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How to Be Healed

If you have any doubt as to whether God wants to heal you, simply read the Bible. In it you will find no negative philosophies but only testimonies of His power and willingness to heal all who will believe.

For example, read the eighth chapter of Matthew and you will see how the Son of God healed one case after another. Never did He turn away a trusting soul who came to Him in a spirit of worship and humbly sought His healing touch. He is as willing to deliver men from sickness as to deliver them from sin.

First "there came a leper and *worshipped* Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." In tender mercy Jesus touched that body that was stricken with the loathsome disease, and He said, "I will; be thou clean." Immediately the leprosy departed. Here we see the power of WORSHIP. The leper had come to Jesus in a spirit of *worship* and that is the attitude of heart that God delights to honor.

The second incident in this chapter is the healing of the centurion's servant. A centurion was a Roman officer in charge of a hundred soldiers and many men in that position would have been disgustingly arrogant. But any pride in this officer's heart quickly vanished in the presence of Jesus. "Lord, *I am not worthy* that Thou shouldst come under my roof," he said. He set an excellent example of HUMILITY. God withholds His blessings from the proud but lavishes them freely upon the *humble*.

This Roman officer knew what authority meant. He told the Master, "I say to this man, Go and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh." He knew that Jesus had authority over all sickness, so he said to Him, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Here was a simple, childlike FAITH. Jesus held it up as an example to the Jews. They were very religious, but Jesus said this Gentile had shown a greater faith than any of them. A great faith is a simple, childlike attitude that trusts implicitly in the Lord. Jesus said to the centurion, "As thou hast *believed*, so be it done unto thee," and the servant was healed that very hour.

Here then we find three clear rules to follow if you need healing. (1) Worship the Lord; pour your heart out before Him in devotion until all your being is yielded completely to His blessed will and your affections are fixed on Him alone. (2) Humble yourself; acknowledge that you have not the least merit of your own with which to plead for healing. You must throw yourself completely on God's mercy and be willing to do anything His Word directs. (3) Have childlike faith in the divine promises. This eighth chapter of Matthew says that Jesus healed *all* that were sick, to prove that His mission was to deliver people from sickness as well as from sin. He is still engaged in the same twofold mission. He will heal *all* who are ready to be healed, for He is "the same, yesterday and today and for ever."

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HEALING FOR ALL!

FAITH IS NOT A TRANSIENT FEELING WHEN AT A MOMENT OF STRAINED CLIMAX THE PREACHER TOUCHES YOUR HEAD WITH HIS HAND; IT IS AN ATTITUDE OF TRUST WHICH IS FOUND IN YOUR INNERMOST HEART.

BY ALEXANDER TEE

YOU CAN BE HEALED. I WOULD LIKE to say it over and over again, for emphasis: *You can be healed.* I mean that you can be made completely whole of your sick condition by the power of God, in answer to the prayer of faith correctly offered by people and for people who have taken time to fulfill the Bible conditions.

Jesus never worked up excitement, nor did He play upon the emotions of poor suffering people when He came to do His mighty works of healing. Our Lord moved with a cool, masterly dignity which instilled a marvelous confidence and trust in the hearts of the people whom He came to heal. He spoke as one having authority (Matt. 7:29). Even the clergy of His day knew He was a teacher sent from God and that no man could ever do the miracles He did except God be with Him (John 3:2). Christ brought intelligent people to feel that God was right there with Him. People sensed the presence of Almighty God as He moved among the suffering. There is nothing of whipped-up excitement and emotion in this attitude and atmosphere. It is altogether the reverse. People sense the calm, the reality, and the dignity of the deep presence of the Master Himself.

People did not feel strained or agitated, with nerves taut, when in His mighty presence. Fear and its henchmen were never entertained by those who came into the tender and comforting presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. He stimulated their sweet and full trust in Him. Faith grew in His presence. Calm and confidence grew in their hearts as they heard the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth (Luke 4:22). Thus on more than one occasion He said to people, "According to your faith be it unto you."

Faith is an attitude of trust which is found in our innermost heart. It is not an all-out "act of bravado" to see if you are healed after you have been prayed for. It is an attitude in the heart which is so sure of the Lord's

promise that it fearlessly bursts into action.

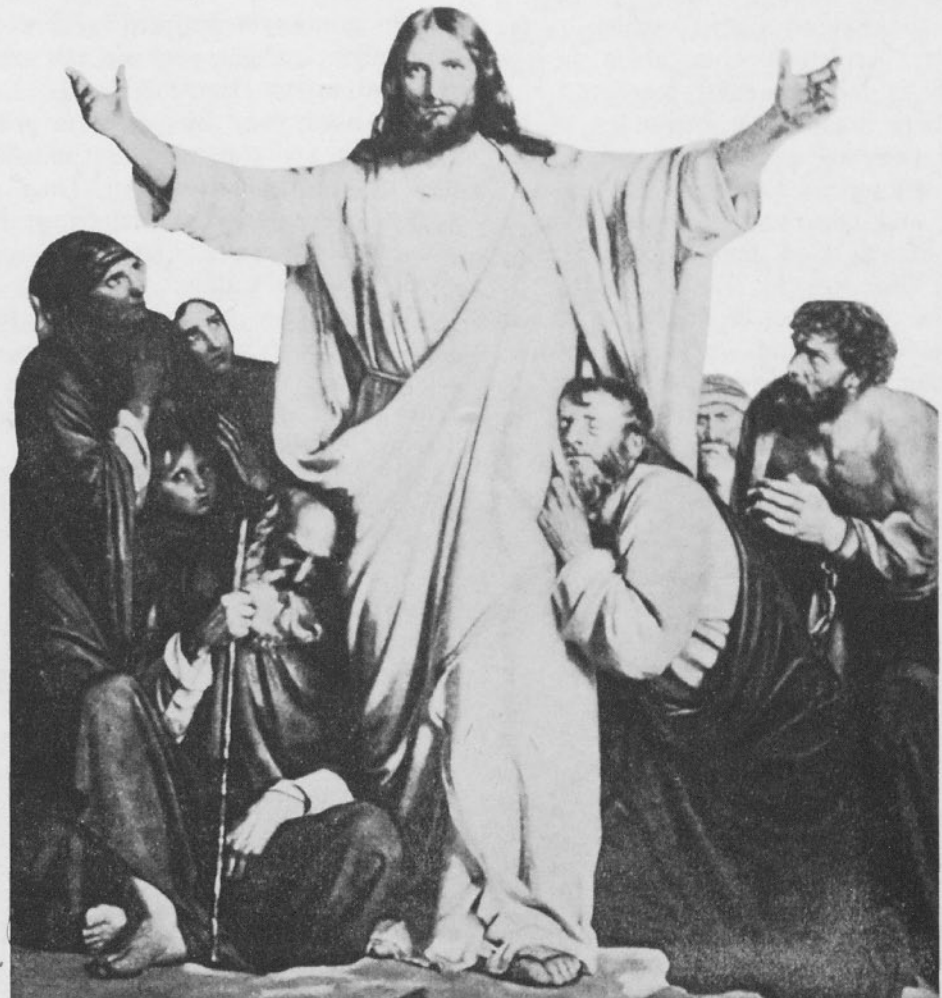
You can say you have faith and yet be utterly void of it. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7). The inmost shrine of your being is where faith is found. If in your inner self there is not a complete trust, and deep confidence with an unruffled calm, then your faith needs attention. James said, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. . . . Let not that man think he will receive anything of the Lord" (James 1:6 and 7).

Dearly beloved, be truthful and frank; have you that certitude, unruf-

fled by questionings? Is there that sweet, full, wholesome assurance, calmly and deeply embedded in your being, that the Lord will heal you? Listen again as you hear the word coming afresh from the lips of the Master Himself: "According to your faith be it unto you."

Your faith is not as high as your feelings are after an evangelist has swayed the crowd with his message. Faith is not that transient feeling when at a moment of strained climax the preacher touches your head with his hands. That feeling comes and then goes. Faith is not a tense momentary climax! It is a quiet, inner assurance which abides long after the evangelist

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Paul's Experience of Divine Healing



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IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE DEEPEST secret of Paul's physical life was the singleness and completeness of his consecration to God. The whole story is told in the first chapter of Philippians, where, speaking of his life, he declares that he is "in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

There was entire surrender of his own personal preference, and a perfect willingness to accept the Master's will, and then such a consecration of his life to God that he could truly say, "For me to live is Christ."

The only object of Paul's life was to serve Christ and help His people. Having been delivered from all selfishness, his life was wholly for the glory of God, and he was in that high altitude where the spiritual vision is clear and free from all distraction and confusion, and he could see that it was best for the cause of Christ and the welfare of His people that his life should still be prolonged.

The moment he saw this he was able at once to claim it and believe that his life should be preserved, and that God would accomplish in him that which was best for His glory and His people's good. And so he could add, "I know that I shall . . . continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith."

A single aim is the foundation of an unquestioning faith. Faith can

only live in the atmosphere of entire consecration. When we ask life not because we want it, but because God wants it, it is sure to come. Then difficulties melt away, for God is mightier than all second causes and His highest will must be done.

Beloved, have you a high calling which is not yet fulfilled? Have you a ministry which you are not ready to hand up to Him completed? Does Christ need your life, do His people require it, and can you claim it wholly and only for God's glory? Then you may believe without faltering that you shall continue, and that your work shall be fulfilled.

It is so easy to claim things from God when we want to use them for God. There is an infinite depth of truth and meaning in the ancient Psalm, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Our blessed Master has crystallized the sentiment in the everlasting Word which He spoke in the Sermon on the Mount—"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Our life must first be given to God, and so fully given that even life itself is not desired as an end and death is not dreaded as a foe. Then, when our own will is renounced and surrendered, God will give us the revelation of His will for our healing, and we will claim it not because we want it, but because He wants it.

The writer never can forget a crisis night in his own life when, struggling desperately for life in earnest prayer, he felt that he was sinking and dying, and that he was sinking in a very dark, disturbed, and unhappy spirit. He was not afraid to die, but the struggle for life had destroyed his rest and peace. It was a struggle for his life because he desired it, and he had claimed it in all the strength of what he thought was faith. But God graciously brought him to the place where he had to relinquish even his very prayer and back into him the faith for life and sink into the hands of God, yielding up even to die, if God should so require it. Then it was that God breathed health; but he claimed it now not as his life but as God's life, not because he desired it, but because God had bidden him claim it as a new life, a life as it were from the dead, and a life for God and His people and work.

There is a sense in which our will must be renounced and then God's will taken up instead. Then we claim our blessing, not for our own selves or safety, but for Christ alone. And then, just because we know we are asking for His glory and according to His will, we have a Heaven-born assurance of the blessing we claim. God help us, beloved, to let all go and then to take all back in the "good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." ◀◀

Pastor Healed of Pneumonia

Early one Tuesday morning I awaited the dawn with restless rolling and tossing; this was perhaps the first foreboding that in the days just ahead all would not be well.

The next day at church services I had chills. After the prayer meeting I felt that I should go home right away, but I went shopping instead. Upon arriving home I cleaned up the house until I was totally exhausted.

On Friday I was feeling definitely worse, but I defied the elements and went through pouring rain to church services since we were beginning a series of meetings lasting three days. By Sunday evening I had hardly enough strength to walk home.

In bed the next two days, I was failing fast. People began gathering from the church. They took my temperature and shook their heads. I remember that one of the brothers cried with tears to the Lord in my behalf. I could sense their deep concern.

My temperature climbed steadily, and they begged me to get a doctor. Rather than bring possible reproach on the church, I consented. Before the doctor could arrive I sank away, but I could faintly hear him scold the ladies for having waited so long to summon him.

"Pneumonia," diagnosed the doctor. "Get her to the hospital."

"Pray!" I gasped, as I felt myself suddenly slipping from this world to the one beyond. I had felt keenly that in disobeying the Lord I had sinned against Him. I pleaded to be left at home, where I might get right with the Lord. My temperature went skyrocketing. Devoted saints from my church, who had long been praying and caring for me, stayed on at my bedside through the night.

By Friday they were shocked to find that my temperature was still higher. The thought came to me that Jesus had healed Peter's wife's mother when she was ill with fever. Somebody looked up the account in the Bible and read it to me.

We began to pray, and the mighty power of God came upon us. There was a message in "other tongues." The Spirit of God visited each one of us.

Finally, by Saturday evening, more people from the church arrived; and with hearts and voices united they began lifting their prayers to God. Now the spiritual powers seemed to be in deadly conflict—light versus darkness, life versus death, the Lord and His host of saints battling the creatures of the dark spirit world.

At last victory came. The Lord Jesus Christ broke the power of evil and sickness that had been over me. He who is all-powerful put Satan to rout.

Soon I fell into a deep, restful, healing sleep. I abound in praise to God for the deliverance He gave me through the Lord, and for His devoted children, my congregation, whose ministry to me with love, faith, and prayers was un-failing.—Mary M. Signorelli, Pastor, Glad Tidings Church, Bronx, New York.

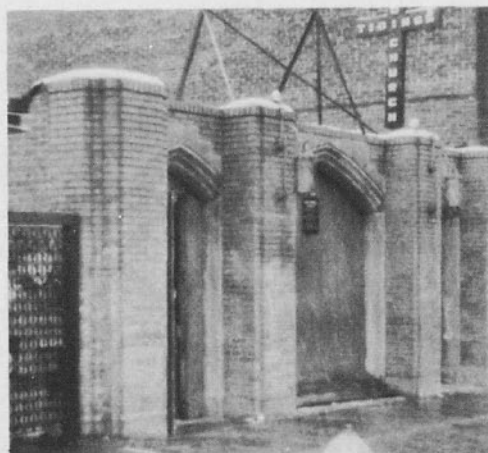
Healed of High Blood Pressure

God is the same today, and miracles are taking place in our time. I know, because the power of God has delivered me of the high blood pressure I had had for twenty years. What relief it was to be rid of the tension!

I was prayed for by our evangelist, Dale Holford, and by our pastor, Brother Stavros. I did not notice any change at the time; but the following week when I went to the doctor about a head cold he took my blood pressure. He was amazed to find it normal, as it had been staying around 200. I was so glad that I praised the Lord even there.

I had had two strokes, which left me with a bad arm and trouble with my legs, but the Lord has healed those, too. Praise His wonderful name. God is good.—Mrs. Christina Otness, Soap Lake, Washington.

