BIRTH

Dr. Edwin Griffith of Oxford, England, Tells How God Instantly Healed His Body in April*

I was born with my left eye totally blind, and a curved spine which hindered me from enjoying sports as a child with normal children.

In early teens I began to suffer with tuberculosis of the spine, which affected my spine in four places. Then followed long weary years of wasted endeavor on the part of Britain's leading doctors who put me under painful treatments in an endeavor to restore a measure of health to my invalid body.

The years of being strapped to iron frames, and having weights fastened to my limbs, and plaster casts from chin to knees, all proved a total failure; they could not restore my broken body. With the organs of my body affected and my diseased spine curved and rigid, I was sent home to die, given up by the nation's leading doctors.

Seven years slowly passed as I lay on the bed in my little room, unable to move or caro for myself, watching the passers-by in a little mirror which was fastened above my head.

It was in this hopeless condition of intense suffering, with the gloomy ultimatum of death resting over my head, when a newspaper was brought to my room announcing revival services, in which there would be prayer for the sick.

With the assistance of my wife and



Edwin Griffith, Lit.D.

daughter, some kind friends, and a couple of crutches I grimly set out on the almost impossible mission of journeying from my room to the University Debating Hall in Oxford, England. It was an afternoon meeting and the audience was not large. When the evangelist closed his sermon he came to where I was sitting, in horrible pain and agony, with my body rigidly bowed low. He laid his hands on me and prayed the prayer of faith.

At that moment a miracle took place. My left eye, blind from birth, was instantly opened, and my curved spine instantly straightened. When commanded to rise in the name of Jesus, and walk, I can RUN!" And for the first time in my life I was able to stand perfectly erect like other men and run. I ran the full length of the hall, leaped nimbly up on one of the benches, then ran back to my place in the audience, while the people wept and shouted for joy.

The following day the Oxford "Daily Mail" and the Oxford "Times" both carried my testimony. Before the week was done, the doctors had endorsed my healing, and the reporters from London had carried my testimony back to the national newspapers, and published the story of my healing in such papers as the Sunday "Empire News."

On the closing night of the campaign in Oxford, I with others gave my testimony of healing to a capacity audience in

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^{*}This is one of many miracles of healing which the Lord graciously wrought in Oxford in April 1953. The evangelist who prayed for him was Willard Cantelon, who is well known among our Assemblies in the U.S.A.

the City Auditorium of Oxford. And since the campaign has closed, I have devoted my time not only to publicly witnessing about what God has done, but to answering hundreds of letters of inquiry written by suffering humanity seeking deliverance for soul and body from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, who so graciously passed my way.

Christ laid His healing Hand upon a body broken and diseased from birth, and in one moment's time restored perfect health and stature. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

AFRICAN WOMAN. 106 YEARS OLD, GLORI-OUSLY SAVED AND HEALED

"The Lord Jesus has been telling me secrets," she said. "Once we were two, now Jesus and I are one. I am never alone; there is always an angel by my side. I am so happy; Christ is dwelling in my heart."

This is the testimony of Mrs. Louisa Buyane, a native of Bechuanaland, who is 106 years old. Recently she was gloriously saved and healed in a tent campaign at Johannesburg.

Speaking of her newly-found Saviour, she said: "He not only opened my physical eyes, but the eyes of my heart are open to see Him; and He gave me ears to hear His voice, and a heart willing to obey Him. All the things of my former life are gone. No longer do I snuff and drink beer. I thought I could never leave these two things, but when Jesus gave me a new heart I didn't want the filthy things."

When we visited her today she greeted us by singing, "All things are possible, only believe." She walked so erect and steady, and almost with a spring in her step. She has the spirit of a young person.

The Lord gave her a vision of heaven and hell. "In heaven," she said, "all are voung. I shan't be old there ... it's only this body like a hut that's old." She saw the awful anguish of hell and asked us to pray with her for her son, who is in his eighties.

Last week she ate half-ripe peaches, and suffered several days and nights as a result. We found her lying on a pallet on the floor, very weak; but that bright spirit was there. She said the Lord sent us to pray for her, which we did. Im-mediately she said, "I'm healed!" Several days later we found her up and about, declaring what the Lord had done for her. We told her not to eat peaches again. She said, "But they are so de-licious." Her daily meal consists of thick, hard corn meal, tea and bread.

about in blindness and wretchedness, being deaf and unable to walk. Today she is

Only a few months ago she was groping a child of the King. An African saint. -by Mrs. Violet E. Wilcox, Johannesburg.

Why I Believe in Divine Healing

J. O. SAVELL

Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God

THE FOURFOLD Pentecostal message setting forth Christas Saviour, Healer, Baptizer and coming King made a tremendous impression upon me when I first heard it, and its subsequent impact upon my life has been the motivating force underlying my forty years in continuous ministry in our Assemblies of God fellowship.

A feeling of inadequacy about life, both spiritual and physical, had started me on this path years before I heard the Pentecostal message. I was constantly prodded by an awareness that something was missing in my life-something other than the material things that so many of the world's people lack. I wanted a purpose and a goal.

Unknown to me, God timed my moving from Mississippi to San Antonio, Texas, to coincide with the coming to that city of the late Mrs. Woodworth Etter, a woman mightily used of God in those days in praying for the sick. Because of my poor health my doctor had advised me to leave the Mississippi Delta where I lived, and it was largely this that sent me west. I was the youngest of six children born to a tubercular mother who



J. O. Savell

died of this disease while I was yet an infant. My mother's entire family died rather young from this, the world's most dreaded killer.

I did not attend the Woodworth Etter meeting, since I had no knowledge of it at the time, but was brought under the influence of the Pentecostal message through Fred Lohman, who following the Woodworth Etter meeting began holding services in a mission on North Olive and East Commerce Street near where I lived. It was through the influence of Brother Lohman and those who remained in charge of the little mission after he left that I was led into the blessed experience of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I had known Christ as my Saviour prior to this time, but through the influence of the Holy Ghost He became Saviour, Healer, Baptizer and coming King to me. Being rather frail of physique and impaired in health, I did not find it difficult to accept Christ as my personal and family Physician.

In those days Divine Healing was accepted as a normal sequence of being full of the Holy Ghost. Trusting Christ as your Healer made it both easy and practical to pray for others who were sick. The ministry for the sick in those days was free from the taint of professionalism so often seen in these days. My faith in Christ as my Healer took root in and stemmed from the teaching of God's Word. I observed that God promised Israel upon their departure from the land of Egypt, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

The fact that God made supernatural provision for the material welfare of His people during their wilderness journey proved to me that He was interested in the healing of my body. Then too, before Jesus entered His earthly ministry He made the following declaration, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because

He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18, 19).

