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We Need the Spirit

Smith Wigglesworth, the late evangelist who was greatly used of God in preaching the gospel and praying for the sick, often made the statement, "I am nothing without the anointing." The same can be said of every believer, every church, every meeting. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth [gives life]; the flesh profiteth nothing." Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." The spirit of man may accomplish much but it cannot accomplish the will of God.

Jesus told His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they had been endued with power from on High. In so saying He indicated that the one essential equipment of the Church is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Nothing else can enable Christ's servants to advance His Kingdom. Natural gifts of leadership won't do it. Oratory isn't enough. Talents not dedicated to God and not anointed by His Spirit can't fulfill the Church's mission.

The mission of the Church is to "minister the Spirit," to speak His message, to transmit His power. The Spirit is the Vicar of Christ on earth and, as Samuel Chadwick wrote, "The Spirit has never abdicated His authority nor neglected His power. Neither pope nor parliament, neither conference nor council, is supreme in the true Church. The church that is man-managed instead of God-governed is doomed to failure. The ministry that is college-trained but not Spirit-filled works no miracles."

A church may multiply committees and work its members to skin and bone, but if it bypasses the upper room it is laboring in vain and wasting its strength. "It is possible to excel in mechanics and fail in dynamics." Machinery is of little use without power. We need the Holy Spirit. Without Him, wisdom becomes folly and strength becomes weakness.

There is no use going through the motions of religious form if the Holy Spirit is not in it. What good is there in having crowds if there is no Shekinah? The carnal can argue, but it is the Spirit that convicts. Education can civilize, but it is being born of the Spirit that saves. The energy of the flesh can run the programs of some of today's nominal churches but it is the presence of the Holy Spirit that makes a temple of the living God.

The trouble with Christianity today is that professing Christians have more faith in the human and in the material things of the world than they have in the Holy Spirit; and there will be no revelation of God's power and glory until men really believe in the Holy Spirit and yield to His control. We need the Holy Spirit—and, strange though it may seem, the Holy Spirit needs us. A reader of the *Evangelist* who is not affiliated with the Assemblies of God told us, a few days ago, how highly he regards the Assembly pastor in his city. "I know that no man or group of men can have a monopoly on the Holy Spirit," he said, "but I think the Holy Spirit has a monopoly on this man of God." When the Spirit has a monopoly on us He can anoint us and use us to fulfill His plan in the earth. And after all, nothing else matters.

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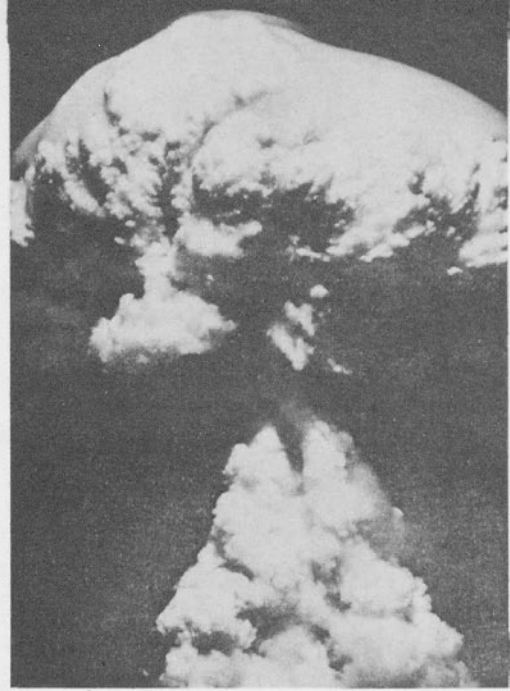
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Momentous Events Are on
God's Agenda of

Things to Come

BY EVANGELIST LOUISE NANKIVELL



THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT "IN THE last days perilous times shall come." And how strikingly has this pungent prediction from the Word of God been fulfilled in our own century.

This century has produced the two most horrible wars of all history, the only wars to be called "world" wars. We were told that the first world war was fought to save the world for democracy. The second was to bring an end to all war and establish everlasting peace. Yet today the world stands on the threshold of its gravest crisis, not only facing the possibility of a truly global conflict, but confronted with the ominous threat of the destruction of civilization itself. The survival of humanity is at stake.

The atomic age has created problems which stagger the greatest scientific minds. Thinking men everywhere are appalled, bewildered. This critical hour has emphasized with new force the significance of Christ's words, "Upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth" (Luke 21: 25, 26). And little wonder, when in the possession and control of men are diabolical weapons which can be turned to incalculable disaster for the human race!

An atomic scientist warns that the greatest threat in the world is that a nuclear war might be started by some madman crazed with the dream of world power. A Nobel Peace Prize winner declares, "In an atomic war there would be neither conqueror nor vanquished. A continuous destruction would take place and no armistice or

peace proposals could bring it to an end. A nuclear war is the most senseless and lunatic act which could ever take place."

It was almost breath-taking to see this headline in one of our American newspapers some months ago: "U.S. at Mercy of Russians." United States Senator George Smathers had sounded this awesome warning: "The Soviet Union can destroy our retaliatory power at any time it chooses. We are in great danger. Our danger lies not so much in Russia's possession of an intercontinental ballistic missile with which she can bombard the continental United States, but in her possession of intermediate-range missiles with which she can destroy our retaliatory bases abroad." He said that Russia's 1,500-mile-range IRBMs can knock out all our air bases abroad—in Formosa, Okinawa, Africa, the Middle East, and England—in a matter of minutes. These are the bases from which the United States would launch retaliatory air at-

tacks on the Soviet Union in the event of war.

Recently another senator stated that Russia could destroy our big cities in a few moments by ballistic missiles fired from Siberia!

According to a December issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, Western experts see the threat of a "nuclear Pearl Harbor." For this reason the United States has been pressing for an agreement with Russia on safeguards against a surprise attack. The experts see, in the near future, ICBMs which could be fired at short notice. Just the press of a button would wing the missile toward its target. The magazine states, "From firing command to explosion over a target 5,000 miles away, the time is expected to be only thirty minutes." This would only permit fifteen minutes notice at the most, even with far-flung outposts for detection of a missile in flight. This periodical also states, "One big—and increasing—danger is that war may be started by mistake. When two powerful nations stand with guns drawn, there is always danger that a nervous finger might pull the trigger."

A special correspondent informs us in the *Chicago Sun-Times* dated December 29, 1958, that the Soviet Union will have an operational arsenal of intercontinental ballistic missiles before we do. The writer further declares that within a matter of months the Russians will be capable of putting approximately two nuclear-tipped warheads on each key United States base here and abroad. Furthermore, the effectiveness of our strike-back is less certain than it was.

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BIBLE VERSE



Looking for and hasting unto
the coming of the day of God.
II PETER 3:12



Christ, the Hope of the World

BY A. C. CAPON

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN HAS ALWAYS been an optimist. It was so from the earliest days of our religion, when Paul taught the members of the little Christian churches to "abound in hope" (Romans 15:13), and included *hope* in his choice of the three great words of Christianity (1 Corinthians 13:13).

In our own day optimism is rather despised as the attitude only of those who choose to shut their eyes to the facts of the world situation.

A few years ago it was a very different story. Then, science and the spread of education were supposedly leading mankind on to days of peace and plenty such as had never been known before. Gradually men would come to realize that it was in their best interests to work for the good of all; evil would be banished by common sense; war would be remembered only as a nightmare of the past; and all need and want would end.

It took two World wars to dispel these illusions. Mankind's heart was found after all to be "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9), and leading "optimists" died with words of despair on their lips.

Today we are living in days of terrible reaction. We have swung to the opposite extreme. There is no hope. Mankind is doomed to self-destruction, probably within a generation or two at the longest. Against this somber background, Christians should be stirred

to a new appreciation of Christ as the only hope of a despairing world.

THE HOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

The Christian hope has meaning for the individual who through faith in Jesus Christ is at peace with God, with his neighbor, and with himself; for men and women who are new creatures in Christ Jesus. There are two elements in this new spiritual health which Christ gives to the individual who trusts in Him.

First, there is assurance of *pardon*. A man cannot look hopefully toward the future if he is conscious of an unforgiven past. He cannot forget the past, no matter how hard he may try. He must somehow know that he starts with a clean sheet, that the sin which has marred his life is all covered from the holy eye of God.

This assurance is found in the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on Calvary for the remission of sins. On the ground of the death of Christ for him, the Christian can be assured that he will never be separated from God's grace and power because of his sin. He is safe for this life and for eternity. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

Then there is assurance of *power*. The assurance of a new relationship to God won for us by the death of Christ is all that could be desired as

a foundation for a new life; we are given, as it were, a completely clean sheet. But will the new life itself come up to expectations?

Now Jesus Christ has made full provision for each step of the way. If by His death we were reconciled to God, it is by His life that we are kept day by day from falling. The crucifixion brings us pardon; the resurrection brings us power.

Into the life of the man who trusts in the Cross for pardon comes the living, reigning Christ, with all His power ready for the conquest of sin and fear. No Christian need face the future with anything but hope, for he faces it hand in hand with the Creator who has become his Saviour.

THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH

When a new convert came into one of the churches established by Paul he found himself in a community which was always looking upon life as a great adventure, and which was animated by a constant hope. Church activities never degenerated into a dull routine. The vision of the Church's mission to win the lost was never dimmed. And above all, the consciousness of being all the time "on the winning side," no matter how hard things might seem for the time being, meant that no discouragement was allowed to sap the energies of Christian workers. This sense of triumph showed itself in two ways.

As the "church militant" in the world,

the Christians' life was one of confident testimony. "Our sufficiency is of God, who also made us able ministers of the new testament. . . . Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech" (2 Corinthians 3:12). What a message is committed to us! Its truth is vouched for by the resurrection of Christ from the dead; its relevance by the fact that it is completely fitted to every need of man; its effectiveness by the fact that whenever it is preached with simplicity and reliance on the Holy Spirit, God honors it and does not permit it to return void.

Equipped with such a message and possessed of such a power, we can face the hostility and skepticism of the world with a bold face. We are not merely spreading a philosophy of life; we are ambassadors for the King of kings. We are on the King's business, with all the King's resources behind us. Then let us be bold!

But if this were the sum total of the Church's hope, it would be a very imperfect one; for although we have this grace from the Lord, the fact remains that time and again we are disappointed by the rejection of our message. The Lord Jesus wept over Jerusalem because it would not receive Him (Luke 19:41). Paul had "great sorrow and unceasing pain" in his heart, and could almost wish himself accursed if only his own people the Jews would turn to Christ (Romans 9:2, 3). Sorrow and pain corrupt the joys in our experience so much that Paul went so far as to say, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:19).

But the "Church militant" here in earth will one day become the "Church triumphant" in glory. Her confident testimony will one day give place to consummated triumph. Her earthly hopes will fade in the realization of the supreme heavenly hope, when as the Bride of Christ she takes her place at His side for ever.

This is the "hope we have as an anchor of the soul." Our souls are anchored, not in the shifting sands of this life, but in the rock of an eternity guaranteed by the ascension of Christ and the promise of His return in glory.

Meanwhile the command of Scripture is, "Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation [the com-

ing] of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13).

THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

With these matters clear in our minds we turn to consider the meaning of the expression, "Christ the Hope of the World."

First of all, He is the Hope of the World with reference to a *divine invitation*. By this we mean that it is the calling of the Church to proclaim the good news of man's redemption to

every creature under heaven. God's purposes for the blessing of mankind are all bound up in the acceptance of His Son as Saviour and Lord. If we do not preach this we preach nothing.

Our Lord gave the Church its commission for this present age in these words: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not

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The Whale and the Worm

BY EDITH CAREY

A "WHALE" AND A "WORM"! HOW great is the difference between them! We often listen to preachers talking about the whale that swallowed Jonah, emphasizing the truth that the Lord "prepared" the whale to swallow him. But who has heard a sermon about the "worm" that the Lord "prepared" to serve Him? There was such a worm; not a great company of worms, but one lone worm He selected and appointed to a special task. Read on in the story of Jonah and you will find it says, "God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered" (4:7).

Now think for a minute how big the task was that God required that little worm to undertake. Picture the scene. See that giant plant with its big leaves spreading out until it made a cool, refreshing shade for a man sitting under it. Then look down to the earth at that lowly worm, so small in comparison. The Lord placed it there for a purpose, and expected it to accomplish what He wanted done.

The worm might have looked up at the height of the gourd, contemplated those broad leaves, and said to himself: "I am only a poor, weak worm of the dust. God can't expect me to bring that down." Doesn't that have a familiar sound? So many Christians think they must be big as a whale to be used by God, when God wants some little worms also to work for Him.

Often the reason so many of us fail to see done what we are sure is in the will of God is that we look at our size, our own natural abilities, and recognize how small we are. We must remember that the Bible says the whale had to be "prepared." No one is big enough to do his life's work unless God has prepared him as He did the whale to swallow Jonah. Neither is any man (or woman) too small to be used by the Lord if he will let Him prepare him, as He did the worm, for whatever use He desires.

Then there is the question of being in the right place. The whale could not have swallowed Jonah if it had been indifferently swimming about in the other end of the Mediterranean. It had to be placed by God right at the side of the ship at the very minute Jonah was tossed overboard. Nor could that worm have chewed the root of the gourd when the Lord wanted it done if it had been a mile away looking for something succulent for itself.

Big whales or creeping worms, let's ask ourselves if we are in the right place spiritually—right in the center of God's will, where we can hear His call at any time to do something for Him. High officials or lowly church members, we must not be indifferent to the need of lost souls and the Great Commission God gave the Church. Neither can we spend our time looking for something for self in this short earthly life.

The Lord still needs *worms* as well as *whales* in His service, and He is still saying, "Fear not, thou *worm* Jacob." O little worm folk, you do not know how great the result may be if you will do what God asks of you. He used both a whale and a worm to teach the prophet Jonah.

Get your Bible and concordance and look up the times the Lord used worms and insects in doing His marvelous works.

—Herald of Holiness



THIS WE BELIEVE

A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BASED
ON THE STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

BY P. C. NELSON



PART SEVEN: *The Promise of the Father*

NOTE THAT IT IS NOT "A" PROMISE, but "the" promise, the great mountain-peak promise which towers above all the rest of the Father's promises following the fulfillment of the promise of the Messiah. Our Saviour Himself gave us the phrase. Following Worrell's very correct rendering of the original in Acts 1:4, 5, we read, "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said He, 'Ye heard from Me; because John, indeed, immersed in water, but ye shall be immersed in the Holy Spirit, not many days hence.'" Let us try to formulate the Bible teaching concerning this "promise of the Father" in such a simple way that none may fail to apprehend it.

