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DIVINE HEALING

FROM THE SMITTEN AND RISEN SHEPHERD

By MILDRED FOSTER

Twelve lessons may be learned from the smiting Christ received at Calvary. Here we learn of a love that is limitless and a redemption that remedies every human need.

NEARING GETHSEMANE ON THAT EVENTFUL PASSOVER night, Jesus said, "It is written, I will smite the shepherd..." (Matthew 26:31).

"I will smite!" God is speaking; God Himself will smite the Shepherd! God smote His inward Man and man smote His outward Man, that our whole man, inward and outward, spirit, soul and body, might be redeemed. The contrasting reactions of Jesus show how much more intense was God's smiting than man's.

1. Under God's hand, Christ's soul was made an offering for sin. "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin..." (Isaiah 53:10).

Under man's hand, His body was made an offering for sin. "The offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10).

2. Sorrowfully accepting the cup from His Father's hand (John 18:11), He could not keep silent, but "... offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears..." (Hebrews 5:7).

Smitten and mocked of men, He was silent. "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7). "Jesus held his peace" (Matthew 27:63). "And he gave him no answer, not even to one word, insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly" (Matthew 27:14).

3. In agony of soul in Gethsemane, He craved companionship: "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Bound by the hands of men, He said of His disciples, "Let these go their way" (John 18:8).

4. Yielding Himself into God's hands, He accepted succor from the strengthening angel to enable Him to pray more earnestly (Luke 22:43).

Arrested by man, He could have replaced each weary disciple with a legion of angels, but He refused the aid of twelve legions of angels (Matthew 26:53).

5. Under the olive trees, pressed down by the sin of the world placed on Him by God, "he went forward a little, and fell on the ground" (Mark 14:35), "...and fell on his face and prayed" (Matthew 26:39).

Under the weight of the cross placed on Him by man, He staggered, but tried not to fall. Lest He die of exhaustion before the execution, soldiers compelled Simon, a Cyrenian, who passed by, to bear His cross (Mark 15:21).

6. Faced with being forsaken of God, while He "tasted death for every man," Christ said, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death" (Mark 14:34).

In the hands of men, toiling toward Mount Calvary, weary from the night's vigil and faint from the bloody scourging, Jesus said to the company of women who bewailed and lamented Him, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me" (Luke 23:28).

7. In God's hands, the Sinless One felt keenly the ultimate in shame. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin" (2 Corinthians 5:21). "Made sin," the aggregate of every sin, gathered together in one loathsome mass! Oh, the shame of being made the Representative of the sin of murder, rape, theft, lying, and every sin ever committed by mankind, that the just punishment of every sin might fall on Him, our Substitute and Representative! Vicariously identified with vile and loathsome sinners, "for our old man is crucified with him" (Romans 6:6), He remained holy and sinless, yet under this vicarious humiliation He is made to cry, "But I am a worm, and no man" (Psalm 22: 6), a helpless, contemptible worm, waiting to be crushed under foot. The ultimate in shame! The ultimate in love!

In the hands of man, "he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). Crucifixion was the ultimate in shame at the hands of men, for the cross was for criminals, traitors, and enemies of the Empire. No Roman citizen was allowed to be so degraded. But in the hands of men, Jesus despised the shame. For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross, despising the shame (Hebrews 12:2).

8. In God's hand, smitten, crushed and ground, Jesus. our Meal Offering of fine flour, our Bread of Life, was offered "in the oven" (Leviticus 2:4). His inner sufferings we cannot comprehend or understand. His deepest anguish was hidden from man's view. Sleep closed the eyes of His disciples during His Gethsemane agony (Matthew 26:43). The pall of the miraculous, supernatural darkness (Luke 23:44) almost hid Him from view, as His "soul was made an offering for sin," during those last three hours on the cross. During the first three hours He spoke intermittently, but He was

silent the last three hours of darkness, until nearly their close, for He was engrossed in suffering anguish directly from God, which was much more intense than His physical suffering.

Smitten, bruised, and ground by man, Jesus, our Meal Offering, was offered "in the pan" (Leviticus 2:5), open to the view of all. "They look and stare upon me" (Psalm 22:17). Pilate brought Him out from the bloody scourging, with His visage "marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men" (Isaiah 42:14), and said to the mob, "Behold the man!" (John 19:5). "In the pan" He was exposed to the view of all, probably naked part of the time, "and the people stood beholding" (Luke 23:35), at "the place called The place of a skull" (John 19:17). As someone said, "He was 'the bread from heaven,' ground between the upper and nether millstone."

9. Under the divine smiting every tender, inward affection was bruised and bleeding, for the loose fat was taken from the inwards of our Sin Offering and was burned upon the altar of the fierceness of God's wrath and holy judgment against sin (Leviticus 4:8, 19).

Man carried the body of our Sin Offering "without the camp" and burned it on "the wood with fire" (Leviticus 4:12, 21), the fire of man's hate and bigotry.

10. In submission unto God, "an altar of earth" (Exodus 20:24) in Gethsemane became the altar of burnt offering, where the blood was sprinkled. Christ "in an agony" sprinkled His own blood in the bloody sweat of Gethsemane, for "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). This blood from our sacrifice, a whole Burnt Offering with a sweet savor, was from agony of soul in offering Himself unto God, when the sweet savor of "Not my will, but thine be done" ascended unto God.

In submission unto man, He made Golgotha the brazen altar of burnt offering, where the blood of our freshly scourged sweet-savor Peace Offering still dripped from His back and the blood of our non-sweet-savor Trespass and Sin Offering was sprinkled by the spike wounds and was poured out by the spear thrust "at the bottom of the altar" (Leviticus 4:34) of Golgotha. This blood from our sweet-savor whole Burnt Offering was from agony of body (Colossians 1:20), in submitting Himself into man's hands, as "they pierced my hands and my feet" (Psalm 22:16), as the sweet savor of "Father, forgive them . . ." ascended.

11. Smitten of God, He "prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him" (Mark 14:35). Spiked to the cross by man and acutely suffering, He triumphantly said to a repentant, believing thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

12. Man has a double nature and, unless redeemed, would be cast "both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). In our stead Christ tasted, at the hands of God, the second death, which is being utterly abandoned by God, when He cried, "in the travail of his soul" (Isaiah 53:11), "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46).

Tasting physical death at the hands of man, in our stead (Acts 3:15), He victoriously cried, "It is finished" (John 19:30).

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify

God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). The whole man has been bought with a price, bought back, redeemed, spirit, soul and body. The body has been redeemed from sickness, old age and death. Barring death by outside factors such as war, martyrdom, drowning, fire, accidents, etc., man's blood, corrupted by sin, left to itself, brings death by the infirmities of old age or by sickness, so with His sinless, healing, life-giving, shed blood Christ redeemed the body from the infirmities of old age, sickness and death, for "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17).

But Paul says we "groan within ourselves, waiting for...the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23), which will be "fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21) at His second coming. So we must wait for our redemption from old age, sickness, and death. God knows that waiting is hard, so He has chosen to give divine healing in our age to be a pledge or earnest of the redemption of the body. Divine healing is different from redemption from sickness, being only an earnest of it.

When we come into our future redemption from sickness, our body will not even be subject to sickness, pain, fever or suffering (Revelation 21:4). But now, while we are subject to sickness in this church age, the compassionate smitten and risen Shepherd tenderly says to believers:

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14, 15).

Insulin No Longer Needed Thanks to Divine Healing

Four years ago I was hospitalized with blood poisoning so severe that doctors considered amputating my right arm. In addition they found that I had diabetes. But many prayers went up to the Throne of Grace in my behalf, and God answered. Praise His wonderful name! My arm was spared, but I was placed on a strict diet and began daily injections of insulin.

After taking insulin for 18 months I determined in my heart that it was God's will to heal me. I knew I would no longer be bound to those daily injections of insulin.

One Sunday night in February 1963, I stepped out with full confidence that I would be healed. I went to the church altar and asked the minister to anoint me with oil as the Bible says (James 5:14) and pray for me. Praise God, I was healed immediately. I have not taken one bit of medication since. Now, nearly two years later, I am in perfect health.

To our Lord be all the honor and glory. Yes, He can do anything—but fail!—Mrs. Ruth Walbridge, Girard, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ralph R. Volpe, Bethel Assembly of God, Girard, Pennsylvania, who writes: "Mrs. Ruth Walbridge is a very faithful member of Bethel Assembly, and the foregoing testimony is only a fraction of what God has done for her.")

No Bible, No Breakfast

A Christian man, determined to get more out of his Bible reading in the new year, made a large sign and tacked it on his wall: NO BIBLE, NO BREAKFAST. He decided it was more essential to have a good Bible reading each morning than to have a big breakfast.

Of course, the ideal plan is to rise early enough to have time for devotions and breakfast both; but if a person has to make a choice it is better to omit breakfast than to skip prayer and Bible reading. In the words of the patriarch we should be able to say, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12).

Our "Walking with the Word" program suggests a minimum of three Psalms and five chapters of the New Testament each week. This will take a person through the Book of Psalms and the entire New Testament by the end of 1965. It requires only a few minutes a day.

We would urge every reader to read the Word daily. It can bring much enjoyment as well as spiritual strength and enlightenment. To enjoy this daily habit you need a Bible that does not strain your eyes —one with good, clear print. And you need to establish a definite time each day for your reading-preferably early in the morning. Consider this time as a daily appointment with God, and keep it faithfully.

Read for your personal benefit with the definite purpose of making the Bible a practical guide to life. Each day, as you start to read, pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to understand what you read, and to apply it to your own life. Reading the Bible is not the same as reading an ordinary book, for this is a message from God. The American Bible Society offers the following suggestions:

- 1. Read expectantly and thoughtfully, asking, "What is God's message for me today?" In finding this personal message from God, three other questions will help: What does this passage teach me to believe? -teach me to become?-teach me to do?
- 2. Read with imagination, unhurriedly. Try to picture the scene or the setting. Try to conceive of the persons involved as real people, living people.
- 3. Use standard helps such as a reference Bible, commentaries, Bible dictionary, and concordance where necessary but do not let these take the place of reading the Bible itself. These helps are the work of men. The Bible is the Word of God Himself.
- 4. Do not be disturbed if there are some passages you cannot understand. Be willing to dig for hidden treasure by repeated readings,
- 5. Conserve the results of your reading by keeping a notebook handy. Write down the lessons you learn. Copy the key verses and commit them to memory; put them on cards and carry them about with you until you have memorized them.
- 6. No matter how you may feel, read your daily portion. The Bible is not a shelf of medicines for use in emergencies; it is a breadbox of spiritual food for daily use.
- 7. Mix prayer with your reading. After reading a chapter, thank God for it; ask the Lord to make the promises real in your life this day; exercise faith that the Word may be fulfilled not only in your own life but in the lives of others. Prayer and Bible reading make daily devotions a sacred dialogue. Through prayer we talk to God. Through the Bible He talks to us. Listen for His voice, and let Him hear your voice each morning. This daily communion will bring unspeakable joy to your heart as well as His. -R. C. C.

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

WAIT FOR THE CURRENT

Two men lost their way while exploring in a deserted mine. Almost exhausted in their efforts to find their way out, they stopped to rest. As they sat quietly, one of the men felt a faint current of fresh air against his cheek. This gave them the direction they needed to start toward the exit.

They started out; and when in doubt at a junction, they would pause and wait for the movement of the air.

The Holy Spirit is compared to the wind on more than one occasion in the Bible. The child of God who will pause in his busy round of activities and wait for His direction, will feel it gently but unmistakably in his soul. "He will guide you," Jesus said.

-Adapted

IT'S LATER THAN EVER BEFORE!

A little boy was playing dreamily with his toys at the foot of the grandfather clock. When it began to chime the hour, the mechanism jammed. He counted in amazement as it struck eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen times.

Excited and incredulous, he threw down his toy and ran through the house calling, "Mother! Daddy! Come quickly. It's later than it's ever been before!"