Every unbiased reader of the four Gospcls will have to admit that Jesus carried through these principles as set forth by Luke. This phase of Christ's ministry is twice attested to by the apostle Peter. In Acts 2:22 Peter said, "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye vourselves also know." Christ also identified Himself with our sickness in His vicarious suffering, as foretold by Isaiah, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). This statement is repeated in Matthew 8:16, 17, "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."

I further observed that in the great Christian commission Christ perpetuated the healing ministry in that He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18). I discovered that these promises would operate in my own life if I would apply them to my personal need. Having made this discovery, I committed my soul and body to Christ as Saviour and Healer and I can say that for forty years He has never failed me.

I further discovered that, not only could I trust Christ as my own Healer, but He had authorized me through His Word to pray for others who might be sick. I accepted James 5:14, 15 as a pattern to follow in ministering to the sick: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

During these years I have prayed for many hundreds of sick people and have witnessed marvelous healings in the cases of many who are alive today and can testify to this fact.

Being able to trust God as my Healer has been a great boon to my faith. It has served as a spiritual barometer through my entire ministry, as well as an incentive to live a consecrated life. So in summarizing, may I say that I believe in Divine healing because:

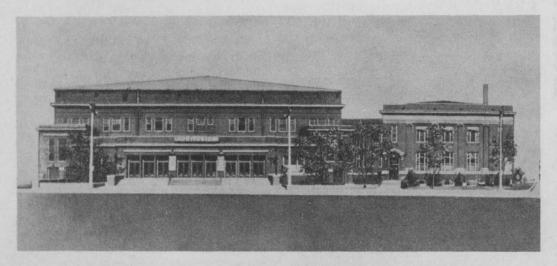
1. It is taught in the Word of God.

2. It was practiced by Jesus and occupied a great part of His ministry.

3. I found the promises of God operated in my own life.

4. I have seen thousands healed through the laying on of hands, the anointing with oil, and in answer to the prayer of faith.

5. It is a boon to my faith and an incentive to live a life devoted to the service of God.



CLERGY CONCESSIONS FOR GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in the Municipal Auditorium in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (shown above) August 26 to September 2.

Definite word has been received that a special concession has been made by the Western Clergy Bureau so that ministers residing east of Chicago, who hold Eastern Clergy books, may obtain round-trip tickets to Milwaukee, Wis. at special rates. They will not be required to secure Western Clergy Books.

The tickets must be bought between August 15th and 28th, inclusive. The rate for a round-trip ticket will equal one one-way first-class fare. No concession has been offered on a one-way ticket. Tickets will be good for thirty days in addition to date of sale.



If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

INFLAMATION OF THE KIDNEYS

Last April I was very sick with inflamation of the kidneys. I was in pain from head to foot. I was sick for five days and nights. I called my pastor, Brother Greve, and he came to my home and prayed for me, and the Lord healed me. I feel I can never repay my Lord for what I owe Him. I do love Him.—Effic Coates, 1001 Osage, Manhattan, Kans.

(Endorsed by Fred Greve, pastor of the Assembly of God in Manhattan, Kans.)

EPILEPSY

I was afflicted with epilepsy when I was 19 years of age. I suffered from this dreadful ailment for 15 years. I have not been able to work very much of the time. The doctors told me many times there was nothing that could be done for me.

When Evangelist Clifton Erickson came to Cassville, Mo. in April, 1951, he prayed for me and rebuked this affliction in the name of the Lord. I was instantly healed and have never had an attack since. I can surely say Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.—O. C. Stanley, Exeter, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Donald Swisher, Exeter, Mo.)

RHEUMATIC HEART

When our daughter, Karen, was four years old, within a few minutes she would have a high fever and become unconscious. Each time this happened we rushed her to the doctor or to the hospital. The doctor said that she had an infection in her blood stream from her tonsils, and that it had caused a rheumatic heart condition. This continued for nearly two years, and we were frightened each time, wondering if she would live.

One night in the early part of 1950, she awakened us erving with pain. Her legs were drawn up, and all the pressure I could exert would not enable her to relax them. My husband went for our pastor, Robert Carrington, and for Evangelist Kenneth Haystead who was conducting a meeting at our church.

For the first time my husband and I fully realized that our child was past medical help and that we must trust God to deliver her. Brother Carrington and Brother Haystead stayed with us for about two hours praying and waiting on the Lord. Then we each received the assurance that the work was done. Karen stopped crying, stood up, and walked around the room. We knew that she was healed. How we thank the Lord for this miracle. I took her back to the doctor and after he had examined her he wrote on her chart, "Heart sounds good." I asked him later if he thought she should have her tonsils removed, and he said, "No, I do not think it is necessary." The doctor also said, "I want you to know that I too appreciate the value of prayer."

Karen is now eight years old and she has not had one symptom of this heart condition since. In May, 1951, she was severely burned and for a time we despaired of her life, but through it all her heart was strong and sound. We give thanks to our wonderful Lord.—Mrs. Albert Moore, Box 344, Turlock, Calif.

(Endorsed by Robert Carrington, Pastor, Bethel Temple, Turlock, Calif.)

ABSCESSED EAR

I had scarlet fever when I was a child and my left ear was affected. For a long time it kept abscessing and draining. I had been advised against surgery, as the benefits would be negligible, so I continued to suffer with this ear. One Saturday night in November, 1951, I attended a meeting conducted by Evangelist H. E. Hardt at the Pentecostal Church in Oshawa. He prayed for me and I was healed immediately. The ear has stopped draining and all soreness has disappeared. Oh, how I thank God for this miracle.

In May, 1951, God delivered me from the pain and misery of periodic migraine headaches from which I had suffered for over ten years. He also healed me of arthritis in my right shoulder which curtailed the use of my right arm to a great extent. I have never suffered from these afflictions since that time.—Mrs. David McCaldon, 600 Christie St., Oshawa, Canada.

(Endorsed by R. A. Bombay, Pastor, Oshawa Pentecostal Church, Oshawa, Ont., Canada.)

TUMOR

I was first told that I had a tumor in September, 1950. About a month or two after that I began hemorrhaging. I went to another doctor and he also told me I had a tumor and that I should have an operation. I feared an operation very much, so I put it off. I asked my pastor and others to pray for me.

Then in July, 1951, Evangelist William Branham conducted a meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, and he prayed for me. I did not feel any different until I started home, and then a feeling of great joy came over me. But instead of improving in health I grew weaker and weaker through loss of blood. I was tempted to doubt that God was going to heal me but I determined to trust Him regardless.

I was corresponding with a lady in Ohio who had been healed, and she sent me some tracts on divine healing. One contained the reference in Matt. 8:16, 17. God made that Scripture very real to me and convinced me that Jesus "took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."