(Endorsed by John Stavros, Pastor, Mount Zion Assembly, Soap Lake, Washington.)



Mary Signorelli, whose testimony of healing appears on this page, is shown at the left. For many years she has labored for God in New York City. She is pastor of Glad Tidings Church, 2466 Webster

Avenue, Bronx, N. Y., which is shown in the pictures above. The church is in a building program, a factor which contributed to Sister Signorelli's illness.

I am a worm, and no man; much of men, and despised of people. they that see me laugh me to they shoot out the lip, they the head, saying, trusted on the LORD that he deliver him: let him deliver being he delighted in him. thou art he that took me out womb: thou didst make me when I was upon my mother's womb. was cast-upon thee from my mother's belly. thou art my God from my mother's belly. I am not far from me; for trouble thou art; for there is none to help. many bulls have compassed me: the bulls of Bashan have beset me round. they gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and roaring lion.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
 25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
 27 The end of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nation shall worship before thee.
 28 For the kingdom is the LORD's, and he is the governor of the nations.
 29 All they that be shall eat and worship down to the dust of their faces: and I will be a Father to the fatherless, and a Father to the widow.

A Divine Recipe for

HEALTH

BY EVANGELIST LOUISE NANKIVELL

MUST GOD'S PEOPLE GET SICK? MUST they die of loathsome diseases? Cannot Christians in some way avoid sickness, so that they may have healthy bodies, live a long time free from disease, and depart to be with the Lord old and full of years?

Such questions are worthy of serious consideration, since there is no matter so vital, except the salvation of the soul, as the health and well-being of the body. Divine healing is a most gracious blessing, but to stay healthy and not need healing is even better.

If someone gave you an automobile which, given proper care, would give you unflinching service and keep itself in repair for seventy or eighty years, you would prize it as a marvelous piece of machinery. Man, with all his ingenuity, has not been able to accomplish such a feat; but the human body does match this description.

God has given man a machine more wonderful than any ever invented; man cannot duplicate it. It is the only body you will have in this life. It will stand a lot of wear and tear, but if parts wear out, you can't go to the store and buy them. Neither can you have a new motor installed. Nor can you turn it in next year for a different brand or for a later model. So it will pay to follow divine directions for keeping the human machine in running order.

Our first duty, in order to maintain our physical well-being, is to

LIVE RIGHT

In these days of lawlessness and "live as you please" attitude, civil laws are disobeyed or ignored, spiritual values are overlooked, and physical laws are neglected. Little wonder that there is

widespread sickness in the human race!

God meant it when He told His people (Deuteronomy 28:15, 21-28) that if they would not observe all His commandments He would smite them with pestilence, consumption, fever, extreme burning, botch (ulcer), emerods (tumor), madness, blindness, and other diseases. And bodily ailments did come when the people failed to keep His statutes.

On the other hand, God made a glorious health covenant with His people—"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

Notice that this covenant—which has never been annulled, rescinded, or abrogated—stated four obligations of the people: (1) to hearken diligently to God's voice, (2) to do that which was right in his sight, (3) to heed His commandments, (4) to keep all His statutes. God promised to spare the people from the diseases which had been visited upon the Egyptians, if they would do these things. In a word, obedience was a basic ingredient in God's recipe for their health.

Illness is not necessarily an evidence of sin, any more than health is an evidence of holiness; yet it does pay to obey God. The Bible says, "My son, attend to my words... for they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:20-22). "Let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee" (Proverbs 3:1, 2).

EAT RIGHT

and obey the laws of nature, remembering that they have been instituted by

God. What care are we Christians giving these bodies, which are the temples of the Holy Ghost? Are we using common sense in the matter of work, activity, exercise, rest, sleep, cleanliness, fresh air, dress, food, and drink? We cannot defy the laws of nature without inviting penalties. And bear in mind that God has constructed the body for moderation, not for excesses.

There are physicians who maintain that the larger part of disease is caused by faulty eating. A prominent physician stated that the hospitals could be emptied of three-fourths of their patients if people could be taught to eat right. There is more truth than poetry in the old adage about men digging their graves with their teeth.

When something goes wrong with the stomach, liver, gall bladder, or some other organ, it is easy for Christians to blame the devil, instead of seeking to determine whether they may have brought on their condition by unwise eating. Yet many are failing to provide the body with proper nutrition, or are eating too much "junk," or are just overeating.

Of old, God was not only interested in the morality of His people, but He was particular about their eating, as is evidenced in the dietary regulations which He gave them. In 1 Corinthians 10:31 we read, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Surely we cannot knowingly eat and drink those things which are not good for the body, and do it to the glory of God.

THINK RIGHT

Victor H. Lindlahr wrote a book entitled, "You Are What You Eat." And the logic of such a statement is apparent. But someone ought to write on the subject, "You Are What You Think." While your body is made of your food, your inner man, the real "you," is made of your thoughts. Man's thinking de-

termines what he is, for "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 25:7).

Perhaps most of us do not realize the tremendous impact our thought-life is making upon our bodies, too—our nerves, muscles, blood pressure, digestion, and general functioning of the organs. The late Professor William James, famous American psychologist, once declared that mental states lead to changes in breathing, general muscular tension, circulation, and glandular activity.

Some experiments performed by Professor Gates of Columbia University show the direct effect of thinking upon health. He found that poisonous substances are created by the body through various kinds of adverse thinking; and if these substances are injected into test animals they produce severe body reactions or even death in the animal. Thoughts of anger, hate, resentment, revenge, regret, fear, anxiety, and so on, often torture nerves, ruin muscles, sap strength of bones, and generate harmful secretions. These, in turn, create every variety of disease and infirmity, burning man with fevers, freezing him with chills, starving him with dyspepsia, poisoning him with their injurious chemical substances.

Stop your wrong, discordant, careless thinking. Let every thought be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Yield your very thought process to the working of His *Holy Spirit*. Fill your mind with thoughts of love and praise to the Lord. "Whatsoever things are true, . . . honest, . . . just, . . . pure, . . . lovely, . . . of good report, . . . think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Those who allow the Holy Spirit to control their minds do not need tranquilizing tablets and happiness pills. Resting the concerns of life by faith in the hand of the Master will bring that inner peace which makes for health of mind and body.

TALK RIGHT

Right words are as much a part of Christian living as right conduct. It is that little member, the tongue, that gets us into some of our biggest troubles. Someone has aptly remarked, "If your foot slips you may recover your balance, but if your tongue slips you can't recall your words." No wonder James exclaimed, "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity" (James 3:5, 6). Well might we pray with the

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Ralph M. Riggs



James W. Van Meter



R. J. Carlson

Outstanding Speakers To Be Heard at General Council

Six outstanding speakers will be featured at the evening services during the 27th General Council of the Assemblies of God which will open Wednesday night, August 28, at the Public Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio. The sessions will end at noon on Tuesday, September 3.

Opening the Council will be an address by our General Superintendent, Ralph M. Riggs. Brother Riggs has served as leader of the Assemblies since 1953 when he was elevated from the position of Assistant General Superintendent and Secretary of Education.

Other evening speakers during the convention will be: Maynard S. Oss, evangelist and former pastor in Washington and Montana; R. J. Carlson, pastor at Calvary Temple in Seattle, Wash.; G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., evangelist of Oklahoma City; James W. Van Meter, pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo.; and Arthur Graves, pastor of the Free Gospel Church, Flushing, N. Y.

Evening sessions of the General Council will be in the large arena of the Public Auditorium which seats in excess of 10,000 persons. Churches, ministers, and laymen are requested to pray for the Council during the coming weeks, that a great host of people will attend these evening rallies and that the Lord will give a glorious outpouring of His Spirit.

Included in the night services will be a number of special emphases, as in the past. Friday evening, August 30, will be Home Missions night with Brother Carlson speaking. Saturday evening, August 31, will feature Youth and Education; the speaker will be Brother Hardcastle.

Sunday evening, September 1, will be a great evangelistic meeting with a sermon by Brother Van Meter. The Radio Department will also originate the coast-to-coast Revivaltime broadcast in the auditorium, for all to watch, following the evening service.

Facilities for the General Council in Cleveland are among the best ever. The city has opened a 2,000-car-capacity parking lot for use of the delegates, without charge. The auditorium is approximately five blocks from the convention hotel. Many excellent restaurants are within five or six blocks of the auditorium and hotel.

Churches have been urged to send their ministers to the Council, as well as lay delegates. Each affiliated church has the privilege of sending one delegate (besides ordained ministers) to represent its view in the Council sessions. All general sessions will be open to the public, and it is hoped that many churches will be represented by large numbers of their members to participate in the spiritual blessing of this great General Council.



Maynard S. Oss



G. W. Hardcastle, Jr.



Arthur Graves

THE DWARF



A TRUE STORY

BY ANNE SANDBERG



NO ONE CARED FOR HER SOUL, NOR MINISTERED
TO HER; SO GOD, IN HIS GREAT MERCY,
DID IT HIMSELF, AND SHE FOUND PEACE AT LAST.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BLEW IN STORMY and cold. A raw wind flung the rain about in penetrating gusts. It was the kind of night families huddled around the fire in cozy homes. *You would hardly expect to see a mother with three small children on the drenched street at a time like this.*

The oldest child, a boy of eight, shivered: "It's cold, Mother; let's go back home. We'll never find the place."

His four-year-old brother complained, "I'm freezing, Mummy." And the babe in arms wailed petulantly.

But the mother's dark-circled eyes anxiously searched once more. "I know it must be near. I saw it the other day." She quickened her pace. "There it is! See, it says, 'Full Gospel Church.'"

From the time she was old enough to reason, Eileen Franklin had known she was different from most people. "Mother," she asked one day, "what's the matter with me? Why am I small, when my friends are so much bigger?"

Her mother's heart ached. "I don't know, darling; once in a while it happens that some children just stop growing."

"But I don't like to be little. The kids all laugh and call me 'shrimpie.'" The sorrowful mother attempted to comfort her weeping child with extra affection. But that didn't make it hurt much less.

Her teen-age dreams of love and marriage were sad and hopeless. If girls avoided her, how could she hope to have a young man attracted to—a dwarf!

Eileen's heart became a mangled mass of accumulated pain as daily she

pretended to ignore the jokes and stares of children, the pity of adults, and the coldness of schoolmates. How she despised her ugly body, squashed together into a broad, solid mass, no taller than an eight-year-old girl!

It was so difficult and inconvenient, living in an adult world with a child's body. When she sat, her short legs dangled uncomfortably. She had to stretch to reach anything placed at normal height. She wore children's shoes and altered adult clothes. But her greatest heartaches arose from the curious stares of people. She could hear the crunch of their heels as they passed, then turned for a second look. Life was a continual nightmare of humiliations.

So when Jim, a normal size adult, began to date her, she was overwhelmed with gratitude and quickly gave him her whole heart. Eileen never could see anything in his eyes but genuine love. The fact that he wasn't able to hold a job didn't disturb her. After they were married, she thought, it would be different.

It was different—far more so than she ever thought life could be. Her dream of a happy home in some quiet nook was roughly crushed one dreadful night, soon after their wedding.

"I've got a wonderful idea, Eileen," Jim proposed. "Why don't you get a job with a carnival? You can make money that way."

Disregarding her shocked expression, he cruelly proceeded. "A freak like you can't get any other kind of job. Wherever you go, people stare. Might as well get paid for it and make a living for both of us!"

Eileen was incredulous. Was that really Jim speaking? How could he be so unkind! Too hurt to speak, she wept heartbrokenly all day. When her grief subsided she looked into the mirror. Her face was pretty. She had a pleasant disposition and alert mind. But her deformed body—yes, Jim was right. She was grotesque, a freak.

Because she loved her husband, she yielded to his plan. Day after day she tried to convince herself he really loved her too. But it became obvious that he had married her just to make a living from her deformity.

Up and down the country they travelled, never settling down to normal family life. Their children were born while on the road. The dwarf mother contended with problems of child rearing under the difficult circumstances and cheap, gaudy environment of carnival and show life. Her husband became unfaithful and heartlessly cruel. Completely miserable, Eileen longed for a better way.

But no one helped or took a personal interest other than to stare. How she dreaded those stares! From her stunted childhood until now, she never could

get hardened to them. "I'm not made of wood," she lamented; "I'm a human being just like everyone else."

No one cared for Eileen's soul, nor ministered to her; so God, in His great mercy, did it Himself.

One day she lay on a cot in the hospital—sick, and afraid to die. In the night she dreamed Someone came to her and said, "I love you and would like to have you. I will come into your heart and give you peace. I will cleanse you from sin and make a way for you."

This Person was unspeakably lovely, and her whole being was drawn to Him. When she asked in her dream who He was, He showed His pierced hands and vanished.

Eileen thought her husband would be glad to hear of the dream, but he again disappointed her. "Nonsense," he sneered, "that's just your imagination." When she recovered, she longed to attend a gospel church to find the One with the nail pierced hands. But her husband continually thwarted her, for he knew that should she become converted, she would leave carnival life and he would lose his source of income.

Throughout their eighteen years of marriage, life became daily more intolerable. But as her wretchedness deepened, so did her hunger for God and her determination to find Him. At last came the opportunity.

It was on a bleak New Year's Eve when her husband went out to spend the night drinking and carousing. Too desperate to fear her husband's wrath, she announced to her oldest son, "Tonight we're going to church." Disregarding the cold and rain, they plunged into their quest for the church.

As they sat in the back row her son asked: "Is this church? What do we do here?"

"Hush," she replied; "this is where God is." Eagerly Eileen absorbed the service, the testimonies and songs. At the conclusion of a solo, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," she sobbed audibly.

The minister and his wife talked with the stranger, then asked: "Would you like to let Jesus come into your heart?"

"Oh, preacher," she cried, "I have wanted Him so long!" Forgetting everyone, she fell to her knees and wept her heart out, begging the Lord to cleanse her from sin and to give her peace in her soul.

Before long her face shone. "This is

the first time I have been happy in twenty years. Oh, God did hear my prayer! I knew He would, if only I could get into a church!"

Her experience of salvation was deep and transforming. Though she never before had read a Bible, she bought one and quickly read it through. Later she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

She left carnival life, and she and her husband got work in the oil fields. Recently Eileen again visited the little church where she found the Lord. She stayed a long time at the altar, seeking God. The minister was glad to find her still rejoicing in Christ and growing spiritually.