1. *In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit Is Revealed as the Life-Giver* (Genesis 1:2—compare Romans 8:2), and with this Spirit prophets, priests, and kings were anointed. The promise of the general effusion of the Spirit on all flesh referred to a later time—the time following the ascension of our Lord to appear in the upper sanctuary (heaven), and offer up Himself, the full price of our redemption (Hebrews 9:11, 12). These great promises for the future outpouring of the Spirit are found in Isaiah 32:15, "Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high," and

chapter 44:3, "For I will pour water (a symbol of the Spirit) upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring." Then in Joel 2:28, 29 we have that great prediction which had its partial fulfillment at Pentecost (the former rain), and is now being fulfilled in a more general diffusion of the Spirit all over the world (the latter rain). See Joel 2:23 and James 5:7, 8. Notice that the promise is to pour the Spirit upon *all flesh*.

2. *John the Baptist Foretold the Sacrifice of Christ*, calling Him "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). He predicted also the office of Christ as the one who should baptize in the Holy Spirit. "I, indeed, immerse you in water unto repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear. He will immerse you in the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11, Worrell). It is to this prediction that our Lord Himself refers in the text first quoted in this chapter. By these texts, together with Acts 11:15, 16, we know that Jesus alone can baptize in the Holy Spirit. Compare John 1:29-34; 7:37-39.

3. *Jesus Handed Down This Promise From the Father*. John 14:15-17.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you *another Comforter* [Advocate], that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." And again (verse 26), "But the Comforter [Advocate], which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

4. *So Important Did Our Lord Regard the Spirit's Coming Into the Lives of Believers* that He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter [Advocate] will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7). Many Christians speak lightly of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is an insult to the Spirit, to Jesus (who gave His life to procure for us the right to have the Spirit abiding in us), and to the Father (who in Jesus' name vouchsafes to us this Supreme Gift). Without the Spirit's aid we cannot live as we should or do what we ought.

5. *Peter Identifies the Promise of the Spirit, or the Baptism in the Spirit, With the Gift of the Spirit*. Acts 2:38, 39. "Repent, and be baptized... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all

The Promise of the Father

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect, and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it come the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31. This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth.—Acts 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9.

—Official Statement of Fundamental Truths, Assemblies of God.

that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." In Acts 11:16, 17, the gift of the Spirit and the Baptism in the Spirit are made identical.

6. *Peter Says That the Promise Is For All Believers*, and not for the apostles or for the hundred and twenty alone. "To you" (those present) and "to your children" (those absent and those yet unborn). "To all that are afar off"—that includes us. Acts 10 and 11 show that the gift is for the Gentiles as well as for Jews.

7. *Paul Twice Refers to the Gift of the Spirit as a Seal or Sealing*. Ephesians 1:13. "In whom (in Christ) also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that HOLY SPIRIT of promise," or, to use our English idiom instead of the Hebrew, *the promised Holy Spirit*. 2 Corinthians 1:21, 22 reads, "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." The Christian's anointing and enduement with the Spirit may be seen upon his countenance, observed in his acts, heard in his voice, and felt in his presence. The seal is upon his body, soul, and spirit.

8. *The Gift of the Spirit Is an Earnest or Pledge of Our Full Inheritance in Christ*. See the texts cited under the last proposition. The gift of the Spirit is proof positive that we are accepted in the Beloved, and that we are joint-heirs with Him. See also Romans 8:16, 17.

9. *With the Baptism Comes Power for Service*. The Holy Spirit is not given to believers as a spiritual luxury for their personal satisfaction and enjoyment, but as an enduement of power to fit them for bearing effective witness to the great soul-saving truths of the Gospel. This is clearly stated by the Lord Himself, as He walked with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus: "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:46-49). Like-

wise in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Peter and John were commanded by the Jewish high council not to speak or teach any more in the name of Jesus. After being threatened and then released they went to their own company, who "lifted up their voice to God with one accord" (in Pentecostal fashion) and prayed for courage to speak the word of God with boldness. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,"—filled anew—"and they spake the word of God with boldness." "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:18-33). In several other passages we read of the refilling of the Lord's messengers for special service. The gospel is to be propagated by the power of the Holy Spirit, who alone can convict sinners (John 16:8), piercing their hearts, as He did at Pentecost (Acts 2:37). Compare Zechariah 4:6.

10. *With the Baptism in the Spirit Special Gifts of the Spirit Are Frequently Bestowed*. At Pentecost (Acts 2:5-11) the gift of tongues was temporarily exercised. At Ephesus the twelve men whom Paul found there were filled with the Spirit and not only spoke with tongues but "prophe-

sied" (Acts 19:1-7). Nine special gifts or manifestations of the Spirit are described in 1 Corinthians 12:1-31. In the thirteenth chapter the superiority of holy, divine love—a fruit of the Spirit—is shown. In the fourteenth chapter Paul gives some regulations concerning the exercise of the gifts of the Spirit. In Hebrews 2:3, 4 he shows how these gifts were used for the spread of the gospel: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" This accords exactly with the record in Mark 16:20, "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following." The whole book of Acts is a commentary on this truth.

11. *Following the Baptism in the Spirit the Fruits of the Spirit should spring forth*. In Galatians 5:22 Paul names the component parts of a cluster of precious fruit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (self-control, continence). It seems easier for us to speak of this composite fruit as separate fruits of the Spirit. In the regenerate life "the flowers of grace" may appear. How wonderful to observe the abundant fruit in the lives of Spirit-filled Christians in whom the Spirit is reproducing the life and traits of Jesus Christ! See 2 Corinthians 3:18. In 1 Corinthians 13 the vast superiority of holy, divine love shines out above tongues, knowledge, faith, prophecy, and other gifts of the Spirit. These gifts may all become unnecessary and therefore cease "when that which is perfect is come," but such fruits as faith, hope, and love will abide forever, and the most beautiful and wonderful of all is LOVE.

12. *Numerous Names Are Given in the Scriptures to the Holy Spirit*, fitting the various relations, offices, and ministries which He fulfills. He is the Spirit of God (Ephesians 4:30); the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9); the Spirit of truth (John 14:17); another Advocate or Paraclete (John 14:16). He is our Guide (John 16:13); our Teacher (John 14:26); our Re-

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My Prayers Are Different Now

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ONE DAY GOD SPOKE TO ME ABOUT the prayers I was praying in our family devotions. He put his finger on something very deep in the thoughts of my prayers.

Until that day, I had not given much thought to the things for which I was voicing thanks nor to the petitions of my prayers. Phrases like this were common: "I thank Thee for home, food, and the comforts of life." I was thankful for having been kept from misfortune.

Indeed, one should be grateful for these benefits, but often the gratitude is just further evidence of the philosophy revealed in doggerel:

*Lord, bless only me
That's as far as I can see.*

Suddenly I realized that my prayers were lessons from which my boys were learning that material and physical

blessings were the important things. Home, health, and happiness became more important than heaven, hope, and helpfulness to others!

How shocked I felt. I stopped that kind of praying. Now I watch my motives and thoughts. My prayers are different. My home is different! (A good family altar makes any home a better home.)

Out of this experience has come some great personal principles of prayer. First, while I am thankful for temporal blessings, the priority of my thanks now goes for the things of the Spirit. It is for me to seek the Kingdom of God first! He will take care of the temporal things. My devotion to Him is the greatest indication of my appreciation of His blessings. So I pray:

*Father, I thank Thee for
Thyself and all that Thou art, for*

*Thy holiness, power, wisdom,
And love. And, I thank Thee
Most of all for Thy Son, Jesus,
Through whom Thou art made
available to us.*

Secondly, I find that framing our prayers around worthy petitions prepares us for wholesome thoughts during the day. Selfishness is submerged to altruism, carnality to "spirituality." Instead of asking for blessings for ourselves we ask that we may be a blessing to others, even if it means some inconvenience or pain to ourselves. Even Christ pleased not Himself.

And further, part of the petition is that we may avoid injuring others with our words, actions, or accidents. Praise God! It's a joy in itself to pray: *Lord, help us to lift some load today, to bring gladness instead of gloom, a song instead of sorrow. Lead us to many people to whom we can bring Your joy and song of salvation!*

If there are any selfish petitions, let them be scriptural ones. The best of them all is, "Deliver us from evil." *Deliver us from evil thoughts, words, and deeds.* I love to know my boys are hearing and praying that glorious prayer taught by the Master to His "boys," the disciples. At the close of our daily devotions we unite in two other scriptural prayers: "Keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking guile," and "Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our redeemer."

Some time ago I was asked to offer prayer at a high school commencement. I took pains to think about this prayer. I wrote out each portion. I took it to the dinner table that evening and read the prayer to the family. Before I could read it all, my boys laughed and interrupted me. They said jokingly, "We know what your next line is"—and they did, so they laughed. I laughed too, but for a different reason. They laughed in a bit of ridicule



Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Ashcroft and their three sons: Robert, John David, and Wesley



**FOR SUCH A TIME...
THOU ART COME**



that my prayer was so much like our family devotions, but I laughed for joy. I saw that the great petitions of my prayer, the holy ideas and thoughts, had been so well remembered they could not forget them. If my family only learns one great eternal truth in this way it is worth everything.

While I would express contempt for some memorized prayers I cherish my own memorized petitions. They are not meaningless or vain repetitions. Each time I express them they take on new meaning and glorious significance. This adds up to only a small part of the value of prayer. The greater part is more than this.

God answers my prayers. Each day the dramatic answers come. I stagger at the frequency and magnitude of His answers. Seldom are my prayers answered as I thought they might be. No longer do I suggest the way He should answer. It is more exciting to let Him do it *His* way. But the glorious fact is, He answers.

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father, I thank Thee for this life and its richest blessings.

I thank Thee for the delight of complete dependency upon Thee.

But most of all I thank Thee for Jesus, Through whom I may receive the wisdom, knowledge, love, and strength that is in Thee.

I take Him into my heart through Thy Spirit, into my mind through Thy Word, into my work through Thy Psalms.

Through Him I am made partaker of all Thy divine resources which I so sorely need. Life is so full of demands. I need strength to serve, wisdom to choose, and love to understand. Within myself, I am inadequate for these demands.

For this day, give me Thy daily share of Thyself.

Keep me from bringing injury or loss to anyone. If it be Thy will, keep me from accident, injury, and illness, but most of all keep me from evil.

Make me to glorify Thee, bring help and cheer to others, and achieve the highest accomplishment in today's opportunities.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

February 15, 1959



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, February 16

Read: James 1:1-11

Learn: "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:3).

For the Parent: Every Christian faces temptations and testings in his Christian experience. Though we cannot avoid being tempted, we need not yield to temptation. This passage shows some of the purposes of testings. They (1) bring patience; (2) build toward perfectness; (3) help toward wisdom. The passage also emphasizes the importance of faith in receiving from God. The one whose faith wavers will not receive from Him, v. 7.

Question Time: What are some of the purposes of testings? (See above) Who is the source of wisdom? (v. 5)

Tuesday, February 17

Read: James 1:12-21

Learn: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

For the Parent: This passage points out: (1) those who endure and overcome testings will be rewarded, v. 12; (2) God does not tempt us to do evil, v. 13; (3) temptation comes through our own desires, vv. 14, 15; (4) good gifts come from God, v. 17; (5) some practical exhortations, vv. 19-21.

Question Time: How do we know God does not tempt us to do evil? (v. 13) How are we tempted? (v. 14) What is the result of yielding to temptation? (v. 15)

Wednesday, February 18

Read: James 1:22-27

Learn: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

For the Parent: Review the practical exhortations of vv. 19-21. Discuss the idea of the hearer and the doer of the Word, showing that real trust and obedience is shown in our actions. Our actions signify our love for God. This passage also gives a definition of what true religion is, emphasizing the "doing," and shows, too, what it is not, v. 26.

Question Time: What is true religion? (v. 27) What is it not? (v. 26) To what is the man who is a hearer but not a doer of the Word likened? (vv. 23, 24)

Thursday, February 19

Read: Matthew 22:34-40; 23:1-10; Romans 13:7-9

Learn: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Pharisees Meet Christ" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The Pharisees were a group of religious leaders who insisted on strict observance of Moses' law and their own traditions, but who never really got to the heart of the law. Show how Jesus told them what the law really is—loving God and others—and the folly of traditions.

Question Time: Who were the Pharisees? How can we fulfill the law?

Friday, February 20

Read: Genesis 37:28; 39:1-6; 41:38-44 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Them that honour me I will honour" (1 Samuel 2:30).

For the Parent: This lesson tells the fascinating story of Joseph. Discuss how his father Jacob won his mother Rachel, Genesis 29. Joseph was his favorite son. This caused his brothers to hate him and sell him to some merchants. They took him to Egypt and sold him as a slave. Then discuss the events in Egypt, emphasizing Joseph's high standards, his complete trust in God, and his final elevation to rulership.

Question Time: Why did Joseph become a slave? (See above) How did he become a ruler in Egypt?

Saturday, February 21

Read: Luke 10:38-42 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "I will love thee, O Lord" (Psalm 18:1).

For the Parent: Have the group review the story of Jesus' visit at Mary and Martha's home. Emphasize particularly the contrast between the two women. While Mary's work was important, there was something even more important—listening to Jesus and learning from Him. We should never get so busy that we don't talk to the Lord. Stress the importance of prayer and Bible reading for spiritual growth.

Question Time: What was Martha doing while Jesus was at her home? What was Mary doing? Which did Jesus say was more important?



BY R. BRYANT MITCHELL

WE READ IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13, 14, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many."

"Unity" is a wonderful word. It does not mean a union of things which are alike, but a union of things which are not alike. Three peas in a pod are not unity; three peas in a pod are uniformity. Unity is co-operation between things that are not alike. I am glad we are not all alike. God has given us different races, tongues, and personalities all to give color and beauty to the glorious gospel of God. An orchestra would be a good picture of unity—merry piccolos and thundering tubas, rattling drums and soft violas—all playing in perfect harmony. That is what God wants in Pentecost! Webster says "unity implies oneness, especially of that which is varied or diverse, rather than uniformity in its elements or its parts."

I want to give to you four simple

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things about Holy Spirit unity:

THE BIBLE PATTERN OF UNITY

The Bible has many patterns of unity. Christians are likened unto branches of a vine. John 15:5 says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." The temple is also a picture of unity. Ephesians 2:21-22 says we are "an holy temple in the Lord... an habitation of God through the Spirit." Marriage is a third picture of unity. Ephesians 5:30, "For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones."

But the most wonderful picture of unity among believers is given in the Pentecostal chapter, 1 Corinthians 12. Here is the picture of unity in a body—many members but one Lord—different administrations, diversities of gifts, diversities of operations, but one Lord in all. If you read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, you see something wonderful: "... the same Spirit... the same Lord... the same God." But in those very same verses it also says "diversities of gifts... differences of administrations... diversities of operations... but it is the same God which worketh all in all." If there is one thing this chapter teaches, it is this: God was pleased to make us different. He gave

us different gifts and different administrations, but they are all to be united in the unity of the Spirit.