My healing was so gradual that I never knew exactly when the hemorrhage stopAnnouncing ...

a great laymen's banquet at the coming General Council meeting. It will be in the Schroeder Hotel on Monday evening, August 31, at 6 p.m. A real men's meeting is in prospect. Pastor A. A. Wilson, a man among men, is to be the speaker. Rousing songs and a vigorous inspirational meeting await the laymen of our Fellowship. Come on, men! Let's all be there. This is the first time something special has been planned just for our laymen at the General Council. Let's make sure we do not miss it. It alone will be worth the trip to Milwaukee.

ped, but it has been several months since I had any trouble. I praise the Lord for this healing. Jesus healed the sick while He was here on earth and He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." —Cora McNichols, 4321 Greenwood Dr., Des Moines, Iowa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Z. E. Miles, Des Moines, Iowa.)

LEAKAGE OF THE HEART

My doctor told me I had what is commonly called "leakage of the heart." It grew worse as the months went by until I was taking digitalis all the time. However, this barely kept me going. By night I would be hysterical from exhaustion. My blood pressure was very low and I was close to pernicious anemia. Shots, vitamins, and other medicines did not scem to improve my condition noticeably.

While we were living in Anchorage, Alaska, my little boy attended a Vacation Bible School which Mrs. James Reb, my neighbor, held in her home. He learned so much about the Bible that I started to attend their church (the Assembly of God). One night I saw Brother James Reb pray for a man's healing. I had never seen prayer offered for the sick before. I asked him to pray for my healing.

I felt no immediate change physically, but I gave my whole heart and life to God and believed that He would do the work. I said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." I threw all my medicines away. God was good to me, and took me through every test and trial of faith.

I have been healed about seven years, and I am in better health today than I have ever been in my life. Recently our family doctor, after examining my heart, said, "It is as sound as a dollar!" All glory be to Jesus!—Mrs. Alonzo H. Curtis, Pearsall, Tex.

(Endorsed by James M. Reb, former pastor at Anchorage, Alaska; now at Williams, Oreg.)

ULCERATED COLON

I was taken to the hospital April 29 with an ulcerated colon. The doctor told me it could be cancerous. It was getting so bad I had pains around my heart and I would pass but. For a week or two at a time I was unable to do anything.

On the following Sunday (May 3) I was in so much pain I could not lie still on the hospital bed. I cried, "Oh Lord, what do You want me to do?" He showed me I should get out of bed and go to the Assembly of God church. I did what I was told. I walked to church, but I did not walk alone; Jesus was with me, otherwise I would have been too weak to get there.

As soon as the pastor, Brother Bolen, got there I was taken to the altar and Brother Bolen anointed me with oil (James 5:14), placed his hands on me, and prayed. Suddenly I felt all the pain leave, and I knew the Lord had healed me.

The next day in the hospital, the doctor took X rays of my colon and they showed up as clear as could be. I went home on Tuesday. I am gaining strength and doing all my work. Since I was healed, I have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and I have been baptized in water.

I had only been saved about two months when I was in the hospital. Brother Bolen visited me and prayed with me. He picked out scriptures for me to read. This encouraged me and my faith was made stronger in the Lord. I thank God for a pastor like Brother Bolen. —Mrs. Helen Johnson, Harr Apt., No. 11, Henryetta, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Oscar H. Bolen, Henryetta, Okla.)

HEALED THROUGH PRAYER

(Continued from page two)

great torment of mind, such as is common to so many who have a nervous breakdown. But all was changed after his healing.

Last December he was called to be the pastor of the Central Assembly of God in Springfield, and from that time until the annual election of District officers in April he again carried a double load, serving both as District Secretary-Treasurer and as pastor of a large church. But he says, to the glory of God: "Ever since the Lord healed me, my health has been as good as it ever was before I began having trouble some two years ago."

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies (Psalm 103:2-4).

Faith honors God, and God honors faith.—Cowman.

New Church in Rio de Janeiro

O. S. Boyer, Brazil

MAY FIRST was a red-letter day for the Madureira Assembly of God in Rio de Janeiro, capital city of the United States of Brazil. On this day they dedicated to God their new house of worship. And what a house it is! Visible for many blocks away, it could easily be mistaken for a great temple, which it really is—a Pentecostal temple!

For the past fourteen years our people had been worshiping in an improvised meeting-house. The place was originally a sort of warehouse and store. By removing the wall between, space for services was made available but it was not adequate nor were the quarters at all suitable. A brilliantly lighted movie house was operated on one side of us and a circus on the other!

But now a new building has been dedicated! It is located in a most desirable part of the city and is easily accessible by electric train. This new church was built under the leadership of the pastor, Paulo Leivas Macalao. He, with the aid of his congregation, planned and erected this spacious new edifice. On the day of dedication an estimated crowd of 5,000 were within the building. On the outside about 2,000 more listened to the loud-speaker. Clergy of various denominations came for the occasion. The Vice-President of the Republic was also present.

There are three large galleries at the rear of the church. These not only lend beauty to the interior but offer excellent seating arrangement for this growing congregation. Another gallery at the front accommodates the pastor and special guests. Behind them the choir is seated. The church is indeed a beautiful structure. Several of our missionaries are engaged in trying to meet the demand for Pentecostal literature in the Portuguese language for Brazilian congregations. The "O Mensageiro da Paz" (Messenger of Peace) is for Brazil what THE PENTE-COSTAL EVANGEL is for our brethren in the United States. It has a circulation twice that of any other Evangelical publication in Brazil.

Fifty thousand copies of our Adult Sunday School Quarterly are not sufficient to meet the demand.

The Portuguese hymnal is always sold out faster than it can be produced.

The Brazilian Bible Society is doing its best to supply Portuguese Bibles, Testaments and Gospel portions for all the Evangelical churches of this great Republic.

The people of Brazil are hungry for the full gospel message. Pray that this revival spirit may continue. Pray too that the printed Word of Life and the testimony of the Assemblies may reach an everincreasing number of those as yet untouched.

Building for God

Norma Johanson, Liberia

GROWTH IS PROGRESS. The national churches are making definite progress. Not only are more and larger churches being built but the nationals themselves are growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

For a long time the Baklika Church has

Dedication of the new Assembly of God church in Rio de Janeiro. Pastor Paulo Leivas Macalao is at the microphone. To his right stands the Vice-President of Brazil.





The three large galleries at the rear of the new church in Rio de Janeiro offer excellent accommodation for this fast-growing congregation.

been saving money for a new roof. The members finally accumulated the required sum of \$200.00, and today they carried the new aluminum roofing on their heads to the church! How their songs re-echoed over town as they trudged through the jungle paths on the way home.

Bwah Assembly dedicated their new building only two weeks ago. The chapel at the Newaka Girls' School was completed early this year. The men and boys in Gropaka had been saving for a special project. We thought they planned to buy a ball for their school, but to our joy we found they wanted their meager savings to be used to purchase songbooks for the church. The people have a mind to build for God!

A Ministers' Bible Institute was held recently in Monrovia, the capital. Over a hundred workers attended. It was a time of inspiration and blessing for all for "They read in the Book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading" (Neh. 8:8). It was an encouragement to hear the reports from the various tribes telling of growth in faith and power and numbers.