Many Christians would do well to listen to the sinister sounds of the age, drop their "toys," and show some concern about the situation. It's later than it's ever been before.

-Adapted

IS GOD A GENTLEMAN?

Dinny Malone, a retired sea captain of unusual integrity, was reading his Bible when the minister came to call. The 80-year-old seaman greeted the minister with the news that he had been trying to get God to forgive him for six years—"and He won't!"

The minister looked at him keenly. "Have you repented?" Dinny nodded solemnly. "Have you trusted God?" "Yes," answered Dinny. "Then you must have found Him!"

Dinny shook his head. "I never feel it in my heart—the forgiveness."

The minister took the Bible from Dinny's hand and together they went over the invitations of Christ and such



SCRIPTURE READING FOR JANUARY 17-24

Sunday—Psalm 9 Monday—Matthew 11 Tuesday—Matthew 12 Wednesday—Matthew 13 Thursday—Matthew 14 Friday—Matthew 15 Saturday—Psalm 10 Sunday—Psalms 11, 12



verses as 1 John 1:9—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"Dinny," said the minister, "when you give your word, do you keep it?" "Sure I do!" roared Dinny; "doesn't a gentleman always?" The minister leaned toward him. "Dinny, don't you think God is a gentleman?"

A light that never was on land or sea shone on Dinny's face. "What a fool I've been! I see it now. He does forgive me, and now I feel it!"

-Selected

FOUND BY THE THANKFUL HEART

If anyone should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them. But let we take a magnet and sweep through it, and the almost invisible particles would be caught up by the mere power of attraction.

The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies. But let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessing.

-OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

THE TEST OF SERENITY

To walk when others are running; to whisper when others are shouting; to sleep when others are restless; to smile when others are angry; to work when others are idle; to pause when others are hurrying; to pray when others are doubting; to think when others are in confusion; to face turmoil, yet feel composure; to know inner calm in spite of everything—this is the test of serenity.

-Doris LaGasse, in Sunshine Magazine

PRAYING WITHOUT FEELING

Oftentimes when we come to God in prayer we do not feel like praying. What shall we do in such a case? Cease praying until we feel like it? Not at all. When we feel least like praying is the time when we most need to pray.

We should wait quietly before God and tell Him how cold and prayerless our hearts are, and look up to Him and trust Him and expect Him to send the Holy Spirit to warm our hearts and to draw them out in prayer.

-R. A. TORREY

WATER BAPTISM-

An Imperative for All Believers

By MICHAEL P. HORBAN

Full gospel churches are sometimes criticized for not putting more emphasis on water baptism. The criticism is not entirely unfounded. There are a surprisingly large number of believers in our assemblies who had not been baptized in water since their conversion.

And yet the importance of baptism is made perfectly clear in the Scriptures. In the Early Church there was no such thing as an unbaptized Christian. Our Lord's great commission to go to all nations with the gospel included "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus did not make baptism optional. He commanded it.

In the Book of Acts alone, there are 10 distinct references to baptismal services. Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost concluded with the charge, "Repent and be baptized every one of you" (Acts 2:38). Baptism stood on the very threshold of the Christian life. The command of Jesus, the example of Jesus, and the practice of the New Testament church, all combine to teach that baptism is imperative for every saved person today.

There is no use in saying, "I want the best that God has for me, all that God has for me," if when you come face to face with this plain command of Christ you do not obey it. It is your simple duty to do exactly what He tells you to do.

What is baptism? The New Testament teaches it is the immersion in water of a believer, as the sign of his conversion and faith. It should follow salvation, and it should precede church membership.

Why do we baptize by immersion? We follow this method because the Bibles teaches it. The word baptize means "submerge" or "dip." Jesus was immersed. Matthew says concerning this that "Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water" (Matthew 3:16). When Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch, as recorded in Acts 8:38, "they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

Immersion is the only mode that adequately sets forth the meaning of baptism. And what is its real meaning? Baptism symbolizes the profound truth of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His baptism in the Jordan River was a heaven-honored symbol of His redemptive work: that He would die, be buried, and rise again for our salvation. We let the public see that

we believe this when we are immersed. We show our faith.

There is no New Testament passage that in any way teaches sprinkling as a picture of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Who should be baptized? The New Testament teaches that believers and believers only should be baptized. In all cases the test is individual faith. When the eunuch asked Philip about baptism the reply was, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest" (Acts 8:37). The Scriptures distinctly say, "Repent and be baptized," "He that believeth and is baptized..." Salvation must come first, and baptism must follow.

It should be said that Jesus never baptized any infant, never commanded anyone to baptize infants, and, while He was on earth, never saw one infant baptized.

If asked, "What's wrong with sprinkling infants?" we offer two objections: sprinkling is not baptism, and an infant is not a believer confessing Christ. The case of the Ethiopian eunuch strongly and unmistakenly teaches that baptism is proper only as the act of a believer confessing Christ. That is why we do not sprinkle infants.

This does not mean that only adults can be baptized. It is *believer's* baptism, not adult baptism. When boys and girls are old enough to believe and to confess Christ they are proper subjects for baptism.

Why is baptism so important? Simply because it presents a threefold truth:

First, baptism proclaims the gospel. It would be impossible to imagine a richer symbolism. Calvary and the resurrection are rehearsed as the candidate shows what he believes publicly by his symbolic actions. The doctrine of forgiveness of sins and cleansing is set forth vividly.

Secondly, baptism pictures an experience. The believer, through faith in Christ, has passed from death to life. Baptism portrays a conversion; "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." This is the teaching of Romans 6:4—"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Baptism gives a person something to live up to. The pledge has been made to God that he will live for Him. The vow has been made.

Thirdly, baptism declares our hope. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." We believe in a resurrec-

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tion from the dead after the burial of the body in the

Having said all this about baptism, we have shown why it has no significance whatever unless the subject is a believer. It should also be clear that baptism is ordered by divine authority. It was designed to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and to further our obedience and discipleship.

Every unbaptized Christian should notice carefully the attitude of Jesus at His baptism when He said to John, "Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Blessings follow obedience to this plain commandment of the Lord. Remember the solemn words of Jesus, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

Serious Handicap Disappears

I WAS HANDICAPPED FOR SEVEN YEARS BUT GOD HEALED me in four days. Our God can do all things!

On November 28, 1956, I fell and broke my left arm. The break proved to be a very serious one. The bone was set the same day at the Still Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo., but surgery and resetting became necessary 10 days later. This time the bone was secured with a small wire, but it did not hold and slipped from its position a second time.

Additional surgery was not advised. Healing seemed very slow. The cast was finally removed January 31, 1957. The doctor told my husband that it was up to me

whether or not my arm would be totally crippled. My arm had stiffened into a right angle; it was two and a half inches shorter than the other one, and my shoulder had dropped.

When Evangelist Lloyd Huffey came to the Assembly of God at Barnett, Mo., on September 3, 1964, he challenged us to believe God for a miracle. After the service I showed him my arm and asked for prayer. The next morning I felt a difference in my arm. I discovered it had lengthened at least half an inch!

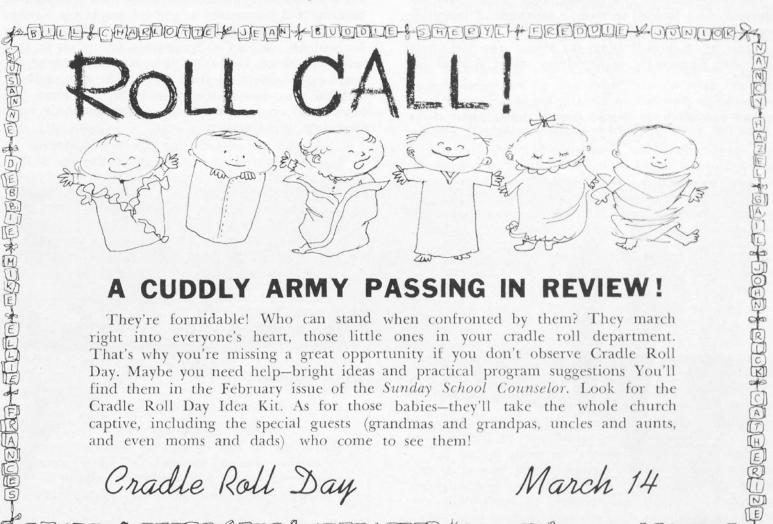
On Sunday when I was testifying to my son I noticed it had lengthened another inch. The next day when I was again giving testimony I found that my healing was completed; the injured arm was restored to the full length of the normal one.

My shoulder which had dropped is now normal, and I can straighten my arm once more. I am praising God for this gracious miracle of healing.-Mrs. Edith Hess, Barnett, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ralph Gothard, Assembly of God, Barnett, Mo.)

HE ANSWERS PRAYER

He answers prayer-so sweetly that I stand Amid the blessing of His wondrous hand, And marvel at the miracle I see, The favors that His love hath wrought for me. Pray on for the impossible and dare Upon thy banner this brave motto bear, "MY FATHER ANSWERS PRAYER!"



find them in the February issue of the Sunday School Counselor. Look for the Cradle Roll Day Idea Kit. As for those babies-they'll take the whole church captive, including the special guests (grandmas and grandpas, uncles and aunts, and even moms and dads) who come to see them!

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A Casket for Darlene

This is a true story. Only the girl's name has been changed.

BY RUTH COPELAND

THE MORTICIAN WAS VERY MATTER-OF-FACT. "WE'LL START with the medium-priced range. This gray one is \$595. The blue one is \$695. Others are higher or lower. It's just like anything else; you get what you pay for."

He paused; then went on, "You may want to wait and match it with the dress you get her." Then followed a discussion on the merits of sealed vaults, plain ones and steel ones.

The parents shopped the lot, going from one casket to another, and weighed the advantages of one vault as against another. The young husband of the deceased stood in mute, wide-eyed disbelief.

It was heartbreaking to watch these parents pick out a casket for Darlene—pretty Darlene, just 16 years old, a high school drop-out and backslider, married, and now dead by a tragic accident under sordid circumstances.

We were there to give the emotional support they requested. As I listened to them, a hurricane of memories rushed through my mind. "A casket!" I thought, "and a dress for a shroud! Why, it's almost time for school to start! They ought to be buying school clothing for her!"

Ruth Copeland is the wife of Moses Copeland, pastor of the Maple Hill Assembly of God in Kansas City, Kans.

Bitterly I made a quick computation, "Why, they haven't given a total of this much time and attention to her soul during two whole years!"

In the stifling atmosphere of the casket showroom my thoughts went back over Darlene's story. We had found her family through visitation. They had just moved to the city. We called on them and succeeded in awakening a casual interest on the part of the parents. The children were enthusiastic. For a few Sundays the whole family came.

Then a splurge of buying increased financial pressures. The father took a weekend job in a tavern where he soon succumbed to his own weakness. Then followed a familiar patter of pastoral visits Saturday after Saturday to make sure the children would be ready when someone called for them Sunday mornings.

Darlene came to the church altar. First tearful, then believing and joyous, she accepted Jesus as her Saviour and started in the youth converts class. Satan fought for her soul. On the part of her parents, apathy set in, then active opposition. If she had been spiritually strong she might have held on to Jesus by faith in spite of it all. But she was one of the weak lambs for whom lots of feeding, encouragement and fellowship with other Christians is imperative.



Parents, in their strategic position in the home, can create an atmosphere of indifference to spiritual things which no pastor can penetrate to reach the children. When the family is constantly planning some activity to take the place of church—when the family retires so late Saturday nights that the children are sleepy Sunday mornings—when worldly company and worldly entertainment are thrust upon the children, their interest in spiritual things will probably be crowded out.

This is what Darlene's parents did. They wanted "things"; they wanted earthly pleasures. God could wait.

On Sunday mornings everyone slept.

Darlene's spiritual life starved, then died. In visit after visit we could not succeed in awakening the parents from their attitude. "Yes, sometime we will start going to church, and get right with God, but not now. We're just too busy," was their stock answer.