Perhaps there are people in your town who, because of some physical deformity, are lonesome and unhappy. Christ can do the same for them as He has done for Eileen. ◀◀



COMPLAINT

by Anne Sandberg

*I poured out my complaint before
Him—Psalm 142:2*

The road is rough;
I stumble oft
And fall beneath my load.
*Behold the path
I trod for thee
With stones and thorns is strewn.*

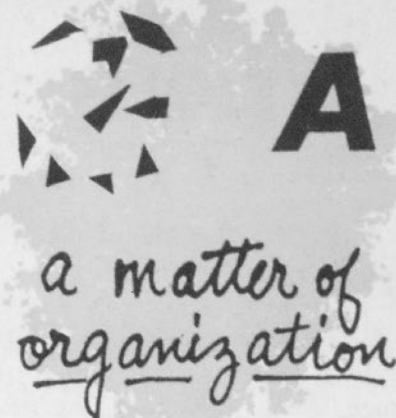
I live in homes
That are not mine,
A wand'rer all my days.
*The Son of Man
Had not a place
To lay His weary head.*

My friends have gone,
I am alone,
With none to love and cheer.
*I was alone—
My friends all fled—
My Father hid His face.*

But is there nought
To call my own—
Not one small bit of earth?
*Though I were rich
I poor became
And lay in borrowed grave.*

Not e'en myself?
May I claim that
To hold as mine alone?
*I paid the price
To purchase thee;
Thou can't not be thine own.*

But Lord, what is
There left for me,
My yearning heart to fill?
*I give Myself;
And having Me
Thou shalt find all thy need!*



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THIS PRESENT WORLD

New York City Campaign Gets Good Start

Billy Graham's New York City campaign has had a successful start. In the first five nights of the crusade the evangelist preached to 84,000 persons and recorded 3,570 conversions. After several nights of near-capacity crowds, the huge arena (Madison Square Garden) was packed with all 18,500 seats filled and hundreds of persons standing.

Seeing the huge crowds, the regular Garden attendants shook their heads and predicted it wouldn't last. But one thing has impressed them: the quiet orderly crowds aren't at all like the fight fans who flock to the fistic mecca.

The crusade has had unprecedented press coverage. One reporter said: "The crowd of 18,500 was remarkable in that this assault on the Satanic citadel of Broadway attracted people who would have been just as much at home at a PTA meeting in Scarsdale or Oyster Bay. There was a good, clean, solid look to those in the seats and those who came forward to repent." One newspaper predicted the crusade would continue through July and August.

New York City's millions don't all agree with Billy Graham and his message, but they do know he exists. And as Christian people pray, chances for a great revival in New York City appear promising.

"Cup of Cold Water" Poses Difficulties in New York

Billy Graham's New York crusade has encountered many difficulties more vexing than the "cup of cold water" incident, but none perhaps that received more publicity. It seems that the Stage-Hand Union threatened to picket the meetings because Crusade officials objected to paying \$300.00 per week for two men to deliver a pitcher of water each night for the speaker. The union insisted that the platform on which Mr. Graham speaks is a stage, and that the two men should receive \$150 each for delivering the water pitcher. But Crusade officials said the speaker didn't want the water.

Eventually the crusade committee gave in, to avoid picketing. They didn't want anyone to be kept away from Christ by a picket line! So, the two union members gallantly place a pitcher of water on the speaker's stand each night to earn their \$300.00—even though Billy Graham doesn't drink it!

Australian Evangelicals Organize

Evangelicals in Australia have organized under the name of the Australian Evangelical Alliance, according to *United Evangelical Action*. The AEA has voted to apply for membership in the World Evangelical Fellowship and will open an office with a fulltime staff.

Southern Presbyterians Report Membership Record

Membership in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) reached an all-time high of 832,932 in 1956. William M. Elliot, Jr., pastor in Dallas, Texas was elected moderator of the denomination at its 97th General Assembly.

Protestants Experience Rapid Growth in South Korea

According to an official of the National Council of Churches, Protestants in South Korea are experiencing rapid numerical growth. He reported that the total Protestant constituency in South Korea has doubled in the past three and one-half years and now has reached 1,324,000. There are approximately 250,000 Catholics in that country.

As an example of Protestant growth in South Korea, the official pointed to the city of Taegu where there were only seven Presbyterian churches in 1940. Today the city has 170 churches, the majority of which are Presbyterian. South Korea is "one country in Asia that could become a Christian nation in the foreseeable future," he said. "Buddhism and Shamanism are no longer very strong" in that land.

ABS Experiments with Inexpensive Phonographs

"How shall they hear . . . ?" One answer to this scriptural question is being provided through an experiment conducted by the American Bible Society in Pakistan, Liberia, and Mexico. In these widely-separated countries, the Society is bringing the gospel to illiterate and semiliterate peoples by a new, inexpensive phonograph. The phonograph, which costs less than a dollar and operates by hand turning rather than a motor or spring, is accompanied by records which give Bible readings. The absence of a spring mechanism permits the phonograph to be operated in tropical climates without danger of breakdown. The recordings, of course, are in translations suitable for the people of each area.

Alliance Contributes Record Sum to Missions

More than 1,000 delegates attended the annual meeting of the Christian and Missionary Alliance held at Charlotte, North Carolina, in May. They learned that a record \$3,718,668 was contributed to the work of the Alliance during 1956. About 60 per cent of this went for missions.

President H. L. Turner of New York reported that during the past year the Alliance sent 103 new missionaries into 22 foreign fields. He stated that the number of active missionaries abroad was now 786.

Le-van-Thai, president of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, was the featured speaker at the convention. Speaking through an interpreter, he praised the work of the Alliance in his country, where it is the only Protestant mission group.

Regular Baptists Ask Ban on Liquor Advertising

A resolution calling for a ban on liquor advertising was adopted by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches at its 25th anniversary convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Citing an all-time high in juvenile crime, the statement protested the "promotional schemes of the liquor industry in the use of newspapers, magazines, billboards, radio, and TV to glamorize the use of intoxicating liquors." It urged the enactment of laws "to stop the spread of the disease of alcoholism."

Six out of Ten Arrests Are Alcohol-Related

The Methodist Board of Temperance says that six out of every ten arrests in the U.S. during the past year were related to alcohol. Citing the F.B.I. "Uniform Crime Reports," the Board noted that 1,231,578 out of the 2,070,794 arrests reported by the police resulted from drunkenness, disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated, and liquor law violations. Said Caradine A. Hooton, general secretary of the Board: "Alcohol has been a major contributing factor of the highest crime rate in the nation's history, playing a roll in many thousands of other arrests for murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, and other serious offenses."

Safety Council Honors New Jersey Clergymen

The National Safety Council has given a citation to "the clergy of New Jersey" for their "outstanding contribution in 1956 to traffic safety." An official said most of the 3,000 ministers, priests, and rabbis in New Jersey gave sermons and addresses on individual moral responsibility in driving. He said this active co-operation from the clergy was "a major factor in determining New Jersey's favorable traffic safety record for 1956."

TV Experiences Rapid Growth

In a few years, television has experienced an almost phenomenal growth. Today there are 845 television stations and 56 million TV sets in the world. The U.S. alone has 496 of these stations and 42 million sets. Most of the leisure time of many families is spent in front of the TV screen. What a pity that so few of the programs bring any spiritual uplift to the viewers.

More Teachers Graduating This Month

The 1957 report of the National Education Association states that 107,452 qualified teachers are being graduated this month, representing a 10 per cent gain over last year. However, the nation's public schools could use an additional 120,000 teachers this year. This certainly is a great opportunity for qualified Christian young people. Christian teachers in our public schools, by their example, can exert a powerful influence on American youth.

Rules Pre-Marital Religious Agreements Not Binding

A superior court judge in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has handed down what may prove to be a historic ruling on the pre-nuptial contracts which must be signed by non-Catholics who are married to Roman Catholics by a priest. These agreements by which non-Catholics promise to raise their children as Catholics cannot be legally enforced in Connecticut, according to Judge Charles H. House.

Judge House based his decision on a provision of the State Constitution which declares that "no person shall by law be compelled to join or support . . . any congregation, church, or religious association."

Connecticut's first test case of the legality of the pre-nuptial religious contracts involved a West Hartford couple—the husband a Roman Catholic and the wife a Methodist. Marital difficulties caused them to separate, and the husband, while admitting the fitness of the wife to care for the couple's three children, demanded custody so they could be reared as Catholics.

Judge House, however awarded custody to the mother and ruled that she could not legally be held to the pre-marital pact. Said the judge: "In a dispute relating to custody, religious views afford no ground for removing children from the custody of a parent otherwise qualified."



WORRELL NEW TESTAMENT NOW READY—The first copy of the recently-reprinted Worrell New Testament was presented to Ralph M. Riggs, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, by David Johnston, manager of the Merchandising Division of the Gospel Publishing House, printing division of the denomination. Pictured above are (left to right): J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God and Executive Director of the Publications Department; Ralph M. Riggs; David Johnston; and J. O. Harrell, General Manager of the Gospel Publishing House.

The translation is the work of the late Dr. A. S. Worrell, eminent Greek scholar of Chicago. It was first issued in 1904 by the American Baptist Publication Society. However, Dr. Worrell later willed the plates to the Assemblies of God.

The Worrell New Testament was considerably in demand for Bible study purposes at one time. It is an accurate translation and also contains helpful notes by the author.

The publication of the Worrell New Testament marks a milestone for the Gospel Publishing House, since this is the first complete New Testament it has printed. (Photo by Mignard)

Dancing Is Heated Issue at Baptist College

The action of the Wake Forest College trustees to permit dancing on the campus has led to loud protests from many pastors and parents. The North Carolina College is a Southern Baptist institution. A number of individual churches have threatened to withdraw financial support of the school unless the action is rescinded.

Roman Catholics Report Membership Increase

Roman Catholics in the U.S. and its territories now number 34,563,851, an increase of 989,834 in the past year, according to the Official Catholic Directory for 1957. While most of the increase came through normal population growth, there were 141,525 adult baptisms (converts to Catholicism) in the year, the Directory states.

California Senate Turns Down Motto Honoring God

The California Senate, by a vote of 20-7, killed a bill which would have made "In God We Trust" the official state motto. Opponents of the bill said California already has a motto "Eureka," which means, "I have found it." This motto was put on the state seal a hundred years ago as a symbol of the discovery of gold in California. Once again gold takes precedence over God.

Large Group of Mennonites to Return to Canada

More than 300 Mennonite families who left Canada thirty years ago to settle in Mexico have decided to return to the north. Apparently never too happy in Mexico, they have obtained permission from the Canadian government to immigrate and settle on a 60,000-acre tract of land on the Black Rock River in northern Ontario. The 1,600 members will comprise the largest Mennonite community in Canada.

Good Advice for Worriers

Quote of the week: "When you get all wrinkled up with care and worry, it's a good time to get your faith lifted."

Juvenile Delinquency - or Adult?

BY CAPTAIN CONRAD E. JENSEN

New York City Police Department

AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN the New York City Police Department, I can truly say I've seen juvenile delinquency in every conceivable form, and would like to offer the only solution to the problem as I see it.

The expression, "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree," is altogether true. The Bible tells us to "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). There can be no proper training without discipline. On this point the Word of God is very explicit: "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18).

In order to train anyone, the instructor himself must be trained. It is not difficult to understand why young people become indifferent to law and order when they have seen their parents flout regulations and criticize authority. The father who "beats" a parking meter in the presence of his child should not be surprised when his offspring goes him one better into more serious violations.

God has placed the responsibility of raising the young in the hands of the parents—not the police, or the school, or the church. Modern psychology, "progressive methods," and "self-expression" are of little value when a youngster is faced with the decision of joining the gang or turning "chicken." With nothing better than the admonition, "Now you be a good boy," to fortify him, how can a boy fight the ridicule and scorn of his companions when he

refuses to commit a crime as his passport into the gang?

Not until the parents see their obligation to keep the law can we expect the children to follow suit. Busy parents, working mothers, and prosperity have all played a part in the indifferent attitude of many people to the law of the land. The short-circuiting of justice by neighborhood "politicians," the telephone call to the "right party," and the complete indifference by many to our gambling laws has hampered much of our law enforcement. The Bible declares: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

Americans need to re-examine the foundations of our wonderful country and compare them with their own views. Convenience has taken the place of conscience. No longer do we fight for our freedoms. The "pursuit of happiness" seems to be reduced to what a dollar can buy. Crime costs America billions of dollars a year. We spend twice as much money on liquor as we do on schools. Certainly our youth needs God, but who will point the way to him? Their parents have been either willfully ignorant of God's claim on their lives, or have been busy "building a better world." At a time when more Amer-

icans are enrolled in church than ever before, we find an increase also in the number of crimes committed by our young people.

In John 14:6, the Lord Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." In order to come God's way, we must acknowledge Christ and receive Him as our Saviour. Then, as parents, we must "take" our children to a gospel-preaching church—not "send" them.

Bible reading and prayer in the family circle at home will do more to halt juvenile delinquency than all the agencies now at work. In Proverbs 3:5, 6 we find these words: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." How do we "acknowledge" God? By believing on Jesus Christ whom God sent. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:11, 12).

The answer to juvenile delinquency cannot be found in a program, but in a person—Jesus Christ. Won't you trust Him now as your Saviour?

—Courtesy American Tract Society, NYC



Cartoon by
Jack Hamm

An Important Number

Here is a mathematical problem based on numbers found in the Bible. The number you will get as an answer is important to the Assemblies of God. What is that number and why is it important?

* * *

Take the number of years in a millennium. Add the number of men slain at one time by Adino (2 Samuel 23:8).

Divide by the number of days Jonah was in the belly of the great fish (Jonah 1:17).

Add the number of left-handed men of the tribe of Benjamin who could sling stones accurately (Judges 20:16).

Divide by the number of years it took Solomon to build his house (1 Kings 7:1).

Multiply by the number of days Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness (Mark 1:13).

Add the number of men in the army of Zerah, the Ethiopian who came against King Asa (2 Chron. 14:9).

Subtract the number of men in King Asa's army at this time (2 Chron. 14:8).

Divide by the number of years the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness after Moses led them out of Egypt (Numbers 14:33).

Subtract the number of Solomon's wives (1 Kings 11:3).

Add the number of Solomon's concubines (1 Kings 11:3).

Divide by the number of the sons of Jacob (Gen. 35:22).

Multiply by the number of years of famine in Egypt in the time of Joseph (Gen. 45:6).

