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"Work Does It!"

If you wish to accomplish something worth while in life, remember the old slogan—"Work does it!" Science has discovered substitutes for many things but it has not found anything as yet that will take the place of solid effort. There is no easy road to success.

There was an amusing item in the *Calcutta Times* recently. It told of beggars at a Hindu temple at Shrirampur who noticed the fact that the offerings of sugar left by the devotees were disappearing. They discovered a line of ants bearing it away grain by grain. In a giant anthill some distance away they found several pounds of sugar stored. According to the newspaper, the industry of the ants was so inspiring that "the beggars all abandoned their calling and took jobs on a nearby construction project!"

The story reminds us of the command in Proverbs 6:6—"Go to the ant, thou sluggard." When we consider the activities of ants, they remind us of three important matters:

(1) *Industry.* Ants are not sluggards. They don't fritter away the summer as some creatures do but they keep everlastingly at the job of gathering food. Augustine drew the following lessons from the lowly ants: "First, as the ant in summer gathereth whereupon to live in winter, so every Christian in a time of quietness should gather out of God's Word, that in trouble and adversity he may have wherewith to live spiritually. Secondly, we ought to labor by the example of the ant, that we get the fruit of good works, in the harvest of this present life, so sedulously and diligently, that in the time of winter and judgment we perish not with hunger." God rewards the industrious. He has no crowns for loafers.

(2) *Improvement of opportunities.* The wise man tells us to study the ant, "consider her ways, and be wise." She gathers her food in summer because she realizes that winter is coming. The Lord Jesus put the same thought in different words when He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Our present opportunities will not last forever. We had better make the most of them while we can. The venerable Bede said: "The present life is compared to summer and harvest, because now, in the heat of trials, we must reap and lay up for the future; and the day of death and judgment is the winter, for which we must prepare, and when there is no more time for preparation."

(3) *Individual action.* The Scripture says that the ant, "having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest." In the matter of Christian service we need not wait for a "guide, overseer, or ruler" to come along and tell us what to do. There are plenty of jobs to be done. Find a place of service for yourself and get busy for God!

Often we spiritualize the plain teachings of the Bible and miss the primary meaning. In the case of the ant, the main lesson is that laziness breeds poverty while diligence brings prosperity. Let's not be lazy Christians. Soul-winning takes effort. Prayer is hard work. The Sunday School and church can only be built up at the cost of toil, tears, and personal sacrifice; but He who put the working instinct in tiny ants has put His mighty Spirit within us to make us equal to the task. And the rewards are eternal.

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Go Deeper With God

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IN TWO OF HIS PARABLES, THE Lord Jesus Christ points out the need of real depth of life and experience. The apostle Luke ends his account of Christ's Sermon on the Mount with these words:

"Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My sayings, and *doeth* them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

"He is like a man which built an house, and digged *deep*, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the floods arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock."

And then there are the words of Christ recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, where the Saviour, speaking in the parable of the sower, says, "... some seed fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had *no deepness* of earth."

It was the *depth* of foundation on the rock that saved the house, and it was the lack of depth that caused the seed to be scorched and to die. The Lord Jesus used these parables to illustrate the fact that we need to go deeper into the things of God. And I urge the Saviour's message on you—**GO DEEPER WITH GOD!**

We live in a shallow age. Our times are characterized by shallow emotions and shallow thinking. We suffer the effects of a shallow sense of moral values. We hold light views of sin, of God, and of eternity. The shallow spirit of this age seeks to invade the church and the lives of God's people. The devil would like us to be as shallow and as empty as this age in which we live. He would say to us: "Pray, if you must, but let it be shallow, ineffectual praying! Read your Bible, but do it without deep, reverent thought! Worship, but don't carry it too far!

Don't get emotional! Don't put your whole being into worshipping and serving God!"

The devil doesn't mind if we go to church, just so long as we don't take it too seriously. He doesn't mind if we have revival meetings provided we do not get concerned about our lost neighbors and friends!

The call of the Spirit is to go deeper with God! Dig the well of worship until you strike an artesian flow! Intercede for the lost until your spirit is heavy for the unsaved, and your eyes flow with tears.

Do you realize that the devil doesn't mind if you *study* the Bible, as long as you do not seek to practice what you learn! The Bible is likened to a mirror. It is possible to become completely absorbed in studying the beauty of the glass, the beveled edge, the silvered back, and *forget* that a mirror's chief function is to reveal! What good is Bible study if we fail to see ourselves, and our spiritual state, reflected in the Word? What profit is there unless we hear the call of the Spirit to **GO DEEPER WITH GOD?**

Is it a surprise to you to learn that not all of the redeemed ones go deeply into the things of God and the things of the Holy Spirit?

Paul tells us that the Risen Christ was seen of above five hundred brethren—mind you, they were *brethren*. And yet, when you study the Scriptures you have to classify most of them as being in a sort of *Outer Circle of Relationship*. They were satisfied to be *brethren*, and that's all! Out of the five hundred emerges a group of one hundred twenty who obeyed the command of Christ and obediently tarried in Jerusalem. We might call them the *Circle of the Obedient*. There was yet another group called the seventy—and this is the *Circle of Service*, but

it is not the nearest circle to Christ. There is the *Circle of the Apostles*—twelve men who were chosen that they might be with Christ. And yet, even from this group there emerges a highly favored *Inner Circle* of three—Peter, James, and John.

What a revealing thing is this study of numbers! Five hundred were eligible to be called brethren; one hundred twenty received the Pentecostal experience; seventy were enlisted in service; twelve were chosen for leadership—but there were three who would be satisfied with nothing less than intimate companionship with the Lord Jesus Christ! Like Mary, they chose the better part of sitting at the feet of Jesus.

"But who can get near to Christ?" you ask. "How do you go about getting into the Inner Circle? Was it reserved only for the three fishermen of the first century?"

The Word of God gives a clear answer as it exhorts us to go deeper with God.

Listen as the mother of James and John approaches Christ with a request. She asks, "Grant that my sons may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left." What a request! She wanted the highest and the best for her children. Note that Christ did not rebuke her for this desire. Rather, He gave her an answer that should set us all on fire with a holy ambition. He said that these favored places on His right, and on His left, would be given to those for whom they had been prepared! He made it clear that the positions were open! The occupants of those places had not been chosen as yet! In the days of Christ's flesh, three fishermen wanted intimate companionship with Christ more than they wanted anything else—and they

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THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL facts and features of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which I fear are neglected in our preaching. We have a "treasure" (2 Cor. 4:7) in these earthen vessels. A very "good thing" (2 Timothy 1:14) has been committed to us in the Holy Ghost. May God give us a proper appreciation of the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

We speak in tongues when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit. There is a wave of glory that sweeps over our souls and bodies when we receive this glorious experience. We sing: "Joys are flowing like a river since the Comforter has come." This is indeed the initial physical evidence of the Baptism. But there are evidences other than physical evidences and more than the initial evidence when He comes in.

John the Baptist said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire; whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:11, 12). Notice that the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is said also to be *with fire*. In the same sentence and in the same connection John speaks of the fan that Christ has in His hand, the purging of His floor, the burning of the chaff and the gathering of the wheat into the garner. This declaration is most significant. It indicates that there is a thorough purging of the grain, and separation of chaff from wheat, in connection with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The old-fashioned waiting before God (going down and down in His presence and "coming to the end of ourselves") corresponds to John's prediction. We learn something of what it means to be emptied of self before being filled with God. How much chaff in our profession, our experience and our very motives has been revealed as we tarried earnestly for the Spirit's infilling. The fire of God's discernment and the burning of the impurities of our inmost souls were a valuable part of the experience. The persistent application at the Throne of Grace was a true spiritual experience which itself enriched the soul. It occasionally happens that some who seek the Baptism so faithfully and earnestly, after receiving, lapse back

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The Wonders of the PENTECOSTAL BAPTISM



into a state of "having arrived" and the last state of that man certainly seems to be no better than the goodly state he was in when seeking the Baptism.

Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." Here we see the Baptism as the permanent abiding of the blessed Holy Spirit within us. Our bodies are "the temples of the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit is God, a great, wonderful, divine Person with all the qualities and virtues inherent in the Godhead. What a Guest! What a wonderful abiding Resident in our minds, wills and emotions! The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5) and all God's other qualities and gifts likewise. This wonderful Third Person of the Holy Trinity comes in and makes His permanent abode in us when we are baptized into the Holy Spirit. This fact far transcends all physical feelings which we experience when He comes in.

The Saviour said, "When He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." "He shall glorify me, for He shall receive of mine and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:13, 14). What a world of revelation opens up to us when we are filled with the Spirit! "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). "Thou hast

hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" (Matthew 11:25). "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty" (1 Corinthians 1:27). How? By the indwelling Holy Ghost. This is the exalted, thrilling experience of those who are filled with the Spirit. Let us revel in this and allow the Holy Spirit indeed to guide us into all truth.

Calvary is a favorite theme for the teaching of the Holy Spirit. There is such glorious truth here that Paul could say, "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." There are also the wonderful teachings of the resurrected life, "the power of His resurrection" and the life in the heavenlies. "Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1). All of this and more, the types and shadows in which the Old Testament abounds, and the fascinating mysteries of the age to come, constitute the broad field of truth into which the blessed Holy Spirit leads us.

"When He is come, He will reprove the world." He, the blessed Holy Spirit, animates and dominates His Spirit-filled people and leads them into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature. He endues them with power and equips them with the gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His will.

As the ocean knows no draining and the stars no counting, so His fullness knows no end. The Baptism into the wonderful Holy Spirit is bigger and better than we think.

Paul Riggs

LOYALTY-

NOT BY LEGISLATION BUT BY LOVE ALONE

ONE OF OUR WORLD WAR II CHAPLAINS tells a dramatic story of his experiences in the Pacific. When the Americans had won the war it was necessary to "mop up" various sections of the islands where there were strongholds of Japanese soldiers. The chaplain relates that when the Japanese learned the war had been lost they had a great celebration and then hundreds committed suicide by leaping from high cliffs. Thousands of these suicides were found by the American GI's.

The loyalty of the Japanese soldier was such that life itself was not as precious to him as his "loyalty" to the emperor. Our chaplain, however, pointed out that they were so afraid of falling into the hands of the American troops they preferred to die rather than be made prisoners. They had been taught that Americans would torture them. *Their loyalty to the emperor was based upon a fear rather than a faith!*

Highest loyalty is based upon love rather than hatred. One is negative, the other is positive.

War and adversity bring out loyalties! It's what happens in the clutch that determines the faithfulness of men. Fair-weather loyalties are useless. It is the loyalty tested in fire and battle that counts.

In the midst of trouble the loyal Christian stands! Three levels of loyalties are revealed by test.

LOYALTY TO A PRIZE

Balaam changed his loyalty from God and the divine purpose to win a prize of man! Balaam put a price on his loyalty to God and to Israel—it was material gain. In the midst of his bargaining he compromised with his better self.

The story is an interesting one. Upon yielding to temptation he saddled his ass and went with the princes of Moab. God was displeased with him. An angel was sent to stand in his way. The ass saw the angel and turned aside into a field rather than continue along the way. Balaam, not knowing what was making the ass turn aside, became angry! When the ass was passing through a narrow place the angel stood before him. The animal refused to go on and fell down beneath Balaam. Balaam then struck the ass with his staff. At this, the ass spoke to Balaam!

Isn't it strange that man can be so absorbed in his own folly that he cannot understand a simple principle of loyalty! God can sometimes use a dumb ass better than He can a wise prophet! It is painful to say, but true, that often dumb animals exercise a greater degree of consistency than humans who should act intelligently, and even Christians to whom God has given a sense of values.

Jesus met with such "loyalties" in His day. There were those who followed just for the loaves and the fishes that He provided. Others followed Him for the miracles which He did. Is it possible that there are those who follow Christ today because of the "prizes" they will get?

These incidents indicate the weakness of legislating loyalty. To be legislated it must involve punishments or rewards. The law is no stronger than the rewards or punishments supporting it. Law was a failure in the divine economy because it was not creative, it was only instructive! Men know what they should be and do. They are powerless to fulfill the desire!

"Love found a way to redeem my soul,
Love found a way that could make me
whole!"

There are higher levels of loyalty than to be loyal for a prize.

LOYALTY TO A PERSON

David, who was to be Israel's king, was in trouble. He was down in the cave of Adullam. He had been through many battles—some won, others lost. Now he was in one of his most trying hours. A homesickness came over him. The great warrior at this point was weary and thirsty. He sighed and expressed a longing for a drink of water. The water he desired was that of the wells of Bethlehem!

Three of David's loyal men overheard David's wish and slipped through the battle lines. They drew water from the well, which was deep within the enemy's territory. They returned and offered the sweet water to David. David refused to drink it! He could not believe that such loyalty still remained among his people. That was a triumph of personal loyalty!

Loyalty to a person is far deeper than loyalty to a prize. Few men would have jeopardized their lives as did Abishai, David's mighty man, for the simple reward of pleasing his leader. But he loved his captain; nothing was too great to do for him. Personal attachment is a high level of loyalty. No legislating can achieve such loyalty. David's own son was not influenced by the law of the king. Not even blood relationship could overcome his desire to have a "prize" of the rulership of the nation!

True loyalty that survives the troubles and tests of time is based on more than legislation or personal esteem.