They did not know it, but time was running out for Darlene! She drifted farther and farther away from us and from the Saviour. Her life began to go to pieces. She dropped out of school. Then she married a small-town boy. Too young to settle down to home responsibilities and too restless to endure small-town life, she returned to the city, breaking her young husband's heart.

Then it happened!

Sirens wailed on the boulevard early one Sunday morning. The pastor was called to the hospital. He walked into the room and saw with horror that the young woman lying on the bed was Darlene—our Darlene! She was dying of massive internal wounds. She had been on the way home from a late dance in the company of two young men, when their speeding automobile struck another and careened into a utility pole.

What goes on in a human spirit during this mysterious process we call dying? How long after a young body is driven through the floor of a car does awareness go on? You hope, oh, you hope that there were conscious minutes and that in those minutes she remembered the Saviour, turned to Him, repented, and was received back into His forgiveness. But—you can't know. You have no assurance that she was able to or did!

How excruciating is the agony of parents as they go through their grief in such a situation! They are reaping the awful harvest of the seeds they themselves have sown!

The sorrow of the world is bleak and hopeless. No light from heaven shines through the valley of the shadow of death to comfort the hearts of parents who have pulled their children away from Christ, as it does for those who have brought their little ones to Him.

CODE MESSAGE

Enjoy figuring out a message in code? Then here's another one for you.

CODE

A=A; B=Z; C=X; D=W; E=E; F=V; G=T; H=S; I=I; J=R; K=Q; L=P; M=N; O=O; U=U; Y=Y.

MESSAGE

Tow gsumwejegs najfeppouhpy digs sih foixe; tjeag gsimth woegs se, dsixs de xammog xonljesemw. Voj se haigs go gse hmod, Ze gsou om gse eajgs....

(To check your answer, look up Job 37:5, 6.)

Every parent who is not actively helping his children to come to Christ needs to ask himself the question, "Can a new car, or many household conveniences, or a good income, or worldly pleasures make up for the tragedy of letting my children drift into hell while I drift there myself?"

By neglecting to come to the Saviour, parents risk losing their most precious possessions—their children—not in this life alone, but in that eternal spiritual night where hope is forever absent!

Soundproofing the Soul

BY KATHERINE BEVIS

Scientists tell us that noise wastes energy. The amount of energy burned up by a stenographer using a typewriter has been measured under different working conditions. It was found that bare plaster walls, excellent noise reflectors that they are, caused the typist's energy expenditure to bounce 71 per cent above resting level. But when the walls were covered with materials that absorbed about half the noise, the energy use rate dropped to 52 per cent above resting level and typing speed increased 43 per cent. In a weaving room where workers were made to wear ear protectors, speed was increased 12 per cent.

Is it any wonder God's Word recommends moments of stillness and encourages us in the blessedness of the quiet hour? "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

In these days that have not enough hours to do all the things that need to be done, days with emergencies and irritations in such numbers that when we have a quiet moment we do not know how to relax, we too need to use deadening material on the walls of our souls—material that will absorb some of the noise and tension of this 20th-century living.

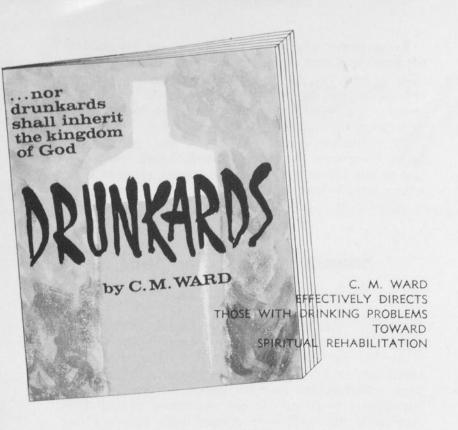
We shall find that material in the Word of God. The Psalmist says, "I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest" (Psalm 55:8). Again in Psalm 62:1 we read these words, "Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation." And listen to the words found in Psalm 71:1, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion." If noise wastes our physical energy, how much more will it destroy the energy of our soul.

The same scientists tell us that human beings never really get used to noise. Even after years in noisy surroundings, workers have to adapt themselves anew each day. How aptly this same principle may be applied to our spiritual life!

It brings to our mind the words of that poem, "I met God in the morning when my day was at its best..." If it is necessary to adapt daily to the noise about us, it is equally necessary to adapt daily to the spiritual din and discord of this "work-a-day" world.

Let us not allow the clamoring noise and strife to rob us of our spiritual energy. Rather, let us share the experience of one who wrote, "He leadeth me beside the still waters, he restoreth my soul."

We need to soundproof the walls of our souls.



REVIVALTIME

POINTS ALCOHOLICS TO CHRIST

Billy Caswell (left) as he appeared when a noted cowboy singer, and yodeler. Today, (right) Billy uses his talents for the Lord. His story is in C. M. Ward's book, "Drunkards."





Few things are more pitiful than a soul obsessed and tormented with the curse of drunkenness. Alcohol can change a successful, educated, devoted father into an immoral vulgar creature concerned only with satisfying his thirst. It can send a man hurtling into the depths of despair. It can cause him to lose sight of God.

But when prayer is made, in faith believing, God is willing to meet the need. Hundreds of Revivaltime listeners have testified to this. Ever since Revivaltime's

beginning in 1953 the broadcast service has maintained a powerful ministry to those enslaved by the drink habit. The straightforward salvation message has stirred the dwindling fires of conscience and obligation to God and self in scores of men and women whose lives had become a miserable existence.

"Revivaltime has made me sit up and realize that our Lord knows all and is all powerful," wrote a man in Morristown, N. J. "Never again will I take a drink of liquor."

A listener in Fresno, Calif., whose wife was plagued with the drinking habit, sent this grateful testimony: "I want to thank you for honoring my prayer request. God answered within a few months, and my wife has no inclination or apparent desire for alcoholic beverages."

It is the Christian's privilege to share the burdens of others who are similarly affected. An inspiring answer to the prayer request of a Columbus, Mont., listener was related in her letter to *Revivaltime*:

"Last year, just prior to the Prayermeeting, I requested prayer for a man who was an alcoholic. His family was very worried and heartsick. But now they are rejoicing, for two months ago this man was saved and delivered from alcoholism in one of our local churches."

Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward, in his latest book, *Drunkards*, relates one of the most thrilling testimonies of deliverance ever to reach *Revivaltime*. It is the story of Billy Caswell, noted cowboy singer and yodeler, well known in Canada and throughout the entertainment world. Here, in brief, is his testimony:

"I was a drunkard at the age of 18. I have been so desperate for booze at times that I have taken old-time phonograph records and boiled them so that I could strain off the liquor and drink it.

"For most of my life I have been an entertainer. God got hold of my life in the Jimmy Snow meetings. My initial attendance was a favor to Jimmy's daddy, the famous Hank Snow, star of country and western music, whom I knew professionally. He had said, 'Keep your eye on Jimmy, and see that no one heckles him or throws stones at the tent.' I kept my word and went to hear him.

"I thought, 'I will go and hear this phony. It is another publicity stunt.' My mother served the Lord, and I thought I could tell a sincere Christian when I saw one.

"I was soaked. I had been drinking and partying for a week. I sat back as far as I could. It was not long before I said to myself, 'Billy Caswell, this is not any publicity stunt, and you are a liar about these kids.' Inside my heart I knew it was real.

"The meetings became my main interest. At first I played the role of protector, but Jimmy and Carol did not need my protection. I needed theirs. I soon sensed the presence of God. I was vulgar, but I was sinsick.

"My wasted life came before me. Behind all my boasting and strutting on and off stage I knew I was a prisoner of evil. I loved my pipes. They were the one real pride of my life. I kept five expensive pipes filled at home for instant use, and there were always two in my pockets. They were the last to go.

"Until the very last the devil tried to keep a small mortgage on my soul. After my salvation I would look at my pipes resting on the ashtray, tempting me with the old source of comfort. I thank God for the day I took a hammer and broke them to bits and dumped them

into the garbage can.

"My life had been riddled with sin. No one had to tell me I was hellbound. I knew it. I had emceed the lowest and most vulgar shows. I never asked for quarter or gave it in drunken brawls. When I was half-sober I worked as a musician, comedian, and bronc rider. My specialty was yodeling the blues.

"I had not planned on getting saved. I did not think I would fit. Suddenly I realized that I was attending gospel services night after night! The more I attended the more convinced I became. I fought it. Yet I turned aside show dates, dance dates and parties. God was fanning a stronger thirst in my soul than I had ever known in my body.

"I heard the mocking taunt of the devil, 'You will be the laughing stock of the city. Everybody in the music business will laugh you right out of the circuit. Use a little common sense. Get out of here while you are ahead.' But the power of the Holy Spirit was stronger.

"One night after I returned from the meeting I played some gospel albums. As I sat alone and listened, I let the tears splash down my cheeks. I thought, 'O God, what do You want of me? Why don't You just forget about me?'

"I knew I had to do something. The next night I thought, 'If this thing starts again I will get up and walk out. I will not wait for any invitation.' Of all nights, my mother decided to sit down next to me. An old-time Sunday school teacher sat in front of me, and a minister I knew very well sat across from me. I felt surrounded. My mind was on how to escape. I did not like the odds.

"An elderly gentleman put his arm across my shoulders and said, 'Come on, Billy! Jesus wants you. I have been watching you every night and God is dealing with you. Come on, son!' The first thing I knew I was on my feet and heading in a direction that I had no intention of traveling. God had caught up with me. He loved me when I had not loved Him. That was the difference.

"When my knees hit the sawdust, something let go inside of me. I bawled like a baby. Repentance swept over my soul. I felt the power of God. When I arose the sense of guilt had vanished. I was born again. I felt I could sing and play for Jesus the rest of the night.

"Today, more than two years later, Christ is still the answer. I have found peace. The Word of God is my companion. I know by personal experience that the power of Calvary can wash a man clean from defilement. I enjoy giving my testimony wherever I go. I have found a new life!"

There are thousands of "Billy Caswells" in the world, but few will be fortunate enough to be exposed to the gospel as he was. Revivaltime's burden is for these thousands of unreached souls. Radio is the only medium through which many of these persons will ever hear the gospel. And through the continued support of listeners around the world, we are reaching alcoholics, and influencing their lives for Christ.

Pray each day for *Revivaltime*, and tell your friends about the broadcast service. You may receive a FREE copy of *Drunkards* upon request. Send your letters and offerings to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Where in the Bible does it say a person ought not to use tobacco?

The Bible deals with principles. In it we are admonished to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1). And, "be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord" (Isaiah 52:11). Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost and the temple should be pure.

Tobacco is a binding habit, now proved to be detrimental to health. Let us glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits, which are His, by doing nothing to de-

file or destroy these temples.

To what does the "holy Catholic Church" in the Apostles' Creed refer?

The term "holy Catholic Church" should not be confused with the "Roman Catholic Church." The term "catholic" means universal. The words, "I believe in the holy Catholic Church," in the Apostles' Creed, testify to belief that members of the Body of Christ are all bornagain believers, members of "the church of the first born, which are written in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23). The creed implies that no single denomination or group of Christians is the true Church to the exclusion of other groups.

Why are Matthew, Mark, and Luke called the Synoptic Gospels?

They are called Synoptic because they give, in condensed form, a general view (synopsis) concerning Jesus, His life, teachings, works, sacrificial death, resurrection, and ascension.

Please explain, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17).

Jesus and Jesus alone has perfectly fulfilled the Law, never breaking one of the commandments. He then gave Himself a ransom for us who have broken the Law. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth" (Romans 10:4). "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead" (Romans 7:4).

Although Christian believers are not under the Sinaitic Law, they are not lawless. The Holy Spirit abides in the believer's life "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4). "For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect" (Romans 4:14).

