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Looking Over the Mail

Ever since New Year's, when we changed the size and style of the Evangel, we have been receiving unsolicited comments from readers all over the land that have encouraged us very much. We have been saving these unsolicited cards and letters, and they have become quite a stack.

Would you like to look over our mail? Of course, you haven't time to read all of it, but here are a few quotations which might serve as a sampling. We will select them from various parts of the country. Most of the writers, it happens, are ministers. Here is what they say:

BROOKVILLE, PA.—We wish to take this opportunity to give the staff a few words of encouragement and congratulations relative to the "new" Evangel. The set-up, print, pictures, messages—well, just everything from cover to cover is excellent.—Vernon Boyer.

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CHAUMONT, N.Y.—We are enjoying your larger paper a lot. The articles and stories are of the highest spiritual quality.—Harold Warner.

ONOWAY, ALBERTA, CANADA—I would like to express my pleasure at the enlargement and improvement of the Evangel. Today as I was reading the Evangel the Lord gripped my soul through the message of the printed page, and I'm sure that in order for that to take place the writing and printing of the article was backed by prayer.—A. W. Sorge.

CLIFTON, ARIZ.—I really enjoy the larger Evangel. It is my favorite reading matter.—B. S. Bates.

MACOMB, ILL.—The Evangel is one of the finest papers in print, and I would sincerely like to see it in every home in America. It is so much better since it has been enlarged, giving you more room for variety.—F. H. Toliver.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Please let me congratulate you on the new enlarged Evangel. It is well worth the increased price.—D. A. Edwards.

We have prayed very earnestly that God would guide each one who has a part in producing the new, larger Evangel. We have asked Him to help us make it a means of greater blessing to the readers. These cards and letters indicate that He is answering this prayer, and for this we do thank Him.

May we ask each reader to pray for the magazine, and to help it gain a large circulation. Does every family in your church read the Evangel regularly? How about the unsaved parents of the children who come to your Sunday School? Weekly copies of the Evangel might help to win them for Christ. Does each visitor at your church receive an Evangel as a souvenir of his visit? Do you leave an Evangel in each home you visit? There are so many ways of using the Evangel to promote God's Kingdom. Let us all join wholeheartedly in a campaign to give every family and every person in the community an opportunity to receive the same blessing that we enjoy so much.

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A lighted match, dropped in a vast forest,
may destroy millions of dollars' worth of property—
yet it cannot compare with the damage
caused by words carelessly dropped.

The TONGUE Is a FIRE!

by C. M. WARD

Revivaltime Speaker

THE TONGUE IS A FIRE, A WORLD OF INIQUITY: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell" (James 3:6).

The tongue is an indication of spiritual health as well as physical health. James got a shock as he received a Holy Ghost revelation of the deadly, far-reaching effects of the sin of tattling, whispering, evil-speaking, defaming, bearing false witness, spreading wrong reports, and repeating gossip. We need that same kind of shock today. The pulpit has become strangely quiet about something that the Bible emphasizes.

The Bible says, "Thou shalt not go up and down a talebearer among the people." There are no extenuating circumstances. The command is simply, "Thou shalt not!" You cannot serve God and at the same time break this commandment. Paul said this about people with careless tongues, "The poison of asps is under their lips." The asp is a snake so deadly that its poison kills almost instantly and without remedy. Such is the poison of scandal and suspicion.

"Behold," cried James, "how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" A match is carelessly dropped and a magnificent forest is reduced to an ash heap. It is a terrifying and sickening sight. And yet, neighbor, to drop a match in a vast forest and destroy millions of dollars' worth of property is a slight matter compared with dropping words which destroy homes, break hearts, blast lives, and spoil the work of God for generations to come.

God's Word says, "Six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, . . . a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Of all the sermons preached by Brother Ward on the Revivaltime broadcasts, more listeners asked for mimeographed copies of THE TONGUE IS A FIRE than any other sermon. It deserves a wide circulation.

Here is a sin that draws the wrath of God as steel draws lightning! What high carnival there must be in hell as devils peering through the rusty grating watch the scandalmonger pass from home to home and from person to person sowing his poisonous seed! What could be more devilish than sowing "discord among brethren"?

Paul classed the backbiter with haters of God, murderers, and fornicators, and he said, "They which commit such things are worthy of death." Let me ask you, "Why don't we see the seriousness of this thing as God sees it?" It is not a trivial weakness. It is a moral collapse, so wicked that it is put into the same class as murder and adultery. The Psalmist asked the question, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" In other words, "Who is going to heaven?" The answer follows, "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour." To make sure about this, read James again. He says, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, . . . this man's religion is vain." As surely as two and two make four, God's "holy hill" is closed to the man or woman who can't control his tongue.

Why is this such a deadly sin? God alone knows the blasted hopes, the broken hearts, the wrecked homes, and murdered influence which are the direct results of this sin. Nothing is sacred to those who engage in this sin. Neither home, nor virtue, nor church, nor state, nor reputation are safe from their attacks. Think of what this sin will do to you unless it is confessed and cleansed from your life.



It will destroy you. "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein."

First, it will cause you to become hard and harsh and cruel. It will sear your conscience.

Second, it will make you untruthful and insincere. You will pass along half-truths as truths. By a knowing wink or a suggestive silence you will malign a perfectly good character. You will take a single sentence out of its context and make it to say something it was never intended to say. This sin will cause you to watch for opportunities for self-advancement at the price of another's misfortune.

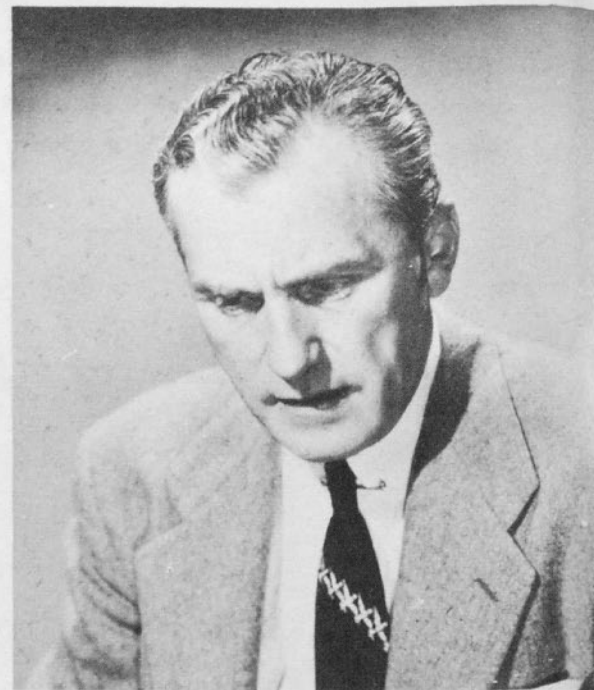
Third, this sin will turn you into a moral coward. Ninety-nine times out of one hundred you wouldn't dare face the person you have slandered. The Bible describes it like this, "The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart." It is a wonder that such a person dare profess manhood or womanhood, to say nothing about religion!

Fourth, this sin will make you arrogant and careless. A man who doesn't bridle his tongue gets into the habit of appointing himself as judge, jury, and court. He brings in his own evidence, passes sentence, and proceeds to punish the prisoner without any kind of investigation. God's Word asks, "Why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?" And again, "To his own master he standeth or falleth." And once more, "Judge nothing before the time." Neighbor, God has never given the prerogative of judgment to any

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God Has The *ANSWERS*

God has all the answers for dynamic living--the key to mastery over the self-life and discordant circumstances.



LETTERS HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY COMING to me from people in need of spiritual help, many of them Christians desperate over their lack of spirituality and power. Many are having struggles over nervous tension, confusion, unrest, anxiety, fear, frustration, failure, defeat, sickness, and affliction. Life's problems are very real. Human hearts are longing to find the path to deliverance, the way of peace, happiness, prosperity, success.

But to what shall we turn? Books designed to strengthen will power? Psychiatry, psychology, philosophy? Forms of religion which too often miss the very heart of Christianity? Ah, no! These things in themselves are inadequate. They will not suffice. We must have something greater and beyond them all, and we have it—the unfailing Word of God. And you can count on it! God has all the answers!

One day I was walking down a Chicago street questioning something, when a flash came to me like a light from heaven. The Spirit of God spoke to my heart. It was as plain as an audible voice: "Be still, and know that I am God." These were familiar words, but never had they meant so much to me as they did just then. Let us ponder over them now: "BE STILL!"

Get quiet in body and in spirit before the Lord. Think about that scriptural exhortation, "Study to be quiet." Remember, "in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." If we can only learn this lesson, what a blessing it will be!

The rush and roar, the hectic pace of modern living have been exacting their toll in many ways: Nerves on edge! Tempers ready to explode! Strained faces! Physical exhaustion! Perhaps even more desperate penalties! Confusion rushes in

upon people until they can hardly think. Difficulties present a tangling maze, seemingly impossible to unravel. Distressing problems raise insurmountable barriers. How is one ever to have peace and rest of soul?

Take yourself in hand. You must have periods of relaxation and quietness! Make up your mind to drop everything and shut yourself in with the Lord. Shut out all the disturbing things of life. You don't have time? Then make the time. Set aside a daily time to do this—and do it!

BE still and KNOW! God wants to give us a revelation of ourselves. And He waits to reveal Himself to us. Yield to Him in the stillness of His presence so that He may be able to show you the roadblocks which obstruct your pathway. No one can live a dynamic, winning life when worry, irritability, ill will, anger, animosities, resentments, grudges, and such things clutter the inner being. All these things must be dealt with and put away. Get into the will of God. As you wait upon Him you will hear a tender voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Be still and KNOW THAT HE IS GOD! God has the remedy for every human ill. Are you perplexed by failure and frustration? God says, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Do you feel your insufficiency to face life and meet its demands? There is freedom from an inferiority complex. Let these words get hold of you: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Does the tormenting spirit of fear rise up like a ghastly specter to strike terror to your soul? Heart attacks! Cancer! Sickness! Insecurity! Fear of the future! Reverses! Danger! Death! "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

Are you upset, worried, troubled? God enjoins, "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Have you been confined in some prison of trial? God entreats, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Put in your call! Begin to look to God for the answers.

Are you sick? God declares, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

How marvelously comprehensive is the Word of God! And full well do many of us know these Scriptures. But we have been all too lax in employing them. Still God has the help we need, the deliverance, the solution, the way out. Ask God your questions; but don't question God's answers. Do what God tells you to do and victory is certain.

Yes, God is God, great in counsel, infinite in wisdom, almighty in power! He is immeasurably above man, the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, yet He dwells "with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." As you place all that concerns your life into His hands and trust Him, hindrances will disappear,

disappointments dissolve, difficulties vanish; and you will find there is nothing too hard for Him.

I sometimes wonder if we Christians have forgotten to recognize the presence of the indwelling Christ. We have heard those words of the Apostle, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Christ—the One without whom nothing was made that was made, the Lord of all power in heaven and in earth—*Christ liveth in me!*

Beloved fellow Christian, as you get still before the Lord, repeat these words over and over again. You might like to proclaim them aloud in the room when

you are alone: "Christ liveth in me! Christ liveth in me! He lives! He lives! In me! Today!"

Meditate upon these words. Say them often. Let them get hold of you until faith takes fire, until the very thought of Christ living in you fills your entire being, and your soul is shouting within for sheer glory over His divine indwelling.

Think of it! The Miracle-worker on the inside! The wonderful Saviour! The Great Physician! The glorious Victor! The very life of Christ pulsating through your being! His light for your darkness! His love for your lovelessness! His faith for your doubts, His courage for your fears, His strength for your weakness, His health

for your sickness! He has come to dwell in you, in that physical body which is His, to be in you just everything that you need. You can say: "His peace is mine, His grace, His victory. His healing virtue permeates every cell and fiber of my body. I am invigorated, renewed; I am strengthened, I am healed. Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."

It was at a moment of heart-hunger for some little word from the Lord that I reached over to the dining table one day and opened my Bible at random. There lay before me the Book of Micah, the third chapter. The Lord directed my attention to a portion of the eighth verse:

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Accident Victim Recovers Through Prayer

On August 23, 1954, I was attempting to move a small barber shop with an F-20 Farmall tractor. The load was so heavy that the front wheels of the tractor would rise up or the back wheels would spin.

In a final effort to move the shop, I lunged forward with full throttle. The wheels refused to spin. The front end came high into the air as I fought in vain to gain control. The tractor turned completely over on top of me. I was pinned under the tractor for fifteen minutes.

The doctor checked me at the hospital

and found a broken rib, a broken pelvis, a broken leg, and internal bleeding in my stomach. I lay from 2:15 p.m. Monday until 9 a.m. Thursday before an operation. A stomach specialist was called, and the doctors were 3½ hours performing the operation.

The doctor called my folk and showed them eleven feet of intestines that were taken out, along with all the stomach muscles. He tried to explain why I couldn't live. There were also blood clots on my lungs formed from the pressure in my stomach. My arms and legs were

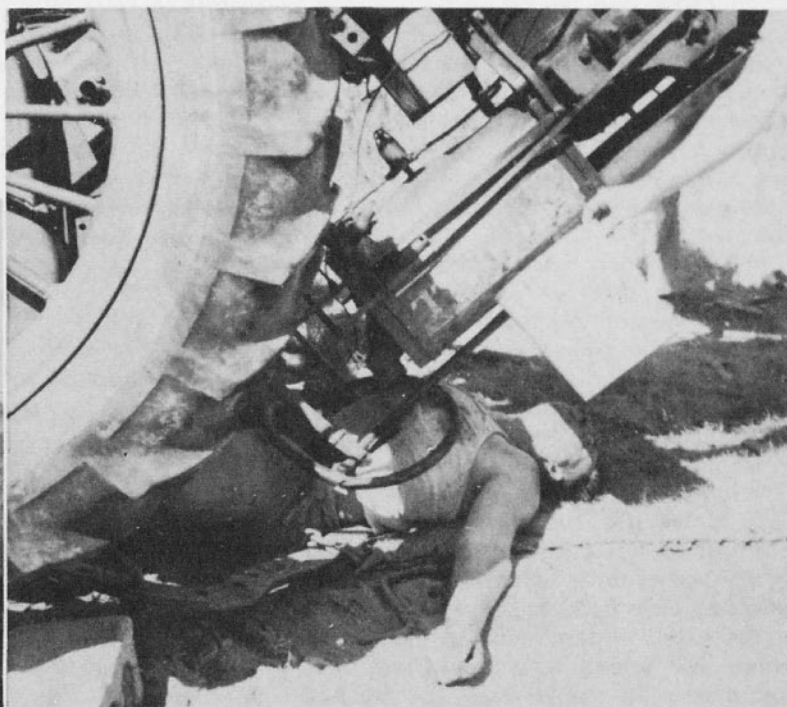
cold and had turned blue. My eyes were set, as death was taking its claim on my body. The doctors could not find my pulse.

Three medical doctors gave me only ten minutes to live. But preachers and laymen alike began to call on God for my healing. Thank the Lord, He heard their prayers. God came to the scene and overshadowed by body with His love and healing power.

On the seventh day from my accident I walked to the bathroom on the leg which had been broken. Ten days later I went home. The doctor told me I would never be able to lift over 45 pounds, but through God's healing power I was working in a milk depot two weeks later and continued doing an average man's work for over a year. At New Year's I quit my job to give my time to preaching and praying for the sick.—James W. Heath, Box 28, Kellyville, Okla.

(Endorsed by Chester Lavender, Pastor, Assembly of God, Kellyville, Okla.)

James W. Heath is shown below, standing in front of his tractor. He is a living testimony to the healing power of God. The photo at right shows Mr. Heath as he was pinned beneath his overturned tractor for fifteen minutes. Doctors gave him only ten minutes to live, but God healed him in answer to prayer.



