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"The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." —John 6:63

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Reward OF THE Righteous

BY HOWARD S. BUSH—South Florida District Superintendent

IN LUKE 2:25-28 (WILLIAMS' Translation) we read, "Now there was in Jerusalem a man named Symeon, an upright, devout man; he was expecting to see the consolation of Israel, and he was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not die without seeing the Lord's Messiah. So under the Spirit's guidance he went into the temple, and when the parents brought the child Jesus there to do for Him as the custom of the law required, Symeon also took Him in his arms and blessed God. . . ."

Righteousness is rewarded in this life and in the life to come. Nothing is more certain or sure than this. God has promised us an inheritance. It always pays to live for God, both in time and in eternity.

This passage of Scripture reveals five outstanding characteristics about the aged Symeon. The combination of these five will bring you the desired reward, the fulfillment of your highest hopes and aspirations. They will elevate your thoughts, sustain your convictions, strengthen your ambitions, and develop your faith in God and His Word.

First of all, Symeon was upright. This was the basis of his dealings with his fellow men. He was considerate, kind, and careful to see that he did not violate the rights of others. Symeon knew that feelings run deep in the human family, and that wounds inflicted by thoughtlessness or unkindness do not easily heal. He possessed integrity of both heart and mind, and read the Scriptures daily to better understand God's plan for men.

Too few people today regard sincerity as a desirable virtue. For many it is merely a cloak to be worn when convenient and laid aside when not wanted. But people who are great in the eyes of God are genuine—always honest and

fair in their relationships with others. They would rather suffer loss than to offend one of God's children.

To be upright in character means to be morally erect, not leaning in any direction. It is so easy to lean—to compromise in matters of policy, principle, and business. Certainly this does not mean that one should be stubborn, but rather that he should be firm in his choice of right from wrong.

Symeon studiously chose the things which were right. This habit helped him to evaluate properly each situation, to be true to his convictions, and to be impartial in his decisions.

Secondly, he was devout. No man can really know God who does not place his relationship with God above all other things. This relationship must go deeper than mere theology and psychology; it is a life of communion with our heavenly Father and it brings about a holiness of spirit. How can one who is not godly profess to be devout? Godliness is not primarily an outward piety. It consists of something more than pious talk, proper manners, and conservative dress. It is an inward holiness. God looks on the heart.

Our love, our affections must be centered in Christ, our risen Lord. "Make love your aim, and then set your heart on the spiritual gifts" (1 Cor. 14:1, Moffatt).

Love has never been defined more beautifully than in 1 Corinthians 13. All translations of this passage have their own beauty, but to me Moffatt's seems to be especially radiant and sublime: "Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong,



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love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient."

Symeon loved God and his fellow man. His hope was based on the promises of God, promises which were not only recorded for him in the Word, but which were revealed to him by the Spirit.

He was also led by the Holy Spirit. It is our privilege today to be guided by the Spirit. The Word tells us that the Spirit will guide us into all truth (John 16:13), He will guide us with His eye (Psa. 32:8), and He will guide our feet in the pathway of peace (Luke 1:79).

Every day can bring us a new experience of fellowship with God. We must be very sensitive to the impressions of the Spirit as God guides our lives. If Symeon had chosen his own plan for that day when the baby Jesus was brought into the temple, and had gone elsewhere, he would have missed this long-anticipated event. But Symeon was ready, waiting for the Christ-child's appearance, worshipping God.

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Elijah

THE TISHBITE

A brief sketch of the world's most eccentric prophet

BY W. T. GASTON

PERHAPS THE MOST ROMANTIC CHARACTER Israel ever produced is introduced to us in the 17th chapter of First Kings. Nothing is said of his parentage or of his training. He is presented simply and suddenly as "Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead." That he was a man at home in desert wastes and mountain caverns is clear from the inspired narrative.

His style of dress was not the latest, by any means. It would require a great stretch of the imagination to fancy Elijah in evening garb. His manner also was simple and straight from the shoulder. Entirely detached from the ostentatious society of his day, this rugged prophet stands out as a veritable Gibraltar of strength against the dark background of almost universal apostasy.

The first item on his program for revival in Israel was to conduct a one-

man prayer meeting. He then turned the key on God's rain barrel, and walked straight to Ahab and announced the result: "There shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." Ahab was not favorably impressed with this message, nor yet with the messenger; and little wonder, since he was accustomed to the polished suavity of priests trained to speak "smooth things."

There was room at Queen Jezebel's table for 850 of these "tactful" prophets, but our hero from the great open spaces, with his blunt manner and utter disregard for diplomacy, found it necessary to retire to the brook Cherith, where ravens brought him "bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook." Plenty to drink and two "squares" a day was sufficient for a preacher on vacation; and Elijah was to have a

long rest while idolatrous Israel was being prepared by drought and famine for the special meeting at Carmel.

After many months the brook dried up, but not the preacher. He was still in vital touch with God, and in quick response to the divine call he bade farewell to his faithful flock at Cherith (the ravens), and journeyed to Zarephath, where he was to be entertained by a certain widow and her son for the remainder of his three and one-half years of inactivity.

Let us pause for a moment down by the little Phoenician city where his new hostess (one of the small remnant who had not bowed to Baal), is gathering sticks to prepare her last meal. Is it a coincidence, or by divine arrangement, that the prophet should appear just at this crisis? Without presenting his credentials, or offering references, he asked for "a little water in a vessel," and then for a "morsel of bread in thine hand." This second request seemed a little too much for the obliging widow, and she countered with a brief story of how the depression had reduced her to abject poverty. Only "a handful of meal" and "a little oil in a cruse" remained. "And, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die." This would have been enough to start the average preacher on a hunt for a better boarding house, but the extraordinary man of our sketch replied, "Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, . . . for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days."

God's method of supplying the needs of His faithful ones during the long months of watchful waiting was from day to day. Every day there was just enough, and so they could sing the doxology at every meal. Still we cannot imagine that this "hand to mouth" program was any strain upon the happy household at Zarephath. On the contrary, it was a source of continuous wonder, love and praise.

Contentment for the worldling requires not only a full dinner pail, but also groaning granaries, bursting barns.

Who has not dreamed of a personal Utopia, like a certain fool in the parable of our Lord who said to himself, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry"? But God often keeps His honored instruments shouting *Glory* through the bung-hole of a meal barrel that is almost empty.

At last the time came for Elijah to leave his retirement and face an enraged, ignoble nobility, and an apostate, idolatrous nation. Three and one-half years of comparative inactivity had not rendered the country preacher "soft." We shall presently see how courageous manhood and heroic faith brought stunning defeat to the enemies of the Lord.

The prophets of the Lord had been slain by Jezebel, and secret service

agents from the court of Ahab had combed the nation for Elijah; and now, at the word of the Lord, he went boldly to show himself to Ahab. Here is drama in real life. Nothing more heroic has ever been conceived by extravagant purveyors of fiction. Their meeting was none too cordial. Charges and countercharges were made; but in the end all Israel was gathered unto Mt. Carmel for the most unusual religious service in the history of the world. There was Ahab in his purple; 850 false prophets dressed, no doubt, in all the splendor of their vestments; with Israel, deceived and fallen, bringing up a solid front for the adopted religion of the state. On the other side of the battle line stood Elijah—along with God. This was to be a "new deal" in religion. "The

God that answereth" shall be God. Neither the beauty of ritual nor the earnestness of the worshipers was to be the deciding factor, but "fire" from heaven.

Baal's priests were generously given first chance, because they were many. Having erected their altar and placed the sacrifice upon the wood, the solemn rites began. "From morning even until noon" the fruitless praying by the popular Samaritan conference of "stall-fed" preachers continued. Finally, Elijah became sarcastic and suggested that they pray louder; perhaps their god was "asleep," or on a "journey." "And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon

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W. T. Gaston, 1886-1956

THE LORD has called another of our well-loved Pentecostal pioneers Home, in the person of W. T. Gaston, and with his passing the present generation of Assemblies of God members has lost one more link with the Movement's early days. The ranks of the "first-generation" ministers is becoming very thin.

Brother Gaston was an Arkansas farm boy who, in response to the call of God, launched out as an evangelist at the age of twenty-three. He is said to have virtually "walked over" Arkansas preaching the gospel. In April 1914 he attended the historic meeting of ministers in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at which the decision to

Another Pioneer Called Home

form the General Council of the Assemblies of God was made. His reputation as a fervent and fluent preacher quickly spread throughout the state and to other states as well. He was called to be pastor at Tahlequah and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Within a few years he became known from coast to coast. His ministry was much in demand as a convention and camp-meeting speaker.

He left the evangelistic field to become pastor in Springfield, Missouri, 1920-21. He moved to San Diego, California, where he served as pastor until called to be General Chairman of the Assemblies of God. He served as the General Council leader for four years, during which time the title of the office was changed to General Superintendent.

Moving back to California, he resumed his pastoral ministry at San Diego and later became pastor at Sacramento. In 1944 he was elected to the office of District Superintendent for Northern California and Nevada, an office which he filled with dignity and distinction until the time of his death.

Brother Gaston suffered a heart attack July 5, 1956, while engaged in camp-meeting ministry in the

Southern Idaho District. He was returned to his home in Santa Cruz, California, to convalesce. He showed signs of steady recovery up to a week before his death, at which time he suffered a relapse. Very early on Sunday morning, August 26, he suffered another sharp attack and within an hour he was gone to be forever with Christ.

The funeral service at the District Campgrounds in Santa Cruz was attended by nearly a thousand people, including a host of ministers. Ernest S. Williams, who succeeded Brother Gaston in the office of General Superintendent, preached the funeral sermon.

Brother Gaston is survived by his wife, Artie Gaston, with whom he observed their golden wedding anniversary on July 5 of this year; three daughters, Mrs. Irma Hawkins of Fresno, Mrs. Velma Haworth of Van Nuys, and Mrs. Dwight Loubourrow of Oakland; three sons, Vernon H. Gaston of Washington, D. C., Pastor Marcus Gaston of Inglewood, and Pastor Paul Gaston of Hayward; a sister, Mrs. Laura Roberts of Arkansas; also eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Baptized

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



IN REVEALING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS TO His children God always illustrates them with familiar physical terms. These terms often have more application to the spiritual realm than we may realize at first. For instance, Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again. Spiritual birth has many of the characteristics of physical birth. There is travail in bringing forth a new life; likewise, Jesus suffered on the cross for every one of us, that we might be brought forth as a new spiritual life. Further, when a child is born into a family he bears the family name, and is a member of the family. So, when a man is "born from above," he joins the family of God; he becomes a child of God and is a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

Thus it is with the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We read how John the Baptist preached this doctrine strongly, and his words were better understood in his day apparently than they are by many in this twentieth century. John cried, "I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost" (Mark 1:8), and the people understood perfectly.

At a baptizing, the minister and the convert stand together in the water. The preacher says, "Upon confession of your faith in Christ, and your expressed desire to follow your Lord in water baptism I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." And then he immerses the convert in the water. He is covered completely, surrounded entirely with the water.

Thus it is when Christ baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. But who is the Holy Spirit. First of all, He is a *personality*. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity. You and I cannot understand the Holy Spirit any more than we can understand how the Word of God could be made flesh and dwell among us, or how there can be an eter-

nity without time, beginning, or end. If we could understand God, He would not be God. Our God defies analysis, for He is infinite. His ways and His thoughts are above our understanding. That is why many educated people, puffed up with the love of their own learning, refuse to acknowledge God. They are unwilling to admit that there could be anything in this world that their mortal minds cannot grasp.

However, there is much in the Bible which helps us to recognize the personality and workings of the Holy Spirit, and it is these glorious passages we shall now consider.

The first chapter of Ezekiel gives us an inspiring picture of the four living creatures, darting back and forth constantly ("whither the spirit was to go, they went"), accompanied by the wheel in the middle of the wheel. They were full of eyes round about; they constantly went forth and returned like lightning, seeing everything, executing the will of God everywhere. This scripture certainly pictures the all-seeing eye of God, the all-powerful Spirit of the Lord.

It was this same *power* that Jesus received when the Holy Ghost descended on Him like a dove. After that experience, He entered upon His ministry, defeating the temptations of Satan, performing miracles, and healing all manner of diseases. Though Jesus exercised great power, however, it was a different kind than the world knows. The dove is a universal symbol of peace; so Jesus' power in the Spirit was a power of peace. He controlled the waves and the winds with His "Peace, be still." He fed five thousand from a handful of food. "My peace I give unto you," He said, "not as the world giveth, give I unto you."

The Holy Spirit is also the Comforter, the *paraclete*, "the one called alongside to help." He is available to every born-again Christian, if we will but ask—what a pity that all do not have His comfort! On the night before His trial Jesus lovingly told His disciples, "Neverthe-



less . . . it is expedient [good] for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

Did you ever stop to think how wonderful it would be to have Jesus right with you every day—counseling you in time of distress, healing you when ill, miraculously providing the necessities of life when there was no provision in sight? How thrilling to live in the same house with Him, to hear His gracious words, to bask in the sunshine of the presence of God Himself every day! The disciples had it thus, and so they were sorrowful at the thought of His going away and leaving them. They wanted Him to stay with them forever. Can you blame them?

But Jesus said, "If I depart, I will send *him* [the Holy Spirit] unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world . . . ; he will guide you into all truth . . . ; he shall glorify me. . . ." The Representative! The Replacement! Jesus' own provision for His disciples! Oh, how can anyone who has the love of Christ in him fail to seek the Comforter whom Jesus said He would send in His place?

We also see the Holy Ghost as the *glory of God*. At the transfiguration a "bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matt. 17:5). This cloud was the Shechinah, the manifest presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

This same cloud is mentioned many times in the Old Testament. When the Lord called Moses up to the top of Mount Sinai, "there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount . . . and mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly" (Ex. 19:16, 18). The Israelites were forbidden to approach the cloud upon the mountain, lest they die; and when Moses came down, the glory of God shone so brightly on his face that people could not bear to look at it. So he was forced to wear a veil while he spoke to them. The presence of God was so overwhelming that Moses was "there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water."

When the tabernacle was finished and everything completed according to

God's Word, "then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. . . . For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel" (Ex. 40:34, 35, 38).

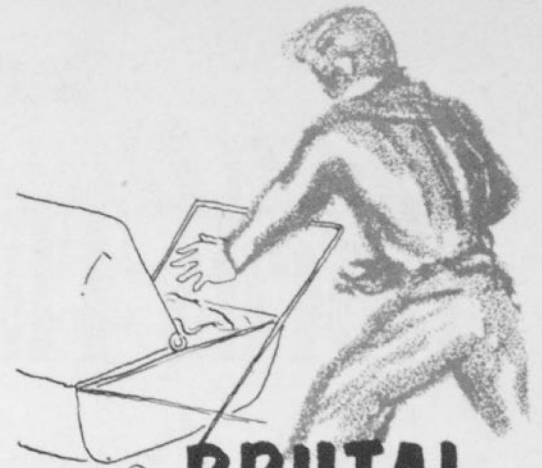
Did not John the Baptist declare, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire"? Then it is not enough for a Christian to be saved through faith in the Blood of Jesus. Even though one has repented of his sins and has been baptized in water by his minister, there remains for him the promise of his Lord, "But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost."