It is bird-watching time on the rice farms. The children are needed to maintain a constant vigil in order that the birds may not eat the newly-planted seeds. In spite of this hindrance our average attendance in Sunday School this year is 119. Last year the average was only 88. After rice harvest we expect to reach our goal of 200.

We have no roads in the jungle. Our Sunday School "bus" consists of bands of two or three who go to the homes and bring in the small children via "pickaback."

Send all foreign missions offerings to Noel Perkin, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield I, Mo.



Liberian woman in the rice field—bearing a double burden!

W-E Day

Foreign Missions Department Preparing for an Unusual One-day Effort

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS Department is making preparations for an unusual one-day effort in behalf of the unevangelized of the world. It will be known as W-E (World Evangelism) Day, and will fall on Sunday, August 30.

On Sunday afternoon, August 30, a great Foreign Missions rally will be held at the General Council in Milwaukce, and the customary missionary offering will be received. Each church of the fellowship is invited to participate in this offering by taking its own special World-Evangelism missionary offering on Sunday morning, August 30, and wiring or telephoning a report of the total to the Municipal Auditorium in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the Council will be meeting. Amounts thus reported will be added to the amount received there.

The idea for this effort comes from the District Missionary Secretaries, and is a result of the missionary service of the General Council in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1951. During that service the North Hollywood Assembly of God telephoned in a report of a \$2,000 missionary offering to be added to the offering received in Atlanta. It made the total \$10,357.00. Elger J. Robison, then pastor of the North Hollywood Church, in his zeal for missions, had taken a plane to California to raise the North Hollywood offering.

Since then there has been nation-wide sentiment that an opportunity should be given to all our churches to participate in the Foreign Missions offering during the coming General Council. District Missionary Secretaries and other district officials meeting with representatives of the Foreign Missions Department in regional conferences this spring heartily endorsed the W-E Day offering. They believe that individuals and churches will be blessed in this concerted endeavor on behalf of those without Christ.

There are many opportunities today for spreading the gospel. Advancements, however, have been limited by lack of funds. Estimates have varied on the total amount that may be received on W-E Day, one going as high as a million dollars. It is expected that many will give offerings which represent great sacrifice.

Arrangements have been made with the telephone and telegraph companies in Milwaukee to handle a flood of messages on W-E Day. All telephone calls will be conveniently received through the following number: Broadway 2-5286.

Churches a great distance from the Council city, desiring to have a part in the W-E Day program, should keep in mind that Milwaukee has Central Standard Time. It is desired that, as far as possible, reports of offerings reach the Milwaukee Auditorium on W-E Day by 4 p.m., Central Standard time.

As the reports are received, a register will indicate to General Council delegates and visitors the progress of the fellowship's missionary giving. It will be a thrilling time for those who have the privilege of attending the biennial meeting. Those back home who contribute will also have the joy and satisfaction of having participated.

A simple report of the W-E Day giving of the individual assemblies is all that will be needed for the service in Milwaukee. Do not send any offerings to Milwaukee. All offerings whether they have been reported to Milwaukee or not, should be forwarded directly to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, immediately following W-E Day.

The World Missions Plan will be followed in handling the W-E Day offerings. According to this plan, 70% will go to foreign missions, 20% to home missions in your district, 5% to national home missions, and 5% to the missionary office expense fund. The 70% going to foreign missions will be used for evangelism, Bible schools, evangelistic centers, gospel radio programs, and other work on the foreign mission fields.

A list of the churches participating in W-E Day giving, with the amount given by each church, will be published following General Council.

Mark August 30 on your calendar. Start planning for YOUR part in the undertaking. However, do keep in mind that your W-E Day offering should not take the place of the regular missionary offering.

Watch for further announcements of this great day.

Monrovia's First Ordination Service

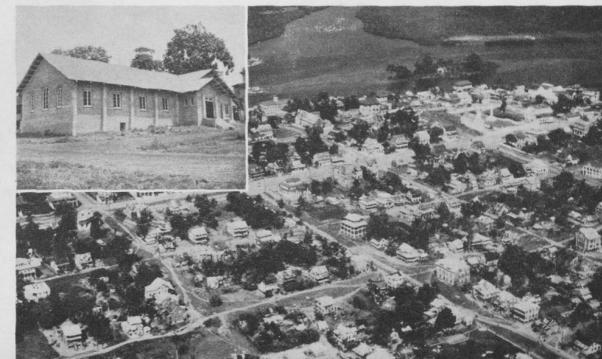
R. J. Renfroe, Liberia

During the week of March 15, we conducted our second annual workers' conference in the Kru Assembly of God on Bushrod Island. Thirty-eight workers were present.

The last Sunday of the conference we held an ordination service. The first three men ever to be ordained by the Assemblies of God Mission in the Monrovia area were set apart for the gospel ministry. They were Samuel T. Koon and J. K. Wisseh from the Kru tribe, and Henry B. Williams from the Bassa tribe. These men are already helping to supervise the work in this section.

During the past year two new clans of the Kpelle people have been reached with the gospel. We believe that the prospects for a strong national church in the Monrovia area are excellent and we expect it to materialize shortly.

An air view of Monrovia, capital city of the Negro republic of Liberia, West Africa. Inset: new Assembly of God church built in Monrovia.



SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

SIN'S TRAGIC FRUIT

Lesson for July 19

Genesis 4:3-13

The question sometimes arises, How long were Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden before the fall? Some have asked, "Did they not have any children before sin came into the world?" The account indicates that they had not enjoyed the Garden very long before the tempter brought into effect his mischievous plan. It seems clear that no children were born to them while they were in the Garden, or before they had sinned. Had there been, there might have been persons on the earth who were free from what is called the Adamic nature. Since "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin," and "death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12), we conclude that the first children of Adam and Eve were Cain and Abel.

1. Two BROTHERS-TWO SACRIFICES

a. The Sacrifice of Cain. Cain is said to represent "the mere man of the earth, his religion being destitute of any adequate sense of sin, or need of atonement." The offering which he presented well illustrates such a truth. We feel, however, that when the Lord rejected his offering, the Lord was kindly disposed to him. He wished through rejecting Cain's offering to show him the right way for a sinner to approach God. Did God not say to Cain, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door"? Since sin and sinoffering come from the same root word in the Hebrew, it is generally believed that God meant, "If you miss the mark, there is a sin-offering which you may offer in your own behalf." The offering of Cain was wrong since it showed an unwillingness to go God's way.

God is a merciful God, slow to anger, a loving Teacher who desires to lead men into the light, not to destroy them without giving them opportunity to amend their ways.

b. The Sacrifice of Abel. Abel was a shepherd, and when he made his offering he sacrificed the best of his flock. His was the right offering since it set forth the need of substituting a life for a life. There evidently had been previous instruction as to the type of offering God desired, for it was "by faith" that "Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain" (Heb. 11:4).

