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



"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18).

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Good News for the Sick

What comfort there is in knowing that if we are sick there is a Divine Physician who can heal our bodies. He is infinitely wise in His diagnosis, infinitely skillful in His treatment, and infinitely tender in His attention toward all who ask His help. He is just the Friend we mortals need.

Many have only recently heard the good news—and yet the Lord has been healing people from the dawn of history. Away back in Moses' day God revealed Himself to His people as Jehovah-Ropheka, "The Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15: 26), and all through the Old Testament we see displays of His healing power. From one generation to another God's people have found him to be their Great Physician. Jesus Himself devoted a great portion of His time to healing the sick, proving that wherever people are willing to believe God's promises He is willing to heal their bodies. And He left explicit instructions for His followers to perpetuate the healing ministry to the end of time.

In recent years, miracles of healing through prayer have become so numerous that churches of many denominations are now praying for the sick. Especially is this true of holiness and other evangelical churches of the smaller denominations, including the Pentecostal churches, but there are also some churches in the larger denominations where healing services are held at regular intervals and the minister lays his hands on the sick according to the Scriptural pattern.

Last summer the Southern Presbyterians, at their annual convention, were reminded that physical health and healing are a part of the New Testament message. Their General Assembly adopted a report which took notice of the fact that "people are being healed through unknown factors. . . . There are cases where medical science has given up and healings have occurred." It said that "more people in general and more people in our own Church are concerned about the relationship of our Christian Faith to our health—spiritual, mental, and physical—than at any time in recent years."

Both the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations in Australia have set up commissions to study "The Church and Healing."

At the present time, similar commissions appointed by the Church of England, the Methodist Conference of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Church of Scotland are making extensive studies of Spiritual Healing. It was reported that at least fifty ministers in the Church of Scotland are conducting services in which they lay hands on the sick and pray for their healing.

Last February a number of leading personalities within the Church of Norway (Lutheran) issued an Open Letter on the subject. It stated that the New Testament permits believers to seek healing for their illness by prayer, adding that "we have experienced, also in these days, that this is a reality; and we rejoice in the fact that Christians in our time have a better understanding of our Christian privilege in this matter."

Not long ago a Conference on Divine Healing was held in Holland, which was both international and interdenominational. A similar conference was held in Great Britain last year, with ministers from leading communions participating; and at both of these European conferences certain Pentecostal brethren were asked to present their views on the healing ministry.

All who have compassion for suffering humanity cannot help but rejoice over the widespread interest that is being shown in the subject of Divine Healing, and in the numbers who are being delivered from affliction and pain through believing prayer.

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IS *Anything* TOO HARD FOR THE *Lord?*

WHEREFORE DID SARAH LAUGH? . . .
Is any thing too hard for the Lord?"
(Gen. 18:13, 14).

When these words were spoken, Abraham was tenting with his wife Sarah on the plains of Mamre. It was midday. Abraham was sitting in his tent door waiting for Sarah to put the finishing touches on the noon meal. Gazing across the plains he saw three strangers approaching his tent, and as was the custom he advanced toward the men to invite them to enjoy his hospitality. They accepted the invitation and joined him under one of the oak trees.

Soon Abraham discovered that one of these men was the Lord, who was appearing to him in visible form. As they entered into conversation the Lord said, "I have not forgotten the promise I made you some time ago. I intend to fulfill it:

you shall have a son through your wife Sarah." Sarah overheard this part of the conversation and laughed at the idea, for she knew that she was much too old to have a child—and her husband was an old man, as well.

The Lord turned to Abraham with the question, "Wherefore did Sarah laugh?" It is possible that Sarah was not conscious that she had laughed. But there happened to be One present whose delicately trained ear could hear the laugh she was

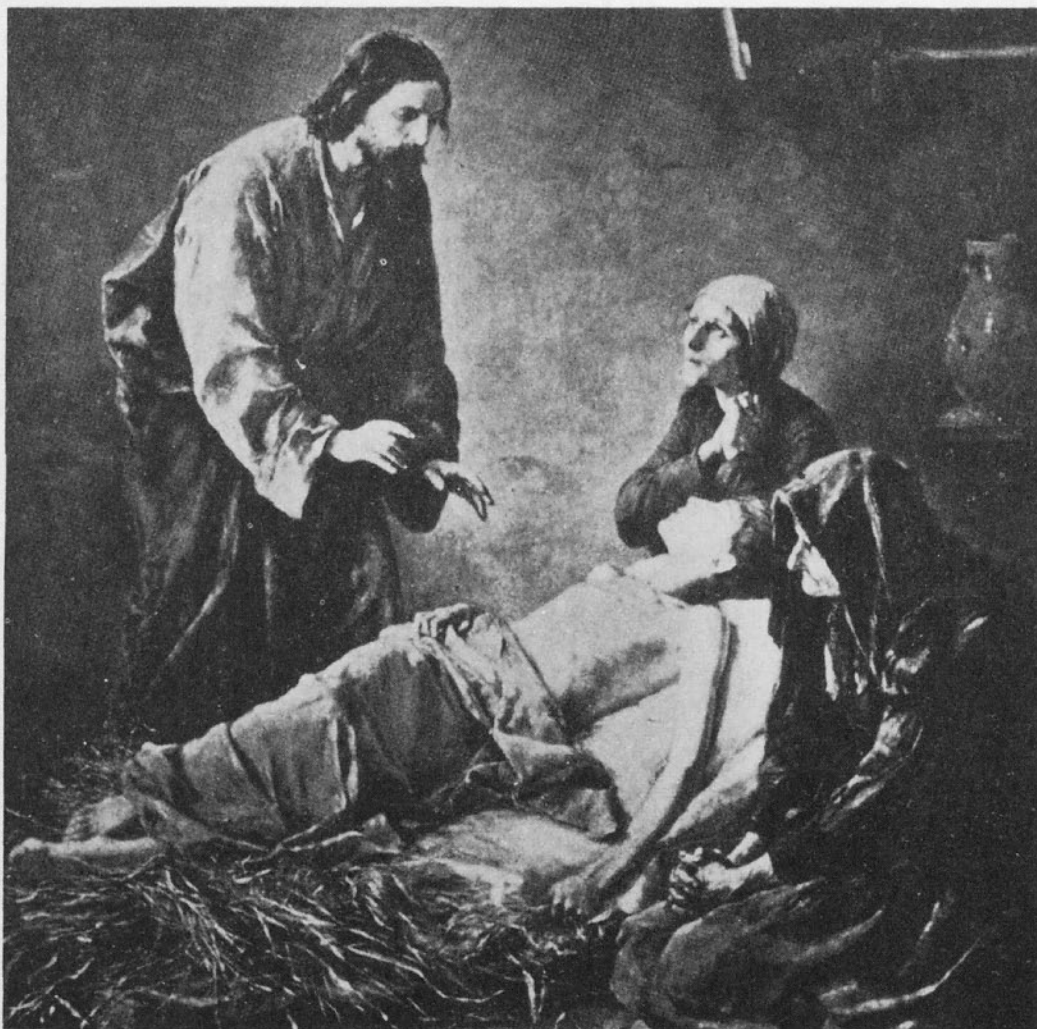
not conscious of. He said, "Sarah, you did laugh; you laughed within yourself." It was a laugh of unbelief. Oh, those miserable laughs; how they hinder God and prevent the workings of the Spirit. They cause many a meeting, which would otherwise go over the top, to be a comparative failure! What a blighting, blasting, damning thing unbelief is!

One day a boy threw in at my door a bill announcing a sale of furniture. I picked it up and read these words, "Have you ever stopped to consider what unbelief has cost you—unbelief in the Wingold Furniture Company?" I was impressed with the words and asked an artist to make them into a motto. Over my study door I hung that motto—"Have you ever stopped to consider what unbelief has cost you?" I suggest that you go to some quiet spot with paper and pencil and there make a list of the things that unbelief has cost you, and you may be surprised to discover that unbelief has proved a very expensive commodity.

For years I foolishly thought that God had a number of ways by which He could communicate Himself to us, but later I discovered that God has confined Himself to one way—the way of faith. It does not say anywhere in the Bible that according to our earnestness it shall be done, nor according to the soundness of our creed, nor according to our long prayers, but it says that according to our faith it shall be. God has limited Himself to this one channel through which He will communicate Himself to us. Thus He has not provided Himself with any alternative but to honor faith. Wherever He finds faith He will respond. Oh, that there might be a great increase of faith in our hearts!

A father and mother said to their only child, "On your birthday we will take you to a department store, and you may choose anything you want for a present from us, even if it costs twenty dollars."

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Her birthday came. The parents kept their word, giving their daughter ample time to look around in the store. To their amazement and disappointment she selected a fifteen-cent bar of highly perfumed soap!

Don't smile; we are not doing any better. Listen to some of the things in the catalog of God's great "department store," things which we may have for the asking—that is, if we ask in faith. "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." These words are not common street talk. No, God's unique Son, with all the authority of heaven, said these words. If it were not for our miserable, blighting unbelief we would see a great deal more of the glory of God and His power in operation than we are seeing.

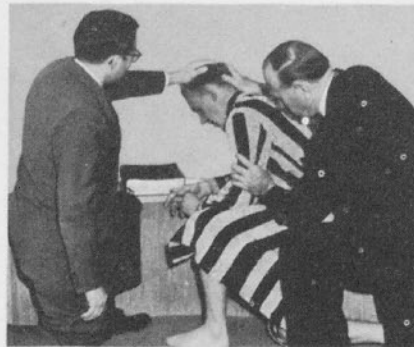
This Book, which we call the Bible, is either fact or fiction. If it be fiction, the sooner we find it out and discard it the better. But if it be fact, then let us prove it by acting upon its promises. Anyone who passes out of this world maintaining his faith in the integrity of the Word of God without ever putting that Word to the test will be embarrassed eternally. This is God's Word, and God stands behind His Word. He says, "If ye shall ask any thing . . . I will do it." "What thing soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." God said this. Then why don't we do it?

Did you ever hear of the man who wanted to cross a frozen stream on a winter day but feared lest the ice would give way under his weight? He got down and crawled on his hands and knees, he was so cautious; and when he reached the other side he looked about and saw a man coming with a team of mules and a heavy load. The man with the mules was not afraid. He knew the ice would hold. Too many of us are like the fearful man—we are afraid to trust our little needs to the strong promises of God! Another person comes along with a terrific problem or physical handicap and is delivered without even a thought that God might fail. And the world looks on and says, "Isn't it wonderful! See, here is a man with great faith." Oh, no, it is just a man with a little faith in a great God.

But it is not always an undercurrent of unbelief that hinders God. Sometimes it is an undercurrent of criticism that hinders the Lord from working. Some folk think themselves quite competent to criticize. They sit in the meeting and size up the situation and pronounce, "This is of God, and that is not of God; that manifestation is in the flesh, and this other one did not have much of the Spirit in it." How clever we think we are! Who are we, to pass judgment on

these peculiar manifestations of the power of God? Don't you know that sometimes the very thing we are disposed to criticize as being of the flesh is the thing God intends to use in an extraordinary way?

I knew a preacher in Western Canada years ago who really could not preach at all. I don't think I ever heard anybody make a poorer attempt at preaching than he made. But he was a great shouter. He had a deep voice and when he pulled



THIS WEEK'S COVER

When students at an Assemblies of God Bible School are sick, they are taught to follow the Scriptural procedure. The Scriptures state:

"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" (James 5:14, 15).

The cover photograph shows Joe Adams, Dean of Men at Southwestern Bible Institute, and M. E. Collins, President, demonstrating the manner in which they pray for young men who are sick, in the prayer room of the boys' dormitory. (Be sure to read the interesting article about Southwestern on pages 16 and 17 of this issue.)

out the stops he could shout terrifically. Some Episcopalians were becoming interested and were attending the meetings. Some of the younger members of this Episcopal family had been saved, but the mother was not very much interested. However, she came to the meeting one time. Those in charge wanted the meeting to be perfectly proper that day. They wanted this lady to be convinced of their sanity, and to leave the meeting thinking the Pentecostal folk were a very sensible crowd. But this shouting preacher got up and started to walk back and forth, and every time he got opposite that Episcopal lady he let out one of those terrific shouts. The leaders felt that everything was spoiled. But when the service was over she made her way to the man and invited him to her home. She had not invited any of the other preachers. That

shout had a convincing effect about it. We have no business sitting around criticizing things. Though our criticisms may never be spoken or expressed, they hinder God.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Someone says, "No." May I ask what part of you answered—the heart or the head? A lot of folk are giving their mental assent to the Word of God, but that is as far as they ever go. It is "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Does your heart say there is nothing too hard for the Lord? If so, you will have a great time.

You say, "Brother Ward, I have an ailment that is bothering me a lot. Do you suppose there is any hope for me?" Well, is there anything too hard for God? There is Someone who has never been baffled by any case that has been fully committed to Him. He is a great Healer.

Many years ago (1919) when influenza was a world-wide epidemic, our home was one of the first in the city to be attacked. Mrs. Ward, our three children, and I all fell victim to this disease. Our second child became seriously ill, and one day it looked as though she was really going to pass away. Her body was cold, and she was in such pain she begged us not to touch her. I sensed that death was there.

I was some better by this time, so I went down to the basement of our home and lifted my heart to God. I prayed, "O God, I recognize that my children belong to You, and that You have a perfect right to take them to Glory if You choose. But this thing is of the devil, and I protest against my children's being taken by the devil. If You want to take them, let them go some other way than this." And the Lord came down and rebuked the devil. He stretched forth His healing hand upon the body of my child and healed her perfectly.

When our youngest daughter was just a little girl, she developed trouble in one knee. At first we did not consider it at all serious but later the knee became swollen and stiff. It was then we decided that the case called for attention and examination.

By now our daughter had lost her appetite and was a very sick little girl. She was rapidly losing weight. She looked like a little famine waif.

I decided to consult a very able doctor in our city. After a careful examination he told us that our daughter had a tubercular knee. Mother and I were stricken with sorrow. The doctor added that we ought to have the diagnosis confirmed by a specialist. This we did. He confirmed the report of the first doctor. The bone specialist wanted to have X rays and begin treatment at once. I said to him, "Doctor, I will pay you for your services today, and when we need you again I will let you know."

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For over forty-two years the author has found healing for his body by coming boldly to God's throne of grace and claiming divine help in the hour of his affliction.

JESUS and HIS

Healing MINISTRY

THERE WERE THREE WAYS IN WHICH Christ related Himself to the ministry of healing.

I

First, He was the incarnate Word of God. In Psalms 107:20 we read, "He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Then again in John 1:1, 2, 14 we read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

No one can study the New Testament account of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ without taking cognizance of the fact that Jesus devoted much of His time to the healing of the sick and infirm. In fact, when He returned to Nazareth following His baptism by John and His forty days of temptation in the wilderness, He attended the synagogue worship on the Sabbath and quoted from God's Word the purpose and intent of



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His ministry. Luke says: "And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He

had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, 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 brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:16-18).

Jesus here announces the platform upon which He proposed to build His kingdom, and in this platform He declared

by J. O. SAVELL, Assistant General Superintendent

His purpose and intent not only to preach the gospel to the poor but also to heal the brokenhearted, and preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, as well as to set at liberty them that are bruised. During His entire earthly ministry as the incarnate Son of God He did exactly that. He gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, made the lame to walk and the tongue of the dumb to sing. Not only was He touched with the feeling of man's infirmity but He also proved that He was the Son of God by the miracles which He performed. He claimed for Himself that He was the true vine, and His first miracle in Cana of Galilee was to turn the water into wine, proving this statement. He claimed to be the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, and He proved this statement by giving sight to the blind. He claimed to be the true bread which came down from Heaven, and He proved that when He took the little lad's few loaves and fishes, broke and blessed them, and fed the hungry multitude. He claimed to be the resurrection, and this He proved when He called Lazarus forth from the grave after he had been dead for four days. I believe this was what John had in mind when he said, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Truly God sent His word and healed them in the person of His Son, who was made flesh and dwelt among us.

II

Second, Christ related Himself to healing in His atonement on the cross. In Isaiah 53:5 we are told: "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." All that mankind lost

in the fall Christ redeemed on the cross. No true Bible reader will dispute the fact that sin and sickness, which culminate in death, came as a result of the fall. We inherit these things as sons and daughters of Adam's race; but, thank God the second Man, the Lord from heaven, interposed His precious blood in order to redeem us back to God. In His plan of redemption is the promise not only to forgive our sins but also to heal our sicknesses. This being true, every Blood-bought child of God may come boldly to the Throne of Grace that he may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need.