Jesus' disciples fled in the hour of trial! Explain it if you can. Those disciples saw a prize in His power. They had learned much from Him and thought they loved Him. But they fled! What law could have held them? Rome,

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FILLED With God's Fullness

Our Pentecostal Privilege

BY LOUISE NANKIVELL

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE EPHESIAN believers was that they "might be filled with all the fullness of God" (Eph. 3:19).

The apostle's prayer, in the words of this tremendous climax, had reached a staggering height, seemingly too much for a finite being to be asking.

To be FILLED!

Filled with GOD!

Filled with the FULLNESS of God!

Filled with ALL the fullness of God! Think of it!

Only recently, as I was meditating upon this portion of Scripture, my heart was overwhelmed with the immensity of the thought. God seemed so big and my capacity so small. His fullness! How could my heart hold it all? Could the finite contain the infinite? The Bible reveals that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him. How much less could this little heart of mine!

But it IS possible to be filled with all the fullness of God. Out of the inexhaustible fullness of the infinite God, we may be filled to the utmost of our capacity. The apostle was praying that we might be so soaked and saturated with God that we would be permeated from center to circumference and, in our present state, there would be no room for more. God wants to impart Himself in all His fullness to you, to me. In all reverence I assert, the whole Godhead can be our possession. Think of having the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) filling one's entire being! What a rebuke to our often-low ebb of Spirit-filled living!

What is this fullness of God? It is the sum total of all that God is, His attributes, characteristics, power, in all-sufficient, inexhaustible plenitude of supply. And it is the fullness of the Spirit, which, coming into the life, brings all the fullness of God. It is His working which looses one from the domination of the carnal nature, reproduces the life of Christ within, and imbues with the supernatural power



that makes believers blazing witnesses to God's grace and glory.

FULLNESS OF LIFE

There is fullness of spiritual life for every Christian. Jesus Himself declared, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John proclaimed of the blessed Lamb of God, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

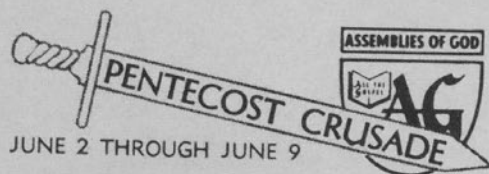
Probably you know what it is to have spiritual life. You met Jesus somewhere along the roadside one day. You left your waterpot and carried away the well—the well of salvation, that springs up into everlasting life. But what do you know about the rivers of living water? Hear the earnest, importunate pleading of the Son of God—"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow *rivers of living water*." What was Jesus talking about? Why, "this spake He of the *Spirit*, which they that believe on Him should receive." Through the indwelling of the Spirit, any thirsty soul can have more abundant life, issuing forth in *rivers of living water*. Not a stream! Not

just one river, but *rivers* of living water! It takes pumping to get water out of a well, but you don't have to pump flowing rivers. Some of you can remember when you pumped and pumped and worked so hard to get a little six-word testimony out of the well of salvation. Even then perhaps you had to prime the pump. But when you received the fullness of God in your life, through the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the joy of the Lord and the testimonial witness came flowing right out upon the rivers. Fullness of life! Pentecostal profusion! "And everything shall live whither the river cometh."

Then, not only does the Spirit's fullness become fullness of spiritual life to us, but the Spirit within imparts life to these physical bodies. "If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11). Divine quickening! Divine health! Divine healing! By the indwelling of the same all-powerful Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead!

FULLNESS OF LOVE

God is love. Then, should not the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with its fullness of God, bring fullness of love? Many of us profess the Spirit-filled life, but how much do we manifest of God's overflowing love? Where is the love that suffers long and is sweet about it, with no thought of resentment



or retaliation? The love that doesn't turn green at the prosperity of others? The love that doesn't parade itself, doesn't throw fits of temper, doesn't display ugly traits of self-will? The love that covers a multitude of sins?

How often we have failed and come short of the glory of God in this department of spiritual living. There has been too little of the fruit of the Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit alone who can develop Christian graces in the believer, conforming him to the likeness of God's Son. It is by the Spirit that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. The love which He has caused to come down to us should flow out to others. Only the fullness of God can bring boundless love which will radiate from us in superabounding measure.

FULLNESS OF FAITH

It could be said of Stephen and Barnabas that they were "full of the Holy Ghost and faith." They not only *had* faith, they were *full* of it. Here God has coupled faith and the Holy Ghost together. And shouldn't fullness of the Holy Ghost inspire fullness of faith?

Faith is not just a word in the dictionary. Faith is one of the greatest forces on earth. No, you can't put it into a dish and pass it around for everybody to inspect. You can't put it between two pieces of glass and examine it under a microscope. Nevertheless, faith is real. Faith is substance. Faith embraces unlimited possibilities. All things are possible to those who believe, because God works through faith. And without faith it is impossible for us to please Him.

Are we *full* of faith? If not, of what are we full? Anxieties, doubts, fears? These constitute a destructive triad, incompatible, irreconcilable to faith. Surely there cannot be fullness of faith short of the operation of the fullness of the Spirit. Faith should be a distinguishing mark of God's Spirit-filled giants. Let us not surrender to outer pressures, but let us rather maintain a steady, undeviating walk in the Spirit, whereby we may know experientially the meaning of being "full of the Holy Ghost and faith."

FULLNESS OF POWER

This is a power age. In fact, it is the power of this age that is getting things done. Through the splitting of the atom, power hitherto unknown has

been released and developed to such a stage that men's hearts are failing them for fear.


But there is a greater power than any known earthly power. The power of God is unparalleled, unsurpassed, unequalled. Power belongeth unto God. God alone is omnipotent. And the power of God, this greatest of all power, is released through the outpouring of the Spirit and placed at man's disposal.

We are depending too much today upon human might, which is altogether inadequate to meet the world's great need. We are organizing instead of agonizing. But programs, ceremonies, machinery, methods, picnics, suppers, entertainment will not suffice. It is

"not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord. The deepest, highest, most urgent of all our present needs is a mighty manifestation of the power of God. And we can have it. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive *power*, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth." The infilling of the Holy Ghost is the great motivating force in aggressive evangelism, reaching out to a sin-blighted world with deliverance from every form of bondage. Fullness of power is dependent upon the incoming of the Spirit in fullness. The bursting dynamic which characterized the early

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Our ~~Troubled~~ Thriving Sunday Schools

HURST: The purpose of our panel is to discuss the article by Dr. Shrader that was published in *Life Magazine* on February 11. In the article a fourteen-year-old boy named Tom is quoted as saying that Sunday School is the "most wasted hour of the week."

Dr. Shrader also charges that "The United States Protestant Sunday School is often nothing more than a glorified baby-sitting service, or a place where children listen to grotesque stories, and memorize verses; or a Sunday morning social hour characterized by a considerable amount of horseplay." Then he goes to some length to substantiate his charges and to suggest corrective measures.

Our purpose is to discuss the validity and universality of these charges. Also, we want to note and analyze his program of correction.

WEBB: May I first suggest one of the most unfortunate factors in the entire matter is that many people simply read the headlines and go away with the wrong impression, which perhaps neither Dr. Shrader nor *Life Magazine* intended. But the damage is done when the statement of a fourteen-year-old boy is given prominence as though it summarized the situation.

STRAHAN: The headline certainly is not representative of the article.

HURST: Would you say that the evidence submitted by Dr. Shrader is adequate and conclusive?

RISLEY: Not from the standpoint of a journalist. To have a man select a number of negative illustrations to prove a point is neither scientific nor fair. I visit a lot

of Sunday Schools in the course of a year, and I have never seen things which he infers to be common.

HURST: Then you would say that the author does not take a cross section of evidence, and that his conclusion as a result are based on stacked evidence.

RISLEY: Exactly. The article reveals his ignorance of our entire evangelical constituency and of the changes that have taken place in the last ten years. Actually, the article would have been more timely twenty years ago.

DENTON: I agree. I was brought up in a Sunday School in which I was required to memorize the Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-third Psalm, and the Apostle's Creed in order to be promoted from the Primary Department to the Junior Department. From that point on we were taken into a mere social program.

HURST: Some of Dr. Shrader's indictments against the Sunday School can be summed up as follows:

Pre-school: baby sitting.

Ages 6 to 9: story telling that creates distorted concepts.

Ages 9 to 12: rote memorization.

Teen-age: "out of hand," irreverence, rowdiness, impudence, rock 'n' roll rhythms.

College students: generally critical of Sunday School. Would you say these conditions characterize our evangelical Sunday Schools in general?

RISLEY: Certainly not the majority. However, there may be isolated cases.

STRAHAN: Being a young parent, I am not against the baby-sitting angle. If you can engage the child in worth-

while social and educational activities while his parents are in a worship service, you have gained something.

RISLEY: I think the indictment is not so much against the idea of having a Nursery as against the idea of leaving the Nursery in the hands of untrained high-school students. He says this is done, but I have never seen it.

DENTON: The Nursery will always provide opportunity for the parents to be relieved of their children while they enjoy the Adult Bible class. Otherwise they might stay home from Sunday School and perhaps would miss the morning worship service too.

STRAHAN: There is a socializing and learning activity going on in the Nursery which is desirable. Children have to become accustomed to participating with groups of their own age.

RISLEY: In the Junior age, Dr. Shrader seems to make light of all memorization work.

STRAHAN: He has picked that up from secular educational critics. There is a great criticism of rote memorization without understanding.

RISLEY: I don't know of any Sunday School leaders who have supported memorizing just for the sake of memorizing.

WEBB: Unfortunately he speaks very disparagingly of committing to memory the Word of God. The Bible declares, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." To become acquainted with the teachings of the Bible by memorizing is a positive guide to moral and spiritual living.

RISLEY: Along with that he really casts reflection on our evangelical teaching of the Atonement and Calvary. He refers to it as "gory stories." I resent that. Liberals don't object to realism in TV, movies, comic books, but they tell us not to be realistic in religion. I think children can comprehend more than we think they can.

HURST: What do you think of the corrective measures Dr. Shrader suggests be taken in the Sunday Schools?

WEBB: I think the four points cited in his article are well stated: (a) Strengthen the curriculum. (b) Get trained



"Is the evidence adequate and conclusive?"

professional leaders. (c) Train the lay teachers. (d) Make the home a part of the Sunday School. We ought to inform the gentleman that three of his four measures are already in force. No less than fifty denominations have been emphasizing these points for some time.

HURST: None of his points is new. They have been stressed by the NSSA for some time. For example, our Assemblies of God Sunday Schools have seen a tremendous upsurge in the training of lay workers. In the last five years we have issued 250,000 training certificates to lay workers, as compared with 50,000 issued in the previous five-year period.

STRAHAN: This man charges that the ministers don't know what goes on in their Sunday Schools. I don't think you would find many evangelical churches in which the pastor is as detached from his own Sunday School as this man confesses he was.

DENTON: Right here we could notice what the Assemblies are doing. In our National Sunday School Standard, one

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"The article is neither scientific nor fair."





"Sunday School is doing a good job and yet it can be improved."



"Tom's parents sent him—the parents did not attend."

feature requires the pastor to attend 48 out of 52 Sundays. For the last Sunday School year 91 per cent of our pastors received credit on this feature. In other words, they were in their Sunday Schools at least 48 out of the 52 Sundays.

WEBB: The great Sunday School conventions are helping to solve these various problems. We have national, regional, and district conventions calculated to reach every level of Sunday School workers and increase their efficiency.

HURST: Did you gentlemen notice a discrepancy? The author labeled his fourth corrective measure, "Make the home a part of the Sunday School"—and yet in his evaluation of the Sunday School he completely ignored the adult bracket.

DENTON: Plus the fact that Tom's parents *sent* him to Sunday School, and he came home and told them what he thought of it. The parents did not attend.

HURST: We believe the adults should be a part of the Sunday School. I would say that 40 per cent of the enrollment in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools is in the adult level. Isn't that the best way to tie parents in?

RISLEY: I think that percentage is above the average, even in evangelical ranks, but there the percentage is improving.

HURST: The article mentions the statement of objectives as outlined by Paul Veith. This outline has stood for some years and, as Shrader states, is to be reviewed, but no doubt it will remain unchanged. Do you think this statement of objectives has any bearing on the alleged failures of the Sunday School as charged by Shrader?

RISLEY: Yes. The statement of objectives is aimed at just the child, and ignores the adults.

HURST: That would be one of its weaknesses then . . .

DENTON: "To foster in *growing persons* . . ." is an expression often repeated.

HURST: It speaks of Christian nurture without mentioning any crisis experience as a foundation.

RISLEY: You cannot nurture spiritual life when there is

none there. There is no reference at all to a "born again" experience.

WEBB: To summarize our thoughts on this point, I think we agree that a re-evaluation of the statement of objectives is long overdue. It makes no provision for adult participation, except as teachers, and leaves out all reference to the main purpose of the Sunday School which is to bring the pupil to a personal knowledge of Christ as Saviour.

RISLEY: Dr. Shrader's article may have done some damage but it may have done some good too. It has made some people think.

WEBB: I think we should acknowledge where improvements can be made, and to that extent the article is constructive.

RISLEY: But in spite of some imperfections and failures, it must be admitted that no other organization has done so much for so many people with so little time, money and personnel as the Sunday School.