But can he stand it? The children of Israel could not come near the glorious presence of God, lest they die. What of that glory, the fire, the power? Can his frail frame stand the love of God or the peace that passes all understanding?

Moses could stand it. He was able to enter the thick cloud and live. He was able to have the glory shine from his face without dying. But there was a reason: "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Num. 12:3).

The Lord desires to manifest His glory to His children today. And so Jesus said, "Tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high." A lot of people don't want to do much tarrying these days. They demand a quick recipe. Is it any wonder then that we do not see more people genuinely baptized in the Spirit? It is the mercy of God that withholds the Baptism from some folk. The glory would kill us if we were not ready for it.

But the earnest Christian *tarryes* before God, praying, examining his heart, emptying out all selfish desires and worldly interests. Then one day the Lord looks down and sees this man, clothed in his baptismal garments of meekness and consecration, standing there patiently waiting. And so He fills him with His own Holy Spirit. Oh, the love, the fire, the peace, the power, covering, saturating, filling, drenching, nearly drowning us in glory Oh, the wonder that God has provided such a precious gift for His children! But what a pity that so many of His children fail to claim the gift!



BRUTAL KIDNAPPING BUT—

All of us were chilled by the kidnapping of a tiny infant recently. And somehow the inhumanity of it intensified when the suspect was captured. For he was a man with a family of his own. He apparently stole the child to finance a new \$15,000 split-level home. One man attempting to pay for his luxury with the life of another's helpless child!

But—

an uneasiness creeps into our own hearts. Are we financing **our** higher and more pleasant standard of living with money that should be going to missions? Has your giving kept pace with your increasing income? Or have little "extras" nibbled it away? Have finery and conveniences been purchased at the expense of human souls?

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Darkness Deepens—

but an all-out effort can speed life-saving light into the gathering gloom.

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Words That Make Hearts Burn

by Dexter Jacobs Hon

THE DISCIPLES SAID, "DID NOT OUR hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

Oh, those forcible words, those gracious words, those wonderful words that caused the hearts of men to burn within them as they talked with our Lord! He expounded to them with great simplicity the words of the prophets concerning Himself. As He talked with them, their hearts were made receptive to the Word of God by the blessed Holy Ghost. Oh! how we need to have this quality today—this power, this anointing of the Spirit that makes hearts burn.

"How forcible are RIGHT words!" The Scriptures are composed of right words. With the anointing of the Spirit upon these right words, the same effect will be felt today as when our Lord talked with these men. Right words will instruct many, strengthen the weak, uphold the falling, encourage the down-hearted, cheer the weary, give hope to the hopeless, and joy to those that are sad.

The Word declares, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." "He that offendeth not in word, the same is a perfect man." Should we wonder why our preaching, teaching, and testifying do not have that burning effect that our Master's had if we are guilty at times of reckless words, idle talk and foolish jesting?

UNSPOKEN WORDS

"Oh, that ye would altogether hold your peace! And it should be your wisdom." (Job 13:5). Ofttimes silence is wisdom, but can we perceive when? It is written of Christ: "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet he opened not His mouth . . ." (Isa. 53:7).

Many times our Lord was mocked and scoffed at; hurtful accusations were hurled at Him, but He held His peace—and it was wisdom! "And Pilate asked Him again . . . answerest Thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against Thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled." It was not at His words of self-defense that Pilate marveled, but that He altogether held His peace at a most trying time. Jesus always held His peace at the right time. But what happened when He opened His mouth to speak? Men's hearts burned within them!

Franklin's Epitaph

This epitaph was inscribed on the tomb of Benjamin Franklin:

"This body of Benjamin Franklin,
Printer
(like the covers of an old book,
its contents worn out
and stript of its lettering and gild-
ing),
lies food for worms. Yet the work
itself shall not be lost,
for it will (as he believed) ap-
pear once more
in a new and more beautiful edi-
tion,
corrected and amended by the
Author."

—*Christian Victory*

POWERFUL WORDS

We do not have record in the Scriptures where Jesus ever participated in foolish jesting or idle talk. Nor in His preaching and teaching do we have record of the telling of a foolish joke about Brother and Sister So-and-so. The spirit of His messages was never broken by such. When He spoke, the atmosphere was charged with the power of God and not with mirth and laughter.

Multitudes followed Him for miles into hot deserts, and climbed high, rocky mountains to hear His MAGNETIC words. For hours they would sit, taking in His every word. Has the Word of God lost its appeal today, or have we lost the anointing?

Empty benches are in our churches today. Men and women will not walk a few blocks to hear the Word of God. The dance halls are filled, the theaters are full, and many other pleasure houses are overflowing. People will travel miles and miles to attend a world fair, a world series, etc. Only a few go to the house of the Lord. Why? Multitudes followed Him. Have we not the same words to speak to the people today? The same Christ to present? He declared, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." Will not the power of God draw multitudes today in spite of the pleasure houses? If that burning anointing were upon the words of our preaching, teaching, and testifying today, would not the people walk for miles, if necessary, to hear the words and see the power manifested?

On the day of Pentecost, three thousand devout Jews were so touched at heart that before Peter could finish his sermon, much less make an altar call, they were inquiring, "What must we do

to be saved?" Peter was not an educated preacher of eloquent speech. His preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom. But he had that supernatural burning anointing which is the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power." We can see that it was not a beautifully outlined sermon nor the fluent speech of an educated man that won these three thousand to Christ.

It is not a multitude of eloquent words, mental exhilaration, nor fleshly manifestations that touches the heart. *It is the anointing of the Spirit upon right words, fitly spoken, and spiritual demonstrations which can be felt as well as seen.*

We long to be "mighty in word and in deed" as our Lord was. We are far beneath our privileges when we come short of this. If we will let our longings and dreams master us no longer, and will start doing the will of God, He will impart unto us this divine anointing which we lack. To do the will of God, we must have the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus. We must yield our will, mind, soul, body, and tongue wholly unto our Father. We must be willing to go to Gethsemane and then to the cross and be crucified to self and the world. Then, and not until then, will we be meet for the Master's use.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that through our daily lives and godly conversation we instruct many? That our words strengthen the weak, uphold the falling, and encourage those that are cast down? May it be said of us, as it was said of Christ, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us . . . and opened to us the Scriptures?"

Revivaltime Speaker's Engagements for October

The REVIVALTIME speaker, C. M. Ward, may be heard in person in the following cities:

OCTOBER 1-4—LANCASTER, PA., Y.M.C.A. Building. Sectional Home Missions Rally.

OCTOBER 5—BEDFORD, OHIO, Assembly of God, Broadway and Ellenwood Sts. REVIVALTIME Rally.

OCTOBER 9-12—ATLANTA, GA. City-wide Training Course.

OCTOBER 15—DURANT, FLA. Pleasant Grove's Annual Camp Meeting.

OCTOBER 16-26—SPOKANE, WASH. Sectional Revival. REVIVALTIME to be released alive from Spokane on October 21.

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 4—SPRINGFIELD, MO., South Side Assembly of God, 501 S. Broadway. Revival Campaign.

Revivaltime

IS REACHING PEOPLE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. BELOW IS A LETTER FROM A LISTENER IN THE BALTIC AREA—

Behind the Iron Curtain



Riga
July 21, 1956.

Dear Brothers in Christ:

We have heard your sermon and were very happy to hear of God's blessings. If it would be possible, please send us some of your sermons, or perhaps better write something that God will put on your heart that would be a blessing to our hearts. Please write to address:

V. Wisul
Bikernieku ielā № 41-5
Riga 6
Latvia U.S.S.R.

Please keep us in your prayer

Yours in Christ Jesus
sister Wisul

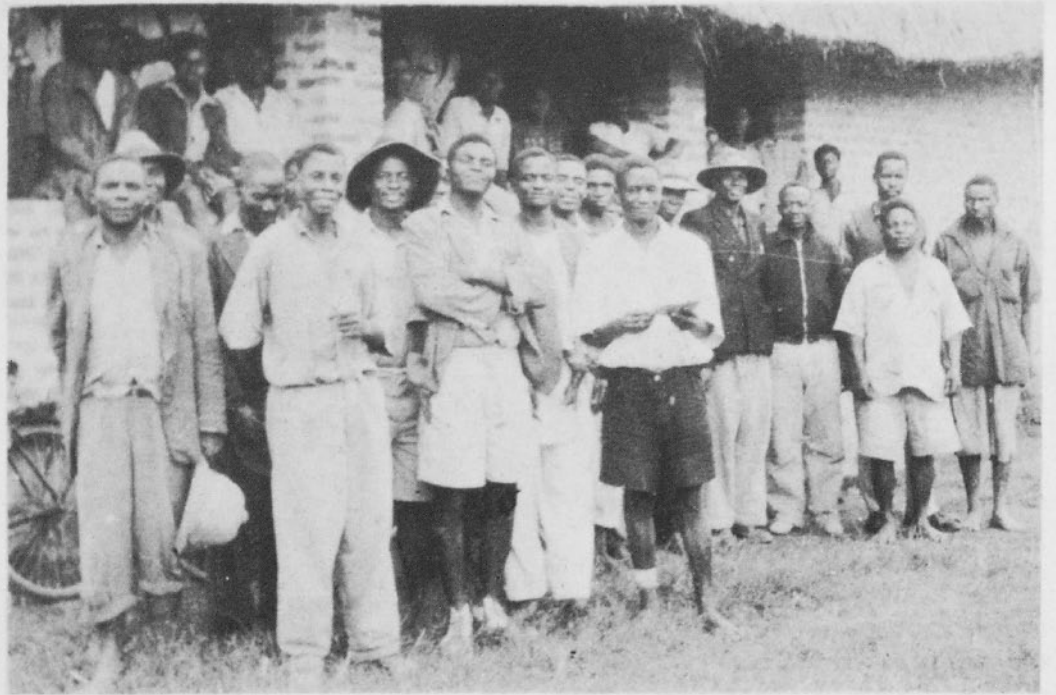
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“... and the glory of the Lord filled the house.”

I AM SURE THAT KING SOLOMON WAS a happy man that day when, after many months of planning and work in building the temple, God put His stamp of approval on all that was done by revealing His glorious presence.

Whereas Solomon used fir, cedar, and algum wood from Lebanon overlaid with pure gold, the buildings at Maranatha Bible School at Mbeya, Tanganyika, are just sun-dried brick overlaid with a mud plaster. But the same glory, the same lovely Lord that visited Solomon that day, came and visited our Bible School again and again this year. Many times classes had to give way to the burden of prayer that gripped the students as they were hungry for the experimental realities of those things being taught them.

Of the forty-four men who enrolled, the majority went away having been filled or refilled with the precious Holy



Students conducting a service at the Chief's court

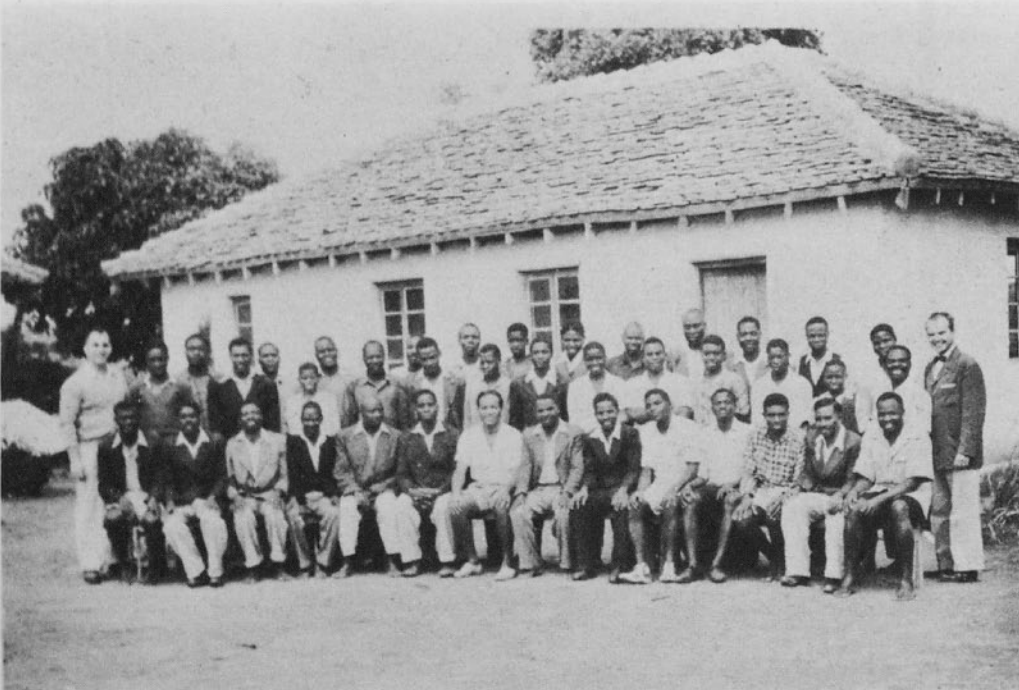
The Glory-filled House

by Delmar Kingsriter

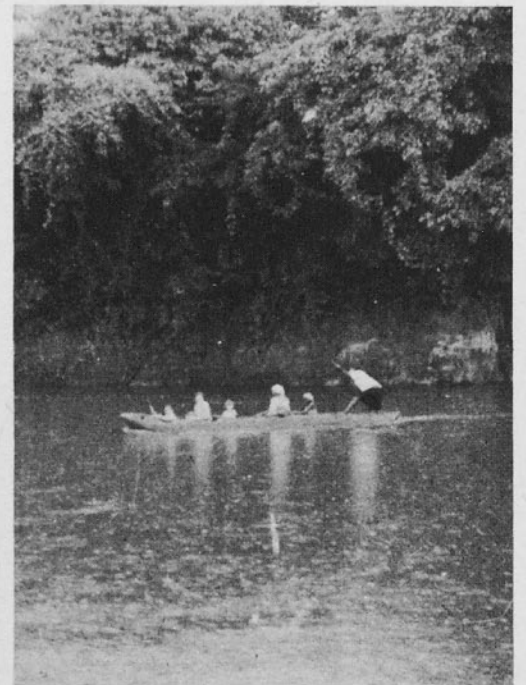
Spirit. We give praise to God for the breath of Pentecost we have experienced in Tanganyika this year. The influence of the Bible School has rejuvenated the work and the workers. Pray with us that the flame of revival shall sweep over Tanganyika and all East Africa where the opportunities are limitless but the laborers are so few.

Here is an urgent prayer request. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hurst and family have had to return to America because of sickness that has plagued their family. Mr. Hurst has served as principal of this school these past years. Join with us in believing prayer that they shall be perfectly healed and speedily returned to this important work.

Students with Instructors Delmar Kingsriter (left) and Wesley Hurst (right)



On the way to hold a Bible School Rally



Serapia Castilla de Jurado PRAISES GOD

by Mrs. T. O. JOHNSTON, Bolivia



Serapia and Mrs. Johnston

SERAPIA CASTILLA DE JURADO CAME in from San Andres to Tarija, which is three and a half leguas or about ten and a half miles. That night she came to the Assembly of God in Tarija, and found Jesus as her personal Saviour.

She asked us to pray for her body. She said that when she tried to walk her legs would give way and she would fall down unconscious. She also had pains in her stomach, back, and head. She had been sick for twelve years. We prayed for her, and she left without pain.