Shammah stood his ground when his comrades ran before the Philistines, and God rewarded him. The church needs more Shammahs who will fight sin without compromise.

He Stood His Ground

by *Howard S. Bush*

South Florida District Superintendent

BUT HE STOOD IN THE MIDST OF THE ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great victory" (2 Sam. 23:12).

Shammah was one of David's greatest warriors. Of all the soldiers in the king's army, this man was in third place in bravery and faith. He was third in rank among David's mighty men—and remember, he did not attain this distinction by accident.

One day the masterminds of the Philistine army carefully planned a battle against the Israelites. They made sure that their men were well trained and cleverly deployed. They were confident of victory. However, in their strategy those generals overlooked the most important advantage of their enemy. They forgot the Lord God of Israel and His ability to work miracles under the most depressing circumstances and in the midst even of utter confusion and defeat.



Howard S. Bush

Soon after the attack of the Philistines, those in the front lines of Israel started to retreat, even though they had been trained to stand and fight. David's armies had been successful for many years in many varied battles, but now they were defeated.

Just how many were in the battle on Israel's side that day is not known. It does not matter. All that matters is that there was one person present who knew no defeat and was willing to believe God. Anything can happen under those circumstances, and on this day the seemingly impossible took place.

When everyone else in the forces of his country left the field of battle in fear and excitement, one man remained by his post of duty. Shammah didn't run; he didn't turn back. He stood his ground in the midst of the field, an open field where the enemy could surround him and where he would have the poorest

opportunities to defend himself. It must have been an amazing sight to the Philistines.

Before this event it would have been considered impossible for one man to defeat a whole army. Yet now it was happening. The rest of the Israelites probably stopped a safe distance away to see what would happen to their friend. The Philistines had ceased their drive and were concentrating on Shammah. The Israelites shuddered as they realized that there was no hope for him. Surrounded by foes, he would be dead in only a matter of seconds.

Dead? No, not the man who has faith in God. I believe that Shammah called on the name of the Lord and placed his hand in God's. After all, he was fighting this battle for the Lord and His kingdom. In the name of the Almighty God whom he loved and worshiped, Shammah plunged into the thick of the fight. He stood his ground. This amazing Israelite would not accept defeat. He had faith in God. Others could have helped him fight the battle if they had wanted to, but they chose to stay safely on the sidelines. What could one lone man do

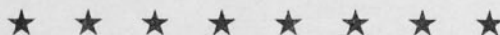
against a multitude? He could defend the ground; and defend it he did, with such skill and force that the enemy was completely taken aback and defeated.

Yes, it was by no accident that Shammah attained to the third position among the greatest chiefs in the kingdom. He was honored by David because of his heroism, and he held his exalted position in the kingdom until David's death. His courage did not flicker, but remained bright with hope and faith. And Shammah's name is preserved in the Word of God as one of the great men of courage.

Today's battles are not all fought with armies, navies, and air forces. There are constant pressures being put upon everyone. The battlefield has become more complex. There is the battle between truth and error, between good and evil, between the spirit and the flesh, between our longings for heaven and the demands of earthly life. There are battles in the fields of politics, economics, medicine, education. There are a thousand burdens and problems squeezing a little tighter upon men, threatening to confuse and bring about a yielding to sin.

It may be that everyone around you has released his grip on truth, and says it isn't worth while to buck the tide of unbelief and error. There are those whose eyes are dim because of living in darkness, and they cannot distinguish between good and evil. No fine line exists for them. They shrug their shoulders and express their indifference to those who clearly mark the pathway between right and wrong.

Have you ever examined your own heart and life to determine what part of your nature is uppermost? Is it the spirit for a moment only, and the flesh the rest of the time? Do you rise only on rare occasions to the mountain peaks of victory, and spend most of your life in those dull and jaded valleys? My brother, Shammah conquered the flesh; he conquered his fears; he conquered his desires for personal safety. He remained at his post of duty faithfully and received his reward for heroic action.

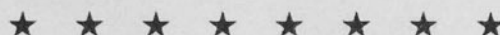


VICTORY!

We cannot be unconscious of the lions
In the pathway of the Christian
Warrior today.

There are Satanic powers arrayed
Against him, worldly enticements
Forever assailing him,
Difficulties confronting him;
Before these he might well quail and
Fail in the persistence of prayer,
Were it not that he has with him
One whose name is El Shaddai,
The All-Sufficient.

—Gordon Watt



In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus said, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." But too often we use the weakness of the flesh as an excuse for laziness, when we could have the victory if we were willing to pay the price. The cares of this life keep many a saint from reaching for greater victories. The Christian's desire for God is encouraged in spiritual meetings, and he makes many a promise to do better, but only practical righteousness will receive the commendation of our Saviour.

Yes, the minds and hearts of men are a battleground between right and wrong. With compromise on every hand, we need men and women who will stand their ground, defend the truth, exalt the Word, honor the Spirit, respect the brethren, and support the gospel!

Christian friend, your place in this life is not with the crowd that ran before the Philistines from the field of battle. Your place is with Shammah. Stand with God for truth and righteousness in your home, your church, your school, your commun-

ity, your business. Men will respect you and God will honor you if you will take your stand. The miracle of victory came only because one man dared to believe God. Will you be such a one—one who stands when others fall? Can God depend upon you to hold steady under pressure? There is a reward for the faithful. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

A timely word for youth—

NOT WASTED!

Some might call it waste, but in reality Christian service can yield richer dividends than any worldly pursuit.

WHEN MARY BROKE THE ALABASTER box of very precious ointment over the head of Jesus, the disciples said, "For what purpose was this waste?" The world often says concerning children of God, and especially concerning consecrated young people, "What waste." What purpose of value is there in that person's separating from the world which offers him so much pleasure or gain? Why waste such a promising life?

Well do I remember the first step I took in definite Christian service. Principally, I did the janitor work in connection with a hall which had been rented for a pioneer gospel effort. Meetings were held each afternoon and night. In the mornings I first cleaned the place of worship, then went to the home of a tailor, who also grew carnations as a side business. There I worked until the noon hour for my dinner.

The tailor permitted me to occupy a bunk in the rear of his place of business. One day his daughter said to me, "Why do you not remain with us and learn the tailoring trade? You are young and there is no future in what you are now doing. And remember, unless you get ahead while you are young, you never will. When you get older you will find it to be too late." She thought my effort to be waste, and well she might, for I showed at that time no aptitude as a preacher.

We may expect such thoughts from the world, since "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." But it was dis-

by E. S. WILLIAMS

Former General Superintendent

principles who declared Mary's devotion to be waste, and there are times when those of the household of faith may think our efforts waste also.

If we are to look at things from the viewpoint of hard common sense, we must decide with the disciples that it was waste for Mary to pour forth the ointment so lavishly. Just a little could have filled the room with fragrance—why pour out so much? If we are to weigh everything by the value given to utility and wise distribution, there is that in devotion which to the worldly mind is waste.

Mary, in breaking the box of ointment, followed her heart rather than her head. A proper use of reason is necessary, but let us beware lest reason close the avenues of distribution of affection. Mary acted from her heart. If her act was foolish, it was the foolishness of love. She used the best means that she knew in seeking to express her love. Hers was an act of devotion—and God would rather have what the natural man might consider waste, when given in love, than all the refinements of giant intellects from hearts which are cold.

Let ordinary believers, and men of the world, cry against devoted lovers of Jesus; let them talk about a lack of proper poise and intelligence; but give us more persons like Mary, who love Jesus so much they take delight in bestowing on Him the best they have.

Some spend much time waiting on God; the carnal believer says this is "waste" and nonsense. In worship there sometimes seems to be waste in manifestations and intensified praise. Reason must not be thrown to the winds—we do not advocate foolishness in religion—yet we find that, when lives are deeply in love with Jesus, they may overstep the bounds of perfect balance. Let us concede that intensified emotions are not always signs of deep devotion. With such intensification there may be evidences of shallowness. The devotion may be not so much love for Christ as it is love for personal enjoyment. Israel had plenty of noise and emotion when they danced around the golden calf—emotion which was not supported by holy living. But there come times when the devoted soul is lost in love—when the human frame cries for expression, its one desire being that it might give glory to God by whom it has been redeemed. Such expression Jesus loves.

On the other hand, love may be perfectly still. Mary showed the same devotion when she sat at Jesus' feet, listening to His voice, as when she broke the alabaster box of ointment. Both her breaking the box and her sitting still were looked upon by some as "waste." In the one instance it was called waste of ointment; in the other it was called waste of time.

In the eyes of Michal, David's wife, it was waste when David danced before the ark on its return to Zion. To her it was more than waste; she thought it was

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Understanding God's Program

by S. S. SCULL, Mesa, Arizona

JESUS SAID, "HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT discern this time" (Luke 12:56)?

We are living in a momentous time for both the world and the Church. God is now setting the stage for the last stupendous act of the drama of the ages. For us it is a time when we need clear discernment and understanding, lest we become involved in the fear and confusion that envelopes the world. Our Lord described this day as a time of perplexity and confusion, when "men's hearts [are] failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25, 26).

I have lived over a long period of time. I have witnessed the aftermath of four wars, and in all that time I never heard so much about peace as I am now hearing. The cry comes from all the governments of earth. From pulpits and platforms comes the cry, "Peace, peace," but there is no genuine peace. And there will be no lasting peace until the Prince of Peace comes.

The hopes of the world are centered on the United Nations organization. Multitudes of Christians also hope for peace from this source. This is a vain hope, never to be realized. The underlying purpose of the U. N., to bring peace to a warring world and then to preserve it, is praiseworthy but it is man's effort to save himself without God. Christian nations have entered into solemn covenant with pagan, godless, God-hating nations. God's help and guidance are not sought and His name is never mentioned. "What communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" The U. N. is doomed to utter and ignominious failure, and in the meantime it furnishes a cover and opportunity to the godless to carry on their wicked propaganda.

I do not pray for peace. I pray for righteousness, which will produce peace. But I know that in this present age there will always be many people who will not walk in the paths of righteousness, and their course will lead the nations into war. Therefore I pray that God's plan for the nations will be carried out. We are clearly taught that He has a plan for the nations, and for the church, and for the ages. I pray that God will cause the wrath of man to praise Him, and the wars of man

to fulfill His design. Jesus foretold in Matthew 24 that in the end time there would be wars and rumors of wars. These, He said, were but the beginning of sorrows to culminate in the tribulation that accompanies war more terrible than any this earth has ever seen or ever will see again. For the elect's sake God will shorten those tribulation days; otherwise no flesh would be saved. This is well understandable in this atomic age.

But this dark picture need cause no fear or gloom to those who trust in Christ. These world conditions are but the harbingers of a glorious day. Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Hallelujah! What an uplook!

Do not look about you for your hope, consolation, understanding. "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (Isa. 60:2). Keep looking up. Light comes from above.

*"A better day is coming,
A morning promised long,
When girded right with holy might
Shall overthrow the wrong.
When Christ our Lord will listen
To every plaintive cry,
And stretch His hand o'er every land
In justice by and by."*

We need to understand what God is doing in the earth today, for a great movement of spiritual force and power is everywhere evident. I think it was Myer Pearlman who said, "In the Upper Room and subsequently God began the fulfillment of His promise to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, but He has not yet filled full His mighty promise." Ever since the advent of modern-day Pentecost I have believed and preached that there would be a mightier Pentecost and world-wide revival before the coming of the Lord. Very few believed it, and some stoutly opposed it. I am glad that God has spared and extended my life to see the beginning of a revival unequalled since time began. Praise the Lord!

The Lord is pouring out of His Spirit, and Spirit-filled men and women are going into lands of raw heathenism and drawing multitudes of pagans to hear the gospel of Jesus. By these chosen vessels and by radio He is fast sending out this message for a witness to every nation.

This mighty wave of spiritual power

will increase more and more until it sweeps over the earth like a tidal wave. It will inundate the closed lands, the lands behind the Iron Curtain. It is a power they cannot arrest, cannot imprison, cannot liquidate, cannot brain-wash. Thank God, all power belongs to Him in heaven and in earth; who can stop Him? God, give us understanding to discern this time.

Practically all great revival movements in time past have been led by some great man. Modern Pentecost has never had any such leader. It has girdled the globe with salvation and "holiness unto the Lord" through a host of Spirit-filled people, the Holy Spirit Himself being the Leader. God is not depending on any one man today.

He is, however, calling out consecrated men and women of vision and sending them out to all quarters of the earth, preaching the gospel of deliverance for soul and body, just as "Jesus began both to do and teach."

I have heard men expatiate quite eloquently about Peter's wonderful sermon in Acts 2, but I never regarded it in that light. It was not Peter's power or natural ability that moved the throng that day. It was that intangible, almost nameless something emanating from God that melted the hearts of the hearers that day. To God be all the glory!

So these men and women, whom I like to think of as chosen vessels, are not drawing the crowds by their power or ability or extraordinary preaching, but by the operation of that same manifestation of the Spirit's power. God is beginning to "fill full" His mighty promise to pour out His Spirit on all flesh in the last days, hence these crusaders are enabled to go into lands where age-old paganism and darkness prevail and draw tens of thousands to hear the gospel of Jesus preached. These chosen vessels are earthen vessels. Some will chip and crack under the strain. Some will fail through temptation to covetousness. Some will get puffed up with a sense of self-importance. But thank God, many of them have sold out to a life of selfless sacrifice, and will be faithful to the end.

God, give us understanding. If we are waiting for or expecting a revival having no objectionable features we must wait until the devil is dead or safely chained in the pit. Let us be careful about deprecating and criticizing any work of God, lest we fail Him in this time of

A thought-provoking article by a Pentecostal patriarch

world crisis. But let us rather pray earnestly that God would thrust forth more laborers into His harvest and keep them so humble by divine grace that they may continue as instruments through which He can manifest His divine power, till earth's millions are reached and the evangelization of the nations is completed, so bringing in the King.

Let us laborers of lesser opportunity see that no taint of envy or jealousy mars our service, for we are highly essential to the success of this mighty spiritual movement. Let us remember that in the early church only two deacons, Stephens and Philip, and only three apostles, Peter and Paul and John, got their names in the New Testament's list of "Who's Who;" but that does not mean that they were the only instruments God used in turning the world "upside down." It took the great army of lesser folk, who went everywhere preaching the gospel and living the life, to bring down the strongholds of age-old superstition and error. "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

Three Ripe Tomatoes

Up and down outside his cabin, John Clarke paced until he had almost worn a rut in the hard, sun-baked clay of the African compound.

Why did the Lord allow his wife to suffer so? Perhaps they should never have come to this lonesome jungle—with not a white man within hundreds of miles, not even a government outpost. Why in the world had they ever come to Africa? But no! That was doubting God. He had sent them here, and He had blessed their work; souls had been saved, a native church established. God wanted them here.

But why was He allowing Mina to die? And what about that strange request of hers—*three ripe tomatoes*? She thought they would help her, give her the necessary nourishment to pass the crisis.

As far as he knew, there were not three ripe tomatoes in the whole Belgian Congo. There might be some canned tomatoes at their distant outpost, but

ripe ones? They just did not grow tomatoes in this part of Africa.

As John stood looking down into his wife's face, a native servant appeared abruptly at the door and said there was a nearby tribeswoman out in front who wanted to see the missionary. She had come to him for advice. Food was scarce this season, but she was afraid to eat this queer fruit she had grown from seeds left her by a white man. Were they all right to eat?

As John Clarke peered into the crude basket she carried, he almost cried for joy. There in the basket were *three ripe tomatoes!* From seed sown months before, these tomatoes came now in answer to Mina's prayers, in rebuke to his doubts.

Mina ate the tomatoes and lived—lived for a successful ministry through the miraculous appearance of the ripe tomatoes.