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Spiritual Certainties

A BIBLE STUDY



By ROBERTA LASHLEY

LIFE AT ITS BEST IS FULL OF UNCERTAINTIES. IT CAN well be compared to the sea—tossing, churning, upsetting old concepts and carving new ones on the shores of time. In a rapidly changing world it is reassuring to return to the timeless message of God's Word, which is forever settled in heaven. There are some things God wants us to *know*, beyond all shadow of doubt; and through the bold, unwavering testimony of Spirit-inspired men who were fully persuaded of the truth we find a positive, bedrock foundation for our faith.

1. The Knowledge of Salvation

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14).

The question has often been asked, Can we know we are saved? A very accurate indication of a spiritual rebirth is a new understanding of and love for the people of God. A sinner is most uncomfortable among the spiritually minded, and in like manner the Christian

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finds no true companionship with the worldly. It is only when the heart has been transformed by God's love that a desire for Christian fellowship becomes a motivating force. We *know* we are saved when divine love flows through us to others of like precious faith.

2. The Knowledge of the Indwelling Holy Spirit

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit" (1 John 4:13).

Since "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2:14), we see that a spiritual change is necessary before the Holy Spirit can reside in a human heart. But when the heart is clean and we are dwelling in Him and He in us, we know it. There is a spiritual and physical quickening, ever reminding us of our heavenly Guest (Romans 8:11, 16). As long as we entertain His presence there is peace, joy, righteousness and blessing. By living and walking in the Spirit we know we are pleasing God and our prayers are being borne heavenward through a divine Agency (Romans 8:26).

3. The Knowledge of God's Working in Our Lives

"And we *know* that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

This insight into divine providence has sustained believers down through the centuries. The goodness of God is a certainty, based on His unchanging nature. We may not understand all that enters our lives, but we *know* whatever comes has already passed through the hands of the omniscient Heavenly Father who is working for our eternal benefit.

4. The Knowledge of Divine Keeping

"... For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

What assurance there is in the knowledge that the One who saved us is also able to keep! To know Him is to trust Him. The life that is "hid with Christ in God, (Colossians 3:3) is safe indeed. Not only has He sent the Holy Spirit to warn, guide, instruct and comfort the believer, but He also serves in heaven as a faithful High Priest and Intercessor, seated at the Father's right hand (Mark 16:19; Hebrews 7:25).

5. The Knowledge of a Living Redeemer

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25, 26).

Job's declaration of faith, in the face of seeming death, stands as a monument to all of God's tested saints. When Satan would whisper that God has forsaken, or that perhaps He only existed in the mind of the believer, somewhere in the depths of the soul that has tasted of His goodness rings this certainty: He lives! Job could say it with conviction before the Incarnation. How much more can we attest to this fact as we look in retrospect to Calvary and the empty tomb! We know our Lord lives, and because He lives we shall live also (John 14: 19).

6. The Knowledge of Future Glory

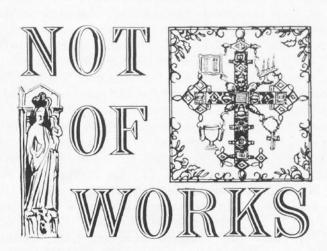
"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth

not yet appear what we shall be: but we *know* that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

Although much of the future life remains a divine secret, God has revealed enough of it to stir the Christian to active obedience and continued growth. Whatever glories await the faithful, none can surpass the promise of being made like Him. To see Him is the hope of the Church. To be like Him, the fulfillment of her

deepest longings. The Psalmist shared this knowledge when he wrote: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Psalm 17:15).

Thank God, the Christian life is not merely a set of theological theories. It is a true and living way, based on first-hand knowledge freely available to all who will accept—and believe.



By ANNE SANDBERG

"It's too Easy," I told my friend who was trying to explain the way of salvation. "I just can't accept the idea of being assured of heaven just by believing. You have to do something."

But my friend again pointed to the Scripture: "By grace are ye saved *through faith*; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. *Not of works*, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Having been brought up a Roman Catholic I was accustomed to the theology of earning one's salvation. After each confession to the priest I would kneel at the altar and repeat the "penance" prescribed: so many Hail Marys; so many Our Fathers; the Act of Contrition.

But even though one went to confession and communion faithfully, he still could not be a candidate for heaven, we were taught, unless we belonged to the "one true church." After that I must not miss Mass, nor eat meat on Friday. I must observe all the holy days. There were so many "musts" and "must nots." From childhood I was thoroughly saturated with the doctrine of salvation by works.

And after a lifetime of observance of all these good works, one still could never know whether or not he had made it. For after death there awaited the agony of purgatory to complete payment for his sins. Thus one must leave to his benefactors the "works" of burning candles to shorten his days of torment.

Yet now, my witnessing friend was saying that salvation is by grace through faith; that I must repent of my sins and accept the atonement of Christ for the payment of my sins.

For weeks I hesitated, pondering, stumbling over the simplicity of it. "It's too easy," I insisted; "it doesn't

seem right that I should gain eternal life because of what Jesus did, rather than merit it because of what I do." But my friend insisted, "By grace are ye saved, through faith. Not of works...."

Finally the day came when I determined to make what I almost considered a veritable leap in the dark: "All right then," I said, "I will believe; I will accept Jesus as my Saviour right now."

At once I was saved "by grace, through faith," and entered a path which has shone more and more unto the perfect day. Oh, what riches of God's goodness and grace He has bestowed upon me since that day. How wonderful it has been to enjoy the glory of His fellowship and presence, still unmerited, still all of "grace, through faith."

Symptoms of Spiritual Decline

When you grow bolder with sin, or with temptations to sin, than you were in your more watchful state, then be sure something is wrong;

When you make a small matter of those sins and infirmities that once seemed grievous to you and almost intolerable;

When you settle down to a course of religion that gives you less labor, and leave out the hard and costly part;

When your God and Saviour grows a little strange to you, and your religion consists in conversing with men and their books rather than with God and His Book;

When you delight more in hearing and talking, than in secret prayer and the Word;

When you use the means of grace more as a matter of duty than as food in which your soul delights;

When you regard too much the eye of man, and too little the eye of God;

When you grow hot and eager about some disputed point, or in forwarding the interest of some party of Christians, more than about those matters that concern the greater cause of Christ;

When you grow harsh and bitter toward those who differ with you, instead of feeling tender toward all who love Christ;

When you make light of preparing for the Lord's Day and the Lord's table, and think more of outward ordinances than you do of heart work;

When the hopes of heaven and the love of God do not interest you, but you are thirsting after some worldly enjoyment and growing more eager for it;

When the world grows sweeter to you, and death and eternity are distasteful subjects;

All these are sure signs of a declining spiritual state.

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Judgment by Flood

Sunday School Lesson for January 24, 1965 GENESIS 6:5-11; 7:11-16

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

We observe in Genesis 2:4 to 4:14 a constant degeneration on the part of humankind. Sin spread from the individual to the family and eventually to the whole race. The universal wickedness that resulted finally brought about the judgment of God in the form of the great flood.

1. THE CAUSE OF THE FLOOD

a. The First Stream—the Godless Cainites (Genesis 4:16-24). Think carefully on these verses. Cain's descendants were entirely devoted to the things of earth. Natural ingenuity characterized the race. There was agriculture, cattle herding, manufacturing, city building, art, and music, but no true religion. Everything was earthly, selfish, sensual, and sensuous. God was ignored. Man was self-sufficient, occupied with his own pursuits. Lamech's song (vv. 23, 24) suggests boastfulness, vengefulness, and the glorification of two great evils—polygamy and murder!

b. The Second Stream—the Godly Sethites (Genesis 4:25, 26). (1) Observe that the name Seth means appointed, as if to suggest that Eve so named him because she recognized his birth as a divine appointment and hoped he might be the promised redeemer. (2) Observe that with the birth of Seth's son, Enos, there seems to have been a spiritual awakening. "Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord." The margin note says "to call themselves by the name of the Lord," that is, "sons of God." (See 1 John 3:1.) In so doing the Sethites separated themselves from all who were not prepared to take the same stand. (3) Observe further the line of Seth. Only three breaks occur in the narrative of Genesis 4:25 to 5:32. Each is for the purpose of calling attention to three men, Enos, Enoch, and Noah, who exemplify three aspects of godly living: separation (4:26), fellowship (5:22), and service (5:29). (4) Observe finally the witness of Enoch. Chapter 5 may well be called "the cemetery of Adam's family." But one member had no tombstone! Enoch, after walking with God for 300 years in the midst of an evil generation, "was not; for God took him." And the writer of Hebrews adds that before his translation he pleased God! (Hebrews 11:5)

c. The Streams Blended (Genesis 6:1-8). Two views are taken of these verses. (1) "The sons of God" mentioned may refer to angels who sinned in intermarrying with human beings, the result being abnormal offspring and unprecedented wickedness. (2) The "sons of God" may refer to the descendants of Seth who lost their separation and intermarried with the wicked.

2. Preparation for the Flood

a. Divine Warning (Genesis 6:3). "My spirit shall

not always strive with man." God always gives opportunity for repentance. In this case—120 years!

b. Divine Scrutiny (Genesis 6:5). "And God saw..." Compare this verse with what God saw in Genesis 1:31. In one case He looked upon universal wickedness; in the other, divine perfection! Think of what God sees today!

c. Divine Sorrow (Genesis 6:6). What God saw "grieved him at his heart." The worst thing about sin

is that it does just that!

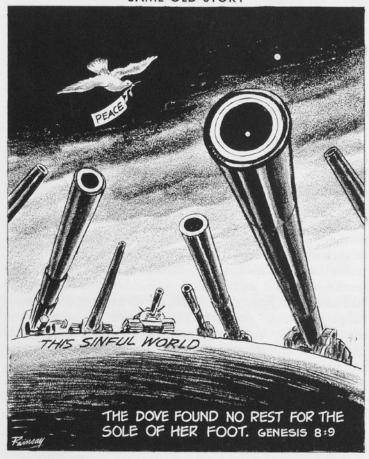
d. Divine Purpose (Genesis 6:7, 11-13, 17). "The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence.... I bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh." Was this intention harsh? No! God withholds judgment until conditions demand it.

e. Divine Plan for Noah (Genesis 6:8, 13, 14). "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord... And God said unto Noah,... Make thee an ark." Noah was the one saint of his day. Let no one say, "I cannot live the Christian life in my present circumstances." All may find God's grace as Noah did. Consider his life as an example of victorious living. (1) He appropriated grace (v. 8). (2) He was upright in character (v. 9). (3) He was faithful in testimony (2 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:7). (4) He kept in touch with God (Genesis 6:9). (5) He was fully obedient (Genesis 6:22; Hebrews 11:7).

3. During the Flood

The remainder of chapter 7 records: (a) The entry of Noah and his family into the ark. The words, "And the Lord shut him in," speak volumes! How safe we are when *shut in* by divine protection—*shut in* with God Himself (b) The actual story of the flood. The God who preserved Noah will preserve His own today!

SAME OLD STORY



That Secret Place

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes Of blinded men to instant perfect sight; There is a place where thou canst say, Arise! To dying captives, bound in chains of night; There is a place where thou canst reach the store Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord; There is a place—upon some distant shore— Where thou canst send the worker or the Word: There is a place where heaven's resistless power Responsive moves to thine insistent plea; There is a place—a silent trysting hour— Where God Himself descends and fights for Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask, Where? O soul, it is the secret place of prayer. -ADELAIDE A. POLLARD

SHINING AS LIGHTS TOGETHER

Living in New Zealand is a tiny half-inch worm which is capable of producing a pinpoint of light. A single one may provide insignificant illumination, but when visitors are taken into caves where these worms live the darkness seems to vanish. They light up one by one until there are millions glowing, producing a fantastically beautiful light by which one can even read a newspaper.

This should be true with us as Christian believers. Our lights may seem insignificantly small, but when we shine together we can illuminate this world which so desperately needs the Light of life. Christ indeed is the Light of the world, but we are to be His lights to a lost and dying society. The Word of God states it this way: "That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

—Foursquare Magazine

No One to Intercede!