The following Monday night she came with her husband who wanted to give his heart to the Lord. She returned two weeks later on a cold Monday evening, walking and rejoicing in the Lord. She came to church an hour or so early so we could read the Word to her and pray with her once again, as she had been having some pain in her body. She told me how she would love to live here so she could come to the services and learn more of the Word of God. How she loves Christ and enjoys having us read the precious Word of Life to her!

The next time she came to town she was to return home Monday, but

on Tuesday morning she was still in town. She came and told us that she had been unable to walk the day before. She said that when she tried to step down on one foot it felt as if she were stepping on a nail. She came for prayer before starting her long walk, knowing that God would touch her as we prayed and thus she could make the long journey home. Thank the Lord, He answered prayer. This last week she returned and said that she walked home with ease and arrived quickly with no pain at all. We gave her a gospel portion so that some neighbor could read to her if there were anyone in the community who could read. Do pray that her life and testimony will be a means of bringing many more precious souls into the family of God!

Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, but far over the water its friendly spark is seen. So let your actions reveal your light. Let your conduct illustrate the sermon of your life.

—Spurgeon

Bolivians come to town



MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

July, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 1,803.63	Northwest	15,183.58
Appalachian	601.71	Ohio	8,235.02
Arizona	1,779.73	Oklahoma	10,211.60
Arkansas	2,459.49	Oregon	9,313.81
Eastern	11,598.81	Polish Br.	17.00
Georgia	1,845.36	Potomac	4,931.86
German Br.	91.57	Rocky Mtn.	7,122.63
Greek Br.	116.92	Russian Br.	88.92
Hungarian Jr.	45.00	S. Calif.	21,518.34
Illinois	7,697.39	S. Carolina	452.60
Indiana	4,184.16	S. Dakota	1,405.58
Italian Br.	168.50	S. Florida	6,283.98
Kansas	7,846.90	S. Idaho	2,081.37
Kentucky	566.71	S. Missouri	6,803.74
Lat. Amer. Br.	1,372.67	S. Texas	6,346.04
Louisiana	2,458.50	Tennessee	1,462.05
Michigan	9,942.62	Texas	9,770.61
Minnesota	8,071.02	Ukrainian Br.	130.00
Mississippi	1,026.74	West Central	4,355.92
Montana	2,113.04	West Florida	1,878.78
Nebraska	3,197.06	West Texas	3,376.50
New England	3,158.80	Wis.-N. Mich.	4,478.38
New Jersey	4,031.20	Wyoming	492.39
New Mexico	1,277.10	Alaska	287.80
New York	7,579.04	Canada	184.39
N. Calif.-Nev.	13,831.68	Hawaii	153.22
North Carolina	824.41	Foreign	6.00
North Dakota	7,754.88		

Total Amount Reported	\$234,015.85
District Funds	\$11,969.74
National Home Missions	2,715.04
Office Expense	3,728.67
Given Direct to Missions	25,619.41
	44,032.86

Received for Council Missionaries	189,982.99
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	24,652.91
Missionary Offerings not allocated to any State	34,815.15

Total Receipts	\$249,451.05
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DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$104,934.61
Missionary Equipment	18,381.53
Missionary Work	51,255.62
National Workers Abroad	7,650.01
Buildings in Foreign Lands	20,427.32
Missionary Transportation	40,748.10

Transferred to "Hold" Accounts	\$243,397.19
	6,053.86

\$249,451.05

DR. A. P. GURUSWAMY

Many Evangel readers will be privileged to hear Dr. A. P. Guruswamy of Ceylon who will be traveling in America during the early fall season. This outstanding layman, who holds a high office in the government of Ceylon, is a powerful preacher of the full gospel.

THE GORDON MARKERS

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marker have returned from the Dominican Republic where they have been filling an urgent need in the Bible School. They have now been appointed for service in Bolivia and will be leaving for that country as soon as necessary funds are available.



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

U. S. Population Growth: 7,200 a Day

According to the census bureau, the United States' population passed the 168 million mark in July, and is increasing at the rate of 7,200 persons a day.

This population growth represents more souls who need Christ. Are we reaching them with the gospel?

Church Leaders Win Fight Against Betting

The ultimatum served by church leaders had its desired effect upon the county fair board in Adrian, Michigan. The board dropped its plans to permit parimutuel betting during the harness racing. Church leaders therefore participated as usual in the religious services which always open the fair.

Israeli Tourist Board Has Scripture Motto

The Board of the Government Tourist Corporation in Israel decided to adopt as its official emblem two of the twelve men that Moses sent to Canaan. The emblem depicts the two men bringing back a cluster of grapes, and carries the inscription, "Visit Israel," together with this quotation from Numbers 13:18—"And see the land, what it is."

India Bible Society Reports Gains

Some portion of the Scriptures now exists in the tongues used by 98 per cent of India's population—from Abor Miri to Zangskari—according to the annual report of the Bible Society of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. An increase of nearly 100,000 in the distribution of Bibles, Testaments, and Scripture portions during the past year was reported.

Britain Demands Compensation for Seized Bibles

The government of Spain has received a note from Britain's Lord Reading, minister of state for foreign affairs, demanding either the return of a large quantity of scripture portions and Bibles, or full compensation. Some 35,000 Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels were seized at the Madrid headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society by Spanish police last April 24.

Withdraws Compulsory Church Attendance Order

An order making church attendance mandatory for soldiers at Fort Carson, Colorado, was withdrawn by Major General Thomas F. Watlington, commander of the 30,000-man post. He said he would amend the order to encourage church attendance rather than make it mandatory.

The general is wise in making the change. His men will receive more help if they go to church because they want to go than if they go because they are forced to go.

General Watlington's action comes from a sense of responsibility. "We are just as responsible for the spiritual welfare of the young men sent to us by the American people as we are for seeing that they are well trained," he said.

Clergymen Block Betting Plans

Swift opposition by clergymen in Dayton, Ohio, helped block plans for converting the Dayton Speedway, an auto-racing track, into a harness horse-racing strip with parimutuel betting.

Malayans Emphasize Full Religious Freedom

The Malayan Christian Council has drawn up a document as a guide to the sort of country Christians want Malaya to become when it receives its independence from Great Britain next year. Full religious freedom is given major emphasis in the document.

Florida Schools to Teach Moral, Spiritual Values

A state education department official announced that a guidebook for teaching moral and spiritual principles will be used in Florida public schools on an experimental basis during this school year.

Dr. Sam Mooror, director of instruction field services for the education department, said he thought the interdenominational committee that prepared the guidebook had worked out "acceptable procedures" for such instruction. He pointed out that "this nation was founded on spiritual and moral values that have their origin in a belief in God. It is necessary to discuss those values in teaching the concepts of democracy," he said, "and it amounts to a distortion of history to omit them from the course of study."

The instruction will be given on a local basis, and student participation will be voluntary.

Bible Reading Is Successful in Schools

It is reported that the public schools in Pennsylvania are observing the state law requiring Bible reading, with good results. Dr. R. H. Martin, president emeritus of the National Reform Association, says he made a survey recently which convinced him that other states ought to pass a similar law.

Dr. Martin sent out 325 questionnaires to county school superintendents, district superintendents, and supervising principals in Pennsylvania. He received 233 replies—all of them reporting that the Bible is read.

The 43-year-old statute requires that "at least ten verses from the Holy Bible shall be read or caused to be read, without comment, at the beginning of each school day by the teacher in charge." The survey showed that about one-half of the time the reading is done by the teacher; the rest of the time the pupils do the reading.

Dr. Martin said the replies disproved a common assertion that Bible reading in public schools results in religious controversy. "Of the 233 replies received, 218 say there is no adverse reaction from any source," he said. "In the remaining 15 there is no evidence of serious opposition."

The Evil Harvest of Communism

The real result of Communism is becoming apparent in Poland, even to the Red leaders. A radio report received in London quotes Communist leaders as admitting that a moral degeneration is taking place among the youth of Poland. At a Congress of Youth Organizations held in Warsaw, high-ranking government leaders said that the present generation of young people is rapidly degenerating into "immoral, drink-addicted, cynical hooligans to whom nothing is sacred." But Red leaders are still insisting that young people be kept away from every religious influence.

Launch Drive Against Indecent Literature

The Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association has launched a state-wide drive to rid drugstores of indecent literature. Retail Druggists throughout the state have been mailed kits from the state group which include window decals and signs pledging "better reading material for our children."

Druggists will be asked to post copies of this statement: "The pharmacists of Wisconsin pledge their co-operation to prohibit the sale of obscene literature in drugstores. Occasionally some objectionable material may be overlooked. Therefore, please call our attention to any item you think objectionable. It will be removed immediately and its sale discontinued."

Arrests for Bootlegging Increase

"Remember how the repeal of Prohibition was going to end bootlegging?" asks *Covenanter Witness* magazine. But here are the facts: (1) The Internal Revenue Department announced that in the fiscal year ending June 30, there were 11,380 arrests for illicit distilling—an increase of 6 per cent over the previous year. (2) Government agents confiscated 14,498 stills, destroyed more than 250,000 gallons of liquor and 8,600,000 gallons of mash—a 20 per cent increase in liquor destroyed over the previous year.

The increase in arrests may be due to better enforcement of the laws now that the Alcohol and Tax Division has increased its investigating staff to nearly 1,000. But apparently the repeal of prohibition wasn't the answer!

Not Ready to Change Ministerial Designations

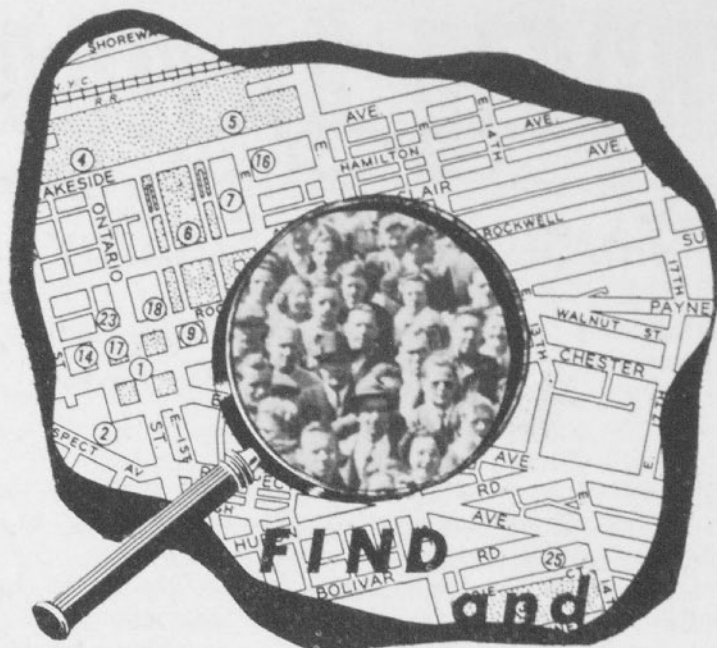
A motion to change ministerial designations in the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) was shelved by the denomination's Ordained Ministers Council at its annual meeting in Memphis. The Council met in conjunction with the General Assembly of the Church, attended by some 10,000 delegates.

Under the rejected plan, the official title of "elder" would be given to all ordained ministers, while licensed ministers would have been designated "deacons." However, the suggested title of "deacon" drew strong opposition. A proposal to give the title of "bishop" to members of the denomination's executive committee was also sent back for further study.

The General Assembly elected Houston R. Morehead to be General Overseer for the next two years, succeeding Zeno C. Tharp.

In other action, delegates approved the launching of a national radio and television program, and appropriated \$72,000 for the expansion of the denomination's Lee College at Cleveland, Tennessee.

Delegates heard that the church had gained 9,984 new members during the last year, bringing its present membership to 288,737.



WIN through Enlargement

Pick up a map of your community. What do you see? A network of streets and avenues. Probably most of the names are very familiar. You can quickly locate your own home and trace the route you take every day to the office, or to school.

Look at the map again—this time through the magnifying glass of the Enlargement Campaign. Now what do you see? Not just a network of streets and avenues, but a community to be reached with the gospel—souls that must be located, contacted and won for Christ.

"ASSIGNMENT: AMERICA," the theme of the 1956 Enlargement Campaign, brings sharply into focus the responsibility of EVERY church and Sunday School member.

To assist you in mapping out a campaign to reach your community, the National Sunday School Department has prepared a handbook of ideas. This was mailed to all Assemblies of God churches early in August. Included in the handbook is a catalog of available materials (Soul Winner's Guide, Personal Worker's Kit, Sunday School tracts, Campaign Issue of the EVANGEL, etc.) and a convenient order blank. If you have not yet mailed your order, do it today and get started on plans for a great Enlargement Campaign.

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Obeying Our Lord's "GO YE!" Through the Sunday School

BY BERT WEBB
Assistant General Superintendent

ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS of implementing the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is to be found in the great Sunday School program.

It is true that it is the personal responsibility of every born-again Christian to point others to Jesus Christ and to bend every effort to bring them to a personal experience of conversion. The Bible is replete with illustrations which emphasize this fact. Andrew brought his brother to Jesus. Philip led the Ethiopian eunuch to the place of repentance. Jesus gave the Water of Life to the woman at the well. And on and on the list might go.

It is equally true that not all have a divine call to a full-time preaching ministry. Nor do all have abilities to sing or to play some musical instrument. Nevertheless, the command to win the

lost is clearly the responsibility of the entire body of Christ; that is, the Church.

One of the surest ways to become a soul winner is to personally interest your neighbors, friends, relatives, and all who are within reach to attend Sunday School and church. There, as the gospel is preached, you can trust God to touch the individual with Holy Ghost conviction so that he may be converted.

Just as revival campaigns are conducted, Vacation Bible Schools are planned, and other evangelistic efforts are made, so in certain seasons it seems imperative that there should be a special endeavor to gather in people through the Sunday School with a view to leading them to Christ. No individual or single group of individuals can accomplish this task. Together, by divine help, we may reach the people in our several communities and thus fulfill the com-

mand of the Lord to bring them in that they might be saved.

Another version of the great command of our Lord states, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Teaching and evangelism go hand in hand. Thus we find ourselves under definite responsibility before the Lord to industriously seek out individuals who are not in Sunday School and church, and to interest them in attending—with the earnest prayer that Holy Ghost conviction will be present to touch their hearts. When their hearts are touched, the way is open to make a personal approach and to lead each one to accept the Lord as personal Saviour.

God's abundant provision of divine help to accomplish this task is further evidenced in Mark 16 where we read, "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Industry, determination, proper organization, a willingness to work—all these elements enter in, but the real heart of any enlargement or evangelistic campaign is a divine anointing through the Holy Ghost and an enablement to do that which mere human abilities cannot do. Available to everyone is a fresh anointing for the service of the Lord. Coupled with this is the promise of eternal reward. The thrill of hearing our blessed Saviour say, "Well done," when we reach the gates of glory should be incentive enough to send each of us with renewed energy into the great work of winning lost souls to Jesus Christ.

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A Medical Doctor Believes in Prayer

Dr. George W. Crane, who frequently writes a column for the newspapers, has a testimony as to the value of prayer. Asked the question, "Do you really believe that prayer accomplishes anything?" he answered, "Yes, indeed. It isn't difficult for us physicians to see the power of prayer. Experienced doctors often witness actual miracles of recovery in patients who, by all medical findings, would be pronounced hopeless cases."