—Miracles and Melodies

THIS WEEK'S COVER

Speed-the-Light Advances

The cover photo shows a historic event in our young people's missionary program, Speed-the-Light. Pictured is the 1,000th vehicle purchased by Speed-the-Light, as it is being lowered into the hold of the *M. V. DALOA* of the I.F.C. Lines at New York on January 12. This Ford station wagon will be used in Dahomey, French West Africa, by our missionary, James Chaney. It was purchased with offerings from the South Florida District.

Speed-the-Light is the missionary program of the Assemblies of God youth. Since its inception eleven years ago, \$1,900,020 has been given to purchase equipment to speed the gospel in 68 foreign countries. These funds have made it possible to send our missionaries 20 airplanes, 25 boats, 955 land vehicles, 87 pieces of printing equipment, and 350 pieces of radio equipment.

Last year was the greatest yet for Speed-the-Light. Receipts for 1955 amounted to \$259,411. This is \$41,570 more than the year before. Undoubtedly the driving zeal and never-failing missionary vision possessed by the Christ's Ambassadors and their leaders is largely responsible for the phenomenal increase in Speed-the-Light giving.

South Florida District pledged \$16,530 for 1955. Of this amount \$3,800 was designated for the Chaney vehicle. However, due to freight charges, duty, etc., it is costing approximately \$4,200 to deliver this vehicle to French West Africa. Additional funds for the Chaney vehicle came from South Texas District (G. L. Johnson, District C. A. President).

May the Christ's Ambassadors, with unabated missionary zeal, press forward untiringly to speed the gospel light until it shines in every darkened corner of the earth.



The above photograph shows Kenneth Short, National Speed-the-Light Representative, of Springfield, Mo., and Ray Harthern, South Florida District C. A. President, standing by the Speed-the-Light chart which reveals the fact that South Florida District achieved a spectacular increase in giving for 1955 as compared with the two preceding years.



James Swanson, Wesley Steelberg, Earl Walpole, A. Ohnell at Informatorium



The exhibit booths drew many interested workers at the Convention.

Showers of Blessing

In spite of heavy rain, attendance at First World Regional

WHILE FLOODS COVERED NORTHERN California, God's blessings were showered on the first World Missions convention in the history of the Assemblies of God as it convened in Fresno, California, January 24 to 26.

Not only was the convention a resounding success so far as the spiritual blessings were concerned, but it far exceeded expectation in attendance and participation as well. More than 7,500 persons attended the three evening services and an estimated 1,000 persons participated in the morning worship services and afternoon workshop sessions.

Walking and riding through driving rains, approximately 2,700 persons overflowed the auditorium the first evening as C. M. Ward, Revivaltime radio speaker, thrilled the hearts of all with a message entitled, "And Yet Once More." He said that God is once more shaking the world with Pentecostal power and giving His people an opportunity to preach the gospel to every creature.

Noel Perkin, executive director of the Foreign Missions Department, and Gayle F. Lewis, assistant general superintendent and executive director of the Home Missions and Women's Missionary Council

Departments, welcomed the gathering and called for a renewed vision for world missions.

Victor Trimmer, national secretary of the Home Missions Department, inspired the convention with an address on "God's Blueprint for Conquest." He stated that the strength of our foreign missionary program is dependent on the number of local missionary-minded churches we build in the U. S.

"We are in a battle—a campaign of conquest. But the battle is not for land and properties; it is for the souls of men," Brother Trimmer told the convention.

Floyd Woodworth welcomed convention to Fresno.



A colorful feature of the Fresno convention was the missionary pageant march.





Some of the people stopped in the lobby for a chat before the services.



The Latin American Bible Institute choir sang well.

at Fresno

Convention exceeded all expectations

"The war is not over," he said. "There are millions yet to be won for Christ. In the U. S. alone 129 million persons are not even enrolled in Sunday School."

Two interesting features of the Wednesday night service were the interviews conducted by Edith Whipple, National WMC Secretary, as she took the "roving mike" down into the congregation, and the story by a foreign missionary regarding his "Most Unforgettable Experience." John Hall, Assemblies of God missionary to French West Africa, told of a perilous and adventuresome trip he took through the jungles in a dugout canoe. The journey lasted 33 days!

Visual presentations of the home and foreign missionary program were among the highlights of the morning services. Twenty-four different workshops were offered in the afternoon sessions.

On Thursday night a pioneer pastor told the story of his "Most Unforgettable Experience." He was Brother W. J. Higgins of Bostonia, California, who has started 25 churches in 23 different states in the past 44 years.

Some 2,500 gathered for the closing service and listened as Willard Cantelon, an outstanding evangelist with a vision for world missions, traced the recent uprising of the Mau Mau in East Africa to a spiritual rebellion against Christianity. Brother Cantelon spent three months in Africa last year. He warned that forces of unrest are at work in the Dark Continent, and said that although Mau Mau gangs have been broken up by the British, the spirit of Mau Mauism lives on.

He pointed out that during his campaigns in India, too, he found conditions

very unsettled. He said that the future of missionary work in many parts of the world is very uncertain; therefore it is imperative that our churches mobilize all their forces for a great missionary advance without delay.

A poster contest for teen-agers, based on the convention theme, "Take Christ to the World," was won by Beryl Brnur of Fresno. She was presented a hand-carved ebony miniature bust from Africa. The second-place winner was Gloria Gimble of Turlock, who received a hand-carved miniature elephant from India.

The Fresno convention was the first of eight regional World Missions conventions being held this year in quick succession. By the time this report reaches the EVANGEL readers, the conventions at Portland, Denver, and St. Paul will be over. Four other conventions are yet to be held, as follows:

CENTRAL REGION

February 28—March 1
Metropolitan Methodist Church
Detroit, Michigan

NORTHEAST REGION

March 6 to 8
Convention Hall
Asbury Park, New Jersey

SOUTHEAST REGION

March 13 to 15
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

March 20 to 22
Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium
Fort Worth, Texas



Mystery missionary in the C. A. service was announced by Charles Harrell of Liberia



Mrs. H. B. Garlock (mystery missionary) told thrilling account of experiences in W. Africa



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

Russia Rejects Prayers at U. N.

The Soviet Union rejected a U. S. suggestion that sessions of the United Nations General Assembly be opened with audible prayer. The Soviet delegates asked the Assembly to continue the present practice of opening and closing each annual session with a minute of silence for prayer or meditation.

Movies Drawing Less Patrons Than Formerly

Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, has revealed that attendance at movies was 20 per cent lower in 1955, than it had been the previous year. One reason might be that more people are going to church; another reason might be that people don't need to go to theaters to see movies since there are so many on television!

Television's "School of Sin"

What might be called education in evil is now obtainable at the twirl of a knob on a radio or TV set. A Baptist editor says: "We wonder whether television sponsors know what they are doing to American youth." They are propagating a mixture of good and evil which is giving youngsters a liberal education in worldliness and crime. The National Association for Better Radio and Television is alarmed. "Murder, torture, sadism, morbid suspense, and other fear and tension-inducing elements are saturating children's minds." Television is changing individual lives, home life, and community life and the change is not for the better.

Lutheran Minister Denied Citizenship

A Lutheran clergyman's refusal to promise to bear arms for his country kept him from obtaining citizenship. Judge Bailey Aldrich in Federal District Court denied the application of Frederick N. Nisson, a German of Methuen, Mass., who came to this country almost thirty years ago and has been a Lutheran minister since 1939.

The Judge pointed out that the law grants exemption from the oath to bear arms only to persons who are opposed to performing any type of military service by reason of religious training and belief. The clergyman had conceded that his scruples were personal and not due to any religious training or church doctrine.

Methodists Called to Win "New America" for God

Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, has called on his fellow-Methodists to win a "New America" for Christ. He said that two million new family units will be established in the U. S. in the next ten years. Forty-two million babies will be born. There will be a net increase in the national population of 2,500,000 per year. This rising generation, he said, must be evangelized and the Methodist Church must have a large share in reaching this "New America" for God.

At present, he said, 69 million persons in the U. S. have no church affiliation. Nineteen million of these are youths from 12 to 23 years of age. "Every Christian must become a witness for Christ," he said. "Our church members need an experience with Christ until they have a concern for every unchurched person in the community."

Bible Reading Law Challenged in Tennessee

The Tennessee Supreme Court has been asked to rule on whether or not a state law requiring daily Bible reading in the public schools is constitutional.

Massachusetts Chaplains Oppose Capital Punishment

The Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish chaplains of the Massachusetts State Prison have urged legislators to abolish capital punishment in their State. They claim that scientific investigation and statistical compilations indicate the death penalty is no more effective than life imprisonment in deterring murderers.

Protestant Seminary Closed in Spain

A Roman Catholic newspaper in Geneva has joined with evangelicals in protesting the closing of the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Madrid, Spain. The editor said that the Spanish government's action in closing the Protestant seminary without legal cause would embarrass Catholics in various parts of the world who were insisting on their right to maintain Catholic schools.

Giant Radio Transmitters Purchased by F. E. B. C.

Two giant radio transmitters have been purchased by the Far East Broadcasting Company, the Christian radio station that sends out the gospel from Manila in many languages. The new transmitters, 50,000 and 100,000 watts respectively, were obtained from the U. S. government on sealed bid for less than one-twentieth of what they cost. They cost the U. S. Information Agency nearly \$750,000 but F. E. B. C. was able to get them for \$30,500. The addition of these new transmitters to the present equipment will give F. E. B. C. a radio voice as powerful as the international government stations.

Birth of American Foreign Missions Being Celebrated

The churches of Williamstown, Mass., are celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the birth of American Foreign Missions. It was a rainy afternoon in the summer of 1806 when five students from Williams College met in the lee of a haystack near the campus to consider the future of the world and their part in it.

After a heated discussion and much prayer, they decided to dedicate their lives to the well-being of people in foreign lands. Out of this decision grew the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the first organization to send missionaries from America across the seas. (See *Encyclopedia Britannica*—"Missions.")

In the 150 years since that time, American churches have sent abroad thousands of devoted Christian workers with the gospel and all the attendant blessings that its life-giving message brings. Today there is a monument on the spot where the haystack stood. On the top of it is a globe, under which is the inscription, "The Field Is the World." The names of the five students are also inscribed: Samuel J. Mills, James Richards, Francis L. Robbins, Harvey Loomis, and Byram Green. The Haystack Monument, as it is called, stands in the center of Missionary Park, a mute reminder of the missionary spirit which was born in five young men so long ago and which still grips the hearts of thousands of Christian youth today.

Roman Catholics Canvassing All Indiana

Roman Catholics have launched a state-wide canvass of Indiana. Catholic laymen plan to visit everyone of Indiana's 1,200,000 households to take a religious census in the hope of increasing attendance at their parish churches.

American Missionary Killed by Shark

An American missionary in Costa Rica, Lester Burton, was killed by a shark in a river at the border of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Burton of Grand Rapids, were informed of his death by a relayed short-wave radio message from authorities of the Latin American Mission.

Burton was driving back to San Jose along the Pan American Highway, after completing a nine-month furlough. He was



Lester Burton and family (AP-E/P Photo)

delayed at the Nicaragua-Costa Rica border by customs authorities, and decided to swim in a nearby river with his fourteen-year-old son Charles.

Upon entering the river, Burton was attacked by a shark that severed his right leg at the knee. He made his way to shore but died from loss of blood. With him at the time of the tragedy were his wife, Helen; son, Charles; daughter, Susan, 2; and son, Richard, 1.

"Revivaltime" Speaker to Address NAE Convention

C. M. Ward, radio speaker who is heard each week on the nationwide "Revivaltime" broadcast sponsored by the Assemblies of God, will be one of the speakers at the fourteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). The convention will be held at the Hotel Hollenden in Cleveland, Ohio, April 10-12.

"The Church, Edifying Itself in Love," will be the convention theme (Ephesians 4:15) and the subject of a keynote address by Henry H. Savage, the NAE President. Other speakers will include Paul S. Rees, pastor of the First Covenant Church of Minneapolis; C. Stacey Wood, General Secretary of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship; William Ward Ayer, evangelist and radio speaker; Howard Ferrin, President of Providence-Barrington Bible College; and Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Affairs of the NAE.

During the convention the various groups related to the NAE will meet; namely, the National Religious Broadcasters, Women's Fellowship, Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, National Sunday School Association, and the Commissions on Education, Evangelical Youth, World Relief, Chaplains, Social Action, Evangelical Action, Evangelism, and Church Extension.

Delegates will represent some 40 NAE denominations and many additional individual churches. Each affiliated church will be entitled to one delegate for each 500 members or fraction thereof.

Alcoholism Found to be Increasing

In the last thirteen years, rates of alcoholism have risen 45 per cent among men and 52 per cent among women, according to a survey by the Yale University Center of Alcohol Studies. The most recent estimates are 4,589,000 alcoholics in the U. S., of whom 705,000 are women.

86 Million Barrels of Booze Consumed

About 86 million barrels of beer and ale were sold last year in the United States. The president of the U. S. Brewers Foundation estimates that two out of three American families serve beer or ale in their homes. Beer drinkers consumed an average of 23.3 gallons each during the year (over three pints a week) which was 1.7 per cent more than in 1954.

Free Liquor Served at Taxpayers' Expense

Free champagne and liquor are being served on trans-Atlantic passenger planes operated by United States airlines. At a hearing of the Civil Aeronautics Board it was brought out that American taxpayers are paying for those free drinks, since overseas flights operated at a loss are subsidized by government funds.

Christians Asked to Write Their Congressmen

Temperance leaders are asking Christians of all churches to write their Congressmen urging them to do all they can to pass the legislation now pending in Senate and House that would outlaw all alcoholic beverage advertising in newspapers and magazines, and on radio and television. Congressman Eugene Siler, sponsor of a House bill to this effect, is quoted as saying:

"Twenty million homes in the United States are offended every day by alcohol advertising that comes consistently and continuously without even knocking at their doors.

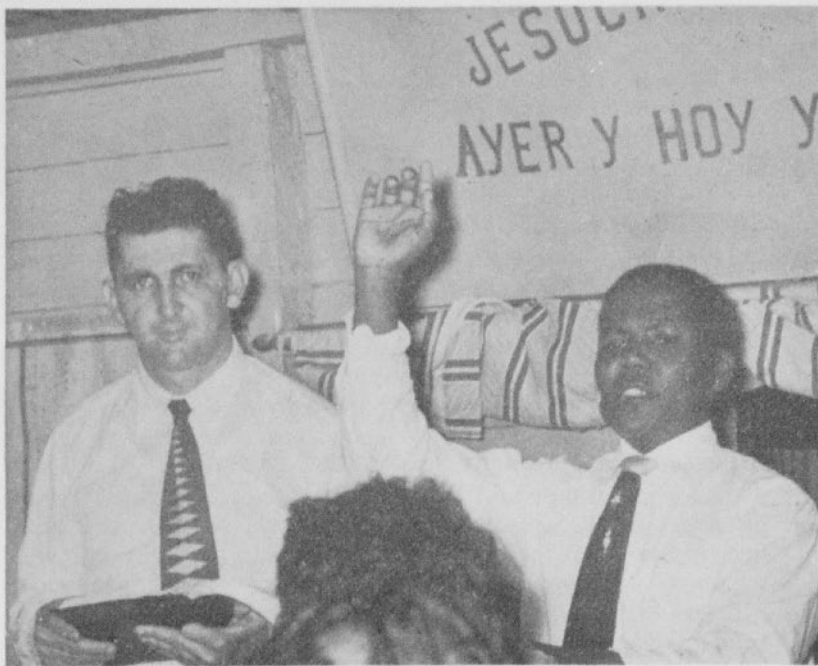
"They enter the impressionable minds of boys and girls with the obvious purpose of making more customers for an industry that destroys, dooms and damns human personality as it rolls along."

Telephone "Inspirations" Becoming Numerous

Telephone services where a sermonette, a prayer, or just a bit of cheerful philosophy may be heard simply by dialing the right number, are spreading across America. YMCA's, churches, or other religious groups are sponsoring the automatic services which are now offered in dozens of cities from coast to coast.