Who stands more in need of God's helping grace than the sick and infirm? I am happy to testify that for over 42 years I have found healing for my body by coming boldly to God's throne of grace and claiming His help in the hour of my affliction. I realize that there are other sources through which a person may receive healing and cures for their diseases, but the sole source of true faith healing is through Christ's efficacious death on the cross. I would to God that each Blood-bought saint could once again properly evaluate his rights and privileges in the cross, and in doing so could appropriate all that it offers to their individual need for body, soul and spirit.

III

Third, Christ related Himself to healing as expressed in the great Christian commission. In Matthew 28:18-20 we have His statement: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever

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God promised physical healing to His people, saying, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). Here are personal testimonies from some who have proved the promise marvelously true.

Broken Back Healed

Last November I fell and broke my backbone. I lay in bed over two weeks before my doctor would even let me sit up. I read my Bible and prayed day and night for God to heal my back.

The third Sunday afternoon while everyone was gone I got out of bed and turned on my radio. I heard a Pentecostal program, and I began to speak in tongues. The power of God was so real: I felt sure God was going to heal my back.

My pastor and his wife came in, and I said, "Sister Carter, I'm going to church tonight." She said, "I'll surely be after you."

I went to church that night. And as Brother Carter and the other folk prayed for me and laid hands on my head, the work was done. My back was healed! And praise God, it's still healed. I know that Jesus bore the stripes for my healing, and I thank Him for it.—Janie Harris, 1010½ N. Main, Sylacauga, Ala.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. B. Carter, Box 706, Sylacauga, Ala.)

Restored After Nervous Collapse

Our 21-year-old son was brought home to us from Venus, Louisiana, one Friday morning last December, having suffered a nervous collapse. He was completely out of his mind and was not able to recognize his wife or baby or either of his parents.

After working with him all day we sent for our pastor and Evangelist Donald Hallford to come. After they had prayed twice, our boy was completely healed and was able to recognize us. Then we got ready and went to the church, where he testified to God's great mercies. We

are so thankful for what God did. Our son returned to his home the next day, and went right back to work.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Batchler, Box 33, Cayuga, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. G. Fuston, Cayuga, Tex.)

Souls Saved Through Miraculous Healing

During the evening service at our Assembly one Sunday (June 26, 1955), I began to feel a peculiar weariness in my body. My heart started to beat irregularly. I said, "Dear Lord, does my heart have to act up now? Well, Lord, I am trusting You." Several told me afterwards that my face became very pale, and that my mouth gaped open—then I became unconscious.

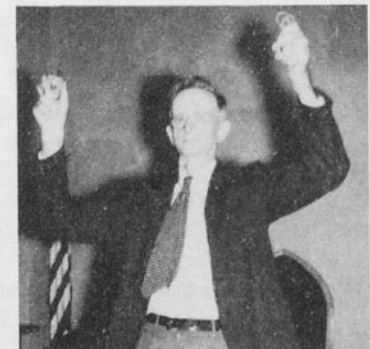
The folk gathered around me, and in answer to prayer the Lord healed me. Some said I spoke in tongues after I revived. I am sure the Lord had a real reason in allowing me to become sick at this time, for as soon as I began to speak in tongues a young woman began to sob and went to the altar. She was a backslider and she said, "What if that were I? I would not be ready!" After praying she went away rejoicing in the love of God. Two others were saved also. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." —Mrs. Ella P. Wade, P. O. Box 313, El Verano, Calif.

(Endorsed by Albert P. Finch, Pastor, Assembly of God, Boyes Hot Springs, Calif. who states: "At the time of Sister Wade's heart attack the water was running from her mouth and nose. Her eyes were set, and heavy beads of perspiration stood out on her brow. Her body exuded a strong, sickening odor. There was a trained nurse in the congregation who

said she was dead, if she had ever seen anyone who was dead. Our sister had a truly miraculous healing. She is a very staunch and devout Christian.")

Pulse Restored

In the accompanying picture Isaac Swietzer is holding the hearing aid he used before God healed him in an evangelistic campaign conducted in our church



Isaac Swietzer

by John Higginbotham in October 1954. This man's son said he refused to use the hearing aid again. In fact, he returned it where he had purchased it.

On another occasion Brother Swietzer was in Miners Hospital; he had no pulse and was not expected to live. I visited him there and prayed for him, and a Baptist minister who was present also prayed with me. After prayer the man's pulse returned, and he closed his eyes and went to sleep.

The next morning, when the previous nurse came in, she asked what time Mr. Swietzer had died. The nurse in charge said, "He is sitting up in bed, calling for his breakfast." The surprised nurse proceeded to the ward, and found it even so. The hospital promptly discharged him. The family and everyone in the ward knew that God had wrought a miracle.—Pastor A. W. Phillips, R.F.D. 2, Box 36, Vienna, Va.

*If you need faith for healing, take your Bible
and look up the references in this article.
Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IN THESE days of scientific advancement and modern medical discoveries divine healing is no longer necessary. This argument is unsound. The Lord Jesus healed in His earthly ministry though medical men abounded—there were “many physicians” in His day (Mark 5:26). The Lord Jesus healed without exception all who came or were brought to Him (Matt. 8:16).

Our Lord and His blessings cannot be reduced to a human formula. Sometimes the result of His healing did not become apparent at once, as when He told the ten lepers to go show themselves to the priests. “And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed” (Luke 17:14).

Sometimes Christ healed people at a distance without going to them. There is an instance of His blessing someone sixteen miles away—the nobleman’s son, who lay sick and dying in Capernaum (John 4:46-53). At other times He healed by a touch (Matt. 8:3), or by others touching Him or His garment (Luke 8:44). In some cases He healed by taking people by the hand (Mark 1:31), or by command (Luke 6:10), or by a word (Mark 7:34).

In some instances the healing was gradual. A nobleman once came to Christ with the urgent request, “Sir, come down ere my child die.” Jesus said to him, “Go thy way; thy son liveth.” The nobleman believed Him, and as he went his way he was met by servants who told him that same hour his son had begun to amend (John 4:52, 53).

On another occasion Jesus indicated that the healing of a blind man would come in the near future. He anointed the eyes of the man with moist clay and sent him to the pool of Siloam to wash. “He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing” (John 9:7).

But Jesus generally healed on the spot, instantaneously: “And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus’ feet; and he healed them: inasmuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel” (Matt. 15:30, 31).

During His ministry the Lord healed every kind of disease (Matt. 4:23, 24), including lunacy, epilepsy, leprosy, palsy, fever, paralysis, blindness, lameness, deafness, withered limbs, and even a sword-

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A Bible Study by J. M. MULLINS.

cut. He healed illness associated with devils, as when He “rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father” (Luke 9:42). The Son of God healed chronic cases: one woman who had had an issue of blood for twelve years (Matt. 9:20); another woman who had been bound by a “spirit of infirmity” for eighteen years and could not stand erect (Luke 13:11); a man who had been infirm for thirty-eight years and had sought in vain to find relief through the pool of Bethesda (John 5:5-9).

The Lord Jesus transmitted this healing power to others. To the twelve disciples He gave “power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases” (Luke 9:1). He commissioned seventy others to go before Him into the cities of Palestine, and He instructed them, “Heal the sick that are therein” (Luke 10:9). And all believers generally may be His instruments for divine healing if they will but claim the power; for He said: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” (John 14:12).

For many years after His ascension, our Saviour continued to transmit this power to others. Twenty years later “God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them” (Acts 19:11, 12). Twenty-six years afterward, gifts of healing were being given to ordinary believers (1 Cor. 12:9). Twenty-seven years afterward, the following rules for healing were laid down for 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 . . .” (James 5:14, 15).

Forty years after the ascension Clement, Paul’s contemporary, said, “Men

received the gifts of healing.” Irenaeus said, 110 years after, “Men healed the sick by laying their hands on them.” Two hundred years after Christ returned to the Father, Origen said, “Men had marvelous power in curing, by invoking the divine name, and that of Jesus.” This power was still being given a hundred years ago: Dorothea Trudel of Mannedorf healed 10,000 by prayer, and the German government was compelled to recognize and license her hospitals. In our own day, this healing ministry is still being exercised in every part of the world.

Healing for the body as well as the soul is provided in the atonement of Jesus Christ, for Matthew declares, quoting from Isaiah 53, “Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.” Jesus said, “These signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:17, 18).

All sufferers who came to Jesus in His day were healed. We know that our Saviour and Physician is “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Heb. 13:8). If you are sick, come and get your portion of life and health from the pierced hands of Christ today. There is healing for all.

In the Clear Blue Sky

Faith is dependent upon obedience and righteousness of heart and life. We cannot trust God in the face of willful sin. An unsanctified state is fatal to any high degree of faith, for the carnal heart is not the soil in which it can grow. Faith is the fruit of the Spirit, and is hindered by the weeds of sin and willful indulgence. Faith requires for its heavenly vision the highlands of holiness and separation; and the clear, blue sky of a consecrated life. Beloved, may you not find in this the explanation of many of your doubts and fears—that your plane is too low, your heart is too near this “present evil world”?—A. B. Simpson.

MISSIONARY WORK IN —

the ANDES

by *Walter Erickson*

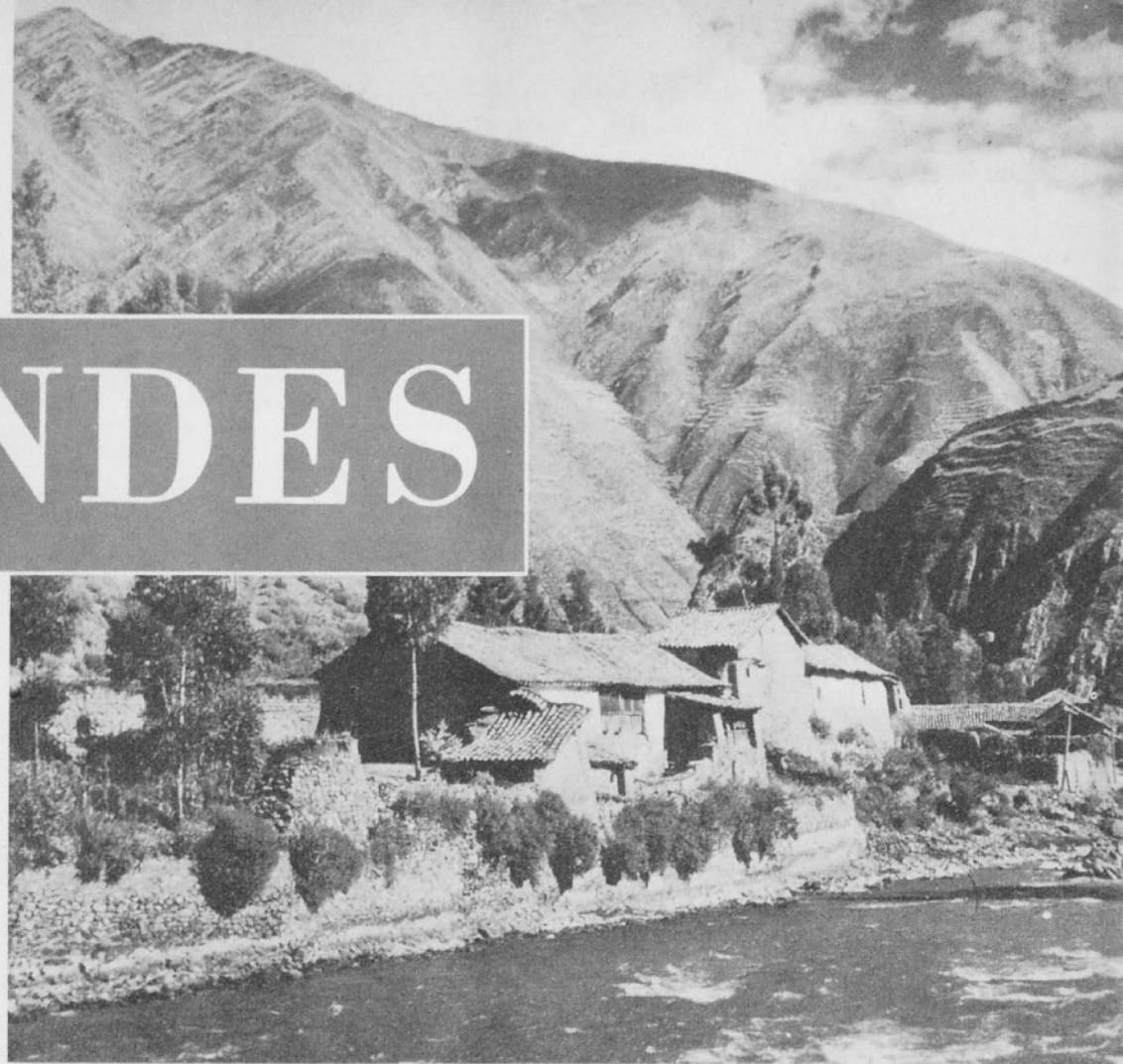
THE RAINY SEASON WAS ALMOST UPON us. Teofilo Ardiles and I had to push into the interior of the Peruvian Andes and time was at a premium. Trucks therefore replaced the horses and mules formerly used by us on such trips.

We boarded a narrow-gauge railway train at Chimbote Bay which took us along the side of the Santa River for about eighty-seven miles. Leaving the train, we took to the truck roads which led farther into the interior, climbing higher and higher in the Andes.

At night we came to the silver mines at Pasacancha. Here at an altitude of 13,000 feet the atmosphere was cold and thin. A fine group of Christians was here but we did not have sufficient time to call them together for a meeting. Early the next day we departed to go to Sihuas along the craziest, crookedest roads we had ever seen.

Sihuas is situated in a deep valley. An earthquake had done serious damage to it in 1948. Spiritual damage had also been done for whereas in former years large meetings had been held in this vicinity, now the meetings were only fairly well attended and the spiritual atmosphere was very hard.

Quiches was a twelve-hour journey from the valley town of Sihuas, and we had to make that journey by mule. Mules were hard to locate. There was a man who had mules to rent but he was in such a drunken stupor he could not talk coherently. A Christian schoolteacher lived in the town and we went in search of him. It was a pleasure to meet him—a staunch believer who had resisted many adverse circumstances and had remained true to the Lord. Years before, he had bought a New Testament from us and through reading it had been converted. It was refreshing to talk with this man who had sometimes gone a year or two without meeting another evangelical Christian. However, he could not help



A swift mountain stream afforded a refreshing pause

us in the matter of transportation. He had owned a horse but had sold him.

There was just one thing to do—return to the man with the mules. This we did, and prayed him sober. We have prayed for many strange things! Here we were praying for a man to rouse from his drunkenness so that we could rent a mule and proceed on our journey!

God answered prayer. The man sobered up and rented us a fine, big mule and a tiny burro to carry our hand baggage. We started on our thirty-mile journey. The terrain was so bad it took twelve hours. Up over the Andes we went, now riding, now walking.

Quiches had also suffered from earthquake but was almost all rebuilt. It was late on Saturday night when we arrived, and the tiny handful of believers were anxious that we have a meeting with them. How hungry they were for spiritual things! It is wonderful to see, but hard to get accustomed to this great hunger. We promised them a meeting early Sunday morning.

There are no hotels in these little villages, and the homes are practically bare of furniture. Perhaps there will be a small table and a log laid along the wall to serve as a seat. Or in place of a log there might be an adobe platform about a foot wide and a foot high to serve the

same purpose. Beds consist of a few sheepskins on the floor and some bright-colored blankets. We were accustomed to this and spent the night beneath these covers. We were aroused the next morning by visiting brethren carrying their songbooks and ready for a service.

A wonderful spirit prevailed in this pre-breakfast service. Afterwards we had a breakfast of stew made of dried mutton with parched corn and coffee made from roasted barley, then the brethren returned for Sunday School. Thirty-five were present, and at the close two men accepted Christ as their Saviour.

An open-air meeting was held at night in the village and about 120 people gathered.

Across the valley lay the hacienda of Quilca where a fine group of believers resided. It seemed such a short distance, but distances in the mountains and valleys are deceiving and it took us eight and a half hours to reach it. Down a steep-zig-zag trail we went with the mule and burro, through cactus and among boulders, across dry washes and erosion. A swift mountain stream afforded a refreshing pause and we crossed it in bare feet. Once on the other side we had to start a tortuous climb and arrived at our destination utterly exhausted. The warm welcome we received from the sixty to

eighty believers made us forget our fatigue.