The simple act of "tuning in to God," he says, produces serene contemplation that often leads to dramatic miracles. Discussing one's problems with God in prayer, or with a clergyman or medical adviser, immediately divides the load.

Fears lose much of their terror, Dr. Crane insists, when faced and named.

Prayer, too, according to this physician, opens the windows of the soul, offering a new vantage point from which we may discover that what we may often want is not what we should have.

Another finding of doctors like Dr. Crane is that the more time a person spends in the act of worship in the Church of Jesus Christ the less time he will spend in doctors' offices. Then, too, the \$58 million now spent on sleeping pills could go into the treasury of the church for purposes that would pay off spiritually, rather than merely to induce sleep.

—The United Brethren

WMC MILLION DOLLAR REPORT

Women's Missionary Council Office Rejoices Over Annual Report

ONCE EACH YEAR, AS THE NATIONAL WMC office compiles the aggregate report from the district reports (all forty-three reported this year!) there is great rejoicing. Each year's report has been bigger and better than the last. And now, after completing last year's report—the best ever—the staff at the national office says to WMC's everywhere, "Well done!" We can only see the figures and the over-all picture. God sees each individual member and knows every talent has been fully employed. It is His "well done" that really counts.

\$967,892.36—almost one million dollars—is the total reported for the year in WMC giving to all areas of world missions and benevolences. Included is the cash spent for new materials given. It does not include the quantities of good used materials, nor the many hours of time given.

In all parts of the world are portions of this large sum, converted into concrete tokens of usefulness—lots and buildings for pioneer churches, refrigerators, washers, dryers, and stoves for missionaries and benevolence homes, musical instruments, household furniture, clothing, linens, food—anything within the realm of WMC care to help facilitate the carrying of the Gospel. We count not results, therefore, in figures that represent dollars and cents, but by faith we see souls won for God's eternal kingdom. What a privilege to have a part in such a great work as this!

Not only do WMC's have a share in the souls won by the missionaries, but in their own local meetings and visitation other women find Christ as Saviour. One district reported 917 souls won during the year through local WMC ministry. A total of 414,507 visitation contacts was also reported by this one district.

All this in addition to hundreds of needy families fed, thousands of pieces of gospel literature distributed, and awards made to be distributed by home and foreign missionaries. One district alone made 54,094 attractive awards.




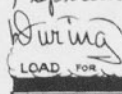




The year's report is good. How we praise God for it! That which can be declared in dollars and cents, numbers of barrels and drums, boxes and packages and pounds, causes us to rejoice. Unreported, however, are the hours spent in intercessory prayer. Only the heavenly record could reveal the number of burdens lifted, bodies strengthened, and souls released from the power of the enemy through this ministry.

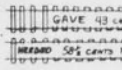
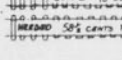
A wonderful day is coming when those who have faithfully employed the talents God has given them will hear the



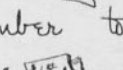

Master's words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." That reward will be given only on the basis of how God's gifts to us have been used. Have we hidden our talents and abilities, or have we put them to use for God? Have we been selfish with our time and material resources, or have they been consecrated to Him? "The day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire."

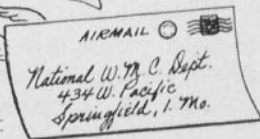
As each of us contemplates this report, can we say that we have done our best? There is no greater satisfaction than that which comes with an inward sense of God's approval of our stewardship. Let us, then, make deeper consecrations and set new goals. As each one does this personally, there is no telling what the report will be next year.

The 1956 W.M.C. story—

Once upon a time there was a group (50,332 MEMBERS) of ardent enthusiastic, spiritual  each with a  for  MISSIONS.  During one year  1955-56 they gathered a great  load for  totaling \$967,842.35 which rolled along for the Missionary cause. This \$19.23 per member for Missions, and, in addition, 43 cents per member for the work of their National W.M.C. Office broke all previous  s.

But a sad tragedy occurred. For the 1st time in its existence this group did not complete a job! The track was laid a little short  — short 15 1/2 cents per member for the  National W.M.C. office

The final chapter of this 1956 story is being written. Will the story have a sad ending  or will it end in true W.M.C. character "every task completed"  ? The job may be finished—the 1956 track completely laid—by W.M.C.'s sending only 15 1/2 cents per member to:  designated W.M.C. deficit offering  the End.

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Does a mother have the right to be possessive? How much does an adult child owe parents in actual dollars and cents?

Mother's Rights

by Althea S. Miller

A MOTHER WROTE ASKING HOW MUCH her son owes her by way of care and financial support. She sacrificed much for him when he was small, and now feels he should forego marriage and any plans for a life of his own to repay her.

In one sense, this son, as all good sons and daughters, owes his mother everything. In another sense, he owes her nothing. Sacrifice for pure love can never be repaid, nor does it ask to be. Yet I have known mothers who have hung a sort of "dollars and cents" tag on their care of their children, and have thus lost more than they'll ever regain by claiming certain "rights" of motherhood.

A mother's rights are rather intangible things. What price tag can one place on that all-night vigil she kept by the bed of her fever-wracked baby? Who can honestly evaluate in terms of dollars and cents the long hours of patient teaching, the tedious demands of personality guidance, the endless array of small details, each almost insignificant in itself, yet each necessary to the completed picture of the child's life?

What are a mother's rights? What can she demand of and from her child?

How long can she hold on to him and keep him her "baby," reminding him of all she has done for him in the past? Perhaps we can better answer the question by asking another. What are a child's "rights?" Just what can he expect from the mother who gave him birth, whose character, whether weak or strong, helped mold him into the man he is today?

Did that son ask to be born? In face of the obvious answer here, mother owes him all the love a good woman is possessed of at his birth. When a mother remembers that love in all its purity is

unselfish, her "rights" will be in line. Did the son have any say over the combination of genes and chromosomes and all the hereditary factors which went into his mental and physical make-up? Mother owes him utter devotion and tireless effort to strengthen him in the weak characteristics, help him overcome the unworthy, and to develop his gifts and aptitudes which will make him a man of stature.

When one gets down to rock bottom, a son owes his mother nothing, especially in early childhood, but complete and unswerving obedience. That is the first and most lasting lesson which I learned from my own dear mother. It made no difference to her whether my childish heart understood the *whys* and *wherefores* of her edicts and teachings. She was my mother, with a few years more on her than I had, and that was that. She displayed no tyranny, but because she loved me (how could I doubt it?) and I loved her, I *obeyed*. Mother and father stand in the place of God to the very young child. When the child learns to obey them, the next natural step is obedience to God and His Word. If parents only knew this truth in time, more of their children's lives could be saved from moral and spiritual shipwreck.

What are a Christian mother's rights? They are not possession, body and soul, of that adult child. They are not super-

Code Message . . . for our junior readers

Here is another important message for you in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

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MESSAGE

Jesus said, 24-12-14-22 6-13-7-12 14-22, 26-15-15 2-22 7-19-26-7
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(To check your answer, look up Matthew 11:28.)

imposing her ideas and ways of doing into the pattern of her child's life. In short, her rights do not include living her child's life for him.

Her rights are complete obedience, in love, from babyhood. They include the inestimable privilege of making Jesus Christ a vital part of that mother-child relationship. With this comes the privilege of teaching him God's Word, living the Word before him, and expecting him to walk according to its precepts. This latter will most surely come when the mother has led him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

When these "rights" have been possessed, those of loving respect, devotion, care in sickness or old age will also be yours because your child will love you more since he is Christ's. A mother's rights? "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward" (Ps. 127:3).

A Christian mother's rights? "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Proverbs 31:28).

—*The Brethren Missionary Herald*

He Understands

I often think of the little boy I saw sitting outside the walls of Versailles. He was holding a little sparrow with a broken wing. A kindly lady came along and she asked, "Sonny, would you like me to take this sparrow home and nurse it back to health? I promise I will bring it back to these gardens when it is healed and let it fly free again."

The little boy thought for a moment. Then he said, "If you don't mind, Madam, I will take care of the bird myself." He paused momentarily and added, "Because, you see, I understand this bird."

The woman could not quite get what that boy meant until he stood up. Then she saw that his left leg was in a cast. Because he was crippled, he understood the suffering bird's problem.

The God whom I know became incarnate in Jesus Christ and came into the world to learn what problems I must face in life, so that He can match the strength I may need in order to face those problems triumphantly. That is why, when I walk with Him, I can have such confidence.—Reuben K. Youngdahl, in *The Secret of Greatness* (Fleming H. Revell Co.)

OUR FAMILY ALTAR

MONDAY

OCTOBER 1

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

TODAY'S GEM: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of Philip's Samaritan revival (Acts 8:5-25) and of his dealings with the Ethiopian. Stress (1) Philip's obedience to God; (2) his use of the Scripture to turn the Ethiopian to God; (3) the qualification for water baptism is a saving faith in Christ (vv. 36, 37).

QUESTION TIME: Who was Philip? (Acts 6:5) How did he meet the Ethiopian? (vv. 25-29) What resulted from the meeting? (vv. 35-39) What is the primary qualification for being baptized in water? (vv. 36, 37)

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 2

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-19

TODAY'S GEM: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6).

FOR THE PARENT: From this lesson point out (1) that Saul's zeal was misdirected, verses 1, 2; (2) Saul's miraculous conversion; (3) his surrender to the Lord, verse 6. Like Saul, we should be willing to do anything the Lord wants us to do.

QUESTION TIME: Why was Saul going to Damascus? (v. 2) What happened on the way? (vv. 3-8) Whom did the Lord send to help Saul? (vv. 10, 11) What was Saul's other name? (Acts 13:9)

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 3

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:36-42

TODAY'S GEM: "Behold, I give you power" (Luke 10:19).

FOR THE PARENT: Point out from this passage (1) the good works of Dorcas; (2) the sorrow of the people when she died; (3) in answer to Peter's prayer she was raised from the dead; (4) many believed in the Lord because of this. Jesus promised His followers power over all the works of the devil.

QUESTION TIME: What were some of the good things Dorcas did? (vv. 36, 39) What happened to her? (v. 37) What was the result of her being raised from the dead? (v. 42)

PRAY for God's power in our lives.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 4

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:1-10; 23-30

TODAY'S GEM: "Without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6).

FOR THE PARENT: (See Sunday's Lesson page for thoughts on "The Mark of Faith.") Review briefly the various heroes of faith in this chapter. Stress that faith in God results in actions on our part.

QUESTION TIME: What is faith? (v. 1) What did faith cause Abel to do? (v. 4) Why is it impossible to please God without faith? (v. 6) What did faith cause Noah, Abraham, and Moses to do? (vv. 7-10, 23-30)

PRAY for a greater faith in God so that we shall please Him more.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 5

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life" (Prov. 22:4).

FOR THE PARENT: Let the children review the story of Naaman. Stress how it was necessary for this proud man to humble himself to receive his healing. Then have a member of the family look up and read these scriptures: Proverbs 16:18; 1 Peter 5:5.

QUESTION TIME: What was Naaman's position? (v. 1) What disease did he have? (v. 1) How was he healed? (vv. 9-14)

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 6

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

FOR THE PARENT: This chapter beautifully and simply records how the heavens, earth and plant, animal, and human life began. Stress (1) GOD is the Creator; He planned and made all things; (2) creation teaches us about God.

QUESTION TIME: What happened on each of the six days of creation? (vv. 3-26) God made all the animals; how many can you name? How do we know God was pleased with what He had made? (v. 31)

PRAYER: Thank God for all He has made.

Indian Camps Bring Harvest of Souls

by Elva M. Johnson



Edith Jerry, interpreter for the Lyle Wolvertons, was one of the forty-one baptized at the close of the Shonto camp



Navajos camped for the Shonto meeting



Indian camp at Norris, South Dakota



Two Apache Christians (mother and daughter) from San Carlos, Arizona, at the Tucson camp

OUR ASSEMBLIES OF GOD HOME missionaries on and near Indian reservations in several states report a number of wonderful camp meetings held this summer among the Indians.

Although the camp facilities were comparatively primitive in most cases, this did not hinder the blessing of God and the salvation of souls.

At Skokomish, Washington, the evening speaker was F. D. Holford. Three services a day were held in the tent, with ministers from the various reservations taking charge of the morning and afternoon services. Brother and Sister Miller of Denver, Colorado conducted children's services and were in charge of the C. A. service each evening.

Alvin Oya, one of the missionaries, reports: "Each day was a great day of blessing. God moved by His Spirit upon the hearts of His people. There was freedom of worship and real fellowship. Many sought God at each altar service. On the night there was special prayer for the sick, many were healed.

"Ministers participating in the camp were Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Torgeson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Walden, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ashforth. Northwest District Assistant Superintendent R. J. Carlson was with us for one evening."

The Indian camp in South Dakota was held at Norris on the Rosebud Reservation, largest reservation in that state. Jimmie Dann, a Shoshone Indian brother, is the missionary at Norris. They are in the process of building a church, and the camp schedule included working during the morning hours on the building, with a ten o'clock break for prayer.

Marrles Moore, a Sioux Indian brother who is pastor of the Rapid City Indian Assembly, was evening speaker at the camp, and Herbert Bruhn, Na-

tional Home Missions Representative, was the Bible teacher each afternoon. Children's services were conducted by Mildred Kimball and Edna Brown of Sisseton, South Dakota. Silas Rexroat, district superintendent, and Charles Slater, director of the camp, also contributed much to the success of the meeting.

Each night several were at the altar for salvation and a lasting work was done in many hearts.

A severe wind and rainstorm blew the tent down one night during the service. Although it was filled almost to capacity that night, there were no serious injuries. An even larger crowd was present the next night when it became necessary to lower the tent again. The following two days special effort was put forth on the building, and the camp was continued by having all services in the church.

One of the most outstanding camps was held on the Navajo Reservation at Shonto Trading Post, Tonalea, Arizona. Brother and Sister Lyle Wolverton, missionaries there, were in charge of the camp. They report that from the very beginning the Lord blessed the camp. In the first week seventeen Navajos were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a total of thirty were filled during the entire camp. Many were saved, but it was impossible to keep count, for each night when the altar call was given the whole audience moved forward. Evangelist Gladys Pearson and party were present to minister and provided the tent for the meeting.

This camp also involved some building. During the camp two hogans were donated for a church building, and the men worked hard tearing them down and building a large hogan for a church. The hogan-church is now in use, and the Sunday School average for July was eighty-one.

The Wolvertons write: "Many of the Navajos moved in and camped under the cottonwood trees in their makeshift tents—just a canvas over a pole. Wish

you could have seen them cooking over a camp fire beside their wagons. Some who lived closer came to the services either by wagon or on horseback. They were happy, even with the wind and dirt blowing. We could hear them singing hymns as they worked.

"On Sunday, June 24, we had a baptismal service. It was difficult to find enough water on the reservation so we dug a large hole at Shonto Spring where we baptized forty-one. Many testified that they were grateful that we had brought the gospel to them, for now their lives have been changed and they are no longer living in darkness.

"Several other missionaries attended the meetings. The T. L. Johnsons of Tuba City made several trips, bringing some of their Indian people each time. One lady from Tuba City was filled with the Holy Spirit."

At Phoenix, Arizona, Indians of various tribes met for a great camp under the leadership of the Clarence Washburns, pastors of the Indian Assembly there. Several souls were saved as John McPherson, Indian evangelist, brought the evening messages under a heavy anointing of God's Spirit.