By DIANA RIVERS

Passively I was transferring sentences from My college typing book to the sheet in the typewriter before me. They were just words, just an exercise for practice in typing. But suddenly a sentence leaped from the page carrying a vital meaning: "No one will intercede, because of lack of interest in this case."

Pictures of people distraught, disturbed, and driven with emotional anguish began to flash before me. Visions of human suffering burned in my mind like fire.

The words alarmed me. There was no intercessor because of lack of interest. Friends were needed to plead a cause, but no one was interested enough to help. I thought of the scripture which says: "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezekiel 22:30).

In these last days turmoil engulfs the earth. Godless communism is endeavoring to swallow the world. False cults reach out to devour the minds of men. Vileness and violence are spreading everywhere. Where are the men who will "stand in the gap" and intercede before the Judge of all the earth?

God is looking for intercessors who will come to the help of perishing souls. He is looking for people who care. Will He find them? How tragic if He has to say: "No one will intercede, because of lack of interest in this case."

WONDERFUL

"His name shall be called Wonderful...."

All the other names of Jesus are nouns. But here is a name that is an adjective to all His other names. He is a wonderful Saviour, a wonderful High Priest, and a wonderful Lord.

Everything He is and does is full of wonder.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

"I'm not for you!"

I've been used so much that my varnish has begun to rub off. People have crowded together so tightly on me that my nails are protruding from the weight. I suggested to the church board that they put me up front for a rest but they refused to go along with the idea.

Really, I have my place, but people won't leave me alone so I can fill it. In the beginning my purpose was to enable mothers with small babies to slip out to the nursery more easily. I was also designed to allow late comers to find a seat quickly without disturbing the service. Lately people have taken advantage of me.

One day the minister himself came to sit down on me. The poor, weary-hearted fellow just wanted to see why people found me so attractive. He had just come from the doctor where laryngitis was the verdict. He had been straining his voice too much. But what could he do? How else could everyone in the back pews hear? Another day a tired mother came to church a whole

By WOODY PEW

five minutes early thinking she could have access to me. But I was already covered with young people. The poor lady had to sit near the front of the church with her twin babies. When she had to take them out several times she felt so embarrassed she never returned. I did feel terrible. She was the sort of person for whom I was built.

As I sat there creaking and thinking one day I had a startling thought. If I were in a theatre people wouldn't treat me this way. In fact, they would scorn and avoid me because I would be the cheapest seat in the house.

Perhaps you think this made me feel better? Not a bit. I felt sadder than ever to think that people wouldn't feel the same way at church. Church is so much more important.

Are you one of those back pew fillers? If you are, please have a heart. Not a seat. I have a job to do; but if you are a teen-ager or an ordinary church attender I'm not for you! —Submitted by Judy Turner, Minneapolis, Minn.







First-year students (at left with teachers) are grateful for opportunity to study...

HONDURAS STUDENTS SAY . . .

Muchas Gracias!

BY DAN MASER, MISSIONARY TO HONDURAS

Literature evangelism is another student



THE HONDURAS BIBLE INSTITUTE was opened in Santa Rosa in 1947 under Missionary Perry Dymond. With the expansion of the school this site soon became inadequate, for there was a shortage of water and electricity.

In 1961 it was decided to move the Bible school to San Pedro Sula, a metropolitan area where over 300,000 people live within a 50-mile radius. Global Conquest has accepted this relocation as one of its projects. Three and a half acres in a beautiful location on the outskirts of San Pedro are almost paid for.

The students of Honduras Bible Institute are especially grateful for all that the churches in the United States have done to make this move possible. The following is a translation of a letter expressing this heartfelt appre-

"DEAR BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

"The student body of the Honduras Bible Institute has the honor of directing this letter to you, and with it send our sincere greetings in the blessed name of the Lord.

"We desire that when you receive this you are rejoicing in the rich blessings of the Lord, since the Lord cleanses all believers which bear fruit to the end that they bear more fruit. Thanks to His infinite kindness.

"We are all happy with our daily routine of studies and our aim is to obtain more knowledge about the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to fulfill one of the commandments that the Lord gave His disciples before ascending into heaven: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Our desire is to serve the Lord. We give thanks to God for giving us this splendid opportunity.

"Through our teacher in Orientation, Mrs. Dan Maser, we have been made to realize that much of the help and support of our institute comes from you. For such great and courageous cooperation that you are giving to us we wish to express our deepest appreciation. We are praying that the Lord will bless you each day more and more so you will receive much spiritual blessing as well as material blessing, because you have given of your earnings to the Lord that His name be proclaimed to all the parts of Honduras. We are very, very grate-

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL



and to help build churches.

ful to you all. The Lord keep you in His holy love, today and forever.

"Your fellow servants of our Wonderful Lord,

"Student body and faculty of Instituto Biblico Hondureño."

Missionary and Mrs. Dan Maser comment on the above letter and describe one of the domestic inconveniences of the original location:

"Where we are now the students can't use the showers because there is never enough water pressure. Students take turns going to the river to bathe, which means they can't bathe as often as they desire.

"We are situated 4,000 feet above sea level, and when it gets cooler river bathing becomes pretty uncomfortable.

"If the Lord moves your heart to help us pray, or to give towards the erection of buildings on the new property, we would all be very grateful."

If you wish to help in the relocation of this valuable school, please send your contribution to 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802, designated *Honduras Bible School for Building*.

Missionary Ben LaFon teaches prospective ministers.



young people busy

BY DAVID WAKEFIELD

Missionary to Senegal

What an active, happy group of young people the Lord has given us in Dakar! Their weekends are especially busy. Each Saturday afternoon several of them visit absentee and prospective Sunday school students. On Saturday evening they have their weekly meeting with choir practice following.

Sunday morning finds them all in Sunday school and church. At 2:30 they meet, divide into groups, and go from house to house for short services. They visit the homes of people who don't attend church. We have had a good response to these "petite church services," when many new contacts are made.

At 5 p.m. the young people gather for a prayer and testimony meeting and 8:30 finds them all in place in the choir for the evening service. Most of them can be found praying at the altar at the end of the service.

Not long ago three of our young men—Jonathan, Joseph, and Mario—went on their first "missionary journey" to the interior village of Kedougou where they had two nights of services. The first night 350 young people attended. The second night it rained and the attendance dropped, but it was a thrilling experience and they came home very happy.

Our Sunday school recently reached a new high of 316. We now have 13 classes; eight of these meet in the main auditorium of the church and what a noisy place that is! In spite of this, classes continue to grow and must be divided or those in the back cannot possibly hear. A few Saturdays ago some of the fellows helped our son-Jonathan put up a simple brush arbor in the back yard of the church for his "boys." He has had up to 130 of these boys between nine and 13 years of age. Because they are as active as you will find anywhere, we never cease to be amazed at their quietness and interest during the leson.

Surely the Lord is working among them. Do pray for these boys from Moslem homes. We covet them for the Lord.

Choir provides avenue of ministry for youth in Dakar.



Send Foreign Missionary offerings to

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1445 Boonville Avenue
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The Glory and the Challenge

BY ZELMA ARGUE

THE TABERNACLE WAS NEWLY pitched and all was now set in order. Everyone that sought the Lord went out to it, and "as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses."

The narrative goes on to say, "And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped..." (Exodus 33:9, 10).

How deeply moving this great moment in Biblical history must have been! But this is not the whole story. There is a sequel to this moment of glory that should challenge each of us to enter divine service prayerfully.

After a time Moses left the tabernacle and went back into the camp, "But his servant Joshua...departed not out of the tabernacle" (Exodus 33:11). The young man Joshua had been challenged by the spiritual glory and power he had glimpsed, and he stayed at the place of prayer, wrestling that he might obtain what Moses had.

That cloudy pillar accompanying Moses had challenged Joshua and he could not be content until he too had the same holy presence. And later he was to know that divine presence, so that at his command the waters of the Jordan would part, by his faith the walls of Jericho would fall, and through his daring obedience, cities would open in Canaan as he marched forward at the command of the Lord.

And just as Moses influenced the young man Joshua, so surely our manner of entering into the Lord's courts may influence some young believers to seek God's fulness for their own future service to Him. What they see in us will help determine their own spiritual goals.

There was a reason for Moses' power with God. The cloudy pillar was no accident. Not long before Moses went into the tabernacle, he was locked away, alone in the deepest of anguished intercession, seeking forgiveness for Israel's great sin: "... if thou wilt, forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" (Exodus 32: 32).

These earnest intercessions left a holy radiance around the intercessor. All could detect it. The radiance went with Moses into the courts of public worship. None could counterfeit it, and even today we either have it or we don't.

A feature at many places of Pentecostal worship in the early days of the present outpouring of the Spirit was the daily hour of prayer. I remember a two-year period in Winnipeg, Manitoba, when there was a constant outpouring of the Spirit. The place was Langside Hall on Portage Avenue, the main thoroughfare of that western Canadian city, and it was open for prayer daily at 7 a.m.

On their way to business, the people of God would leave their homes early and stop at the church for prayer. Many evangelists came for meetings during that time; but whoever ministered, the power would fall. Hungry hearts would throng the altar and prayer room, and newcomers always

appeared to fill the places of those seekers who had been filled with the Spirit.

It is thrilling to see that in many churches daily prayers are still being conducted. I was recently in Cortland Street Assembly in San Francisco, where daily prayers are held from noon to 1 p.m. In another city they are held at 9:30 a.m. Repeatedly we noticed that at these daily prayers strangers would be present to wait upon God. They did not all attend the night services, but they felt free to slip into the daytime meetings and seek the Lord. Ministers of other denominations also attended these daily prayer meetings.

In the story of the tabernacle, we find that when the furnishing was completed Moses was instructed to take the fragrant, holy anointing oil, and with this to anoint all the furnishing: "...anoint the tabernacle... and the ark...the table...the candlestick...and the altar of incense..." (Exodus 30:26, 27).

As Moses entered the tabernacle on that memorable day, it was with the knowledge that all the place was touched by God's holiness. What a reminder of the Holy Spirit who "filled all the house where they were sitting" in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2).

Years ago, on the evening before Billy Sunday and his evangelistic party opened a campaign in a newly constructed tabernacle, they took a bottle of oil and anointed the pulpit, piano, benches, and even the walls to indicate that the place was dedicated to God and that they wanted Him to manifest His glorious presence in the meetings to be held therein. We are told that the next day, when the campaign opened, there was a blessed sense of the divine presence; victory filled the very air from the beginning of the battle for souls.

NORTHEAST AREA



SPIRITUAL LIFE—EVANGELISM PRAYER CONFERENCE BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY JANUARY 28, 7:30 P.M.—JANUARY 29, ALL DAY



Recently I visited a church in which our Negro brethren were having a prayer meeting. A friend and I remained well after the midnight hour and our souls were blessed as we watched the leader direct the singing and praying of the people. How sweetly they sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Another hymn they sang so solemnly and with such depth of feeling was:

"Come ye disconsolate,
Where'er ye wander,
Come to the mercy seat,
Fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts,
Here bring your sorrows,
Earth hath no sorrow
That heaven cannot heal."

Softly and with Holy Ghost unction the leader sang or recited the words of a hymn, or a scripture, and the congregation chanted its response. We were moved by their love for God: we sensed the cloudy pillar was standing there in the midst.

Young Saul of Tarsus, youngest member of the Sanhedrin, probably first saw the glory of God in the face of the unctionized Stephen as he addressed that governing body of Jews. He saw it again in Stephen's face as that first Christian martyr looked up into heaven and beheld Jesus standing, ready to welcome him home when the stones had been hurled. Later Saul was blinded by that same glorious light while on the road to Damascus. He became a love-captive to the Christ the martyr had served.