HURST: One of the concluding points of the article has to do with correcting the Sunday School situation. Dr. Shrader contends that it must be done at the local level. Do you agree?

RISLEY: In the final analysis, I think he is right. The pastor, the church members, the people in the homes have got to respond or the job will not be done.

STRAHAN: I think denominational headquarters have some responsibility to provide good ideas, advanced training opportunities, and organizational helps conducive to growth. The carrying out of the plan is a local function. I think all of us recognize that the Sunday School in general is doing a good job, and yet there is room for improvement.

HURST: We agree, then, that Sunday Schools around the nation do need strengthening and improving. A number of measures need to be put into effect to accomplish this. However, we do not agree that the conditions are nearly as deplorable, in general, as the article indicates. Furthermore, we are already taking most of the correctional measures that it outlines. We have been doing this for a number of years, and with good results.

IN HIS FIRST EPISTLE TO Timothy the apostle Paul linked faith and conscience in this admonition: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck" (1 Timothy 1:19).

There are a few things a Christian must cling to with jealous tenacity, and two of them are *faith* and *conscience*. They are the keystones supporting the arch of Christian experience; remove one or the other, and the whole structure of salvation falls.

FAITH

Hold to your faith, Christian comrade! Treasure it as you would the rarest of jewels, as indeed it is. Cling to it with resolute determination. When Satan tempts you as he tempted Joseph in the house of Potiphar, get out, and get out fast! Joseph was deeply rooted in the faith, but he was no fool. He knew it was a trap set by the devil.

David tarried too long one day on the roof of the palace; he took one look too many and was caught. He lived to regret that dark chapter in his life. Far better it is to flee and leave your garment clutched in the hands of the seductress than to temporize with the devil and let him strip you of your faith and character.

Joseph refused to defile his conscience, or barter his faith for a brief moment of carnal pleasure. When Satan lies to you—as he surely will—and offers you something better in exchange for your faith, spurn him, as Naboth spurned Ahab's offer to give him something better for his vineyard.

Ten thousand demons will assail you again and again. Faith is your shield, your defense; without it you are defeated before the battle begins. Yes, your faith will be tested; make no mistake about that. You will have to undergo a baptism of fiery trial. There will be seasons of heaviness through " manifold temptations." They are meant to prove you, to test your faith to the very core. You do not test cheap beads, paste jewels, and other

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Faith and Conscience

BY W. E. EMANUEL

dime-store trivialities with fire. They just aren't worth it. But faith will be tried—it is more precious than gold.

Paul said some have "*put aside* a good conscience." That little word *put* in the text is a very strong verb in the Greek. It is *otheo*; it means to shove aside, to cast away, thrust from, as one would thrust some undesirable object from him. Therefore, when a Christian puts aside his faith he does so willfully. He deserts the cause purposely; he quits the race because he intends to quit it. What a tragic mistake! Demas did this, and as far as we know he never came back. So have many others.

In 2 Timothy 4:7 we have Paul's swan song: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, *I have kept the faith.*" This is a pronouncement of triumph, a glorious postlude to a faithful preacher's ministry. Blessed is the man who can say the same when his course is finished.

CONSCIENCE

In our text Paul says that some have made shipwreck because they have put aside a good conscience. The metaphor Paul uses here is a serious one—it should provoke sober thoughts. What else could there be but shipwreck? When the captain of a ship tosses chart and compass overboard, his vessel will soon have its hull ripped open on a hidden reef, or else it will pound itself to pieces on some rocky coast. By all means keep your conscience tender.

Paul says, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men" (Acts 24:16). This passage shows the importance of having a clear conscience, and the diligent effort necessary to maintain it.

I remind you that Joash was brought up in the Temple under the influence of a godly uncle. He had respect for sacred things and a great love for God's house. But alas! Later, when tender-hearted little Joash became the proud

king of Israel, he was the conscienceless killer of Zechariah, his own cousin. He slew Zechariah—or had him slain—in the Holy Place, the place for which he had but yesterday manifested such great concern. Somewhere along the line Joash had throttled his conscience.

Recently a famous athlete underwent a delicate operation in which certain nerves in the upper part of the spine were severed in order to relieve the intense pain in the lower limbs. One can imagine the agony he must have suffered beforehand that would make such an operation necessary. Pity the person who has had the nerves of conscience severed and is past feeling. The censoring of the conscience is but a haunting echo, ringing on in the memory of the man who has seared his conscience with a hot iron and silenced that faithful monitor forever.

David very gently cut off a piece of Saul's robe while he slept. Instantly David's heart "smote" him. What a mercy that our hearts should smite and correct us here and now! If we ignore that correction here, the rod of God's judgment will smite us "hereafter." If you are really consecrated your heart will smite you for some thought or act which the carnal Christian might consider trivial. The Holy Spirit wants you to be pure and undefiled, a vessel unto "honor."

Perhaps some of us need to have Jesus look at us as He looked at Peter that bitter night at the palace of the high priest. Oh no, you haven't denied Him or cursed and swore. But pride and vindictiveness have muted the voice of conscience. After that look, Peter wept bitterly.

When tears flow, the heart is soft and the spirit tender. Then is the time to ask forgiveness and make old wrongs right. Remember, Jesus hung on the cross for *you!* He forgave *you!* If you have anything against your brother, forgive him. You'll never have a clear conscience until you do! ◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD

More and More Children in American Schools

By 1960 there will be five million more children in America's schools than there are now, according to reliable reports. The Advertising Council, Incorporated, is urging the nation's businessmen to get behind the effort to enlarge and otherwise improve the nation's schools.

What about our Sunday Schools? Are we preparing for this increase? We will need more classrooms, more teachers. We have the most important message of all. Will we present it effectively to the coming generation? A great deal depends on our vision!

New Atheism Drive Launched in Russia

Another all-out drive against "religious superstition" among young people is being launched in the Soviet Union, Moscow Radio reports. The station said a decree has been published by the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League making it compulsory for all affiliated organizations "to step up and improve scientific atheistic propaganda among Soviet youth." The decree calls upon the organizations to recruit school teachers and college and university professors in propaganda drives throughout the country. Doctors, astronomers, engineers, "in fact, all who are capable of giving a convincing explanation about the anti-scientific essence of religion," must be recruited, it said.

Unhappy Marriages Found to Be Common

Unhappy marriages outnumber happy ones by a 4-to-1 ratio, a Baltimore lawyer told the Maryland Bar Association. He noted that the divorce rate was higher when husband and wife were under 20 when they married, than it was for those who waited at least until they were in their twenties.

America Having "Sex Revolution," Professor Says

In a new book titled, "The American Sex Revolution," Professor Sorokin of Harvard University notes that Americans are fast becoming victims of "a sex mania as malignant as cancer and as socially menacing as Communism." He believes the nation is drifting toward sex anarchy in the same manner that marked the downfall of Greece and Rome.

An expert on human behavior, Professor Sorokin points to the ever-mounting divorce rate, upsurge in sex crimes, and general emphasis on sex in entertainment and advertising media, as evidence of the nation's "sex obsession."

Dr. Sorokin also charges that gross sexual misconduct no longer keeps persons from being appointed to high offices. "Among our public officials," he declares, "there is a vast legion of profligates." He also observed that "our morals have changed so notably that continency, chastity, and faithfulness are increasingly viewed as oddities, as the ossified survival of a prehistoric age."

Christians need to beware lest they imbibe the spirit of this age. Biblical teaching on moral purity has not been altered. The command is still, "Keep thyself pure."

Arkansas Bill Hits Obscene Literature

Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus signed into law a bill to provide stronger penalties for circulating obscene literature.

To Remedy West Virginia's Constitution

A joint resolution to include the name of God in the West Virginia constitution is pending in the state Senate, after having been unanimously approved by the House. Sponsors of the measure said West Virginia is the only state that does not recognize God in its constitution.

Indonesian Cities Ban Rock 'n' Roll Dances

American rock 'n' roll dances have been banned in several Indonesian cities because of opposition by cultural and religious groups which consider them "degrading and immoral."

Bishop Ordass to Visit U. S.

Bishop Lajos Ordass, who was restored as head of the Lutheran Church in Hungary last fall after nearly two years' imprisonment by the Communists, will visit the United States this August. He will preach the opening sermon at the Lutheran World Federation's Third Assembly at Minneapolis.

Claims Church is Still free in Hungary

A Lutheran leader who was the first churchman to enter Hungary since the revolution, said on February 1 that the Hungarian Lutheran Church "at the moment" was being permitted to "preach freely, to teach religion, and to visit the sick." However, the situation regarding distribution of relief was not yet clarified, he said, and Protestant churches in Hungary had not yet been permitted to re-establish their religious press.

Quarter Million Protest Luther TV Ban

The Action Committee for Freedom of Religious Expression now has approximately 250,000 signatures on its petitions protesting cancellation of the film "Martin Luther" by Chicago television station WGN-TV. A spokesman said that additional signatures were pouring in at the rate of 50,000 a week.

The petitions were sent to the Federal Communications Commission along with a brief asking for a public hearing on the television station's action. The petitions said that cancellation of the film telecast took place "under circumstances which are, in effect, sectarian censorship and a violation of freedom of expression." The film had been cancelled by the station because of alleged Roman Catholic pressure.

Meanwhile, Lutheran officials said that the dispute has heightened interest in the "Martin Luther" film and a number of TV stations in various parts of the country have offered to put it on the air. The film gives a very full and frank portrayal of the Protestant Reformation, and of Martin Luther's personal experience in coming out of religious bondage into the light and liberty of the gospel.

Assemblies General Council to Convene in Cleveland

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will have its next biennial session at Cleveland, Ohio. The meetings will be in the Cleveland Public Auditorium over Labor Day weekend, beginning the night of August 28 and continuing through September 3. There will be a short devotional service each morning and afternoon, followed by business, with an evangelistic rally each night. Twelve executive presbyters to head the denomination for the next two years will be elected during the General Council.

Radio Ceylon Cancels Billy Graham Program

Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision" broadcast has been cancelled by the Ceylon government, and all Christian broadcasts are expected to be eliminated by the end of 1957, according to *Christianity Today*.

Radio Ceylon, a government broadcasting agency, said a recent sermon by Mr. Graham contained anti-communist remarks, including criticisms of Russia and China. However, governmental objections to Christians using the facilities of the broadcasting station have been heard for over a year.

Editor Offers Solution to Arab-Israel Dispute

At the International Christian Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C., Dr. Dan Poling offered a five-point formula for a Christian peace in the Middle East. The editor of *The Christian Herald*, after an on-the-spot study of the Mideast situation, made the following suggestions: First, that Jordan be united with Iraq to permit full development of the Tigris and Euphrates valleys and to give a new home to Arab refugees. Second, that the Jordan River be made "natural boundary" between the Arab nations and Israel. Third, that Israel then pay a fair compensation to the Arabs for the land she has taken. Fourth, that Israel join with the United States to develop the Jordan watershed. Finally, he said the Christian nations should emphasize the bond that alone can unite the divergent nations of this area; namely, their common belief in one God.

\$200,000-FIRE DESTROYS CENTRAL ASSEMBLY, TULSA

Just before press time word was received that a two-alarm fire early on March 5 destroyed the Central Assembly of God Church, formerly known as Full Gospel Tabernacle, located at Fifth and Peoria in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The loss was estimated by firemen at \$200,000. Hard-working firemen were credited with saving the \$100,000 educational building which adjoined the church.

The fire, of unknown origin, was another in the winter series of major church fires across the country. Apparently the fire started near the center of the two-story building which had a full basement, firemen reported. The roof of the church collapsed before the first fire companies arrived. A newspaper delivery boy was credited with turning in the alarm.

Pastor J. L. McQueen reported that the church was undergoing a \$100,000 remodeling project at the time of the fire. Construction scaffolding was still standing near the walls. Construction which began January 1 would have been completed by May 15. Valuable records and equipment were also lost in the blaze.

The burned structure was about 175 feet long by 175 feet wide and could accommodate over 700 persons. The original building was constructed in 1925. It was partially insured. When rebuilt, the church will be about one-quarter of a block square.

Gallup Reports Church Attendance Down

The American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll) reports that church attendance in the U.S. during 1956 showed a drop of over 4 per cent from the all-time high reached in 1955. According to the report, some 47,500,000 adult Americans attended church in an average week during the past year. In 1955, the average weekly total was approximately 49,600,000.

Postage Stamps to Help Pay for Church

The pastor of a Lutheran Church in Copenhagen, Denmark, has launched a campaign to collect forty million cancelled postage stamps from local business offices. He expects the sale of these stamps to provide a quarter of the funds necessary to build a new church. He will borrow another quarter of the amount. In Denmark, where the Lutheran Church is the state church, the government will pay the remaining half of the cost.

Narcotics Anonymous Fails in Canadian City

Narcotics Anonymous, a local experiment in helping drug addicts, has ceased to operate after a year's trial. A magistrate in Hamilton, Ontario, said the reason the experiment failed was that religion had no part in it. He said that addicts, once arrested, see no one but the police and the jailer. They need forgiveness, the doctrine of Jesus Christ, and the help of a minister, he said. "Most of their families want nothing to do with them," the magistrate added.