The automatic services do not offer an individual message, as is the case at St. Paul's House in New York City (see story on page 26). The operation is strictly mechanical. The machine that makes the service possible is the Automatic Answering and Announcing Set developed by the Bell Telephone System. It is similar to the set that enables people to get time signals, weather reports, baseball scores and other information by telephone. About the size of a portable tape recorder, the machine contains mechanisms for tape-recording a message of up to several minutes in length. This is placed in position and the unit plugged into the telephone switch so that when the number is called the message is automatically repeated to the caller.

Most church groups using the device change the recorded message daily. Some of them place an advertisement in the newspaper inviting people who need spiritual help to call a certain number. If the answer they get is a series of Scripture texts explaining the way of salvation, or a gospel sermonette, the service can be a powerful soul-winning agency; but in many cases it is just a prayer, and we fail to see how a recorded prayer can be general enough to cover every case and yet specific enough to be of much value. We have heard of praying by means of windmills and water wheels in heathen lands—now we have praying by tape in so-called Christian America.



Evangelist Segarra (at left) with Pastor Ernesto Lopez of Bani.



This picture of the congregation in prayer was taken in Ciudad Trujillo.

A Remarkable Visitation

Missionary reports over 500 filled with the Holy Spirit in Dominican Republic during one-month campaign

DURING RECENT WEEKS WE HAVE ENJOYED a most unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Segarra of Puerto Rico were the instruments God used to spark the revival. They are humble folk who simply preached the Word with fervor and faith, and God did the rest.

The first meeting was held in San Pedro, and there the Lord opened the windows of heaven. Within a week's time eighty-two persons had received the fullness of the Spirit. Many of these were Christians of other churches who, when they saw what God was doing, became hungry for more of God's blessings. There was an indescribable joy in the people's hearts. The moment you looked at anyone they would break into a broad smile. Such joy and sweetness as this comes only from the Lord. The pastor from the neighboring town of Hato Mayor attended the meetings and a new fire was kindled in his heart. The following week services were held in his church and there twenty-eight precious believers received the Baptism.

From Hato Mayor the revival spread to El Seybo, Guaymate and La Romana, where twenty-five, fifty and forty respectively were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Segarras went on to La Anea, which is one of the oldest churches among the Dominican Assemblies. There the Lord poured out His Spirit once again and thirty received the Baptism. Also in Bani,

some twenty-five rejoiced in the Lord as they received His endowment for power to live an effective Christian life.

Then, here in the Capital Evangelistic Center, which seats up to 1,000, we had a regular feast at the banquet table of the Lord. Two hundred were baptized in the Spirit in a week's time. There was a spirit of rejoicing and victory that just lifted you up as you entered the services. It always does our hearts good to see

those who are poor in this world's goods become so rich in the Lord. Many of the young people, who were cold at times and tempted by the things of the world, were baptized, and what a difference we can see in them! Among our students at the Bible School there was only one who had not received the Baptism of the Holy

SPECIAL NOTICE

Here is a quotation from a missionary's letter:

"To get me in the Christmas spirit, we just received a box containing used clothes, ten pairs of women's shoes, and a lot of used dresses. Oh, yes, the duty charges were \$63.38...."

This might serve as a reminder to our kind friends who desire to help our missionaries that they should not send packages without first corresponding with the missionaries on the field to find out what is needed and what the duty might be. When sending a package that requires duty, the missionaries would greatly appreciate it if a special offering could be sent to help them meet this expense.

A view of part of the congregation attending one of the meetings in Ciudad Trujillo. Evangelist Segarra is at the microphone.





Missionary Wayne Turnbull and Evangelist Segarra talk to one of the ladies attending the services.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Maxine Richardson has arrived on furlough. Her temporary address is 1003 Summit Ave., New York 52, New York.

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Josephine Planter went to be with the Lord on December 9. She spent many years as a missionary in Tunis, Algiers.

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O. A. Dillingham wishes to announce his new address: Powell Bridge Road, Haqiqat Nagar, Civil Lines, Saharanpur, U. P., India.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor, new missionaries, have safely arrived in Japan. They are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. F. Sondeno for the time being.

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Quentin Shortes is now living at Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America.

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Word has reached us telling of the safe arrival of May Garner in Nigeria, West Africa.

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Margaret Carlow has a new address; viz., 1067 Wada Hon Cho, Suginami-Ku, Tokyo-to, Japan.



William and Birdena Sakwitz, new recruits, sailed for Japan on January 15.



Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clifford left for British Honduras, Central America, on January 18 and arrived safely. They are starting their sixth term of missionary service.

W. Kenneth McIntyre wishes to announce to his friends a change of address; viz., British P.O. Box 260, Tangier, Morocco.

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Mrs. P. Henry Hall of Peru has arrived in the United States on furlough and is presently making her home at Mission Village, Box 720, Route 5, Springfield, Mo. Mr. Hall will come later.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

December 1955

	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Northwest	260	327	91
2. Montana	66	60	91
3. New Jersey	89	80	90
4. North Dakota	50	44	88
5. Kansas	154	135	88
6. Eastern	215	188	87
7. South Dakota	46	40	87
8. Oregon	192	166	86
9. New England	88	75	85
10. South Idaho	54	46	85
11. Minnesota	141	116	82
12. Michigan	161	132	82
13. New York	136	111	82
14. West Texas	114	92	81
15. S. Missouri	304	243	80
16. Ohio	168	134	80
17. Nebraska	83	66	80
18. Potomac	159	126	79
19. S. California	340	262	77
20. Wis.-N. Mich.	134	103	77
21. West Central	216	166	77
22. Rocky Mtn.	124	95	77
23. Illinois	192	143	74
24. South Florida	145	107	74
25. N. Calif.-Nev.	325	228	70
26. N. Carolina	66	46	70
27. West Florida	133	91	68
28. Tennessee	95	64	67
29. Indiana	143	95	66
30. Georgia	116	76	66
31. South Texas	250	162	65
32. Wyoming	34	22	65
33. Appalachian	65	41	63
34. Alabama	247	155	63
35. Kentucky	61	38	62
36. Louisiana	131	79	60
37. Arizona	77	45	58
38. Oklahoma	481	275	57
39. New Mexico	77	42	55
40. Texas	496	270	54
41. Mississippi	89	47	53
42. S. Carolina	51	22	43
43. Arkansas	443	167	38

I CRIED—HE ANSWERED

One morning I was on my knees praying, asking God to send me \$10.00 some way, so that I could buy an automobile license. If I were to preach the next Sunday morning at the penitentiary, I needed means of transportation. And so I prayed and told God that if He wanted me to preach there, it was His problem, and not mine.

While I was talking to the Lord, my wife was cleaning the carpets downstairs. She turned off the vacuum cleaner and shouted upstairs, "Are you praying for \$10.00?"

I answered, "Yes."

"Well, quit praying," she said. "Somebody has just shoved it through the letter slot in the door."—Selected.

of God

Spirit, and she received during these meetings.

It seems as though everyone has been blessed. In all, nearly 500 have received the fullness of the Spirit in one month! Our pastors and church members have received a new impetus to work even harder for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. We are looking forward to the Annual Conference to be the best yet! Praise be to the Lord for His unspeakable Gift!

—by Wayne Turnbull



IT IS FOR EVERY ASSEMBLIES
OF GOD PASTOR TO DECIDE



Shall we say more about money on the Revivaltime broadcast? The public has always said that among the Assemblies of God there is an absence of "commercialism." We are grateful for

that testimony. Our fathers have earned it. Purposefully, this approach has been carried over into our network broadcast. We say less about money than any other broadcast comparable to Revivaltime. And this has been made possible because Assemblies of God pastors have felt they were performing an evangelistic missionary service to their nation by presenting Revivaltime through the courtesy of the Assemblies of God, an organization half-a-million strong and blessed of God.

Brethren, it is as simple as this: Either we must pay for it, or the PUBLIC must pay for it. Radio time must be paid for. One cannot preach the gospel without expense.

Do we want to BEG from the public, or do we want to GIVE to the public? The answer depends upon each pastor and his church doing a small part regularly for Revivaltime. It doesn't take much from each church, but it does take something.

Revivaltime has shown a deficit the last sixty days because many among us have been negligent. We don't want to ask for money on the air. We want to use the air time to ask for souls. A monthly contribution from your church will insure the continuation of this high standard of Christian service.

C. M. Ward

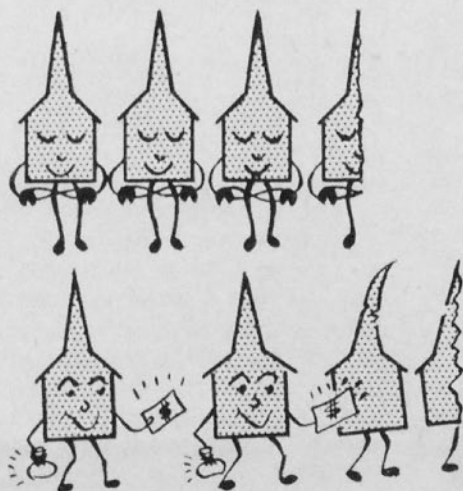
SHALL REVIVALTIME

DID WE MAKE A MISTAKE?

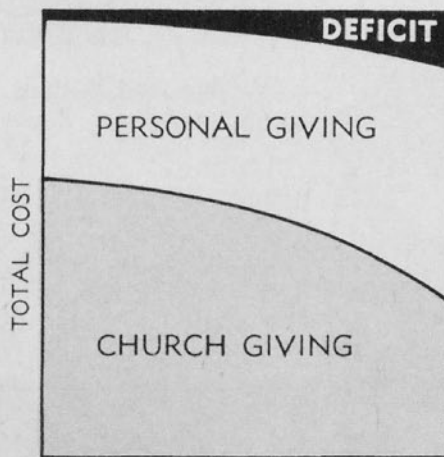
There were decisions to be made two years ago when REVIVALTIME became a network program—big decisions. One big decision was to make REVIVALTIME an *Assemblies of God* broadcast. Another was the decision to softpedal requests for finances on the broadcast. Of course, REVIVALTIME had always been an Assemblies of God program. *But to help our local churches reap direct benefits from the broadcast*, a new emphasis was placed upon our church. Brother Ward became a voice speaking in behalf of *every Assembly in the nation*. This new emphasis was not without its drawbacks, however. Many supporters decided REVIVALTIME was a sponsored program and no longer needed their offerings. Since practically all the program time was given to ministry, and none to raising funds on the air, this impression of "sponsorship" was naturally strengthened. Only an intensive behind-the-scenes direct mail campaign has kept the individual giving at its present level.

The hope two years ago (it seemed legitimate then) was that local churches would recognize the new format as a benefit to them and would share in the costs of producing the program. No one church would need to be burdened—

HERE ARE THE FACTS



ONLY 3,600 OF OVER 7,000 CHURCHES GAVE EVEN ONCE TO REVIVALTIME LAST YEAR



ALTHOUGH PERSONAL GIVING HAS INCREASED, IT DOES NOT MAKE UP FOR THE DECREASE IN CHURCH GIVING

\$62,600
18 DISTRICTS FAILED BY \$62,600 TO PAY FOR THEIR BROADCAST RELEASES

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CONTINUE IN ITS PRESENT FORMAT?

a regular support, however small, from every church would do the job.

IS THIS THE PATHWAY TO VICTORY?

But 1956 finds church giving steadily decreasing. Personal giving has increased, but not enough to offset the decrease in church giving. Only 3,595 of our 7,320 churches have given at least once to REVIVALTIME the past year. Churches which started giving to the broadcast have dropped out. Some had pledged to support the program on independent stations in their areas. We accepted the pledges in good faith and signed contracts with these stations. Now the giving has stopped, in many cases. But the contracts remain.

"PLAIN VANILLA"

Brother Ward's statement at the left puts the problem before us in "plain vanilla" language, as he would say. Do we want to cast a mercenary shadow over our radio ministry? Shall we devote air time to extensive appeals for offerings from the outsiders we seek to save? Or shall we carry on an anonymous ministry, not mentioning the Assemblies of God, so we can draw more heavily on the radio

audience for support? Or shall REVIVALTIME continue its present format?

The answer must come from your church.

In considering what answer your church will give, remember the example of our Lord, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. REVIVALTIME in its present form is our opportunity to speak the gospel message of the Assemblies of God directly and clearly to the heart and conscience of our Nation.

If your church has pledged in the past, fulfill that pledge. If your church has never given, begin today. A weekly ministry demands regular support. We cannot give once and then forget. Though you feel your offering would be too small, send it anyway. It will do a big job when combined with 7,319 other offerings!

EXCLUSIVE! FOR PASTORS ONLY

We know you have financial problems, too. Every church, large or small, faces unusual demands these days. Because we depend upon our churches for support, what benefits our churches benefits REVIVALTIME. Brother Ward has written a confidential booklet for pastors on ways to build a sound, yet growing financial program in the local church. He reveals the secrets of some of our most successful churches. You will find quotations from men who are noted for their ability in raising funds for the Lord's work. This booklet is in preparation now. A free copy will be sent to every pastor who sends in the coupon below. Additional copies may be ordered by pastors only for board members, treasurer, or finance committee, at 10c each. (This offer is limited to pastors only, please.)

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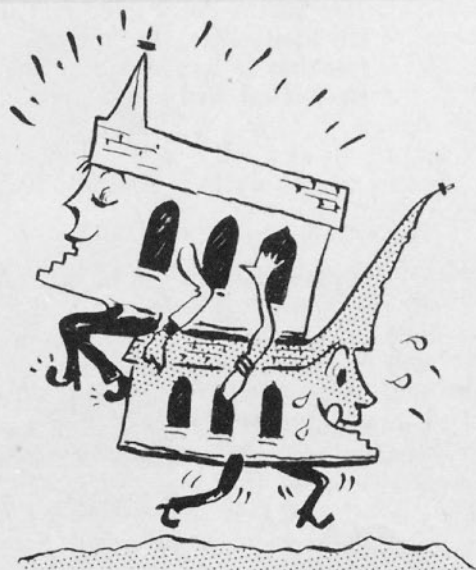
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IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A FEW ARE
CARRYING THE LOAD, AL-
THOUGH ALL BENEFIT!

THE SAME CON-
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WHO IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM?—Mark 9:30-37

"If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."

How different the divine attitude from the human idea of greatness! Riches alone may make a man appear great to his fellow men, no matter how destitute he may be of the graces that really count, but the apostle Paul learned that one can be rich without material possessions. "I have all, and abound," he shouted when he had no worldly goods left!

Degrees and titles may also impress the world, but some things that have been hidden from the wise and the prudent God has revealed unto babes. "A Christian on his knees can understand more than a philosopher on his tiptoes."

Jesus showed His greatness by humbly girding Himself with a towel and stooping to wash the feet of His brethren. He proceeded to declare that He will serve all believers in the great tomorrow.

What an example! To exemplify Christ, then, we must stoop to serve. Let us daily pray that our lives may be rid of all sins of the spirit, especially the sin of pride. May the Lord help us, like Jesus, to strive to serve others, especially those of the household of faith.

—D. LEROY SANDERS

THURSDAY, March 1

STRIFE AT THE LAST PASSOVER—Luke 22:21-27

How many times our Lord, in summoning a new disciple, simply said, "Follow me!" Here we find Him saying, "I am among you as he that serveth" (v. 27). How well those who followed Him caught this spirit and delighted in appropriating this very term. "Paul, a servant..." (Rom. 1:1). "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ..." (Phil. 1:1). "Simon Peter, a servant..." (2 Peter 1:1). "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ" (Jude 1).