PREPARATION FOR UNITY

Now, how shall we achieve unity? It is easy to talk about an idea away up there in the spiritual realm, but how shall we make that thing possible on earth? It is not something which comes automatically. We have to labor to achieve it. We have to cast out the enemy. We have to humble ourselves. We have to seek God for real unity of the Spirit. Ephesians 4:3 admonishes, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Brother, I am one of those who wants to keep the unity of the Spirit. Only God's love can bind us together as He wants us, in the perfect unity of power for Him. 1 Peter 1:22 says, "See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

I am privileged to belong to a family of six children. We love each other dearly. At this moment, we are separated in six different countries: Canada, United States, Ethiopia, India, China, and Trinidad. We had our family reunion last year. My father said there were four things that kept our family together. *We played together, we worked together, we sang together, and we prayed together.* Friends, that is what we need to do. If we will develop God's love and grace in our hearts, and have patience with each other, and seek Christian understanding, then God will produce unity.

1 Corinthians 12:25 has the key to this. "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." If I stub my toe, quickly my hand goes down to comfort the toe. If I bump my knee, quickly my hand comforts my knee. In Pentecost, if one of us suffers, the others should comfort and help. When a church suffers because of a weak pastor or trouble, and tears apart, that is not the time for others to stand around hoping to get many new members for their church. That is the time for the stronger church to pray for the disintegrating church and to help it, if possible.

May God help us to apply the lessons of this chapter to bind our hearts

together in a love and unity in every situation. We are all members of the Body of Christ, and we must demonstrate our love. It is no wonder that God put 1 Corinthians 13 next. He knew us Pentecostals so well He stopped after chapter 12 and gave us the whole chapter on love, the golden rule for spiritual unity.

PITFALLS ALONG THE ROAD TO UNITY

Satan always attacks God's people where they least expect it. He is a deceiver, an angel, not with horns but with wings of light. He sometimes attacks us at our strongest point. From Pentecostal fire he takes us to fanaticism, and from holy power to mere form. The reason for most of our stumbling along the road to unity is that we get off center. Of all the curved figures, only the circle has one center. The oval, the ellipse, the parabola and other curved forms have more than one center. Pentecostals only have one center, Jesus Christ our living Lord. Our pitfalls come when we get off center—when the picture of someone else appears bigger than the picture of Jesus.

At three places in the history of Pentecost we have sometimes gotten off-center. Today, we need to check our centers and come back into the circle of God's perfect will. The first one is *leadership*. This may sound like a paradox. God has always used leadership. He is using Pentecostal leadership in our day. I thank God for leadership and wish I could be a better leader. But when leadership becomes so big that it displaces Christ, it is wrong. When leadership becomes hero worship and not divine worship, it is wrong. When people fight for their leaders and not for the unity of the Spirit, it is wrong. I know some Pentecostals who are always following their leaders around. They always come when their "pet" is going to preach. In Bible days they followed Paul, Apollos, and Peter. I will not say anything unkind about God's men, for I love them, but God help us as people not to put leaders higher than God intended them to be!

God help us as leaders to keep humble. We should be willing to stay in a small hotel, willing to wear humble clothes, willing to drive a small car, willing to talk the same to all men, not thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. Exalted lead-

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Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What ought the warning to the false prophets mean to us? (Matthew 7:22, 23)

The warning to the false prophets here is to all of us, but especially to leaders who claim to have God's message while ministering for selfish interest or material gain rather than to glorify God. It is a serious thing to say, "Thus saith the Lord," when only self, not God, is speaking. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

Who are the rulers spoken of in Hebrews 13:17, and what is the extent of their rule?

These rulers are those chosen by the church for the position of overseers. In 1 Timothy 3:1-7 Paul speaks of them as elders (bishops). They should govern according to the Scriptures and the bylaws of the church. We are also charged to be "subject unto the higher powers," those over us in civil government (Romans 13:1). To disdain proper leadership, whether civil or religious, would lead to lawlessness and anarchy.

Song of Solomon 1:5 says, "I am black but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem." Does this not show that Solomon was a black man?

Solomon was a Jew, a son of David, and was therefore similar to other Jews in color.

The Song of Solomon is a love song. To understand verse five you should begin reading at verse four. The maiden says, "The king hath brought me into his chambers." She then speaks of herself as "black, but comely." The reason for her darkened complexion is that she has been exposed to the sun while caring for the vineyard (v. 6).

The Bible says, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Can't sinners say that Jesus is the Lord?

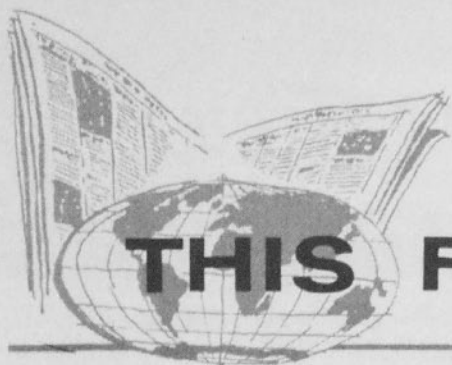
When Paul wrote this to the Corinthians he was speaking of spiritual manifestations and gifts—of persons who were speaking under the influence of some spirit. Evidently someone under some ecstatic influence was declaring, "Jesus is accursed." Paul would have the church know that whoever would say this was not speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit but under the influence of a demon power. He then says that "no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." This indicates that demon influence will not acknowledge the lordship of Christ.

Please tell me how many archangels there are.

Only twice is the term *archangel* used in the Bible (1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9). Some Bible students believe Michael to be the only archangel. One commentator refers to Michael as "the chief or principal angel." Another says: "The word archangel is never found in the plural number in the sacred writings. There can be properly only one archangel, one chief and head of all the angelic host. Michael is the archangel, and head of all the angelic orders."

The Jews, however, believed there were seven archangels. Among these were Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. In the apocryphal book of Tobit we read, "I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels, which present the prayers of the saints, and go in before the glory of the Holy One" (Tobit 12:15). We do not consider the apocryphal books as being inspired by God.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Press

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES MARKS CENTENARY

The *Sunday School Times*, a non-denominational weekly once published by the merchant prince, John Wanamaker, celebrated its 100th birthday last month at Philadelphia, Pa., by printing 72,000 copies of a special centennial issue.

The present editor and publisher is Dr. Philip E. Howard, Junior, whose father held the post from 1903 until his death in 1946. His daughter, Betty Elliot, is a missionary to the Auca Indians in Ecuador.

POPULARITY OF KING JAMES VERSION IS DEFENDED

Officials of the International Council of Christian Churches have risen to the defence of the King James Version of the Holy Scriptures and have declared that it is still far ahead in total sales and distribution of any other version. They deny that it is rapidly going out of style. They singled out for special criticism a recent story by Claire Cox, released by the United Press International, which lauded the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible as the more popular.

Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council, pointed out that all attempts to "doom" the King James Version are premature and unwarranted. He said that during the six-year period 1952 to 1957 only six and a half million copies of the new Revised Standard Version were distributed. He declared that eight to ten million copies of the King James Version are distributed in the U.S. every year by one retail agency alone, and added that there are approximately ten major Bible distributors in this country.

Prayer

AUSTRALIANS ASKED TO PRAY FOR RAIN

Australians were urged by the Australian Inland Mission to pray for rain to relieve drought-stricken areas.

The call to prayer was issued in nationwide broadcasts which asked that all who believe in God pray "that the God-given rains may come to those areas of the Inland now threatened with the ravages of drought."

In Southwest Queensland alone over 200,000 sheep and cattle have perished in the 2½-year drought.

SURVEY SHOWS "EFFECTIVE PRAYER" AS FAVORITE SERMON TOPIC

This Week magazine, which is circulated as a supplement of Sunday newspapers in many cities, asked its readers to pick the kind of sermon they would like to hear.

It offered a choice of 13 titles, such as: "Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell," "How Can Religion Curb Juvenile Delinquency?" and "How Can Religion Eliminate Worry and Tension?"

More than 7,000 readers of different faiths responded and the title most of them chose was, "How Can I Make Prayer More Effective?"

Most men voted for a sermon on "How Can I Make the Greatest Contribution to Life?" The least popular title with men was, "Religious Approach to International Problems,"

while the lowest rating among the women went to "Religious Approach to Social Problems." Most of the women chose to hear their pastor preach on the subject, "How Can I Make Prayer More Effective?" perhaps because they felt that prayer can have the greatest effect upon themselves, their families, and their communities. Many men joined the ladies on that choice of sermon.

The least checked subject, strangely enough, was, "How Can I Take Religion Into My Business Life?"

Foreign

FINANCIAL JOURNAL REPORTS RELIGIOUS INDIFFERENCE

A 115-year-old financial journal, *The Economist*, has turned a critical eye on the spiritual outlook in England. An article titled "How Many in the Pew?" reveals that eight million adults in Britain attend church fairly regularly; about eighteen million apparently feel guilty that they do not; twelve million others assert they never will attend.

Comments the journal: "England is much less evangelized than it was sixty years ago. Some inkling of its difficulty is suggested in the Gallup Poll's

BROTHERHOOD IN BOOKS

Since 1860 clergymen of all faiths have borrowed the books of the General Theological Library at Boston, Massachusetts. It is believed to be the only religious library of its kind in America. The library is not supported by any denomination or seminary or other religious school but is sustained by a small endowment and from private contributions.

Committees made up of various faiths administer the library's affairs and select books, which may be borrowed by mail as well as over the desk.

Shown helping a young Lutheran minister is Mrs. Allan Van Gestel, library secretary.

The unique institution which fosters brotherhood in books was founded by Charles Burroughs, an Episcopalian rector in Newburyport, Mass., in Civil War times.



discovery that seventy-nine per cent of those asked thought it possible to be a Christian without going to church. . . . There was a big majority for the proposition that economic security was more important than religion, that politics could do more for people than religion. . . . The general picture which emerges is that of a Britain in which probably less than a quarter take their religious observances seriously; in which, admittedly, the genuinely anti-clerical minority is smaller than in most other countries; but in which about seventy per cent of the people regard the Christian religion as a good thing provided it does not interfere with their private lives."

This latter view seems to be shared by many people the world over, as evidenced by the widespread indifference toward spiritual things.

ANGLICANS SEEK LAW TO PERMIT SELLING OF UNWANTED CHURCHES

Influential laymen in the Church of England are spearheading a drive for a new law which would permit the selling of empty and unwanted Anglican churches to Roman Catholics and other denominations.

In an article endorsing the campaign, the London *Sunday Dispatch* said sponsors of the scheme "believe it is better to sell an empty church as a place of worship than to convert it into a museum or social welfare center."

Under present law the Anglican Church is forbidden to sell any of its buildings to other denominations but may lease them.

BISHOP LAUDS ISRAEL FOR OFFER TO ARAB REFUGEES

Protestant Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California lauded Israel's new offer to compensate Arab refugees even before the country has reached a final peace settlement with the Arab states. "The offer," he said, "is as large-hearted an offer as could have been made without the condition of a definite peace. This is to Israel's credit."

In a letter to the *New York Times*, Bishop Pike said that while the proposal may be unnoticed against the global backdrop of the cold war and nationalist tensions in the Middle East, Israel has made a "large step forward." He observed that Israel also offered to extend the "uniting-of-families" plan, under which some former Arab residents have already returned to Israel.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

. . . LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

Liquor Issues Before Congress

CONGRESS IS UNDER PRESSURE from religious groups to do something to stop the increasing flow of liquor in our country. There is also pressure from the liquor lobby to "go along." Reaction of the Congressmen will depend largely on their personal character and courage--and partly on their mail. They have it in their power to help or hinder the booming trade in alcoholic beverages.

THERE IS A PROPOSAL that a Congressional investigating committee determine the total "cost" of alcoholic beverages to the country. The liquor interests are fighting this idea.

THE LEGISLATORS ALSO MUST DECIDE whether or not to call military leaders to task for the sale and use of alcoholic beverages at armed services installations in violation of federal law.

THEN THERE IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S perennial request for "representation allowances," which actually means an appropriation of several hundred thousands of the taxpayers' dollars for serving liquor at diplomatic functions throughout the earth. Will Congress cut down on the free drinks?

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE HUDDLESTON of Alabama has reintroduced a bill in Congress which calls for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to establish a special Medical Advisory Committee on Alcoholism. "Alcoholics need help," the Congressman told the House. "In this country today there are almost five million alcoholics. Fully one family out of four across the nation has first-hand knowledge of alcoholism as a major disease." Mr. Huddleston may be wrong in thinking that medical science can cure the majority of alcoholics, but if federal action is taken as he proposes it will focus public attention on the enormity of the damage caused by alcohol.

THE ADVERTISING OF LIQUOR through magazine, radio, and TV is another issue which Congress must face. Both Senate and House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committees have conducted several hearings in recent years on bills which would ban the interstate flow of this insidious advertising. Though the proposals have often come close to receiving a favorable report, neither house has yet been given the opportunity to openly debate and vote on such legislation. It is hoped the Siler bill, re-introduced last month, will reach the floor instead of being killed in committee.

THERE IS THE AIRLINES PROBLEM, TOO. For three years Congress has had before it bills which would stop the commercial airlines from serving alcoholic beverages to their passengers in flight. The House passed legislation in 1956 which would halt the service, but it died in the Senate. Neither the airlines nor the Civil Aeronautics board would stop the custom in the interest of public safety. But the Air Line Pilots association and the Stewards and Stewardesses association are renewing their opposition to the practice, and several Congressmen are planning to reintroduce appropriate bills. The Methodist Board of Temperance and other proponents report that prospects for favorable action look bright.

WHAT THE CONGRESSMEN DO about these liquor issues will depend partly on how many letters they get from their Christian constituents.



We Take a Jour ARIZONA'S INDI



Party that toured Arizona Indian churches



The Wolvertons in front of church at Parker



Navajo Christian family at Tuba City



Mrs. Brandt and Ruth Lyon at Polacca Village

LIVING AN UNHURRIED AND SIMPLE existence, Arizona's fourteen Indian tribes, including about 100,000 people, inhabit the desolately beautiful desert or plains territory of the south, the mysterious and vast canyon country with its high plateaus (mesas) of the north, and the lush timbered mountain area of the east central section. Within the twenty reservations, there is as much contrast in the ancient and modern way of life as there is in the variety of the country which has been designated as Indian territory.