Subtract the number of stalls for horses and chariots that King Solomon had (2 Chron. 9:25).

Subtract the number of years that the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda had been sick before Jesus healed him (John 5:5).

Add the number of men Joshua sent to spy out Jericho (Joshua 2:1).

If your arithmetic is correct, your answer will be a number that is important to the Assemblies of God. Why?

ANSWER: 1914—the year the Assemblies of God was founded in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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His be the Victor's name,
Who fought the fight alone!
Triumphant saints no honor claim—
His conquest was their own.

By weakness and defeat
He won the meed and crown,
Trod all our foes beneath His feet
By being trodden down.

Bless, bless the Conqueror slain—
Slain in His victory.
He lived; He died; He lives again,
For thee, His Church, for thee.

Author Unknown.



Our Family Altar

Monday, June 24

Read: John 11:1-19

Learn: "Jesus... said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby" (John 11:4).

For the Parent: The first three lessons for this week deal with the death and resurrection of Lazarus. Point out (1) he was a good friend of Jesus; (2) Jesus told His disciples that this sickness was so that God might be glorified; (3) the primary purpose of divine healing is the glory of God.

Question Time: Who were the sisters of Lazarus? (v. 1) For what other thing is Mary noted? (v. 2) What did Jesus tell His disciples when He heard of the sickness?

Tuesday, June 25

Read: John 11:20-37

Learn: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee" (John 11:28).

For the Parent: Review yesterday's lesson. Point out (1) the fact that Lazarus had died; (2) the sorrow of Mary and Martha; (3) the love that Jesus had for Lazarus. Stress the memory verse above, pointing out the necessity of our answering Christ when He calls us.

Question Time: What was one of the first things Jesus said to Martha? (v. 23) How do we know that Jesus had a great love for Lazarus? (vv. 35, 36) Do you think Jesus loved Lazarus more than He loves us?

Wednesday, June 26

Read: John 11:38-53

Learn: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

For the Parent: Have the group review the story of Lazarus thus far. Then point out the miracle that took place as Jesus raised him from the dead by His word. Also point out that many believed on Jesus because of this miracle, but the rulers of the Jews began to plot to put Jesus to death.

Question Time: How long had Lazarus been dead? (v. 39) What was the prayer Jesus prayed? (vv. 41, 42) Then what did He do? (v. 43) What happened? (v. 44)

Thursday, June 27

Read: Acts 18:24-28; 1 Corinthians 3:4-9

Learn: "We are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Apollos, the Eloquent Preacher" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The characteristics of Apollos are a guide for us today. Notice that he was: (1) mighty in the scriptures; (2) fervent in Spirit—he was set aflame by the good news he carried; (3) bold in speaking—not afraid to witness for His Lord; (4) teachable.

Question Time: What are some of the characteristics of Apollos mentioned in this lesson? (Acts 18:24-28) How can we have these characteristics in our lives?

Friday, June 28

Read: John 21:1-14 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "We... do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

For the Parent: This lesson is an account of one of the appearances of Christ to His disciples after He arose from the dead. Recall the story of the disciples' fishing trip. Show how they obeyed the command of Christ (v. 6) even though they had fished all night and caught nothing. This desire to please Jesus brought them great blessing.

Question Time: What happened to the disciples because they obeyed Jesus? (v. 6) What lesson do you see in this?

Saturday, June 29

Read: Numbers 11:4-24, 31-34. (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed" (1 Cor. 10:10).

For the Parent: This passage graphically tells the story of people who grumbled. God gave them their request, but He also sent judgment upon them, and many of them died. Christians should never murmur and complain. Instead we should thank God for all things.

Question Time: About what thing were the Israelites murmuring at this time? (vv. 4-6) How did God send them meat? (v. 31) What else did He do? (v. 33) Why do you think He did this?



The Young Man's Hotel, Hardoi

Appeal Is Answered

A Note of Thanks to "Evangel" Readers

by EDNA WAGENKNECHT, HARDOI, INDIA

April twenty-fifth is a day that will be long remembered in the Bible Training School in Hardoi, India. Early in the morning, our former Superintendent, Sidney Bryant, drove over from Lucknow with a number of our missionaries. A few hours later he put through the purchase of the Young Men's Hostel. How we thank God and all of the "Evangel" readers who responded so generously to the appeal and made it possible for us to purchase this property. Thirty-three thousand square feet of land and the building which houses the young men are now ours. We hope to be able to make improvements and enlarge the dormitory space for the students in the near future.

The property is located at the edge of the city garden which has lovely walks, a small pond and nice trees. Here our students can walk for their recreation, or sit on the grass or benches and study their lessons. To one side is the old English graveyard, a quiet place for study. But inside their quarters all is not quiet! Night after night we can hear them from about a block away, as they sing and praise the Lord during their devotions.

At 4:30 p.m. our congregation and visitors gathered in the school chapel for the graduation program. The platform was banked with lovely potted plants and maiden hair ferns. Along the altar rail between the pots of fern were vases with large white amarillas, a beautiful setting for our graduates all dressed in white. There were twenty-five this time, fifteen young men and ten young ladies, the largest class thus far.

In the graduating class were five young men from Nepal. Some of them found the Lord as their Saviour only a few years ago, but now they are ready to go back into that dark land with the message of salvation and hope for their people.

Some of the graduates were formerly boys and girls in our orphanages. Now they are grown up and prepared with a knowledge of His Word and an in-filling of the precious Holy Spirit to go forth wherever He may lead. Some had come to us from other mission groups. As they sang, "Pray for your part in the harvest, leave what He asks you to leave," our prayer was, "Lord, do Thou go before, and may

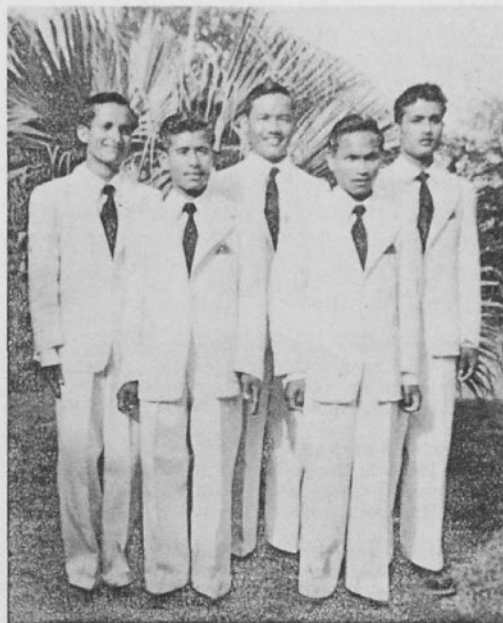
they follow and be true until Thy return."

A week later three groups left for evangelistic work during the summer. Two groups of the young men have gone up to the mountains to work among the hill village people in places where the Name of Jesus is little known or entirely unknown. One group has gone to Nepal, hoping to get into the interior where souls are still waiting for the gospel. Two of our young ladies will leave shortly to begin ministry in different sections of this province. We know God has a place for each one. Do please hold them up in prayer that God will use them.

Applications are coming in almost daily for the new school term which is to open in August. We are looking to God to choose those whom He would have to come and learn His Word. We trust by that time to have our dear Marguerite Flint with us once more. It was a great disappointment to all of us that she could not be with us on graduation day, due to her illness.



Graduates and staff



Nepal for Christ

Scattered Abroad

by EVELYN HATCHETT, Penang, Malaya

Within recent months a number of our young people have gone away from our church either for further studies or for the purpose of employment.

Just this morning one of our young men that has been away came into the office. He is teaching in a Chinese school in Klang and is very happy in his work. He said that even though we do not have an Assemblies of God church there, he has been going to church. "God has been so good to me. He has CARED for me." He said this with much feeling, and well he might—for when he was first contacted he was in the General Hospital here in Penang with T.B. But God healed him, saved him, and made it possible for him to continue his schooling. He was baptized with the first group here in Penang.

Another letter came from one of our Christians who has gone to Australia to school. He writes that he is so "proud to be a Christian." He has found our Pentecostal church there,

and even though he must walk some distance he was planning to attend every Sunday.

A letter from a young Indian girl in Rangoon says, "I am continuing to read the Holy Bible."

From Hong Kong comes the news of our young lady Bible student: "Kwan Yuk is doing fine, and we find ourselves wanting to keep her in Hong Kong, but we know that she must return to Penang to help in the work there."

Another of our young men has gone to Singapore to Teacher's Training College.

We miss them all, and wish they could continue with us here in the church, but we rejoice also that the arm of our church can reach out to these other places. We are praying that these young people (and others too) who are "scattered abroad" may stay true to the Lord, and be a witness to others of the joy of the Christian life. Will you pray for them too?

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kensinger of Costa Rica have arrived on furlough. They can be reached at 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

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The Cyle Davises of Chile have reached the U. S. on furlough. Their present address is 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

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Ralph D. Williams wishes to announce a change of address. It is now Apartado 99, Santa Ana, Rep. de El Salvador, Central America.

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Sybil H. Geisinger left for North India on May 16 where she will be teaching at the Woodstock School in Mussoorie.



The Clan Chief

by R. J. RENFROE, Liberia

We had a most encouraging fellowship conference back at Wolata among the Jokwelli clan of the Kpelle people. It was a real thrill to hear our teaching of the first short session Bible School being reflected in the sermons of the various preachers.

One of the amazing things about the conference was the interest taken by the Clan Chief. We have been praying for this man for years. He has been the leading figure in the persecution of our Christians in that area. The persecutions became so violent and the disruption of our services so great at one time in 1952, that we reported him to the Department of Interior. Of course, this did nothing to endear us to him! But his hand in the affairs

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,478.02	N. Texas	7,893.70
Appalachian	634.94	Northwest	18,064.95
Arizona	1,874.43	Ohio	9,142.75
Arkansas	3,088.54	Oklahoma	13,681.81
Eastern	12,048.78	Oregon	9,829.88
Georgia	1,749.52	Polish Br.	24.00
German Br.	1,056.18	Potomac	5,227.62
Greek Br.	19.00	Rocky Mtn.	7,405.81
Hungarian Br.	605.00	S. Carolina	352.85
Illinois	8,781.06	S. Dakota	1,328.05
Indiana	3,489.62	S. Florida	4,863.87
Italian Br.	422.40	S. Texas	6,784.79
Kansas	5,639.50	S. California	29,349.33
Kentucky	422.30	S. Idaho	2,684.34
Lat. Amer. Br.	1,180.80	S. Missouri	8,653.09
Louisiana	1,735.94	Tennessee	1,841.79
Michigan	14,022.60	Ukrainian Br.	38.92
Minnesota	15,285.05	W. Central	4,885.99
Mississippi	832.47	W. Florida	2,115.83
Montana	3,089.57	W. Texas	2,904.80
Nebraska	2,420.30	Wis.-N. Mich.	6,242.61
New England	4,772.61	Wyoming	515.96
New Jersey	8,064.84	Alaska	85.42
New Mexico	1,555.32	Canada	433.85
New York	7,427.63	Hawaii	115.78
N. Carolina	1,313.69	Foreign	450.00
N. Dakota	3,109.47	Miscellaneous	25.00
N. Calif.-Nev.	18,926.24		
Total Amount Reported			\$270,989.62
District Funds	\$12,656.12		
National Home Missions	3,151.48		
Office Expense	4,211.68		
Given Direct to Missions	44,468.37		64,487.65
Received for Council Missionaries		\$206,501.97	
Received for Non-Council Missionaries		3,168.93	
Offerings not allocated to any State		67,481.20	
Total Receipts			\$277,152.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$120,520.85
Missionary Equipment	51,314.77
Missionary Work	55,717.06
National Workers Abroad	7,711.38
Buildings in Foreign Lands	24,691.54
Missionary Transportation	53,863.00
	\$313,818.60
Transferred from "Hold" Accounts	36,666.50
	\$277,152.10

of the conference was apparent from the beginning of our trek on the trail (we had a twenty-five mile all-day hike from the road) clear through to the end of the conference. The trail was all newly cleaned, with new logs laid in the swamps and across the streams, a new ferry float on one large river, a new house for me to occupy in the town, and he had "imported" a civilized Liberian woman to cook for us. Instead of the usual rice and palm oil, palm butter, and pepper soup, he had brought in canned vegetables, Irish potatoes, butter, and we had freshly-baked bread each day. The Chief attended every service while we were in town, and even knelt down when we prayed! I am sure that he is close to the Kingdom, but I do not feel that he has come all the way yet. Pray for him!

The Thirsty River People

BY EDNA GRIEPP

THE GILA RIVER RESERVATION IS the home of 6,000 Pima Indian people. Driving onto the Reservation from nearby towns, we pass beautiful groves of citrus fruit, many acres of cotton, and other well-irrigated crops.

But as soon as we leave the white man's land, we pass many acres of uncultivated land, parched and dry under the merciless desert sun.

Ironically, the Pima Reservation is named after the Gila (pronounced Heela) River which once ran through it, the only living stream in hundreds of miles of desert country. The word "Pima" itself designates this tribe as "river people." Now the dry river bed mocks the name, for the water has been drawn off into reservoirs or irrigation ditches, most of it to be used elsewhere.

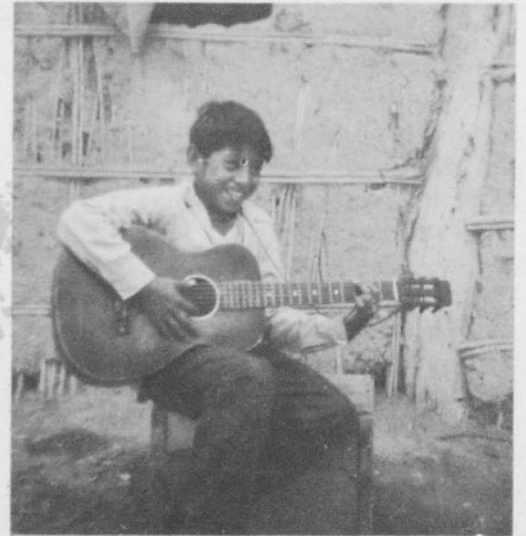
Once the Pimas were able to dig their own wells very simply, but since large commercial wells have been dug on the white man's land to grow the many crops, the water level has become very low. Now barrels of water must be hauled on wagons and trucks for family use on the reservation.