French Premier Launches Fight Against Alcohol

Lashing out at his nation's excessive drinking, French Premier Mollet has launched a campaign to warn public school pupils of the danger of alcoholism. Government posters displaying French accomplishments bear this warning: "This progress is confronted with one of the gravest evils threatening our country—alcoholism. It is a scourge, and we must all struggle against it."

The minister of education has been instructed to forbid the serving of wine at school lunches. This replaces a ministry order of 1951 which decreed that half a pint of undiluted wine be served school children at meals.

The French premier undoubtedly was shocked into action by these facts: French hospitals are receiving an average of 600 new alcoholic patients a month, at a cost to the state of over two billion dollars a year. The French spent more for alcohol last year than for rent, furniture, water, gas, electricity, wood, coal and other fuel, repairs, maintenance and domestic help combined.

It remains to be seen whether or not Premier Mollet's efforts will be successful. The powerful liquor lobby has been successful in defeating most measures to curb liquor sales.

Moravians Celebrate 500th Anniversary

The Moravian Church launched its 500th anniversary celebration on March 3 with special services in nine key centers in the U.S. The quincentennial observance is being marked throughout the world, wherever the Moravian Church exists, as a "year of dedication."

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is one of the pivotal points in the celebration since the church is strong there. Among the special anniversary events scheduled for that city is the first meeting in the U.S. of the General Synod of the Worldwide Moravian Church. It will be held August 13 to September 10.

The Moravian Church was founded in Bohemia in March, 1457, prior to the Protestant Reformation.

On the Borderline of the Russians

BY EVANGELIST GLADYS PEARSON

WEST BERLIN! ONE OF THE BORDER cities of communism! And oh, how the mighty are fallen! Is this the once proud city of old Prussian culture where kings, kaisers, and dictators rose to glory? But NOW—much of it still lies in ruins, beaten by two nations, saved only by a spectacular air lift.

Many have asked, "Why has God given us a free city so far behind the Iron Curtain?"

We who know God feel we have the answer. Stripped of all religious liberty for years, God looked on it with compassion and decided to give its people another great chance to accept His gospel.

God moved upon the hearts of Harold Herman and Richard Ruff to put up a tent and preach Christ. For five consecutive summers they have had startling results.

When I saw this work of God myself, I was amazed at the far-reach-

ing response! That tent became a beacon light to thousands lost in the darkness of fear and uncertainty. They saw its radiant beams for miles around, from East and West. Some came in from East Germany through the providentially opened gate of East Berlin to receive the Light of Life. Many of them, saved and healed and filled with the Spirit, returned to their homes in the Soviet Zone ready to spread the gospel light and to suffer any persecution.

After the tent came down, the people's demand for meetings led to the rental of a hall where hundreds come from far and near for spiritual help. I recently conducted an eight-weeks revival meeting there and saw several hundred filled with the Spirit. And what a joy to preach Christ there, knowing one is standing on the borderline of Communism, letting the Light of the gospel shed its beams into a dark

land where we cannot go ourselves.

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And now, VIENNA! The eyes of the world are centered on this famous old city! Another borderline city, through whose doors thousands in recent months have slipped from the bondage of oppression and cruelty into freedom! A free city yet? Yes, and again we hear the question, "Why?" And is the answer the same? Will God again shed the gospel beams across a dark land, to give the meaning of life both to the fearful Austrians and to the downtrodden Hungarians?

We who know God believe He will duplicate the work He did in West Berlin. An urgent burden has again come upon the hearts of Richard and Carola Ruff. These are Swiss-born ministers, now American citizens, who served in U. S. churches for fifteen years and then returned to Europe for evangelizing when they saw the great need. They plan to put up another tent in Vienna this summer to preach salvation. Open doors and many invitations have verified this call from God. Both from the leaders of the Hungarian Refugee Camps and from the Pentecostal Christians come hearty welcomes.

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And—in SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, this announcement was received with much joy. There, from January 20 to 27, for the first time, there was a Pentecostal Ministers' Conference, called by Richard Ruff. The leading ministers, with many of their workers and their wives, gathered from nine o'clock until late at night each day for instruction. J. P. Kolenda, our Assemblies of God field representative in Germany, left his busy schedule at the Bible School in Erzhausen to assist Brother Ruff. Pastoral Theology, Doctrine, and Homiletics were taught. The lessons and inspirational messages were gladly received. A crowning victory came in the evangelistic meeting one night when many Hungarian refugees were ushered into the hall. There, through two interpreters, they heard the gospel for the first time. Bewildered, forlorn faces soon changed to joyful, peaceful ones as many rose to accept the freedom of salvation from sin! We all felt this to be a foretaste of what God will do for many souls this summer as again He beams His gospel light across another borderline of the Russians! ◀◀



Ministers' Conference in Salzburg, Austria. Seated, left to right: Evangelist Gladys Pearson; J. P. Kolenda, Field Representative; Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Ruff.

Sunday School Conventions in Africa



Teachers and workers attending Sunday School Convention at Pimville Section, South Africa.



TO THE ABOVE QUESTION THE Assemblies of God in South Africa are answering Yes. Through recent experiences they have begun to realize their value.

A Sunday School Convention was held in the Brakpan location in the Fall of 1955. It was the first venture of its kind in South Africa, and missionaries and national workers wondered just how it would be accepted. They were more than repaid for their efforts by the eagerness on the part of those who attended.

One of the main speakers was Mrs. Sasondo who has spent many years de-

veloping this type of missionary work. She gave detailed information on how to organize and conduct a Sunday School, and she illustrated her lecture by demonstrating how to teach a class. Miss Fourie of Emmanuel Press (Assembly of God) in Nelspruit introduced the Pentecostal Sunday School literature which is published there, and told how the printing is made possible by the B.G.M.C offerings.

The Convention was such a success that another was planned for the following Spring, to be held at the Pimville location. Many more teachers and interested people attended this sec-

ond convention. A bus load of happy folk came from Brother Philip Molefe's church at Sharpville. Mrs. Hunter, a missionary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, introduced some new choruses and one that really caught fire was, "Come along, everybody come to Sunday School."

Before we dispersed, many were asking, "When will we have the next convention?" An invitation from the Sharpville Assembly was gladly accepted, and within a few months many teachers from different sections of the work in this district made their way to Sharpville for the third convention. A goodly number of missionaries was present.

No one was disappointed, for it was the best convention of them all. Brother Kast, an Assemblies of God missionary from Switzerland, gave a very challenging message on the text, "He that winneth souls is wise." At the conclusion of his message God poured His blessings upon us in copious showers, as those who attended were made to realize their great responsibility in winning souls through the Sunday School. The convention closed in victory with a great prayer meeting.

The African teachers returned to their individual churches with a good supply of literature which had been sent by friends in the U.S.A., and with a greater vision of the possibilities of Sunday School work, as well as a greater zeal in their hearts to win many children for the Master.

The conventions have stimulated the Sunday School work so that now more than 5,000 children in this area are reached every Sunday with the Good News. Sunday School Conventions do pay. The prayer of the workers is that the fire which has been started in this district will continue to burn and spread into all other districts of South Africa as well.—*A missionary.*

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Olsen have recently returned from the Philippines. Their present address is Box 1549, Great Falls, Montana.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bard sailed for Hong Kong on February 25.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Johnson from India arrived home on February 23.

Their present address is 320-E Mission Road, Glendale 5, Calif.

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Helen G. Holland sailed for India on February 10. She is a new missionary and would appreciate our prayers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Theo. O. Johnston of Bolivia arrived home on furlough February 6. Their address is 1203 S. Blake Road, Opportunity 66, Wash.

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Roy Dalton returned from Spain on February 5. He can be reached at 435 E. 72 Street, Seattle 1, Wash.



Helen G. Holland



Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bard

Israel Today and Tomorrow

BY JAMES C. DODD, BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Before the return of the Jews, the land was sparsely settled and, in general, was a scene of desolation. Small, squalid Arab villages dotted the countryside at infrequent intervals. Most of the land was owned by absentee Syrian landlords and yielded very little. The valley of Megiddo, which is now like a garden of Eden, was nothing more than a series of swamps and marshes and took a deadly toll of the inhabitants as malaria spread among them. Isaiah foretold this desolation and its restoration: "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord" (Isa. 51: 3). The pioneers have gone in, the swamps have been reclaimed, and now waving fields of grain stand where formerly nothing grew. The sandy wastes have given way to orange groves. The dry parched districts have changed to flourishing colonies and towns. This has all taken place in the last few years after centuries of desolation!

During the Dispersion, the hills and mountains of Palestine became barren of trees. Now, millions of trees have been planted, the hills have been terraced and planted in fruit trees, and Israel is now exporting over seven million crates of citrus fruits a year! "But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. For behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded!" (Ezekiel 36:8-10).

For many generations the Negev Desert, in the southern part of Israel, has been dry and desolate, inhabited only by roving bands of Bedouins. But

Isaiah said: "He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord!" The Government of Israel is conquering the barrenness of the Negev. We were amazed, as we drove through this area, at the cultivated fields and the colonies that were flourishing. The Jews are using 66-inch pipe to bring the waters of the Yarkon River to "repair the desolations" of the desert.

For centuries the Dead Sea was a place of desolation, utterly useless to man, unprofitable. As a boy I heard stories of this place. Some said that the atmosphere was so poisonous that, should a bird attempt to fly over it, it would die. The truth is that the atmosphere that surrounds the Dead Sea holds six per cent more oxygen

per cubic foot than sea-level areas. I went swimming in this Sea and found the water so saturated with minerals it is utterly impossible to sink. Its mineral wealth is estimated at one trillion, two hundred and seventy billion dollars, or four times the wealth of the U.S. No wonder the eyes of the nations are upon this area and they greedily make their plans to take it over.

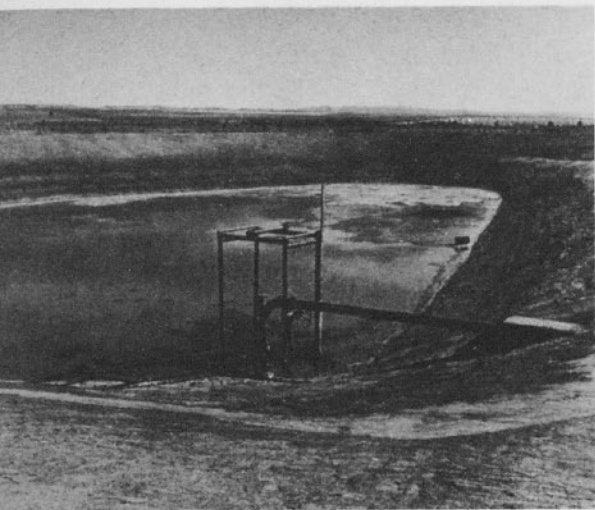
I firmly believe that every Jew in Israel would die in defense of his homeland. He will never be uprooted from the land. When Britain withdrew, five Arabic-speaking countries welcomed the opportunity to destroy Israel. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iran and Lebanon launched a Holy War to destroy this new State. A people numbering 25 million came to war on 650,000 Jews! The Arabs possessed modern weapons of warfare. They thought the war would be brief; they would soon drive the Jews into the sea! Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of this Arab League, declared: "This will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian Massacres and the Crusades!" Evidently they believed their own propaganda for they undertook the war against the Jews. After bitter fighting, the Arabs were routed by the gallant band of Israelis who had for their slogan: "No alternative!" Our pastor at

Arab boys working in the orange groves at Jaffa. Most of the Arabs fled from Palestine when the State of Israel was set up, but those who remained were given full citizenship and they are enjoying a high standard of living under the present administration.





Wheat field on the plains of Beersheba, where Abraham's flocks grazed thousands of years ago.



A storage lake south of Beersheba where waters are gathered during the rainy season to irrigate the Negev desert.

Jerusalem told us: "I saw miracles of God's intervention in behalf of the Jews just as great as anything that happened in the campaigns under Joshua!" God gave the Jews the victory! And, He will do it again.

Israel is the most totally mobilized country in the world today. Everything that moves (every bicycle, tractor, car, mule) is tagged for immediate call-up. Israel is set to move and move fast. This little country has the best fighting machine in the East as shown by the successful conquest of the Sinai peninsula a few months ago.

At the age of fourteen, every boy and girl goes into a Youth Battalion. They are given rigorous physical training, learn close-order drill, and how to handle a rifle. Wherever we traveled throughout Israel we saw young people on the march, camping out, hardening up, getting ready. Then, at age

eighteen, all are drafted into military service, the young men for 2½ years and the young ladies for 2 years. The life is hard and the pay is low. There are few frills. They live under canvas, and follow a rigorous training schedule. A private receives \$2.50 per month, a sergeant \$3.20, a second lieutenant \$3.50, and majors and above, \$5.30.

The frontiers are guarded by settlements of pioneers, armed and organized for self-defense. Every house is a fortress, equipped with guns and ammunition. Outside the settlement the barbed wire is strung and trenches dug. The farmer tills the soil with a gun on his back. One farmer pointed to a new farm building that was painted white and said: "You see, we are painting our buildings white. That means we want peace!" Then, pointing to the roof that was painted red, he went on: "That means, that although we want peace, we are ready to fight!"