2. CAIN'S STUBBORN CONDUCT

a. Cain's Sullen Anger. When the sacrifice of Cain was shown to be unacceptable, he might have inquired of God as to why Abel's offering was received and his rejected. Had he shown an open heart toward God how different his future might have been. Instead Cain became filled with his own ways and shut his heart to the voice of instruction. This is what is wrong with men today. When God tells them what they ought to do, they refuse to listen. Thus the Scripture is fulfilled, "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be des-troyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1). When God said to Cain, "Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?" there was no repentance. He refused to change his way, to humble himself, to bring the sacrifice which God ordained. He was now without excuse. God had shown him that the proper offering was a substitutionary sin-offering, but Cain hardened his neck. What the human race has suffered because men persist in their own defiant way!

b. Cain's Self-Sufficiency. Since God had promised a Saviour in the "seed of the woman" that was to come, the offerings were to set forth the truth that life must be given for life. Without the shedding of blood there could be no remission. However excellent the works of sinful man may be, they are tainted by sinful elements. They express self-sufficiency. They indicate that man by his own deeds wants to be his own savior. This God would not countenance. Salvation had to come en-

tirely from outside ourselves, through the sacrificial life of another. The lamb offered by Abel testified to this great truth; the sacrifice of Cain was a testimony to self-sufficiency.

3. CAIN'S MURDEROUS ANGER

a. The Evil of Rebellion. How kindly God spoke to Cain when He said, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin [a sin offering] lieth at the door." God was patient, Cain impatient. It is probable that Cain had little thought as to what the result would be when he turned his back on the entreaty of the Lord. Men seldom know what they may be doing when they turn their backs upon God. Cain soon learned, to his everlasting sorrow and regret.

b. The Unexpected Climax. It was God who had rejected the offering of Cain, not Abel. Yet Cain's anger turned upon his innocent brother. It is often that way. The minister faithfully preaches the Word, or a brother in the Lord speaks to his fellow-man about his soul, and the Spirit convicts; but there is rebellion in the heart, and the one under conviction sometimes turns on the messenger whom the Lord has used.

When the two met in the field Cain "rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him." Thus we find that the first murder was over religion. And as we follow the history of man, we learn that religion, once it has lost the love of God, can be most cruel.

4. CAIN'S PUNISHMENT

Abel died, but with a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man. His ransomed soul took its flight to the home appointed for the redeemed. Cain gladly would have died rather than live to endure his punishment. When God said, "A fugitive and a vagabond [wanderer] shalt thou be in the world," Cain answered from the depth of his soul, "From Thy face shall I be hid." God help us that He may never have to turn His face against us.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Entrance of Sin (lesson for Sunday, July 12). Lesson text: Genesis 3:1-10.

"A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks; a tongue through which He speaks; a hand through which He helps; a heart through which He loves."

SPIRIT OF CAIN



PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Prayers Bring Rain

In Laredo, Texas, a thousand people gathered in the downtown plaza to pray for rain, and 28 hours later the answer came. Dust blew into Laredo on winds of 60 miles an hour, and then the raindrops started to fall. It was Laredo's first rain in three months. The Rio Grande, the area's water supply, had dried up for the first time in fifty years.

Our Best Weapon

At a luncheon preceding the mammoth Sunday School parade in Brooklyn, N. Y. on June 5 the principal speaker was Robert A. Vogeler, the businessman who was a prisoner in Hungary for so long. He said: "One of the most powerful weapons at our command is to carry the Word of God to the people behind the Iron Curtain."

Scaling the Heights

Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, has been scaled by man at last. E. P. Hillary of New Zealand led the successful climb to the peak 29,002 feet high. Ten previous expeditions in modern times had failed, but this did not daunt Hillary. In his party were 13 Britons, 362 porters, 20 Sherpa guides, and five tons of baggage. The successful climb took 80 days.

There is an ambition in mankind that will not rest until it has reached the zenith in every field of endeavor. The same ambition should be seen in our spiritual life. There is "higher ground" for every Christian. May we not rest until, by God's grace, we have reached it.

New Tactics in East Germany

The Communist Government of East Germany suddenly reversed its tactics and announced new policies in agriculture, industry, education, and other fields, including religion. It made peace with Bishop Otto Dibelius and the Evangelical Church, to which most of East Germany's 18 million people belong.

18 million people belong. In a formal pact, the Communists agreed to end persecution of church leaders and youth groups, and to void or review jail terms handed out to more than 100 pastors. Among other things, the Reds promised to recognize the church's right to free assembly, pay state subsidies to churches, return confiscated church property, and work out plans to restore religious lessons to Soviet zone classrooms.

Bishop Dibelius called upon all Evangelical churches to join in thanksgiving for the changed situation, which he termed an answer to many prayers. He declared that the reconciliation was affected without the imposition of any conditions on the church.

The Queen's Answer

A London saloonkeeper, in preparation for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, asked permission to change the name of his pub to "The Prince Charles." The Queen promptly refused the request, saying that she did not wish the name of her children or relatives to be placed over such an establishment.

A-Bombs and the Weather

Chairman Gordon Dean of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission declared that atomic explosions in Nevada "have not contributed to the adverse weather conditions this spring." He said weather bureau and military meteorologists had checked again and again, with the result that the Atomic Energy Commission is convinced that "there was no relationship between continental weather and atomic tests." Dean's statement was in a letter to Rep. W. Sterling Cole. The Congressman had asked for "reassurance" that the A. E. C. has "explored every possible avenue" to make sure atomic tests had not caused tornadoes and heavy rains.

Could it not be that man's sin, rather than science, is responsible for the disasters? Is God saying to the American people, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee"?

Uncertain Liberty in Italy

Late in May the court of appeals at Benevento, near Naples, set aside the conviction of five Pentecostal ministers who had been arrested for holding services in private homes. The court held that Article XVII of Italy's postwar constitution provided that such meetings could be held without giving notice to the police or obtaining police permission.

But the very next day the ministry of the interior in Rome announced that this constitutional provision "is not applicable to worship meetings held in places open to the public," and held that the Mussolini law of 1931 is still in force requiring police authorization of "private meetings having a public character." This ruling leaves Protestants wondering whom to believe—the appeals court at Benevento or the cabinet at Rome?

Ancient Manuscript on Display

An archaeological exhibit of great interest to Bible students is now on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. It is an extensive collection of priceless religious, domestic, and cultural items found in Palestine, which give the history of the Holy Land over many centuries, up to the late Byzantine period.

The exhibits range in size from tiny amulets to a seven-ton statue of a Roman cmperor of the Third Century. The most significant item is part of an original manuscript of Isaiah's prophecy, believed to be 1,000 years older than any other known Old Testament manuscript. This manuscript was found in an urn in a cave near the Dead Sea.