But we who are concerned for the souls of men have found not only the land dry, but spiritual life as well. There is a dearth of the Water of Life. One Pima lady in our church at Casa Blanca testifies:

"Not until about 1950 did I hear that one could be saved and have the joy of the Lord. Never before had I heard of the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost, and that I could take Jesus as my Healer and coming King! It was while my husband and I were employed at a jail that a white man came to preach the full gospel to the folk in jail and I first heard this good news. Oh! how happy I was to know that I could clap my hands, sing and shout, even in church. Many years before, I had heard about God, but never before did I understand or believe that Jesus actually loved me enough to die for my sins.

"Later we drove off the reservation to white churches to learn more of the happy way to serve the Lord. Finally, a white man came to my house to preach. My husband was then saved. Some relatives opposed me, but later some were saved."

In 1953 the first Assemblies of God



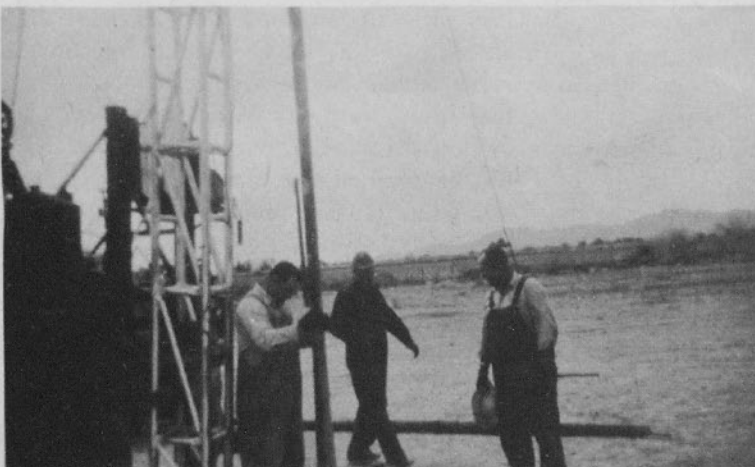
This happy Pima boy plays his guitar for Jesus in the little sandwich church of Casa Blanca.

missionaries (Brother and Sister Caleb Smith, who lived in Chandler) drove out to Casa Blanca to hold services.

Meetings were held in brush arbors during the summer months and in small and crowded homes during the winter months. Some were saved, and the seed was sown, but still there was no suitable building for a place of worship on the entire reservation. Brother and Sister Smith left to labor elsewhere.

For a while the Indians carried on as best they could by themselves, and later were able to obtain a piece of land for the purpose of erecting a church.

The Indians, with very little outside help, built the church themselves. Water was hauled in and mud was made out of the desert soil. The ladies mixed the mud and packed it in between the boards to make the "sandwich church," while the men did much



J. K. Gressett, left, with Pastor Terry Smith and L. D. Owen drilling a well at Casa Blanca.



The Pima Congregation at Casa Blanca on the Gila River Reservation.

of the building. Not a skilled carpenter was around to make even as much as a window frame.

Brother and Sister C. E. Teagle were the missionaries at this time and did what they could while employed to support themselves.

The little building is truly crude, but after being without a place of worship for so long a time the Christians give testimonies like this: "I praise and thank my Lord for giving us this place of worship."

For lack of a well and a parsonage, the missionaries have not been able to work as successfully as they would like. Then, too, many of the Christians come in from quite a distance and water is badly needed to quench their thirst, as well as for coolers and other conveniences, especially during the intense summer heat.

Last September the District Superintendent, J. K. Gressett, along with Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, visited most of the Indian Missions in Arizona. They saw the need of a well at several missions, including Casa Blanca.

Later Brother Gressett, along with Terry L. Smith, pastor of Glendale First Assembly, purchased a second-hand well digger. Today another prayer is being answered as a well is being dug at Casa Blanca.

Will you pray with us that the Pimas might also receive an abundant supply of the Water of Life?

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Offerings for Indian Missions should be so designated and sent to

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 W. PACIFIC STREET
Springfield 1, Missouri



Pima Indian pastor, Leslie Sampson, with his family at their church at Laveen on the Gila River Reservation

Reaching Pimas for Christ

The Indian Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona, reaches Indian people of many tribes. Mrs. Clarence Washburn (who, with her husband, opened the church a number of years ago) resigned as pastor early this year. The Washburns have opened a work south of Phoenix among the Yaqui Indians at Guadalupe.

The Phoenix work continues under the ministry of Brother and Sister L. E. Davis. Mrs. Davis writes as follows concerning the work:

"We count it a real privilege to work on the Pima Reservation near Phoenix. Most of our congregation are Pimas; however, we have a number of other tribes represented in the Phoenix Indian Assembly. Indian folk from other tribes and reservations come to Phoenix either to work, attend the government boarding school, or because relatives are here in the large Indian Hospital. It gives us many opportunities to reach Indians with the gospel.

"We have an outstation at Laveen, on the Gila River Reservation, and also one on the Salt River Reservation, reaching the Pima and Maricopa Indians with the message of Christ.

"Brother Leslie Sampson, one of our fine Pima Indian boys, pastors the Laveen Indian Assembly. He is a wonderful help here in the Phoenix Church also. Tuesday nights we unite our efforts in a prayer meeting at Laveen. On Wednesday nights we worship here at Phoenix Indian Assembly. We also go to Salt River, where we reach Pima Indians from both Salt River and Lehi Reservations. Recently we have had a good number of Maricopa Indians attending these services.

"Easter Sunday we had a great Homecoming Day. Indians and missionaries from Casa Blanca, Laveen, Guadalupe, and Phoenix worshiped the Risen

Pioneer Church Becomes Truly Pentecostal

In August of 1955 Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Creek pioneered a new church in West Belleville, Illinois. There were 16 present in the first Sunday School session, and now the attendance averages about 50.

In spite of encouraging growth in the past months, no one in the congregation had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit until recently. Feeling the need for an outpouring of the Spirit, the pastor invited Evangelist Lela B. Haycock to come for special meetings. Inasmuch as she had volunteered to conduct at least one campaign this year in a pioneer church under the program instituted by the Department of Evangelism, she felt this was her call for that service.

The eager hopes for a visitation of God were fully realized the very first Sunday when four were filled with the Spirit. During the two weeks, ten were filled and six who had come from elsewhere were refilled. Two individuals were also genuinely saved.

All that came regularly to the services were either baptized in the Holy Spirit or refilled. Everyone who tarried was filled! The church is now, indeed, a Pentecostal church!

Christ together. It was a time of fellowship and blessing for all who attended. We were conscious of the presence of our risen Saviour.

"We thank God for all our Indian people, who have left superstition and darkness to come into the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. However, many are still bound by superstition and evil habits. We covet your prayers for these lost souls. We want to be faithful in winning them to Christ."



Missionary-pastors, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis at Phoenix Indian Assembly

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



APOLLOS, THE ELOQUENT PREACHER

Sunday School Lesson for June 30, 1957

ACTS 18:24-28; 1 CORINTHIANS 3:4-9

Our lesson is the combined story of an admirable and noble preacher and of a faithful and loving couple of Christian workers. Such a combination always brings about the kind of spiritual results which are seen in our lesson today!

APOLLOS THE PREACHER (Acts 18:24, 25)

His Background. Alexandria in Egypt was noted for its intellectual and cultural attainments. It was also the dwelling place of thousands of Jews of the highest type. From this city came Apollos, "an eloquent man," that is, a highly educated and brilliant man with unusual oratorical ability. But he was more than that—he was a good man as well. For only a godly man could be described as "mighty in the scriptures." No amount of natural ability will make one "mighty in the scriptures," in the scriptural sense of the term!

His Zeal. "This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John" (v. 25, ASV). Here was a man with an incomplete gospel, a fragmentary message. Having evidently lived so long in Alexandria, into which the full gospel had not yet penetrated. Apollos knew only John's gospel of repentance. Repentance prepares the way to saving faith, but is no substitute for it. Nevertheless, the zeal and fervor of Apollos, in living up to the light he had, puts to shame many of us who are far more enlightened!

APOLLOS HELPED (Acts 18:26)

His Helpers. "But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately" (ASV). Oh, that the church today were filled with Christian workers like these. They were able not only to detect the spiritual defects in Apollos, but also to lead him into a deeper experience with God. Had we been in their place what would we have done? Says Alexander Whyte, "We would have let the whole congregation see what we thought of Apollos. We would have shifted about in our seat. We would have looked at the clock . . . and so on, till it would have all been told to Apollos, and till we had ruined our influence with him, and his influence with us and our children forever." Instead, this truly consecrated couple exercised Spirit-inspired tact, courage, and love, and so were able to give spiritual help to a man who, in turn, would bring blessing to many others.

His Teachableness. If Aquila and Priscilla are to be commended for spiritual helpfulness to Apollos, then so is he to be commended for his own beautiful modesty and humility. Men of ability are frequently contemptuous of others who are less gifted and educated than themselves. Apollos, however, exhibited that teachableness of spirit

which is a prerequisite to growth and progress in God. Very blessed indeed are those who are teachable!

His Vision. "And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him" (v. 27, ASV). As a result of the instruction received from Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos undoubtedly received Christian baptism and was filled with the Spirit. New light and a new experience in God made him even more eager to share his blessings with others. When it became evident that he was burdened by the Lord for the city of Corinth, his Christian friends commended him to the saints in that city. The ministry of encouragement—how blessed it is! Not only is it sorely needed, but available to the least of us today!

GOD-GIVEN INCREASE (Acts 18:27, 28; 1 Cor. 3:4-9)

That Apollos was greatly used of God in Corinth is evident. Concerning his ministry to the saints there, we read that he "helped them much." Others had helped him; now he, under God, helps other saints. This is as it should be.

"He mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ." Where Paul's efforts among the Jews of Corinth had been relatively fruitless, those of Apollos were crowned with success. Strange? Not so! Different men have different ministries! Paul and Apollos both recognized this fact, and it is evident that they valued each other's ministry! Writing to the Corinthians, to whom both Apollos and Paul had ministered, the latter wrote: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Space forbids further comment on 1 Corinthians 3:4-9, but let every minister and every layman who would see Pentecost perpetuated take these verses carefully to heart!

—J. Bashford Bishop

A WINNING TEAM





HEALING TESTIMONIES

"I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE" (EXODUS 15:26)

Heart Valves Function Again

Many people are willing to believe that miracles happened in Bible days, but they don't think they happen today. Others believe in divine healing for other people, but not for themselves. I was one of the latter.

I had been examined by my local doctor, by several doctors at a good clinic, and by a specialist at Indianapolis; and finally I spent a week at a hospital in Philadelphia. There I had X rays and all the advanced tests to show exactly how bad my heart was.

One of the greatest heart surgeons in the United States finally told me the facts. He said three valves in my heart were almost entirely closed, and there was a hole that needed to be closed. He told me that surgery would be risky, but said he would operate if I wished him to do so.

I had been going downhill for two years and had been looking forward to having this operation, in hope of being well again. But when the time came to give my decision I changed my mind. I don't know why. I decided to go home and await my Master's call to join Him in my heavenly home.

That was in October 1955. I was getting weaker daily. By March 1956 I realized that my time was getting short. I spent three-fourths of my time in bed; and even small tasks, such as combing my hair, tired me greatly.

Then one night in March my uncle and his wife brought their pastor over to talk to me and pray for me. After they left I felt grateful that they had thought enough of me to come over here and pray for me, but I didn't expect to be healed.

However, the next morning I began noticing changes. I could move about without my heart hammering like a

drum. As days went by I was continually getting stronger. I was a little afraid to rush into things, but I gradually started doing things I hadn't been able to do for over two years. My friends are amazed at the change in me. Thank God, He has healed my heart.—Mrs. Thelma Van Tickelt, R. R. 1, Lynn, Indiana.

(Endorsed by J. W. Jordan, Pastor, First Assembly, Hartford City, Indiana. He says, "This testimony is true. I was the pastor, and a group from the church were with me in her home.")

Gall Bladder Healed

I praise God for His marvelous grace in working a miracle of healing in my body.

In October 1956 I went to the hospital as the result of a gall bladder attack. There I was X-rayed and I learned the seriousness of my condition. My gall bladder had become completely inactive, and my doctor told me that this could result in trouble with my liver. The date for surgery was set for several weeks ahead.

I was prayed for at a meeting in our church. From that day on I realized an improvement in my condition. Weeks went on, and I felt still better. New energy came to me that I had not had in months. My appetite also improved. I ate just about anything I wanted, and gained weight.

A few days before the date for surgery I called my doctor to cancel my appointment. He insisted that my condition was no better, and that I should come in to be X-rayed so that I would see just how serious my condition still was. I agreed to this.

I was X-rayed the next morning, and that night the doctor called me. He said that he and those in the X-ray

lab could not understand what they saw as they compared my late X rays with the ones made five months before (October 1956). He said that the recovery was miraculous and that my gall bladder was functioning perfectly. Surgery, he said was definitely not necessary.

I will ever praise the Lord for what He has done for me.—Mrs. Virgil Cobb, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

(Endorsed by D. J. McKinney, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly, Lake Charles, Louisiana.)

Tumor Leaves

Last year I became sick and was put in the hospital. When X rays were taken one doctor said I had a tumor, and another thought I had cancer. When I heard this I began to pray. My pastor, Allen W. Dean, came and we prayed together, and I know the Lord Jesus really touched my body. After that my coughing was greatly reduced, and I was able to rest. On the Saturday before Christmas I was allowed to go home, with the understanding that I was to come back to the hospital later for surgery.

On Sunday, December 30, 1956, I attended the morning church service and asked for prayer. Thank God, as hands were laid on me I was instantly healed. I am still rejoicing over His healing power.—Annie Padgett, Rt. 1, Box 340A, Wallace, North Carolina.

(Endorsed by Allen W. Dean, Pastor, Penderlea Assembly, Willard, North Carolina. He states: "The growth Sister Padgett speaks of was on the tube leading to the lung, and caused her a great deal of pain and coughing.

"About the first of February Sister Padgett got sick and expelled something that looked like a piece of flesh. She took it to the doctor, and he sent it away for examination. The report came back that it was the tumor.

"Now she is working in a factory, besides doing all her housework. She has no pain or coughing and feels fine. She is happy and tells of her healing everywhere she goes. She never had the scheduled operation.")

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



The Sand of the Seashore

BY J. H. J. BARKER

ALL NATURE SPEAKS OF THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE. THE BLESSINGS HE SENDS TO HUMBLE HEARTS ARE AS NUMBERLESS AS THE SAND OF THE SEASHORE.