Israel is spiritually blind. Paul said that this blindness is not total or permanent. "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in!" (Rom. 11:25). The Lord's plan for Israel seems to be, first, to gather them out from among the nations, and then to prepare this elect nation to receive Him at His coming, when the Scripture shall be fulfilled: "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob!" (Rom. 11:26). The Lord warns Israel that dark days are coming to her before she will be willing to receive Christ as her King. The time of Jacob's trouble is just ahead, when many of the Jews will flee to the Rose Red City of Esau, that rocky fortress of Petra that waits in silent majesty today in the Land of Edom, to receive them and protect them from the Antichrist.

The increasing wealth of the land will arouse the cupidity of that great nation of the north. The prophet Ezekiel identifies the aggressor that will come against Israel. "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him!" (Ezek. 38:2). The names of "Meshech" and "Tubal," or "Moscow" and "Tobolsk," clearly identify Russia. Russia will march into Palestine to do battle against the Jew! "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years

thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them." "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee." "To take a spoil and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land." "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

Then God tells how He will deal with the invaders: "And it shall come to pass at the same time, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face." "And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord." These judgments will be so great and terrible that God says: "I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee. . . . Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured!" By this time there will be no atheists left in Israel. "So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward!" (Ezek. 38:8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 18, 21-23; Ezek.

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Happily Married

BY VIRGINIA WHITMAN

“JOHN AND MARY SEEM SO HAPPILY MARRIED,” a neighbor said to her husband as she watched the couple get into their car and drive away. She was right; they were happily married. Although it has been estimated that not more than sixteen per cent of couples are doing an excellent job at being married, John and Mary were among that happy minority.

One of the chief factors contributing to their married happiness was that each was a dedicated Christian. Both trusted Christ as their personal Saviour, and each, to the best of his knowledge, had surrendered his life to God's will and program. On the other hand, their friends Tom and Ruth, though both were believers, had nearly ruined their Christian testimony by their evident marital friction. At first their bickering had been confined to the privacy of their home; then it had oozed out in their public appearances until their usefulness to God was practically nil.

Obviously, when both husband and wife are fully surrendered to Christ, their chance for married happiness is greatly increased. It means a unity of viewpoint and purpose in many matters. Someone has compared Christian society to the rim of a wheel, with Christ as the hub, and the individual Christians as the spokes. *The closer the spokes get to the hub, the closer they get to each other.* This would include husbands and wives.

Moreover, the Christian graces an individual believer should manifest are the Christian graces that help assure a happy marriage. It was interesting to a Christian counsellor to study several different secular treatises on what promotes a happy marriage and what hinders one, or what traits husbands and

wives liked or disliked in one another. When these findings were analyzed and summarized, the result was a list of graces which the Bible commands or exhorts. Here are the main ones:

UNSELFISHNESS—(*Wives didn't like domineering men, husbands didn't want bossy wives. Both wanted encouragement and understanding.*) “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Phil. 2:3, 4).

MARITAL FIDELITY—(*Wives didn't want wayward husbands, and vice versa.*) “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4).

FORBEARANCE—(*Both wanted tolerance in a mate. Each wanted the other to be willing to admit it when he was in the wrong, and to apologize when it was in order.*) “Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye” (Col. 3:13).

LOVE OF HOME—(*Men wanted their homes well kept. Women wanted their husbands to be interested in the home.*) “I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully” (1 Tim. 5:14). “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

COURTESY—(*Husbands objected to being nagged, having confidences betrayed, friends criticized or gossiped about. Wives wanted to be shown consideration and appreciation.*) “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing” (1 Pet. 3:8, 9).

AMIABLENESS—(*Mood cycles, gloom, grouches, refusal to talk were all decried. A sense of humor was desired.*) “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine . . .” (Prov. 17:22).

TEMPERANCE—(*Both husbands and wives stated that consumption of beverage alcohol contributed to unhappiness in marriage.*) “Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright” (Prov. 23:29-31).

FINANCIAL JUDGMENT—(*Husbands didn't want extravagant wives, and wives disliked stingy husbands.*) “But godliness with contentment is great gain. . . . And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. . . . For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Tim. 6:6, 8, 10).

For the Junior Reader

WHO SAID IT?

Here are some quotations from the Bible. Can you give the name of the person who made each statement?

1. “Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.”
2. “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”
3. “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.”
4. “Speak; for thy servant heareth.”
5. “My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me.”
6. “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
7. “Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?”
8. “We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write,

Jesus of Nazareth.”

9. “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?”

10. “I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of the covenant between me and the earth.”

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- ANSWERS:
 1. Peter (Acts 8:20); 2. Jesus (John 10:7, 11); 3. Lemuel (Prov. 31:1, 10); 4. Samuel (1 Sam. 3:10); 5. Daniel (Dan. 6:21, 22); 6. John the Baptist (John 1:29); 7. Esau (Gen. 25:32); 8. Philip (John 1:45); 9. Nathanael (John 1:46); 10. God (Gen. 9:12, 13).
 GRADE YOURSELF:
 10 correct—excellent
 7 to 9 correct—good
 4 to 6 correct—average
 less than 4 correct—better study the Bible more.

Where is love in the list? Was it taken for granted? In secular articles, perhaps, but not in the Scripture. Paul wrote, "And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14, R.V.); and John admonished, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). But love is not an accessory to be donned and worn at will. Love is a fragrance imparted by Christ to be diffused upon one's fellow men, first of all his mate. "... Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5).

The manifestation of these Christian graces in a setting of modern pressures such as vocational rivalry, spiraling cost of living, social injustices, and household tensions does not come easy. It has to be worked at. Someone has said, "*There never was a marriage which was a success which couldn't have been a failure, nor one which was a failure that couldn't have been made a success.*" Are you willing to work hard enough to make your marriage succeed?

First there must be Bible study in order to understand God's program and will for your lives. Then there must be prayer for grace to carry it out. Finally, there must be surrender in order that the Spirit's power may work through you to accomplish it. With those conditions met, happiness will be the outcome.

It is related that there is an interesting custom in a certain church where many marriages are performed. When the ceremony is ended, the officiating pastor walks with the couple to the church entry. There hangs the rope which rings the church bell. The bride is handed the rope and invited to ring it, but she invariably finds that she cannot toll the heavy old bell. Then the minister suggests to the groom that he help her. When he does so, the bell begins to move and its melody is heard. Thereupon the clergyman reminds the couple, "If you'll always pull together, you can always ring the bell."

God put the same idea in different words—"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered" (1 Pet. 3:7).

Whichever way it's said, it adds up the same: *happily married!*



Our Family Altar

Monday, April 1

Read: Psalm 30

Learn: "O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me" (Psa. 30:2).

For the Parent: This psalm is the song David sang at the dedication of his house. It shows (1) his joy in God; (2) his having experienced God's healing power, both spiritually and physically; (3) his determination to serve God in prosperous times.

Question Time: What is one reason we ought to sing unto the Lord? (v. 5) What type of healing is meant in verse 2? (see above) What did David determine to do in prosperous times? (v. 6)

Discuss: What is the danger of prosperity? Should we avoid it?

Tuesday, April 2

Read: Psalm 31

Learn: "I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy" (Psa. 31:7).

For the Parent: This psalm expresses David's (1) trust in God; (2) appreciation of God's mercy; (3) prayer for continued mercies. Discuss the meaning of the term "mercy" (compassion, or loving-pity on the undeserving), and talk about God's mercies to us—which include everything we possess.

Question Time: On what ground does the psalmist ask for deliverance? (v. 1) What will God do for us if we are of "good courage"? (v. 24) What are some of the mercies of God in your life?

Wednesday, April 3

Read: Psalm 32

Learn: "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32:5).

For the Parent: God is willing and able to forgive sins—both of the sinner and the Christian. This psalm points out (1) the joy of the person who knows his sins are forgiven; (2) the refuge that this person has in the Lord, v. 7; and (3) the instruction and guidance God has promised, v. 8.

Question Time: What is the condition of the person whose sins are forgiven? (v. 1) What must we do to receive forgiveness of our sin? (v. 5) What promise of guidance do we have? (v. 8)

Thursday, April 4

Read: Acts 1:13-26

Learn: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Faithful Remnant" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the events leading up to this account, especially of Jesus' last command and His ascension to heaven. Possibly only a part of the disciples were faithful in obeying Christ's command. Discuss what they did as they waited.

Question Time: How many disciples obeyed Christ's command to tarry for the Holy Spirit? (v. 15) What did they do? (v. 14)

Friday, April 5

Read: John 13:1-5; 14:21-23; 15:15, 16 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

For the Parent: Discuss what it means to be a friend, giving several examples from your experience or knowledge. Point out that Jesus considers us His friends. He is the best Friend we can ever have because He is always with us and will never forsake us. Through His love and mercy, Jesus longs to be a Friend to all who will accept Him.

Question Time: How do we know Jesus is our friend? (John 15:15) How should we act to show others we are friends of Jesus?

Saturday, April 6

Read: Exodus 14:15-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "God hath power to help" (2 Chron. 25:8).

For the Parent: Have the group review how Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage. Then discuss (1) Pharaoh's pursuit of Israel; (2) God's promise to help; (3) the miracle God performed to save Israel; (4) the destruction of Israel's enemies. God is able to help us in all our difficulties.

Question Time: How did God deliver Israel from the Egyptians? (vv. 21, 22) How did Israel react to this miracle? (vv. 30, 31)

Discuss: Why does God help us?

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE FAITHFUL REMNANT

Sunday School Lesson for April 7, 1957

Acts 1:13-26

Today we begin a series of lessons concerning leaders in the Early Church as they make their appearance in the Book of Acts. Our attention, therefore, is first centered upon the one hundred twenty faithful disciples who were obedient to Christ's command and waited for the promised Comforter.

HOW THEY WAITED

One hundred twenty followers of Jesus returned from Mount Olivet, the scene of Christ's ascension, to wait for the promised endowment of power "from on high" (Luke 24:49). During this waiting period they divided their time between an "upper room," which may have been the same room in which they had partaken of their last meal with Christ, and the Temple, where they were found "praising and blessing God."

A prayerful and sincere survey of the activities of the 120 as they waited for the promised Comforter will yield helpful suggestions as to how we may prepare ourselves for a much-needed Pentecostal revival today!

1. *They waited in unity of heart and purpose.* "With one accord" is an expression found five times in the first five chapters of the Book of Acts, and is certainly one of the secrets of the revival of which we read in those chapters. These men and women were from various walks of life, with great differences as to occupation, education, background, personality, and rank. But all the different reasons which would have kept them separate and divided were overcome by the common purpose for which they were met together. Jealousies, rivalries, resentments, and petty differences, if there had been any, were swept away as together their hearts and minds were centered upon their Lord. What mighty spiritual possibilities exist when even a small number of God's people seek Him with one-accordness!

2. *They waited in faith and expectancy.* How do we know this? Luke tells us that they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy," that they "were continually . . . praising and blessing God." These worshipers did not have mere vague hopes! They had a living faith and expectancy based on a living Christ and His sure word of promise! And do we not have just as solid a basis for faith as we seek God for another world-wide outpouring of His Spirit today?

3. *They waited in persevering prayer.* Ten days of waiting may have seemed a long time to some of them. But think what one would have missed who grew weary of waiting! If we do not receive answers to prayer at once, let us remember that Christ again and again encouraged persistence. See Luke 11:5-13; Luke 18:1-8. All over the world at various times during the past two hundred fifty years, God has sent some mighty revivals—but none of them occurred until after extended periods of earnest, whole-hearted, and agonizing prayer!

WHY THEY WAITED

Why did the disciples have to wait so long for the promised Spirit? Do believers today need to tarry for a certain length of time in order to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

1. The ten days of waiting in the Upper Room was necessary for a dispensational reason—a reason that does not apply today. God had decreed that the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the Day of Pentecost. Before that time "the Spirit was not yet given" (John 7:37-39). But on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given and a new dispensation of the Spirit began. Since Pentecost the Holy Spirit may be received as soon as one is saved, as was the case with the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-46).

2. The baptism in the Spirit is a gift (Luke 11:11-13; Acts 2:39). A gift is freely offered, extended; it cannot be earned. It is not necessary, then, to beg God to give us the gift of the Spirit which He so freely offers. Nor can we ever attempt to merit or earn that which can be received only by faith and because of grace. Christ waits to baptize us the moment we will receive.

3. All of this does not mean we would discourage prayer and waiting upon God. God knows we need far more of it! The point simply is that protracted tarrying is not prerequisite to receiving the Baptism. Instead of coming to receive so many come just to "tarry." Again, many pray a great deal in order to receive the Baptism, but stop praying after they have received. This is tragic! The secret of the maintaining of the power and blessing in the Early Church was the fact that they continued to tarry before the Lord and to pray after they received their Pentecostal baptism. It is just such tarrying which will bring revival in our day!

—J. Bashford Bishop

PRAYER WILL BREAK THE DEADLOCK



CBI TAKES FORWARD STEP

Fifth-Year Program Raised to Graduate Level at Central Bible Institute

Alert to the educational needs of our Pentecostal youth, the Board of Directors of Central Bible Institute has just announced the completion of plans for a further upgrading of work done at CBI, by providing for a change in its fifth-year program from an under-graduate to a graduate level.

Prior to 1948, CBI provided only a three-year diploma course. In the fall of that year, in keeping with the action of a number of sister schools within the denomination, CBI sought for and gained recognition by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, an association organized to provide recognition and accreditation for such schools, which hitherto had not been fully recognized either by the U.S. Government or by other colleges.