An entire wall of one of the museum rooms shows a mosaic recovered intact from the floor of a Sixth Century Synagogue, depicting the sacrifice of Isaac. The exhibit "From the Land of the

Bible" will remain in New York through September 7th. Later it will be shown in other cities.

Alliance Joins E.F.M.A.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance took formal action at its annual General Council in Long Beach, Calif. in May to join the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals. It also approved the seating of foreign national church representatives at their future General Councils.

Nearly 1,000 delegates attended. They learned that the C&MA now has 1,031 churches in America. These churches contributed \$2,349,691 to missions in 1952, making an average of \$40.32 per capita, highest of the leading 52 denominations.

In number of missionaries on foreign soil, the Alliance ranks sixth out of the 237 leading missionary agencies. It now lists 800 missionaries, with 699 active and over 100 retired. It expects to send 60 more to foreign fields in 1953.

Reservations on the R. S. V.

Three more denominations have expressed themselves concerning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

A committee of the ruling body of the United Presbyterian Church recommendcd further study of the new Version, without taking a stand on its acceptance. In a report prepared for the general assembly, meeting at Carlisle, Pa. last month, the committee advised that the Revised Version "await the appraisal of candid study and prayerful years."

Meanwhile the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (Northern) commended the Version for use in churches but withheld its approval or disapproval of the volume.

The Board of Managers of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (founded by the late A. B. Simpson) made an official statement regarding the Revised Standard Version, deploring the extremes gone to both by the champions and by the opponents of the new Version. They said, in part: "The Christian and Missionary Alliance does not recommend the Revised Standard Version, nor do we suggest it be given a place above or even alongside the King James Version. We do declare that the Revised Standard Version is a monumental work and as such deserves the attention of the reading public. It may be used by the Christian much as he would use any other modern version of the Bible, for comparison and for such light as a slightly variant rendering might throw on the familiar King James text. Further than this we cannot go."



New Works . . . Industrial Chaplaincy Alaska . . . Jews . . . Deaf . . . Prisoners Indians . . . Foreign-Language Groups

EVERY INDIAN OUGHT TO KNOW

"Every Indian ought to know who Jesus is." That's the way our more than seventy missionaries to the Indians feel about getting the gospel to the Indians. When missionaries Vera Eldridge and Eldeth Adkins left their work on the reservation near Granite Falls, Minnesota, to other workers, they went to Minneapolis to work temporarily. In January this year, two weeks after they arrived in Minneapolis, they visited an Indian family in St. Paul whom they had known on the reservation. In the course of the conversation they asked the little girl if she attended Sunday School anywhere. The child replied that she had no place to go.

The missionaries asked if the Indian family would open their home for Sunday School and a week-night service. Sister Vera Eldridge writes:

"It seemed the Lord blessed from the very beginning. About eighteen turned out that first Sunday. This is the beginning of the St. Paul Indian Chapel. We certainly praised the Lord for the open door. One Indian father stated that he was so thankful that his children now had some place to attend services.

"On April first, we obtained a building 20 by 60 feet. Being partitioned in the middle it was ideal; we have Sunday School rooms in the back and a good sized auditorium in front. We have room for at least one hundred people. We had our dedication on May 12 with G. Raymond Carlson, Minnesota District Superintendent, as main speaker. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way.

"There are many hundreds of children as well as adults within the radius of a few blocks of our chapel. We have a mixture of races—Indian, Mexican, Negro, and white, the greater portion being Indians. There are about 6500 Indians in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Our highest attendance has been fifty-three; we have had twentytwo or more the rest of the time with the exception of our opening Sunday.

"Pray with us that we may reach these people with the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, that they may find the Lord real and precious to their souls. 'For a great door and effectual is opened unto us, and there are many adversaries. Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.'"

Whether in the cities or on the reservations, our workers are finding open doors for the gospel among the Indians as never before. It is Vacation Bible School and Camp Meeting time everywhere. The Indians are having their camps and Bible Schools too. Many will be saved and healed and filled among them as our workers minister in the power of the Spirit.

Recently one Indian lady received the baptism with the Holy Spirit while gathered with others in a special prayer meeting concerning a land grant which was needed to build a church on their reservation.

Other notes of victory are being sounded from our various Indian works. Let us give God glory and expect greater things from Him in answer to believing prayer.

Offerings are also needed in order to care for the expanding of our Indian work. God is moving; souls are being saved, healed, and filled. We can only reap this harvest as funds come in for the needed buildings, workers, and equipment. Your offerings for Indian work should be so designated and sent to National Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

Many of our Indian workers are without any regular support. If you wish to help a worker regularly, just write to the address above, and we shall be happy to put you in touch with workers who are in great need of added support. Even a small amount, coming regularly, can be of great help to a worker.

The Crowd May Be Wrong

ADAM THOMPSON was the first man to fill a bath. This was done in the early part of the nineteenth century in Philadelphia. The crowd opposed it, stating that it would ruin democratic simplicity. Doctors said that such bath exercise would cause inflammation of the lungs and other ailments. But the crowd was wrong. Today a home is not complete without a bath.

Even in the latter part of the nineteenth century, England still had a law prohibiting a motor vehicle from exceeding four miles per hour. If a vehicle did travel at this tremendous speed, the law required that a man must precede it with a red flag to notify the public of the dangerous invention that was coming down the road. Today we have means of transportation which travel at more than a hundred times that rate. The crowd was wrong.

The crowd was wrong when they called Westinghouse a fool for daring to think that he could stop a railroad train with wind. Now we use the Westinghouse Air Brake the world around.

McCormick was laughed at by the crowd when he invented the first reaper. People derided it as a cross between a chariot, a wheelbarrow and a flying machine. But the crowd was wrong. The reaper has been used for years.

Robert Fulton's steamboat was derided by the crowd as "Fulton's Folly." But steel steamboats sail the oceans today. Again the crowd was wrong.

The mistaken crowd laughed at Goodyear during the eleven years he worked on vulcanizing rubber. But the crowd was



Apache children gathered for V. B. S. at Cedar Creek on the San Carlos reservation in Arizona last year. Dorothy Aishman has charge of this work. They hope to build an Indian church very soon.



This photo was taken one Sunday morning at the mission in St. Paul, Minnesota, where Vera Eldridge and Eldeth Adkins are conducting services. This Indian Sunday School is only six months old.

mistaken; vulcanizing has become part of the tire business.

F. W. Woolworth was told that he had no business ability. He was given a caretaker's job by the heartless crowd. But the people were wrong. Woolworth's stores are found throughout the world.

Yes, the crowd has been wrong. It is wrong today. Especially is the worldly crowd wrong in its attitude towards Christ and the things of God.

Are you forming a part of the crowd that is saying, "Away with Christ"? I beg you, though you be wrong about a thousand other things, do not be wrong about spiritual matters.

Would it not have been embarrassing to be guilty of criticizing these men and inventions mentioned above? And yet you may be unfair in your criticism of Christ.