IT IS VERY EVIDENT THAT THE WRITERS of Holy Scripture knew the kind of illustrations to use when they wished to convey the impression of immense numbers. The most frequent use of the term "sand" is in connection with large numbers. For example, in Genesis 22, verse 17, God says to Abraham, "I will multiply thy seed as the sand which is upon the seashore." Again in chapter 32, verse 12, to Jacob God says, "I will make thy seed as the sand of the sea." In the books of Deuteronomy, Judges, Joshua, Samuel, and right on through Scripture sand is used again and again as the picture of uncountable immensity.

Sand itself is the consequence of the break-up of rocks. Most of us when at the seashore have played with the sand, letting it slip through our fingers, and sometimes we have joined with the children in their sand games; yet never have we attempted to count the number of those grains—we know that such a task is impossible save with God Himself. And the uncountable sand is the picture God uses in His Word to convey the extent and quantity of His blessings to His children.

Sand does not only signify a multi-

tude, it also signifies permanence and durability.

The commonest type of sand consists in what remains of the hardest minerals which compose the rocks. Frost, rains, streams, sea, wind and heat all have their effect in pulverization, reducing hard rocks to mud, clay, and earth, and sand is the residue that endures afterwards! The commonest mineral composing sand is quartz, which is so hard that it will scratch a steel knife. There are few things harder than quartz. Thus sand reminds us of the permanence of God's promises and blessings.

Sand grains themselves are worthy of study, for when examined closely they vary tremendously. The sands derived from a glacier are very sharp and angular. The sands from a river bed are somewhat less angular, while sea-sand is fairly well rounded. Desert sands (that is, those which have come under the power of wind) largely are well rounded. In fact, the grains of desert sands both small and large are very spherical in form. Sands are usually colored red or russet brown, though there are a variety of colors known. The color, however, is usually

secondary and due to a stain of an iron salt. If a red or brown sand is washed in a 50 per cent solution of hydrochloric acid the pigmentation is removed and the quartz grains appear crystal white. What an illustration of the power of the precious Blood of the Lord Jesus to cleanse *multitudes* white and clean from their sins, if only they will come under that redeeming poured-out *Life!*

The Bible also reminds us that sand is heavy. Job 6, verse 3, says, "My vexation and calamity would be heavier than the sand of the seas." Yes, sand packs so closely that a load can become an intolerable burden. In geological science there are also known what are called "heavy sands," sands which weigh even more than the average sands. These contain a large proportion of heavy minerals such as magnetite, rutile, and zircon. From the viewpoint of the mineralogist these and allied substances are of particular interest and so he seeks to separate them from the rest of the sand grains. How can this be done?

To the layman it would appear to be an impossible task—to pick out the grains which weigh heavily! But by a delicate and complicated apparatus

the mineralogist can accomplish it. Sometimes he uses bromoform and magnetic means with various plates and dishes. In fact, there are very learned treatises written about such things, and the writer himself, years ago, did a little at it; but the interest to us is in the fact that it is possible to remove the heavy sands, which the Bible uses as an illustration of vexation and calamity. Surely this is what God does for every believer who seeks His Grace. He gives joy for sorrow and beauty for ashes.

Finally, it must be remembered that quartz grains were once crystals in some granite or similar rock, but by weathering the quartz became detached, and wind and water and other agencies have smoothed off the perfect crystalline form, and the grains became pitted and rounded. In some cases, however, where the sand grains have been compacted together (and maybe subjected to pressure and heat) the rounded grain of quartz is surrounded by new mineral material forming once again a true crystal shape. The textbooks frequently give microscope photographs of this phenomenon! But what a picture of the New Birth! Adam, the first man, was perfect, but by sin he and his whole posterity were spoilt, and that work of attrition and defeat has gone on ever since. We gaze upon the world today and we see iniquity growing worse and worse—the damage continues. Yet, when that fallen spoilt child of Adam comes into saving contact with the Lord Jesus and the power of His precious Blood, the Holy Spirit makes him into a new creature in Christ Jesus. God is able to restore His image in man!

And so, my friend, as you enjoy a holiday at the seaside and idly play with the sand in your fingers, think on these things, and may the Lord Himself draw near and meet you!

—The Flame

JUST TO . . .

*Just to be tender; just to be true;
Just to be glad the whole day through;
Just to be merciful; just to be mild;
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet;
Just to be helpful with willing feet;
Just to be cheery when things go wrong;
Just to drive sadness away with a song;
Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and right;
Just to believe that God knows best;
Just in His promise ever to rest;
Just to let love be our daily key—
This is God's will for you and for me.*

—The Healing Light



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What did Paul mean when he said, "Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife" (1 Corinthians 7:27)?

Paul taught that married people should remain together. He felt, however, that because of the troublous conditions of those days it might be better for some persons not to be married. He did not oppose marriage (vv. 2-5). Yet he thought that persons who were free from home obligations were able to devote more time and energy to God's work (v. 8).

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Did Jesus mean we should actually hate our loved ones when He said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters . . . , he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26)?

The Bible does not contradict itself. It teaches that husbands are to love their wives, "even as Christ also loved the church." He so loved the Church that He "gave himself for it." Husbands therefore ought so to love their wives and families that they are glad to give themselves in sacrifice in their behalf (Ephesians 5:25). What Jesus meant was that He should have first place in our affections, and that we should be always willing to put our loved ones on the altar of consecration for Him.

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11)?

As to moral quality, John was as great as any man, but not as great positionally. Some take this verse to mean that when Christ comes in His kingdom those who share with Him then will be positionally greater than John was when he ministered as the forerunner of Jesus.

I believe that we who are saved through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus are *now* positionally greater than John was when he was ministering. John declared that Messiah was coming; we know that Messiah has

come. John spoke of himself as "the friend of the Bridegroom," the Church, consisting of believers, is spoken of as "the Bride." John was the end of the old dispensation which was coming in; we are in this new dispensation. What Jesus said shows the superiority of the New Covenant and new dispensation over the old.

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Is it a command, or is it just advice, where Paul said, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14)?

This is like asking if it is a command or just advice where the Bible says, "Thou shalt not steal." Instead of being yoked with unbelievers we are to "come out from among them, and be . . . separate." Who says this? "Thus saith the Lord." Read 2 Corinthians 6:14 to 7:1.

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What did Jesus mean when He spoke of a man taking his brother's wife and raising up children for him (Luke 20:27-38)?

In the Mosaic regulation of marriage in Israel it was provided that if a man died, his unmarried brother would marry his widow (Deuteronomy 25:5, 6). The Sadducees, who denied a resurrection of the dead, thought they would trap Jesus by telling a parable concerning seven brothers who fulfilled this Mosaic requirement, each having had the same woman for a wife.

Jesus then instructed them that marriage is for this life only. There will be no married state in heaven; those who enter there will live in a new and spiritual relationship.

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In Psalm 37:4 we are promised, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Does this include giving a person the right mate?

I see no reason why a person might not make this promise applicable in such matters. Another equally valuable verse is, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

Mother's Day Prayer Meeting

10,000 WMC's Join in Mother's
Day Prayer Meeting Across Nation

ON MOTHER'S DAY, REVIVALTIME sponsored in conjunction with the Women's Missionary Council, one of the greatest prayer meetings it has ever promoted. The reports have been tremendous. Mothers around the world were asked to send their most urgent prayer request to REVIVALTIME, and



These mothers in Bell Gardens, California (First Assembly) met for a Mother's Day prayer service.

these requests (more than 6,000 of them) were distributed to W. M. C. groups across the nation. These prayer groups then joined for one hour of intercession following the Sunday night service, in behalf of these prayer requests.

Spearheading this gigantic prayer meeting was a group of mothers in Springfield, Missouri, who gathered at the REVIVALTIME studio from 10:00 until 11:00 p.m. on that night. Some 75 ladies gathered for this meeting, conducted by Mrs. Albert Pyle, W. M. C. President for the Springfield Section. She reported that those who came to the prayer meeting had come with a real burden of intercession, and that they witnessed real victory in prayer.

The Brownsville Assembly in Pensacola, Florida (Carl Arnold, pastor) reports: "There were 50 women present for this special Mother's Day prayer



These mothers at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, met for a special prayer meeting.

meeting.... Our W. M. C. President read the prayer requests from all over the United States and then a wonderful, powerful prayer service was held. God met with us in a great way and we feel assured that great things have been accomplished through these nationwide Mother's Day prayer services."

Pastor Rowland Dean in Fergus Falls, Minnesota writes, "We had 17 mothers present for the prayer service and the Lord's blessing was in their midst."

From Bell Gardens, California, Pastor F. E. Robertson says, "A group of 37 mothers of the First Assembly joined in the REVIVALTIME Mother's Day prayer meeting, holding their requests up before the Lord. Real fervent prayer reached the throne of mercy. The prayers we believe had far-reaching effect, and brought bless-



At Brownsville Assembly in Pensacola, Florida, fifty ladies joined in the Revivaltime prayer service.



In Springfield, Missouri, mothers gathered for prayer at the Revivaltime studio.

ings locally too. Our Sunday night service was a real Pentecostal meeting, with God's presence hovering over the service in a most unusual way."

Mrs. Leroy Blackburn, W. M. C. President at Trinity Assembly in Harlingen, Texas, writes: "We had a good number that stayed for the prayer meeting (twenty-three, I believe). The Lord was precious. Everyone seemed to have a broken spirit and some said they received a touch they had been needing. The ladies really had a spirit of prayer and I believe much good was done. I think it was a wonderful privilege to partake in such a prayer meeting."

This is but a sample of how God blessed the 350 groups that joined in this tremendous prayer meeting. Answers to prayer have already started to come as a result. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

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Springfield, Missouri



Mrs. Albert Pyle, WMC President of Springfield Section (Missouri), directed city-wide Mother's Day prayer service.

RADIO NEWS FLASH

The following stations have been added to our REVIVALTIME radio log:

KPAN—Hereford, Texas (860 Kc., 250 watts) 7:30 a.m., Sundays

WOTR—Corry, Pennsylvania (1370 Kc., 500 watts) 8:00 a.m., Sundays

THIS WEEK'S COVER

New Church Dedicated in Rapid City, South Dakota

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: . . . a time to break down, and a time to build up" (Eccl. 3:1, 3).

If ever a people have had opportunity to prove this portion of Scripture, it is the congregation of the First Assembly of God, Rapid City, South Dakota. They found it necessary to both "break down" and "build up" in order to get their beautiful new edifice.

In the summer of 1929, a pioneer Pentecostal preacher, the late T. B. Thompson, arrived in Rapid City to establish a work for God. He possessed little more than a love for lost souls, but the work which he began lives on. During his ministry a church was organized under the Assemblies of God.

A number of pastors followed Brother Thompson. In 1949 the present pastor, Bernard Ridings, came to the church. Brother Ridings reports that when he first viewed the old building he vowed that, with the Lord's help, he was going to see a new church building erected while he was in Rapid City. He has—and a new parsonage, too!

In the fall of 1954 the church was offered all of the material in a large garage-apartment building and \$2,000 cash if the members would raze the building. The building was a two-story structure, 140 by 85 feet, and they had neither the equipment nor skills for such a gigantic task. However, Pastor Ridings felt this was God's leading, and accepted the task. He and the men of the church did all the work, and in two months the task was completed. Not a man was injured.

Most of the salvaged material was used to construct a new parsonage. Groundbreaking services for the new church were held July 31, 1955, with actual construction beginning in October. A member of the church, Charles E. Frederick, was planning consultant for both church and parsonage, and the pastor from Emporia, Allan Fuller, supervised the building of the church. Over 9,000 man-hours were donated by the men of the church.

God miraculously helped in the matter of finances, too. The cost of the church, including furnishings, was only \$90,000, and its estimated value is \$185,000. The cost of the parsonage, which is located on what will soon be one of the best boulevards in the city, was \$12,000. It is estimated to be worth \$20,000. A group of Rapid City businessmen donated a Hammond organ to the church.

The new church is 65 by 100 feet in overall size. The main auditorium and balcony will seat over 500 people. There is choir space for

75 persons. Also on the main floor are the church office, a prayer room, Sunday School office, and a nursery.

A basement provides rooms for the church's progressive Sunday School, an auditorium for Christ's Ambassadors services, and a kitchen.

When Brother Ridings came to the church in 1949, the Sunday School attendance was 43. Currently the average is over 200. There are at least twenty ministers—pastors, evangelists, and missionaries—on the field who came from this church. The church is missionary-minded, and has endeavored to maintain good missionary offerings throughout the building program. They attribute much of the Lord's blessing to this fact.

Dedication services for the new church were held April 14. Dwight H. McLaughlin, superintendent of the Northwest District and an Executive Presbyterian of the Assemblies of God, was the dedicatory speaker. South Dakota District Superintendent Silas Rexroat spoke at the pre-dedication service on April 12.

Pastor Ridings and the congregation of First Assembly are rejoicing over the marvelous things God has done for them.

DISTRICT PASSES RESOLUTIONS TO MAINTAIN HIGH MINISTERIAL STANDARDS

LITTLETON, COLO.—The 40th annual convention of the Rocky Mountain District Council held in May was characterized by a moving of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of unity. The ministry of J. K. Gresset was instructive, practical, and inspiring during the convention.

It was recommended by the convention "that all ministers and their wives preserve the high standard of modesty in dress, appearance, and conduct, and to maintain the high standard of Bible holiness as true examples of Christian leadership that our people may be guided by our conduct into true holiness."

Along this same line, the By-laws were amended to read, "We unitedly declare ourselves against all forms of worldliness, such as wearing of slacks and shorts, lipstick, paint, earrings, and excessive jewelry. We further declare ourselves against mixed bathing, use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages. . . ."

It was also resolved by the convention to express appreciation for service rendered to the District by the District Superintendent, R. G. Fulford, the Assistant Superintendent, V. J. Crews, the District Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. W. Brandt, and the District Christ's Ambassador President, R. J. Cox.

An important recommendation to the churches of the District was passed. It was recommended that churches whose pastors have enrolled in Social Security pay one-half of the assessment for their pastors.

Election of officers for District positions was limited to four offices: H. J. Jackson, Assistant Superintendent; Wm. W. Brandt (re-elected on the nominating ballot), Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. R. J. Fulford, WMC President; and Mrs. R. J. Cox (re-elected), WMC Secretary-Treasurer.