We stayed here three days and the crowds grew. The tiny mud church with thatched grass roof is situated high up on the mountain-side. A couple of miners' carbide lamps and a kerosene lantern supplied light. But a spiritual light was present, too—the presence of the Lord which made one forget the lack of physical comforts.

From Quilco we pushed on, crossing the Maranon, one of the headwaters of the Amazon. Skirting the riverbank we came to a place where the steep side of the mountain was a mass of moving shale and gravel. It took us about two hours to cross this part. A misstep would have sent up rolling down and over the precipice into the swift current of the Maranon. High up was a cable bridge crossing the river to the Pataz territory. We crossed the bridge after dark and found lodging for the night. Fifteen hours travel the next day brought us to Huayaucito, the little village where practically everyone is converted; this is where Frank Isensee ministered until his death.

In Huayaucito we helped the brethren install their own electric lights. The church is large, with frequently 300 to 400 in meeting. We built a pelton-type water wheel which works just perfectly and rewound a generator, but the latter proved to be too big for the small amount of water they have, so we are rewinding a 12-volt Dodge generator to produce

alternating current, about 500 watts, enough for the needs of the church where we have installed fluorescent tubes.

We were in Huayaucito for fifteen days after which we went up over the top, twelve hours by horse (this time we all had animals to ride) and came to Llacabanmba. There is a work here established originally by the Peruvian Evangelical Church, but for several years now the leaders have been Pentecostal, and almost all that territory has become affiliated with the Assemblies of God. We had two meetings at this place and passed on to the mines of Parcoy.

In Parcoy there is a lovely group of believers. They have sixty to seventy in Sunday School and the night we were there the building was well filled (possibly 150 in the meeting) with a very precious spirit among the people. The work is flourishing.

Leaving Parcoy by truck, we came back over the Andes in three days (two by truck and one by omnibus) and arrived in Trujillo where Le Roy Williams had his headquarters; and came on to Lima, completing the trip in thirty-five days. We are happy to report that the Lord is blessing in all that territory, but we need more workers, and our isolated towns and villages need more visits. The harvest is great but the harvesters are few. Will you not pray and ask the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into this harvest field.

... as we drove along the craziest, crookedest roads



MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,702.74	Northwest	38,611.71
Appalachian	846.63	Ohio	16,144.78
Arizona	2,348.68	Oklahoma	14,413.57
Arkansas	3,881.17	Oregon	13,186.32
Eastern	13,440.67	Polish Br.	59.00
Georgia	1,718.60	Potomac	6,749.71
German Br.	1,412.88	Rocky Mtn.	3,294.97
Greek Br.	1,126.81	Russian Br.	18.10
Hungarian Br.	227.53	S. Calif.	27,531.29
Illinois	9,844.27	South Carolina	393.87
Indiana	4,930.26	South Dakota	2,327.05
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Jugoslavian Br.	44.33	South Idaho	2,157.95
Kansas	10,154.78	S. Missouri	9,174.87
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Michigan	18,017.62	Ukrainian Br.	87.84
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Mississippi	1,031.03	West Florida	2,127.32
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Nebraska	4,468.54	Wisc.-N. Mich.	5,911.58
New England	7,223.22	Wyoming	473.89
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New Mexico	2,014.50	Canada	312.38
New York	13,211.01	Hawaii	258.00
N. Calif.-Nev.	25,330.27	Foreign	800.60
North Carolina	1,061.42	Miscellaneous	51.00
North Dakota	4,546.93	Legacies	5,439.35

Total Amount Reported	\$347,227.01
District Funds	\$17,921.21
National Home Missions	4,213.03
Office Expense	6,002.61
Given Direct to Missionaries	61,231.30
Received for Council Missionaries	\$257,858.86
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,035.24
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to any State	42,904.30
Total Receipts	\$303,798.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$124,883.22
Missionary Equipment	28,208.94
Missionary Work	53,232.22
National Workers Abroad	10,774.84
Buildings in Foreign Lands	6,322.26
Missionary Transportation	44,021.33
	\$267,442.81
Disbursed to "Hold" Accounts	36,355.59
Total Disbursements	\$303,798.40

HOW STANLEY FOUND CHRIST

When Stanley went to Africa in 1871, and found Livingstone, he spent some months in the company of the lost missionary. Livingstone never spoke to Stanley about spiritual things. But throughout those months Stanley watched this old man, as he described him. Livingstone's habits he could not understand; his patience was quite beyond his comprehension; his sympathy for the natives was utterly beyond Stanley's grasp. There he was, patient, unwearied, eager, keen, spending himself, going on, all for the sake of living for Christ and men. "When I saw that unwearied patience," wrote Stanley, "that unflagging zeal, those enlightened sons of Africa, I became a Christian at his side, though he never spoke to me about it."

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HEALING IS FOR

You!

by P. C. NELSON

WHEN JESUS SAW THE IMPOTENT MAN at the pool of Bethesda, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" What a question to ask an invalid. A man who had been helpless for thirty-eight years! A man whose case was utterly hopeless so far as human skills and remedies are concerned! A man despairing of ever getting help from man or God! Yet this was the question our Lord directed to the impotent man (John 5:6). Dear afflicted one, Jesus is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). He has never lost His power or compassion, and He is ever near His own (Matt. 28:28).

If the Bible teaches divine healing for our time, that is a sufficient basis for our faith. We would be safe in standing on the Word even if we didn't know of a single case of healing. Our faith should ask for no more evidence than, "Thus saith the Lord." Let us therefore examine the Bible foundation for our faith in the healing grace of our Lord.

TESTIMONY OF THE SCRIPTURE

If we begin in Genesis, we get no further than the seventeenth verse of the twentieth chapter before we find a case of divine healing in answer to the prayer of faith. In Exodus 15:25, 26 we have the great covenant of healing: "There he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, and said, 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." This covenant was made before the covenant of Sinai and we believe that God wants to stand in the same relation to all His people now as He did to His people Israel.

The Lord must have healed many of the Israelites before they went through the Red Sea for we read of no ambulances, wheel chairs, or crutches. In our times it would be impossible to move two or three million people from one city to another—to say nothing about crossing a sea on foot—without numerous stretchers, wheel chairs, and ambulances; and even with the aid of all these up-to-

date conveniences many who are in our hospitals would die if moved.

If God's people will observe the conditions laid down in God's ordinance of healing (Ex. 15:25, 26), they will find it no harder to obtain healing now than it was in Bible times. Healing is mentioned in Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. It is found in the historical books, the poetical books, and the prophetic books of the Old Testament. Healing runs like a golden thread through the Bible from first to last. Of all the many cases of healing referred to in the Bible, not a single case is ascribed to the skill of physicians or to the efficacy of human remedies. We do not say that no one was ever healed in Bible times by human remedies, but we say that there is no mention of such healings.

Some in our times have much to say against what they term "mass healing" services. What would these objectors have said if they had been with Moses when he set up the brazen serpent (Numbers 21:8, 9), or with Elisha when he prayed the Lord to open the eyes of the whole army which had been struck blind (2 Kings 6:20), or with Jesus when the multitudes came to Him for healing and "He healed them all" (Matt. 8:16-18), or with the apostles when crowds of afflicted people were brought to Jerusalem from many cities to be healed "and they were healed every one" (Acts 5:14-16)?

FOR ME

Oh, why wast Thou there
With Thy back laid bare
To the scourge of the Roman guard?
Thy body so fair
Why did they not spare?
Thy form why so terribly marred?

"That thou might'st be whole
In body and soul,
My back blood-red stripes did stain;
Thy chastisement sore
I willingly bore
To free thee from sickness and
pain."

—R. W. Cummings

HEALING AND SALVATION EQUALLY EMPHASIZED

Psalm 103:3 puts the healing of the body on a par with the forgiveness of sins: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

Jeremiah cries (17:14): "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed: save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."

Our Lord considered it as sacred a service to open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, and to heal the sick, as to preach the gospel. In commissioning the Twelve, He commanded them first to preach, and then to heal (Matt. 10:7, 8). In commissioning the Seventy, He commanded them to heal the sick and to preach that the kingdom of God was at hand (Luke 10:9). In commissioning the whole body of His followers, He commanded them to preach the gospel to every creature, and to lay their hands upon the sick for their recovery (Mark 16:15-18).

Christ's ministry to the physical and spiritual needs of His own are inseparable. Those who argue that divine healing is dispensationally impossible are in danger of proving by the same reasoning that forgiveness of sins and the salvation of the soul have likewise ceased. (Note carefully Psa. 103:3.) Some say that divine healing was confined to the apostles and ceased with them. It never was confined to the apostles. In the New Testament times Jesus began the healing ministry, then commissioned the Twelve, and soon after that the Seventy, to carry on the same work, giving them the very same power that He Himself exercised, and finally extended the power to all who believe (Mark 16:17, 18; John 14:12).

While the Lord was with the apostles, John found a man who "followed not us," but was casting out demons in the name of Jesus. "But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me" (Mark 9:39). While the apostles were all at Jerusalem, Stephen (not an apostle) "full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among

the people" (Acts 6:8). So far as we can see by the inspired record, the Lord never intended that any of His ministers should go forth to preach the gospel without faith to pray for the healing of the sick. The burden of proof rests upon those who take the contrary position. Who has the authority to countermand the Lord's orders, as given in Mark 16:15-18, John 14:12, and James 5:14? The decrees of all Christendom cannot make void the Word of God. There is no evidence within the covers of the Bible to prove that the Lord ever intended His healing ministry to cease as long as any sick or afflicted could be found on this earth. It is part and parcel of the gospel. "What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT

Matt. 8:17 gives a very correct translation of the original Hebrew in Isaiah 53:4, and shows that the healing of our infirmities is provided for in the sufferings of our Lord. That sickness and numberless bodily ailments and afflictions have fallen upon the race because of sin is believed by most evangelical Christians. This view harmonizes well with Rom. 5:12-19 and with Deut. 28:15-68. If God indeed allows sickness to afflict the human family because of sin, and Christ died to save us from the guilt, power, pollution, and penalties of sin, why should it be thought fanatical to believe that provision for our bodily healing was made in the atonement? Even if we had no specific statements to that effect in the Word of God,

sound logic would drive us to this conclusion. But we have as specific statements to prove that Christ suffered to free us from sickness as we have to show that He died to save our souls from sin and from its consequences. Isaiah 53 is the outstanding passage on the atonement. The fourth verse reads, "Surely He bore our sicknesses and our pains—He carried them" (Bible Union Version). Matthew says that our Lord's healing ministry was a fulfillment of this prophecy (Matt. 8:17). Isaiah 53:5 also emphasizes healing through the sufferings of our Lord. Foreseeing His scourging under Pilate, the prophet uttered these marvelous words, "The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with His stripes we are healed." One version translates the last phrase, "and through his stripes came healing to us." In Galatians 3:13 Paul says that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by Himself becoming accursed. If sickness is a curse, and Christ died to lift the curse, why should those who flee to Him for refuge and partake of His grace, themselves also suffer under the curse?

SBI Student Healed of Bronchiectasis

THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY IS given by Anne Bradford, Tucumcari, New Mexico, a first-year student at Southwestern Bible Institute.

Anne suffered since childhood with bronchiectasis, said to be an incurable lung disease, which had caused very frequent hemorrhages and high fever for the past five or six years. She had once been under treatment at Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

One day last September, about 5 p.m., one of these hemorrhages started, probably as a result of running across the campus. Anne said that she walked to the girls' dormitory, choking badly all the way. Some of the girls, very frightened, gathered around her and started to pray.

Sister Kelly, the dean of women, was called to pray for Anne, but did not realize how seriously ill she was. Sister Kelly stated that the Lord then showed her that Anne was choking to death. She prayed again, laying her hand on the girl's chest two or three times. Anne states she did not feel anything at first, but that her hands seemed automatically lifted.

As soon as she put up her hands, she felt the blood, which could be heard rattling in her throat, recede. Anne began to shout; Sister Kelly was singing in "other tongues."



Sister Kelly, dean of women at SBI, shows how she prayed for Anne Bradford.

Anne reports that ordinarily following one of these hemorrhages she would have been in bed for three or four days, but that she was able to attend her regular classes the next day, and even climbed to the top floor. She has not suffered a hemorrhage since that night—the longest period in years that she has gone without having one.

Anne's doctor had told her she would not be able to complete the semester if she came to Bible school. She states that she had feared to come, but the Lord told her that if she would trust Him, He would heal her. He did it in answer to prayer in the girls' dormitory.

Anne states victoriously, "I plan, by the help of the Lord, to continue my education at Southwestern, looking to Him for my strength. I feel that the Lord healed me for a purpose, so I am glad to give my testimony."

(Endorsed by M. E. Collins, President of Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas.)

SICKNESS AND GOD'S WILL

God willed the happiness and health of all mankind. The devil, the enemy of God and of man, desires our destruction and would put upon us all kinds of afflictions of soul and body. The book of Job throws light on the afflictions of the righteous. God may permit sickness, but the devil brings on the afflictions (Job 2:6, 7). When Job had fully learned the lesson of his own helplessness and unworthiness before God, the Lord healed him. Job prayed for his friends and they were healed, and the last state of Job was better than the first (Job 42:5-13). Jesus found a woman who had a "spirit of infirmity" and was bowed together, unable to lift herself. To her He said, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity" (Luke 13:11, 12). When the ruler of the synagogue indignantly objected to the healing, our Lord replied, "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?" (Luke 13:16). This woman was bound by Satan. Jesus did not go around making people sick, or laying terrible afflictions upon them, but He went about undoing the work of the devil. Peter said, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). John said, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8).

Our Lord in the synagogue at Nazareth, reading Isaiah 61, applied to Himself the

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THIS PRESENT WORLD . . . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

Miracles of Healing Being Seen in Liberia

A great Salvation-Healing campaign opened at Monrovia, Liberia, on January 9 and miracles of healing were seen from the very beginning. An air mail letter from Glenn Horst states that His Excellency, President William V. S. Tubman, and many high government officials were present at the first service. Describing the meeting, he writes:

"Brother Byrd preached for nearly an hour, and then asked for those who had pain and believed that God would heal them. He picked out about six. The first man he prayed for was a senator with stomach trouble. He had been sick for years and had gone to the States. God instantly healed him. He shouted and wept and shook hands with the President and everyone else on the platform. That gave faith to the others, and everyone else was healed. A lame man walked off and did not limp. A crippled woman leaped and jumped. Everyone knew her, too. The Secretary of State wept as he said, 'Why, she does not even limp.'"

The miracles of healing are God's way of advertising the meetings. By the sixth night the meetings were being held in a stadium with at least four thousand people present. Large numbers are repenting for their sins and being converted.

Religion Still Lives in Russia

An Orthodox priest has reported that 90 per cent of the 215 million people in the Soviet Union "are faithful to God." Though the Communists have been in power for nearly forty years and have waged a relentless campaign against religion, it is estimated that there are still 20,000 Orthodox churches open today (compared with 26,000 in 1917) besides 5,400 Baptist churches and 200 Jewish synagogues.

About one-fourth of the people hold membership in the Orthodox church. In addition, there are 20 million Old Believers (an Orthodox dissident group), 20 million Moslems, three million Baptists, and three million Jews. One Red leader, when told how the churches were still thriving despite Communist opposition, said despairingly, "Fighting religion is like hammering a nail; the harder you hit it, the more firmly it holds."

New Bible Edition Being Printed in Russia

It is reported that a new edition of the Bible is being printed in the Soviet Union. The Government has released a large quantity of paper for the purpose, and the Bible will have a first printing of several hundred thousand copies. The publication is expected to appear within the next few weeks. It is the first Bible edition for Russian Orthodox Christians to appear since the Revolution of 1917.

A new Jewish prayer book is also being printed—the first to appear since the Revolution.

Koreans Wanted the Religion With the Song

A Korean missionary tells how at the outbreak of the Korean conflict, when the American military authorities took charge of the prison at Seoul, they felt that they should provide the six hundred criminals with some chaplains. A vote was taken to determine the religious preference of the prisoners. They were offered a choice of Buddhist, Confucianist, Roman Catholic, or Protestant chaplain. All but six voted for a Protestant minister. Upon inquiry as to the reason for the overwhelming choice, the reply was given, "We want religion with the Jesus song!"