Recently R. L. Brandt, national secretary of the Home Missions Department, Mrs. Brandt, their son Bryce, and I were privileged to visit the Indian churches of the Assemblies of God in company with J. K. Gressett, superintendent of the Arizona District. Twenty-five per cent of Arizona's churches have Indian congregations. Our tour took us through each of the three distinct physical areas of country included in the various reservations.

We left Phoenix on a Friday for Parker in the Colorado River Reservation area where the Lyle Wolvertons minister to the Chimehuevi and Mojave tribes. Here the Indians live near towns and many have adopted the modern way of life. The evening service was well attended. The Indian

people sang lustily as Mrs. Brandt led the song service. I gave a flannelgraph object lesson on "Who Gave Himself for Us." Then Brother Brandt preached on the subject, "Sinners and Saints."

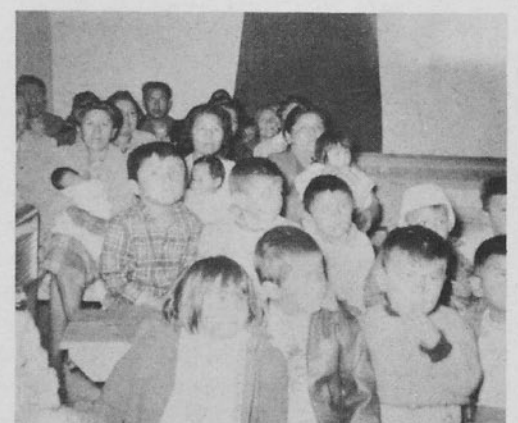
On the way to Page the next morning, where Brother Gressett was scheduled to organize a church, we ran into snow. The desolate, yet beautiful canyon country through which we traveled, the ancestral land of the great Navajo tribe, excited our interest. We saw many hogans scattered throughout the area. These Indian houses of the Navajos are made of wooden beams crisscrossed in such a way that the building is round. The roof, also made of wooden beams, has a great deal of dirt piled on top of it. There is an opening at the top for smoke to escape. A tiny stove on the dirt floor at the center of the hogan provides heat. Some of the hogans have electricity now.

After the service at Page on Sunday we made it to Tuba City (through a snowstorm) where the T. L. Johnsons minister to the Navajo and Hopi Indians. The Hopi Reservation is located within the Navajo Reservation in northern Arizona. Eighty people had attended the morning service in their 10-foot-wide trailer. A building program is in progress here.

About twenty-five Indians were



R. L. Brandt preaches to Hopi congregation



Congregation at Polacca Village

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—BY RUTH LYON

packed in the living room for the evening service. Some of the babies were bound in heavy cradle boards. After the service the people just sat; they wanted to sing some more.

Our next stop was Polacca Village (the first mesa of the Hopis) where Mrs. Jewel Barnett and the Eugene Herds are ministering. On the way to Polacca Village, we passed the second and third mesas of the Hopis. These villages, built on the high plateaus (flat-topped, rocky hills with steeply sloping sides), are almost invisible from a distance.

We had a good afternoon service at Polacca in Keams Canyon, with a full church. The Hopi houses, made of adobe, are very clean and neat. They are more Spanish in style, with flat roofs.

After dinner we headed for Bita Hochee near Indian Wells where Helen Burgess and the Don Johnsons minister to the Navajos. We met Miss Burgess, inspected the substantial cement block church there which has living quarters for the missionary in the back, and proceeded to Holbrook for the night.

After breakfast at Holbrook the next day, we drove to Winslow where June Pearson and Bonnie White were hostesses to a fellowship meeting. The Navajo, Hopi, and Laguna Indians re-

side around Winslow. The L-shape church is very nice, with a nursery room equipped with six cribs at the back and the parsonage at the side. In the morning service Brother Brandt preached on "God Spared Not."

We traveled through a beautiful timbered mountain area on our way to Canyon Day on the Apache Reservation for the evening service. Several surrounding churches had been invited to participate in this meeting. It was amazing to see the response of the Apaches in the song service. The Leo Gilman minister here. The Apache frame church is one of the largest Indian churches we have. The Gilman is adding a room to the two-room parsonage which is separate from the church.

Our party next visited the attractive church at Cedar Creek where Missionaries Pearl Foster and Ann Hoffman are located. The fine parsonage is attached to the church. Formerly the congregation met in a large wick-i-up which is still standing. Wick-i-ups, homes of the Apaches, are made of bear grass and are conical in shape. An open fire in the middle of the dirt floor provides heat.

On the way to a service at San Carlos where the Oliver Treeces have a lovely mission, the party stopped to see Brother Elwin Johns' attractive frame church in Whiteriver. At Carrizo, an Indian church is under construction.

The Robert Oakeses pastor at Bylas. The church is a lovely building located on a sort of mission compound. The party was unable to go to Cibecue (where the Bert Parkers and the William Barbarys are located) due to poor roads. Also, limited time made it impossible to carry out plans to visit Casa Blanca where Edna Griep minister and Chambers where Beulah Bills is the missionary.

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HOME MISSIONS



Typical Apache wick-i-up in Canyon Day



All-Tribes Indian Mission in Phoenix



The brick Indian church at Tucson



June Pearson (left) Bonnie White (right)



Church on the Fort Apache Reservation



The San Carlos Indian church

“I Was Sick and Ye Visited Me.”

TYPICAL OF THE GOOD WORK BEING done by our consecrated WMC's is the following story from Arizona.

“Ann Dyer, a Catholic patient in a Phoenix convalescent home, was very ill. Bitter, frustrated, and unapproachable, she had lost faith in man and hoped for nothing in God. For many weeks she would neither talk with us nor accept our literature and treats, but we kept praying and believing God to deal with her heart.

“Then the day came when Ann voluntarily opened the door for conversation. God was answering our prayer! He began performing miracles

in her life, and now she says in joyful testimony, ‘Had not God sent these wonderful friends to tell me of Christ and His love I would be in a mental institution by this time. Now my heart’s desire is to live for Him who loved me so much that He died for me, and to tell others that they too may know the preciousness of His love.’

“Now Ann Dyer has been released from the rest home, has graduated from wheel chair to crutches, and attends every service in our church, of which she has become a member. She is looking forward to complete heal-



Ann Dyer

ing and a life of service for God.”

This story comes from the captain of one of the WMC groups in the Sunnyslope Assembly of God where D. E. Gribbling is pastor. Ministering in five rest homes and sanitariums in the Phoenix area, the WMC's of that church follow a regular schedule of appointments for weekly services.

“As we enter the rest homes,” the



Mrs. Haydus shows “Slant” to CMF group

THIS WEEK'S COVER

Increased Prayer Felt in Guatemala

“We just can’t say enough for the *WMC Slant* and the good we are reaping from it all over Guatemala. We have asked for a moving of the Spirit and it is coming because, we feel, of the dedicated praying women in the Women’s Missionary Council at home. Please thank them and tell them how encouraged we feel because of this boost.”

This enthusiastic testimony comes from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haydus, missionaries in Guatemala City. The *WMC Slant* is the program planner for women’s meetings, produced quarterly at the U.S. national office of the Women’s Missionary Council.

One of the principal features of the magazine each quarter is a study of two of our Assemblies of God mission fields presented especially from a woman’s slant. Guatemala was one of the featured fields in the fourth quarter of 1958.

The missionaries in Guatemala were so excited when *Slant* reached them that their enthusiasm quickly spread to the national Christians—especially to the Guatemalan WMC’s (or Concilio Misionero Femenil, as they call themselves).

Mrs. Haydus goes on to say, “All of us missionaries are delighted with *Slant*. I have spoken at six large WMC rallies recently, and in each one have explained about *Slant* and told how thousands of women in the States are thinking of us and praying for us this quarter especially. It has touched their hearts and is a big incentive to them to work like beavers.

“I am writing especially about the results we are feeling here on this field since you focused Guatemala in *Slant* this quarter. We are getting reports from all over the republic of many souls being saved and Holy Spirit outpourings. After we had visited one church and the Lord helped us to inspire their faith, eight were filled with the Spirit there last week. Another church had fourteen filled.

“All this encouragement has given us faith to go ahead with the printing of our hymn book. The book store also is showing daily promise of a real ‘resurrection.’

“One pastor is feeling such growing pains in his work that he is looking for another lot on which to put his church. They are running over 200 in Sunday School. The WMC’s in another church recently celebrated their second anniversary and reported \$300 given to help the church during that time. One young student of former years came to us one day this week in tears, expressing his desire to be closer to the Lord. That is the work of God—the result of this prayer we are feeling from the WMC groups back home in the States.” ◀◀



Some of the patients at a Phoenix, Arizona rest home



WMC group starting out for a service

story continues, "carrying our Bibles, Christian literature and treats, our hearts are warmed by the eager, friendly welcome of patients and nurses. Some have been awaiting our arrival and hurry to the solarium, some of them in wheel chairs, to enjoy this their church service.

"Our service is begun with old familiar hymns and it is precious to hear the weak, quavering voices of those who already love the Lord joining with us in singing. After the songs we read from the Word of God (some are unable to read for themselves) and then we pray. The service must, of necessity, be short. Our purpose is to feed the soul and avoid overstraining weak bodies.

"Never shall we forget an elderly little lady who had become mentally ill and was considered a problem patient because of her wild and incessant talking. When we sang, however, she would wheel her chair very close and become calm and gentle.

"With the passing days she grew weaker and finally bedfast. We would

slip into her room and pray softly for her, and always she would become quiet and peaceful. Then came the day of our last visit with her. We felt God had timed that visit for her salvation, for the light of reason was in her eyes as we talked with her. Seeming to know that her time was short, she confessed her wicked life and asked God to save her soul. What a glorious experience! When we returned the following week we learned she had gone to be with Jesus.

"Another dear lady thanked the Lord for her broken back and loss of a leg because it was these afflictions that brought her to the rest home where she heard the story of salvation. She loved to hear us sing 'In the Garden.' I believe it best expressed the sweetness of her fellowship with Jesus.

"There are many others whose testimonies could be given—souls wondrously saved, the one healed of heart trouble after being given up by doctors, several healed and released from the T. B. sanitarium—to say nothing of the many who have been blessed,

encouraged, uplifted. How our hearts exalt Him who has given us these open doors for ministry!"

Is it possible that your WMC group is missing opportunities to take the message of life to some forgotten ones in your community? There is a vast harvest field for WMC workers in this type of ministry.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you. . . . For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous answer him saying, 'Lord, when——?'"

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

WMC President's Formula



Mrs. D. E. Gribling

Mrs. Gribling, pastor's wife at the Sunnyslope Assembly of God, is also District WMC President in Arizona. She makes special mention of the "treats" given to the patients and says they mean so very much because patients in rest homes are often forgotten. The treats consist of fruit, candy, homemade cookies or cupcakes.

To be successful in this type of work requires a genuine love for souls and a compassionate heart, observes Mrs. Gribling. She also suggests:

1. Close cooperation with the pastor
2. Presence of the pastor as often as possible
3. Promptness at every appointment
4. Careful observation of the rules of the institution visited
5. Every member of the group praying much for an anointed ministry

THE WMC SLANT

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Fifty Years Later

BY M. L. KETCHAM

Field Secretary for Southern Asia

IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO THAT Pentecost first came to Calcutta, India. When the "latter rain" was falling in America and in other places, Calcutta too received its visitation.

In a girls' orphanage on Elliott Road, the morning prayer meetings became more and more fervent. The spirit of prayer burned at white heat. Confessions were the order of the day. Suddenly, a literal burst of heavenly glory filled the chapel and several of the girls were slain under the power of the Spirit. Some began to prophesy. Some began to speak in other intelligible tongues. Some spoke most clearly in the English language—a language of which they knew not one word.

Miss Fanny Simpson, missionary in charge, was completely nonplussed. But the evidence of changed lives demonstrated that this was genuine. From a doubter she became a seeker, and from a seeker she became a receiver. It was the orphan girls themselves who prayed "their missionary" through to a glorious infilling of the Spirit.

Soon all Calcutta was rife with rumors of this same manifestation. The Bishop was called. The "fanaticism" was investigated. And Miss Simpson was summarily removed from her position and given a one-way ticket to

America. Thus the flame of Pentecost suffered a quietus.

But the fire was not quenched. It continued to smolder. Those orphan girls never forgot their experience. As they grew up, many of them still held it precious. One of them married, established a home, and began to raise her children as Pentecostal preachers.

An outstanding Indian Christian family by the name of Chandra opened its home to visiting Dr. Alfred Garr, one of the early pioneer Pentecostal preachers. Those receiving infilling of the Spirit and the Chandra family built a lovely chapel which has been a center of spiritual blessing throughout the years.

Many Assemblies of God missionaries have labored in Calcutta. These include the Hillarys, the Cawstons and Barricks, and latterly, Dan and Esther Marocco. During the past three years, Brother and Sister Mark Buntain have had charge of the English-language church in Calcutta. They have ministered untiringly, effectively, and have broken through the "sonic barrier" at last. Calcutta now has a firmly established, thoroughly Pentecostal church. Meetings are held every night of the week. Souls are constantly being saved and filled with the Holy

Spirit. The "upper room" hall is packed out every night. Sunday School attendance is about four hundred. The giving is nearly \$400 per month.

But in spite of all these advances, there remains a major hurdle. We need an adequate, centrally located church building. Until such time as the people have their own church home, they never feel they belong to something that is abiding and that is rooted in the soil of India. Many efforts have been made to secure a church building during the years. At one time we thought we could secure an old Scottish cathedral which was not in use. We felt the devil hindered—but perhaps God had a hand in the "hindering" for this neighborhood has deteriorated rapidly and we are now happy that we are not located there.

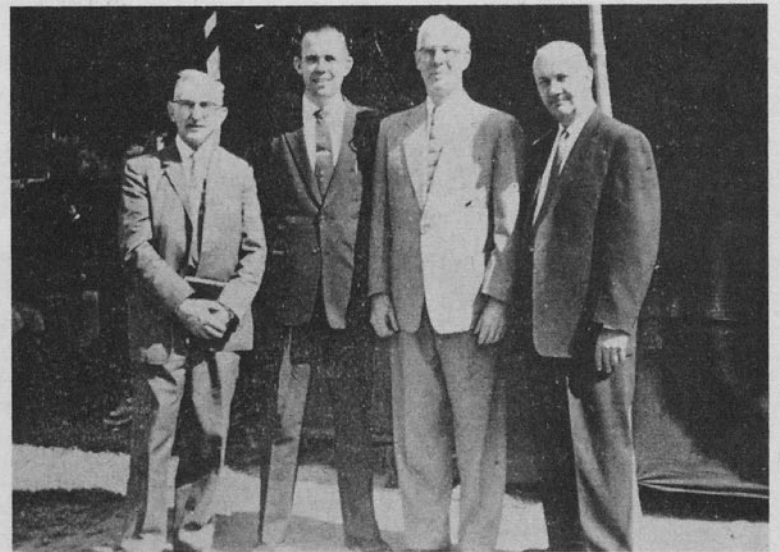
At length sufficient funds were obtained to purchase a choice lot. And the wonder is that this lot is actually at the end of Elliott Road, that same Elliot Road where the "later rain" first fell in Calcutta fifty years ago!