Likewise, Joshua knew the glory of God's presence in that pillar of cloud and fire, and he made it his life goal to have this sacred and holy presence. Thank God for the widespread moving of the Spirit today among those who earnestly, and in intelligent, persistent faith, are seeking His blessed face. Thank God for the glory seen in the lives of saints who are much in His presence. It will be reflected in the dedicated lives of the young people who accept the challenge to bear the Pentecostal message in future days, till Jesus comes.

What a tragic mistake it is to live a life, the interests of which are limited by the narrow confines of one's little worldly self! On the other hand, what a glorious privilege it is to invest one's life, yea, to *lose* one's life, in the broad, illimitable, eternal purposes of God in Jesus Christ!

—Selected



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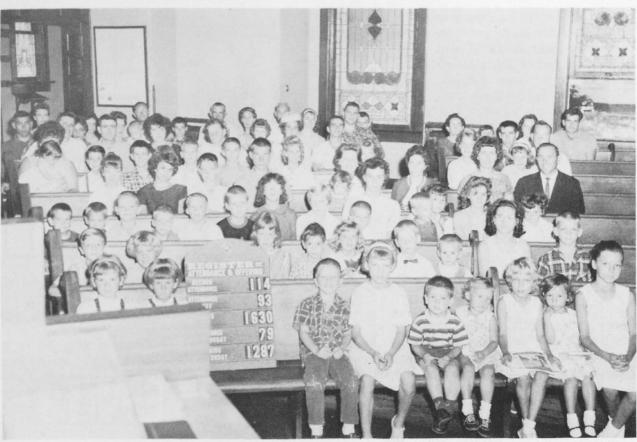
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The Mooresville congregation inside their new home



This church appraised at \$30,000 was recently purchased by the new Assembly of God at Mooresville, Ind.



Pastor and Mrs. Wm. E. Wright pioneered the work after moving to Mooresville in July 1963.

All Things Are Possible

The scripture, "all things are possible to him that believeth," has been made real to Assemblies of God folk in Mooresville, Ind., a town of 5,000. Before the church's first anniversary, the congregation moved into a church building appraised at \$30,000. Here is the story.

William E. Wright and family moved to Mooresville July 15, 1963, from Neodesha, Kans., to begin a new work. On August 4, 1963, they put up the district tent and began a meeting. God began to bring in families. After three weeks of nightly services, the Wrights held their first Sunday school with 25 present. They had two classes: juniors on one side and teens and adults on the other, with the pastor and his wife as teachers.

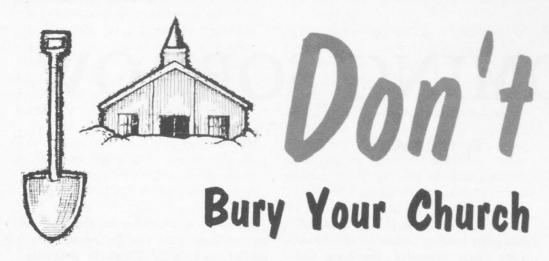
Late in August the congregation accepted an offer of a brooder house rent free if they would clean it up. On Labor Day the group met to clean the building. After they moved in God sent a revival. A number of people were saved, several were healed and some were filled with the Holy Spirit.

William Van Winkle, the district superintendent, set the thriving church in order on October 10, 1963. Charter members were taken in. In November Brother Wright became a full-time pastor. The attendance reached 114 Easter Sunday.

By this time, another group in Mooresville was building a new church so the Assemblies of God congregation purchased their former building. When the young congregation celebrated its first anniversary it was housed in a church building with enough room to seat 250! The Sunday school averaged 64 for the first year. The monthly average for October 1964 was 81.

When the congregation was one month old, members pledged support to two missionaries. Now they have enlarged their vision to four missionaries and have given over \$100 to missions besides pledged support in the past few months.

Pastor Wright says, "Though we have our own church expenses, God always supplies our needs as we give to missions."



One of the greatest directives for establishing new churches is found in the words of Jesus recorded in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14-30). Many interpretations have been given for this parable, but at least we see this: God has given us something and He expects an increase of what He has given.



John Green

No one would be so bold as to deny that, regardless of all human contributions, a church is a gift from God. We pray for opportunities. We pray for finances. We pray for buildings. We pray for workers. Having

done all of this we can do no more. A church is a gift from God.

Jesus challenges us in the parable to use this gift. The needy world around us begs for its increase. Population growth demands that we expand it. Our moral obligation to lost humanity impels us to multiply this gift.

A candidate for the vice-presidency stated that by the year 2000 all the facilities of the United States must be doubled to accommodate the population. We must double the cities, the highways, the schools and the churches. Our current church building hardly maintains the present church-to-population ration. It provides nothing for the ever-increasing unchurched population.

In a time when many lack genuine religious convictions, surveys show that people are likely to attend a nearby church when moving into new suburbs. We need to be there to greet them with the Pentecostal message.

Establishing a new church fosters the spirit of evangelism and broadens the base for foreign missions support. It makes possible an accelerated missions effort in the face of closing doors abroad.

With every directive of God there is warning of judgment for failure to comply. This parable offers no exception. The one who failed to increase his gift had it taken from him and given to one who was zealous for his Master's business.

God's gifts are to be used, not buried. The tree that produced no fruit was cursed. The branch that produces no fruit is pruned away. The unused talent will be taken from us.

Brother or sister, don't bury your church in pastoral selfishness, congregational smugness, and denominational indifference lest the Lord come and take it away and give it to people with a passion for souls. The Master will return soon and we must give an account of our responsibility.

Arise! Let us be building new churches while it is day—for the night cometh when no new churches can be built.

A LETTER FROM ALASKA

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES PERSONEUS of Seward, veteran missionaries in Alaska, are interim pastors at Valdez since the resignation of Bonnie Carriker. Mrs. Carriker who lost her husband Duane in the Alaska earthquake in 1964 is now itinerating in the interest of the Valdez Children's Home and a scholarship fund for an Eskimo student from Nome. The scholarship is to be a memorial fund for Brother Carriker. Sister Carriker plans to return to Alaska in the spring. A recent letter from the Personeuses reads:

"We miss our little home in Seward ... but the need was greater here. Brother Wilson [Alaska superintendent] and Brother Bither [presbyter] encouraged us to fill in here until they can get another pastor. This house is hard to keep warm. It is old and not insulated. Have been fixing doors so they will shut and putting glass in a number of broken windows in the parsonage, and over at the Children's Home, and in the church.

"There have been many minor earthquakes since the big one on March 27. The U.S. Geodetic Survey reports there have been over 9,000 earthquakes in Alaska since March, and that 300 of them were big enough to do extensive damage if in a populated area. One of the mountains close to Valdez was split by a quake since we came here, we were told. Yet the people remain indifferent, especially the men.

"We have done visitation work and have interested some women and children in coming to church. The men go to the numerous bars and shows and spend their money there. Please pray for the conversion of Alaskan men."



Attend your SHARE THE LIFE HOME MISSIONS BREAKTHROUGH RALLY

February is *Breakthrough* Rally month in most districts. Our own land is a burgeoning mission field. Hear the challenge at the rally in your area.

OVERCOMING SORROW

By F. B. MEYER

Are you passing through a time of deep sorrow? Perhaps the love on which you were trusting has suddenly failed you, and dried up like a brook in the desert. You are always listening for footsteps that do not come, waiting for a word that is not spoken, pining for a reply that tarries overdue.

Perhaps the savings of your life have suddenly disappeared, and instead of helping others you must be helped. It may be you must leave the warm nest where you have been sheltered from life's storms to go alone into an unfriendly world; or you are suddenly called to assume the burden of some other life, taking no rest for yourself till you have steered it through dark and difficult seas into the haven.

Your health, or sight, or nervous energy may be failing; you carry in yourself the sentence of death and the anguish of anticipating the future is almost unbearable. In other cases there is the sense of recent loss through death, like the gap in the forest-glade where the woodsman has lately been felling trees.

At such times life seems almost insupportable. Will every day be as long as this? Will the slow-moving hours ever again quicken their pace? Will life ever array itself in garb other than the torn autumn garments of past summer glory? "Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Is His mercy clean gone for ever?"

This road has been trodden by myriads
When you think of the desolating
wars which have swept through every
century and devastated every land; of
the merciless slave-trade; and of all
the tyranny the weak and defenseless
have suffered at the hands of their
fellows; surely you must see that by
far the larger of our race have passed
through the same bitter griefs as those
which rend your heart.

Jesus Christ Himself trod this difficult path leaving traces of His blood on its flints. Apostles, prophets, and martyrs have passed by the same way. The great multitudes which stand before the Lamb, bearing palms of victory, came out of great tribulation. Where they were we are; and, by God's grace, where they are we shall be.

Do not talk about punishment

You may talk of chastisement or correction, for our father deals with us as with sons. You may speak of reaping the results of mistakes and sins dropped as seeds into life's furrows in former years. You may speak of bearing the consequences of the sins and mistakes of others-but do not ever speak of punishment. Surely all the guilt and penalty of sin were laid on Jesus and He put them away for ever. His were the stripes, and the chastisement of our peace. If God punishes us for our sins it would seem that the sufferings of Christ were incomplete; and if He once began to punish us, life would be too short for the infliction of all that we deserve. Besides, how could we explain the anomalies of life, and the heavy sufferings of the saints as compared with the gay life of the ungodly? Surely if our sufferings were penal there would be a reversal of these lots.

Sorrow is a refiner's crucible

It may be caused by the neglect or cruelty of another, by circumstances over which the sufferer has no control, or as the direct result of some dark hour in the long past. But inasmuch as God has permitted it to come, it must be accepted as His appointment and considered as the furnace by which He is searching, testing, probing, and purifying the soul. Suffering searches men as fire searches metals. We think we are fully for God until we are exposed to the cleansing fire of pain. Then we discover, as

Job did, how much dross there is in us and how little real patience, resignation, and faith. There is probably no other way by which the power of this self-life can be arrested, that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Remember that God always keeps the discipline of sorrow in His own hands

Our Lord said, "My Father is the husbandman." His hand holds the pruning knife; His eye watches the crucible; His gentle touch is on the pulse while the operation is in progress. He will not allow even the devil to have his own way with us. As in the case of Job, so always. The moments are carefully allotted. The severity of the test is exactly determined by the reserves of grace and strength which are lying unrecognized within, but will be sought for and used beneath the severe pressure of pain. He dare not risk the loss of that which has cost Him the blood of His Son. "God is faithful, who will not suffer vou to be tried above that ve are able."

In sorrow the Comforter is near

The Lord is "very present" in time of trouble. He sits by the crucible as a Refiner of silver, regulating the heat, marking every change, waiting patiently for the scum to float away and His own face to be mirrored in clear, translucent metal. No earthly friend may tread the winepress with you, but the Saviour is there, His garments stained with the blood of the grapes of your sorrow. Dare to repeat it often, though you do not feel it and though Satan insists that God has left you, "Thou art with me." Mention His name again and again until you become conscious that He is there.

When friends come to console you they talk of time's healing touch and suggest travel, diversion, amusement. In so doing they show their inability to appreciate the black night that hangs over your soul; so you turn from

them, sick at heart, and say with Job, "Miserable comforters are ye all." But all the while Jesus is nearer than they are, understanding how they wear you, knowing each throb of pain, touched by fellow-feeling, waiting to comfort from hour to hour as a mother comforts her weary, suffering babe.

Be sure to study the art of this Divine comfort, that you may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction with the comfort with which you yourself have been comforted of God (see 2 Corinthians 1:4). There can be no doubt that some trials are permitted to come to us, as to our Lord, for no other reason than that by means of them we may become able to give sympathy and succor to others. We learn by the things that we suffer, and being made perfect become authors of priceless and eternal help to souls in agony.