The Board of Directors in 1948 provided that CBI should offer four years of work instead of three, and should grant a Bachelor of Arts Degree in either Bible, Missions, Religious Education or Sacred Music, while still maintaining the three-year diploma course. The following year (1949) a fifth year of undergraduate work was added providing for a Bachelor of Theology degree. Both of these steps were recognized by the AABIBC and CBI was granted accreditation by that organization.

During the years following that decision, there has been a growing conviction that this fifth-year course should be revised and up-graded. It was recognized that completion of the fifth year of work still provided only a degree considered to be an undergraduate accomplishment. For this reason, the fifth-year work which had been provided failed to receive the support which had been anticipated. The students discovered that for the same amount of time they could matriculate at other Christian colleges and for their fifth-year work secure an MA degree, which is the first graduate recognition.

When this fact became fully established, the Board of Directors authorized CBI to change its present fifth-year undergraduate Th.B. course of study to a graduate program offering a Master of Arts in Religion, with a major emphasis in either Bible, Missions or Religious Education. By doing so, CBI will now make possible the earning of a Master's degree which is essential in many of the fields in which our people labor.

Such a program, as a result of the necessary upgrading in faculty and course content, will help provide Pentecostal teachers for the schools of our movement. It will aid prospective missionaries (and those on furlough) in meeting the increased re-

quirements for entrance visas in lands where nationalism is rising. It will provide terminal training beyond the normal college for the mature student in order to more effectively equip him for fulfilling the call of God to reach the lost for Christ in all fields of Christian service including such ministries as that of pastor, evangelist and religious education director. It is hoped it will provide a possible base of 36 semester hours towards the 90 hours of graduate work needed for the armed services chaplaincy. The Directors have planned the program to provide advanced, mature instruction for our future Pentecostal leadership.

Under the provisions of this new program, basic matriculation requirements will be the possession of a B. A. degree, or the equivalent, from Central Bible Institute or other accredited college, with certain

standard courses having been included in the undergraduate studies. These will include a minimum of 12 hours of English, 18 hours in the Humanities, 8 hours in the Physical and Biological sciences, 22 hours in the Social Sciences, and a major corresponding to the major emphasis in the M.A. course. At the present time CBI offers in its own undergraduate program sufficient courses to meet these requirements.

Graduation requirements will be the successful completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours, a thesis, a comprehensive oral and written examination, together with the normal incidental demands of graduate schools.

This program, worked out by the Executive Committee of CBI, its Board of Administration, and the Board of Directors, will be placed into operation as of September 10, 1957, when the Fall semester begins. Applications are now being received. For further information write to the Dean of Admissions, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

—by J. R. FLOWER
Secretary, Board of Directors

Revival Blessings

The students at Central Bible Institute are thanking the Lord for a most wonderful spontaneous revival of almost two weeks duration.

Over a period of several weeks there were occasions when the blessing of God was such during the morning chapel services that classes were dismissed for the remainder of the morning in order to permit waiting upon God. Finally on Thursday morning, February 7, the move became so great it was obvious that the Lord was working in a definite manner in the lives of student and faculty personnel alike. The administration of the school under the leadership of President Bartlett Peterson dismissed classes and the revival fires burned on throughout all the next week.

During this time the entire school personnel met daily in the chapel each morning, afternoon, and evening. Day after day new consecrations were made, lives were changed, young people received the precious infilling of the Holy Ghost, and the Word of God was magnified. The effect of the revival was felt not only on the campus but in the surrounding area where students conducted gospel services on the weekend. Numbers were saved and entire churches felt the spiritual impact of this glorious move of the Holy Spirit. Although the schedule has now returned to the normal routine of school life, the blessing of God rests sweetly upon all the activities.

CBI has enrolled a total of 580 students

this year. The present student body has representatives from 45 states and 12 foreign countries including Chile, South Africa, Indonesia, India, Philippines, China, England, Scotland, and Yugoslavia.

—by C. C. BURNETT
Vice President, CBI

Summer School

Advance enrollment indicates a record attendance at CBI's third annual summer school which convenes on the campus June 10, 1957. Begun in the summer of 1955, these summer sessions have proven to be a great blessing—not only to those current students desiring to speed up their educational program, but to former students, ministers, teachers and other friends desiring to augment their past accomplishments with further study in related fields.

The 1957 summer school will consist of two sessions of five weeks each—June 10 to July 12, and July 15 to August 16. It is possible for a student to earn 10 credit hours during the summer applicable to either a diploma or a degree.

Courses will be taught in The Pentateuch, Isaiah, The Acts, Revelation, Hebrews, Systematic Theology, Pentecostal Truths, Missions, Science, English and American Literature, Homiletics and Religious Education.

Rooms can be secured in the dormitories on the campus, and meals will be served at reasonable prices in the Student Center. Further information can be obtained by writing to the Dean of Admissions, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.



E. M. Clark, National Secretary of Radio, speaks to CBI students in chapel.

Students Sponsor New Release of REVIVALTIME

Radio Ministry Emphasized at Central Bible Institute

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18-22 was REVIVALTIME Emphasis Week at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri.

During the week, members of the radio staff were asked to speak in the morning chapel services. During noon prayers, members of the REVIVALTIME choir presented special needs and the students united in prayer for the broadcast.

To make the week extra special, the Student Missionary Band and the REVIVALTIME Prayer Band felt that they should sponsor a REVIVALTIME release all by themselves. A bit of investigation disclosed the fact

that the Radio Department had received an appeal for a release in Keene, New Hampshire. Not only was the Assemblies of God church in Keene a pioneer Assembly, but there were six other new Assemblies of God churches within reach of the local radio station. The need of helping these seven struggling churches became a real challenge to the students.

As they prayed about it, they decided that they could *and should* do something about it, and so the project was launched. As the days went by, the entire student body began talking about Keene. Never once did they doubt that God would help them to raise the amount (more than \$1,123.00) needed to pay for the release for one year. They were not sure where it all was going to come from, but they knew that when God starts to do a thing He always sees it through. So they waited hopefully, prayerfully, for the Friday night chapel service.

It was announced that C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME speaker, would address the student body. Bartlett Peterson, President of C. B. I. and announcer on REVIVALTIME, was asked to direct the song service for this special occasion. This project was of vital interest to Brother Peterson, since Keene, N. H. was his birthplace. He knew how greatly the Pentecostal message was needed in this area.

Cyril McLellan and the REVIVALTIME choir presented a musical program after which the members of the choir made a stirring appeal on behalf of Keene. And then came the anticipated moment. Offerings and pledges for this special project were taken.

THAT NIGHT A MIRACLE TOOK PLACE. Within a matter of minutes, the students had given or pledged the full amount that was needed. REVIVALTIME would be released in Keene, N. H. to help those seven new Assemblies of God churches

A STOP sign is placed by members of the choir reminding CBI students on their way to the cafeteria to pray for REVIVALTIME. Several other identical signs were placed on the campus.



Members of REVIVALTIME choir present skit on what REVIVALTIME has done in other Home Missions fields, highlighting what REVIVALTIME could do in Keene, New Hampshire.



get firmly established and to reach the entire area with the Full Gospel.

To most of the students their offering and pledges meant a real sacrifice, but here was a challenge that could not be passed over lightly. Souls were at stake. A door had been opened for the presentation of the gospel. They felt it was their duty to have a part in this work of radio evangelism.

You too can have a great part in the week-by-week ministry of REVIVAL-TIME. Your letters are a source of strength—your prayers are a source of victory and inspiration—in this work of taking the Full Gospel to millions each week. May we hear from you this week?

REVIVALTIME
P. O. Box 70
Springfield, Missouri

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church is available to every disciple of the Lord in this crisis hour. What Pentecost did for the disciples nineteen hundred years ago, it will do for the disciples today. It will produce inflow according to the fullness of God, which will, in turn, emanate in fullness of outflow to bless the world.

MAINTAINING GOD'S FULLNESS

God's Word explicitly commands, "Be filled with the Spirit." The fullness of the Spirit is not optional; it is obligatory. A must! An imperative! It is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Neither is it enough to have been filled with the Spirit at some time in the *past*. We must *keep filled* momentarily, hourly, daily. To be constantly filled with the Spirit is the Christian's responsibility.

Are we full? Full to capacity? Filled to the brim and running over? God wants us to be. What is the secret? It can be found in one word, "yieldedness." We want double-portion experience without double-portion dedication. But how can we expect one hundred per cent fullness without one hundred per cent consecration! God is not offering His fullness at cut rates and bargain prices. When we give ourselves to Him in fullness of surrender, He will give Himself to us in fullness of blessing. The call of God for every man, woman, boy and girl is to be saved and filled with the Spirit—just as full as can be—filled with all the fullness of God. ◀ ◀



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

How do you explain the baptisms spoken of by Paul in Ephesians 4:5 and 1 Corinthians 12:13?

Others may differ with me, but it is my conviction that in Ephesians 4:5 Paul had in mind Christian baptism in water in contrast to the many baptisms, or washings, which were practiced among the Jews. See Hebrews 6:2; 9:10.

It is my belief that when Paul says, "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13), he is recognizing the fact that we become members of the body of Christ through the Spirit. This I believe takes place when we are born again.

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I am a Christian. I have been told that I must speak in other tongues to have the Spirit. Can you help me?

Our reason for believing that speaking in tongues accompanies a full Pentecostal experience is the record in the Book of Acts. It clearly states that at Pentecost, at the home of Cornelius, and at Ephesus the speaking in tongues accompanied the Baptism. The same is also implied elsewhere. It is a blessed experience, and to worship the Lord in another tongue brings wonderful enrichment to the soul.

But there is more to the baptism with the Spirit than speaking in other tongues. It would be a mistake for a person to set his heart on tongues and begin seeking tongues. Rather, he should give his soul to God in consecration and worship, then recognize and appreciate every quickening by the Spirit. Some, because they do not speak in other tongues, seem to disregard all the Lord is doing for them. This is a great mistake. Every manifestation of the presence of God should be honored and accepted as from God.

Let the Lord live through you. Commit to Him the matter of manifestations. Be sure you recognize and accept as the work of the Holy Spirit all that God bestows upon you. In this way you will retain what you have already received, while pressing on for more.

Is not a person ready for heaven when he is born again? Why then does the Bible say, "Without [holiness] no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

When a person is born again he is ready for heaven. To be born again means that the person has been made "partaker of the divine nature," whereby he is empowered to live for God. To live for God is to live in holiness. The foundation of such a life is entire consecration to God, that we might "walk in newness of life."

Having been saved, the believer is exhorted to "follow holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." This exhortation means that a saved person does not live a shiftless Christian life, void of honest and consistent character but seeks to "live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world."

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I recently received the baptism with the Spirit. As a result I laugh and cry, but I do not feel the Spirit run all through my body. Should I be satisfied with what I have received, or should I seek for more?

It is always well to seek closer fellowship with God, but it is not wise to seek after spectacular manifestations. Perhaps you have heard someone say that he feels the Spirit running all through his body, and because of this you think an experience like that is necessary for you. This is not so. If we go far in seeking feelings we may come under the deception of Satan. "The just shall live by faith."

The proper way to judge our experience is by the love it produces for the Lord Jesus and by an honest and consistent Christian life. Manifestations may entirely depart as God tries our faith. But this does not mean that our experience is wrong or that it is gone. The proof of our salvation is found in our trust in the Lord Jesus and in a sober, righteous, and godly life in this evil world (Titus 2:12).

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Question," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

Prison Workers Report Victory

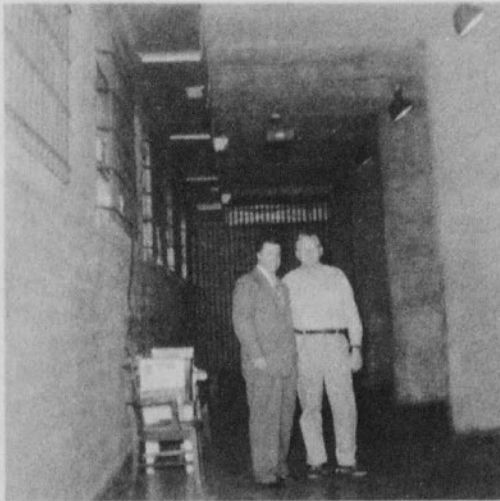
Arkansas

The following report was recently received from Coy Cleghorn, pastor of the Assembly of God in England, Arkansas, and a chaplain at the Arkansas State Prison Farm at Tucker, Arkansas:

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THE BIBLE CLASS THIS PAST MONTH (January) was the largest in the history of the class since I assumed the work at the prison. It is almost impossible to keep accurate records of accomplishments in the class; however, we can report that many have accepted Christ as Saviour and are following their faith by taking the prescribed study

Coy Cleghorn and a prison trusty in front of death cells where seven men await execution.



Captain Jim Bruton stands by electric chair where a converted prisoner was executed.

courses. We have issued many certificates to men who have completed their "Basic Bible Study Course."

I have received a letter from one of the former inmates, who was a member of the class, stating that he is happy with his new life in Christ and is preparing for the ministry. It is such letters as these that make us feel that our work is worth while.

The wardens at the prison have given us free rein in our work and have shown us the greatest co-operation. They are to be commended for their great interest in the spiritual as well as the moral and physical life of the men.