Reports of Religious Intolerance Come From Abroad

GREECE—Police have barred the doors of an Evangelical Church at Neos Mylotopos, Macedonia. A number were injured when police broke up an Evangelical service here, and five women were taken to a hospital at Thessalonika.

ITALY—A Church of Christ pastor and several members of his congregation were injured last month when townspeople stormed into the church at Aprilia, a little town near Rome, and broke up the Protestant service.

ETHIOPIA—Hundreds of evangelical churches in southwest Ethiopia have been closed by police order, despite the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom.

Two Chapels Reopened in Spain

Two evangelical chapels, closed more than ten years ago by the Spanish government, have been reopened. One located at Medrano and the other at Aguilas (Murcia), the two congregations have now secured a government permit to hold religious services.

It is believed that these are the first official permits issued for evangelical worship by the Spanish government since March 5, 1951. Meanwhile, over thirty chapels remain arbitrarily closed because the congregations cannot get the required permits.

First TV Revival Campaign a Success

"God First in '56" was the slogan of a ten-day effort which Evangelist Joe Uhrig called "the world's first television revival." Each day for ten days he preached by television in Washington, D. C. He said that in response to his appeal for "decisions" he received as many as 500 telephone calls in a single night and about 800 pieces of mail each day.

The TV Revival was climaxed by a public mass-meeting attended by about 3,000 at which some 300 made "decisions for Christ."

New "Beer for Children" Being Offered

A cereal beverage with an alcoholic content of ½ to 1 per cent is being sold as a "beer for children," according to the president of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. Prospective buyers in the Pacific Northwest have been told the canned beverage can be used as a television drink for children while Mother and Father sip real beer.

Methodist women were asked to speak out against the manufacture and sale of any cereal beverage that might give innocent children a taste for beer.

Still Practicing Polygamy in Utah

Mrs. Vera Black of Short Creek, on the Utah-Arizona border, let state officials take away her eight children, rather than agree to sign a promise that she would teach them that polygamy is wrong. Says *Time*: "Mrs. Black and most of the other 400 residents of Short Creek are called Fundamentalists and believe that multiple marriage is the law of God. What they practice openly, thousands of others throughout the West practice in secret."

Religious Bills Brought Before Congress

The borough of Roselle, N. J., has asked the U. S. Congress to pass a law designating December as "Universal Bible Reading Month."

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to have Good Friday declared a national legal holiday.

Ethical Society Is Refused Tax Exemption

The Washington Ethical Society is being sued for \$335.60 in back taxes. The reason is that the assessor in the District of Columbia has decided that the society is not a religious organization; therefore its local real estate is not tax-exempt.

A spokesman for the American Ethical Union protested that this is the first time in the 80-year history of the ethical culture movement that its religious claims were being questioned legally. He pointed out that the Ethical Union is listed as a religious body in the yearbook of the National Council of Churches. But the assessor maintains that membership in the society includes atheists and agnostics; therefore it cannot be classed as religious, since all religions are based on belief in a Supreme Being—and if the society is not religious it is not exempt from taxes on its real estate.

Says Religious Freedom in Italy Is in Sight (see photos)

An Italian religious leader says that complete religious freedom for Protestant groups in Italy is within sight. The prediction was made last month by Dr. Achille Deodato, moderator of the Waldensian Church of Italy.

Speaking in New York at a dinner marking the fiftieth anniversary of the American Waldensian Aid Society, Dr. Deodato declared that the efforts of Protestant groups in Italy will make the freedom a reality. "Our task is to be ready for that time," he said.

The Waldensian Church, which he heads, is considered to be the oldest Protestant movement in the world. Its history can be traced back to the early Middle Ages when groups of Christian believers in the western Alps and other districts in the north of Italy opposed the superstitions and abuses of the dominant church and remained faithful to the pure faith founded on the Bible. Many of the believers were slain for their testimony. Others went to prison. Some found refuge in

the valleys of the Alps and there they survived through one wave of persecution after another. About a hundred years ago they obtained religious and political recognition and emerged from their valleys to evangelize throughout all Italy, with the result that today they have nearly a hundred churches and over 26,000 members in Italy.

Dr. Deodato, who also is president of the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches, says that freedom was curtailed in 1929 under Mussolini's regime but the Republican Constitution adopted by Italy in 1948 contains articles which assure a considerable degree of religious freedom to individuals. The problem, he says, is to get police authorities to carry out the provisions of the Constitution. Police still arrest Protestants "by applying the laws of 1929 instead of the articles of the new Constitution," but he reports that influential Roman Catholic laymen in various parts of Italy are helping to correct the situation.

"Cocktail Diplomacy" in Washington Criticized

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council, meeting last month in Washington, D. C., criticized the "million dollar" item for diplomatic entertainment in the President's budget request. It said that much of this money is to be used for purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Another source reports that the State Department wants Congress to increase its whiskey allowance from \$475,000 per year to \$700,000. Loy W. Henderson, deputy Under-secretary of State, is quoted as saying, "If we are to perform our work properly, we have to have these pleasant social relations with local government leaders and others leaders of the community."

The Secretary of State must know that "cocktail diplomacy" is both wasteful and dangerous. There is a growing protest against cocktail parties within governmental circles and it is time the whiskey allowance was being lowered instead of raised.



PROTESTANT LEADER FROM ITALY AND PICTURES OF WALDENSIAN COMMEMORATIONS

Dr. Achille Deodato, Moderator of the Waldensian Church in Italy, is shown in the CENTER photo. While visiting New York last month he said that complete freedom for Protestants in Italy is in sight.

The picture at the LEFT shows young Waldensian women in Italy wearing traditional dress. They are singing in a service of commemoration for the heroes who gave their lives for their faith during the

seventeenth-century persecutions.

The picture at the RIGHT shows a commemoration of the days when the Waldensians were exiled to Switzerland but later recaptured their valleys in northern Italy. Every year on February 17 the Waldensians form processions to the mountain tops across which their fathers fled and returned. There they light fires to symbolize their faith.



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FAITH

by E. T. QUANABUSH, Costa Mesa, Calif.

IF GOD'S PROMISES ARE FOR ALL BELIEVERS, why then are not all believers healed? The answer to this question leads us to believe that there must be a process of faith.

The most illustrative example of faith is found in Mark 5:25-34. Every time I read this portion I am helped immeasurably. In verse 25 we read that "a certain woman . . . had an issue of blood twelve years." She "had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse" (v. 26). Then she heard of Jesus (v. 27), and she said, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (v. 28). And when she touched the hem of his garment, "she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague" (v. 29). Jesus said to her, "Thy faith hath made thee whole" (v. 34).

Let us settle one thing right here; namely, that Jesus said this woman had faith, faith that was effective enough to bring about her healing. I want you to notice six things about this woman of faith:

1. SHE KNEW THAT SHE WAS SICK. Divine healing is not Christian Science (so called.) We must know that we are sick, infirm, oppressed, or depraved. Never once did Jesus or the disciples teach

that sickness was not real, or that people should deny its existence. Christ considered sin and sickness to be so very real that He died a real death to overcome them.

The woman in this Bible story had been sick for twelve long years, and she knew it. She had sought help from many physicians, but was no better. She was even worse than when she began to seek their aid. Friend, if you are not sure you are sick, how will you know if you are healed? All divine healing presupposes sickness, just as victory presupposes battle.

2. SHE KNEW CHRIST COULD AND WOULD HEAL HER. When she heard of Jesus, His love and power, she believed. How useless is prayer without faith! This woman was positive that Christ would heal her. This, in spite of former disappointments in remedies and failures of physicians and the futile spending of all her money.

3. SHE ESTABLISHED A FAITH IMAGE. By this I mean that she envisioned herself perfectly healed after she touched the hem of His garment. Hear her as she declares, "I shall be made whole!" Please notice that this woman desired only to touch something that was close to Him, the hem of His garment. She did not demand that Jesus stand full length before her and recognize her need or importance. This could have been pride. She was sure that things would be different if she could but touch something close to Him. This is where Christ's ministers take their scriptural position by laying hands on the sick. They should be and are close to Jesus, as was the hem of His garment. The laying on of hands is the present-day "hem of His garment" that is bringing deliverance to thousands the world over. "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). This was the medium between God and the sufferer many times in the Bible narrative.

4. SHE ESTABLISHED A TIME AND PLACE FOR HER DELIVERANCE. This was possibly the most important step in her healing. When patients pursue medical healing, they must decide on their doctor, their hospital, and the time they wish to be admitted. They will not get far by de-

cidng to get some doctor and go to some hospital sometime. This woman about whom Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole," recognized the necessity of the procedure of faith.

Probably the reason why some of God's servants enjoy greater results in the ministry of healing than do others is that people come to their meetings with a faith that says, "If I can get to that revival, to that minister, at that time, I will be healed." They drive a great distance; they fill out the prayer card; they wait and pray until their number is called; they get in the prayer line; then they stand before the evangelist—and they are healed, for this was the way the faith of the person designed it. They had established the time and place. May I respectfully say that if these same people were to have the same attitude of faith in their pastor or in some less popular evangelist in their own church, they would have the very same results. Regardless of where you go for prayer, by all means do set a time, a place, and a person, as did the woman in Mark 5.

5. SHE OVERCAME HER MANY OBSTACLES—and how very many she had! She was sick, unclean, weak, suffering, unpopular, poor—and besides all this, Christ was even then passing her by to heal someone else, Jairus' daughter. She overcame everything she saw, everything she heard, and everything she felt. She was not terrified by her adversaries (Phil. 1:28). She pressed through the throng and touched the hem of His garment. You too can do this, suffering friend, and must do it if you are to get your healing.

6. SHE CLOSED HER CASE IN VICTORY. She heard, she believed, she obeyed, she overcame with every single bit of faith she had. She did her very best, knowing that God would expect no more, and she left the rest with Him. There was no question in her mind about it. She had doubted her doubts and believed her beliefs and shouted, "I shall be made whole."

This is the process of faith. If you are suffering you too may be made whole by doing the same things this woman did.

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It is easier for God to do a difficult thing than an easy thing.

When we ask Him for some easy and trifling thing, there is always the danger of our mingling with our faith a certain amount of human reasoning and looking quite as much to second causes as to God. But when we come out into the clear light and the high altitude of the impossible, then there is no place for anything but God; and He is untrammled by our human reasonings and limiting unbeliefs.

—A. B. Simpson.

Faith Wins Victory Over Multiple Sclerosis



Mrs. Mildred Melvin

While working in 1951 as a clerk in a Washington D. C. store, I suddenly collapsed and was unable to walk. My legs had been paining, and now they felt numb. I was admitted to the University of Virginia Hospital at Charlottesville, where they found I had multiple sclerosis. I was under treatment for six weeks, but I was still unable to walk.

After leaving the hospital I was confined to a wheel chair for over a year. Then with a brace on my left leg and someone to help me, I could walk a little. But after three months my right leg gave out altogether, and I was again confined to my wheel chair. That was in October 1953. By this time my weight had dropped from a hefty 175 pounds to a frail 100.

In November 1954 I asked a friend to repair my wheel chair. He and his wife urged me to attend their church, the Riverside Assembly of God in Cabin John, Maryland, where A. B. Marks is pastor.

By this time I had become discouraged, thinking I would never get well, so it was hard for me to believe that God could heal me. But I accepted the invitation. My husband carried me into the church and set me down on a bench near the front.

When Brother Marks came to me he

said, "When I touch you, believe that Jesus heals you." Thank God, I did believe, and God healed me. Before Brother Marks had finished praying I felt a sensation like an electric shock go through my body. I leaped up and began walking. Almost before I realized what I was doing, I found that I had run clear to the church door. This was the first time in four years I had gone anywhere without crutches or wheel chair.

I was healed on November 7, 1954. Over a year has passed since then, and I am still on my feet doing my own housework. The only evidence that I once was crippled is the pair of crutches that hangs on the wall as a reminder of the power of God. I have gained 40 pounds and am feeling fine. I trust my experience will lead others to believe that God can and will heal them.—Mrs. Mildred Melvin, R. 3, Box 166, Vienna, Va.

(Endorsed by A. B. Marks, Pastor, Riverside Assembly, Cabin John, Md.)

ward and stood alone that morning for healing. (She was not yet ten years of age.) She knelt at the altar. The elders in the congregation stood with me and we prayed for her. From that moment I do not think that Ruth ever questioned that her healing would be made real.

Long, trying, testing weeks followed. I carried her about, since she could no longer walk. My wife and I did all we knew to do to help her, which would be consistent with our belief. Sometimes when Ruth saw expressions of care and anxiety on my face, she would say to me, "Daddy, why do you look like that? Don't you know that God is going to heal me?"

To all appearances she grew worse. Day after day, week after week, around our family altar we prayed for her healing. Then the never-to-be-forgotten moment arrived. The Lord said to me, "I don't want you to ask Me again to heal your daughter. I want you to begin today to thank Me for her healing."

We did not consult with flesh and blood. My wife and I began immediately to thank God. This went on for some time without any noticeable change in her physical condition. Then the work of healing began to be apparent. In a little while she was completely delivered. So that she might return to school with a clean bill of health we again took her to the same doctor for a second examination. I shall never forget his exclamation, "Wonderful!" She had been completely healed. No wonder the Spirit whispered to my heart one day:

*If our faith were but more simple,
We would take God at His Word.
Then we'd see both signs and wonders,
Wrought by our Almighty Lord.*

Ruth has long since grown to womanhood. She is a happy wife and mother, living today in the city of Detroit. She has never had any return of her former trouble. *Is there anything too hard for the Lord?*

I was making pastoral calls one day when I entered the home of Mrs. Rose. I found her very ill. To all appearances she was dying. In fact, I believed that I sensed the presence of death in her room.

As I looked to the Lord I became deeply conscious that it was not God's will that Mrs. Rose should die at that time. Immediately I took over. In Jesus' Name I commanded Death to leave that sick room. I said, with God-given authority, "Death, you must go. You cannot order Mrs. Rose off these premises. I resist you. I claim healing for this woman." The Lord came to our help. Mrs. Rose was healed and she lived for many more years. *Is anything too hard for the Lord?*

Why are we so hesitant to bring our physical ills to Jesus? He lives! He has not changed. He loves us just as much as when He walked this earth. His interest in suffering humanity has not lessened. He is able! If we but touch the hem of His garment in faith we shall receive life-giving virtue.

Dear suffering one, do not let anyone make you think that you have no claim upon the healing Christ. Healing is yours by right of redemption. He inspired John to write, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Reaching out and touching the hem of His garment is so simple. There is no need to struggle. It is not necessary to travel long distances to contact any particular minister. Just look up in simple childlike faith. Remember—we have no merits of our own! We have no holiness of our own. What we need must come to us as a free gift from our Heavenly Father. God gets greater joy out of springing surprises upon His faithful children than any earthly father ever got in bestowing gifts upon the members of his family.

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Is Anything Too Hard For the Lord?

Dr. Harris looked at me and said, "Mr. Ward, you are just postponing the evil day."

On our way home our daughter looked up at me and said, "Daddy, you don't need to preach Divine Healing any more. You have had me to the doctor." I tried to explain to her that I had not taken her for treatment but only to find out the nature of her disease. I knew the Spirit had said to me, "Faith and ignorance are not twins."

The following Sunday morning, as was my custom before preaching, I said, "If any present are sick or afflicted and you believe Jesus will heal you, come forward, and we will pray for you." Without another word our daughter Ruth came for-

Prayer Changes Things



RECENT RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THERE is a renewed interest in religious truth among students on many a college campus. In some colleges new courses have been added to the curriculum to satisfy this hunger for truth that is found among the students.

At Southwestern Bible Institute and Junior College at Waxahachie, Texas, the students have shown a special interest in Divine Healing. To satisfy their desire along this line a special course in Divine Healing has been added, a competent instructor appointed, and a large collection of books on the subject assembled by the Librarian for students and faculty to use in research.

Students have presented many questions, and much teaching has been given, but the most effective research into the subject of Divine Healing has been done on their knees. Through the practical application of the knowledge gained, the students have witnessed many remarkable healings. Broken bones have been healed instantly. Various afflictions, sicknesses, and diseases have disappeared in answer to the prayer of faith. Not only on the campus, but throughout the surrounding

President Collins praying for one of the students in a chapel service.

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M. E. COLLINS, President

area, many have been saved and healed. Instructors and students alike have gone out to proclaim the truth of Divine Healing.