Do not shut yourself up with your sorrow

A friend in the first anguish of bereavement wrote to me saying that he must give up the Christian ministries in which he had delighted. I replied immediately urging him not to do so, because there is no solace for heart-pain like ministry which is service to others. The temptation in great suffering is towards isolation, withdrawal from the life of men, sitting alone and keeping silence. Do not yield to it. Break through the icy chains of reserve if they have already gathered. Arise, anoint your head, and wash your face; go forth to do your duty with willing though chastened steps. Selfishness of every kind in its activities or its introspection, is a hurtful thing and shuts out the help and love of God. Sorrow is apt to be selfish. The soul occupied with its

own griefs and refusing to be comforted becomes presently a Dead Sea, full of brine and salt, over which birds do not fly, and besides which no green thing grows. And thus we miss the very lesson that God would teach us. His constant war is against the self-life, and every pain He inflicts is to lessen its hold on us.

A Hindu woman, the beautiful Eastern legend tells us, lost her only child. Wild with grief she implored a prophet to give her little one back to her love. He looked at her for a long while tenderly and said, "Go, my daughter, bring me a handful of rice from a house into which death has never entered, and I will do as you desire." The woman at once began her search. She went from dwelling to dwelling and had no difficulty in obtaining rice. But when they had (Continued on next page)

When we have climbed every mountain, reached every star, probed every mystery, tried every pastime-

WHAT THEN?

BY FRED SMOLCHUCK

When Gordon cooper orbited 22 times around the earth and made a bull's-eye landing close to the waiting U.S.S. Kearsarge, all of America and a good part of the rest of the world cheered. What a feat! But already officials of the Space Agency were planning for future and more ambitious trips into space.

Have you thought about some of the other outstanding accomplishments of our day? With the bathy-scaphe *Trieste* men have descended more than seven miles into the ocean depths.

Recently several Americans duplicated Sir Edmund Hillary's exploit by climbing in a group to the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak.

We descend to the deepest, climb to the highest, travel the farthest, and attain fantastic speeds. We are constantly seeking new inventions, new knowledge, and new experiences. But having reached our goals—what then? What, after the highest mountain is climbed? What, after descending into the greatest depths of the sea? What, after all our physical, material goals are reached? What then?

Solomon in his generation knew great success—had an enormous variety of experiences "under the sun"—and he came to the conclusion that "all is vanity and vexation of spirit." That which was under the sun could never satisfy the human heart.

This human drive to learn, to explore, to discover, to experiment, is a valuable commodity. As intelligent beings we want to discover the unknown and to understand the mysterious. But what then? Is any man ever truly satisfied with his own accomplishments?

The truth is that apart from its Maker, man's soul is not complete, so it cannot be satisfied with anything less than communion with Him. Beneath the drives and exploits of man lies the need for coming to terms with his Maker, his God. The individual may not always understand this need, and he may interpret his actions in an altogether different manner; but

all the while he is driving himself to the limits of physical endurance, his soul is reaching out for something more. So he continually looks for new goals, new thrills. The old ones lose their charms once they are attained.

There is only one real answer to man's obsessive drive toward his elusive goals. That answer is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Life without Him is like following a broken compass. It confuses because it points in any direction at random.

With Christ at the center of our lives we have one ultimate goal, to please Him. and all our lesser goals must contribute to its attainment. Having made Him the Lord and Master of our lives we ask, "What then?" but joyfully and expectantly and not in frustration. "In thy presence is fulness of joy," said the Psalmist: "at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

This abundant, directed life can begin for you the moment you respond to Christ's invitation, "Come unto me ... and I will give you rest."

granted it she required, "Are you all here around the hearth-father, mother, children—none are missing?" The people invariably shook their heads with sighs of sadness, for wherever she wandered there was always some vacant seat by the hearth. And gradually the waves of her grief subsided before the spectacle of universal sorrow. Her heart, ceasing to be occupied with its own selfish pang, flowed out in strong yearnings of sympathy with others. Tears of anguish softened into tears of pity, passion melted away in compassion. She forgot herself in the general interest and found redemption in redeeming.

Do not chide yourself for feeling strongly

Tears are natural. Jesus wept. To bear sorrow with dry eyes and stolid heart may befit a Stoic, but not a Christian. We have no need to rebuke fond nature crying for its mate, its lost joy, the touch of the vanished hand, provided only that the will is resigned. This is the one consideration for those who suffer—Is the will right? If it isn't, God Himself cannot comfort. If it is, then the path will inevitably lead from the valley of the shadow of death to the Lord's banqueting table and the overflowing cup.

Many say, "I cannot feel resigned." My invariable reply is, "You probably never can feel resignation, but you can will it." The Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane has shown us how to suffer. He chose His Father's will. Let all who sorrow go

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apart and dare to say the same words: "Thy will be done, and not mine. Thy will be done in the earth of my life, as in the heaven of Thy purpose. I choose Thy will."

Say this thoughtfully and deliberately, not because you feel it, but because you will it; not because the way of

the cross is pleasant, but because it must be right. Say it repeatedly whenever the surge of sorrow sweeps through you, whenever the wound begins to bleed afresh, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Dare to say yes to God. "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight."

The Coming Snare

By F. Helen Jarvis

To EFFECTIVELY IMPRESS HIS HEARers with the unexpectedness of His second coming, Jesus made use of a number of well-known illustrations. He spoke of the stealthiness of the thief and of the unwariness of the victimized householder; He pictured the surprise return of a man from a long journey; and in Luke 21:34-36 He likened "that day" to a "snare" or trap.

Before the days of modern firearms, trapping was a common hunting device and in some places is still employed. Snares may be as mechanically simple as a mousetrap or elaborate enough to capture the most ferocious of beasts, but they all have the same objective: to craftily take a prisoner and permit no escape!

Planned by a master mind and operating on the principle of surprise, a trap is either so carefully concealed or so alluringly baited the unsuspecting victim is captured before he perceives the danger. Thus Jesus suggests the awful fate awaiting the heedless millions in "that day" who refuse to sense their danger.

Like the prey of the trapper they rush headlong toward the consummation of the present age. Apparently oblivious to the evidences of Biblical prophecy with its pertinent references to God's blueprint of judgment, they are dazzled by human achievement and materialism, and charmed by false wonders and anti-Christs. They accept vain philosophies of so-called culture and higher education. They listen to the smooth words of deceiving cults and damning isms. When warned of

a sudden end to their way of life, they scoffingly answer with the words of Scripture: "Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation" (2 Peter 3:4).

Yet Christ pointed His hearers to the example of the people of Noah's day who "knew not until the flood came, and took them ALL away" (Matthew 24:39). He repeatedly declared: "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

Likewise the apostle Paul affirmed: "The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night...sudden destruction cometh... and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3). And Peter reiterated: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Peter 3:10).

But there is another side to the picture—a happier one! Expert trappers tell of instances when they have had great difficulty in capturing certain animals. Warned perhaps by the memory of some earlier experience, or else by native instinct, these creatures display a wary alertness and almost uncanny wisdom in avoiding the snares set for them. We too may avoid the snare that is set for us, as Jesus intimated: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at ANY TIME your HEARTS be overcharged [crowded] with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unwares" (Luke 21:34). He was urging them to conduct a continuous personal inventory of the attitudes of

their hearts and to be on the lookout for three significant dangers.

- 1. Surfeiting: this is a cloying overabundance which can result from good things as well as from those that are evil. It is sobering to note "fullness of bread" with a contributing factor to the iniquity of ancient Sodom. (See Ezekiel 16:49.) Sad to say, there are those who have such a good life—good homes, good families, good possessions, good provision—that prosperity has dulled sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and to the needs of never-dying souls.
- 2. Drunkenness: many persons would vigorously disclaim any hint to "drunkenness," but if they will consider the basic connotation of the term it means more than mere liquor consumption. It implies self-indulgence, worldly pleasure, and general intemperance. In contrast, true discipleship demands self-denial and a forsaking of the world and its glamor. Successful living for Christ is found only when the life is tempered by the Spirit's indwelling.
- 3. Cares of this life—how obvious they are in our modern scheme of things! Obscuring the plan of God, they press upon the whole being. When second-place burdens and anxieties crowd the life at the expense of first things, faith is destroyed, the joy and buoyancy of salvation is throttled, and the life becomes barren of grace and spiritual fruit for the Master. (See Luke 8:14.)

Because "that day" with all its attendant evil will come unexpectedly, the Lord exhorted His disciples to do two things: (1) WATCH therefore, and (2) PRAY always! Watchfulness indicates alertness to the signs of the times and awareness of the dangers. Praying always suggests a constant heart attitude and prayer habit.

The objective of this praying is both humbling and soul-searching—"to be accounted worthy" to achieve two things. (1) "To escape all those things that shall come to pass"—the awesome climax of God's wrath upon a Christ-rejecting world with all its attendant fearful, hideous terrors of tribulation. (2) "To stand before the Son of man"—to meet Him unashamedly when He comes and to be forever with Him! Oh, Hallelujah! What a blessed hope!

What a precious challenge this presents to the people of God. "That

day" is coming—the Word of prophecy is being fulfilled on every hand. Jesus has warned that "as a snare it shall come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth," and the unwary shall not escape. But how wonderful for those who HEED, WATCH, and PRAY—to them there is a glorious assurance: "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [trial] that shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Revelation 3:10).

These are the words of the Lord. Let each of us decide where he stands in this tremendous picture.

Crossed Eyes Instantly Straightened

I was born with crossed eyes. My eyes were so weak I began wearing glasses when I was two years old. Today, in miraculous answer to prayer, I can see perfectly without my glasses.

The miracle of healing occurred in July 1964 at a tent revival with Evangelist William Caldwell. The meetings were sponsored by the Assembly of God in Fulton, N. Y., of which I am a member.

During the meetings the Lord made a verse of Scripture very real to me: "Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up



Hazel Isbel

and walk?" (Luke 5:23). I accepted this to mean that it would be just as easy for the Lord to heal me as it had been for Him to save me, so I asked the evangelist to pray for me. He laid his hands on my eyes and prayed. Instantly my crossed eyes became perfectly straight and for the first time in 17 years I could see perfectly without wearing glasses.

A few days later the Oswego Valley News, which has the largest paid circulation in this area, published my picture and the story of my healing as a news feature.

I praise God for healing me. Many people have become interested in the Lord as a result of this miracle.— Hazel Jean Isbel, Fulton, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor Daniel Raught, Assembly of God, Fulton, N. Y., who writes: "Hazel went to the license bureau and had her eyes tested. They found them to be 20/20, and removed the restriction from her driver's license.")

Healed of Meningitis

I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR HEALing me of meningitis and causing all symptoms to disappear.

It struck me on the morning of April 26, 1964. I became suddenly ill when I began to get breakfast. I started vomiting and almost immediately lost consciousness. I did not know when I was taken to the hospital, nor anything after that until May 5. My illness was diagnosed as meningitis.

The people of our church prayed very earnestly for me. After nine days I regained consciousness and started to improve. A few days later I was able to leave the hospital.

For some time afterward I had difficulty walking; however, now all those symptoms are gone in answer to prayer. I can walk eight or ten blocks without difficulty and do not tire as before.

I give glory to God for this wonderful healing. — Mrs. Edith Cody, Springfield, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Pastor Bert Allbritton, First Assembly of God, Springfield, Oreg.)



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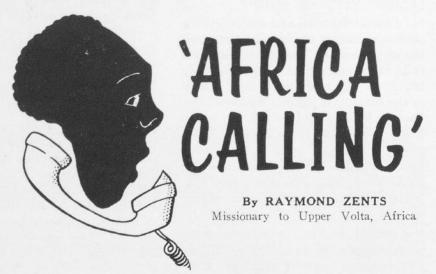
Simon verifies a booklet for youth sponsored by BGMC.



National worker demonstrates the arc light burner for making plates for the offset press.

A national inserts plate into the offset press. These plates are also supplied by $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BGMC}}.$





Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade

UPPER VOLTA IS NESTLED BETWEEN THE SAHARA DESERT AND THE HIGH forest area of the West African coast. This country is entirely land locked so that supplies sent here must arrive either by air or by a narrow-gauge railroad. Ouagadougou, the capital of Upper Volta, is the home of the Assemblies of God Press which serves all of French-speaking Africa.