The Southern Section Indian Camp meeting (Ajo, Sells, and Tucson, Arizona) was held at Tucson, with Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Kennedy as host missionaries. They report that souls came to the altar for salvation every night during the camp.

Speakers at the camp were Manuel Cordova, a Pomo Indian brother, Leroy Cloud of Phoenix, and Inez Bryant, children's worker from Whittier, California.

They were able to hold the services in the new church, even though the building is not yet finished. Missionaries Blanche Carpenter, from Ajo, and Mary Adams, from Sells, brought a good delegation from each of their churches. Many Apache friends came from San Carlos and forty or more Indians were there from Phoenix.

Brother Kennedy reports: "L. G. Gilmore, who is pastor of the First Assembly in Tucson and also district presbyter, assisted in many ways, giving us the cooler for the church, loaning benches, and attending services as often as possible. Joseph Bana, pastor of the Spanish church here, brought two of his boys over and worked with us on the building, getting it in readiness for the camp.

"The sweet spirit of the camp has never left our church."



Campers and workers at the Kansas camp for the Deaf

Revival Fires Burn in Summer Deaf Camps

by Earl Walpole

IN SIGN LANGUAGE THEY SAID, "It was wonderful." "I'd like to stay another week!" "God's blessings were so real to us." "I like to talk and learn about Jesus Christ." The people's enthusiastic expressions of appreciation were mingled with sad words of parting as several camps for the Deaf came to a close this summer.

"Let the people praise thee, O God; let *all* the people praise thee. O let the nations sing for joy: . . . Let *all* the people praise thee" (Psalm 67:3-5). Yes the Deaf are praising Him too.

The presence of the Lord and the blessings of the Holy Spirit were abundant as Assemblies of God Deaf Camps convened in Kansas, Indiana, and Michigan. In total, approximately twenty-five found Christ as Saviour, seven were filled with the Holy Spirit speaking with other tongues, many were healed of various illnesses, and many others were reconsecrated and refilled.

One of the outstanding testimonies of the camp in Kansas was that of Mrs. Ethel Brown of Wichita. Let her tell it in her own words:

"I believe God actually called me to attend the camp this year. Twenty years ago I accepted Christ as my

Saviour at a hearing church in Wichita. Afterward, however, I backslid and wandered far from God. We had no Full Gospel church for the deaf and there was no way for me to understand the services.

"Recently a young lady moved to Wichita and has been interpreting the services for me.

"During our camp service on Tuesday evening, my heart was stirred. As the preacher invited the people to pray, he

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Workers at the Michigan camp (left to right): Earl Walpole, Anna Jean Armstrong, Bob Nathan, Phyllis Clapper, Fern Nathan, Maxine Strobridge, and Margaret James

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began to sing, 'I Need Thee, Oh, I Need Thee.' I had such a desire to be filled with the Spirit as we sang. While I knelt at the altar, one of the workers explained to me that Jesus would fill me NOW! I accepted by faith, and HE DID IT! I spoke in another tongue, according to Acts 2:4.

"I am so happy in the Lord now and have joy like never before. I was troubled and sad and worried. My mind couldn't rest. All of that is gone, and now I have joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. The next evening, as I went to the platform to give my testimony, I felt so light and happy that I almost ran. In my hurry I almost fell on the step! I wanted to tell others. Praise the Lord. I am so happy in Jesus and full of the Holy Ghost!"

The second Deaf Camp, held in Indiana, resulted in a similar outpouring of blessings. Throughout the entire five days of the meeting, the rich sense of God's presence prevailed. The climax of the camp was the Friday evening banquet and communion service. Mrs. Frances Church, who was baptized in the Holy Spirit, gives us this glowing testimony:

"Long before I came to the Deaf Camp I had a longing to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I have felt the Holy Spirit moving among us with such great blessings from God. On Thursday night, July 26th, my hunger was satisfied for God filled me with the Holy Spirit. I shall never forget what happened to me.

"I lay on the floor under God's power for quite some time. Then I heard heavenly music and it seemed that God called my name. All of this encouraged me and built up my faith. I simply

During the Kansas camp Mrs. Ethel Brown received the Baptism



asked God to fill me and believed in faith for the gift of the Holy Spirit. How wonderful were the blessings as I received the wonderful gift from Him. Suddenly I felt I had been lifted up by God's power; and then I had a vision of Jesus with His hands outstretched toward me. At once I knew I had been filled with the Holy Spirit, as suddenly I began speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise God!

"I have praised the Lord continually and have never felt so happy in all my life. I love Jesus more than ever before. As I felt the showers of God's blessings upon me, my prayer has been that more and more of the Deaf will be hungry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit."

These revival fires continued their burning as a record number of Deaf gathered at Fa-Ho-Lo Park in Michigan. There the enrollment reached forty-nine campers, a large number of whom were teen-agers and young people. From the very first, the Spirit of God took control of the meetings. Over fifteen were saved during the week. Some came to the altars to repent, others found Christ in their cabins aided by counselors, and still others ran from the dining room to find a place of prayer and repentance. Five of the campers were gloriously filled with the Spirit as the power of God swept through the Chapel. The Spirit of God did a deep work in each life. Some prayed around the clock or through the night. In the wee hours of the morning there would come sounds of prayer and praise from individual cabins. Through all of the activities, recreation, and handcraft periods, the rich bond of brotherhood in Christ was noticeably strong—even while washing dishes or peeling potatoes. It was real!

Maxine Strobidge taught with visual aids at the Kansas Camp



Milton Pier, camper and Deaf worker from Erie, Pennsylvania, writes of the camp:

"God miraculously provided a way for my wife and me to attend the Deaf Camp in Michigan. We enjoyed every minute of these eight days. Seeing the Deaf come to Christ for salvation and the infilling of the Spirit has made a great impression on my heart."

Charles Butler of Ashland, Wisconsin, said: "I thank the Lord for saving my soul. I have learned so much about God that I want to pray more and more. Last night God filled me with the Holy Spirit. I am happy and thankful to Him."

Opal Eddleman of Dearborn, Michigan, gave this testimony: "I thank God I came to the camp. As I listened to the preaching and saw some filled with the Spirit, something happened to me. I fell on the floor of my cabin and cried and cried. I don't know how long. No one knows how I have felt for years and years. I've suffered and been unhappy, but now everything is different. Jesus Christ has come into my heart."

Here is what Lorieta Butler of Adrian, Michigan, had to say: "I can feel God's power in my life for He filled me with the Holy Spirit. I saw Jesus come toward me, and I began to shake under God's power. Then I felt my lips speaking in another tongue. I am so happy to be filled with the Spirit."

Charles W. H. Scott, Superintendent of the Michigan District, sums up the camp in these words:

"Only eternity will reveal the good that was accomplished among those who attended the Deaf Camp conducted at Fa-Ho-Lo Park this year. The success of the camp stemmed from the capable leadership provided by our Camp Director, Miss Maxine Strobidge, and camp speaker, Earl Walpole, together with those who assisted them. It was most gratifying to see how earnestly the campers sought after spiritual things while they participated enthusiastically in the entire camp program.

"We were indeed glad to have them with us, and feel that they contributed much to our district summer camp program."

Plans are already under way in the National Home Missions Department for bigger and better camps for the Deaf in 1957, if Jesus tarries. Let us continue in prayer and sacrifice that this revival spirit will spread among America's 500,000 deaf people.

SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE MARK OF FAITH

Sunday School Lesson for October 7, 1956

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-10, 23-30

Our new quarter contains a series of topical lessons titled, "The Marks of the Christian." Each lesson is occupied with some specific characteristic of the true Christian life and experience. Since faith is the prerequisite quality of all spiritual life and progress, it is logical that our first lesson should be, "The Mark of Faith."

THE DEFINITION OF FAITH (Heb. 11:1)

"Now faith is a well-grounded assurance of that for which we hope" (Weymouth) . . . "the proof of the reality of the things we cannot see." (Williams). Dr. A. B. Simpson has made the following comments upon faith as defined in Hebrews 11:1: (1) faith is not a mere sentiment, but a substantial reality; (2) faith is not a future hope, but a present fact; (3) faith is not vision, but it lives in the unseen; (4) faith is not probability, but certainty.

A little girl says to her mother, "I need a new dress." Her mother answers, "All right, Dear, when I go to town today, I shall get you one." Her words are a firm ground of assurance to her little daughter who runs outside and happily tells her playmates about the new dress she is getting! She has "proof of the reality" of the dress which she does not see!

And what is the ground of our assurance of the reality of things spiritual, of the provision of all our needs for body, soul, and spirit? The fact that God has spoken! His Word is the unshakable ground of our faith. Our faith is believing what God says and acting upon it!

THE PERCEPTION OF FAITH (Heb. 11:3).

Though reason may suggest it, though the Bible does declare it, it is only "through faith" that we really know that "the worlds came into being, and still exist, at the command of God, so that what is seen does not owe its existence to that which is visible" (Weymouth). See 1 Corinthians 2:14.

THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH (Heb. 11:8-10)

Faith and obedience are inseparable. Men of faith, such as Abraham, proved their faith by their obedience to God's Word. Again, their obedience can only be accounted for by their faith. Abraham "went out, not knowing whither he went." Quite a venture! Yet Abraham obeyed and was willing to give up one country for the sake of a better one—"a place which he should after receive for an inheritance." Likewise, if we believe God, we shall obey God. If we obey God, we shall be blessed of God!

THE REFUSALS OF FAITH (Heb. 11:23-29).

There are times when faith says, Yea and Amen. There are also times when faith must say NO and say it firmly and finally! Consider the refusals in these verses:

(1) By faith the parents of Moses refused to fear the king's command and refused to obey it. The result was the

preserving of the life of Moses. Refusal to fear the power of Satan still bears great fruit today.

(2) By faith Moses refused to be considered the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Moses rejected a relationship which in the natural offered many inducements because he knew he could enjoy a better one! Likewise every Christian has refused to be a child of the devil and a son of Adam, in order to become a son of God.

(3) By faith Moses refused present gain and glory because of a far greater and eternal gain and glory which he saw in the future. "For he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Real faith will always lead a Christian to make choices and decisions in the light of eternity.

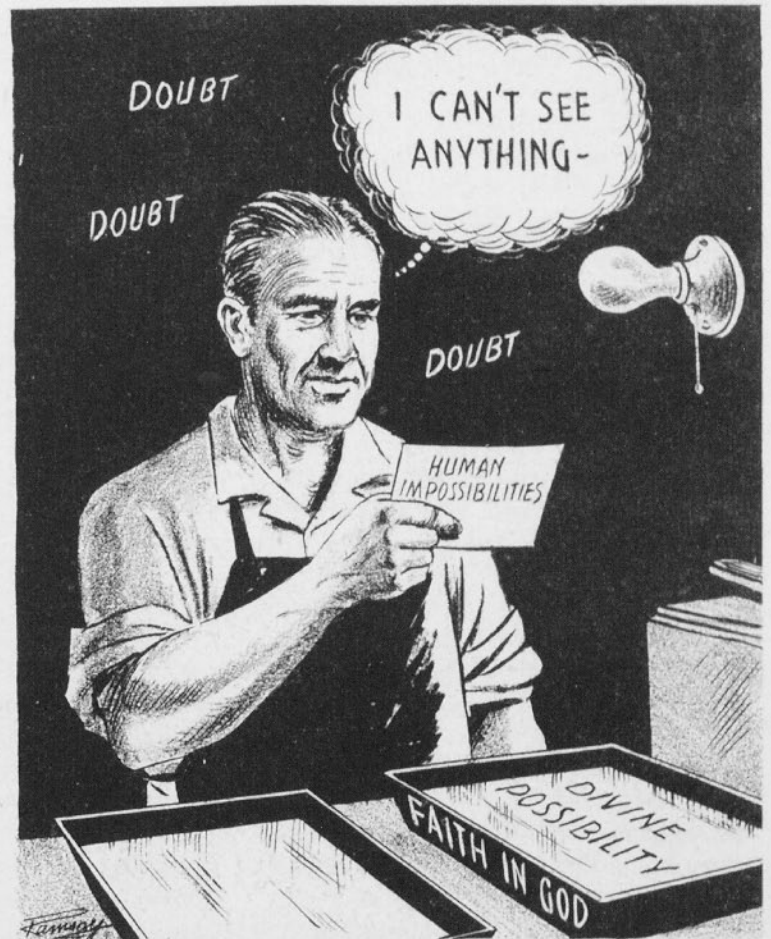
(4) Because of his faith Moses dared to leave Egypt, refusing to be afraid of Pharaoh's anger or power.

(5) By faith Moses refused to be like his Egyptian neighbors. He kept the Passover and sprinkled blood on the doorposts of his house, though such action might bring ridicule. Unwillingness to be different not only indicates lack of faith, but it is unsafe as well!

(6) By faith Moses refused to be hindered by the Red Sea. What a predicament! Mountains on one side; desert on the other side; Pharaoh's army behind; and the Red Sea in front of Moses! But Moses believed God's Word, demonstrated the obedience of faith, and the Red Sea opened up! Such faith will always bring victory to those in the worst of predicaments!

What shall we say, then, in view of these things? "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses (witnesses to the power of faith) . . . let us run with patience the race that is set before us, *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith*" (Heb. 12:1, 2).
—by J. Bashford Bishop

PUT IT IN THE DEVELOPER!



REWARD OF THE RIGHTEOUS

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Symeon was a worshiper of the Lord. It is in an atmosphere of worship and communion that God speaks. He had revealed to His servant that he should not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. What a revelation! Saints had been waiting for thousands of years for the Messiah to come. The prophets had longed for the day. Many a prayer had gone up from eager hearts, longing for the advent of the Promised One. Finally the hour of His coming had arrived—and when the hour came, Symeon was in touch with God, ready to receive the revelation.

One can imagine the effect that this revelation had upon Symeon. It naturally produced the fifth characteristic—expectancy. He “was expecting to see the consolation of Israel.” Just as the prophet Samuel looked with keen anticipation to anoint one of the sons of Jesse to be the future king of Israel, and passed them by one by one as God rejected them until finally David was brought before him, so I think Symeon must have looked upon each little child that was brought to the temple, with the thought in his mind that perhaps this one would be the Lord's Messiah.

This element of faith caused him to be watchful lest he should miss the One for whom he was waiting. He did not let discouragement nor slumber defeat him, but he maintained an active watch for His coming.

We need this same attitude today. Hebrews 9:28 tells us that Christ shall again appear to “them that look for him.” If we are looking for Him, we shall be rewarded by seeing our Lord face to face, just as Symeon was rewarded by seeing the Christ for the first time as the Baby was placed in his arms.

Think of the peace that came into the heart of that godly man as he gazed upon the One who was to be the Saviour of the world. The promise of the Spirit to him had been fulfilled; he was fully rewarded. Life was satisfying, complete, because he had found

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It Was His Son

by Violet Schoonmaker

IT WAS DURING ONE OF OUR ANNUAL conventions in India. The evening service had just closed. Some of us ladies were rooming together in a little room above and back of the platform of the hall where our services were being held. Some had already retired, and others were preparing to do so, when loud screams and piercing shrieks of pain came up from the hall below. There was a general rush toward the drawn curtains of our room, when some one cried out that one of our missionaries had been hurt.