On a recent trip to Calcutta, what a thrill it was to go over building plans with Brother Buntain and help lay out the lovely auditorium, the Sunday School rooms, the projected educational wing, et cetera. The C.A.'s of America raised \$20,000 several years ago for a Revival Center in Calcutta. This money will be nearly enough to construct the building. It will be finished in the Spring.

In addition to our English-language church (sometimes called the Calcutta Revival Center) we have an excellent Bengali-speaking congregation under the spiritual leadership of Brother David Roychowdhury. He was a Brahman



Ground-breaking service for the English-language church in Calcutta. The C.A.'s in America raised \$20,000 for this building.



J. Roswell Flower, Pastor Mark Buntain, Superintendent J. Edgar Barrick, and Bert Webb participated in the ground breaking.

convert and was educated in our Southern Asia Bible Institute. The Bengali congregation is about to consummate the purchase of a well-located lot. They soon will be erecting their church and parsonage.

As Field Secretary for the area, I have a vital concern in the development of our church in Calcutta. But my interest goes even deeper than that. It is one of those intimate, heart-warming episodes which God sends our way to brighten this earthly pathway.

For it was in 1909, the year that she had been sent home from India, that dear Miss Fanny Simpson spoke in a little Methodist church out in the farming section of Long Island. She told, rather guardedly, of the great revitalizing Christian experience which had come her way. My mother heard, was interested, and began seeking for the infilling of the Spirit. And Miss Simpson—with a spirit of prophecy—laid her hand on the head of a wiggly, five-year old boy named Maynard and claimed him for God's ministry in the Bengali-speaking area of Eastern In-

dia! God answered the prayer of Miss Simpson and the prayer of a godly mother. In the fullness of time, that same Maynard Ketcham went out as the first Assemblies of God missionary in the Bengali section of Eastern India. And throughout the years wife and I have been laboring in and out of Calcutta with a great burden for the work in that section.

Brother Flower and Brother Webb, two Executives of the General Council, recently traveled through India. Their visit was appreciated everywhere, but nowhere more than in Calcutta where they were able to break ground for the new English-language church building. Would that dear Miss Fanny Simpson had been present. But—she must have been present! I believe that from the Gloryland she looked down and saw and praised the great God of many mercies. In His goodness He has allowed the vision, prayers and tears of fifty years to bring fruit. Now the work of the Assemblies of God is firmly established in Calcutta, deeply rooted in the soil of India. ◀◀

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. David Guenther and family left New York on January 3 to do missionary work in British Guiana.

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Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Giordano and children left New York for Uruguay, South America, on January 11.



Mr. and Mrs. David Guenther and children

The Anthony Giordano family



use Hungarian too, and occasionally the situation is further complicated by Yugoslavian and French!

In our Bible Shop we have Bibles in twenty-seven tongues and a request for one that we do not carry does not surprise us. In fact, there may be a request for a Bible in a language of which we have scarcely heard.

Hebrew is an interesting language but difficult to learn. The alphabet does not resemble ours. The words are written from right to left. There are no vowels or capitals so if I wanted to write the sentence, "The Bible is the true Word of God," it would look like this: "Th bbl s th tr wrd f gd." In ancient Hebrew there were no divisions of words, so the above sentence would look like this: "thbblsthtwrdfgd." We are only thankful that somewhere the idea to separate individual words was adopted! ◀◀

Hebrew — A Dead Language Revived

BY HERMAN PENCOVIC
Jerusalem, Israel

ISRAEL IS A COUNTRY UNIQUE IN THE world today, not only from the Biblical and political viewpoints but also because of its peculiar language problems. Hebrew, which is the official language of the nation, was a dead language until comparatively recent times. It was not spoken anywhere on earth except in synagogues and by Old Testament scholars. Even at the time the Lord Jesus was on earth it was extinct. Only since the birth and growth of Zionism has Hebrew been revived to become a modern language.

To construct Hebrew words to meet the requirements of modern speech is no small task. For the most part, scholars turn to the Old Testament and from the root of the words found there form words to fit modern-day living. For instance, our age requires a word for "stop sign." In Jeremiah 31:21 the word "tsyyun," translated "waymarks," was found, and from it was coined the word now used for "stop sign."

For the word "machine" they used "mekonah," found in 1 Kings 7:27. This means "a place for setting on." Thus an automobile becomes a "mekonit." Sometimes foreign words are used and given a Hebrew sound. Many plurals are formed by the addition of "im," so "sandwiches" become "sandwichim;" "auto-busses" are "autobussim;" and "dollars" are "dollarim."

Almost every nation has one or more languages that have been spoken for centuries by the nationals, and foreigners coming into the country must learn those languages. In Israel this is not the case. Only among the younger people is Hebrew the mother tongue. These comprise only a small part of the population, as the nation is made up mainly of immigrants. In fulfillment of prophecy these people have been "regathered" from over seventy-one countries. Linguistically the situation resembles Babel.

This presents a problem for all, especially for those of us who would preach the gospel. What language shall we speak? Imagine the difficulties we have in our own church services. Hebrew and German are not enough. The sermon is in English and is always translated into at least the two above languages. Recently we have had to

The Unity of the Spirit

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er ship steals the glory from the Holy Ghost. We must, however, follow the leaders that God has given, and they will lead us to the Holy Ghost and to a strong Pentecostal ministry.

The next circle that sometimes gets off center is the one which becomes *organizationally centered*. Pentecost has been used of God as an organization. I would not speak against organizations because I am an officer in one. I believe the Bible uses organization. I believe that together we can do more than we can alone. An orchestra is an organization and it has unity.

When the organization gets off center and looms bigger than the Lord, then our unity is broken. Denominational pride can lead us astray. A sectional spirit can steal glory from the Holy Spirit. We must not trust in numbers nor in machinery. Because we are big does not mean that we are great. Because we are small does not mean we are holy. Numbers have nothing to do with it. Every one of our organizations needs to watch lest in our zeal for the organization we lose sight of God's great organization.

The third is the pitfall of being *self-centered!* Have you heard this in Pentecost? "Brother, I'm free. No one is going to tell me what to do!" "I believe in the freedom of the Spirit!" "No pastor can tell me to keep quiet!" "No district superintendent can tell me how to run my church!" "No organization can make me pay dues!" "Brother, I know God!" Maybe you have felt that way, but let me read what God's Word has to say. Husbands many times quote this verse. It is Ephesians 5:22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." How many wives have heard husbands quote this verse? But notice that the preceding verse says this: "Submitting yourselves *one to another* in the fear of God." That means, "Husband, you submit to your wife in some cases." It means that the lieutenant sometimes has to submit to the sergeant in God's army. It means that we must be tender toward each other and not "lord" it over one another. We must be willing to take advice,

willing to take correction sweetly. Hebrews 13:17 says, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves..." Much of our spiritual disunity comes because we will allow no one to have religious jurisdiction over us. We must recognize that we should be subject one to another in the Lord.

I used to play trombone in a church symphony orchestra. They had many strings and beautiful woodwind instruments, but one trombone. I had to sit many times and count forty measures and then play just one note... then count twenty-four more measures and only play "boomp, boo-oomp" and stop. One day I noticed that there were many small passages printed where I was resting. They belonged to the cello but were written in my music clef, so I played the cello part because I was tired of resting. Quickly the conductor looked in my direction and said, "You keep quiet. You are not a cello but a noisy trombone. You play just what I tell you."

Brother, God wants you to play just what He tells you. Don't get hurt and quit the church. Stay in the orchestra. Maybe God will transfer you to the brass band after awhile and then you can play all the time.

THE POWER OF THIS UNITY

Unity is not static. It is active. The very name implies united action. From the *seats* of the Upper Room, they went to the *streets* of Jerusalem. From tongues of fire, they went to tongues of testimony. For us to say, "I was blessed there," and stop is not enough.

What will our unity in Christ do for the world? What will the gifts of the Spirit of God do for civilization? There are two things we can do.

First, we should have an *exemplary fellowship*. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Outsiders looking in and hearing our harmony are edified. We owe to the world the music and harmony of our fellowship. One of the reasons I came into Pentecost was that Pentecostals were happy. They

were happy on a rainy night and on bad days. In the New Testament, the significant idea is not separation but fellowship. May the world never see anything else!

One of our men told a beautiful story a few days ago which illustrates this. Back in 1947, at the First World Pentecostal Conference, the delegates were coming from many countries. We had gone through a disrupting war. Hearts had been torn. We had never met in a meeting like this before. All those who came loved the Lord, but when they made the hotel reservations they were made in different hotels on different streets. There was an aloofness. Now, after just four World Pentecostal meetings, it is all changed. This year, four separate groups begged to be placed in the same hotel. Isn't it wonderful what unity in action will do?

Finally, we have a *last-day testimony* to give. The first church was not Baptist, Methodist, or Presbyterian. The first church was distinctly Pentecostal. It was the parent church. The last-day church will also be Pentecostal. Joel 2 says so. Peter also confirmed this on the Day of Pentecost. Today we need to pool our efforts as Pentecostals. As a movement, we have a responsibility to the rest of the world. Just as the Jews in the Old Testament days had a responsibility to God, so we also have a responsibility. We have experienced resurrection power. We have seen the fire from heaven, and heard a rushing mighty wind, and we have felt the glory of God!

When I was in college, I saw a tug-of-war. The freshmen and the sophomores pulled on either end of a huge rope, but the freshmen were more energetic and began to pull the sophomores across the field. Then a big fire hose with a heavy stream of water was aimed at the center of the rope and the losing side had to be pulled through the water. It looked as though the sophomores would be "ducked," but all of a sudden one sophomore jumped out from the crowd of spectators and shouted to all the sophomores, "Heave!" Like one man they pulled together. Again he shouted, "Heave!" and the tide was changed. They quickly pulled the freshmen through the water.

Brethren, today the Holy Ghost says, "Heave! Heave!" Let us pull together for the glory of God! The world needs the Pentecostal message. ◀ ◀

THINGS TO COME

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Here in the United States a little band of men wait every day and every night in a locked and guarded room deep down in the Pentagon for a warning of war, according to a Christmas Eve release from one of the big Chicago dailies. If war should come, big or small, red lights would flash on a switchboard in the United States Air Force command post. Defense forces would swing into action. "Poised at the end of runways in this country," the article says, "are Strategic Air Command bombers, crews nearby. High above two oceans, radar-packed planes fly patrol. Down on the surface, picket destroyers plunge and roll through dark cresting waves."

And from Washington D. C., came the announcement on the last day of 1958 that the next two years threaten to build up a most dangerous period of crises. High officials are persuaded that because of the nature and conduct of the East-West conflict the next two years may be of crucial importance.

The stage is being set for the final acts in the great drama of the ages. The very spirit of devils seems to be goading men into frenzied preparation for destruction.

Fearful questions are being asked by many. What is the meaning of the satellites? What lies ahead for America? Will American cities be levelled to the ground? Is something terrible going to happen?

The Bible foretells a time of trouble coming upon the earth "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21). The Book of Revelation is coming alive today with fresh meaning. Herein we find depicted tragic scenes of holocaust and devastation. Instead of crisis following crisis, we have catastrophe following catastrophe. The eighth chapter reveals a strange and terrible storm of hail and fire mingled with blood, which burns up a third of the trees upon earth—and all green grass. Other chapters relate that men in one-fourth of the earth will be killed, and that one-third of those in the remaining three-quarters of the earth will be destroyed by fire and brimstone. We read of heaven and earth shaking, and of panicky people fleeing in abject terror. What a picture of "sudden destruction" coming upon men, "and they shall not escape." Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

Hard upon the heels of the atomic era has arrived the space age. Men are projecting satellites into outer space. Man-made moons are circling the earth at tremendous speeds. Nations are trying to beat one another in their race for the moon. Objectively, it may be presupposed that the nation that controls the sky controls the universe.

The eleventh chapter of Genesis tells us how, of old, men sought to make themselves a name, to build a tower whose top would reach to heaven. This attempt resulted in confusion of language and the dispersion of the people upon the face of the earth.

And what if God should intervene to deter man in his modern tower-of-Babel project, the "conquest of space," and "mastery of the heavens," by sending His Son to earth again!

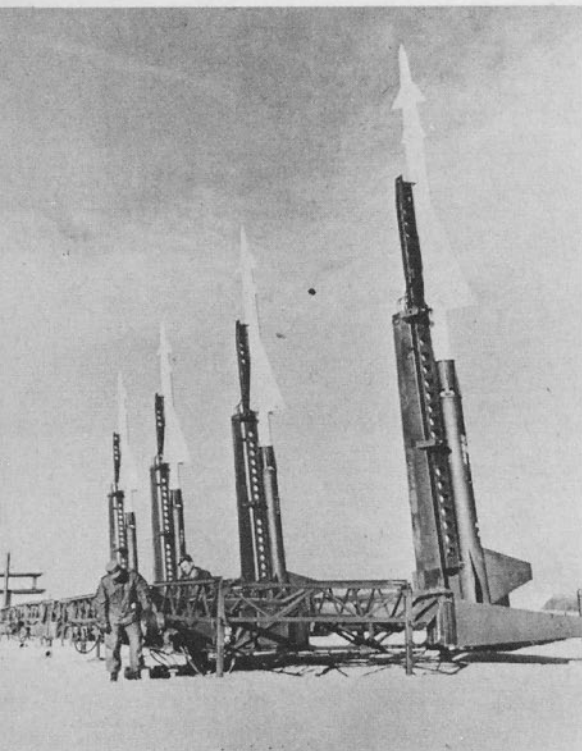
One day there will be an invasion

from outer space. It will not be a visit of little men from Mars. There will be an invasion of earth from beyond interplanetary space by none other than the Lord Himself. Transcending in importance all events which are or will be transpiring is the impending "glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." The crowning event of all the ages is soon to take place. Jesus is about to come the second time. He has promised to come again and nothing can prevent it. At this hour the "signs of the times" loudly proclaim His imminent return. "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh." It is "even at the doors."