The convention speaker, Brother Gresset, delivered the ordination message on the closing night at which time nine men were ordained to the ministry.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **BEARDEN, ARK.**—Forty-seven souls found Christ, and 12 were filled with the Holy Ghost, during a four-week revival here with Evangelist and Mrs. C. L. Dixon of Covina, Calif. It was the greatest move of God in many years in the Bearden Assembly.
—G. S. Hatton, Pastor

► **STOCKDALE, TEX.**—Evangelist E. J. Ford of Moody, Tex. just concluded a revival meeting in the Assembly here. The church was greatly stirred, and the people are making forward spiritual strides since the meetings.
—P. H. Collins, Pastor

► **SAINT LOUIS, MICH.**—Each service in the revival meetings recently conducted here by Evangelist Howard Pratt of Lansing, Mich. was different; the Lord manifested Himself in a special way each night. Three were at the altar for salvation, and the church as a whole experienced a great spiritual uplift.
—Howard DeLong, Pastor

► **SPARTANBURG, S. C.**—Evangelist and Mrs. John Casoria of Columbus, Ga. recently conducted a very successful revival in the First Assembly of God. The crowds were excellent, and at least 25 were at the altar for salvation. A number were filled with the Spirit. The evangelists worked untiringly for the success of the meetings. The meetings closed on Easter Sunday; and at that time the Sunday School attendance record was broken, with 360 present. The revival blessings continue to be felt in the regular services.
—K. L. Claycomb, Pastor

► **DUGGER, IND.**—The church here recently experienced a series of evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Elsie Boze of Peru, Ind. Ten persons turned to God, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.
—W. W. Bedwell, Pastor

► **TOLEDO, OHIO**—Evangelists Tommy Barnett and Donald Brassfield, youth evangelists of Kansas City, Kans., recently conducted splendid meetings in the Calvary Assembly. From the outset of the meeting it was evident that the Lord was moving in an unusual way. Some 30 people knelt for salvation, and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit is continuing.
—J. Donald McManness, Pastor

► **NEW CASTLE, PA.**—The congregation of the First Pentecostal Church recently enjoyed a time of refreshing and blessing in meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Steve Bogdan of Philadelphia, Pa. Several were at the altar for salvation, and the church was greatly stirred under the anointed preaching of the Word.
—S. W. Brewer, Pastor

► **WAVERLY, MO.**—Evangelist Marvin Haley of Marshall, Mo., recently conducted three weeks of revival here. A number of new people came to the meetings, and some of the neighboring Assemblies participated. Eight were filled with the Holy Spirit, two were saved, and three received definite healings. There has been a great move of God in the church since the meetings came to a close.
—Thurman Swift, Pastor

► **HARVEY, ILL.**—The Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio, just concluded a meeting here which proved to be one of the best in many years. Over 100 attended the church for the first time. More than 40 made decisions for Christ.
—William J. Sawyers, Pastor

► **DEFIANCE, OHIO**—Evangelist Eddie Roush of Clinton, Ind. recently conducted three weeks of meetings here. One was saved and some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The music and preaching of Brother Roush was a challenge to all.
—A. W. Lawrence, Pastor

► **ARDMORE, OKLA.**—The Lighthouse Assembly of God has just concluded a five-week revival with Evangelist H. J. Hays of Santa Cruz, Calif. The attendance ran high through the meeting. A good number were saved, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. Older members say it was one of the best revivals in many years.
—Leslie Moore, Pastor

► **CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO**—Under the able, anointed ministry of Evangelist John C. Poteet the church here experienced a time of refreshing with the moving of God's Spirit. The services lasted for two weeks. Several people were saved and are still going on with God. A number were healed and refilled with the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness and goodness.
—Anthony Calvanico, Pastor

► **CHICAGO, ILL.**—Calvary Tabernacle recently enjoyed two glorious weeks of revival with Evangelist Velmer Gardner. Night after night God's power was present to heal. There were many testimonies to that effect. The messages were Spirit-anointed and were a real blessing to the church. On one Sunday night over 30 came forward. The meeting left the pastor and congregation with a feeling of gratitude to God for sending Evangelist Gardner to Chicago.
—Loren D. Doss, Pastor

► **FORT COLLINS, COLO.**—In the recent meetings at First Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Wendell Reed of Denver, Colo. there was seldom a service without someone being either saved or filled with the Holy Spirit. It was a real blessing to see the young people and boys and girls receive their personal Pentecost. People were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, even on Sunday morning. It was impossible to keep a record of the exact number saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, but there were many. Several new families were reached with the gospel message. The meetings will be long remembered by the congregation.
—L. A. Messick, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Corona	Home Gardens	June 16—	Bush Evang. Party	Leonard Hicks
Colo.	Clifton	*** A of G	June 23—	Wilbur Ogilvie	J. E. Austell, Chm.
Ind.	Gary	A of G	June 25-July 14	John Higginbotham	Thomas Hinson
	Jasonville	First	June 24—	Eskelin Family	H. J. Keener
Kans.	Topeka	Highland Park	June 30-July 7	J. E. Stiles	A. M. Selness
Mich.	Kalamazoo	First	June 25—	H. C. MacDonald	Albert Marialke
	Stephenson	A of G	June 25-July 7	Donald Skaggs	Wilbert Remus
Miss.	Meridian	Highway	June 25-July 7	C. E. Simms & wife	P. F. Ramsey
Mont.	Plentywood	A of G	June 19-30	Oliver Johnson	Elwood Grissom
Nev.	Elko	* First	June 25-July 7	Dewey Heath	Arthur L. Dean
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Revival Tab.	June 23—	Don Rippey & wife	W. F. Watkins
	Farmington	** Faith Tab.	June 30-July 14	Leo Walker & wife	J. W. Morris
Pa.	Kingston	Evang. Temp.	June 23-July 7	Roush Evang. Team	Lou Trotta
Tenn.	Memphis	Hollywood	June 30—	George Gospel Team	M. O. Bruce
Tex.	Irving	First	June 30-July 14	John Everett & wife	H. S. Teichman
Wis.	Black River Falls	A of G	June 11-25	Dale Helle	Gordon Johnson
Bahamas	Nassau	*** Evang. Temp.	June 23—	Martin L. Davidson	John Wilkerson

* Workers Training (second week) ** Children's & Adults' Revival *** Tent Revival
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.



A crowd emerging from one of Paul Hild's meetings during his campaign in Marinette, Wisconsin.



One of the highlights of the campaign was a Children's Rally, at which there were about 400 in attendance.

► **MARINETTE, WIS.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild of Minneapolis, Minn. held a two-week pre-Easter revival in the twin-city area of Marinette, Wis. and Menominee, Mich. Lloyd's Theatre, seating 850 persons, was rented for the meetings. Assemblies of God pastors from Pound, Menominee, and Stephenson co-operated in sponsoring the meeting. One of the highlights of the campaign was a Children's Rally in which there were about 400 in attendance. Many persons attended the theatre meetings who would not have come to a church. Approximately 20 came forward for salvation. The revival fires are still burning and souls continue to be saved. The old church building has been sold and a ground-breaking ceremony for a new church took place April 7 with the District Superintendent, Robert Spencer, officiating. Construction of the new church is expected to begin in the very near future.

—*Morris E. Hayes, Pastor*

► **LIMA, OHIO**—Over 150 visitors attended special revival meetings conducted by the Tanner Team (Evangelist and Mrs. Don Tanner) of Willmar, Minnesota. God moved in a wonderful way each night, and a total of 23 came forward for salvation. Several testified to definite healings. The prayer meetings that were conducted each morning by the evangelist were a great contribution to the spiritual power of the meetings.

—*Glenn N. Babcock, Pastor*

► **KINGSVILLE, TEX.**—Evangelist Hazel Uright of Bruni, Tex. recently held a very successful two-week revival here. Twenty-five were saved and are still going on with the Lord. A number were reclaimed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Ten were baptized in water. The Sunday School record was broken three times. In the aftermath of the meetings the Lord is continuing to bless and new consecrations are being made.

—*K. E. Blackburn, Pastor*

► **SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.**—The Sunshine Evangelistic Party recently concluded a fine revival at the First Assembly of God here. The meetings lasted for three weeks, and the attendance was the best in several years. Over 100 came to the services who had never been in the church before. Many were saved, and the church was blessed. The group presented a fine and varied musical program, and the preaching of Indian evangelist, Bruce Thum, was dynamic.

—*Louis H. Hauff, Pastor*

► **ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.**—The Seminole Gospel Assembly located in Seminole Manor recently enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist Donald Messner of Indiana. It was a time of spiritual refreshing for all who attended. There were new people at the altar for salvation. It was the best revival we have had in the brief history of this 16-months-old church. The Sunday School average had been about 52, with a high of 57. During the meetings it went to a record of 96. (Fay V. Hodges is pastor.)

—*Opal Gruner, Church Secretary*

► **SAGINAW, MICH.**—The Lord did great things for the Genesee Gardens Assembly during the recent revival with Evangelist James Weaver. There was a great move of His Spirit in the church. God baptized four in the Holy Ghost and saved souls, bringing back others who had wandered away from Him. The people prayed for hours around the altar every night during the three weeks of meetings. The church greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Weaver, and the growth in the Sunday School from week to week.

—*Lyle Phillips, Pastor*

► **HOPE, ARK.**—In spite of stormy weather, there were very good crowds in the recent evangelistic meetings here, with Christian Hild as the speaker. On the last night extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the crowd. The evangelist spoke in four grade schools and also in the junior high school for an assembly program, and he won the hearts of the youngsters. One day a noon service was conducted at the Bruner-Ivory Handle Co., where over 200 workers are employed. Each Sunday night saw a great number coming forward in response to the appeal. In the first week there were 81; in the second week, 49. Thank the Lord for this spiritual move.

—*W. C. Land, Pastor*

► **MILESBERG, PA.**—The church here is just a little over a year old but it has experienced a steady increase and growth. During that year two evangelistic campaigns have contributed much toward its advancement. In July of 1956 Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. conducted a 17-day campaign. Several responded to the call of salvation and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were several outstanding healings. Just recently, Evangelist Bill Caldwell and party conducted a Salva-

tion-Healing campaign. The blessing of God was rich in every service. Over 50 answered the call to salvation. Ten received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many testified to physical healing. On the last Sunday of the meetings the Sunday School record was broken with 196 in attendance. Results are still being reaped from the meetings. Evangelist Lloyd Faulkner of Belleville, Ontario ministered nightly in the Faith Clinic and organist Ray E. Lex of Berwick, Pa. contributed much to the musical part. The church is now in its new building which is of brick construction (40x70) with a seating capacity of 250.

—*Philip Bongiorno, Pastor*

► **HOGANSVILLE, GA.**—The church here was greatly blessed in an eight-night revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Lloyd Henson of Malvern, Ark. There were eight saved, and all the people enjoyed the straightforward preaching of Brother Henson. The Sunday School attendance jumped from 37 to 60 for the two Sundays of the meeting.

—*Haskell Grant, Pastor*

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Healing for All

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has gone and the crowd has dispersed. Please get that point clear and plain. So often we have watched people come, squeeze their eyes shut, and with one big effort try to have enough faith to get healed. Then, of course, when the evangelist has completed his prayer and lifted his hands from off their head, they feel no better and they become so discouraged that they are liable to lose their trust in the Word of the Lord. Usually one of Job's comforters will come along and tell this dear soul, "What you need is more faith." Thus they will come once again in another all-out effort to have this "more faith."

It is not more faith you need—it is correct faith. The Saviour said if we had as much faith as a grain of mustard seed we could remove mountains. Therefore it is not so much the quantity that needs our attention, it is the quality! Faith is not one big all-out effort: it is a substance which grows in the soul, solid and firm, vibrantly alive unto God, whether alone amid trial or amid the emotions of the multitude.

Bible-quality faith was and is always honored by our God. So much can be yours if only you can get this matter clear and solidly fixed in your heart. Now faith can be taught and encouraged in your life by a preacher, minister or evangelist; but, after all of their good teaching and explaining and instruction, *everything depends upon just how much you are prepared to act with God* in the light of His promise of Divine Healing. Your faith is only as good as it will get you to act in the light of His holy Word, irrespective of evangelist or preacher, sermon or exhortation. Why not thrash this matter out with God on your knees? Can you literally accept the written promise of God on such a practical basis that you are prepared to act in accordance with what you find is the covenanted promise of God for your healing? Your faith must be a strong unshakable faculty so victoriously confident in the Word of the Lord that it will leap into action and deliverance; defying the den of critical

lions and laughing in the face of the fiery furnace of fear. The Bible speaks of one man who was healed by the power of the Lord thus: "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the Temple, walking and leaping and praising God." You see, his faith was so strong that it got him to the place where he would "leap up."

Real faith should be like a horse straining at the bit, just awaiting the anointing with oil and the prayer of faith, in order to get leaping into glorious deliverance. Don't wait to be coaxed into it. Some people, after prayer has been offered for their healing, have to be encouraged to move their affected limbs, and even when they do so there seems to be a certain amount of reluctance in their attitude. "All right, then, I'll try," they seem to be saying. Herein is shown the quality of the faith that God can see in their hearts. Always remember it is "With the heart man believeth" (Romans 10:10). Your inner heart will be revealed in the atmosphere and the attitude in which you act.

You may have heard of Betty Baxter, who was a hopeless cripple. She had to be strapped on to her bed because she shook so much. It was revealed to her by the Lord that at four o'clock in the afternoon on a certain date she would be healed. So sure was she of this that she called in her friends to see it happen, and at the appointed hour on the exact day she was completely healed. Today she is alive and well. You see, she knew it would happen according to the Word of the Lord. In her heart she believed. The great task of the apostles was to teach that "These signs would follow them that believe." The gospel must be taught with such a deep assurance, such a strong authority that the sick will be brought to that place where their faith is a real and living faculty. There is no record in the Bible of healings being performed in the presence of insipid timidity. Never once was there a word about playing on people's emotions, or working them up to some foolish excitement. Faith

moves in a realm of confidence far distant from all such spurious nonsense. Amid the blasts and billows of a storm at sea Paul stood with a glorious confidence which so convinced the mariners that they instantly acted upon his word when he said: "There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve, saying, Fear not!... Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer, for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:23-25).