I jumped out of bed. A sister came to me and said, “Don't get up! Let us pray!” But I had a son in that convention; the sister did not. I felt that such shrieks could only come from a broken back or neck.

“Who is it? Who is it?” The words fairly stuck in my throat as I tried to speak them.

“It is one of the missionaries,” was the reply.

“But who?” I continued to cry.

I staggered down the stairs when some one spoke the name of the brother who was hurt. It was not my son. When I heard the name, I continued to be concerned—but that awful anguish of my heart lifted. It was not my son.

A brother had been lifting a table laden with books, and had stumbled—and a vertebra of his spine had slipped out of place. He could neither see nor move for a short time. Prayer brought relief.

I retired again. I began thinking of another cry, a shriek of pain, “strong cryings” that rose up one night over nineteen hundred years ago from the gloom of Gethsemane's garden. All nature must have shuddered at the sound. It cut through the ether and penetrated into the very courts of heaven. Angels stopped their singing. Cherubim and seraphim became silent. On went the cry, as a swift arrow, until it pierced through into the very heart of God, the Father. He bowed His head. He needed not to ask whose voice it was. He knew it was the voice of His Son.

Yes, it was His Son who prayed there alone with “strong cryings and tears.” It was His Son—bruised and crushed until the ground was dyed by His life's blood. It was His Son who cried for the cup to be taken from Him but who took it to His lips and drank its bitter dregs. It was His Son.

Oh, matchless grace! Oh, unfathomable love! What a price to be paid for the salvation of the world! For you! For me! I bow my head in shame of my sin, my waywardness, my rebellion and my pride.

O Son of God! Make me Thy bond-slave forever! Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, I worship Thee, and with the angels about Thy throne I cry, “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.”

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

To Be Heard at

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Hugh P. Robinson



E. L. Cyrus

Outstanding speakers representing various Pentecostal denominations will be heard in Atlanta, Georgia, during the ninth annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

Hugh Padgett Robinson, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in East Rockingham, N. C., will speak on Wednesday night, October 31. Brother Robinson has spent nine years ministering in the East Rockingham church. During this period the church membership has grown from less than 70 to over 300. With a Sunday School enrollment of 616 and a record attendance of over 1,100, this church has become the largest regular congregation in a city of 25,000 population, and one of the largest churches in his denomination. Brother Robinson is in demand as a camp-meeting speaker and evangelist throughout the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He will bring a stirring message from God to the Atlanta convention on Wednesday night.

The Wednesday afternoon speaker will be E. L. Cyrus, a veteran minister from Russell, Ky. who has been preaching

the Pentecostal message for forty years. Brother Cyrus was General Overseer of the Pentecostal Church of Christ for sixteen years. At present he is a member of the General Executive Committee of that organization. His ability as a speaker is well known in Kentucky.

Other speakers previously announced include: E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches; Laurie Price, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; L. Sigsbee Miller, International Pentecostal Assemblies; and Wade H. Horton, Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.). Inspiration, blessing, and heart-warming fellowship await all who attend this great Pentecostal gathering.

The convention will open Tuesday night with a youth rally and will continue until Thursday night with services each morning, afternoon, and evening in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. There will be special missionary presentations prior to the evening services, and other features of special interest are on the program. It is hoped that hundreds of Evangel readers will attend these Pentecostal meetings.

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the answer to his prayers and longings. The Messiah had come; salvation had appeared to Israel. With eyes raised heavenward he thankfully prayed: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (Luke 2:29, 30).

Rewards have never been limited to one generation. They will be given to every faithful soul in every age who is upright in character, devout in spirit, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, receiving the revelations of the Spirit, and expecting the fulfillment of those revelations and promises. These who are faithful will always be rewarded in this life with the presence of God and His blessings, and in the life to come with all the things God has in store for them that love Him. How great is God's love—love that has made us His children. We know that some day, when Christ shall appear, "we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure* (1 John 3:2, 3). ◀◀

TORNADO

This incident occurred one spring when my husband and I were traveling from Arizona to Indiana. Somewhere in Texas we came upon one of those confusing "cloverleaf" underpasses where, in order to go east, you must first go west. Somehow we did not complete the turn, and, since it was in the middle of the night and we couldn't see our surroundings, we blissfully headed back toward Arizona!

We had decided to drive all night and about daybreak were shocked by the terrain.

"Honey, something's wrong!" my husband exclaimed. "Why, we should be almost to the Texas-Oklahoma border!"

Stopping at a gas station to enquire, we were startled to discover that we had traveled almost a hundred miles in the wrong direction. Discouraged—but remembering that God makes no mistakes—we turned around and started back.

It was eight o'clock that morning when we found ourselves at the spot we should have reached at four o'clock.

It was a small town and, since we were decidedly hungry by then, we stopped before a little cafe.

Outside the car we could see better than we had been able to see inside the car. The entire countryside was appalling! Boards and whole roofs were strewn about, water still running in streams down the sides of the roads, houses flattened out on the ground.

"Looks like they've had a terrific storm," my husband said.

Inside the cafe little rivulets still ran across the floor. A weary-looking waitress came to take our order.

"It's a good thing you didn't come around here at four o'clock this morning," she commented. "You would have been right in the middle of a tornado."

Her words had been slow and calm, and she could not possibly have realized what they did to our hearts.

So that was the answer! My husband and I sat and looked at each other. Neither of us spoke. We didn't need to. A loving and compassionate heavenly Father had seen the danger ahead for us and so had diverted our path.

How wonderful to know that He is always there, caring for us even when we are not aware of it! —Betty Swinford



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

A Catholic friend claims the Roman Catholic Church to be infallible, the voice of God to man. Is this correct?

The Roman Catholic Church affirms that it is "a divine, infallible society founded by Jesus Christ to teach and command in His name and with His authority until the end of time." This church further affirms that "to believe her teaching is to believe Christ; to obey her commands is to obey Christ; to despise her is to despise Christ." Such is the Roman Catholic claim.

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How can the Catholic Church criticize Protestantism for advancing new doctrines when it was not until A.D. 1854 that it made the immaculate conception of Mary a dogma, and A. D. 1870 when it decreed the infallibility of the Pope?

The Roman Catholic Church claims that, since it is the successor of Peter, it, and it alone, is the custodian of all Christian truth. It condemns Protestants for their deviation from Catholic doctrine. But it also defends itself by claiming that, while there can be no Christian truth other than that propounded by it, there may be "a progress of development in our understanding of it."

This appears to be an admission that the Catholics did not have a full and clear revelation of Christian truth in their beginning, and certainly leaves the way open for them to add to their teaching at any time doctrines which seem desirable or expedient. This is done on the premise that they have always had the truth but had not developed in understanding it.

If the Catholic Church has the right to claim "progressive understanding," certainly Protestants have the same right.

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What is meant by "indulgences" which the Catholic Church grants to its people?

Indulgences were, and are, supposed to be granted to those believers "who nesc: that he [God] might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in

have given evidence of heartfelt supernatural sorrow for all previous sin, with a firm purpose to offend God no more." In some instances almsgiving, etc., may bring "indulgence" from "temporal" punishment. This, as I understand it, means freedom from purgatory. The one who is granted an indulgence thus has his "venial sins"—sins for which there is forgiveness—remitted by the church. (There are also sins which the Catholic Church calls "mortal sins"; for these it says there is no forgiveness.)

An indulgence is defined as "the remission by the church of the whole or part of the temporal punishment due to sin, valid before God because of the divine authority Christ gave to the church." The Catholic Church claims that "by the divine power that Jesus gave to Peter and the Apostles in union with Him," it can "free the repentant sinner from everything that hinders his entrance into heaven." In the time of Martin Luther, Pope Leo X encouraged indulgences for those who would make gifts for the erection of St. Peter's Cathedral at Rome. Shameful uses were made of this unscriptural doctrine. Since the Catholic Church has never repudiated the teaching of indulgences, it is possible that the practice continues, although perhaps not on such a vast scale.

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Paul says we are justified by faith alone, "without the deeds of the law." If that be true, why do we continually hear that Christians must live right to be saved? Is this not depending on human merit for salvation?

When Paul said we are "justified by faith without the deeds of the law," he was emphasizing that salvation is entirely through what Christ has done. We obtain salvation through full dependence on Christ, entirely independent of our own merits or demerits. When we accept our Lord Jesus by faith, all His merit is put to our account. "To declare, I say, at this time his righteous-

Jesus. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Romans 3:26, 28).

The believer must always see that he has a perfect salvation in Jesus, and must ever depend on Christ and Him alone.

But in salvation God imparts the life of the Holy Spirit to us that we may "live unto God." To live carelessly and presumptuously is to forfeit our place in Christ. The faith that saves us also brings into our lives the ability to live "soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world."

Paul used Abraham as an example of "justification by faith." "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:3).

James takes this a step further and shows that when a person has accepted Christ as Saviour by faith, this saving faith is proved by obedience to the known will of God. "Was not Abraham our father justified by works . . .? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" (James 2:21, 22).

While it is the duty of Christians to "show their faith by their works," let us ever remember that we are finite and "compassed by infirmities." We must always depend wholly on Christ, never on self. Our title to heaven is "the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." He alone is the perfect One. We must see ourselves "complete in Him."

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.

Asleep?

When sinners are stupid and careless and sinking into hell unconcerned, it is time the Church should bestir herself. It is as much the duty of the Church to awake as it is of the firemen to awake when a fire breaks out in the night in a large city.

The Church ought to put out the fires of hell which are laying hold of the wicked. Sleep! Should the firemen sleep and let the whole city burn down? What would be thought of such firemen? And yet their guilt will not compare to saints who sleep while sinners around are sinking stupidly into hell.

—Charles G. Finney

Expanded Program Under Way at Evangel College

Appointment of Three Representatives Announced

Evangel College has opened its second year of operation with an expanded program including sophomore as well as freshman classes. Enrollment for the year is expected to reach 250.

During summer months, workers were busy preparing new dormitory space, readying cafeteria facilities, and moving equipment into the newly opened classroom buildings in anticipation of the increased enrollment.

The college is located on a 58½-acre tract of land given to the Assemblies of God by the government in the winter of 1954. The campus has 70 buildings, many of which have been converted into use for classrooms, dormitories, and administration offices.

As part of its expansion program the college has appointed three ministers as field representatives to assist in informing the members and friends of all our Assemblies regarding the development of the new liberal arts college.

Serving in these public relations capacities are: Warren E. Phifer, former pastor of Branson, Missouri; Paul Chamless, evangelist for the past six years; and Gene Hogan, former pastor in Saginaw, Michigan.

Brother Chamless will serve the East Central area and will reside in St. Louis. Brother Hogan will serve in the Eastern part of the U.S. Brother Phifer will serve

the West Central section of the country and will reside in North Kansas City, Missouri.

Included in their work will be visits to Assemblies of God churches throughout the country to explain the college program and to interview prospective students. They will also be interested in the financial program and will offer interest-bearing bonds for sale to those desiring to invest money in a worthy Christian program.

Already a number of Assemblies of God members and friends of the college have purchased the 4½% interest-bearing bonds from Evangel College. However, a large number of bonds still must be sold to meet the needs of the growing institution.

Persons interested in the program may either write to Evangel College, 1111 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, or contact their District Council office to determine if one of the field representatives is planning a visit to their area.



Paul Chamless



Warren E. Phifer



Gene Hogan

Dedication at San Jose, California, Planned for Next Sunday

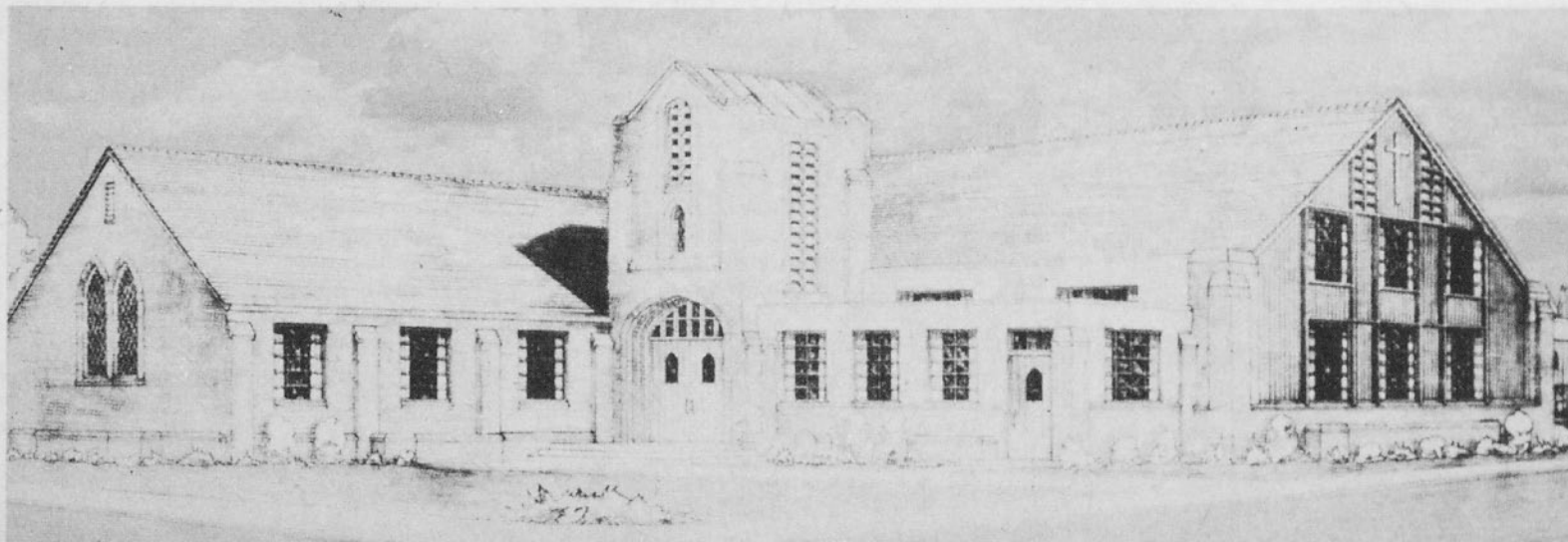
Calvary Temple, an Assemblies of God church in San Jose, California, will dedicate the new sanctuary and Sunday School unit (pictured above) next Sunday, October 7. Immediately following this, Evangelist Watson Argue will conduct a Dedication Revival at the church.

The congregation of Calvary Temple has worshipped in the first unit of the building for over eight years, but they had outgrown its limited accommodations. The new sanctuary, with 5,000 square feet of floor space, was constructed adjacent to the original unit in such a way that both auditoriums can be used for seating 700 persons conveniently. There is a full basement with Sunday

School facilities, and the entire balcony is used for the nursery. The property is valued at \$150,000. Much of the work on the construction was donated by members of the church.

Calvary Temple has served the San Jose area for over twenty years, and during that time has enjoyed God's blessings and a continual growth. It is located in the heart of the Willow Glen district at Willow and Kottenberg.

Former pastors include Willard C. Pierce, founder of the work; Richard Carmichael; and Richard Ruff. Present pastor is T. Kermit Jeffrey who is completing his fifth year of ministry in the church.





Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **FRISCO, TEX.**—The congregation was blessed with the good Word of God as ministered in recent revival meetings by Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth Crouse of Greeley, Colo.