Some months ago I received a brochure in the mail fixing the time of the Lord's return just before mid-summer of 1960, and the Battle of Armageddon in 1963. Of course, I do not believe in date-setting for Jesus declared that "of that day and hour knoweth no man," but the dates did set me to thinking. The Spirit seemed to whisper, "Why put off the coming of the Lord as a few years hence, a few months, or even a few days? What if He should come *today*? At *this* moment?" Are we prepared to meet Him? Does the thought of His coming produce fear or joyous anticipation? Do we love His appearing? He will come so quickly—in the twinkling of an eye. There will be no time to read the Bible, to hold a prayer meeting, to make things right, to change our way of living, to get ready. "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares" (Luke 21:34). "Every man that hath this hope in him PURIFIETH himself, even as HE is pure" (1 John 3:3).

Strange and crucial days are these! Momentous events are on the agenda of things to come. Yet it is no time for panic or hysteria. This solemn hour demands sober, serious thinking. "And when these things BEGIN to come to pass, then LOOK UP and LIFT UP your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

With happy assurance we can say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." ◀◀



Nike guided missiles in firing position



THE PHARISEES MEET CHRIST

Sunday School Lesson for February 22, 1959
MATTHEW 22:34-40; 23:1-10; ROMANS 13:7-10

When the Pharisees saw how Christ had silenced the Sadducees when they attempted to trap Him, they themselves made a final attempt to discredit Christ in the eyes of the people. They put forth a "lawyer," that is, one whose business it was both to copy and to teach the Law. According to Mark's account of the incident (Mark 12: 28-34), this scribe, while representing others with malicious intent, was himself evidently sincere in his desire to have Christ settle a question.

I. LOVE, THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW. Matthew 22:34-40.

"Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Says one writer, "The Jews divided the Pentateuch into 613 precepts; 365 prohibitions, as many as there were days in the year; and 228 commandments, as many as there were parts in the body. They distinguished between greater and lesser, and had many disputes about the greatest. Among the greater commandments they reckoned Sabbath observance, circumcision, rules about sacrifice and offering, and rules about fringes and phylacteries." Notice the emphasis placed on outward and ceremonial matters, as well as the practice of categorizing what they termed more and less important matters. The tendency is very prevalent today! We point the finger of scorn at the man who drinks or the woman who smokes and receive without question the man who may harbor hatred in his heart and the woman who has a critical and gossiping tongue. While we do not mean to condone one wrong, neither ought we to excuse another! Jesus Himself taught that men could be outwardly correct and inwardly very corrupt!

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." He did not select any one of the ten commandments, nor did He single out any specific commandment of the Law in general. Instead, He summarized the whole law and stated the great motivating power of all the precepts it contained.

"And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." The scribe did not ask about a second commandment, but Christ was unwilling to leave this great commandment in abstract form. Thus He went on to point out that the first commandment involves the other: If a man truly loves God with all his being, he will quite naturally express that love to his fellow man. "Thy neighbor," as Christ showed in the parable of the Good Samaritan, means any and every one whom we may have the opportunity to help, regardless of race, color, rank, or creed.

II. LOVELESS RELIGION DESCRIBED AND DENOUNCED. Matthew 23:1-10.

After defining the very essence of true religion (heartfelt love for God and man) Jesus exposed the inconsistency of the religious man who sought to ensnare Him. Most people despise and bitterly condemn hypocrites. But let us apply these verses to our own hearts and lives which are quite prone to many of the specified wrongs. Three charges were made against the Pharisees:

(1) They were guilty of glaring inconsistency. Vv. 1-3. "Whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do ye not after their works: for they say and do not." Here is a warning to those who tear down in practice and conduct what they build up in preaching! We must distinguish between preaching and living. We are not to swallow false teaching even though it comes from those whose lives seem to be commendable, or whose ministry seems to be miraculous. Neither ought we to copy the bad conduct of those who preach good doctrine. Yet again, we ought not to reject truth though it may come through one whose practices we may not approve.

(2) They expected others to bear burdens which they themselves would not bear.

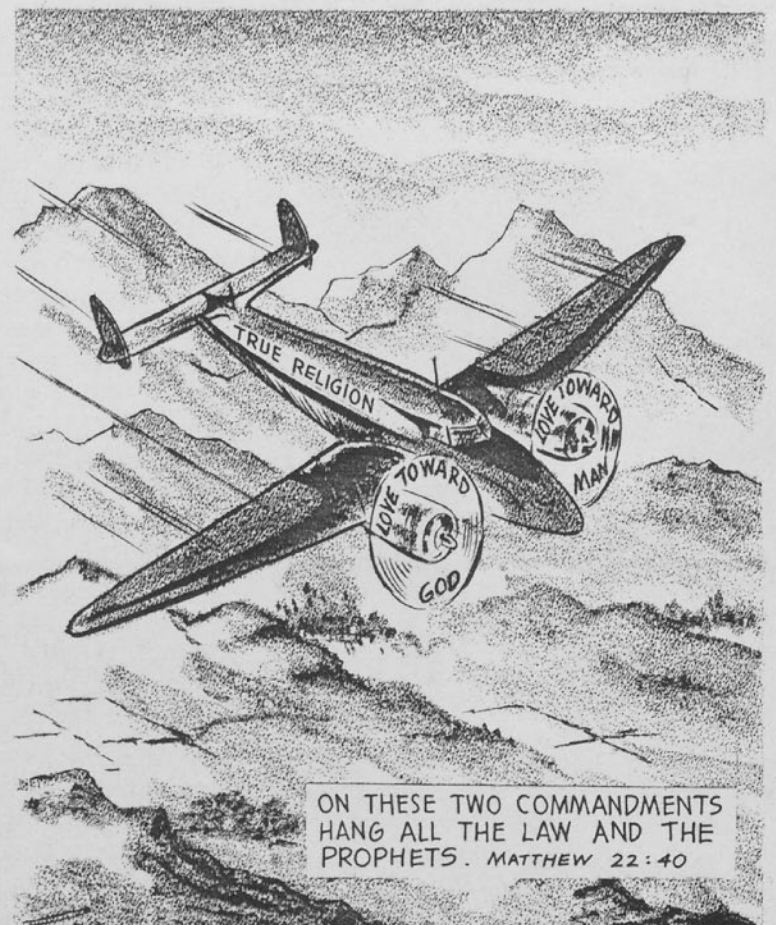
(3) They desired prominence and honor.

III. LOVE IN OPERATION. Romans 13:7-10.

"Love is the fulfilling of the law," says Paul. In other words, the man who truly loves Christ and loves his fellowmen will not need to be told not to abuse his fellows. The love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Spirit will lead him to fulfill that analysis of love in action which is mentioned in these verses and in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

—J. Bashford Bishop

TWIN-ENGINE PLANE



Christ, the Hope of the World

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shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

Every activity of God with regard to man has had reference to the whole world. As Creator, He is described as "the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 40:28). When the whole of mankind was going the way of sin and Satan, God so loved the world that He sent His Son to save the world (1 John 4:14). As the one who died on the cross, Jesus is "the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (1 John 9:2). Christ is a world's hope because He is a world's Saviour.

But He is also the Hope of the World with reference to a *divine intervention*. The Scripture does not say a great deal about this, but what it does say is clear and unmistakable. The very planet on which we live seems to be groaning like a man with a painful disease. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain" (Romans 8:22). We see in nature God's handiwork, but some other hand can be discerned in the suffering and

cruelty which pervade its every part.

The theme is elaborated by Paul when he says that the "hope" of the world is that "the creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:21). While those who have rejected God's way of salvation are banished from His presence for ever, the children of light will shine forth in a creation which now shares their emancipation from Satan's dominion.

And so it is that one day, when Christ comes again, we shall see Him claim as His own not only the Church as His Bride, but the whole of a transformed creation as His domain. It is the Father's purpose in the fullness of time to "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him" (Ephesians 1:10).

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14).
—*Evangelical Christendom*

This We Believe

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mind (John 24:26); our Helper (Romans 8:26); our Revealer (1 Corinthians 2:10); our Transformer (2 Corinthians 3:18).

In the Authorized Version, if no mistake has been made in the count, the name "Holy Ghost" occurs eighty-seven times in the New Testament. Four times the same Greek words are translated "Holy Spirit" (Luke 11:13; Ephesians 1:13; 4:20, and 1 Thessalonians 4:8). Where the word translated "ghost" is not qualified by the word "holy" and yet refers to the Divine Spirit, it is always translated "Spirit" in this version. In Acts 2:4 we have this word translated both ways—"Were all filled with the Holy Ghost (*pneuma*), and began to speak

with other tongues as the Spirit (*pneuma*) gave them utterance." In most later translations the word is uniformly rendered "Spirit" and this is a decided gain. This is so in these versions: American Standard, Worell's, Moffatt's Weymouth's, Bible Union, Emphatic Diaglott, Critically Emphasized, Twentieth Century, Centenary, Riverside, Greek-English Interlinear, New Covenant, Syriac, and others.

13. "He Will Baptize You in the Holy Spirit and Fire." Both water and fire are symbols of the Holy Spirit, and set forth the office work from different aspects. The water purifies by washing away; the fire purifies by consuming and refining (Malachi 3:2, 3). Isaiah was both purified and "fired for service" by the "live coal" taken from the altar and laid on his mouth (Isaiah 6:6, 7). As fire coming into cold, black iron can make it red, then pink, then white and glisten-

ing; so the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer can soften and melt him and warm his cold nature, illuminating and inspiring him, and can make him, like John, "a burning and a shining light" (John 5:35). John shone because he was "on fire," and so were the hundred and twenty at and after Pentecost. What would Pentecost be without the fire of the Holy Spirit?

14. *There Is Much Confusion in Regard to the Personality of the Holy Spirit*. In part this is due to lack of understanding in regard to the Bible doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and in part to lack of consistency in the Authorized Version's renderings of texts referring to the Spirit. In some passages the masculine pronouns are used (John 14, 15, and 16) and in some texts we have neuter pronouns for the same Spirit (Romans 8:16, 26 and other passages). This is to be accounted for by the fact that the Greek word *pneuma* (derived from *pneo*, to blow, both words being used in John 3:8) is a neuter noun. Originally it meant "breath" or "wind," and according to Greek grammar the pronouns referring to this neuter noun had to be neuter. Hence we have in Romans 8:16 and 26 "the Spirit *itself*." That is good Greek, but poor English. The American Standard, the Bible Union, Worell's, Weymouth's, Centenary and several other versions correctly translate the words, "the Spirit *Himself*." The Greeks knew that the pronouns had to agree in gender with the nouns to which they referred, hence they were not confused by these pronouns. In John 4:26 we read, "God is a Spirit" (a neuter noun in Greek), but that does not justify us in referring to God as "it" or "itself." ◀◀

THE HARVEST

The earth is ripening fast,
The harvest-time is near,
Our Lord shall come at last
And with His saints appear.

His host He'll thoroughly purge
And cleanse away all sin,
His glory will reveal,
His Kingdom then begin.

The earth be full of peace,
And righteousness shall flow.
And blessings on His own
He will in grace bestow.

Praise shall ascend to God,
And thanks from every heart.
His glory then shall fill
The earth in every part.

THE LIVING TOMB

HOW HORRIBLE TO STIFLE THE
VOICE OF CONSCIENCE
AND WALL UP ONE'S OWN SOUL!

BY DON JOHNSON

SEVERAL YEARS AGO A SMALL GROUP of workmen were repairing an old medieval castle and they came upon a section of wall which had been constructed at a later date. They were horrified to find that between the false and the original walls lay the decaying bones of a human. Many years before, a rich baron who had occupied the castle evidently had taken an enemy and forced him to stand in a niche in the wall just large enough to hold a man, while the masons built a new wall around him.

What horror and anguish must have gripped the helpless victim as the wall grew higher and higher. How frightful it must have been for those who heard the condemned man's pleas for mercy slowly fade into silence as the last stone was cemented into place. How insane must the prisoner have been as he frantically sought for a way of escape tearing at his own flesh until the last breath of air was exhausted and death overtook him in his living tomb. The workmen must have trembled and shuddered at such cold, cruel barbarism.

Across America and around the

world today a crime is being committed that is more serious than that which occurred in the castle. It is the crime inflicted by men and women against their own souls. Millions of people are trying to live their lives by themselves, ever searching for something which will satisfy their deepest longings and desires. One compromise after another must be made, and all the time an inner voice cries out "Beware!" Yet they stifle its message and proceed inch by inch to wall up their own souls.

For some that wall is worldly success. One thing after another tumbles before them as they make their upward climb. Then their God-given conscience objects, only to be told, "I cannot sacrifice my interests for you." And they continue until eventually they succeed in hushing the voice completely. The Spirit ceases striving; the wall is finished.

Others are building the structure of sensuous living. One thing after another is tried in hopes that new thrills will satisfy. To them, also, the Spirit

warns that "if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die," and "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." They brush aside the fact that "when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Soon for them, too, the wall is complete.

For still others that wall is the apparently safe structure of self-righteousness. They feel they are morally and socially as good as any—perhaps better than most. They share in the community charity drives and co-operate with the local civic clubs; they live respectable lives. But underneath it all they, too, have heard the still small voice telling them that their own righteousness is not enough. Their morality and respectability are a far cry from the demands of a holy and righteous God. But they cling to them, trying to quiet the Spirit's voice, adding stone upon stone toward the final completion of their wall.

Millions around the world are gradually walling up their own souls, rejecting the voice of God as He speaks



to them. The Spirit warns that He will not always strive. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near," the Bible says. "He that, being often reprov'd, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

Are you one of the many rejecting God's call to repentance and faith in His Son, Jesus Christ? Have you, day by day, continued in self-will to add stone upon stone to the wall between your soul and God?

You can be freed from your sin and find peace and satisfaction in Jesus Christ. God has promised, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Christ's death on the cross made possible that wonderful fellowship between God and man, which can be yours if you will turn to Him in humble, childlike faith. Won't you accept Jesus as your Saviour right now?

—American Tract Society

Healed of Headaches

Pastor C. S. Kirkendall of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, was healed of migraine headaches while a student at Southwestern Bible Institute. He writes:

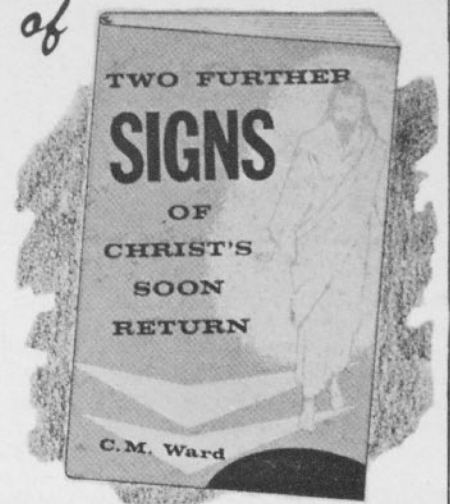
"I had suffered with migraine headaches for several years, having four to five attacks a year. Anyone who has had them knows the agony and pain. I had been told by a leading doctor that there was no cure for them, only temporary relief.