Here are some of the questions which have been asked, and some of the truths which have been made known.

I.

Q. What is meant by Divine Healing?

A. Divine Healing is the removal of bodily afflictions, diseases, or weaknesses by the direct operation of the power of God. The healing is not always instantaneous. The recovery of health may come in connection with (or in place of) the use of other means, but Divine Healing is that part of the recovery which is accomplished by the power of God.

II.

Q. Is Divine Healing Scriptural?

A. Yes, it is taught throughout

R. C. Dalton instructing members of the Divine Healing class



HEALING

College Campus

resident of Southwestern Bible Institute, answers some pertinent questions

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Bible. There are many promises of Divine Healing to be found in God's Word. There are also many recorded instances where people have been healed in answer to prayer. Abraham prayed for Abimelech and his family and they were healed about 3,800 years ago (Usher). Moses prayed for the healing of his sister Miriam about 3,400 years ago. Elijah and Elisha prayed and people were healed about 2,900 years ago. Jesus healed "all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people" while He was here 1,900 years ago. On one occasion He sent twelve of His disciples forth to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick (Luke 9:1-3). Later He sent seventy others to preach and to heal the sick (Luke 10:1-9).

III.

Q. Does the Great Commission of Christ to His followers (as recorded in

Mark 16:15-18) include Divine Healing?

A. Yes. In addition to salvation for the obedient believer, there is also power over devils, power to speak with new tongues, power to counteract poison (snake bite or other kinds), and power to heal the sick: all of this is made available to "them that believe." These things are all in the gospel of Christ.

IV.

Q. Does God heal people in our day in answer to a prayer of faith?

A. Yes. Many definite cases of Divine Healing have occurred at Southwestern. Many thousands of people now living have experienced Divine Healing. We were made more conscious of the far-reaching results of this ministry last summer while attending the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, at Stockholm, Sweden. People were there from every continent and many islands of the

seas. Many stated they had experienced Divine Healing in their homeland.

V.

Q. Should ministers preach about Divine Healing in their churches and revival meetings?

A. Assuredly. It is part of the gospel, and Christ has commanded us to preach the gospel to "every creature" in "all the world." Wherever the full gospel is preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, supernatural signs are following prayers of faith and these include miraculous healings. People are attending churches and revival meetings in great numbers where God is performing miracles of healing.

VI.

Q. Why are not all people healed when they are prayed for?

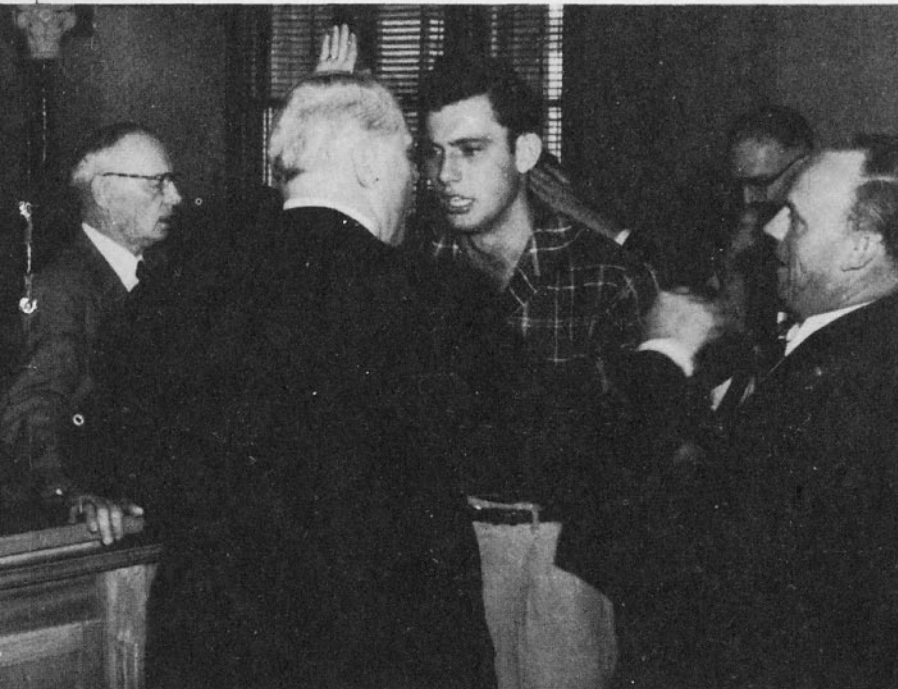
A. There are various reasons. Many different things may hinder God from answering prayer. Lack of faith, an unforgiving spirit, unconfessed sin, selfish motives, etc. are some of the hindrances. God does not always answer people's prayers as promptly, nor in exactly the way, they may expect. He reserves the right to answer when and how He pleases. Many folk who did not get healed promptly have made things right and then received healing the second time prayer was offered for them. Some people have faith for gradual healing but not for instant healing. Usually the healing is given according to their faith.

VII.

Q. What benefits may result from preaching Divine Healing?

A. The first benefit, of course, is the

Several ministers praying for one of the students in a chapel service.



SBI's students join in prayer with ministers in a healing service



physical recovery of the sick or afflicted one. The salvation of relatives and friends of the one healed often follows. There is also a spiritual benefit in Divine Healing. The sick person is generally drawn closer to God when he receives healing. Then, too, there are many who have been led into a deeper spiritual experience who will testify that it was a miracle of Divine Healing that first attracted them to the full gospel.

VIII.

Q. Who may pray for the sick?

A. Any believer. Jesus taught this in the Great Commission. The apostle James also taught it when he wrote, "Pray one for another that ye may be healed."

One of our former students, Miss Pearl Foster, who has had a very successful ministry in home missionary work, came

to know about Divine Healing through the ministry of an old neighbor lady, a Pentecostal believer who went about doing good and praying for the sick when called upon in her home town. Pearl was in another denomination. She was led into the light of Divine Healing through the life and work of this faithful old friend who was not a minister.

IX.

Q. How may one learn how to pray for the sick and afflicted?

A. By praying for them. Visit the sick, tell them about Divine Healing, and pray for those who ask you to pray for them. Jesus promised, "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18).

X.

Q. Why do you teach about Divine Healing in a college?

A. Because it is truth. Colleges seek by research and study to find truth. Members of the faculty instruct the students as to scientific methods of discovering truth. The purpose in finding truth is to share it with others and bring blessing to mankind.

A Christian college should know and teach the truth about God and His will for men. Divine Healing is a part of that truth. It is one of God's gracious provisions for those who trust in Him. It is a powerful factor in making the public more "God-conscious" in recent times. Therefore, let us believe it, preach it, and practice it. The Bible says, "Pray one for another, that ye may be healed" (James 5:16).

Here is a helpful word to those who, if they are not healed, are tempted to doubt their salvation.

"IF NOT HEALED . . ."

by DONALD GEE

THERE IS NOW A WIDE INTEREST IN Divine Healing throughout the denominations, and many are entering into real experience of our Lord's healing power for today.

We in the Pentecostal Movement will greatly strengthen our contribution to the cause of Truth if we avoid extravagant claims and hasty doctrines based on superficial logic. Many are now ready to listen to us provided we display complete honesty of mind in the face of our universal problems connected with the facts of pain and suffering. These exist even though Christ died and rose again.

The doctrine that Divine Healing is provided for in the Atonement is written into the fundamental statements of faith throughout the Pentecostal Movement. It is primarily based on Isaiah 53:4, 5 as confirmed by Matthew 8:16, 17. But many seek healing and do not receive it. Our approach to this problem accepts that basic position with respect to the Atonement, and seeks to work from it.

"If not healed, am I saved?" some people are asking. Put as crudely as that, the question appears shocking. But let me quote from a letter recently received from a veteran Pentecostal missionary who all her life has stood loyally for our

witness to Divine Healing. A year or so ago her field was blessed with a most successful revival conducted by a justly respected healing-evangelist.

My correspondent writes: "What about the saint who believes with unshakable faith that he is **SAVED** and on his way to heaven; but, even though Brother — prayed for him, or perhaps others, he still is not healed? Many have said, "Then perhaps my faith for **SALVATION** is not enough. Maybe I just "think" I'm saved. I stand on God's Word for my salvation, and also for healing—but here I am still lame, or blind, or suffering with T. B., or gallstones. Could it be that I am only half-way saved? I do believe God's Word on healing as much as I know how, but I am still sick. Therefore I must be short of faith. What if, when I die, I find that my believing of God's Word for salvation was short of faith, too, and therefore I am



Donald Gee

not saved after all?"

My correspondent continues. "At first when these questions arose I wondered if it was just myself who questioned, but soon two of our young pastors, one of whom was with the evangelist in his meetings, brought the same question to me. . . . It would be very comforting if you could understand what is bothering us and help clear it up. Perhaps you will want to write the answer as an article to appear in one of our publications—that would be so helpful."

Acting on our sister's suggestion, I am writing this article though I realize it is not the kind that Pentecostal editors usually publish. It is an accepted policy that faith needs stimulating by stories of answers to prayer and miracles of healing. We need to sound a **POSITIVE** note in our message, whether spoken or written. I fully agree. But are we never going to utter or publish a word to sympathetically help the great numbers who are not healed in the campaigns or in our assemblies, though they are believers and fervent prayer has been offered for their healing?

For over thirty years all over the world a large part of my ministry has been that of following my great evangelistic brethren and trying to help their converts. The letter quoted above contains nothing new to me. I have tried to answer that kind of question repeatedly; and thank God, I have a considerable file now of heart-moving letters of gratitude from those helped, including some well-known missionaries and preachers.

When preachers teach an exact analogy between salvation from sin and healing from sickness, through the atoning work of our Saviour, we all recognize the force of their logic, especially when it is reinforced by sound alternative renderings of the Hebrew words used by Isaiah. Even

so, those who are shrewd enough to foresee where such reasoning will lead their hearers cannot help trembling. We find that the truth as it is in Jesus is contained in paradoxes rather than in superficially logical propositions that are just too perfect in theory to be true in practice.

The Bible often appears to be contradictory. We must leave room in our theories for the universal problem of pain as God still permits it (and, indeed, shares in it) until that time comes when pain shall be no more. After all, God and not man is sovereign. If He does not heal us promptly as we might wish, we need not doubt His willingness to answer our prayer. He may be delaying our healing for some very good reason.

Personally I think that the true and wise way of teaching that divine healing is in the Atonement is to keep it exactly parallel with holiness—which is divine healing for the soul. The same Greek word is used in the New Testament for “salvation” and “healing.” The thought is identical. When my correspondent speaks of “faith that he is saved and on his way to heaven,” just what does this mean? “Salvation” in this case is from sin. We believe that by faith in Christ we are potentially saved here and now from the consequences of sin; and that we are being saved in practical experience day by day as we allow the Holy Spirit to do His sanctifying work in our hearts; and that we shall be ultimately and fully saved in That Day.

Even though we do not yet see ourselves completely saved from sin, we do not doubt the efficacy of our faith in the Atonement for the salvation of our souls. We know that the consummation of our salvation will come when the Rapture takes place. In the same way, the redemption of our bodies must still await its consummation, and meanwhile they are left subject to weariness, weakness, and certain infirmities until this mortal puts on immortality.

It is the extremists in the doctrines both of Holiness and of Healing that land us in impossible and untenable positions that cannot be defended successfully either from Scripture or from experience. Let us grant that powerful preaching sometimes has to appear extreme. We admit it. But we have no right to represent such teaching as containing the whole of Truth, and unless we make room for other aspects of the matter we shall only pull down what we profess to build up. Extremism can never survive for long—but its effects can leave lasting disaster.

The popular answer for those who believe certain dogmatic affirmations regarding a way of Divine Healing, and then are not healed, is that they do not have sufficient faith. Very often that is not an answer at all—it is only an excuse. Multitudes do NOT lack the faith that

Delivered From Asthma

In January 1950 I was stricken with bronchitis, and I was left with a very bad asthmatic condition. I suffered asthma attacks every one or two weeks for over five years, and the asthmatic condition was present continuously.

Last summer (1955) Evangelist H. E. Hardt came to our community and preached a few nights in the Assemblies of God church. He offered prayer for the sick, and I was prayed for. Praise God, I was wondrously healed. I had not been without medicine for my asthma for five years, but since being prayed for I have not needed to take medicine. I am healed. Praise God that the Great Physician is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—Mrs. W. B. Jeannette, Buxton, N. C.



Mrs. W. B. Jeannette

(Endorsed by Ralph Buchanan, Supply Pastor, Assembly of God, Buxton, N. C. who states, “Sister Jeannette is a regular attendant at our church. I was present when she was healed and can testify that her testimony stands good now after six months. She is very happy and is free from asthma.”)

God requires, if it is comparable to that needed for the salvation of their souls. If they do lack such a degree of faith, then the terrifying possibility stated in the letter we are answering stares us in the face. But that just isn't so.

Is the doctrine of the provision of Divine Healing through the atoning work of Christ therefore invalidated? Not at all. Man's physical nature does share in the redemptive work of the Lamb of God, and the Holy Spirit's work of sanctification does extend to our whole spirit, soul, and body. Let us come boldly to the Throne of Grace and find help in time of physical need. It is still true that God “healeth all thy diseases” (Psalm 103:3) and the “prayer of faith to save the sick” possesses a stronger argument than simply the mercy of God or the hope of an occasional miracle.

If the sickness is the result of known personal sin, the value of the Atonement is plain for all to see and receive. The Blood of Jesus is our plea for pardon and healing in such a case. Beyond that, the way may not be so clear, and we need to tread reverently. There are some mysteries wrapped in the sovereignty of God which He has not chosen to reveal as yet. Our doctrines of divine healing, true though they are, need fitting into the large scheme of things. To isolate any truth from other truths is to court disaster.

You will recall that the apostle Paul once wrote, “Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick” (2 Timothy 4:20). May it not be that in this bald statement of

the Scriptures we have one of those casual insertions that are intended to keep us from extremes? The apostle who manifested when in company with this friend and co-worker such outstanding miracles of healing also faced the mystery of sickness among his intimate associates, and he was honest enough to say so. There still are times when we have to say to the Lord, “He whom Thou lovest is sick.” The final answer, here and hereafter, will be provided by One who is the Resurrection and the Life. Those who have found the living Christ to be here and now the Healer Divine have found a pearl of truth which none shall take away from them. But in enshrining their experience into a doctrine they need to be guided by the full revelation in all the Scriptures of Truth, lest haply they say, even of God, the thing that is not right.

SURE REWARD

Do not try to do a great thing; you may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity which may never come. But since little things are always claiming your attention, do them as they come, from a pure motive—for the glory of God—to win His smile of approval and to do good to men. It is harder to plod on in obscurity than to stand on the high places in the field within the view of all and do deeds of valor at which rival armies stand still to gaze. But no such act goes without the swift recognition and ultimate recompense of Christ.—F.M.B.



1000-Church Crusade Nears Half-Way Mark

Approximately 450 new Assemblies of God Churches were reported started in 1955. This brings us almost halfway on our 1,000 Church Crusade.

Forty-one of our forty-three districts reported churches started during the year. The district reporting the largest number of churches started was Southern California with twenty-seven new Assemblies.

New churches mean more souls won to Christ, more people reached with the glorious message of Pentecost. A survey of 100 of the churches started in 1955 reveals that there was an average of more than ten souls saved for each new church started. There were 315 baptisms in the Holy Spirit in these new churches.

There is every indication that during 1956 we will reach or surpass the number of new churches started in 1955. Our 1956 theme, EVERY CHURCH HELP START ANOTHER CHURCH, is not simply a slogan—it points us toward the divine principle of sharing our blessings with others. Already many churches are planning to start branch works in their areas. Others are helping strengthen new churches which have recently been established.

Gifts for the MISSION U. S. A. SHARE PLAN REVOLVING LOAN FUND will help these new churches obtain loans with which to purchase property and to build.

Here are stories of two new Assemblies of God Churches, as written by the pioneers who started them.