—*M. L. Milton, Pastor*

► **BASTROP, LA.**—The Log Cabin Assembly experienced two weeks of revival with Evangelist Gene Jackson. One was filled with the Holy Spirit, and eight followed the Lord in water baptism. The attendance was good throughout the meetings.

—*Vashli Smith, Pastor*

► **BILOXI, MISS.**—Evangelist Otis Moore of Houston, Tex. conducted two weeks of special meetings in the Central Assembly of God recently. Many came to the altar for salvation. From the very first service God's glory came down and many received the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Just about everyone in the church was filled.

—*Douglas Carroll, Pastor*

► **ROBINSON, ILL.**—The church here enjoyed two weeks of God-sent ministry with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. Every message and service was a real blessing to all. The ministry in Word, music, art, and song proved a real benefit. This is the fourth campaign Brother Ogden has held here.

—*H. E. Murray, Pastor*

► **GRANBURY, TEX.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell of Ft. Worth, Tex. were here for three weeks and the church was thrilled with their ministry. The powerful preaching under the anointing of the Spirit brought many lasting results to the congregation. There were a number reclaimed and filled with the Spirit.

—*J. F. Owen, Pastor*

► **HUNTSVILLE, ALA.**—The First Assembly here recently experienced a great revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Winford of Cape Girardeau, Mo. The ministry of the Word fed the souls of the hearers, and the Lord confirmed His Word with signs following. The church is still enjoying great blessings from God.

—*Melvin Byron, Pastor*

► **AMARILLO, TEX.**—The Sunshine Evangelistic Party of Indianapolis, Ind., just closed a very successful revival in the First Assembly of God. Their musical program was outstanding. They played approximately twenty different instruments. The illustrated sermons were equally as good as the music. The altars were filled with souls seeking God night after night. Many were saved, some were filled with the Spirit, and others testified to being healed by the power of God.

—*E. R. Foster, Pastor*

► **CLINTON, IND.**—After 12 nights of revival with the Anspaugh Chord Makers the church here has a new determination to do greater things for God. During the meetings souls were saved. A new record Sunday School attendance was established with 130 present.

—*Enos J. Bruton, Pastor*

► **McMINNVILLE, TENN.**—Thirty-one were saved and several were healed in a glorious revival conducted in the First Assembly of God here. Evangelist Glen H. Lester

of Waxahachie, Tex. did the preaching. The Sunday School attendance record was broken during the meeting.

—*Glenn H. Burks, Pastor*

► **CARUTHERSVILLE, MO.**—Evangelist Betty Lewis of Dallas, Tex. recently conducted a three-week revival here. God gave a gracious revival in which 20 knelt at the altar for salvation, and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to definite healings.

—*Idama Keeton, Pastor*

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Demopolis	First	Oct. 2-14	Nelson White & wife	Cecil Wiggins
	Sayreton	First	Oct. 2-14	Skondeen Family	Robert Gowins
Ark.	N. Little Rock	First	Oct. 7-21	E. R. Winter	T. J. Gotcher
Calif.	Puente	Glengrove	Sept. 23—	Benny Sapp & wife	E. J. Kumpe
Fla.	Wildwood	A of G	Oct. 7-21	Joel Palmer & wife	W. T. Dick
	Winter Park	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 30—	H. L. Moody	J. P. Hall
Ill.	Chicago	Bethel Temple	Oct. 7-28	Smith & Rogers	W. L. Williams
	Lombard	A of G	Sept. 25-Oct. 7	Anspaugh Chord Makers	Gene Huff
	Peoria	First	Oct. 2-14	Walter D. Lascelle	Lloyd Shoemaker
	Quincy	First	Oct. 7-21	Bill Sharp	H. M. Smith
Ind.	Rochester	First	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	John Higginbotham	V. Hershman
Iowa	Clinton	First	Oct. 7—	Alfred J. Wells	C. E. Thompson
Kans.	Beloit	A of G	Sept. 25-Oct. 7	A. Segesman & wife	Everett Lee
	Wichita	Central	Oct. 7—	Watson Argue	J. Boyd Wolverton
La.	W. Monroe	First	Oct. 2—	Lolita Thompson	Phil Johnson
Md.	Pasadena	Pentecostal	Sept. 25-Oct. 7	Wm. F. Voodre	Harold Zuch
Mass.	Chelsea	1st Pentecostal	Oct. 14-28	Amelia J. Bullock	F. F. Reidenbach
Mich.	Detroit	Berea Tab.	Oct. 7—	James Nicholson	Ted Ness
	Grand Rapids	Woodmere Gardens	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	Quentin D. Edwards	Harvey A. Krist
Mo.	N. Kansas City	First	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	Bobby Hoskins	R. A. McClure
	Hannibal	First	Sept. 26-Oct. 7	Christian Hild	Glenn Renick
	Rolla	A of G	Oct. 7—	S. Vandermerwe & wife	Carl L. Roberts
N. J.	Camden	Calvary	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	Reid Evan: Party	Harold W. Barnes
	Newark	Bethel Pent.	Oct. 2-7	David Berquist	F. D. Eide
N. Y.	Lyons	Full Gospel Ch.	Sept. 18—	J. F. Pepper	Werner Johnson
	White Plains	A of G	Sept. 19-30	Ronald Ripley	Stephen Walegir
Ohio	Centerburg	A of G	Sept. 25-Oct. 7	Domenick Ezzo	Kenneth Wireman
	Cleveland	Grace Gospel	Oct. 2-13	Clinton Vanzant & wife	E. E. Eliason, Jr.
	E. Liverpool	First	Sept. 23-Oct. 7	Steve Bogdan	John E. Horn
	Mansfield	Glad Tidings	Oct. 7—	Reuben Ruiz	A. J. Jensen
Pa.	Connellsville	A of G	Oct. 7-28	John & Olive Kellner	E. J. Hatchner
	Cresco	Paradise Valley	Oct. 2-14	Chas. H. Duncombe	David Wellard
	Philadelphia	Highway Tab.	Oct. 2-14	Wright-Myers	W. H. Roberson
S. Dak.	Edgemont	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 14	Paul Sangren & wife	J. M. Cummings
	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 23-Oct. 7	Paul Hild & wife	Arthur Berg
Tex.	Big Spring	First	Oct. 7—	Glenn Shinn & wife	Calvin Wiley
	Van	A of G	Sept. 19—	Chas. Robinson & wife	Frank M. Jones
Va.	Lee Mont	Faith	Oct. 7-21	Peiffer-Harden	C. C. Garrett
Wash.	*Coulee City	Grace Full Gosp	Oct. 2-7	Mel Johnson	Ernest Welk
	Prosser	A of G	Sept. 30-Oct. 21	Wesley Fleming	Vernon Skaggs
Wis.	Appleton	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 25-Oct. 7	R. S. Peterson	H. Redfield Brown

*Children's Revival

Announcements should reach us 30 days in advance, due to the fact that the EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

► **HENDERSON, TEX.**—The congregation at the First Assembly greatly enjoyed the recent ministry of Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards and his brother, Dwight, of Garland, Tex. The anointed ministry of the Word and the musical talent of these young evangelists were an inspiration to all. Several were saved or reclaimed, and there was an unusual interest among the people.

—A. J. Mercer, Pastor

► **KERBY, OREG.**—A two-week open-air revival was held here recently by Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Brooks, Oreg. The services were well attended, with several seeking the Lord for salvation and many testifying to healings. A wonderful spirit of praise and unity prevailed throughout the meeting, and the church still rejoices over the many accomplishments.

—Donald Trimmer, Pastor

► **DES ARC, MO.**—The church here was greatly moved recently by the dynamic preaching and Holy Ghost singing of Evangelist Everett McCauley of Steelville, Mo. There were large crowds every night. Seven were saved and four received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Several were healed. The meetings continued two weeks.

—Carl Hensley, Pastor

► **HAVERHILL, MASS.**—Sunday, August 26, was the final day in an evangelistic campaign conducted here by Evangelist Dee N. Huff of Saginaw, Mich. During the meetings and prior to them, the Sunday School attendance doubled and the Sunday night service tripled. The pastors carried on the meetings after the evangelist had to leave.

—Lyle H. Huff, Pastor; and Stanley Kean, Co-Pastor

► **HOUSTON, TEX.**—The Lindale Assembly of God recently closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist L. B. (Bill) Lewis of Wilmington, Calif. In two weeks, 39 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 65 professed salvation, and an all-time Sunday School attendance record of 703 was set on the last day. It was truly one of the great revivals in the twenty-odd years of the church's history.

—James McKeenan, Pastor

► **RED ROCK, TEX.**—The Spirit of the Lord was felt in each service of a two-week revival conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. G. Q. Manley of Houston, Tex. There was a good response, with three souls being saved. One man was healed of a heart ailment while sitting in the service. The anointed ministry and singing was an inspiration to every heart. People of several denominations attended the service, and there were overflow crowds every night.

—A. Heflin, Pastor

► **PLAINFIELD, VT.**—This quiet little New England village became the center of a mighty visitation of God during the recent camp meeting sponsored by the local church. The evangelists were Robert and Lillian Waters of Philadelphia. The camp had larger crowds than has been experienced in many years. Often the tent was packed to capacity. Folk came from far and near to see the mighty works of God. Every night brought new victories. Great numbers received Christ as Saviour, and the conviction for sin was



Above: The new church. At right: Pastor David A. Berquist

FIRST ASSEMBLY IN ALLENTOWN DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

On Sunday, September 23, 1956, the lovely new building shown above was dedicated to the Lord by the congregation and pastor. The church is the First Assembly of God, Allentown, Pennsylvania, pastored by David A. Berquist.

The Eastern District Superintendent, A. N. Chase, officiated at the dedication. Guest speaker for the occasion was J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. The mayor of the city accepted an invitation to be present for the dedication.

The new building, constructed of variegated red brick, is located on one of the main thoroughfares of Allentown (population: 115,000). 420 persons can be comfortably seated in the main auditorium and spacious balcony. A full basement provides adequate Sunday School rooms. The building is completely air conditioned.

Due to the donated labor of Pastor Berquist and his congregation, the cost of the building did not exceed \$64,000, although it has been estimated to be worth at least \$95,000. Total remaining indebtedness is only \$36,000.

Already the Lord has placed His smile of approval upon this forward move of faith, as a new interest is being shown in the Pentecostal message in Allentown. During recent special services with Evangelist Ronald J. Ripley, a number were saved and an unusually large number of visitors attended. Sunday School attendance reached a new high with 250 present during the services.

tremendous. Among those converted were many fine young people.

The healing power of God was wonderfully manifested each night. God performed miracles before the eyes of the people. Little Jimmy Conner, eight years of age, known for his strong glasses and badly crossed eye, was perfectly normal after prayer. He now reads and plays without difficulty, and no longer needs glasses. Pat Stevens' crooked vision was instantly healed, and she has not needed her glasses since that night. There were other miracles restoring people from heart trouble, brain injury, kidney ailments, and disorders of all kinds.

Vermont is a field of pioneer works. Many friends visited from new churches and received the fullness of the Spirit at the camp. One lady from Barnard, Vt., became the first in that two-year-old church to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. When she returned home the following night her husband received this experience. Pastor Rolland Gerhart reports a precious moving of God in his church as a result of the blessings received at the camp meeting.

The camp V.B.S. enrolled 121 pupils, many of them from the local community. Helen Holland and Betty Baker led the revival among the children.

The morning Bible studies led by Carl Lindberg of the New England Bible Institute proved a great blessing also.

—Gustaf H. Berglund, Pastor

News of Evangelists

Evangelist and Mrs. BEAUFORD HANUM have accepted the pastorate of the Fellowship Assembly in Oklahoma City, Okla. . . . PAUL EPLER is a cousin of President Eisenhower. . . . BERTHA BLAIR and NORMA GARLAND are having excellent meetings in Alaska. . . . After serving many years as an evangelist, C. M. SMITLEY has taken a church in Mercer, Mo. . . . PAUL HILD recently conducted his 300th evangelistic meeting. The GARDNER BROTHERS, VELMER and NORMAN, are currently overseas in three months of evangelistic meetings. There will be brief stops in England, Germany, France, and Italy. Then there will be extended campaigns in South Africa. . . . Evangelist H. J. SNELGROVE has taken the pastorate of the First Assembly of God in Rochester, N.Y.

ELIJAH THE TISHBITE

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them." It was a veritable bedlam of frenzied zeal and confusion; but "there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded." Where are the people who still maintain that any religion is all right, provided the devotees are in earnest? Let them beware!

What a relief to turn from this sorry spectacle to the unspoiled champion of revealed religion. Majestic in his solitude, he calmly repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. After placing the sacrifice in order, he drenched the sacrifice and the wood with twelve barrels of water. Everything was now ready. He began to pray. Listen! "Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou has turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces." Oh, beloved, here was (and is) the acid test. "God is a consuming fire." Vital religion is religion on fire—not a little spark, but a mighty baptism!

Elijah was not concerned primarily with the spectacular manifestation. His great burden was "that this people may know that thou art the Lord, and that thou hast turned their heart back again." Apostate leaders invariably vision themselves as forward-looking progressives, too far advanced to be seriously influenced by the old faith of our fathers. What stronger indictment could be pressed against this so-called "modern philosophy," foisted upon us by carnal men, vainly puffed up by their fleshly minds, than the historic fact that every heaven-sent revival has turned men's hearts "back again"—back to the Cross, back to "the God that answereth," back to the rock-ribbed foundation of divine revelation and spiritual manifestation. Evangelical churches throughout the world owe their very existence to leaders who looked back to Calvary and Pentecost, and built upon "the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Shall men of faith abandon the ship to these liberal glorifiers of culture? God forbid! Rather let us pray that God will turn the hearts of the people "back again." ◀ ◀

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL HOMECOMING of First Assembly of God, Florida, Ala., Oct. 7. W. W. Holder is pastor.—by Mrs. Ethelda Crowley.

26th ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING at Gospel Tabernacle, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Oct. 7-9. Arthur F. Berg is Pastor.—by Betty Stauffer, Secretary.

CHURCH DEDICATION—Dedication of new Evangelistic Temple in Nassau, Bahamas, Sept. 30. B. Owen Oslin, speaker.—by John M. Wilkerson, Pastor.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Assemblies of God in the Bahamas, Oct. 2, at Evangelistic Center in Nassau. Ministers and friends invited to attend.—John M. Wilkerson, Pastor.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION — Annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America to be held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, beginning Tuesday night.

CITY-WIDE TRAINING COURSE—Oct. 8-12 at Assembly of God Tabernacle, 301 Capitol Ave. S. W. Atlanta, Ga. C. Morse Ward, speaker. George Klarman is pastor.—by Grover Langston, District Presbyterian.

30th ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING at First Assembly of God, 12th and "C" St., Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 30. Speakers: Frank Gray at 11 a.m.; Harry Steil at 3 p.m.; William Kirschke at 7:30 p.m. All former members and pastors invited.—by Everette Ewing, Pastor.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Oct. 8-9 at Mitchell and Oct. 11-12 at Rapid City. R. W. Pirtle, D. V. Hurst, Phil Wanenmacher, Springfield, Mo., speakers.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING—Oct. 4-5 at Elmer, Mo. A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., main speaker. Free meals and rooms as far as available.—Abraham Solomon, Pastor.