To what a bed-rock place in our God this humbling process brings us! The prophet Zephaniah cried, "All ye meek of the earth... seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Never was this counsel more valuable than today. With the ominous rumblings of tribulation days not far away, we do well to seek meekness, and the place of lowliness. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit..." In *Pilgrims Progress*, a humble shepherd lad sings these words:

*"He that is down need fear no fall;
He that is low, no pride.
He that is humble, ever shall
Have God to be his guide."*

—ZELMA ARGUE

FRIDAY, March 2

ACCEPTABLE SERVICE—Galatians 5:12-18

Acceptable service can be rendered only by those who "walk in the Spirit." James makes mention of "the perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25), which undoubtedly embraces the entire will of God as revealed in the Word, both the written and the living Word. "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (1 John 5:3). Love produces obedience, and obedience is the proof of love. Where obedience is lacking it is evident that the love of God is absent.

Do I love God supremely? If I do, I love my neighbor also, and there is no sacrifice that God requires me to make on his behalf that I should not gladly make. "By love serve one another."

Lord, grant that Thy Holy Spirit may so shed abroad the love of God in my heart that I shall find delight in rendering any service, sacrificial or otherwise, that Thou wouldst have me render.

—J. NARVER GORTNER



BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, February 27

JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET—John 13:3-17

This portion of Scripture contains part of that last talk between Jesus and His disciples. There had been a strife among them as to who would be greatest (Luke 22:24). Pride and self-seeking were in evidence. Not one of them would take the lowly place, but He shocked them all by washing their feet.

Peter protested, but Jesus said, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Yes, we need daily cleansing if we are to maintain unbroken fellowship with Him. Evil clings to our feet, our walk. Defilement is contracted almost unconsciously. Evil thoughts are harbored. It is a dirty world we live in. The devil does not want us to get to heaven with clean feet. Too often the books we read are tainted. Too often the talk we hear is unclean. We need the washing of water by the Word.

After the Blood, comes the cleansing Word. In the Old Testament ritual, the Levitical priests, although once bathed at consecration, must daily wash their hands and feet in the laver containing the water before proceeding into the Holy Place to burn incense. Only by daily cleansing can we be fitted for closer fellowship with God. Let there be nothing between our soul and the Saviour. So wash our feet, O Lord; let every unclean thing be removed!

—T. J. JONES

TUESDAY, February 28

AN AMBITIOUS MOTHER—Matthew 20:20-28

While it remains true that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask,..." it is equally true that on bended knee we sometimes earnestly pray, as did Mrs. Zebedee, for what even the Almighty cannot grant.

Her prayer lacked the essential ingredients of the Christ-taught prayer. "Thy will be done" neither preceded nor followed her petition. Her personal desire eclipsed all other considerations. How impossible can political-mindedness make it for God to answer prayer!

Natural desire or selfish motive prompted this lady's petition. These always fall short of God's highest and best, and they never impress God favorably. Hear the apostle Paul declare: "We know not what we should pray for as we ought." Too many today, like this woman, fail to hush the natural cravings and fail to seek the mind of the Lord relative to the desires of their hearts.

Failure to seek God's will regarding our longings in prayer often prevents the Lord from fulfilling the longings of His heart to answer our prayers.

—J. J. MUELLER

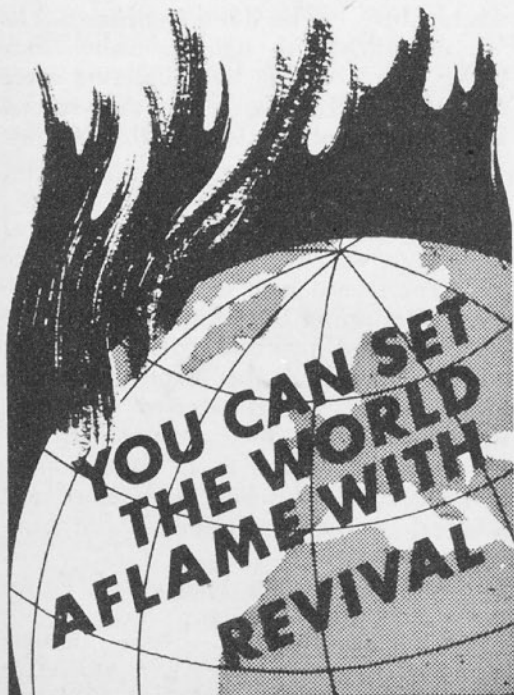
PAUL'S STANDARD OF SERVICE—I Corinthians 9:19-27

"I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake."

May the passion of the Apostle's heart be ours! Here is an intensity of compassion for the souls of men seldom equaled in our modern-day Church. Few have this overwhelming love for souls, for the standard of Christian service is more demanding than we want to meet. Note Paul's willingness to make all necessary sacrifice of personal comfort and position in order to win men to Christ. To him, the highest order of Christian service was revealed in our Lord's undying command, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

What is this standard of service? It is this: to be empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit to go out to tell others of our experience in Christ's love so that they might share it. All our claims, as Pentecostal people, concerning the power of the Holy Spirit, are of little worth unless this most important work of Christ's followers is fulfilled. Every member of the body of Christ is called to be an evangelist in this sense. Will you obey Him today?

—MARK A. HINMAN



JOIN IN THIS
MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Central Regional
Prayer Sunday

FEBRUARY 26

Pray for World-Wide Revival Now!

1956 LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

"Be Ye Steadfast"



Members of Calvary Temple, Seattle, Washington, pledged loyalty during the 1955 Loyalty Campaign by signing a giant post card.

in Doctrine
in Fellowship
in Communion
in Prayer
in Faith
in Hope
in Spirit

Great is His faithfulness! The Lord promised in His Word that in the last days He would pour out of His Spirit. Fifty years ago the Spirit was outpoured in Los Angeles on Azusa Street and the mighty flow of Pentecost in this century had begun!

As Spirit-filled men and women went forth from the "upper-room experience," they were endued with a power that helped them to be STEADFAST in Faith, despite opposition and ridicule. They gave this message to us by being loyal to that which was given them from above.

Now, we have received that power in the same manner as they. We too have a charge to keep. We must guard our heritage—BE STEADFAST in that which the Lord has so graciously given us, that this message of Pentecost might continue to move on!

April 8 through May 20 is set aside as the Loyalty Campaign in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools. This year's Loyalty Campaign theme is taken from the words of 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast."

On Easter Sunday the Loyalty Campaign will be launched. Pupils are asked to pledge themselves to be loyal to the Sunday School not only during the seven weeks of the campaign but through all the year. The themes for the seven Sundays this year are as follows:

- April 8—Steadfast in Doctrine—Acts 2:42
- April 15—Steadfast in Fellowship—Acts 2:42
- April 22—Steadfast in Communion—Acts 2:42
- April 29—Steadfast in Prayer—Acts 2:42
- May 6—Steadfast in Faith—1 Corinthians 16:13

- May 13—Steadfast in Hope—Hebrews 3:14
- May 20—Steadfast in Spirit—Philippians 1:27

A handbook of helps is being prepared for Sunday School leaders. This free handbook will contain an 8½ by 11 inch poster for the church bulletin board, direct mail ideas, charts, graphs, poster designs, a project for each department of the Sunday School, and other suggestions. Also available this year will be a Loyalty Campaign skit and a set of messages for the Junior Department which will be for sale from the Sunday School Department.

Many Sunday Schools throughout the nation will be concluding the first year of their use of the Loyalty Award Pin System. They will be presenting the first year award pin to members who have been faithful in attendance throughout the past year.

In this year, the fiftieth anniversary of the outpouring at Azusa Street, we praise the Lord for His faithfulness to us, and for the faithfulness of our fathers in giving us the message of Pentecost and keeping the touch of God upon their souls. Because they were faithful, we of the second, third, and fourth generations have received this glorious message and power. We can pledge ourselves as a movement, through this year's Sunday School Loyalty Campaign, to continue loyal even as those in the past were faithful. We want to be found steadfast in Spirit when our Lord shall return!

For further information, write:

National Sunday School Department
1956 Loyalty Campaign
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

CASTRO VALLEY, CALIF.—The blessing of the Lord was very evident in revival services conducted at Calvary Church by Evangelist Claude O. Wood. Backsliders were reclaimed, believers were refilled with the Holy Ghost, and sick folk were healed by the power of God. The church rejoices over a mighty move of the Spirit. The attendance record was broken with 150 in Sunday School.

—R. J. Boyd, Pastor

GRINNELL, IOWA—A unique feature of the one-week campaign conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. M. L. Woods was the Gospel Rodeo held each afternoon for the children. Attendance was very good at both afternoon and evening services. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and some lasting results were realized with an increase in Sunday School attendance.

—Thomas G. Skoog, Pastor

ROHNERVILLE, CALIF.—A glorious revival spirit continues at the Pentecostal Assembly of God following three weeks of special meetings conducted by Evangelist Bob Alsop of Oklahoma City. During the campaign a total of 23 were saved, six were filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed. The revival spirit remains and souls continue to accept Christ as Saviour.

—Joseph C. Murray, Pastor

NEWCASTLE, WYO.—The Newcastle Assembly of God was greatly edified by the ministry of Evangelist Star Thomas. The attendance was very good throughout the campaign with many newcomers frequenting the services. The blessing of the Lord was especially manifested at the altar services. Many were refilled with the Holy Spirit and many began a closer walk with God.

—W. Neil McDaniel, Pastor

GRANDFALLS, TEX.—In a recent revival conducted by Evangelist W. L. Brown of Terminal, Tex., two girls were converted and one boy received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School record was broken and the church as a whole was greatly blessed.

—Ervin H. Anderson, Pastor

FRISCO, TEX.—Two weeks of revival meetings have just been concluded by Evangelist and Mrs. E. C. Briggs and daughter of Fort Worth, Tex. There were a number of conversions, six were filled with the Holy Spirit, and special needs were met during the campaign. The ministry of this evangelistic team was a great blessing to the church.

—M. L. Milton, Pastor

LAREDO, TEX.—First Assembly reports a gracious revival with Evangelist H. L. Hudgins of Corpus Christi. His straightforward preaching was a real challenge to the church. God's blessing rested upon each service. Some definite healings took place, new folk attended, and every department of the church was benefited. The revival spirit abides.

—J. Ralph Fleming, Pastor

FRESNO, CALIF.—The ministry of Evangelist L. B. Lewis was notably blessed of the Lord during the recent revival held at the Full Gospel Tabernacle. Over 30 responded to the salvation appeal, and 62 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were numerous testimonies of healing. The Sunday School attendance reached a high of 752 on Rally Day.

—Robert B. Thomas, Pastor

BEAVERDALE, PA.—A real moving of the Holy Spirit was manifested during the three-week revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Emma A. Dickerson of Elizabeth, N. J. Two were saved, others were reclaimed, and two were miraculously delivered from the tobacco habit. At a regular service following the campaign, one of the new converts had the joy of seeing her husband and son yield their lives to Christ.

—Elroy G. Hinton, Pastor

CHICAGO-OAK PARK, ILL.—A very fine revival meeting was concluded at Bethel Temple with Evangelist L. B. Lewis of Wilmington, Calif. Several came forward for salvation, 10 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and others testified to healing. A record Sunday School attendance of 330 was achieved as a result of a system initiated by the

evangelist, known as, "Don't Break the Chain."

—W. L. Williams, Pastor

AMERICUS, GA.—Evangelist J. E. Winstead of Winter Garden, Fla. recently returned to First Assembly for a second series of meetings. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number were healed. A five-year-old boy who had been hard of hearing for some time with the likelihood of losing complete hearing was definitely healed by the power of God.

—A. V. Hendrick, Pastor

FARMERSVILLE, TEX.—Ushered in by a great Watch Night service, the revival meetings conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. proved to be a great blessing to the assembly here. The Lord confirmed His Word nightly with signs following. Sick bodies were healed, the oppressed were delivered, souls were saved, and several received the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

—Vernon E. Wilson, Pastor

NORWICH, N. Y.—The Assembly of God here was greatly benefited by the two-week revival held by Evangelist Marjorie Weston of Deposit, N.Y. There were 10 saved, two backsliders reclaimed, and five received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several received a definite healing touch as they were prayed for either at the church or in their homes. A record Sunday School attendance was attained at the conclusion of the campaign.

—Winston A. Schmock, Pastor

TRUSSVILLE, ALA.—Nine persons were saved and a number were stirred to seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit during a recent revival campaign conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Charles C. Robinson of Waxahachie, Tex. The entire church was challenged by the old-fashioned preaching including prophetic and evangelistic messages. It was a successful revival, thanks to the fervent prayers of God's people.

—Bobby R. Smith, Pastor

HOLLAND, MICH.—A New Year's Eve Watch Night service launched the Assem-

bly of God here into an all-out evangelism effort. Many were stirred to seek Christ and the infilling of the Holy Spirit under the ministry of the Phillips Party (consisting of Evangelist and Mrs. Lyle Phillips and daughter, Linda). There was a good attendance throughout the three-week campaign, and each night was capped with a precious time of prayer at the altar. The Sunday School was increased from an average of 125 to an all-time high of 186.

—George Krish, Pastor

ADAMS, WIS.—During the first three weeks of January the Assembly of God Tabernacle experienced a gracious visitation from God under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. G. R. Conrow of Waupaca, Wis. Their anointed ministry, faith, and untiring work around the altar proved a real blessing. Six were saved, 12 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled. The healing power of God was manifested and the entire church was edified.

—A. R. Pottinga, Pastor

GARDEN CITY, KANS.—Faith Tabernacle has been experiencing a gracious revival for a number of weeks. For more than a month prior to the special meetings conducted by Evangelist Daniel Johnson, the men of the church gathered for prayer from day to day during the early morning hours and the women met at various other times. A mighty anointing of the Spirit was in evidence throughout the campaign with the result that souls were converted and believers baptized with the Holy Spirit. There were numerous testimonies of healing.

T. J. Jones followed these meetings with four nights of wonderful Bible teaching that drew many folk from throughout western Kansas. Though the special meetings have ceased, the revival fire continues to burn.

—Richard W. Dortch, Pastor

God Has the Answers

(Continued from page five)

"Truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord."

I had read my Bible through. Why hadn't I seen that before? Well, I was seeing it now. Why couldn't I say that? Faith took hold and I began asserting it as my very own experience. Truly I am full of power! Full of power, not in myself, not by my own might, but by the Spirit of the Lord!

Did not Jesus say, "Behold, I give you power . . . over all the power of the enemy"? Never shall I forget how the Lord one day revealed the significance of these words to my heart, "Behold, I give you power." And I answered, "Yes, Lord, I take it—this power You are giving me. And Lord, because I take it, I have it. I have power over not just some but all the power of the enemy." Even the devils are subject unto us through His name.

Surely we who have experienced the mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit should know His power, should ascertain in ever-deepening measure the meaning of being filled with all the fullness of God. Our very bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost. Did the Lord not promise that the Comforter would come and abide with us forever?

We Spirit-filled people of the Lord have in us the greatest potential power of the universe. The heights and depths of His unlimited power are ours. And this Holy Ghost power has come for a purpose—not merely to give us a thrill and make us feel good, but to make us a blessing to humanity, that through vibrant witnessing our lives might create an impact upon a sinful and adulterous generation. God has given us this glorious profusion of His Spirit that we might be *more than conquerors* in everyday Chris-

tian living. The great power of God is within us to direct our thoughts and actions, to do for us that which we can never do for ourselves, to lead us into daily triumph.

Does the conquering life seem beyond the realm of possibility? If God had spread all of life out before us to live it all at one time, the aspect might look like a very big order. But He gives us just one day to live at a time—one day to pray, one day to yield in His presence, one day to witness, one day to walk and move in the Spirit, one day to live for Him. If we can live triumphantly for each "today" as it comes, all of life, which is merely a succession of "todays," will add up to a satisfying experience, bringing glory to His great name.