"However, I had sat in classes where M. E. Collins, president of the school, taught Divine Healing, and had heard the testimonies of others being healed under his ministry by the power of God. During one of these migraine attacks I went to Brother Collins' home for prayer. He was very kind and sympathetic. He began encouraging me to have faith, but I was so sick I told him I didn't have any faith. He said he would believe for me.

"Brother Collins put me to bed and began to pray very quietly for me. I hardly knew his hand was on me. Soon I dropped off to a very peaceful sleep and when I awoke all pain was completely gone. That was seven years ago and I am still healed." I thank God for His healing power today.

Two Further Signs of CHRIST'S SOON RETURN

By C. M. WARD



A New Book Containing Two Prophetic Subjects

DEAR EVANGEL FRIENDS:

I have been closely watching the events of these end times and very clearly I see TWO MORE SIGNS of the soon return of our Lord. I have seriously prayed and studied carefully, and have set forth two messages on these events. My new book contains these two messages. It is now ready to send to you.

I am deeply burdened about what is taking place around us. Everyone ought to be aware of what is taking place in our nation and our world! I want you to see what Satan is doing.

One of these signs, *THE WEAKENING OF THE NATIONS*, has slipped in upon us like a fog quietly moving in from the ocean. But it's all about us and threatens the very existence of America. *Hell's immediate objective is to erase national boundaries.* Satan's weapons are powerful—*TAXES and WAR.*

Another sign is a *PATTERN OF COUNTERFEIT FOR THE NEW BIRTH*—a new dimension of spiritual warfare. Satan is trying to counterfeit the New Birth and he will deceive many. He will try to destroy man's soul! When you see this, you will see the real meaning of the Biblical term "Beast."

I believe you must see these signs now. I have done extensive research to set them forth clearly in this book—"TWO FURTHER SIGNS OF CHRIST'S SOON RETURN."

A copy of my new book is waiting for you. Fill out the coupon below and enclose it with your REVIVALTIME offering for this ministry. I need your help in reaching millions every week with the message of Christ. I shall be waiting for your request for my new book, so write today.

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **PENSACOLA, FLA.**—The Central Assembly of God here just closed a good revival with Evangelist Billy Wolfe. Some 19 came forward for salvation. The preaching was of the old-time Pentecostal variety with a rich anointing of the Holy Spirit.

—*William C. Heiden, Jr., Pastor*

► **FLINT, MICH.**—Evangelist Glenna J. Byard recently ministered in Trinity Tabernacle for five days and each day was one of revival and blessing. Several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and many consecrations were made.

—*J. H. Burgess, Pastor*

► **GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX.**—An old-fashioned revival was conducted recently in the Shady Grove Assembly by Evangelist Don Martin of Arlington, Tex. Hearts were stirred, backsliders restored, and sinners saved. There were some outstanding testimonies to healing. Four received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and eight were refilled. Three were baptized in water and 17 affiliated with the church.

—*John Nothalf, Pastor*

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—Evangelist Eugene Petroski recently conducted two weeks of revival in the Polish Full Gospel Church. He spoke on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the home, church, and individual life. The messages drew the people closer to God and instilled a hunger to know more about Him. One highlight of the revival was seeing 20 or more young people consecrate their lives to Christ. Many testified of healings received during the meetings. The straightforward messages caused great heart-searching and the church was edified.

—*N. Stecewicz, Pastor*

► **SHENANDOAH, IOWA**—Twelve knelt in confession of faith and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit during a successful series of meetings conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. G. A. Snavelly. Every department of the church was richly blessed by the ministry of the evangelists in both sermon and song.

—*A. R. Sorenson, Pastor*

► **CLAREMORE, OKLA.**—Evangelist Charles L. Ogdon has just concluded two weeks of revival here in which the Lord blessed in a very wonderful way. Three souls were saved and ten believers were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*C. A. Snodgrass, Pastor*

► **OWENSVILLE, MO.**—The church here just concluded two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Alvin Farmer of Union, Mo. A number were saved and the all-time Sunday School record was broken with 106 present. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

—*Everett McCauley, Pastor*

► **STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.**—The congregation of the El-Bethel Assembly of God greatly enjoyed a recent meeting with Evangelist L. C. Robie. The first Sunday morning there was a good response to the altar call in the Sunday School. Twenty children and one adult came forward. Others were saved or rededicated their lives during the meetings. Several received definite healing. One lady with severe arthritis in her legs was instantly delivered and continues to be free at this writing which is one month later. Brother Robie deals very thoroughly with those coming for salvation.

—*Frank M. Reynolds, Pastor*

► **SHAWNEE, KANS.**—The church here has just experienced a precious revival with Evangelist Jimmie Parrack. There were several conversions and definite healings, but the most wonderful feature was the blessing the people received from the preaching of the Word. The messages truly brought a refreshing from heaven.

—*L. R. Bilhimer, Pastor*

► **ATLANTA, GA.**—The Northwest Assembly of God had a wonderful visitation of the Lord in a one-week revival with Evangelist H. K. Grant of Malvern, Ark. The anointed, Biblical preaching proved to be a source of great inspiration and edification to those in attendance. At the morning teaching services many were made to understand God's Word more clearly.

—*M. G. Barfield, Pastor*

► **YAKIMA, WASH.**—The Mead Avenue Gospel Tabernacle has recently had five weeks of special meetings under the leadership of two different evangelists. For two weeks Evangelist Floyd Bailey of Oregon ministered, and much good was accomplished. After that Evangelist John Hoskins from the same state carried on for three weeks. The meeting could be termed an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival. Seven were saved, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and six backsliders reclaimed. Many were healed and refilled.

—*P. C. Walcher, Pastor*

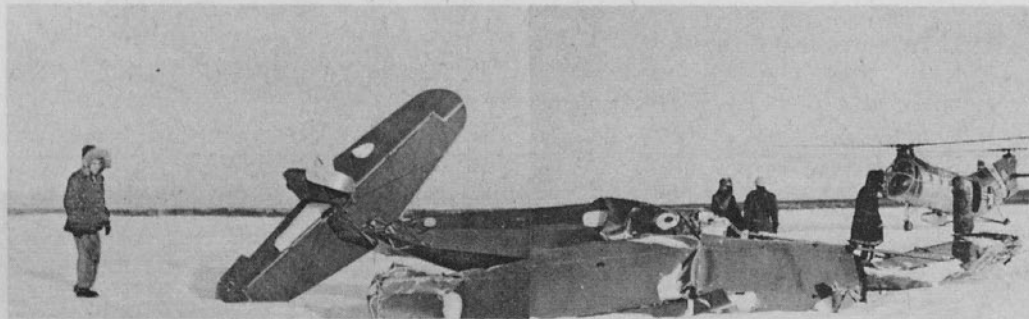
► **WINDSOR, COLO.**—The assembly here was greatly blessed during revival meetings with Evangelist Robert Roop of Akron, Ohio. Nine were saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit. There were many refilled also. In one family of eight the father and six children came to the Lord.

—*Robert Wood, pastor*

► **LOCK HAVEN, PA.**—Evangelist Tommy Reid of E. Aurora, N. Y. recently conducted a one-week revival here. The blessing of the Lord was upon both the evangelist and the church. Several were saved and sick bodies were healed. Some were also filled with the Holy Spirit. The preaching and special music was a real blessing and inspiration to all.

—*P. D. Wonders, pastor*

► **McMINNVILLE, OREG.**—The Full Gospel Church has just had one of the greatest outpourings of God's Spirit in many years. The Sunday School reached the largest attendance in a long while. The meetings were under the direction of Evangelist W. V. Grant. People were healed of blindness, deafness, broken bones, and several other troubles. Crutches were discarded, and some who had been totally deaf for more than 40 years were made whole. Backsliders came back to God, and the



LABRADOR EVANGELIST KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH—Daniel C. MacKinney, 29, Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Labrador, went to be with the Lord December 24, 1958. Brother MacKinney lost his life when his plane crashed in bad weather over Labrador (see picture). He was engaged in evangelistic work in an area where air travel is the main means of transportation. Brother MacKinney attended both North Central Bible College and Central Bible Institute, graduating in 1952. He was ordained in 1956 by the Minnesota District Council. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Rena B. MacKinney; two sisters, Mrs. Jim Hanna and Beulah; and five brothers, David, Verne, Mark, Paul and Samuel.



BIRMINGHAM'S NEWEST CONGREGATION

Huffman Assembly of God, located in the eastern part of Birmingham, Alabama, was opened on October 5, 1958, with fourteen persons present.

Two months later the church was set in order with eighteen charter members by D. H. Browne, Alabama District Home Missions Director.

On December 21, fifty people were present in Sunday School. The goal for Easter is 100.

Pastor Bobby R. Smith (seated right front above) writes, "We are grateful for the wonderful spirit of unity that prevails among us. With such a spirit as this we must reach others for Christ."

people of the church were strengthened. Night after night prayer ascended from the prayer room until almost midnight. The spirit of revival remains in the church.

—Leon D. Hall, Pastor

► FT. WORTH, TEX.—Faith Temple had a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Elridge of Bakersfield, Calif. The enthusiasm, consecration, and sound Bible preaching of the evangelist will long be remembered by the people of the church. The messages were powerful for both saints and sinners.

—J. C. Thompson, pastor

► LORAIN, OHIO — Evangelist Harold May of Detroit, Michigan, recently conducted a revival meeting in the First Assembly of God here which was so mightily blessed of the Lord that it continued for five weeks. Over fifty came to the altar for salvation and some of them received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit the same night. Many were young married couples. One contributing factor to the spirituality of the meetings was a prayer meeting conducted each morning. Very often forty were in attendance. One lady was healed of sugar diabetes in that morning prayer meeting and another of severe varicose veins. A great spirit of expectancy was prevalent. No one wanted to miss a night. In spite of the severe cold and snow the attendance ran from 100 to over 300 nightly. God dealt in a marvelous way with the new converts about personal holiness. Two Sundays after the revival, twelve affiliated with the church and fifteen were baptized in water. Others of the new converts have asked for membership cards.

—K. Smith, pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Glendale	A of G	Feb. 8—	Raymond Schaeffer	Terry L. Smith
Calif.	Bakersfield	Full Gospel Tab.	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Dwight McLaughlin
	Costa Mesa	First	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	Watson Argue	M. C. Cronin
	Grover City	A of G	Feb. 15—	Park & Mary Reed	W. A. Martindale
Colo.	Canon City	A of G	Feb. 15—	J. G. Hall & wife	J. J. Kissner
Del.	Dover	Calvary	Feb. 24-28	David Owen	R. L. Lafferty
Fla.	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	McColl-Gerard Team	Harold Schmitt
	Miami	Central	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	Martin Busse Team	J. D. Buchanan
Idaho	Aberdeen	A of G	Feb. 22-Mar. 8	Arnold Segesman & wife	Mervin Baldwin
Ill.	E. Alton	A of G	Feb. 17—	Bob & Jeri Winford	Odis Cooper
	Mascoutah	First	Feb. 18—	Carl Walker, Jr.	LaVern Golbright
	Murphysboro	First	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Roy Lewis
Ind.	Odin	A of G	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	James West & wife	William Bey
	Griffith	A of G	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	A. F. DiMusto Party	Leland McClanahan
Iowa	Bettendorf	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 11-22	Ken & Patsy George	M. R. Hutchinson
	Eldora	A of G	Feb. 8-22	Lolita Thompson	D. L. Whiteman
	Ottumwa	A of G	Feb. 23-Mar. 8	Ken & Patsy George	Ernest Illum
Kans.	Baxter Springs	First	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	L. F. Ammons
	Puxico	A of G	Feb. 22-Mar. 8	Billy Wolfe	George Hammett
Mo.	St. Louis	Central	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	The Roland Hasties	R. M. Crenshaw
	Steele	Denton	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	Bob McCutchen	H. D. Nance
	Trenton	A of G	Feb. 20—	E. L. Surratt & wife	Norman F. Brewer
Nebr.	McCook	A of G	Feb. 22-Mar. 8	Linfield Crowder	C. A. Sailors
N. Mex.	Las Cruces	First	Feb. 17—	Don George	Jim Brankel
N. C.	Burlington	A of G	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	H. B. Kelchner	W. J. Swaim
	Crafton	A of G	Feb. 17—	Smith-Rasmussen Team	Chester Roig
Ohio	Sandusky	A of G	Feb. 17—	John Higginbotham	A. L. Garlock
	Eugene	Santa Clara	Feb. 15—	Leroy Cloud	W. H. Ross
Oreg.	Pendleton	A of G	Feb. 18-Mar. 8	Don Gossett	C. K. Barnes
	Breckenridge	A of G	Feb. 11-22	Leland Evans & wife	Morgan Thompson
Tex.	Colorado City	First	Feb. 18—	Roy L. Lee	J. F. Robertson
	Eastland	A of G	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	C. U. McMullen	Harley Pruitt
	Ralls	A of G	Feb. 2—	Roy L. Lee	Wm. B. Little
Wash.	Anacortes	A of G	Feb. 8—	Mel Lager	H. M. Barfoot
	Seattle	West Seattle	Feb. 22-Mar. 8	Eric Johnson & wife	Roy E. Southard
Wis.	Antigo	A of G	Feb. 24-Mar. 8	Joel Palmer & wife	Richard Peterson
Canada	Edmonton, Alta.	Idylwyde PT	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	James Miller & wife	Philip Houghton
	Sarnia, Ont.	Bethel Pent.	Feb. 10-22	John H. Bostrom	Robert Norcross
Trinidad	San Fernando	Revivaltime	Feb. 22—	Paul & Dorothy Olson	Larry Ulseth

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.



NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Evangel Church (Assemblies of God) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was dedicated on May 25, 1958, with South Florida District Superintendent Howard S. Bush as guest speaker. Special music was furnished by the choir from Evangel Temple of Miami.

The new church was started by Pastor Jack Starbuck two years ago. Ten months after the property was purchased the building was completed. The auditorium seats 300, and the building also contains a pastor's study, nursery, and class rooms. It is appraised at \$50,000. An education building is planned for the near future.

Many have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in the new church. One man, converted in the services and now a member, had never been in a church once since his coming to America from Germany twenty-one years ago.

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A Journey to
Arizona's Indianland

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We returned to Phoenix Thursday and left for Tucson Friday, this time joined by Sister Gressett. We drove through a territory thick with tall saguaro cacti, the intriguing "clowns" of the desert. At Tucson, Brother Ellsworth Kennedy showed us the fine brick Indian Assembly which has a unique heating and cooling system. We had a good evening service.

On Saturday, we left for Ajo where we were to have the evening service. This church is located in a Catholic Indian community.

En route to Ajo we stopped at Sells where the Don Binders minister to the Papago Indians. There we found a fine church and brush arbor (*ramada*). The Binders live in an attractive trailer.