Remember, my beloved sufferer, these are the words of Jesus Himself. He is saying to you today, "According to your *faith* be it unto you." Let those words sink down in your innermost soul. Think about them. Remind the Saviour of them. Feed your mind and heart on the Bible promises. Then when the light of God-given assurance bursts in upon your soul and you know God's promise is yours, come and be healed. Your faith will be ready to stand any test or trial. The very smile on your countenance will testify that you are ready to be healed. The minister will know, "Here is someone who is bursting to have hands laid upon him," for you are just waiting to leap into the joys of deliverance.

—Redemption Tidings

RESPONSIBILITY

When a pupil of John Brown of Had-dington spoke disparagingly of the smallness of his pastoral charge, his revered instructor replied, "It is as large a congregation, perhaps, as you will want to give account for at the day of judgment." —Selected

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Divine Recipe for Health

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Psalmist, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips," for it is so easy to utter harsh, unkind, or bitter words, and to indulge in backbiting, faultfinding, murmuring, and evil speaking. It will pay us to take heed to our words, for "death and life are in the power of the tongue."

Do you recall the terrible penalty Miriam paid when, motivated by jealousy, she spoke against God's anointed? "Imagine Moses marrying *that* woman! Who does he think he is anyway? Is Moses the only one through whom God has spoken?" God heard it, and Miriam was stricken with loathsome leprosy. If everyone speaking against God's servants today should incur the penalty of leprosy, I think there would be a lot of lepers.

God teaches us to "speak evil of no man," and to "let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Yet Christians, who should be the last people to criticize or gossip, are sometimes the first to do wrong talking. God hears our words. And who knows but that at this very hour there may be many suffering in body because they have spoken against other people or have been careless with the use of the tongue?

"He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (1 Peter 3:10). "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life" (Proverbs 15:4). "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24). "The tongue of the wise is health" (Proverbs 12:18).

FOLLOW THE RECIPE

Health is a priceless treasure. It is only sensible for us to do our part in maintaining it. The ingredients of right living, right eating, right thinking, and right talking should, in the aggregate, add up to radiant health for the body as well as the soul

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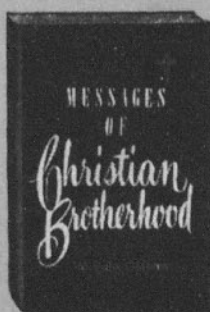
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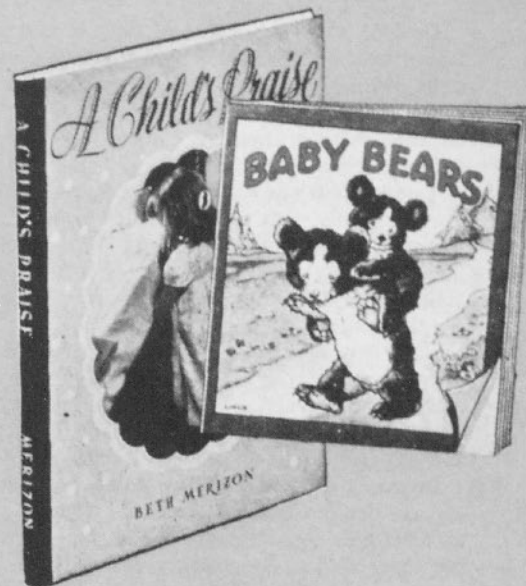
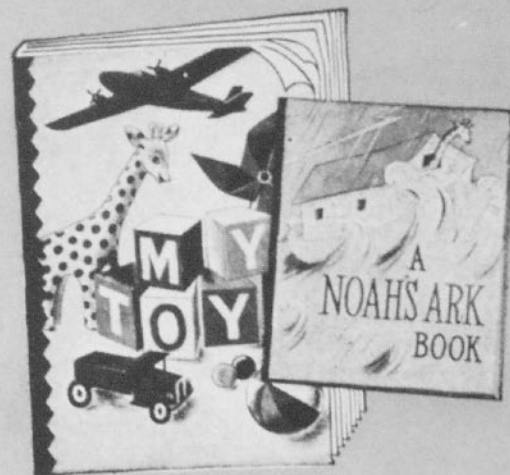
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In 1935 the Assemblies of God school now known as South-Eastern Bible College existed only in the plan of God and the prayers of a few Christian people. Today it is an institution with a capacity of 350 students and an ever-expanding program.

Twenty-two years ago news reached an Alabama family that a new Bible School was going to open at New Brockton. This family gleaned a peanut field, sold the peanuts and contributed the first five dollars to help start South-Eastern Bible Institute.

This new school grew despite the hazards of beginning during a depression and a world war. After surviving three moves the school was finally relocated in Lakeland, Florida, and expanded into an all-new campus in 1952.

Improvements in buildings, library, faculty and curriculum enabled South-Eastern in 1954 to meet the requirements for membership in the Accrediting Association for Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges at the collegiate level.

The expanding program received great response from the Assemblies of the southeast. Last year South-Eastern enjoyed the largest increase in enrollment of all the accredited Bible colleges in America.

Since many young people serve their local assemblies as lay leaders and others as ministers, the Board of Directors added a course in Secretarial Science to the regular majors in Theology, English Bible, Missions and Christian Education. A major in Music was offered two years ago for the first time.

In view of this rapid growth, the Board of Directors made plans for a greater future. In 1956 the charter was revised, changing the name from "Institute" to South-Eastern Bible College. The new charter also included the authority, under the laws of the State of Florida, to grant degrees.

To meet the needs of the rapidly growing student body, a second story is being erected on the Administration Building. This addi-

tion will provide nearly 7,000 square feet of floor space for classrooms, offices and a student center.

The support of enthusiastic friends of the college made this much-needed advance possible. Part of the labor was donated by officials and ministers from Georgia, West Florida and South Florida and by the students and staff members of the college. Financial needs were provided by the sale of "blocks" during the past year, by monies raised at the 1956 and 1957 South-Eastern Jubilees and by a private gift of \$1,000. Additional funds are still needed to complete the interior and to provide needed classroom equipment.

Last year South-Eastern's official student capacity as rated by the State of Florida was raised from 200 to 250. This year, following the erection of a new shop with 960 square feet of space, the work completed on the Administration Building and the addition of heating equipment to make the South Florida District Tabernacle a year-round building, the representative of the Governor recommended that the official capacity of the school be raised to 350.

The academic progress at South-Eastern includes this year the inauguration of a Summer School from May 28 to July 31. A four-year course leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree will be offered for the first time in September.

A description of the courses offered and complete information about admission requirements, expenses and student employment is provided in the new catalogs. These may be obtained free by addressing a request to the Director of Admissions, South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida.

Modern Version of "Thirty Pieces of Silver"



A restaurant owner in California passed away recently. A hand-written will has come to light in which the deceased willed half of his \$30,000 estate to his two children. The other half he left to his "childhood sweetheart" for "a love and a faith that has lived undiminished for forty years."

To his divorced wife he bequeathed just "thirty pieces of silver—\$ three—because of the misery she has caused me."

The account of the betrayal of the Saviour by Judas, for thirty pieces of silver, must have been in the mind of

the man while writing out his will. (See Matthew 26:14-50; 27:1-5)

The incidents bring freshly to mind the following poem on the subject, by William Blane, of South Africa—to which we all do well to take heed.

"Thirty pieces of silver
For the Lord of life they gave;
Thirty pieces of silver—
Only the price of a slave!
But it was the priestly value
Of the Holy One of God,
They weighed it out in the temple;
The price of the Saviour's blood.

"Thirty pieces of silver
Laid in Iscariot's hand;
Thirty pieces of silver
And the aid of an armed band,
Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
Brought the humbled son of God
At midnight from the garden,
Where His sweat had been like blood. . . .

"It may not be for silver,
It may not be for gold,
But still by tens of thousands
Is this precious Saviour sold.
Sold for a godless friendship,
Sold for a selfish aim,
Sold for a fleeting trifle,
Sold for an empty name.

"Sold in the mart of Science,
Sold in the seat of Power,
Sold in the shrine of Fortune,
Sold in Pleasure's bower.
Sold where the awful bargain
None but God's eye can see!
Ponder, my soul, the question:
'Shall He be sold by thee?'

"Sold! O God, what a moment!
Silent is conscience' voice!
Sold! And a weeping angel
Records the fatal choice!
Sold! But the price of the Saviour
To a living coal shall turn,
With pangs of remorse forever
Deep in the soul to burn."

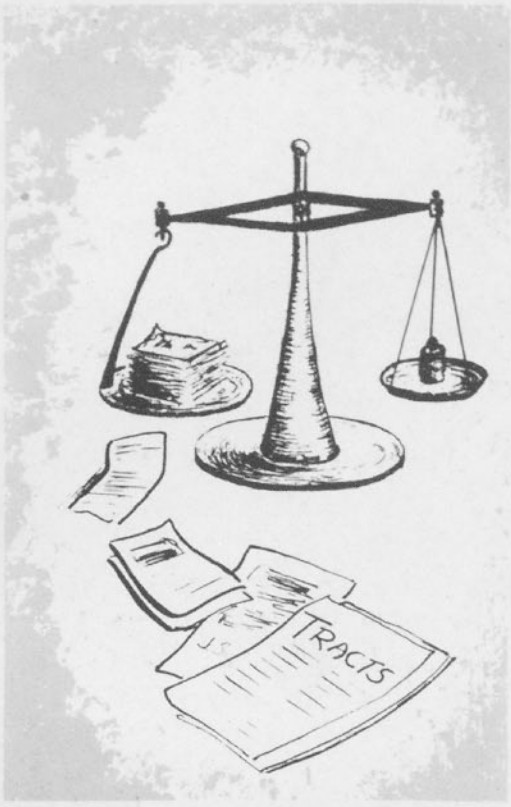
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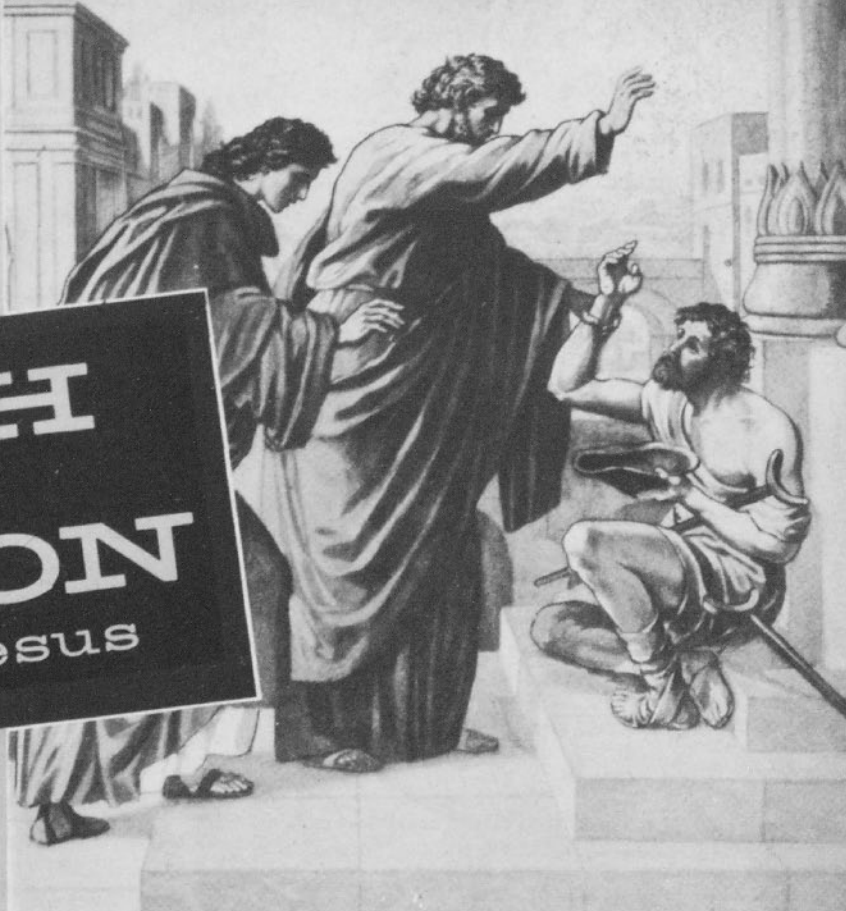
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HEALTH and SALVATION by the Name of Jesus

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BY ANDREW MURRAY

WHEN, AFTER PENTECOST, THE paralytic was healed through Peter and John at the gate of the temple, it was "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" that they said to him, "Rise up and walk"; and as soon as the people in their amazement ran together to them, Peter declared that it was the name of Jesus which had so completely healed the man.

As the result of this miracle and of Peter's discourse many people who had heard the Word believed (Acts 4:4). On the morrow Peter repeated these words before the Sanhedrin, "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... doth this man stand here before you whole"; and then he added, "There is none other name under heaven... whereby we must be saved." This statement of Peter's declares to us that the name of Jesus both heals and saves.

We see that *healing and health form part of Christ's salvation*. Does not Peter clearly state this in his discourse to the Sanhedrin where, having spoken

of healing, he immediately goes on to speak of salvation by Christ (Acts 4: 10, 12)? In heaven even our bodies will have their part in salvation; salvation will not be complete for us until our bodies shall enjoy the full redemption of Christ. Why then should we not believe in this work of redemption here below?

We see also that health as well as salvation is to be obtained by faith. The tendency of man by nature is to bring about his salvation by his works; and it is only with difficulty that he comes to receive it by faith; but when it is a question of the healing of the body, he has still more difficulty in seizing it. As to salvation, he finally accepts it because by no other means can he open the door of heaven; while for the body, he makes use of well-known remedies. But were not these words, "Thy faith hath saved thee," pronounced when the body was healed? Happy is he who comes to understand that divine healing is the will of God. Our Heavenly Father wishes to reveal to us His love, and to manifest the power of Jesus. He desires to exercise

our faith, and to confirm it, and to make us prove the power of redemption in the body as well as in the soul.

Wherever the Spirit acts with power, there He works divine healings. Would it not seem that if ever miracles were superfluous, it was at Pentecost, for then the word of the apostles worked mightily, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit was abundant? Well, it is precisely because the Spirit acted powerfully that His working must needs be visible in the body. If divine healing is rarely seen, we can attribute it to no other cause than that the Spirit does not act with power. The unbelief of worldlings and the want of zeal among believers stop His working. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit; let us place ourselves unreservedly under His direction, and let us seek to be firm in our faith in the name of Jesus, whether for preaching salvation or for the work of healing.

God grants healing to glorify the name of Jesus. *Let us seek to be healed by Jesus that His name may be glorified.*