Yes, God has all the answers for dynamic living—the key to mastery over the self-life and all discordant conditions. More than that, God IS the answer!

Revivaltime News Flash

The following time changes are effective, beginning the week of January 29: SPRINGHILL, LA. (KBSF)

Now heard at 7:30 a.m. each Sunday POCOMOKE CITY, MD. (WDVM)

Now heard at 1:00 p.m. each Sunday MANDAN, N. DAK. (KGCU)

Now heard at 10:30 p.m. each Sunday

Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one, makes you but even with him; forgiving it sets you above him.

—Benjamin Franklin

An overflow crowd thronged Central Gospel Tabernacle at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada during revival meetings recently conducted by the Eskelin Family. Thirty responded to the Salvation appeal, and many new contacts were made during the campaign. The ministry of this evangelistic team in song, music, and preaching within the church and by telecast was well received.—J. H. Blair, Pastor



SUNDAY'S LESSON



JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Sunday School Lesson for March 4, 1956

John 13:3-17

Chapter twelve of the Gospel of John marks the ending of Christ's public ministry. Entering the thirteenth chapter may be compared to passing from the public court into the "holy place" of the Tabernacle; for in it we see Christ alone with His disciples. His last teachings before the Cross are given privately to these men who have companied with Him for the years of His ministry. They withdraw to the privacy of the upper room. There He manifests His unchanging love, He observes the Passover with them, He institutes the Communion, and He washes the disciples' feet.

1. THE MIND OF CHRIST

"Jesus knew that His hour was come!" (John 13:1). Here an amazing glimpse is given to us into the mind, and the thoughts of Christ. Throughout His ministry the Lord Jesus had been conscious of the meaning and the purpose of His coming into the world. In Cana, where He performed His first miracle, consider the weighty and unusual answer He gave to His mother, "Woman, what have I do to with thee? Mine hour is not yet come!" (John 2:4). Nearly three and a half years have passed since that day. Now Christ is aware of the fact that the long-awaited hour was upon Him. He had come from the Father, and now shortly He would return to the Father. And He knew how He would return to the Father. For the last six months of His ministry He had told His disciples again and again about the Cross. They had not understood. And now they were frightened. Christ said to them, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour!" (John 12:27). It was the hour of the ages! Everything from Genesis 3:15 pointed to this hour. It was the hour of fulfillment for all the types and the shadows of redemption in the Old Testament. The hour for the sacrifice of God's Paschal Lamb had come.

"Having loved His own . . . He loved them unto the end." Christ's unchanging love is love that reached to the uttermost. A beautiful rendering of these words reads, "He loved them all the way through!" Through every experience of life, His love remained true: in sickness, in health; in success, in failure; in darkness, in light, (Jeremiah 31:3; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:19; Revelation 1:5).

*"His love no end or measure knows,
No change can turn its course;
Eternally the same it flows
From one eternal Source."*

G. Campbell Morgan translates this verse: "Having loved His own, He saw it through!" Christ's love for His own caused Him to see the plan of redemption through to its fulfillment.

What tender words—"His own!" (John 13:1). In the first chapter of John these same words are found in the beginning of our Lord's ministry. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not!" He came to His own people, after the flesh; to His own city, Jerusalem; and to His own Temple. They rejected Him. "But as many as re-

ceived Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). And there are the people now spoken of as "His own." They are His own (1) by creation; (2) by redemption, for He bought them with His blood; (3) by gift, for He spoke of them as "the men Thou (the Father) gavest Me out of the world" (John 17:6); and (4) by relationship—"I am the vine, ye are the branches" (John 15:5).

2. AN ILLUSTRATED LESSON

While Christ's mind was filled with the thoughts of His hour, and His return to the Father, the disciples quarrelled among themselves! It scarcely seems credible! Luke says, "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest" (Luke 22:24). Their minds were filled with thoughts of gaining pre-eminence and positions of power! Had not the crowd acclaimed Him as King? Soon He would come into His kingdom! And they, His faithful disciples, would share in the glory of His reign! Two of His disciples were convinced that they should occupy influential positions, one on the right hand, and the other on the left hand of the King. They succeeded in getting their mother to make this request of Christ. When the ten learned of this attempt, they were angry. Quite likely they were angry because they wanted those positions for themselves!

How could Christ teach these quarrelling disciples that self-seeking and pride would keep from them the very honor and glory they desired? They were observing the Passover in an upper room (Luke 22:12, 13). No servant had met them at the door to wash from their feet the dust of the way. Christ therefore took advantage of the situation. He rose from the Passover table, took a basin of water, girded Himself with a towel and prepared to wash the disciples' feet. Tradition says that He went to Judas first, but there is nothing in the Scriptures to bear this out. When He came to Peter, he vehemently refused to allow Christ to perform a slave's

STILL WAITING



task. The Lord Jesus was equally emphatic! "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me!" And as a pendulum swings from one extreme to the other, Peter cried out, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head" (*John 13:9*).

One of the most arresting things which Christ said to Peter is found in *John 13:7*—"What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." Why did Peter not understand right then? Wasn't it obvious what Christ was doing? He was washing their feet! Is there more to be understood than this? The Lord Jesus said, "You don't understand just now, but you will understand later." Peter *did* understand later! Read *1 Peter 5:4, 5*—"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility." The revised translation reads, "Gird yourselves with humility." No doubt, as Peter wrote these words, his mind went back to that night in the upper room when he saw Christ gird Himself with a towel! The King of glory girded with the towel of a slave! The Christ of God girded with humility.

The disciples had been quarrelling about greatness. Christ indicated that the way to greatness in His Kingdom is the path of humble service. This was the lesson that Peter learned! And he wrote, "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (*1 Peter 5:5,6*).

The life of Paul affords us a beautiful example of growth in grace and in humility. When he began his ministry, he said, "I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles!" Later, he declared himself "unworthy to be called an apostle." As time rolled on and he grew in grace, he cried out, "I am less than the least of all saints." And just before his martyrdom, he exclaimed, "I am the chief of sinners!"

3. MAINTAINING UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP

"He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit" (*John 13:10*). Our Lord deals with a fine point of teaching concerning the important matter of cleansing. In order to have unbroken fellowship with Christ we must walk in the light as He is in the light (*1 John 1:7*). But what about our failures? What about those times when we do not walk in the light? What then? The Lord Jesus answers this question by using an illustration of the public Roman baths. As cleansed men walked from the bathing place to their homes,

their feet contracted dust by the way. As they entered their homes they washed their feet to remove the dust, and thus they were entirely clean. The Christian is one who is cleansed by faith in a crucified Saviour; however, he walks through a defiling world. It is an absolute necessity that he shall have a

continuous application of the precious Blood of Atonement in order that he may be entirely clean. Sins and failures are to be brought instantly to Him who can and will cleanse from every stain. Thus, unbroken fellowship with God is maintained.

—Emil A. Balliet

CONTINUOUS REVIVAL

by OSWALD J. SMITH

Do you want to have a heart always on fire for God? Do you want to know the continuous anointing of the Holy Spirit? Do you want a perennial revival in your own heart, so that you will never lose your first love, your early enthusiasm? Well, here is the secret. Perennial revival is only possible where there is continuous brokenness of heart. How did Finney achieve perennial revival? Remember, to the very day of his death he was a revivalist. Every day of his life he made it a point to be alone with God. Every day he made time for prayer. That is the answer.

May I say that for many years I have observed the morning watch. Morning after morning I go to my study and wait upon my Lord. First of all I pore over the pages of the Sacred Book, and then I give myself to prayer and supplication. Thus, I meet God before meeting men and He solves my problems before I come to them. The morning watch has meant everything in the world to me, and my ministry would be weak, powerless and ineffective without it.

Have you a time to meet God? Have you a place to meet God? My friend, if you want to maintain the spirituality that God has given you, you will have to learn to meet the Lord Jesus Christ from day to day. There were times when Finney felt that he was getting cold. At every such time he resorted to extra hours of prayer. One time he spent a whole winter never reading anything else but the Bible, and that he read on his knees.

He wanted to keep a spirit of revival burning in his soul, and that is how he did it. Again and again, he says, he received fresh baptisms of the Spirit of God. Time after time, the power of God came down upon him until his heart was warmed and set on fire once more. Then he went out to hold revival services and once again he saw conviction fall upon the people so that hundreds were converted.

One of the greatest dangers of the ministry is to know the power of God in youth and then to lose it. It is easy

to settle down in a comfortable pastorate and then lose your burden for souls. It is so easy for any Christian to lose the passion for souls and to become mechanical. To be on fire when you are young, then to grow cold as the years come and go, is an experience that should never be yours. The way to maintain the spirit of revival is to see to it that there is continuous brokenness of heart.

Profit or Loss?

An individual in business has set a value on all his merchandise. Some firms sell for less than others but most, of necessity, have a larger turnover of goods in order to show a reasonable amount of profit. No company will be in business long if a deficit continues for any great length of time. The desire for gain is the driving force back of business.

Jesus asked His disciples the question, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (*Matt. 16:26*). There is a certain thrill of satisfaction in having "plenty" of earthly store, but many an individual who had depended entirely on his gain ended up in the "crazy house" or in a suicide's grave when the supply was suddenly swept away. Then again many have been fortunate enough to hold on to their gains all through life, heaping to themselves great riches, and have suddenly come to realize, too late, that their riches are a burden and do not bring satisfaction to the soul.

What value do you place on your soul? Should you put less value on it than God does? Sin kills the soul here and damns it hereafter. The human body requires food for energy; the soul, too, must be fed, or it will die. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (*Matt. 4:4*).

—Donald D. Woods in *The Free Methodist*

THE BLIND GIVE THANKS

by ELVA JOHNSON

SIX YEARS AGO GOD SPOKE TO A WISCONSIN farm woman, member of the Watertown Assembly of God, and commissioned her to put Pentecostal literature in Braille into the hands of the blind. Without any previous experience with Braille, and without knowing one blind person, she took steps to master the art of writing Standard English Braille, and began to transcribe Pentecostal literature for the blind.

Her husband is very sympathetic with her work and gave her a Braille Writer on their wedding anniversary in 1954. Requests from the blind for EVANGEL articles in Braille began coming in and the volume has steadily increased.

In 1955 the work was incorporated under the name, "Pentecostal Publications for the Blind, Incorporated," with headquarters in Watertown, Wisconsin. The Watertown WMC's paid the \$26.50 fee for incorporation. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ripley co-operated in the publication of "The Pentecostal Digest" by operating a press which produced the magazine from a matrice made on the Braille Writer. Young people from the church also assisted in the project.

A new Braille Writer which makes better matrices is on order, but has not yet been delivered as it is being specially made. The press was overhauled by Henry Kottwitz, also of the Watertown Assembly. The Adult Student Quarterly has been added to the list of publications.

The blind people who are enjoying the benefits of this labor of love are deeply grateful. A Brother Carson of Mansfield, Ohio, who is both blind and deaf, was the first person to request Braille Pentecostal literature from Sister Whitney. He was unsaved at the time, but his daughter's Sunday School teacher contacted the family with the gospel. Now he writes: "We both (his wife and he) read the Bible every day and pray every night. We have been asking God to help you in your Braille work. . . . God has been very good to us since I stopped

drinking and we have been trying very hard to be what He wants us to be."

A brother in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, sent two new names and writes: "Thank you for the very nice Sunday School lessons that you have sent me. I appreciate them very much. Truly I like the lessons much better when I have them before me in the Sunday School class and can follow what they are studying. I think it is just grand that you are doing this work for the blind."

A sister in Oakland, California, wrote: "The material you sent was so wonderful that I have already read it twice and expect to read it often. It was such a blessing to me. Without the blessed hope of Christ's return, things would be unbearable for me and the darkness indescribable. But with that hope we know that joy will come in the morning after the long night of weeping and hardships. . . ."

Another sister, writing for a blind young lady, says, "Judy is after souls. She reads the Braille literature on the bus or street car, and if the person by her opens a conversation she then reads it to them and takes the opportunity to witness for the Lord."

The mother of a blind Junior writes, "Our little girl cherishes her quarterly very much."

A pastor in Hawaii writes, "My blind friend was so pleased and happy to have something to read. I am praying that this will be a means of bringing her back to our Lord Jesus Christ."

A sister in England tells of reading the material and passing it on to others, while another sister in Switzerland puts it in a lending library.

From Idaho a blind couple writes: "We certainly have appreciated the *Pentecostal Digest* and think it is wonderful that we can have some of the articles of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL and other full gospel magazines or papers of today.

"We have also enjoyed the Sunday School lessons. We feel you are doing a very worth-while work and all of this is a wonderful answer to prayer. I have been praying for the last few years now that the Lord would somehow make it possible for us to have our Sunday School lessons in Braille, and that we might some day have the privilege of reading some of the writings of our Pentecostal leaders in Braille too."

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**The gospel of Christ is
powerful enough to save and
heal every one who believes**

The All-Powerful Gospel

by A. H. ARGUE,

Victoria, B.C.

WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID THAT he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ he gave a reason. He said it is because the gospel is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16). He spoke of the divine power, which is present to save, to heal, to fulfill all the "exceeding great and precious promises," by which we are made "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

Whenever the gospel is proclaimed, this power is present. God is a Spirit and He is everywhere. "They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). The prophet Jeremiah brought this out—"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord" (Jer. 23:24). His loving provision embraces all the earth; "for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Now, Christ came especially "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). We must remember that the greatest of all gifts is the gift of God, which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we are workers together with Him to bring to others the glad news of this salvation.

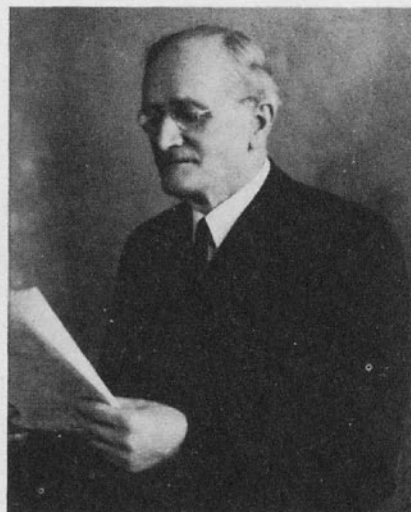
When we believe on Christ and accept Him as our Saviour, we are to begin walking in newness of life. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Rom. 6:5). When we truly believe, then our "life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). We must not fail to enter into this great fact.

It may be a familiar expression to say that Christ dwells in the believer. Let us pause to fully realize this. God indeed is everywhere. Whether on the highest mountain, or in the deepest sea, or high in the heavens, God is there. Yet in a particular sense He dwells in the believer. God has said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (2 Cor. 6:16).

The Christ who dwells in us has all power in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18). How important it is that we receive this great truth, and allow Him

to work in and through us. "Greater is he [Jesus] that is in you, than he [Satan] that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

When Jesus gave the Great Commission in Mark 16 He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. . . . And these signs shall follow them that believe. . . ." We must particularly consider that all the promises which follow were given to *all who believe*, not to a select few. This means that all who believe have authority to claim these promises given by Jesus: "In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink



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any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." The ministry of healing has also swept over the world whenever the Pentecostal or Full Gospel message has been proclaimed, and many miracles of healing have taken place. It is evident that we will see great signs and miracles of healing in these closing days.

We must not stop praying for the sick, if we have prayed once or twice and the healing has not yet taken place. Elijah prayed seven times for rain before it came (1 Kings 18:42-46). Jesus prayed twice for a blind man before he could see clearly (Mark 8:23-25). Jacob held on in prayer and would not let the angel of the Lord go until he blessed him. Then the Lord said, "As a prince thou hast power with God and with men, and hast prevailed" (Gen. 32:28). Job said, "Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me" (Job 27:5). This steadfast, unwavering determination obtained divine favor, and in the end Job got twice as much as he had before.