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Norwich, Conn.

by ROBERT LUNDSTROM, Pastor

Our story is somewhat similar to that of Abraham, the father of faith, as recorded in Hebrews 11:8—"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

In late October of 1954, while we were co-pastoring in Waterbury, Connecticut,

a burden to begin an Assemblies of God church in Norwich, Connecticut, was laid upon our hearts. We learned that there was no full gospel church there, and the nearest Assembly was fifteen miles away. At the end of November I started out in my car in faith that God was leading me to search out the city of Norwich and also Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

After looking over the two cities, I felt that Norwich was the place for us. We didn't know a single soul in Norwich, but we knew God was leading us. In December 1954 I got a job as a Fuller Brush salesman in the city. After four or five weeks I found I wasn't able to make a living at the job, and I became discouraged. I was tempted to believe that perhaps we were not in the will of God, and decided to leave Norwich.

It was at that time in a meeting in Hartford that the late Joseph Payne, Assistant Superintendent of the New England District, introduced us to Mrs. Lydia Taimi of Norwich. She and several others had been praying for some time for an Assembly in Norwich. I prayed through that night, and found a job several days later which enabled me to clear my bills. Before we began our church we had fifteen people standing with us. We bought a beautiful forty-eight passenger bus which was made possible by a large donation from Mr. and Mrs. Aarne Taimi, before the church ever began.

On a stormy Saturday evening in March, 1955, the first service was held with nearly 100 people present. Joseph Payne was our speaker. Several souls were saved! The parents of a teen-age girl

came the next night and the mother was gloriously saved. So great was the change in her life that her liberal minister confessed to me that he believed our Assemblies of God Church had reality.

A former college professor, who is now an antique dealer and one of our charter members, suggested that the little group support their pastor full-time. For several months the pastor through the sacrifice of this lady and others was able to give full time to the new church.

Day after day, house-to-house canvassing was done, and before long we had a fine Sunday School and congregation. By December 1, 1955, we had about seventy-five in Sunday School and nearly one hundred attending the church. Thirty more have been brought in through a Sunday School contest in progress at this writing. One Sunday alone we had sixteen new ones. Thirty of these seventy-five in our Sunday School are former Catholics.

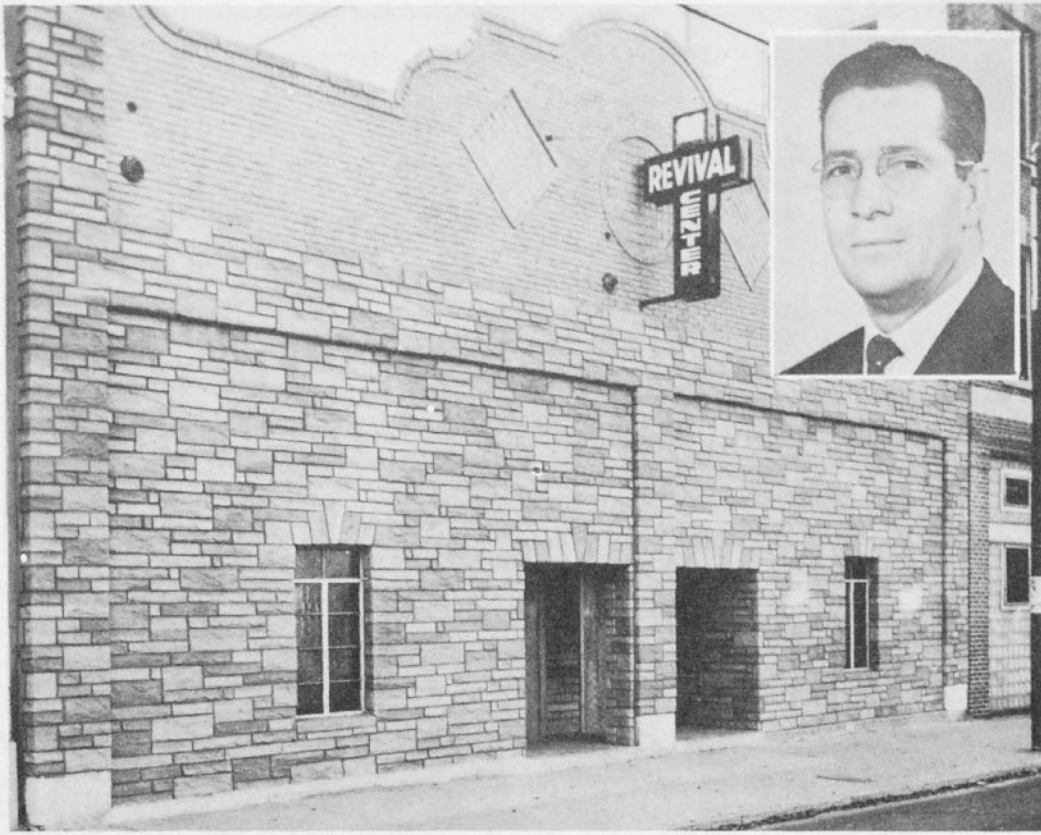
We prayed for a little Catholic boy who was suffering badly from asthma, and he was healed. As a result, the mother and father came to our church and both accepted Christ. Now the entire family of nine attends our services. One former Catholic teen-age girl now leads her family devotions. Another Catholic man leads his family in saying grace at the table for the first time in his life. Many other reports have reached us about the transforming power of Christ in the lives reached by this new Assemblies of God Church.

Thus far over three thousand homes have been visited, and we have left a copy of the pamphlet, "Do You Want Life?" in all of them. We believe that faithful house-to-house witnessing backed by fervent prayer and teaching our new converts to win other souls to Christ has been responsible for much of the success of this work thus far.

We also have an active missionary program and are helping to support a missionary in Hawaii. We plan to have a missionary convention here in 1956. We also hope to be able to start another church in the city of Putnam, Connecticut.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lundstrom and their two children, a pioneer family opening a new Assemblies of God Church in Norwich, Conn.



Headquarters of the new Bible Revival Center (Assemblies of God Church) opened in Durham, North Carolina, by Pastor H. M. Harrison (in inset.)

Our ground-breaking service is tentatively planned to take place by March 5, our first anniversary, and plans are being made for a radio program to be called the Assemblies of God Hour.

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Durham, N. C.

by H. M. HARRISON, Pastor

Over a year ago, as we were passing through Durham, North Carolina, a lovely city of 75,000 population, we stopped to eat in one of the cafeterias. When we found that there was no Assemblies of God Church there, it became a burden which weighed heavily upon our hearts. We went our way, but still the challenge lay before us, and we were never able to get away from it.

We resigned our pastorate at Glad Tidings Church in Norfolk, Virginia, and purchased a tent, truck and other equipment. After conducting revivals until early fall, we established temporary residence in Greensboro near Durham. We made several trips to Durham and finally located a vacant theater building as a possible place to begin services. But upon talking with some of the real estate men in Durham, we learned that it would apparently be a poor investment to rent it, as the theater had a bad name.

However, we prayed about it and came back a week later and rented it. That same week we were able to move to Durham. In order to finance our plans we mortgaged our truck for a thousand

dollars. We used the money for living expenses and to get the theater in suitable condition for our meetings.

It cost four hundred dollars to get the doors opened for our first service. We had to paint the front of the theater and tear out the ticket booth. We bought newspaper ads, ran spot announcements on a radio station, and bought time for fifteen-minute broadcasts on Sunday mornings.

We prayed much about the rent on the building which was set at \$100.00 for the first month, and \$150.00 the second month. Knowing well we could not pay that much, we talked to the owner and he cut it to \$75.00 a month. God was working on our behalf.

Our first service was set for 2:30 p.m. on December 5, 1954, in the dead of winter. It was just before Christmas; furthermore we were in a theater with a bad reputation and in a city where we were almost completely unknown. But God was leading and He had promised to see us through.

The Lord began to bless at the very start. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Sick bodies were healed.

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buy two large buses, which bring in nearly a full load for every service.

We needed a church for our growing congregation so we bought five lots and had them cleaned off with a bulldozer. We had planned to build a tabernacle. But after some time the man that owned the theater building suggested we buy the theater. After some negotiations we felt led of the Lord to purchase the building and the one joining it, giving us 5,500 feet of floor space. The Lord was good to us again, and two of the men in the church mortgaged their homes for the down payment. By trading in the lots we had bought, we were able to close the deal for the two buildings.

We are now looking forward to remodeling the building which will cost about ten thousand dollars. The property is located downtown in the heart of the business district with city bus stops right in front of the door.

We are trusting God to help us in our financial obligations and to secure the money for the remodeling. We covet your prayers that God will continue to bless as He has in the past.

We just closed a very successful two-week revival with Evangelist James Dunn. Our church was blessed in every way. Last Sunday (January 22) we had 223 in Sunday School. We broke our record of 200. Next Sunday we hope to reach 250 to mark the first anniversary of our Sunday School.

In less than one month our building was full.

Our first Sunday School session was held on January 30, with forty-one present. In fifteen weeks we reached the two hundred mark in Sunday School attendance, and have been averaging around two hundred. One of the men in the church mortgaged his car so that we might

We Know Better Than We Do

The failure of Christian people to practice Scriptural giving is due not so much to lack of knowledge, as lack of willingness. We know better than we do.

We are like the farmer who was approached by an agent who was endeavoring to get him to subscribe to a magazine on farming. He grew eloquent in setting forth the advantages to be derived from reading such a magazine. He told the farmer how much better farming he could do if he would read this publication and gain more knowledge. The farmer listened for a while and then answered, "Stranger, there ain't no need for me to subscribe to your paper, for I ain't farming now as well as I know."

It isn't more knowledge about scriptural giving that we need, but more willingness to practice what we already know.

—J. Clyde Turner

TEACHING LOVE FOR GOD—Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might” (v. 5).

The word *all* is repeated three times in this verse. Nothing less than all our affections will please Him.

The strong life is the life of a single purpose. David had this single-mindedness, and he exclaimed, “One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after” (Psa. 27:4). The apostle Paul also served God with a single purpose, for he cried, “This one thing I do . . .” (Phil. 3:13). No deviations from a single blessed center! God’s river of blessing flows into such a life, and out again in benediction to others! For love, the strongest force in the universe, is involved: God’s love to man, and man’s love to God.

What has God promised to those who thus love and serve Him? Meditate on these promises: “Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With a long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation” (Psa. 91:14-16).

—ZELMA ARGUE

THURSDAY, February 23

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT—Mark 12:28-34

To the scribe who had endorsed what Jesus had told him, the Master said, “Thou art *not far* from the kingdom of God.” But we do not know that he ever came back to Jesus and was saved. Agrippa said to Paul, “*Almost* thou persuadest me to be a Christian,” but there is no evidence that he ever became a Christian. We must be not only “almost persuaded,” but *fully* persuaded; not only close to the kingdom, but *in* it. And let us not forget that “the kingdom of God is not meat and drink,

JESUS KNOWS THE HEART



BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, February 20

A LOVE-GIFT FOR JESUS—John 12:1-11

This ointment, what a gift! Its cash value was equal to a year's wages of a laborer. Mary was “as ingenious to create an occasion of expense in religion as most are to avoid it.”

Since this supper took place only two evenings before Christ's betrayal and arrest, how near Mary came to missing her last chance to show publicly her appreciation to the Master for restoring her brother to life!

“Against the day of my burying hath she kept this.” Notice that Mary of Bethany was not among those who came to anoint Him on Easter morning. How much better to give flowers and words of tribute to our friends while they are still alive!

On an earlier occasion we find Mary at His feet, as the learner. Here she has bowed lower and is seen as a worshiper. While Martha was “serving” on both occasions, it was this act of worship by Mary which Jesus declared would accompany the gospel “as a memorial of her.” It is not likely that even the “local news” would have reported the supper had not Mary thus worshiped. Let us spend our lives in learning of Christ and worshipping Him.

—J. J. MUELLER

TUESDAY, February 21

BREAKING THE ALABASTER BOX—Matthew 26:6-13

A poverty-stricken heathen woman in India had brought a substantial offering to the idol priest and temple in her city. A Westerner, looking on, saw her ragged clothing and asked how she could afford to give so much. Whereupon she replied, “Nothing is too good for the gods.”

If we give sacrificially of our means, of our time, of our strength, some are sure to feel it is a “waste.” But the heart that loves finds nothing too precious to lavish upon such a Lord and Saviour as Jesus of Nazareth.

How miserably blind were Christ's disciples to speak of this broken alabaster box as a “waste.” At that very hour, they were being entertained in the home of one of the lepers whom Jesus had healed. A million boxes of perfume, however rare, could not have bought that kind of blessing.

They themselves had partaken freely of the riches of His grace. Like so many of us, they were taking it all for granted. But when one convert's heart, bursting with gratitude, caused her to offer so spontaneously and sacrificially, Jesus happily declared that this story would be told to the whole world so that all who would delight God might emulate this little woman of Bethany.

—D. LEROY SANDERS

AT EVEN

By
HENRY
TWELLS

*At even, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;
O, in what divers pain they met!
O, with what joy they went away!*

*Once more 'tis eventide, and we
Oppressed with various ills, draw near;
What if Thy form we cannot see?
We know and feel that Thou art here.*

*O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;
For some are sick, and some are sad,
And some have never loved Thee well;
And some have lost the love they had;*

*Thy touch has still its ancient power;
No word from Thee can fruitless fall;
Hear, in this solemn evening hour,
And in Thy mercy heal us all.*

but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17).

They who have not received Christ as Saviour and Lord cannot love God supremely nor can they love their neighbor as they love themselves. The scribe, who had not entered the kingdom, could not thus love. Love is of God, and must be shed abroad in the heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14).

All who love God supremely live within the orbit of the divine will. That is why Jesus said concerning the two greatest commandments, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22:40).

—J. NARVER GORTNER

FRIDAY, February 24

BLESSINGS FOR DEVOTION—Psalm 45:10-17

The Church, typified so clearly in our Scripture reading, is admonished to forget her own people (the world) and to devote herself to her King. The first mark of our devotedness will be seen in the fulfillment of this exhortation. The past has been marked by sin, the pleasures of which served as an opiate to give a momentary thrill, but which left us empty and disillusioned.

But now it is incompatible with our position as sons of God and joint-heirs with Christ to continue those sinful relationships. Breaking with the world should be our normal response to His love for us. The fellowship established by the mutual devotion of Christ with His Church is the fountainhead for blessings beyond measure, blessings which are so beautifully described in the rest of this Psalm.

No facet of Christian experience is so rewarding in divine favor as wholehearted devotedness to the King of glory. It indeed makes the Church "all glorious within," high in favor with God and with man.

—MARK A. HINMAN

SATURDAY, February 25

AN EXAMPLE OF DEVOTION—Ruth 1:14-19

"She was stedfastly minded to go with her" (v. 18).

Ruth's great choice and her resolute purpose in carrying it through will live for all time as shining examples to all who follow the Lord.

Ruth made this choice with no promise of earthly gain. Naomi protested to Ruth and Orpah that she had no possessions to share with them and that she could not secure husbands for them.

Her decision was not influenced by the support of enthusiastic crowds. Hers was a personal resolve. It affected not only her country and her family, but also her religion. She now turned away from the idols of her childhood to serve the true and living God. Her choice was not fleet-

ing or temporary but eternal. "Whither thou goest, I will go; and . . . where thou diest, will I die."

We know that Ruth was rewarded. She was fully recompensed with the natural blessings of a husband, home, love, and security. The spiritual blessings were even more wonderful. God chose her, a young widow of Moab, to enter the godly line of ancestry that would ultimately yield the virgin through whom the Messiah was born. By this astonishing choice God prefigured His choosing of a Gentile church to be the bride of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

—ANNA C. BERG

"It is the earnest, sincere prayer of faith that God answers. If we have faith and humility, God will hear our prayer whether it is long or short."

Pastor Tells of Outstanding Healing

On Sunday night, March 20, 1955, Evangelist H. E. Hardt stopped at our church for a service. After he had prayed for several sick folk, he made the statement that there was someone in the church with a nervous condition; and that if this person would come to the front, God would heal him.

Of course, Brother Hardt did not know any of the people personally. But we have in the church a young lady about twenty years of age, who had always been weak and very nervous. She did not have much appetite and would have bad nervous spells, sometimes even in church. This girl, Beverly Gibson, stepped out and went to the front. Brother Hardt



Beverly Gibson

prayed for her, and God healed her. She began to gain weight and is feeling fine. She has not had a sign of nervousness since. Praise the Lord for His goodness to us.—Ivan R. Loy, Pastor, The Christian Assembly Church, 3190 S. Dixie Highway, Miami, Fla.



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Healing Is for You

words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the 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). He never refused to heal any one on the ground that it was God's will for certain ones to be sick or deaf or blind, and He instructed first the Twelve (Matt. 10), then the Seventy (Luke 10), to preach and heal the sick (any and all of them), and finally gave the commission

recorded in Mark 16:15-18 to all believers.