Captain Jim Bruton, the Assistant Superintendent of State Prisons in Arkansas, is also head of the Tucker State Farm. He has attended our services at the church many times, and has always shown us the greatest hospitality. The other wardens are all fine men: namely, Captains E. L. Fletcher, Jess Willson, H. D. Thrash and the Commissary Clerk, B. C. Howard. We deeply appreciate the co-operation of all of these men.

A few months ago we saw Leo Scarber die in the electric chair. It is our custom to have prayer and read the Word with the men in "death row" every month, and before Leo's death he made a clear confession of faith in

Christ. It was a real joy to us to watch him come from uncertainty about his soul to a firm faith in Christ. The peace he had in his heart was so evident that he left a real testimony to the other men in death row. There are seven now awaiting execution. Two of these only await the date to be set; the others are on appeal.

Thanks to the work of Brother Arvid Ohnell, National Prison Representative, we have established a prison library of some 2,000 volumes. We would appeal to all of you who have good books to send them to the Prison Division of the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

We covet your prayers for this great work of the Home Missions Department. Brother Alvin Lasiter and myself work with the boys at the Tucker Farm every month so we do need your prayers.

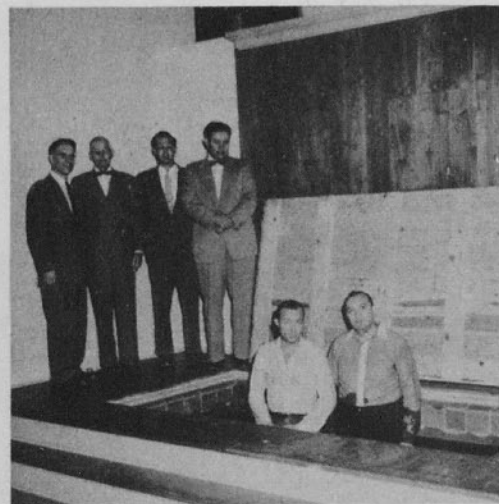
South Carolina

Arvid Ohnell, National Prison Representative, recently ministered in the South Carolina State Penitentiary at Columbia, South Carolina. Chaplain Thomas Petty of that prison has been very co-operative in the matter of our prison Bible Study Courses. When Brother Ohnell arrived, Chaplain Petty had already assembled the prisoners for a service. Here is Brother Ohnell's report of the service and the activities that followed:

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AN INMATE, FORMERLY A SCHOOL superintendent, played the pipe organ, and another led the song service and read the Word. There were prayers and thanksgiving to the Lord, just as in a Full Gospel Church. It was a blessing to preach. When the service was over, I went to the chaplain's office and signed about 50 certificates for student inmates who had completed our Bible Study Courses.

Then we had a prayer meeting in the chapel. After lunch with the chap-



Baptismal service in chapel built by inmates of South Carolina State Penitentiary.



A group of singers (inmates) at South Carolina State Penitentiary.

lain we drove out to the state law enforcement place about 10 miles from the city and had a prayer meeting with saved inmates. Then we continued to a state prison farm where we interviewed inmates, and on to the Girls' Reform School, returning to the city in the evening.

On Saturday, February 16, Chaplain Petty picked me up at 6:45 a.m. After having breakfast in the prison, we visited the death house, and had prayer

in the chapel between eight and nine a.m. At nine o'clock the chapel service started and many inmates attended. After the service the prayer meeting continued until noon. We spent the afternoon visiting with inmates and making arrangements for services the following day.

The following morning a Bible student picked me up and took me to the Women's Prison, located possibly ten miles from the city. We were invited to have breakfast. At eight the old bell started to call the people to the chapel. About 80 women came out. Many were saved and had already received our certificates after completing the Bible Study Courses.

After the chapel service I was taken over to a State Prison Farm. Some of the men had chains around their legs. In the dormitory we had a gospel service. An inmate who had been saved from the electric chair led the service. His life was spared just a few hours before the time was up. He is a gifted witness for the Lord, a good singer, and read the Word with authority. It was a victorious meeting. When the altar call was made, 14 went down on

their knees seeking the Lord for the salvation of their souls.

From here I was taken to another State Prison Farm 45 miles away where I held a service. I went on to a chain gang farm for colored prisoners. They were very receptive to the Word.

On Saturday night five of the Reformatory girls who had completed our Bible Study Courses received their certificates.

The three hundred books which have been sent to this prison by the Home Missions Department made a good beginning for the library. What a blessing it would be if we had many chaplains like Thomas Petty who works from early in the morning until late in the evening for one purpose—to bring souls to Christ.

Funds are needed for the continuation of our Prison ministry through Bible Correspondence Courses and other means. Offerings should be designated for PRISON WORK and sent to—

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 WEST PACIFIC STREET
Springfield 1, Missouri

An Up or Down Situation?

—YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AFTER EASTER

The clear blue of the sky; the clean freshness of the air, alive with the smell of opening foliage, of soil moist by spring showers; the happy song of little birds perched among the fruit-tree blossoms—IT'S SPRING!

And when it's Sunday morning, too, the only place to be is in God's house, thanking Him for all of His blessings.

No wonder we reach a springtime high in Sunday School attendance as the Easter season approaches! Nature itself seems aglow with worship and calls us to open our hearts in praise.

But what about the Sunday after Easter—and on into the summer? Does your ardor wane? Are you and each member of your family faithful in attendance then?

Are you loyal in service to the Lord even when the weather is not so conducive?

Build With Loyalty

At times it may be easier to settle back and let the other fellow shoulder the load. But the church and Christian character will only be established through faithfulness. Let us each one BUILD WITH LOYALTY. Let us serve our Creator steadfastly day by day, week by week, by keeping our Sunday School attendance up after Easter. April 29 through June 9

1957 LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

will be the dates of the 1957 Loyalty Campaign. Let us join hands the nation over and BUILD WITH LOYALTY.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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



THE 1956 EVANGELIZERS. Left to right, seated: Dick Simpson, Mary D'Angelo, Nola Capps and Jim Carlton. Standing: Hazel Crabtree, pianist and music director, and Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom, manager and speaker.

EVANGELIZERS REPORT ON 12,000-MILE TOUR

A six person evangelistic party, known as The Evangelizers, completed a 12,000-mile tour through twelve western states just before Christmas.

Most of the engagements were one-night rallies, but in a few instances the party stayed in one church for three nights. The combination of high quality music and positive preaching resulted in the salvation of souls, the healing of the sick, and a stirring in many churches. All members of the party worked together enthusias-

tically in prayer and personal work in an all-out effort to win the lost.

The group went to many small pioneer churches as well as to the larger ones.

The Evangelizers party was organized and sponsored by Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom of Florence, Oreg. It has now disbanded and the individual members are pursuing their own particular ministries. However, Evangelist Fagerstrom plans to organize a similar party for another tour next fall.

► **KERMIT, TEX.**—The Musical Petersens have just concluded a wonderful revival at the First Assembly of God. Several souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Among those receiving the Pentecostal experience was a Baptist preacher who was filled during the last Sunday morning service. The singing and instrumental music of the party was enjoyed by all, and the straight-forward ministry of Brother Petersen was a blessing.

—M. F. Hankins, Pastor

► **SAN CARLOS, ARIZ.**—Evangelist Floyd Nelson of Trinidad, Colo. just closed two weeks of revival at the Apache Assembly of God. The services were well attended each night. Prayer rooms were filled with earnest seekers, and souls were saved or reclaimed. There were many outstanding healings. The Sunday School reached an all-time high in attendance during the revival. The faithful and inspiring ministry of Brother Nelson was a blessing to all the church.

—O. B. Treece, Pastor

► **CASSVILLE, MO.**—The church here has just concluded one of the best revivals in its history with Evangelist Don Young of Baytown, Tex. The messages of the Word were deeply anointed by the Holy Spirit each night. Five were saved, two restored, and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Most of all, the church was awakened by the moving of the supernatural with many being healed.

—R. C. Bright, Pastor

► **SUNNYVALE, CALIF.**—The First Assembly of God recently enjoyed a good revival with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. A goodly number came forward for salvation, and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was greatly blessed as the Lord visited His people. Brother Tanner's ability as a speaker was greatly appreciated by the church. Their combined ministry in music was also anointed of the Lord.

—Ralph W. Hillegas, Pastor

► **MONROE, LA.**—The Morning Side Assembly of God just closed a wonderful three weeks of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. E. H. Sherratt of Oakland, Calif. The power of God fell night after night during both the singing and preaching. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly encouraged.

—E. J. Graves, Pastor

► **CLOVERDALE, CALIF.**—The month of January was one of high spiritual experience in the church here. Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Roper of Covelo, Calif. preached for one week and many came forward to seek the Lord. Sister Roper told the congregation how the Lord healed her. Many who were prayed for in the meetings testified to healing. Later, a group of five from Bethany Bible College ministered, and three were saved in one Saturday night service. The revival spirit continues to be high.

—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor

► **MANHATTAN, KANS.**—In January the church here enjoyed one of the best revival meetings it has experienced for a number of years. Evangelist R. Alan Davis of Tulsa, Okla. ministered the Word, and Walter Thomas served as musician. Thirty came forward for salvation, and a number of folk from other churches became interested in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—Ernie Camery, Pastor

► **ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEX.**—The Calvary Assembly of God is rejoicing in the results of a revival just concluded by Evangelist and Mrs. Don Rippey of Ft. Smith, Ark. The forceful ministry of the Word, along with the anointed singing, was an inspiration to all. One of the high lights of the meeting came when a former minister who had been away from God for 12 years was gloriously reclaimed.

—Robert C. Dobyms, Pastor

► **GARIBALDI, OREG.**—The church here enjoyed the three-week meeting with Evangelist Garmond Mindt. Several testified to definite healings, and there were many new consecrations made. The saints were drawn closer to the Lord as Brother Mindt expounded the Word of God and ministered in music.

—W. M. Jensen, Pastor

► **LENNOX, CALIF.**—Evangelist Anthony G. Depompa recently conducted a very good revival here. Two were at the altar for salvation, and the church was greatly revived and encouraged. The church was formerly located on South Broadway in Los Angeles. It is now situated in temporary quarters in Lennox and very shortly permanent quarters will be built.

—Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor

► **WATERLOO, IOWA** — The Andrew Teuber Evangelistic Party of Springfield, Mo., conducted a four-week meeting which was one of the greatest campaigns ever held in the Waterloo area. About 125 people came forward for salvation, and a number of those who were saved later received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several miracles of healing took place during the meetings. One farmer, who had been crippled with polio for three years was carried into the service one Sunday night. The next Sunday he walked in without human help. Many testified to healings of various afflictions. Since the meetings closed many new people have been attending the Full Gospel churches in the area.

—Russell L. Thompson, Chairman

► **JANESVILLE, WIS.** — The Assembly here experienced a wonderful Pentecostal revival under the ministry of Walter D. Lascelle of Seattle, Wash. Seventeen received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, a number were saved, and backsliders returned to God. God performed miracles of healing. One man was healed of arthritis while waiting in the prayer line. This was one of the greatest spiritual awakenings in the history of the church.

—O. W. Lemberg, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTERN DISTRICT Ministers' Institute, April 2 and 3, at Assembly of God, 41 North Fourth Street, Quakertown, Pa. Speakers: J. Robert Ashcroft and T. E. Gannon.—by C. Eugene Bell, Secretary.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES—May 3-12 at Calvary Temple, Winnipeg, Canada. Speakers—T. E. Ness, Detroit, Mich., May 3-5; A. H. Argue, May 6-8; Watson Argue, May 9-12. Former members and friends invited to share in all these Golden Jubilee Services—by H. H. Barber, Pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION—Apr. 18-20 at Zembo Mosque, Harrisburg, Pa. C. M. Ward, speaker. Musicians: Couriers Quartet, Springfield, Mo., and Betty Marion, Green Lane, Pa. For reservations write Chamber of Commerce, Harrisburg, Pa.—by Mrs. Audrey Hardy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Anniversary services at Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle, April 11-12; C. M. Ward speaking at 7:30 each night.—by Harvey L. Flaherty, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESSES

Paul Bills, North Pole, Alaska
 Harry A. Sherman, 3810 S. 94th St., Tacoma 99, Wash.
 G. G. Martin, 3619 Kershaw Ave., Toledo, Ohio. "Pastoring Toledo Assembly of God."
 Evangelist M. M. Johnson, Box 257, Russellville, Ky.
 Louie Shultz, 103 E. Magnolia St., Blytheville, Ark. "After pastoring First Assembly in Plainview, Tex. for 6 years, am re-entering evangelistic field. Open for calls after May 1."
 Pastor Vaudie V. Lambert, 303 Mildred St., Montgomery, Ala.

RADIO PROGRAMS

FREEMONT, TEX.—Station KBRZ, 1460 kc., Saturdays 11:30 to 12 a.m. Sponsored by West Columbia, Tex. Assembly of God.—by B. B. Hankins, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—"The Radio Revival Hour," station KTLW, each Sunday 2 to 2:30 p.m.—by Kenneth Berry, Director.

VIDALIA, GA.—"Gospel Melody Time," station WVOP, 970 kc., Saturdays 9 to 9:30 a.m.—by Claude Collins, Director.

MISCELLANEOUS

CONTACTS WANTED—We are starting a new church in Goldsboro, N. C. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses.—Forrest Frazier, Pastor.