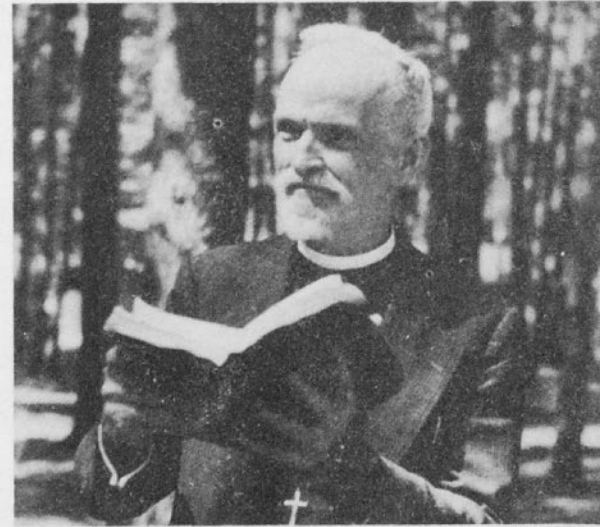
"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). When the Lord was about to destroy the whole nation of Israel, Moses prayed and God spared His people (Ex. 32:9-14). The Lord spared Hezekiah's life fifteen years because he prayed (2 Kings 20). We have often fallen short in our efforts. Our faith is not yet perfected, and there are many things we do not understand. Many times we have found that God would heal or perform a miracle beyond our expectation. Again, others did not obtain their healing. Let us remember that the Lord works with us (Mark 16:20).

Jesus said, "Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19). Peter and John prayed, "Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus" (Acts 4:29, 30). Be steadfast, then, and do not be discouraged if some of the sick are not healed. We read that when Jesus was here He "healed all that were sick" (Matt. 8:16) on some occasions. On other occasions He healed only one among a crowd, as when He said to the sick of the palsy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. . . . Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house" (Mark 2:5, 11). When He came to His own country, "he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief" (Matt. 13:58). The gospel of Christ is all-powerful and will continue to be so to the end, but the promises are reserved for those who dare to believe.

The Telephone Carries the Gospel



Creighton Dunlap now has charge of the telephone ministry at St. Paul's House.



The late J. J. D. ("Daddy") Hall, sometimes called "The Bishop of Wall Street," preaching in a New York park.

by HENRIETTA M. BASSE

SAIN'T PAUL'S HOUSE, LOCATED AT 335 West 51st Street, New York City, recently celebrated its sixteenth year of telephone evangelism.

It all began early one morning when "Daddy" (J. J. D.) Hall lay in bed recovering from an illness, and the telephone rang. He lifted the receiver and answered. A man's voice asked, "What number is this?"

When told the number, he responded sharply, "Wrong number!"

But suddenly the Lord spoke to Daddy Hall, and before the other man could hang up he replied, "No, the right number! I would like to know whether you are a Christian?"

"Oh, I suppose I am," came the reply in a very uninterested tone of voice.

The old clergyman said, "Do you suppose you are married? Or do you know it?"

"Oh, I know that," was the response. "Hold on!" said Daddy Hall. "I'm not through with you. Do you read your Bible and pray?"

At this the man hesitated, then said, "Oh, Mother made us attend to such things when we were at home—she made us go to Sunday School and church."

"Did she make you take a bath too?"

"Sure."

"Did you stop that when you left home?"

By this time the man at the other end of the line was getting stirred up. "Say, who am I talking to, anyway?"

"A preacher."
 "What kind?"
 "Old-fashioned!"
 "Where do you preach?"
 "Everywhere. I'm preaching to you right now."

"Well, it's the strangest conversation I've ever had over the phone."

"I don't doubt that," answered the minister.

Then the man changed his tone and said, "Well, I'm glad I got the wrong number, for you have done me good."

Daddy Hall hung up the receiver, but not for long. A few minutes later there was someone else on the phone saying, "A friend of mine gave me your number and said you had a message for me."

So again J. J. D. Hall gave the message that the Lord had laid upon his heart.

By the end of the day fifteen people had been "preached to." And that is how the telephone ministry began.

Surely it was the Lord who arranged all

this. Year by year the telephone ministry has increased until as many as 1,700 calls have been received in a single day.

Of course, it takes more than one person to handle a job of this scope. There are now four phones, with someone sitting at each phone ready to answer immediately.

One day there were many more calls than usual, and the staff at St. Paul's began wondering what had happened. They learned that a columnist had inserted just a sentence in his *Daily News* feature, saying, "If you dial CO 5-5432 you'll get a capsule sermon for your dime."

Not long after that, another avalanche of calls came when a certain radio personality told his listeners that he had

The late "Daddy" Hall, below left, witnessing for Christ by telephone. The center photo shows him and one of his converts, Creighton Dunlap, starting out for a street service.

The present staff of workers at St. Paul's House. The group recently celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of their telephone ministry.



just called CO 5-5432 and had heard a fine sermon. "I hope some of you will do the same," he said to his radio audience—and they did, by the hundreds!

Here is a typical "sermon":

"The Lord Jesus stands at the door of your heart and knocks. The latch is on your side of the door. If you will open the door, He will come in to you. Holman Hunt painted a famous picture of Christ standing at the closed door. A critic said, 'There is no knob on the outside.' Christ waits for you to open the door. Your will is the bolt. You can let Him come in, or you can keep Him out. Have you neglected or rejected the Saviour? If you have, won't you open the door of your heart and let Him give you victory over sin?"

Of course, the message is constantly changing. Each caller gets a personal message, and the speakers always trust the Lord to give them just the right words for the individual case.

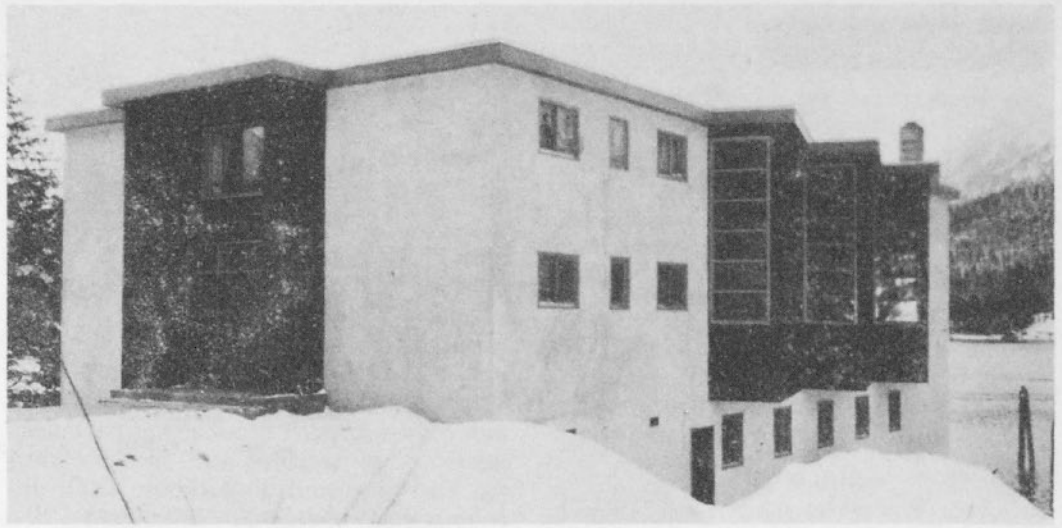
Does it bring results? Yes. A man just released from prison called the number. After listening to a telephone sermonette he expressed a willingness to come to St. Paul's House for a personal interview. When he came, the workers talked to him and he was greatly relieved to learn that Christ died for his sins. The thought that God would remove his sins as far away from him as the east is from the west, and would remember them against him no more, put hope in his heart. He prayed the penitent's prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and went away rejoicing in salvation.

Then there was the Jewish man who kept calling the number day by day. Each time he called, the workers would give him some further light on the gospel, and each day he promised to read certain chapters of the Bible. This man has not yet told his family about his new faith, but he has told others that he is a Christian believer.

All kinds of people call. Some are Christians who desire spiritual encouragement. Others are church members who are not quite sure whether they are saved. Many are people who make no profession of Christianity. Some of them are in distress. A number have admitted that they were ready to commit suicide when they phoned the mysterious number, and were kept from doing away with themselves by the kind words of hope that came over the telephone.

In many cases, people call because someone gave them the number. They do not know to whom they are speaking until the voice says, "We have a message for everyone who calls."

Daddy Hall is now gone to his heavenly reward, but the work goes on. Creighton Dunlap, who was won to Christ by Daddy Hall's outdoor evangelism, now has charge of St. Paul's House, and the work has



NEW HOME OF BETHEL ASSEMBLY IN JUNEAU, ALASKA

Bethel Assembly of God in Juneau, Alaska's capital city, now has a new home. It is a most attractive building with hot water heat to keep it comfortable in the coldest weather. An air exchanger unit provides a constant flow of fresh air that is pre-heated and kept at an even temperature.

The pastor's apartment is on the second floor at the front of the building. Below it the visitor finds a fine nursery, a large classroom, and a cloak room for his heavy wraps. As he passes on into the auditorium he finds an auditorium with 250 opera seats, asphalt tile floors, carpeted platform and altar space, with folding doors opening into the large classroom to take care of an overflow crowd.

The full basement contains the pastor's study and a large assembly room with classrooms on each side.

The main walls are made of marine plywood sheeting covered outside with stucco. The projecting areas are finished with dark brown "planked" plywood. The large windows are of fiberglass. The building is valued at \$125,000 but the cost was much less due to the fact that the Men's

Fellowship donated 2,000 hours of labor to the job. The men poured the cement, did the roofing, and helped on many other parts of the work.

The church was founded many years ago by Charles Personeus. The succeeding pastor, Ralph Baker, built a downtown church to accommodate the growing congregation. After Harold I. Maley became pastor in September 1951, the church continued to grow and it became necessary to plan for a larger building. A site was obtained in a newer residential area, and by last November the new church was sufficiently finished to have a public Open House.

Sunday School attendance has increased since the congregation moved into the new building. It now averages over 160.

Brother Maley and his fine congregation, conscious of the fact that they are the only Assemblies of God church in the Juneau area, feel a responsibility to evangelize the community. They visit the Federal Hospital and Federal Jail every Sunday to conduct gospel services. The church also contributes to the cost of broadcasting Revivaltime each week over one of the Juneau stations.

spread to other cities. There is a branch in Philadelphia managed by Mrs. Helen Hall. There is a telephone ministry at Memphis which was started by Daddy Hall, and another in Brooklyn. Someone who witnessed for Christ on St. Paul's phone went to Washington, D. C. and started a ministry of this kind in that city. The same thing happened in Los Angeles and other places; in fact, there are over a dozen cities scattered across the country where people are evangelizing by telephone as a direct result of the example set by Daddy Hall and his co-workers.

No soliciting is done by St. Paul's, for that is not necessary. The work goes on through a never-ending chain of "satisfied customers" who pass the word along and get their friends to call. Catholics, Jews, Mohammedans, and people from all walks of life dial the number.

Not all of the telephone calls are answered by staff members. Volunteers help, too. While visiting at St. Paul's House last fall I had the privilege of giving out several messages over the telephone myself. In one case I answered as usual and gave a Scripture verse, but when I asked whether the person calling was saved or not I heard a click at the

other end of the wire. The caller was gone. Some do get angry and hang up, but most callers are attentive and will answer questions or engage in a conversation. The fact that the call is anonymous causes many to listen to a telephone sermonette who would not be seen in a gospel meeting.

Very soon after the Philadelphia branch of the telephone ministry was launched, a man walked into a certain church and told the pastor he wanted to enter into fellowship with the congregation. He explained that he had been converted on the telephone. The pastor was taken by surprise. He questioned the man, and learned that the man had been saved through the Philadelphia phone that had been rented by St. Paul's House.

The telephone ministry is only one avenue of gospel service for St. Paul's House. The workers go out in preaching bands carrying signs that say, "Jesus Saves." They witness on street corners. They distribute gospel tracts in large numbers. They have caught the spirit of the apostle Paul himself, who was wholly dedicated to God and who was able to say, "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel..."

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Not Wasted

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vulgar. But it was acceptable to God, since it was David's effort to express to Him the emotions of his heart.

Sacrificial service for God is looked upon by some as waste. A young couple leaves home and employment that they might give their lives to work for Jesus. They labor with very small results. No one comes forward to meet their financial needs. They sacrifice and struggle; they fast and pray, and do without. Then discouragement comes. The enemy says, "To what purpose is this waste? Why not return home and build for yourselves resources such as others have?" We sympathize with those passing through such valleys. We have been through some of such ourselves. Let those passing through "the valley of weeping" remember that Jesus takes note of every falling tear, of every heartache, when the sacrifices are made out of devotion to Him. He is not forgetful of their "work of faith and labor of love."

"Waste" has brought the Pentecostal Movement to where it is. Those who now share its bounties of prosperity build on the sacrificial "waste" of those who laid the foundation. Jesus said to His disciples, "I sent you to reap that on which you bestowed no labour; other men laboured and ye have entered into their labours." There was little "waste" to the disciples; they were reaping the harvest which others had toiled to plant.

We turn our attention to the acceptance, or lack of acceptance, of the "waste" of love. There is but one answer. It was answered in behalf of Mary. Jesus knew her heart, the loving purpose which she had in breaking the box of ointment over His head. Facing those who would cry "waste," He rebuked them with the words, "Why trouble ye the woman?" Away with unholy criticism—"She hath done what she could." No one could do more. She gave the best she had; she did it in the best way she knew; she gained eternal favor with Christ. Let carnal folk say what they will.

Jesus saw what man cannot see, the heart. He saw even deeper than Mary saw. He affirmed that in this anointing she had come beforehand to anoint His body for burial. Man, who looked on the outward appearance and not on the heart,

did not see the crushed heart of Jesus which was carried under a brave exterior. Mary's ointment, which was looked upon as waste, was entirely in keeping with the unseen heart of the suffering Saviour. It bore with it an expression of both love and sympathy, while cold, calculating man looked on with critical and covetous eyes. Men who looked on outward appearances, and not on the heart, did not see the yearning in the heart of the Lord for love and spiritual fellowship.

Disciples and throngs were looking for miracles, while Jesus was looking for one who would love Him for what He was, rather than for what He might be able to do. Mary's love did more than anoint His body—it ministered to His heart. So great was the appreciation of Jesus that He said, "Wherever this gospel is preached in all the world, that which this woman hath done shall be told as a memorial of her." What a benediction on Mary—what appreciation for love!

And what of those who, because of love, toil and sacrifice with little compensation in visible results or in material gains? Be of good cheer. Jesus knows the devoted heart. He understands, whether outward observers understand or not. For such devoted living and service He gives two great promises. One promise is for the present—"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." The other is usually relegated to the future—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." The faithful may not see his work rewarded immediately, but of this he may be sure—a reward is coming. At the end of pilgrimage, sacrifice, and sorrow are the assuring words, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." We think of this as the joy of eternity; may we not also think of it as the joy of being "workers together with Him," serving in devotion because of love for Him? We may enter into His joy here and now.

Jesus is looking for spiritual fellowship with His followers, and for service which rises out of love. Such service is the only service which He desires. All other service is tainted with self-interest and self-love. May we give our best to the Master because we love Him with all our hearts.