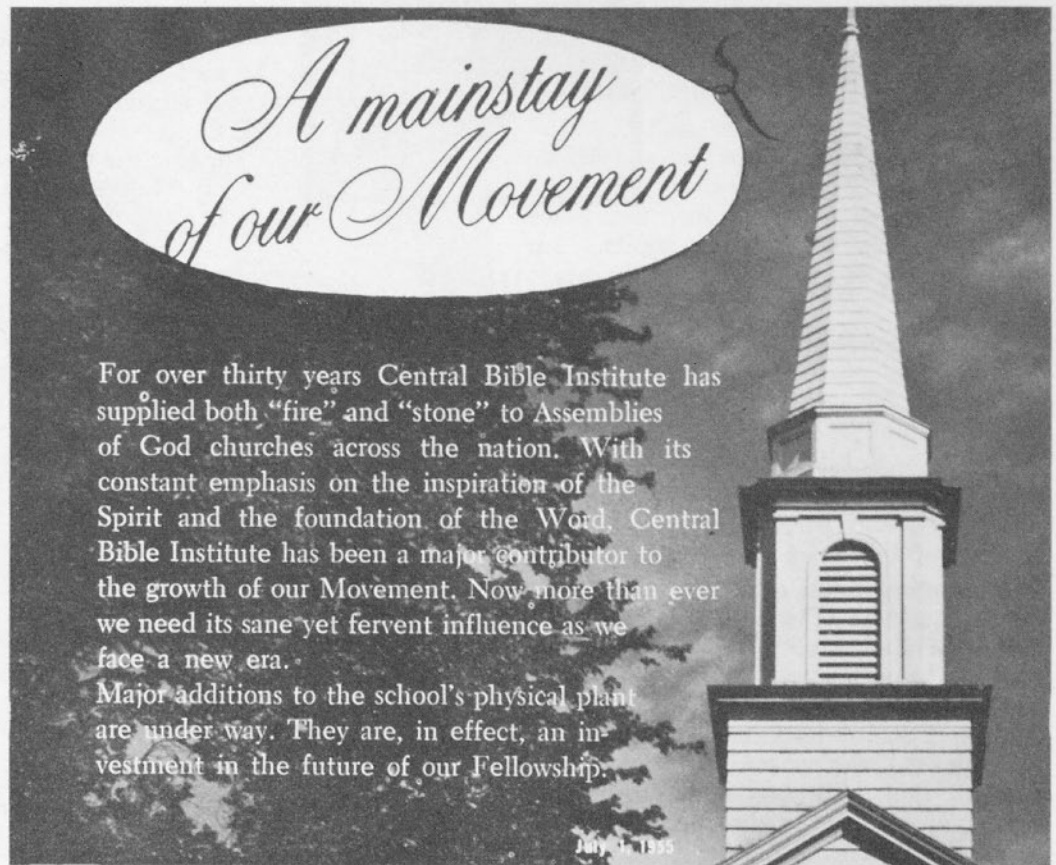
Several times it is mentioned that all the multitude of the sick were healed by our Lord and His followers (Matt. 8:16; Acts 5:16). The devil not only grievously afflicts the children of God, but he deceives many of them into believing God has afflicted them and is determined to keep them under affliction. The Psalmist said, "Who healeth all our diseases" (Psalm 103:3); "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

Settle it once and forever, my afflicted brother and sister, that it is not God's will for you to remain under affliction. It is God's will to heal you! As long as you doubt the will of God to heal you, it is impossible for you to offer "the prayer of faith"—and it is "the prayer of faith" that shall save the sick (James 5:15).

HOW TO BE HEALED

God's directions for healing are so simple that the most ignorant can understand them. "They (believers) shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). The most specific and complete directions are found in James 5:14-18. Let us analyze this text: (1) The sick one is to call for the elders of the church, (2) they are to come and pray over him, (3) and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord; (4) the afflicted, if guilty of sins, must confess his sins and God will forgive him. The promise is very specific, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." What sickness? Any sickness. Must he have an apostle? No, that would be impossible. In every New Testament church there were elders who were appointed because they were Spirit-filled and full of faith, and therefore qualified to visit the sick, minister to their spiritual needs, help them to see their faults so that they might repent and confess, and then lay their hands upon the afflicted and anoint them with oil, praying over them the prayer of faith.

Notice the parties to this transaction: the one who is sick and helpless, perhaps so weak that he cannot even pray; the Spirit-filled representatives of the church; the Father in heaven, to whom our prayers are directed; the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name (that is, by whose authority) the anointing oil is applied and the hands laid upon the afflicted; and the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the oil, through whose agency our Lord worked His miracles while on earth (Matt. 12:28). Through the Holy Spirit also Christ gave commandment to the apostles (Acts 1:2), and through Him He offered Himself to God (Heb. 9:14). Through His agency our Lord still works, and without the gracious presence and power of the Holy Spirit, Christ's followers stand helpless



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TESTIMONY OF OTHER WITNESSES

In this argument we have rested the whole proposition on the Word of God. Our position is further fortified by reference to church history, biography, and interpreters of the Word, but space is not sufficient to hear all these witnesses. Suffice it to say that church history and biography prove that miracles of healing did not cease with the apostles, but in every age, where New Testament faith has been found, New Testament miracles have occurred. John Wesley in his journal records about two hundred and forty cases of healing in answer to prayer; and in his "Notes on the New Testament," his comment on James 5:14 is exactly according to our teaching. In our times, the most amazing and indisputable cases of healing have occurred and are occurring daily.

The writer was raised up by the Lord from what might have proved his deathbed, and in the ensuing years he had the privilege of anointing for healing about fifty thousand persons over all the United States and parts of Canada, and he records his personal testimony to the faithfulness

of our Lord in answering the prayer of faith and healing the sick, the lame, the paralyzed, the rheumatic, the deaf, the mute, the blind, and those afflicted with cancers, tumors, tuberculosis, heart trouble, and other troubles too numerous to mention. Even some born deaf and mute have been made to hear and speak, and some born blind have been made to see.

This is not a "hope so" or "think so" or a "guess so" matter with us; but with our Lord we would humbly say, "We speak [of] that we do know, and testify [of] that we have seen" (John 3:11). And, thank God, there are many thousands who have seen and are seeing the sick and afflicted healed. The number of those who have this faith is increasing daily. Even little children, in the simplicity of their faith, have been used of God in the healing ministry. Our Lord is forcibly bringing this great truth of divine healing upon this generation, and with amazing rapidity it is gaining adherents over all the world. Divine healing is a powerful evangelizing agency, both in the homeland and abroad. It is Christ's method and has never been antiquated, superseded, or surpassed—and never will be as long as there are sinners to be saved and sick people to be healed.

SUNDAY'S LESSON



A LOVE-GIFT FOR JESUS

Sunday School Lesson for February 26, 1956

John 12:1-11

Our lesson today is the warm, intimate account of the happy feast given in honor of our Saviour. The gladness of the occasion was marred only by the critical spirit of Judas, and the bitter hostility of the chief priests.

The apostle John explained the harshness of Judas, saying, "He was a thief" (John 12:6). But how can the unreasonable hatred of the chief priests be explained? They were angry because Jesus healed the blind man on the Sabbath. They were filled with hatred because many Jews believed on Christ through Lazarus' testimony. These were miracles that should have melted the priests, and caused them to praise God. Instead, they were hardened in their anger. It is said that the same sun that melts the ice, hardens the clay. And so it is that the manifestation of God's miracle-working power melts one heart to repentance and faith, while another is hardened in his unbelief.

Just as a diamond sparkles more brightly against a black background, so this tender account of the feast glows all the more with warmth and love against the opposition of the priests and the treachery of Judas.

LOVE'S COMPANY

Look at the group that honored Christ. The feast was given in the home of *Simon the leper* (Mark 14:3). It is believed that the Lord had healed Simon of his leprosy. He could not have dwelt in a house in Bethany if he were still leprous. As a leper, Simon would have been excluded from Bethany, and would have been obliged to cry "Unclean, unclean," whenever people drew near to him. Simon was called "the leper" in the same sense that Matthew was called "the tax-gatherer" after Christ had saved him. Now it was Simon's joy to share the hospitality of his home with Christ. *Martha* was there. And what was she doing? John says, "And Martha served!" (John 12:2). But what a difference between her attitude here, and that recorded of her in Luke 10:38. On that previous occasion as she prepared the meal for Jesus, she was so fretful and disturbed, that Christ had to rebuke her anxiety. But there is not a word here about anxiety or fretfulness. She is still serving, but now she is possessed of a deep, real joy. *Martha* had found in Christ the divine secret that transforms work to worship. *Mary* was there. And it is characteristic of her that she should be found "at his feet." In Luke 10:39, *Mary* is seen sitting at His feet in quietness and adoration. When her brother *Lazarus* died, and Christ came to Bethany, *Mary* fell "at His feet" in her grief. (John 11:32). And now, in the feast of joy, it is altogether appropriate that *Mary* should kneel at His feet once again. In worship, in sorrow, or in joy—at His feet! No wonder Jesus said, "Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." And finally, *Lazarus* was there! In fact, it was his resurrection that had occasioned this happy feast.

See love's company gathered in holy joy in the home in Bethany! Christ as the honored guest. *Simon* rejoicing in healing. *Lazarus* radiant with resurrection life. *Martha* singing as she serves. *Mary* worshiping in pure joy.

LOVE'S GIFT

How carefully the Holy Spirit has described *Mary's* love-gift! Each detail is lovingly recorded. He has told us the kind of ointment it was, the type of box in which it was contained, the weight of it, and its value. The Holy Spirit seems delighted to tell how *Mary* broke the box, poured the ointment on Christ's head and feet, and then wiped His feet with the hairs of her head. Not a single thing escaped divine attention!

Is it possible that what we do for Him, and for His glory, means this much to our Lord? Can it be that all of heaven thrills with joy over the willing, glad offerings of love which we may bring to Christ? The answer from God's Word is both humbling and inspiring! "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me!" (Matthew 25:40).

You may not break an alabaster box and pour fragrant ointment on His head and feet, as *Mary* did; but there is a love-gift you may bring. Worship and praise are perfumed incense in which the Lord delights (Revelation 5:8; 8:4). Loving faithfulness is a precious offering every child of God may bring to Christ. No gift is too costly, and none is too poor! As *Ira Stanphill* so beautifully sings:

"If just a cup of water is placed within your hands,
Then just a cup of water is all that He demands!"

LOVE'S REWARD

Mary had no thought of reward as she knelt at Christ's feet. Her heart overflowed with love. Christ had done so much for her! Her life had been transformed. And now her brother *Lazarus* had been raised from the dead! The depth and the power of her joy in Christ are seen in her desire to give her best to Him. The pound of spikenard was worth three hundred pence, according to Judas. If Matthew 20:2 is used as the criterion of the value of the penny, then *Mary's* gift was the equivalent of a whole year's wages!

The fragrance of the ointment perfumed the air. John says that "the house was filled with the odour of the ointment" (John 12:3). But *Mary's* act irritated Judas. He began the murmuring, and the disciples took it up—"Why this waste?" In his hypocrisy, Judas pretended great concern for the poor. Christ dismissed Judas' complaint by saying that there would always be opportunity to minister to the poor. When love for Christ is shed abroad in the heart, it finds expression in ministering to the sick, the poor, and the needy. Love for Christ has motivated the building of hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the poor and the aged around the world.

Christ silenced the complainers, saying that *Mary's* deed was a prophetic act. In the accounts given in Mark and Matthew are recorded two remarkable statements which our Saviour made. First, He repeated again His frequent utterance that He must die. "For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial" (Matthew 26:12). And second, He looked beyond Calvary and the Resurrection, as He said, "This gospel shall be preached in the whole world!" (Matthew 26:13). He saw and knew what no one else believed until He rose from the dead! "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit!" (John 12:24)

And then came love's reward! "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her" (Mark 14:9). As certain as Calvary. As certain as the world-wide spread of the gospel. So certain is the fact of eternal reward for every act that is done in His Name and for His glory.

—Emil A. Balliet



Beneath the Palms at S. C. B. C.

Southern California Bible College is enjoying its sixth year on its new campus and God's blessing continues to rest upon its activities in a wonderful way. It was in July 1950 that the school moved its facilities from Pasadena, its home for thirty years, to a new campus of 128 acres at Costa Mesa.

Buildings formerly used at an air base were re-located, remodelled and renovated to provide administration offices, classrooms and dormitories for the Assemblies of God Bible college. Today a once barren expanse is developing into a beautiful campus with twenty-five buildings, grassy grounds, beautiful shrubbery, hundreds of

rosebushes and twenty-five palm trees.

A new building program is being initiated to construct a college chapel to replace the temporary chapel structure. The new building will have a seating capacity of over 500 and is of modern design. Other buildings to be erected in the near future include a gymnasium, library, and additional dormitories, as well as permanent small dwellings for married students.

S. C. B. C. consists of two colleges—one of Bible and Theology and the other of Arts and Sciences. This combination gives opportunity for a greater measure of specialization in all departments, and assures adequate academic preparation

for the chosen fields of its students. At the same time it affords an excellent balance of spiritual and natural factors in the educational program.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers majors leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, English, Social Sciences and Music. The majors offered in the College of Bible and Theology include Theology, Christian Education, Missions and Sacred Music.

A large percentage of the students go on to graduate work in a specialized field, and former students of S. C. B. C. can be found in almost every part of the globe serving God in secular or religious capacities as teachers, pastors, missionaries, translators, radio broadcasters, and youth leaders.

A cross-section of the youth of the world will be found on the campus, with students this year from thirty-two states, Alaska, Hawaii, and a number of foreign lands. There are two students from Greece, one each from Samoa and Estonia, and five who have spent the last several years in Africa.

Though it is classed as a smaller private institution, the strength and organization of Southern California Bible College's curriculum, music department, athletic program and student activities assumes the proportions of a state-supported institution. The curriculum is broad enough to meet the need of all its students, and faculty members are thoroughly trained and outstanding in their respective fields. Both men's and women's groups participate in the Southern California Christian College Conference, and the Music Department has gained national renown for the quality of its choral and instrumental groups which have toured extensively.

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Jesus' Healing Ministry

I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." In Mark 16:15-18 we have this further statement: "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Jesus gave us these two statements for the divine record in order to authorize us to teach men to observe all the things He commanded us.

The Acts of the Apostles is replete with accounts of how the first Christians went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following. Not only did Jesus commission His disciples to heal the sick; He also commissioned those who believed on the Lord through them to do likewise. We are further instructed in the Epistle of James as follows: "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. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:14-16).

One thing that enticed me into the Pentecostal movement was the fact that

Assemblies of God people prayed for the sick. This was so in the beginning of our movement, and if there are ministers in our day who have neglected to minister to the physical need of their people, let me admonish them to look once again to God to give them a fresh endowment of power from on high for this particular ministry. I do not believe that a person requires a special call from God to minister to the sick, since we are told in Mark's Gospel that healing is among the signs that will follow believers. "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Thank God for every sincere effort that is being put forth today to awaken in the hearts of men and women everywhere a living faith in the Son of God to trust and believe Him for complete deliverance in the hour of their afflictions. This is their heritage through believing in the incarnate Word of God who was made flesh and dwelt among us.

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FEBRUARY 19

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CONVENTION ACCOMMODATIONS IN NEW JERSEY

Those planning to attend the Northeast Regional World Missions Convention in Asbury Park, N. J., March 6-8, will be interested in knowing that there are a number of inexpensive hotels in the vicinity; also a number of motels and tourist rooms. In addition, some buildings can be obtained at a reasonable rate for use of entire church groups.

Pioneer pastors will be accommodate free of charge in local church buildings if they make reservations at once.

For more information, write Pastor William Scott, 905 Sewell Avenue, Asbury Park, N. J.

The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God. Invoking by prayer the mercy and might of God is our most efficacious means of guaranteeing peace and security for the harassed and helpless peoples of the earth.—J. Edgar Hoover

Delivered From a Nervous Disorder

When I began to realize that I was losing my mind, I was a very sick woman. I was restless, and lived in constant fear. Sharp pains hit me under my heart. My elbows and finger joints ached and pained, and my stomach churned. Nothing seemed to matter except the sleeping pills.