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Second Assembly of God, Montgomery, Ala. has been changed to Central Assembly of God, located at 465 Mildred St.—Vaudie V. Lambert, Pastor.

WANTED—Sunday School quarterlies (adult, young people, or intermediate) and Sunday School picture rolls, for use on foreign field. Send postpaid to Honore Osberg, 1236 S. Grand, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

"MOTHER" VERNON PASSES ON

Mrs. Amelia Vernon, 73, passed on to be with her Lord on February 3, 1957, a few days after falling and suffering a hip injury.

"Mother" Vernon was born in England and came to the U.S. in 1923. She engaged in pastoral ministry in Springfield, Oregon, and in Weed, Costella, and Los Angeles, California. Also she spent many years evangelizing and doing mission work.

As Vice-President of the Christ Faith Mission she will be greatly missed by all the workers of that Mission and the Herald of Hope. She leaves to continue her work her husband Frank, a son, two sisters, a brother, two grandchildren, and a great host of friends.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	New Brockton	El Bethel	April 2-14	Joel Palmer & wife	W. C. Buchanan
Ariz.	Phoenix	Faith	April 3—	Bob McCutchen & wife	Willis K. Hirschy
Ark.	N. Little Rock	First	April 7-14	J. D. Middlebrook	T. J. Gotcher
Calif.	Castro Valley	Calvary	March 31—	Charles Senechal	R. J. Boyd
	Glendale	* Maple Chapel	April 2-14	Willard C. Peirce	Raymond Schoch
	King City	A of G	March 31-Apr. 14	Holmes-Jackson	T. C. Gameson
	Martinez	A of G	March 31-Apr. 21	John & Naomi McPherson	L. L. Ferguson
	Oakland	Revival Tab.	April 3-22	Sunshine Party	Cecil J. Lowry
	Santa Barbara	* First	April 1-7	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Chas. O. Green
Colo.	Cortez	First	April 7-21	E. R. Winter	Jack Brock
	Monte Vista	First	April 7—	E. D. Madsen & wife	D. J. Hixenbaugh
	Pueblo	First	March 31—	George Gospel Team	Richard Emerson
Idaho	Kellogg	A of G	March 31—	Billy Guthrie & wife	Wm. L. Papan
Ill.	Chicago	Northwest	March 26-Apr. 7	Warren D. Combs	DeVore Walterman
Kans.	Wichita	First	April 7-21	Barnett-Brassfield	R. R. Morrison
Md.	Oakland	Sand Flat	April 7—	Peiffer-Harden	Irvin Steiding
Mass.	Leominster	A of G	March 31-Apr. 14	William Schell	Edwin Antin
Mich.	Albion	A of G	April 7—	W. A. Hines	H. L. Jansen
	Muskegon	Central	March 31—	H. C. MacDonald & wife	Robert Rieben
Miss.	Hurley	Camp Tab.	April 7-14	Louise Nankivell	W. Mizelle, Chm.
Mo.	Mexico	First	April 2-21	R. W. Hastie	Warren LaRose
	Springfield	Central	April 7-21	L. B. Lewis	James VanMeter
Nebr.	Kimball	First	April 7-21	J. C. Burkey	R. L. Courtney
	Scottsbluff	A of G	April 2—	R. D. Hastie & wife	Clyde King
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Revival Tab.	April 2-21	Lee Krupnick & wife	Wm. F. Watkins
N. Y.	Buffalo	Riverside	April 2-21	Busse Evangelistic Team	Paul Ridings
	Hempstead, L. I.	A of G	April 2-21	L. K. Dodge	Steve Durasoff
	Mechanicville	A of G	April 2-14	Steve Bogdan & wife	John Beretta
N. Dak.	Fargo	First	April 2—	N. L. Ballew	Raymond R. Wiley
Ohio	Defiance	A of G	April 2-14	Eddie Roush & wife	A. W. Lawrence
Okla.	Cherokee	A of G	March 24-April 7	E. C. Lagmay	Raymond Foraker
	Henryetta	First	April 7—	D. C. Ogden	H. A. Strange
	Lawton	First	March 19-31	Jimmy Brown & wife	J. W. Gladney
Oreg.	Albany	Pentecostal	April 2—	Don E. Gossett	Raymond E. Book
	Newport	A of G	April 2—	Johnny Hoskins	Russell Emerson
Pa.	Hamlin	First Pent.	April 3-14	Rob & Lil Watters	George Clement
	Landsdale	Maranatha	April 3-14	John & Nancy Briner	James W. Swank
Tex.	Corpus Christi	Hillcrest	March 31—	Ernie Maxwell	Joe Nash
	Dallas	Maplewood	March 26-Apr. 7	Stanley P. MacPherson	Ray Soper
	Houston	Sunnyland	April 7-21	Sara sharp	O. L. Davidson
	Nacogdoches	First	April 7-21	Evelyn Mathers	Wm. D. Brooks
Va.	Hopewell	A of G	April 2-14	David E. Gams	Hartley Wigfield, Jr.
Wash.	Seattle	Broadway Tab.	April 7-21	Joseph De Grado	Vernon Criggs
W. Va.	Fairmont	Trinity Tab.	April 7-28	Myrtle Scott	James F. Short
	Weston	A of G	April 3—	J. E. & Vera Douglass	Joseph Moscufo
Bahamas	Nassau, N. P.	Evang. Temple	March 24-Apr. 7	Carl Barnes	John Wilkerson
Canada	Arnprior, Ont.	Glad Tidings	March 31-Apr. 21	C. S. Tubby	Gordon F. Atter

* Workers Training

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that **THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL** is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

LOYALTY

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never! Judaism, never. Legislation wouldn't work.

John Mark was so frightened he fled without his outer cloak. Peter denied his Lord. Thomas was busy with his own affairs. And Judas betrayed Him. Were not three and a half years enough to attach these men in loyalty to Jesus?

There is more, however, than the person of Jesus. They must know Him as God! No human attachment is enough. Attachment to a person is in the right direction but loyalty must go deeper if it is to survive the test of time. Marion Lawrence tells us that the child first learns to love the teacher, then the teacher's Bible, then the teacher's Saviour! This is a divine pattern. The love of God is a divine revelation which sustains us in our most grievous hours of testing and holds us to our highest loyalties.

LOYALTY TO A PRINCIPLE

Jesus at an early age knew the divine principle of God's will. When He was twelve years of age, His loyalty to that principle held Him even when He was subject to His parents. He said to them, when they found Him in the temple asking and answering questions, "Know ye not that I must be about my Father's *business*?" That *business* was a revealed principle to Him! No commission, no crown, no cross could keep Him from fulfilling that noble purpose which He saw revealed by His Father! When the fullness of time came, He announced in the face of the crucifier, "For this CAUSE came I into the world!" It's purpose and principle that give us the highest level of loyalty. There was triumph even in crucifixion—He could say, "*It is finished.*" He was perfectly loyal to God's will.

It's not easy. To legislate would be easy. To depend upon prizes would be cheap. To use personality would be convenient. But the highest loyalties are beyond these conveniences. It is in the divine principles and divine power that men become mighty for God.

Note the loyalty of Paul. "Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will

glory also . . . in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep: in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches" (2 Corinthians 11:18, 23-28).

Could legislation develop such loyalty? Never. Paul says, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

What can we do to develop real loyalty on the part of our children, members and leaders of our churches? The answer is manifold. All loyalties to God are good. Each level of loyalty is suited to some age of maturity. For the very young, rewards may develop a sense of loyalty. For the teen-ager, a personality may develop a sense of loyalty. For the adult, a divine principle may develop a sense of loyalty. Even legislation upheld by its supports of punishment and rewards will lead to some loyalties.

But, only love of the revealed purpose of God, His divine principles, and His enabling power will carry the victors through to the end! To this special class is given a remarkable reward for loyalty and faithfulness!

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Revelation 3:21).



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Go Deeper With God

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got their heart's desire. If this is what you want more than all else, you can have it too! The Holy Spirit urges us to GO DEEPER WITH GOD.

Pizarro and his Spanish *conquistadors* came to the new world in search of gold. They heard tales of the fabulous wealth that awaited them in Peru, the land of the Incas. An expeditionary force was formed, and they started on the way to the land of gold. But they had not reckoned on the long marches they must make, nor the fever-ridden lands through which they must go. Finally, mutiny broke out among the soldiers. Pizarro gathered his men together. He stood before them, and repeated the stories of the wealth that lay before them. And then, he dramatically drew his sword, drew a line in the earth before them, and cried, "All who go with me must cross this line. Let the others return to Spain if they will."

God grant to you the spiritual vision to see the line which the Holy Spirit draws before you today. He challenges you to pass from indifference, from self-satisfaction, *across the line* into a life of all-out devotion to Christ and His Word.

GO DEEPER WITH GOD!

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Israel Today and Tomorrow

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39:2, 4, 22). This will be the doom of Communistic Russia and her allies!

The prophet Zechariah tells of yet another great invasion that will take place shortly before Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives, putting an end to the Battle of Armageddon. Not just one great nation is mentioned here, but many. "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle. . . . Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against these nations. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east." At the conclusion of this battle, the Lord Himself shall return to the Mount of Olives and reveal Himself to the Jews as their Messiah. We read of Israel's repentance in Zech. 12:10, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

After the Lord judges the nations, then shall come to pass the glorious prophecy of Micah 4:25. "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and

let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever!"

What a glorious time when He shall sit upon the throne of David in Jerusalem and rule over all peoples, tongues, and kindreds for a thousand years! The Jews will become "the priests of the Lord" and "the ministers of our God," and instead of being "a proverb and a byword" they will become the most honored and admired of all peoples. For did not God promise in Zeph. 3:19, "I will get them

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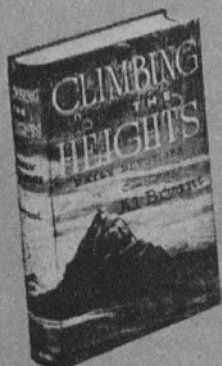
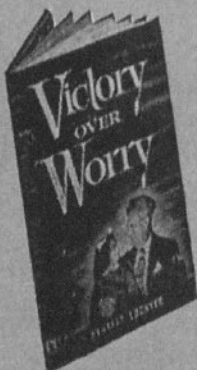
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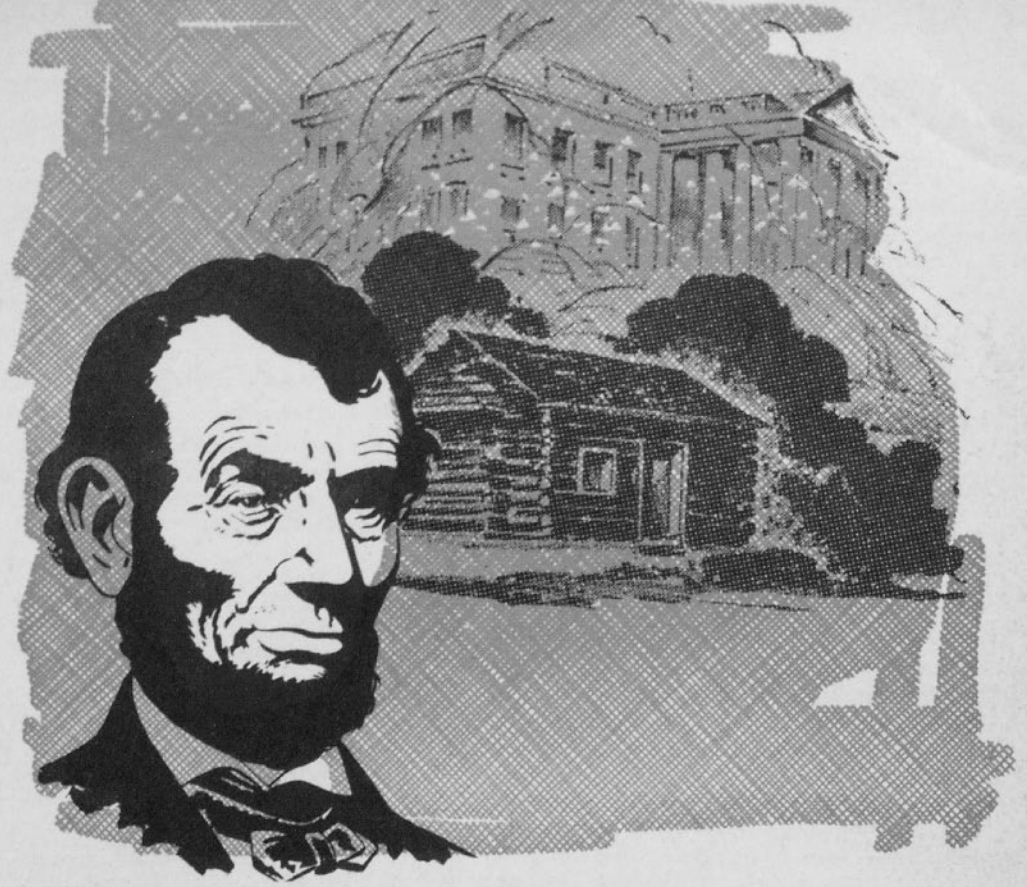
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Perhaps you can't help that you're in sin today, but you can decide here



You Can Help This

BY NATHANAEL OLSON

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cause he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

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