Tell me, who better than Christ is there to follow or to believe in? Have you heard a better message than this: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"?

Have you heard a truer statement than this: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all"?

Though the crowd refuse this invitation, I ask you to accept and believe it: "Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though you sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."--Nathanael Olsen.

Fear Children Sacrificed

A recent dispatch from Accra, West Africa, illustrates the dark cruelty of heathenism. Police in the Accra area were searching for witch doctors who reportedly kidnapped a number of small children with the intention of sacrificing their hearts to a weird African god. The witch doctors were said to be hunting for twenty-five young hearts and twenty-five adult hearts as a sacrifice to the state god of Tema Township. Newspapers report the sacrifices are meant to placate the fearful god for the construction of a new harbor.

The story reminds us that our God, too, asks for the human heart-but it is a sacrifice of the spirit, not of the flesh, "The that He requires. It is written, sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

Sunday Papers

American readers annually spend \$1,208,905,000 on daily newspapers, according to recent statistics. Nearly \$300,-000,000 of this is for Sunday papers. It would be interesting to see how this compares with the amount spent for Sunday School publications and other gospel literature which ought to have priority on Sundays!



NEW LEADERS CHOSEN FOR NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.—Several new officers were elected to lead the New England District, during the thirty-first annual Council meeting, which convened here on the campus of the New England Bible Institute June 8—11. Roy Smuland, who has served our New England

constituency for over fourteen years as Super-intendent, announced to the convention that he would not be available for re-election this term. Under his faithful and capable leadership the New England District has gone far in advancing the gospel cause.

Grady L. Fannin, of Pawtucket, R. I., was elected to succeed Brother Smuland. Lyle W. Butler, who has served as District

Secretary for the past eight years, also informed the convention that he was not available for re-election. David W. Flower, of Augusta, Maine, was elected to fill this office.

was elected to fill this office. Other officers elected were: Assistant Super-intendent, Joseph Payne, of Hartford, Conn.; Treasurer, George E. Flower, of Brockton, Mass.; General Presbyters, Roy Smuland, Carl O. Lind-berg; Sectional Presbyters, David W. Flower, W. C. Nelson, A. L. Bartholomew, D. Dale, E. Olsen; C. A. President, Warren McPherson; Sunday School Director, Florence E. Tubman; Missionary Secretary, A. W. Earle. Over 150 ministers, delegates, and visitors registered for this District Council meeting. A. Newton Chase ministered nightly from the Word of God.

of God.

In the closing service ten young men were ordained to the full gospel ministry. -by Lyle W. Butler.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

EUCLID, OHIO—In May we enjoyed a won-derful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas B. Don Carlos of Petaluma, Calif. Several were saved and a number filled with the Holy Ghost. —Howard R. Davidson, Pastor, Calvary Assembly of Cod of God.

FRESNO, CALIF.—During the last two weeks of May we enjoyed the Spirit-anointed ministry of Sister Grace Hayes of Hanford, Calif. Sixteen came to the altar for salvation, and seven were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Fourteen followed

baptized with the Holy Ghost. Fourteen followed the Lord in water baptism. We have ceiled the inside of the church, in-stalled opera seats, and put the first coat of stucco on the outside of the building. We have out-grown our building and are looking for a better location on which to build a larger church.—Albert P. Finch Parter Finch, Pastor.

LAMONT, CALIF.—Evangelist John C. Poteet of Fullerton, Calif. was with us recently for a four-week meeting. Around 50 came to the altar for salvation, and many were healed of all manner of sickness and diseases.

of sickness and diseases. In the first serivce of the campaign a lady on crutches came forward for prayer. She was suffering from a broken pelvis bone. She was instantly healed and walked away without her crutches. That same afternoon she went to the hospital to visit a friend, and she walked down three flights of stairs. The next day she left for Montana. She has written to say that she is still healed still healed.

A man was healed of a rupture of 35 years standing and he no longer needs his truss. A woman was healed of a tumor, gall stones, and high blood pressure. She lost 14 pounds in

three. days.

The meeting grew until it became a union meeting Other Pentecostal churches co-operated and people came from all over the country. One man drove 135 miles to attend the meeting. They prayed for his healing and he went away rejoicing.

The church was filled to capacity almost every night. Several nights people were turned away after 450 to 500 packed the building.—Johnnie Smith, Pastor, Assembly of God Tabernacle.



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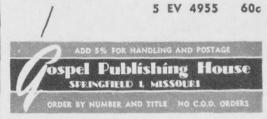
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ROLFE, IOWA-Evangelist Milton Forbes of Eldon, Iowa, was with us for eight days. New people were brought into the church and souls were saved. There were several definite healings. We are a "home missions" church and these blessings from the Lord encouraged us.—Fred M. Patterson, Pastor.

BUFFALO, OKLA .- We enjoyed a successful meeting with Evangelist Irvie Pierce of Hammon, Okla. One was saved, five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and several were healed. Recently two have been saved in the regular services and four followed the Lord in water baptism.—Erwin W. Moore, Pastor.

FAIRVIEW, MONT.—On May 17, we closed a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. J. J. Wagner of Wilbur, Wash. Five were saved and one man received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was greatly encouraged in the Lord. On May 17 we had a record at-tendance of 40 in Children's Church.—Clyde Cibbe Pactor Gibbs, Pastor.

MOULTRIE, GA.—Large crowds attended the meeting conducted by the Sunshine Evangelistic Party of Covington, Ky. This was their second meeting with us. Over 75 came forward to accept Christ during the 12-night meeting. We broke the attendance record in Sunday School. We are looking forward to the time when the Sunshine Party will come back for a third meeting with us. —L. G. Grice, Pastor.



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MACON, GA.—The Sunshine Party of Coving-ton, Ky. were with us for three weeks in May. Evangelist Bruce Thum preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Around 430 people attended our church for the first time, and 140 came forward for salvation. The last Sunday of the meeting we broke all previous attendance records in Sunday School with 431 present. Several new members were taken into our fellowship during the meeting.—Joseph M. Bell, Pastor.

QUINCY, ILL.—In July, 1952, O. E. Carter of Willmar, Minn. came to pastor the Bethel Assembly, and God has enabled us to make outstanding progress. Many have been saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit.

healed, and filled with the Spint. From October, 1952, to April, 1953, the total attendance in Sunday School was 22 per cent more than the previous year. In January our church set a record for the state of Illinois. It was the first church to have an average attendance of 500 for one month. Our average attendance was 514.

Our church helps support 10 missionaries and a native student in the Bible school in Cuba. The tithes and offerings have increased and the radio giving has increased over 100 per cent.—Robey Herrick, Secretary, Bethel Assembly of God.

BUSHNELL, ILL.—We are in our third year as pastors of the Assembly here. God has blessed us in a special way the past few months. Souls have been saved and filled with the Spirit in our regular services.