As I continued to get worse, I wished I could die. I felt that death would be better than suffering this terrible agony. Pills and cigarettes were my only "comfort."

I was taken to every doctor within a hundred miles and had two operations, with no improvement in my condition. My husband was not able to make money fast enough to keep up with the doctor bills.

Finally I visited a nerve specialist. He surprised me by saying, "There is nothing wrong with you physically. You are very strong. All this is emotional disturbance." Then suddenly he asked, "Mrs. Taylor, are you a Christian?"

I told him I guessed so, but evidently he wasn't convinced, for he said, "What you need more than anything else is Christ Jesus." I was shocked, amazed, and somewhat ashamed, realizing then that I had shut the Lord out of my life. He gave me a prescription but also advised, "You need to get to church."

My husband and son co-operated with me, and together we went to Sunday School and church the next Sunday morning. Sunday night I somehow dressed myself, and my husband took me to church.

There was a wonderful evangelistic service that evening. I was nervous and could hardly sit still but enjoyed the service. When the altar call was given I fairly ran to the front. I tried to pray but could only cry out to God to have mercy on me—I was so tense inside. My tears ran down onto the altar. The Christians were praying for me, and suddenly God answered prayer. I felt relief as God touched my body. He also touched my heart, and I received Christ as my Saviour. How happy I was to be a child

of God! I discarded my cigarettes, and have never smoked another or had the desire to smoke since.

As I went home, God was with me. I prayed, read my Bible, and sang. The next day I was able to do my own housework. Strength returned to my body and my mind became stronger too.

When I went back to my doctor four weeks later, he was amazed at my improvement. He said I even looked different. He was so pleased that I had taken an interest in spiritual things.

I have so much to thank God for. Most of all, I am glad for the shed blood of Christ that saved my soul. Sometimes we have to get very low before we turn to Him, but He never casts us out when we come to Him.—Mrs. Zenas J. Taylor, West Dennis, Mass.

(Endorsed by George E. Downs, Pastor, Full Gospel Church, South Dennis, Mass.)

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

GRANITE CITY, ILL., Jan. 16—We had an excellent Missionary Convention at the First Assembly of God. The speakers were Russell Schirman of French West Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves of Ceylon, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jorgenson of Belgian Congo.

The attendance each night was excellent. The offering, including cash and pledges, totaled \$1,244.12. We pay special tribute to the teamwork of these missionaries during the convention.—James Kofahl, Pastor.

CHURCH RE-OPENED

MESSER, OKLA., Jan. 12—After re-opening the church and laboring here for a year, we feel that God wants us to resign and enter the evangelistic field. Rufus Fowler is the new pastor.

We praise God for the way He blessed this church during the past year. We re-opened the church in January, 1955, and the Sunday School attendance increased to 113. During the year, 38 prayed through to salvation, and 14 or 15 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The roster was revised with 23 active members.

The Lord blessed us materially, as well as spiritually. With the help of our fine group of people, we redecored the church and parsonage, and installed a butane heating system.

Our new address is Box 362, Willow Creek, Calif.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lankford.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

MARY AND ME (John 19:26, 27)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR FEBRUARY 19

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COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us a full month in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 23 days before the date which appears upon it.

CHILDERSBURG, ALA.—Begins Feb. 26 with Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler. (Emmiett Jones is Pastor.)

STOUTLAND, MO.—Feb. 12-26 with Evangelist and Mrs. Sherman Matney. (Lillian Bailey is Pastor.)

ARDMORE, OKLA.—Feb. 12-26 at Lighthouse Assembly of God; Evangelist Otis Moore, Houston, Tex.—by Leslie Moore, Pastor.

JASONVILLE, IND.—Children's revival, begins Mar. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. F. Fortier, Elkhart, Ind.—by H. J. Keener, Pastor.

BLYTHER, CALIF.—Begins Feb. 28 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Bob Williams, gospel artist.—by Dalton E. Webber, Pastor.

STRASBURG, COLO.—Feb. 19-Mar. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. R. I. Wynkoop.—by T. H. Griffin, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—Began Feb. 12 at Benning Park Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy White. (Delma Whitehead is Pastor.)

CELINA, OHIO—Feb. 28—Mar. 11; Assembly of God, Market and Vine Sts.; Tanner Team, Willmar, Minn.—by William M. Spicer, Pastor.

CEMENT, OKLA.—Workers Training Course, Feb. 26-Mar. 4; N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (J. C. Lewis is Pastor.)

BATON ROUGE, LA.—Begins Feb. 21 at Calvary Assembly of God, 3688 Clayton Dr; Evangelist Eldon Bryce.—by Ira M. Bryce, Pastor.

BILLINGS, MONT.—Feb. 12-26 at First Assembly of God, Musical Mathans, Kansas City, Mo. (Raymonds White is Pastor.)

HASTINGS, NEBR.—Begins Feb. 19 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Moses Copeland and Family, Holton, Kans.—by Herman W. Lebsack, Pastor.

MOBILE, ALA.—Feb. 12-26 at First Assembly of God, 1251 Montrose St.; Evangelist W. A. Hines, Detroit, Mich.—by E. L. Black, Pastor.

CRESTVIEW, FLA.—Feb. 19-Mar. 4 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Carl C. Haas and Party. (S. E. Breland is Pastor.)

MIDLAND, TEX.—Began Feb. 8 with Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (R. I. Stewart is Pastor.)

ARDMORE, OKLA.—Workers Training Course at Lighthouse Assembly, Mar. 4-11. N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (Leslie Moore is Pastor.)

SEDRO WOOLLEY, WASH.—Began Feb. 5 at Bethel Tabernacle; Evangelist Sidney White, Auburn, Wash.—by W. V. Kononen, Pastor.

DELTA, COLO.—Began Feb. 12 with Evangelist Judy Moss, Dallas, Tex.—by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pilot, Pastors.

CORSICANA, TEX.—Begins Feb. 15 at First Assembly of God; Musical VanderPloegs, Toledo, Ohio.—by Guy Phillips, Pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—Feb. 15-Mar. 4 at Full Gospel Church, 813 S. 8th St.; Busse Evangelistic Team, New York City. (Russell Williams is Pastor.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Feb. 28- Mar. 11 at Metarie Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert R. Bayless. (L. O. Waldon is Pastor.)

CALDWELL, KANS.—Feb. 28-Mar. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. David Sandall and family, Augusta, Kans.—by John T. Morar, Pastor.

BARSTOW, CALIF.—Began Feb. 12 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Fleming.—by A. K. Moore, Pastor.

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Feb. 14- Mar. 4 at Full Gospel Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney. (M. C. Cronic is Pastor.)

TORONTO, ONT., CANADA—Feb. 19-Mar. 4 at West End Pentecostal Church, 65 Ford St.; Evangelist C. S. Tubby. (William Oliver is Pastor.)

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Began Feb. 12 at Normal Assembly of God, 3577 Southern Ave.; Evangelist A. C. Bates, Waxahachie, Tex.—by Floyd H. Jones, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Feb. 12-26 at Maplewood Assembly of God; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh, Jacksonville, Fla. (Ray R. Soper is Pastor.)

CLEVELAND, OKLA.—Feb. 12-26 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. D. L. Bullock, Bixby, Okla. (C. J. Tomlinson is Pastor.)

MT. EPHRAIM, N. J.—Feb. 12-26 at Bethel Tabernacle; Evangelist and Mrs. Theunis Botha, Deseronto, Ont., Canada—by Ernest E. Edwards, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—Begins Feb. 19 at Faith Assembly of God, 4909 E. Morris; Evangelist Allen Mallory, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—by Roy H. Tregenza, Pastor.

BELLINGHAM, WASH.—City-wide Workers Training Course at Calvary Temple, Feb. 27-Mar. 2; Robert Pirtle, National S. S. Representative, instructor. (J. E. Wilderman is Pastor.)

WAVERLY, N. Y.—Tri-City Area Meeting at First Baptist Church, opposite Junior High School; Feb. 8-Mar. 4; Evangelist L. C. Robie.—by Kenneth C. Clark, Pastor.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—Began Feb. 5 at First Assembly of God; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (G. P. Hertweck is Pastor.)

MARINETTE, WIS.—Begins Feb. 22 at Assembly of God, Carney and Shore Dr.; Evangelist and Mrs. John McDuff, Texas City, Tex. (Jim Hammann is Pastor.)

ROBINSON, ILL.—Began Feb. 8 at Full Gospel Assembly of God, 802 E. Emmons St.; Evangelist Milton R. Scarles. (Walter Batman, Jr., is Pastor.)

LAMESA, TEX.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at First Assembly of God, 1301 N. 2nd St.; Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards, Garland, Tex.—by J. W. Farmer, Pastor.

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Begins Feb. 26 at Church of the Redeemed (Assembly of God); Evangelist Joseph DeGrado, Los Angeles, Calif.—by E. L. Snyder, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Feb. 19 (one night only) at Calvary Assembly of God, 4635 N. 16th St.; Richard J. Bergstrom, Superintendent of New Jersey District.—by Robert L. Watters, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Fellowship Meeting and Revivaltime Rally at Tri-City Park Assembly, 12th and Meridian, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. C. M. Ward, guest speaker. R. D. Shaw, host pastor.—by Paul V. Chamless, Presbyterian.

WOODSTOCK, ILL.—Dedication and Fellowship Meeting at Assemblies of God Church, 115 E. Willow Ave., Feb. 20. Paul Bredesen speaking at 2:30 p.m. and W. R. Williams at 7:30 p.m.—by David L. Peterson, Pastor.

WYOMING DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION— Mar. 6-8 at First Assembly of God, 2300 Pioneer Ave., Cheyenne, Wyo. Bert Webb, Phil Wannenmacher, and Bob Pirtle, Springfield, Mo., will minister. O. Cope Budge is host pastor.—by Clarence Brotzman, District S. S. Director.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT—Feb. 20-22 at Lake Bonny Bible Camp Auditorium, Lakeland, Fla. C. C. Burnett, Vice President, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. First service at 7:30 Monday night.—by J. W. Collins, District Secretary, Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

NEW ADDRESSES

Pastor H. G. Strahsburg, Jefferson, Ohio
G. H. Brace, 2224 W. 4th St., Joplin, Mo.
"Pastoring Second Assembly of God."

Pastor Lester A. Windle, Box 277, Republic, Mo.
D. F. Leader, 805 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.
Ross P. Simmons, 569 Kalamazoo St., South Haven, Mich. "Pastoring South Haven Assembly of God."

Evangelist John H. McCullough, 107 E. Sinto, Spokane, Wash.

Pastor Leo S. Starnier, 619 W. College Ave., State College, Pa.

J. E. Friend, 1005 E. 29th St., Marion, Ind.
Pastor and Mrs. George Wiggin, Box 413, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

Evangelist Woodrow Oxner, 1414 W. Poplar, Springfield, Mo.

N. R. Dickerson, 3526 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, Calif.

Kenneth Crouse, 1802 - 14th Ave., Greeley, Colo.
"Resigned church in Bridgeport, Nebr. to enter evangelistic field."

Pastor Douglas Ramsey, Cando, N. Dak.
Evangelist and Mrs. George O. Flora, % 103 W. 6th Sixth St., Hutchinson, Kans. "Entering full-time evangelistic work."

Pastor F. J. Papiernik, 307 Highland Ave., Turtle Creek, Pa.

Franklin Roop, Box 62, Alvord, Tex. "Pastoring Faith Temple Assembly of God."

Carl E. Reynolds, 201 W. Missouri St., Tucson, Ariz.

Evangelist Johnny Hoskins, % Bethel Gospel Park, Brooks, Ore.

Carl W. Heinrich, 315 Main Ave., Kaukauna, Wis. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

Harold E. Beaty, Box 38, Brooks, Ore. "Since I had a heart attack in October, I have resigned the Assembly in Stayton, Ore. I plan to go into evangelistic work as soon as my health permits."

Ernest G. Mattson, Camas, Wash. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

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James C. Kofahl, 24th and Grand, Granite City, Ill. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Pastor C. G. Fuston, Box 33, Cayuga, Tex.

Robert Wallace, 33 Grove Ave., Old Orchard Beach, Maine. "Due to serious illness, I will be off the evangelistic field until September. All meetings up to September have been cancelled."

Kenneth D. Baker, 2617 Ross St., Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Tate, 614 N. Center St., Cumberland, Md.

George Rochier, Box 486, Timpson, Tex. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

Evangelist Jimmy and Ellagene Mayfield, 531 Robinson Pl., Shreveport, La.

Walter E. Magill, De Cou Rd., R.D. 1, Laurel Springs, N. J. "Moved into new parsonage."

Pastor Ted Vassar, Box 1054, Levelland, Tex.

Pastor Floyd H. Jones, 888 N. Highland, Memphis, Tenn.

R. B. Collins, 229 Warren Ave., Thomasville, Ga. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Peter Jepsen, Box 55, Sedona, Ariz.

Thomas E. Shumate, 4816 Fairview Ave., Downers Grove, Ill. "Pastoring Suburban Assembly of God."

F. A. and Inez Sturgeon, 3195 Hilyard St., Eugene, Oreg. "Resigned pastorate in Oakland, Calif. to re-enter field of missionary-evangelism. We will minister first in Peru and then in Europe."

OPEN FOR CALLS

PASTORAL OR EVANGELISTIC

Helen Cox and Mabel, Virginia, Ill. "Have resigned church in Virginia effective Mar. 1."

F. Lamar McGown (former army chaplain), 6937 Kernel, Houston, Tex.

MISCELLANEOUS

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Frankford Full Gospel Church, 4923 Darrah St., Philadelphia, Pa. has been changed to Frankford Assembly of God.—Frank G. Sharp, Pastor.

CONTACTS WANTED—If you have friends attending Penn State University in State College, Pa., kindly send me their names and addresses.—Leo S. Starnier, 619 W. College Ave., State College, Pa.

ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP—A fellowship dinner for CBI-Bethel alumni will be held Friday, February 24, at 7 p.m. at Sloane House (YMCA), 356 W. 34th St., New York City. Guest speaker will be Sidney Regnier, Assistant Chaplain of Connecticut State Prison. For reservation please contact Swen E. Johnson (President, New York-New Jersey chapter) at 38 Evelyn Place, Nutley, N. J.

WITH CHRIST

WILLIAM J. MALVANEY, 30, Hartline, Wash. went to be with the Lord Jan. 6, 1956. Brother Malvaney was ordained in 1951. He worked as an evangelist and pastored the Assembly in Hartline for several years.

IRVING S. FLEMING, 65, Port Huron, Mich., went to his heavenly reward January 13, 1956. Brother Fleming was ordained in 1917. He was serving as pastor of the Applegate Assembly.

Is It Genuine?

by NATHANAEL OLSON



A man wrote this amusing note to the Treasury Department: "Last year I cheated on my income tax, and I haven't had a good night's rest since. So I enclose twenty-five dollars.

If I still can't sleep, I'll send you the rest."

No doubt you smile at this man's queer confession. But how about your repentance for your sins against the Lord—is it genuine? You must answer this question fairly and squarely, for it counts for time and eternity.

What is repentance? Someone has defined it as "being sorry enough to quit." The Greek word for repentance means "a change of mind"—not a superficial change of mind, but a basic change in ideals, attitudes, and motives.

Genuine repentance is not a mere working up of the emotions. Nor is it feeling sorry for oneself because he got caught. Neither is it repentance merely to ask God to forgive your sins and then deliberately commit those same sins again. Repentance is being sorry enough to completely quit all known sin. Oh, how this old sin-silly, crime-crazy, hell-bound world needs the old-time, heaven-sent repentance!

The Bible clearly points out two types of sorrow for sin: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (2 Cor. 7:10). I have a friend who received this "godly sorrow" which "worketh repentance." He now lives a happy Christian life. But my friend's brother lived a fast life of sinful pleasure and ended it by suicide. Poor soul! He knew "the sorrow of the world" which "worketh death."

Friend, watch out! The "sorrow of this world" can ruin your life here and hereafter. You need a "godly sorrow," a genuine repentance which will result in peace, joy and spiritual life. It will cause you to hate the sinful things you once loved, and to love the sacred things you once hated. You need such a life-transforming experience through faith in the Son of God.

Hear this! "God . . . commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Friend, now is the time to repent sincerely of your many sins. It is either now or never—either Christ or chaos, salvation or damnation for you! Therefore repent of your sins, receive Christ as your personal Saviour, and then live humbly for Him. Do not delay! Repent today!