At the Ajo picnic at 5 p.m. Missionary Carpenter was almost overwhelmed when Pastor John W. Owen of the Ajo (white) Assembly presented her with the keys to a 1955 Plymouth station wagon. This church had been wanting to do this for Sister Carpenter for some time.

Before the barbecue, we viewed the great copper mine at Ajo. (Arizona is noted for its copper, cattle and cotton.) Also, we visited the lovely little Indian Mission. Miss Carpenter did a great deal of the work of construction herself! Our evening service was well attended. I was amazed to find the Indian people singing heartily songs with a strictly southern touch. Brother Brandt again brought a stirring message. After the service, Brother Gressett dedicated the station wagon. We arrived back in Phoenix about 11 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon we participated in the service at the All-Tribes Indian Mission in Phoenix where Mrs. Clarence Washburn pastors. She is also the director of a small but well-equipped Bible school located close to the mission. About twelve different tribes were represented in this interesting service.

Our last evening service of the tour was at Guadalupe. The Yaqui Indians there were worshipping in an enclosed brush arbor. A young man, Ricky Bedolla, interpreted for Brother Brandt and me. Mrs. Booher (the missionary)

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herself speaks Spanish which is a great asset in working with these people.

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—Donald Matthews, Pastor

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THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST

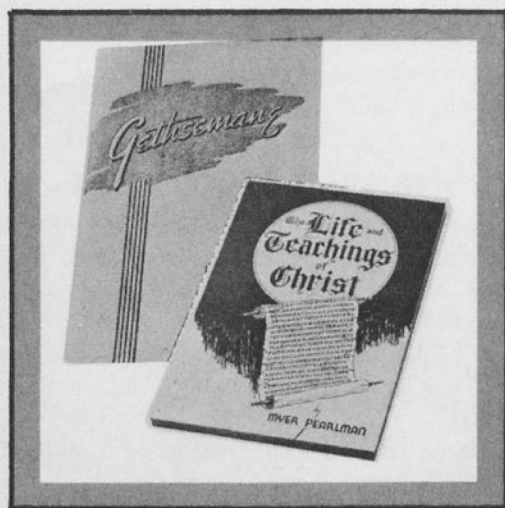
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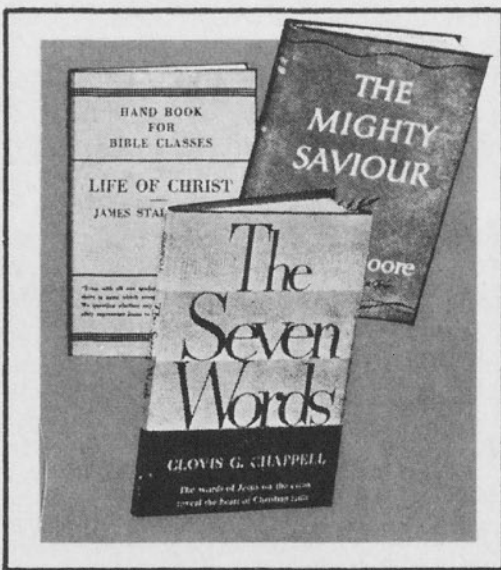
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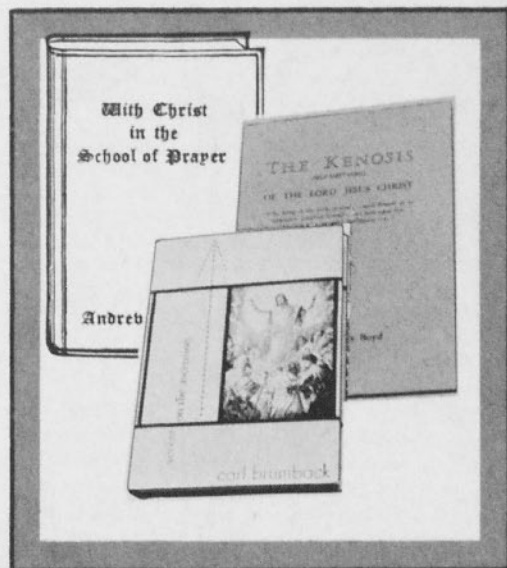
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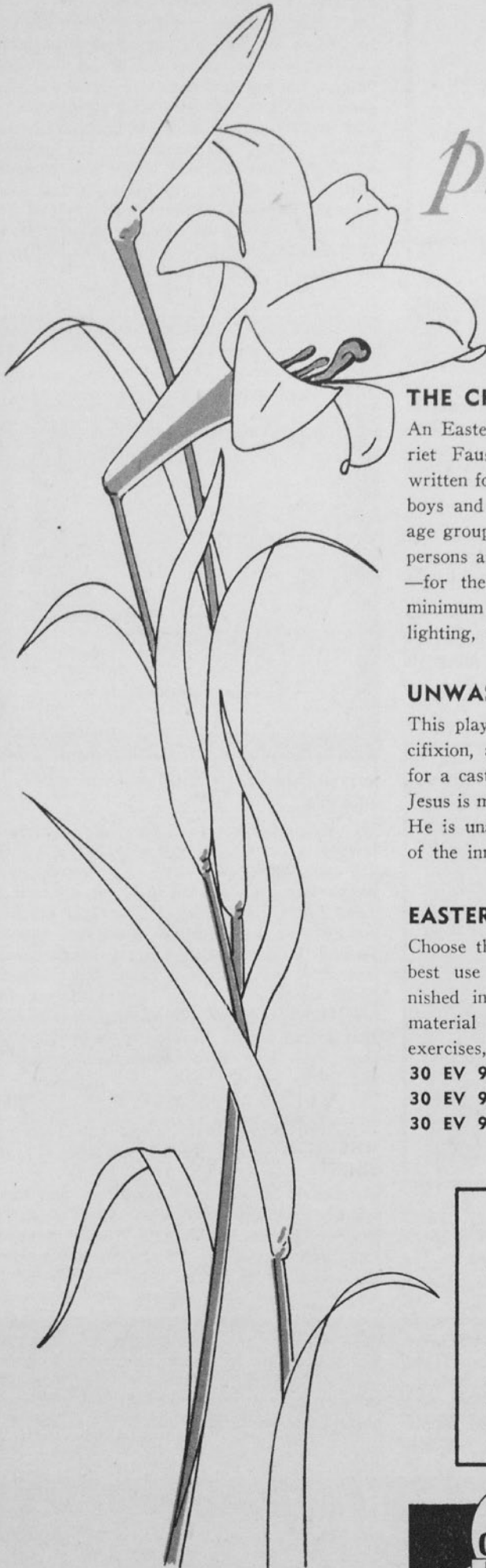
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By Alberta Hawse. There are four scenes, requiring approximately one hour to portray. There should be four women and three men for the play. The story is fictional, but is based on the life of Matthias prior to his election to apostleship.

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An Easter cantata-pageant, with text by Elsie Duncan Yale and music by Roger C. Wilson. Arranged for choir and Sunday School, but a Junior or Intermediate choir could take the place of the Sunday School.

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An Easter service in pantomime, reading, and song, written by Grace Ramquist. Requires forty-five minutes to give. Uses teen-age boys and girls, and younger or older adults.

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Wrong Author

Thanks for your good magazine which I read with great joy.

The Thanksgiving issue contained the poem "Thanks to God" and the name of the author was given as C. O. Rosenium (probably meant to be Rosenius). However, Rosenius did not write the song. It was written in 1891 by August Ludvig Strom, a Swedish lay preacher. The so-called "Sunshine Singer," J. A. Hultman, set it to music and the song is published in many of the songbooks of The Evangelical Mission Covenant of America.

Originally this song had four stanzas. Carl E. Backstrom, a minister, made the translation into the English language. The names Rosenius, Hultman, and Backstrom were all well known by me and Backstrom is even a relative of mine.

CARL G. STROM
Hilmar, California

• Thanks, Brother Strom, for putting us straight, and thanks to your namesake for a beautiful song. Evidently the source from which we reprinted the poem attributed it to the wrong author.

Happy in Christian Service

I would like to thank you for sending me the booklet, "Encouragement to Young Converts." I have been saved for about two months now and these two months have been the best in my life. The night after I was saved I was filled with the precious Holy Spirit. Believe me, that gave me the power I needed to walk with the Lord and to witness to others.

I am now a member of the Missionettes and the C.A.'s. I really enjoy these two programs. I am glad to have good Christian friends and to know I am a child of God. Please pray that my two sisters will want to serve the Lord too.

GLEND A HEIGLE
Fennville, Michigan

• Glenda was one of the eighty-five people who wrote us in response to the article and coupon that appeared in the EVANGEL last November 16. We offered the booklet to each reader who would accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

"A Desk for Billie"

The film, "A Desk for Billie," is being shown next Thursday night at the PTA meeting here. Is it true that Billie is now affiliated with the Assemblies of God?

MRS. J. A. BORTS
Havana, Kansas

• Yes, Billie and her husband, George Davis, are Assemblies of God missionaries in Costa Rica. Formerly Brother Davis was a National Sunday School Representative of the Assem-

blies of God and Billie was Editor of our Vacation Bible School literature and Associate Editor of our "Sunday School Counsellor." The film "A Desk for Billie" portrays the story of Sister Davis' girlhood days when she struggled hard to obtain some of the educational privileges which other children take for granted.

A Letter from Ireland

We are most thankful for the bundles of back-dated EVANGELS that you sent. These were freely distributed by hand and many by post (to South Africa as well as various parts of England and Ireland). Those who receive them often ask for more. We always find there are not enough to go round. It is sincerely hoped and prayed that you will continue to send more....

JAMES R. DAVISON
Ballyclare, Northern Ireland

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Offerings for School at Rome

Thanks so much for the good reports in the EVANGEL. Upon reading about the construction of a Bible School in Rome, Italy, we decided to take an offering for this worthy cause at our family altar on Christmas Eve. Then on Christmas Day at the church we received additional contributions for this needy work. One of our brethren, C. K. Katter, gave us another \$50.00 for the Bible School when the need was presented to him.

We trust this will help a little to inspire the brethren in Italy to continue their mighty work for God in that country.

WILSON A. KATTER
Pastor, City of Lakes Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Happiness Found in Giving

Enclosed please find check for \$32.50. I know this is just a 'drop in the bucket,' so to speak, but I am so happy to be able to send even this little bit to Speed the Light.

I always wanted to send an offering but never had any money. After reading the EVANGEL article, it was so heavy on my heart, so I prayed for a job. I told God that if I had a chance to earn some money, just any kind of work, I would send it all for Speed the Light. My husband works for the State Fish and Game and we are always moving from one fish hatchery to another, so I never have the opportunity to hold a job; but this time the Fishery Division wanted some fish marked and hired a few women to do the job. And, praise the Lord, I was one! So here is my donation.

One thing that is remarkable to me is this: I have arthritis in my fingers and we had to work in cold running water; but not once did my fingers or hands pain me. Not once. I'm so happy. I just love the Lord. He has done so very much for me; I wish I could do more for Him.

FRANCES LUTZ
Hagerman, Idaho



A recent photograph of papyrus plants growing in Upper Galilee

A Bruised Reed

BY THOMAS A. LAMBIE

REEDS ARE OF MANY KINDS. IN ISAIAH'S DAY ALL documents in Egypt were written on papyrus made from the reeds that grew on the banks of the Nile. These are large reeds, sometimes fifteen feet long. They have a hard outer coating with a pithy center. When not bruised they are both light and strong. The pithy center was sliced into thin sheets and glued together to form sheets of papyrus paper. Modern machinery can make it into something like real parchment.

Once in my early days I was asked to make a tour to the upper Nile to explore the commercial possibilities of making paper for the world's use from those vast areas of papyrus found on the White Nile. The paper they made was excellent but not economical. To make the paper they had to bruise or crush the reeds.

Isaiah said that these reeds would vanish from the brooks, the irrigation canals of Egypt (Isaiah 19:7). Having traveled all over Egypt, I can bear witness that the reeds have indeed vanished from the brooks of Egypt but still they grow luxuriantly on the upper reaches of the White Nile in the Sudan and at Lake Tsana in Ethiopia.

Natives living on the banks of Lake Tsana build large canoe-like boats of papyrus. They select long reeds and cut off their feathery heads; then they bind them together into a great bundle with a pointed prow and a wide, depressed-in-the-center body. Every foot or so there is a binding rope. As those reeds are very slippery they must be bruised by striking at the places where the strongest ties must come so that the rope can compress that pithy center and take a firm grip on the outside of the reed. This is only necessary for the outer layer of reeds that hold the whole together. When they are tightly tied, the

inner layers will not slip out. The ones that have been bruised will carry the constricting rope so that it does not slip off and let the boat sink or disintegrate.

How often, in Christian experience, it is the persons who have had the worst buffetings who really hold the vessel together and are the sources of greatest strength to the Church. The bruising is not for punishment but for strengthening. It is said of Christ, "He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). The Lord may bruise us so that we may help others, may keep others from sinking.

When we came to the outlet of Lake Tsana, a fisherman we had met on the previous evening, who had promised to ferry us across the Nile, was gone. He did not keep his promise. No one else was available. We waited and called, but there was no response.

Our foreman found a bundle of half waterlogged reeds, old and bruised. He contrived to tie some more to them, binding over the bruised places. Lo, we had a bark which sufficed, and we crossed in safety.

Just so, the divine Artificer binds up our bruised reeds so that they can be used to support others. He will never cast us aside as useless as long as we are His. "A bruised reed shall He not break." In these gracious words our Lord speaks of the tender regard He has for all injured things, especially His own children. Even when bruised we can glorify Him. At a time when a great crushing sorrow entered my life, so that continued existence did not seem desirable, God gave me the above song by William Leslie which brought comfort and blessing.

O Jesus, gentle Shepherd, lead
Through darkness, doubt, and danger;
With Thee to lead, I shall not heed
The voice of any stranger.

For I am weaker than a bruised reed,
I cannot do without Thee;
I want Thee in each time of need,
I'll want Thee when in Glory.

O Jesus, let Thy mercy throw
Its guardian shadow o'er me,
To guide me all my journey through,
Till I go home to Glory.

O Jesus, let Thy presence be
The Light of my salvation;
For without Thee, how can I see
The way to shun temptation?

O Jesus, keep me ever weak,
If human strength would doubt Thee;
Or subtle self-reliance seek
To live for Thee—without Thee!

Thou wilt not break the bruised reed;
So let me trust, with meekness
Till men shall read Thy strength indeed
Made perfect in my weakness.

When weakest, Thou canst make me strong
By saving, sanctifying,
Till others long to share my song,
On Thee alone relying.

—From *A Bruised Reed*