ILLINOIS FALL S. S. CONVENTIONS—Sept. 24-Oct. 5; Owen Carr, Wichita, Kans., guest speaker. Services at 2:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Jacksonville, Oct. 1; Centralia, Oct. 2; Wood River, Oct. 3; Belleville, Oct. 4; and Murphysboro, Oct. 5—by E. S. Henning, District Sunday School Director.

RADIO PROGRAM

UNION CITY, IND.—"The Full Gospel Hour," station WPGW, 1440 kc., Portland, Ind., Sundays 2:30 to 3 p.m.—David E. Dean, Pastor Calvary Assembly.

WITH CHRIST

W. CAIRL HARKINS, 51, Justin, Tex. went to be with the Lord August 29, 1956. Brother Harkins pastored a number of churches in Texas, and at the time of his death was pastoring the Full Gospel Assembly in Justin. He was ordained in 1936.

MAY ELLEN CRAWFORD, 43, North Bergen, N. J. went to her heavenly reward August 29, 1956. Sister Crawford was pastor of the Lake Street Full Gospel Church of White Plains, N. Y. She was ordained in 1945.

to the editor



Likes Special Healing Issue

Thank you for the wonderful PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL you are putting out weekly. I find it invaluable to pass on. I was talking with a Methodist brother about divine healing and your recent issue on that subject (June 24) was most helpful in bringing this truth to him.

J. E. LOPEZ
Las Cruces, N. Mex.

Postal Employee Asks for Copy

I would like to have a copy of the EVANGEL of July 15th—also the subscription price of your paper. I am a postal employee.

HARRY L. PETERSON
Minneapolis 14, Minn.

Stapled Pages Help Arthritic Victim

I am forwarding my renewal for the EVANGEL. We receive much help and guidance from the paper. We believe it is much better since it was enlarged—also having the pages stapled together instead of glued is a great improvement. My husband is very crippled with arthritis, and we have to fold the paper in half for him to handle. This often caused it to come apart where it was glued, but this problem is overcome by having the pages stapled together.

MRS. GURNEY
Oatfield, Man., Canada

EVANGEL Re-Crosses the Atlantic

As I receive the EVANGEL through the kindness of an unknown sponsor, I want to thank you and the sponsor for the great joy it is to receive this messenger. It is full of inspiration and help.

When I have read the EVANGEL, it goes back to America. I have a friend—a displaced person—who lives in Toledo, Ohio, and I send the EVANGELS to her. So the papers I get have a two-fold mission: first, I get blessing and inspiration reading them in Norway, and then they go back to America as missionaries.

TROLLI NEUTZSKY WULFF
Norway

Old Timers

I enjoyed reading your EVANGEL before you enlarged it. Now it is even better—so many good spiritual pieces in it. Although I am of another Pentecostal church, we started taking the EVANGEL in 1926 and still enjoy reading it.

MRS. HATTIE SHOEMAKER
Fort White, Fla.

I have been intending to write and tell you how wife and I enjoy the enlarged EVANGEL. Of course, have always enjoyed it and more so now than ever. We have been subscribers since before it was named the EVANGEL—when dear Brother Bell published it.

I just renewed my subscription to the EVANGEL for three years more. That is probably as long as we will live now.

DAVE HARRIS
Lamont, Calif.

Grateful to Berkeley Church

I just read the article about the missionary convention at the First Assembly in Berkeley, California (June 17), and I would like to add a word of appreciation for this church. They are not only a foreign missionary church but also a home missionary church. . . . Their lovely young people have been coming faithfully twice a month to sing, play, and testify at our rest home. Sister Johnson herself has been faithful to come once a month to give us communion. And once a week some of the ladies of the church come and are such a help to the shut-ins who never get to church. Five of the guests in our rest home have been saved and one has been filled with the Spirit. All our love and appreciation go to Sister Johnson and her people for all the happiness they bring us.

EDITH FREEBURG
Richmond, Calif.

Christian Home Page

A terrible thing has happened. The most valuable part of my EVANGEL was missing. What has happened to "Daily Devotions"? It simply *must not* be discontinued. Do you realize that not only my Sunday School class but many others use these daily devotions as a background for Sunday's Lesson?

MRS. LEO WILJAMAA
Bellville, Ill.

I was quite disappointed not to find "Daily Devotions" in the last EVANGEL. I think the "Family Altar" is very needful. Indeed, it may be a means of getting families started in this very important phase of family life. However, I was wondering if you could combine the "Daily Devotions" with the "Family Altar." For some of us who are alone this short, pithy daily reading is very helpful.

MRS. FLORENCE KITSON
Plymouth, Wis.

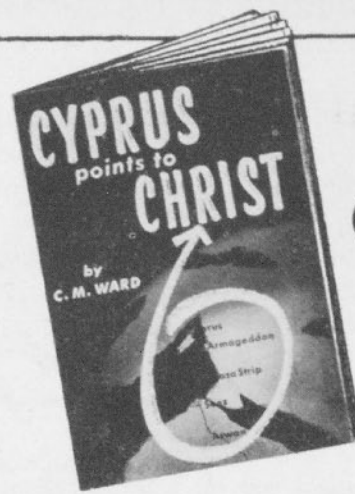
Enjoy Family Altar

I think the EVANGEL is better all the time. A young woman mentioned to me the other day that she was going to subscribe after reading a copy I loaned her. She enjoys the "Family Altar," and likes to teach the "Today's Gem" as a memory verse to her children.

ETHEL L. TENNEY
Adams, Mass.

Just now I am rejoicing that the July 29th "Family Altar" is directly in the center and the articles on both opposite pages are complete so that I can lift it and paste it in one of my Family Altar Scrapbooks.

MRS. FLORA E. NOBLE
Thomasville, N. C.



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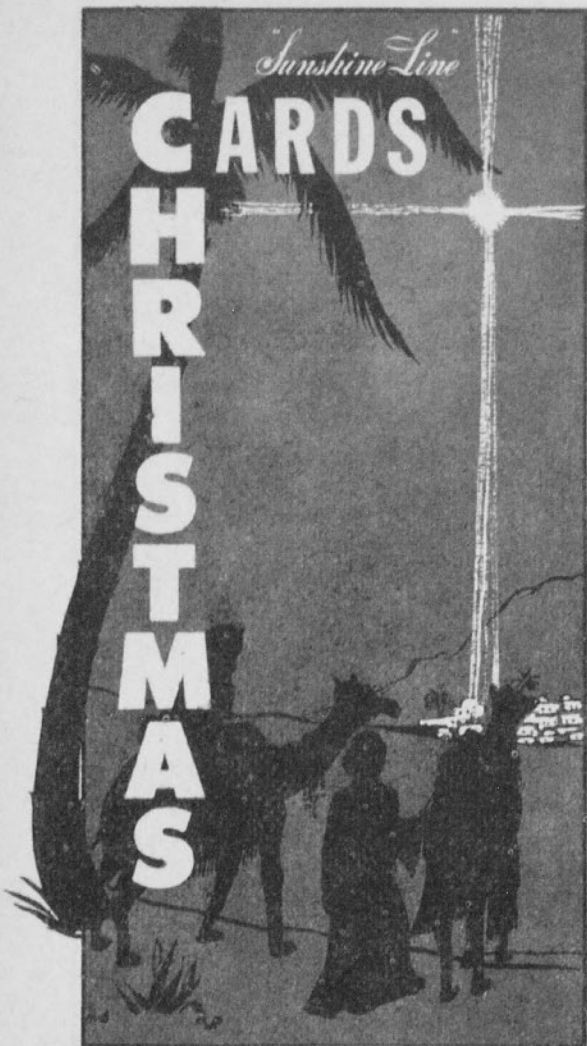
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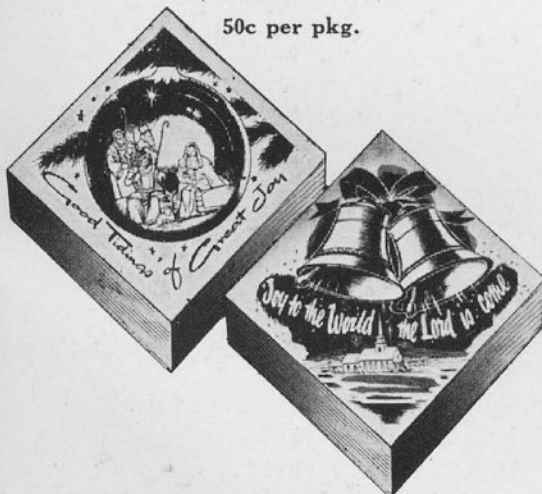
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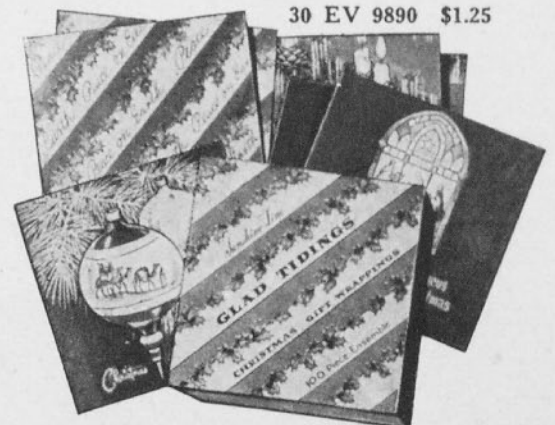
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Gift Wrap

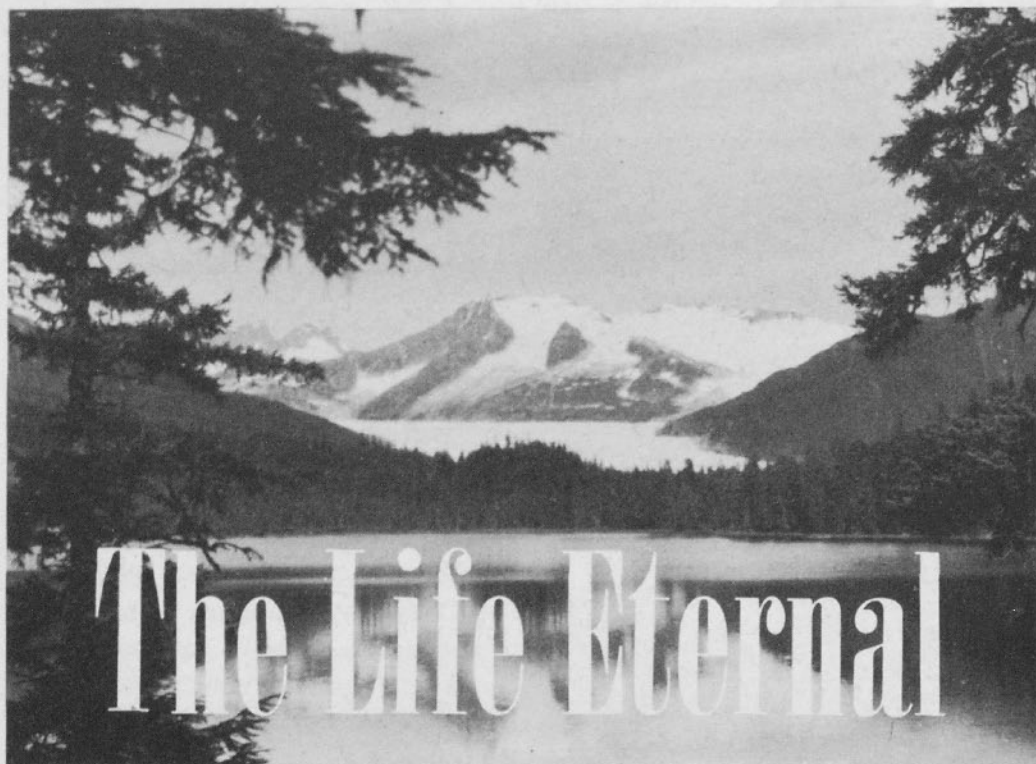
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The life of faith is the life which breathes the atmosphere of eternity; which looks on the things unseen and eternal, and beholds the glory of God. And as the heavenly citizenship is ours while we are still walking on earth, so the eternal life is ours though we are still in time. In the most transitory and earthly things, such as eating and drinking, we are to keep in view the eternal ocean, the glory of God. In the midst of cares and sorrows, toil and labor, conflict and struggle, we have a still deeper and more real possession, even that hidden life in which there is no pause and no change, but perennial sunshine and inexhaustible fullness, perfect rest and the peace which passeth understanding.

Part of the daily bread which our heavenly Father gives to His children on earth is to enter daily into the secret place of the Most High, and to be in eternity. Eternity is wrought into time. He who lives in eternity finds time and strength for every good work which God lays before him.

But not merely is time as eternity, but eternity is as time. We look forward to another age. We await the Lord's return and the Father's house, in which are many mansions. It is this same Jesus who loved us and redeemed us, who is now dwelling in our hearts by faith, who will come again and receive us to Himself, that we may thus be forever with the Lord. It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but it is no vague, shadowy, and colorless infinity to which we look forward. Even now we know and love God; we have union and communion with Jesus, the Son of the Father; we have fellowship with the brethren; we praise and serve, nay, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Even at present we are come to Mount Zion and the heavenly Jerusalem, and the angels of God worship by ministering unto us, the heirs of salvation. When the Lord returns,

the hidden life and the hidden glory will become manifest. Without imperfection and sin, without conflict and danger, delivered from all bondage and sorrow, we shall be with Jesus and the saints in perfect love, and in the joy of perfect service. Eternity is to us as time, the age to come is the continuation, the manifestation, and perfection of our present and true existence.

It is the Lord Jesus who gives this eternal life; in Him only can we find rest. How soon in our earthly existence do we become conscious that we are not at rest! We remember childhood. "The young spirit has awakened out of eternity, and knows not what we mean by time. As yet, time is no fast-hurrying stream, but a sportful, sunlit ocean." But how soon do we leave this mysterious morningland of our earthly life, and discover that we are imprisoned in darkness and in sin! It is man's misery which bespeaks his grandeur lost. It is because he is a dethroned king that he feels unhappy without the royal spirit, dignity, and power. It is because he is fallen—he who was created in God's image—that he feels hampered and fettered when he sees himself the creature of time, surrounded with things that perish, and unable to find anywhere that "type of perfect in his mind." If we had no idea of eternity, could we have the idea of time, and feel

the sadness and bondage of it? If there is no fountain of living water, whence and why our thirst? If there is no heaven, no eternity, who has invented the language of the human heart, the deep sigh, though all the waters of this life have been tasted?

But, blessed be God, Jesus has come! The life was manifested, and we have seen it, even that eternal life which was with the Father. He has come to give rest unto the weary and heavy-laden, light to the heart, and all is real, divine, eternal, inexhaustible. Not as the world giveth, for the world does not give freely; it only lends to recall, it only exchanges and barter, often taking more and better things from us than it bestows. The world's gifts are not what they seem to be. They do not enrich the heart; they do not last; and above all, they are dead things which cannot give life. But Jesus gives, and gives Himself. Himself is the light, the life, the peace. God and man, eternal and in time, sinless and a Saviour, the Holy One and Redeemer; there is no question, no longing, no disease, which He does not solve, fulfill, heal. He is the way, where before we saw no way, no possibility of either departure out of our misery, or arrival in the far-off eternal city. Only by Him can we come to the fountain of living water, to the Father.

—by ADOLPH SAPHIR
in *The Hidden Life*