We had a meeting with the Graffner-White Evangelistic Party of Dellroy, Ohio. Many were saved and healed. The church was filled to over-flowing. The Sunday School has grown in at-tendance and in interest. Recently a lady came to Sunday School who had not been in Sunday School for over 60 years.

The church voted to begin a building program. Plans are now being laid and money raised to build a new church 40 x 70, with a full basement and Sunday School rooms.—W. E. and Mrs. Thurmond, Pastors.



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DOVE CREEK, COLO .-- God moved in a wonderful way during the meeting with Evange-list and Mrs. Doyt C. Allen of Bird City, Kans. The Sunday School record was broken with 135 in attendance. Nine or ten were definitely saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were many instantaneous healings. One woman with a skin cancer was healed and the cancer peeled off in two or three days. Another lady, whose hip slipped out of joint causing much pain and difficulty in walking, was healed in-stantly.—Wayne Catt, Pastor.

GALESBURG, ILL .- The city of Galesburg was stirred by the anointed preaching of Evangelist Velmer Gardner. Scores came to the altars each night seeking the Lord. God wrought miracles of healing. Deaf ears were unstopped, the lame walked and diabetics were delivered.

From the beginning the enemy tried to defeat the meeting. The first night the tent was erected, high winds came up. The second week the tail end of a cyclone struck Galesburg, but the tent stood. Students from a college tried to wreck the meetings, but the Lord gave us a which will be lasting in its effect. us a great victory

A young lady who resides in our home is a A young lady who resides in our nome is a nurse. She told us that a man who had been a diabetic for years came into the doctor's office. He had been to the tent meeting and Brother Gardner had prayed for him. The doctors were amazed that he was healed after having a high sugar count for years.—George W. Clark, Pastor, Calvary Pentecostal Church.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—For four weeks God poured out His Spirit during the tent meeting with Evangelist W. V. Grant. Every night a large group of people went into the prayer tent as the altar call was given. It is impossible to know the exact number who were saved and filled with the Spirit. They represent many different towns and denominations.

From night to night we saw the blind, deaf, lame, and afflicted healed by God's power. One lady returned and testified that twelve cancers left her face and a large growth disappeared after prayer. A man who had been blind for 15 years testified that he could see. A lady reported that her short leg was made the same length as the other. We prayed for a little boy who was crippled from polio. After his braces were re-moved he could run.

The membership of all the co-operating churches, and some other churches as well, has increased. The membership of the church which I pastor increased 50 per cent.—James V. Court-ney Jr., Pastor, Central Assembly of God.

UNION, OREG.—We thank God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which we enjoyed during the three weeks Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Colsen of Hillsboro, Oreg. were here. A number came forward for salvation; sick bodies were healed, and 17 were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Lloyd Portin, Pastor.

HARBOR CITY, CALIF.—For 17 nights we enjoyed an outpouring of the Spirit under the ministry of the Musical VanderPloegs of Toledo. Ohio. Thirty-two knelt at the altar and accepted the Lord as their Saviour. To accommodate the overflow crowds we removed the Sunday School room partitions in the main auditorium. Over 160 visited our church for the first time. Our Assembly was started just 13 months ago and the church has progressed to such an extent that

the church has progressed to such an extent that we are planning to build a large auditorium on a two-acre tract.—Fred and Esther Martin, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle

COLUMBUS, GA.—We had a two-week meet-ing with Evangelist Max Cloud and a revival broke out among our folk. A number of backslidden young people were reclaimed. So great was the convicting power of the Holy Ghost that a senior class outing was postponed. The young people started out on Saturday evening but some of them wanted to get saved, so the entire group of around 42 boys and girls came back to the church and God met them in a wonderful way. Three were saved and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. During the meeting 30 were gloriously saved and 12 filled with the Holy Ghost. We have asked Brother Cloud to return when our new church which will seat 1500 is completed.—Edgar W. Bethany, Pastor, North Highland Assembly of God.

COMING MEETINGS

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ABINGDON, ILL.-July 7-; Evangelist Luther Tasker, Adams, Ill. (G. D. Coborn is Pastor.)

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—First Assembly of God, July 19—Aug. 2; Evangelist Glenn Reed, Springfield, Mo. (Bernard B. Ridings is Pastor.)

TAFT, CALIF.—Tent meeting, July 2—26; Evangelist Richard Jeffery, Sebastopol, Calif.—by Norman L. Field, Pastor.

MANNFORD, OKLA.—July 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Starling, Tulsa, Okla. (W. J. Underwood is Pastor.)



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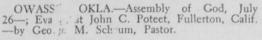
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MOUNT VERNON, ILL.—Area-wide tent meeting, 34 mile south on Highway 37, July 2—19; Exangelist Bennie R. Harris and Party, Fort Collins, Colo. For information write Pastor George Duncan, 122 N. 7th, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

PRICHARD, ALA.—July 5—19; Evangelist W. I. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by J. D. Stevens, M Pastor.

SEAGRAVES, TEX.-June 28-; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert J. Salter, Hillsboro, Tex. (C. R. Love is Pastor.)

CROSBY, N. DAK.—Assembly of God, July 19—Aug. 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Gerald Fischer, Grenora, N. Dak.—by Edward D. Kidroske, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Central Assembly, July 19 —Aug. 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Ray, Denver, Colo. (W. A. Wilkerson is Pastor.)

NORTHRIDGE, CALIF.—July 7—19 or longer; Evangelists R. H. and Louise Bishop, Denver, Colo. (Bernice Ferren is Pastor.)

MASON CITY, IOWA—Assembly of God, July 7—19; Evangelist and Mrs. L. N. Huffman, Des Moines, Iowa—by Allan Ullestad, Pastor.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Tent meeting, across bridge in West Riverside, July 17—Aug. 16; Evan-gelist James White.—by Carl A. Goad, Pastor.

ELLENSBURG, WASH.—First Assembly of God, July 15—26; Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—by B. P. Birkeland, Pastor.

OLNEY, TEX.—Assembly of God, July 12—; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakers-field, Calif. (W. A. McCann is Pastor.)

TOLEDO. OHIO-Calvary's Canvas Cathedral, Oak and Navarre, July 14-19; Salvatore Noferi, converted concert violinist.-by Edwin P. Anderson, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEX.—Assembly of God tent meeting, 14th and Blvd., July 12—Aug. 2; Evan-gelist C. H. Asher. (C. L. Stewart is Pastor.)

YAKIMA, WASH .- Stone Church, July 19 -Aug. 2; twenty-fifth anniversary campaign; Evan-gelist Arne Vick, North Hollywood, Calif.-by Emmett McLaughlin, Pastor.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING-Magnolia Springs Camp Ground, Hurley, Miss., July 30—Aug. 6; E. B. Crump, Texas District Sec.-Treas., speaker. C. S. Walker, District Supt., in charge.—by E. E. Noland, Sec.-Treas.

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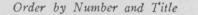
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