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DOES GOD HAVE FAVORITES? (Acts 10:34)

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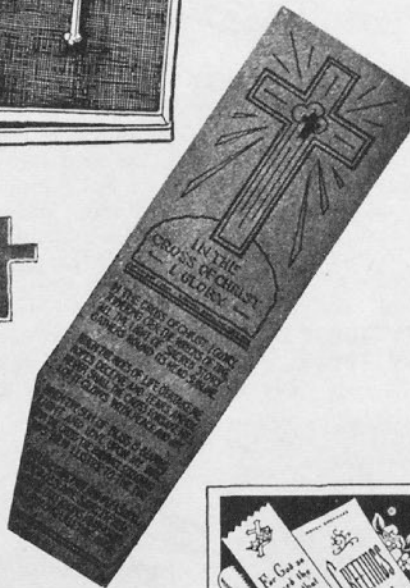
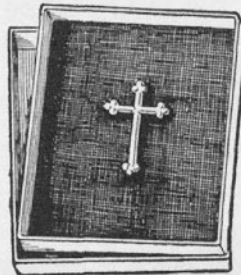
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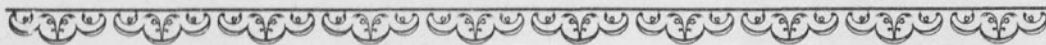


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The Tongue Is a Fire

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of us. A day has been appointed when God shall judge the secrets of men by Christ Jesus." Motives must be investigated, circumstances must be taken into account, and all the facts made bare. For fourteen years Joseph was thought to be guilty of a horrible sin. All the evidence seemed to prove him guilty. He went to prison as clean in heart and life as an angel, and waited through the weary years for vindication. It's bad business to start judging people.

Fifth, there is a tendency to lose all sense of high honor. The most sacred confidences are betrayed. Names are mentioned and matters passed on when there is no possible reason for doing so.

Sixth, the person who indulges in this sin will begin to deceive himself. He will say that he is only repeating such and such a matter for the protection of the work of God. Otherwise he wouldn't think of mentioning it. His logic becomes, "Let us do evil, that good may come." One might as well say, "Let us serve the devil, that Jesus may be glorified." Or, "Let us broadcast throughout the land all the faults, failures, weaknesses, misfortunes, and sins of Christians and ministers for the protection of the work of God!" Any out-and-out sinner knows better than that. The Bible says, "An ungodly man diggeth up evil. . . . A froward man soweth strife." Let me tell you right now, Friend, that nobody ever did spread scandal in the interest of holy living or the protection of the work of God. The Lord says, "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Never forget that you can kill your neighbor with your tongue—you don't need a revolver!

What is the source of this sin? Jesus asked this question, "How can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Our heart is the source of our conversation. It is the power behind our words. The color of our conversation depends upon the condition of our heart. Character decides conduct. A wrong condition of heart will be indicated by a wrong use of the tongue. Jesus put it this way, "Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." Paul put it this way, "For whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal?" Every writer in the Bible agrees that an outward evidence shows an inward condition. If you have

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been gossiping, it is because your heart isn't right! Friend, if this is your sin, if this is your trouble, you need to get right with God and then get right with your brother!

You ask, "What is the remedy?" You'll need more than an outward poultice to cure this disease. It will take something more than an outward lancing of festering sores. This poison is so deep that your very soul must be cleansed. It must be the work of "the very God of peace," who can "sanctify you wholly." Your body must become literally the temple of the Holy Ghost.

You say to me, "Brother Ward, can I really be changed like that?" My answer to you is this, "The Bible says so. It says, 'A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. . . . I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.'" That is plain enough. God says He will do it for you. Therefore believe Him. Turn toward God now. Turn toward Him because you cannot save yourself. You have tried many times before to be different, and you have failed each time. Realize that only God can miraculously change your heart. A new heart will soon produce new habits. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, . . . to love the Lord thy God." Love is the remedy for this sin. And God is the

Author of that love. A nasty, critical, fault-finding life can be changed only if you will yield yourself to God. The love of God will do for your heart and life what a mother's love does for a woman. You could hardly imagine a mother telling abroad the sins, failures, and bad habits of her own children.

You say, "Brother Ward, do you think the Great Physician will take my case?" Yes, I know He will, upon these conditions:

First, you must repent. That means confession and, as far as possible, restitution. Help the person you have injured and repair the damage as much as you can. Don't just skim it over. Get to the bottom of the thing. Tell God that you have been a sinner. Don't excuse yourself. Take all the blame. Ask for mercy and forgiveness. Stay on your knees before God until you know that you have a clean heart.

Second, out of a clean heart you must develop clean habits. Decide that from now on you will talk about no one behind his back. From now on you will take the Bible way and go to your brother and "tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Covenant with God before you leave your place of prayer that from now on you will keep the other person's name and reputation as sacred as you would have them keep yours. David worked at this virtue. He said, "I am

purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. . . . I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue."

Learn to weed your thinking. "Whatever things are true, . . . honest, . . . just, . . . pure, . . . lovely, . . . of good report . . . think on these things." And stay away from talebearers; they are carriers of moral contagion. They are scavengers. Avoid them as you would avoid the devil. Cultivate a hatred for sin. Learn to hate what God hates. The Bible says, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Get on God's side of this question and stay there.

Decide that you want to live like this, and I assure you that the Great Physician will take your case this very hour. Neighbor, you don't have to live a stained, unclean, and morally degenerate life. Thank God, you may be born again this very hour. God has a life of holiness for you. His power can make you what you ought to be. God will undertake for you the moment you ask Him in faith. Ask now!

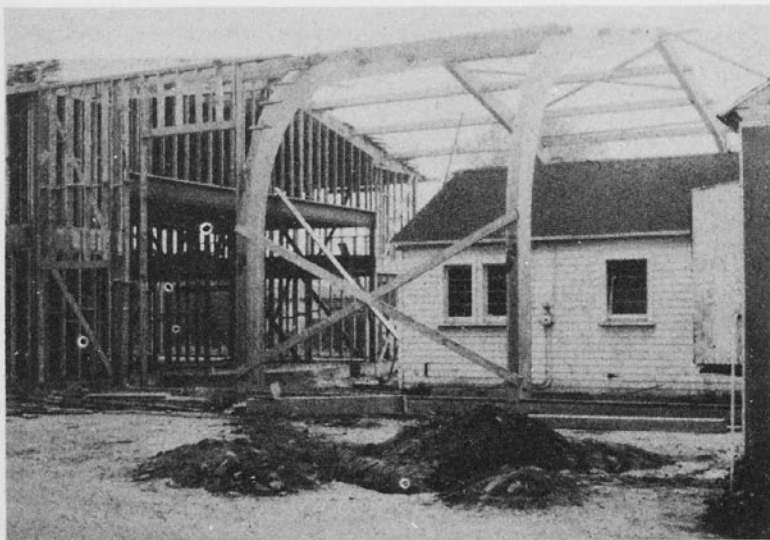
**It is better to walk in the dark with God
Than to run in the light alone.
Yea, better the thorniest path ever trod,
Where the briars are thick
and our feet unshod,
If only we follow His voice and His rod,
Than without Him to march to a throne.**

OLD CHURCH COVERED OVER AT DOWNEY, CALIF.

A new church building is under construction at Downey, California, and it is covering over the old one. While the new 5,000-square-foot structure is being built, services continue to be held in the old hall which is 20 by 30 feet in size.

The new building will include an auditorium seating 260, with twelve new classrooms at the rear. It will adjoin the front section which contains lobby, offices, and classrooms.

Eventually the church plans to completely rebuild the front section, adding 6,500 more square feet of floor space. Ray F. Curtis is Pastor of the Downey Assembly of God.



NEW CHURCH BURNED AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

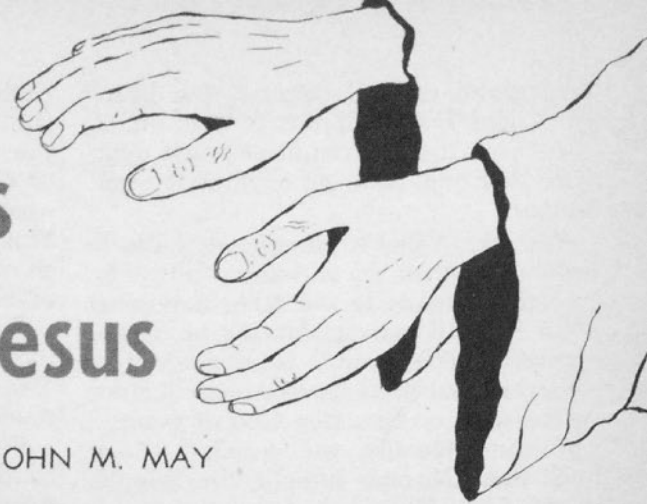
Fire broke out at Calvary Temple in Jacksonville, Florida, around two o'clock one Sunday morning. Firemen from three fire stations battled the blaze but before they could subdue it the church had suffered a loss of some \$72,000.

The building was only two years old. Harold Schmitt, former Ohio District C. A. President and Promotional Secretary of the National C. A. Department, became pastor of Calvary Temple on November 11, one month before the fire.

Fire Chief Frank C. Kelly said it was possible that a thermostat failure on a heater near the pulpit was the cause of the blaze.



The Hands of Jesus



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.

GLADWIN, MICH.—Mar. 4-18 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Sharp. (Truman Lowell is Pastor.)

FORT MADISON, IOWA—Mar. 6-18; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Graves.—by Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

CLARE, MICH.—Mar. 5-18 at Assembly of God; Evangelist D. A. Lewis, Mitchell, S. Dak. (Norman Kolenda is Pastor.)

TEAGUE, TEX.—Feb. 28-Mar. 11; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh, Jacksonville, Fla. (R. V. Silvertooth is Pastor.)

CENTER, TEX.—Begins Feb. 22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Laughlin, Breckenridge, Tex. (L. R. Evans is Pastor.)

ORLANDO, FLA.—Begins Feb. 26 at Azalea Park Evangelistic Center; Evangelist Lula M. Ware, Compton, Calif. (Aubrey Sara is Pastor.)

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Feb. 19-Mar. 4 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist N. K. Bigham, Kilgore, Tex.—by F. D. Davis, Pastor.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla. (W. A. Clark is Pastor.)

ST. FRANCIS, KANS.—Feb. 26-Mar. 12; Evangelist C. M. Smitley, Springfield, Mo. (James Richard is Pastor.)

KALISPELL, MONT.—Feb. 28-Mar. 18 at First Assembly of God; Musical Mathans, Kansas City, Mo. (O. W. Klingsheim is Pastor.)

HARPER, KANS.—Begins Feb. 26 at Assembly of God; John H. Davis, pastor of the Assembly in Larned, Kans.—by Howard W. Marshall, Pastor.

RAWLINGS, WYO.—Began Feb. 15 at Trinity Assembly; Evangelists Wendell and Verla Reed, Denver, Colo.—by M. W. McLees, Pastor.

LE CLAIRE, IOWA—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at Full Gospel Tabernacle; Evangelist and Mrs. A. J. Wells, Dixon, Ill.—by K. E. Matschulat, Pastor.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—Began Feb. 12 at University Assembly of God; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. (Otis Runyon is Pastor.)

SEDALIA, MO.—Began Feb. 7 at First Assembly of God, 6th and Summit Sts.; Evangelist Morris Cerullo.—by Floyd T. Buntenschach, Pastor.

FREEPORT, PA.—Mar. 7-25 at Freeport Gospel Tabernacle, 210 High St.; Busse Evangelistic Team, New York City. (Charles Shaffer is Pastor.)

SISSETON, S. DAK.—Feb. 28-Mar. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer, Beaverton, Ala. (B. C. Heinze is Pastor.)

HOBART, IND.—Mar. 18-25 at Calvary Temple; Evangelist Byron D. Jones, Ashley, Pa.—by R. J. Baggs, Pastor.

CORYDON, IOWA—Began Feb. 19 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Jean Lucy and Vera Riley, Russellville, Ark. (J. C. Hook is Pastor.)

VALLEY SPRINGS, CALIF.—Began Feb. 12 with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Satterfield, Little Rock, Ark. (E. T. Glaze is Pastor.)

PRICHARD, ALA.—Began Feb. 18 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (J. D. Stevens is Pastor.)

BREWSTER, OHIO—Begins Feb. 21 at the Full Gospel Church; Evangelist Eddie Roush, Clinton, Ind.—by John W. Blair, Pastor.

ASHLAND, KY.—Begins Feb. 22 at Tri-State Revival Center; Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham.—by C. C. Grant, Pastor.

by JOHN M. MAY

THE HANDS ARE OFTEN AN INDEX TO many things about a person: his occupation, his character, his emotional security or instability, his strength or weakness. By reading of the many times Jesus used His hands to help others, we get an insight into His personality and character.

His are the hands that wrought faith. Doubting Thomas refused to believe the fact of His resurrection and the Lord said to him, "Behold my hands." The sight of those hands which Jesus had exercised to heal and make happy many people was enough to dispel doubts and Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." The memory of the nail-pierced hands, a testimony of part of His suffering for us, may often be the motivation to greater faith by us. His hands were used to help when there was a lack of faith. Peter walked on the water so long as he had faith. His fear, however, became greater than his faith and he began to sink. Jesus saved him and reproved him for it. Sometimes we need this helping hand when faith is weak because our eyes are on something or someone else than the Lord. Thank God He is willing to help us!

His hands wrought miracles. The blind, the crippled, the heartsick, the palsied, the chronically sick, the fevered, were gloriously healed as He laid His hands on them. He was victorious over disease, devils, and death. It is no less a miracle for Him to heal spiritual sickness. It is

truly a miracle when He saves the soul.

His hands wrought light. Putting spit on the eyes of the blind man and laying His hands on him, He asked what he saw. The man replied he saw men as trees walking. When Jesus had repeated His action the man testified that he saw clearly. Eyes darkened by many causes and for various lengths of time have received light. So may those hands bring light today to many a man who sits in darkness. In the blackness of loneliness, gloom, and discouragement, in the tunnel of despair, His light will shine.

His were tender hands. Though capable of holding a rope lash to drive money changers out of the temple, His hands could receive a child from a worshipping mother to give it His benediction and blessing. Here are the hands that make new, straightening the body of a woman with an eighteen-year infirmity; hands that were lifted with the saluation, "Peace be unto you;" hands that are freighted with limitless authority, for the Father had delivered all things into His hands; yet they were hands of humility that washed the feet of His disciples, and held the reed placed there for mockery like a monarch.

The character of Jesus is clearly seen as we view His hands. Truly happy is he who has not only seen but felt the hands of Jesus working on his behalf.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at First Assembly of God Tabernacle, 24th and Grand; Evangelists Ralph and Eileen Wilkerson, Richmond, Calif.—by James Kofahl, Pastor.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Began Feb. 19 at First Assembly of God, 350 Polk St.; Evangelist June Cook, Columbus, Ohio.—by Robert J. Ferguson, Pastor.

ORLAND, CALIF.—Workers Training Course followed by revival, begins Feb. 26; Evangelist Dewey L. Heath, Pampa, Tex. (R. S. Robertson is Pastor.)

DANVILLE, ILL.—Begins Feb. 26 at First Assembly of God, 428 N. Walnut; Evangelists Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill.—by James E. Hyllberg, Pastor.

MORDEN, MAN., CANADA—Feb. 26-Mar. 11 at the Pentecostal Church; Evangelist Albert A. Howell, Malta, Mont., speaking from his Bible chart. (C. F. Cairns is Pastor.)

SPOKANE, WASH.—Feb. 19-Mar. 4 at First Assembly of God, Lincoln and Indiana Sts.; Paul Cantelon Evangelistic Party.—by Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor.

FORT COLLINS, COLO.—Feb. 29-Mar. 18 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (L. A. Messick is Pastor.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Began Feb. 14 at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.; Evangelists Warren Litzman and Hardy Weathers, Waco, Tex.—by Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor.

EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Commemorating 25th year as pastor of East Trinity Assembly of God, 5017 E. Olympic Blvd.; Mar. 9-16; F. C. Woodworth, District Superintendent, and others speaking.—by Elmer T. Draper, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

VISITING WEST INDIES—During February, March and April we will be ministering in Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and Haiti.—Harold and Esther Burger, Box 65, Lodi, Calif.

CONTACTS WANTED—Last May we opened a new church in Vista, Calif. If you have friends in this area, please send us us their names and addresses.—Harry Jones, Route 2, Box 649, Vista, Calif.