This press is fully equipped in the modern method of offset printing. Furnished by Speed-the-Light, this equipment permits the printing of gospel literature in any of the scores of languages spoken in West Africa. Besides the French literature, the gospel light shines through the printed page in the Oulof dialect of Senegal, the Dogon dialect of the cliff dwellers south of Timbuctu, the Dagbani of Ghana, the Moba of Togo, the Moré of the largest tribe in West Africa, plus many others. Thousands of Sunday school quarterlies, tracts, Bible study courses, songbooks, various books of the Bible, and other printed material are rolling off the press.

Paper and other printing supplies are very costly here so much of our work has to be subsidized. BGMC has helped immeasurably with generous gifts enabling us to either give away literature or sell it so cheaply that nationals can afford to buy it. Many times BGMC funds pay for entire projects used in evangelistic efforts. Missionaries and nationals are grateful for the sacrificial giving of boys and girls in America. May God richly bless everyone who has had a part in this great missionary crusade! You are truly missionaries at heart when you help to supply literature for the children of Africa.



Brother Zents and a worker operate the new folding machine.

Is the Seed Still in the Barn?

BY HERMAN G. JOHNSON

God has placed in every seed the power to reproduce itself. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus illustrates the tremendous potential there is in seed which falls on "good ground." It brings forth fruit, He said, "some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

In John 12:24, Jesus said that if a corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it brings forth much fruit. But unless it is planted, and dies, it will always be alone—just that one corn of wheat. It is only out of the experience of death that new, fruit-bearing life is brought forth.

In Haggai 2:19, God asks of a complacent Israel a searching question, "Is the seed yet in the barn?" Their efforts to build again the temple of the Lord has been slackened, and God compared that which they could have accomplished to unplanted seed, still in the barn. Unplanted, unwatered seed, alive only to itself, cannot possibly produce fruit.

Let this speak to us of the potential fruit there is in the "seed" of prayer, testimony, sacrifice, a surrendered life—all of which it is in our power to plant.

The unprayed prayer can never move the hand of God. The unoffered sacrifice can never produce a fragrance that blesses others. The unspoken testimony can never influence a life for God. And the life saved only for itself will at last be lost. "It abideth alone."

In Mark 11:24 we read, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." What power there is in believing prayer! But the prayer must be prayed! The promise must be trusted! If the seed of prayer is left stored in the barn of neglect, there can be no fruit. The prayerless soul cannot but stand humbled at the fruit produced by those who have prayed in faith.

Jesus said, "Ye shall be my wit-

nesses." How many have been saved through someone's simple testimony of God's love and grace! Prompted by the Spirit, a word spoken in due season can save a soul from death. But the testimony we fail to give can never win a soul for Christ.

A surrendered life is one that has died to self and all selfish interests. It has been planted, utterly abandoned to the whole will of God, and therein finds its chief delight. It has fallen into the ground of selflessness and died, and now it can say, "Not I, but Christ liveth in me." That which at the time of planting seemed to be a sacrifice, has become a source of real joy, for it "bringeth forth much fruit."

Is there seed yet stored in the barn

of your life? "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

"He who has saved his life shall lose it," is one translation of Matthew 10:39. God's plan is that we cast our bread upon the waters as the Orientals plant their rice crops in the water—sowing the seed of prayer, testimony, sacrifice, a surrendered life—and so come to the end of the way with sheaves for the Master.

Conditions may not always seem ideal for planting, but only seed sown can bring forth fruit. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap" (Ecclesiastes 11:4). But they that sow, even in tears, "shall reap in joy."

I once prayed to God the same prayer Moses prayed: "Show me Thy glory." And God made it real to me that "No man can see me and live." Then in my heart I cried: "O God, let me see Thee—and die!"

Looking Inside the Human Heart

BY SYLVA DOOLIN

Doctors can now see inside a closed, beating heart! A new instrument has been developed by Dr. Walter J. Gamble of the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, and by Robert Innis of the American Optical Company.

An opening is made, surgically, in the neck of the patient and the strawthin instrument is pushed down a blood vessel to the heart. On the tip of the instrument is a small transparent balloon, which is inflated after it is inside the heart. This pushes all the blood out of the area to be studied. Then a light, from an outside source, is piped to the heart along 76,000 ultra-fine glass fibers so that the doctor can see inside a living heart.

Dr. Gamble told newsmen that he hopes that doctors will use the instrument, in the future, before surgery and to spot defects in the human heart.

With this instrument your doctor will be able to see inside your physical heart; but ever since God created Adam He has been looking inside the hearts of living human beings.

When the prophet Samuel would

have chosen one of David's brothers to be the next king of Israel because he looked the part, the Lord said to Samuel, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

The Psalmist invited God to search him and know his heart: "try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24).

God's Word is an instrument that can see far more of the heart than any instrument man can make. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). What else can see the thoughts and the intents of the heart?

Most of us won't ever need the services of this remarkable man-made instrument, but all of us need to hide the Word of God in our hearts that we might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11). Do you faithfully read it every day?

Herman G. Johnson, a former district superintendent of the Assemblies of God in North Dakota, is now manager of Golden Acres Manor in Carrington, N. Dak.

Evangelism BREAKTHROUGH

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TUCSON, ARIZ.-There is re- new families being reached. Some joicing at the Eastland Assembly parents and children now regularof God here over the salvation of ly attend the services as a direct souls. Evangelist Floyd E. Heady result of the crusade. of St. Louis ministered on the deeper life and prophetic themes during a two-week meeting. The church was stirred and uplifted. Attendance has increased 41 per cent over last year.

-Gail C. Copple, Pastor

KINGSPORT. TENN. - The First Assembly of God here recently conducted a successful oneweek children's revival with the church is now free of debt. Culpepper-Gourlas Evangelistic Team of Peoria, Ill. An outstanding presentation of the gospel was given with emphasis on Christian living. A total of 291 children were enrolled. Over 50 decisions were made for Christ. The Sunday school and church have reaped from this effort with over 200

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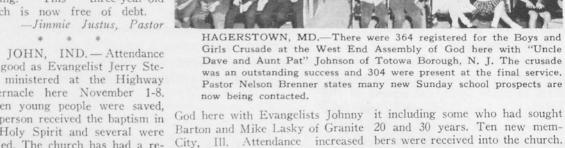
__Edward Roush, Pastor

FLORENCE, COLO.—The Rockvale Assembly of God here enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Willard Peachee of Bell Gardens, Calif. Ten were saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Sunday school attendance increased during the meeting. This three-year-old

ST. JOHN, IND.—Attendance was good as Evangelist Jerry Stegall ministered at the Highway Tabernacle here November 1-8. Eleven young people were saved, one person received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and several were refilled. The church has had a revival spirit for three months due to the beginning of a house-tohouse visitation campaign, soulwinning classes, and morning prayer meetings. Sunday school attendance has gone up each week. Two outstanding healings have taken place recently. A man was healed of ulcers and a woman was healed of a blood clot.

-F. D. Harshman, Pastor

NEWHALL, CALIF.-Numbers of conversions and healing testimonies resulted from a three-week crusade at the First Assembly of



from night to night until the building was filled to capacity. There was a particular work begun in the lives of many young people engaged in the field of professional entertainment. Members of one rock and roll band well known in the Hollywood area were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The revival did not stop with the

-Robert Bloom, Pastor

CANTON, OKLA.-The Hucmc Assembly of God is praising God for a revival just closed with Evangelist Donald P. Etter of Dell City, Tex. There were 10 saved and 10 filled with the Holy Ghost. Miracles of salvation and healing were evident every night. Many testified that it was "old time Pentecost." Neighboring pastors and their people attended from night to night.

-James T. Foreman, Pastor

BREMERTON, WASH .- Evangel Temple here can never be the same after a revival which continued for seven weeks, Sept. 16 through Nov. 4, with Evangelists Fuchsia Parrish and Thelma Drye of Greensboro, N. Carolina. Many sacrificed time and rest to be at every service. Night after night people stayed until twelve and one o'clock, arose early for work and school, and came back the next night. Some were saved, several backsliders were reclaimed, at least 14 were filled with the Holy SpirThe church is now in the process of purchasing nearby property for a parking area.

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-Lincoln D. Wyman, Pastor

GAITHERSBURG, MD. - During a revival with Evangelist A. B. Marks at the New Hope Assembly of God here 10 were saved, three reclaimed, four filled with the Holy Spirit and many refilled. Five new members were added to the church. Evangelist Marks' message of healing for God's people brought many results. One man was healed of cancer and another of a virus. There were also testimonies of healing of a goiter, epilepsy, and a swollen ankle. Attendance was excellent and the meeting was extended a third week.

-Henry Evans, Pastor

FREDERICK, MD.—The children's crusade conducted by Aunt Pat and Uncle Dave Johnson of Totowa Borough, N. J., was a blessing here. There were 183 present the last night of the meeting. Weeks have passed and the children are still seeking God and receiving the Holy Spirit.

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-T. J. Kerfoot, Pastor

ALTOONA, PA.-Many in this town were stirred by a youth rally recently conducted at the Pleasant Valley Full Gospel Church here by Evangelist Dave Wilkerson and members of Teen Challenge. Over 850 persons attended, and more

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.-The C.A.'s of the Bloomington Assembly sponsored a meeting with the Lowell Lundstrom Team. The services were well attended as shown by the photo. Twenty-one were saved, two reclaimed, and five were baptized with the Holy Spirit. At the Lowell Lundstrom (left) and Pastor Arvid Kingsriter stand beside blackboard giving names of those who formed a prayer chain,

-R. C. Bright, Pastor * * *

blessed the Michael and Peggy and healed. The faith and prayers Lord crusade at the Welcome Assembly of God here. Souls knelt at the altars for salvation and Christians were strengthened in the Lord. Attendance was good MARTINS FERRY, OHIOthroughout the crusade and especially on Missions night when groundwork for a great revival Evangelist Lord spoke on "What a Communist America Would Be Evangelist Daena Cargnel minis-Like." Sunday school attendance tered during the meetings which had a good increase.

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REVERE, MASS.—The ministry of Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla., was richly blessed

EVANGEL GOES TO THE FAIR

YORK, PA.-The York Interstate Fair afforded an extra activity for the First Assembly here. The church rented space in the main exhibition building for a church literature booth.



Workers gave out 10,000 copies of the Evangel at the fair.

response was tremendous. During the five days of the fair the workers gave out more than 25,000 pieces of literature including 10,000 copies of The Pentecostal Evangel (Outreach Issue).

The project proved to be a great blessing, not only to the 30 or more workers who took part in this ministry, but to the entire church. We have had souls at the altar as a result of the effort and have heard a number of other good reports. We look forward to a similar activity next year on a larger scale.-by S. W. Brewer, Pastor.

than 50 responded to the altar and used of God during a 12-day call. The following week Radio meeting at Parkway Assembly of Evangelist C. M. Ward conducted God here. There were 45 baptized a "Deeper Life Convention" for in the Holy Spirit, about half of four nights. The Lord's Spirit was whom were young people. A present in a special way and the charter member of Parkway, a altars were filled each night. God man saved long ago in Billy Sunworked in saving souls, baptizing day's meetings, received the bapwith the Holy Spirit, healing the tism. People from a neighboring sick, and moving the church to a Assembly of God (Lynn, Mass.) complete dedication to the Lord, were also filled including a man who had been seeking for 30 years. Though the emphasis was on Pen-CRESTVIEW, FLA. - God tecost there were a number saved of the people were rewarded with a reenactment of Pentecost.

-Thomas R. Brubaker, Pastor

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Morning prayer meetings laid the at the Assembly of God here. continued for five weeks. Twenty--Sam Turner, Pastor six were saved and 10 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were a number delivered from diseases such as cancer and goiters. People were not only healed in the healing line but also as they sat in the congregation. Methodist, Presbyterians and others came from distances to seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit. One young man remarked, "You haven't anything till you receive this. New Testament Christianity became a reality during this outpouring of the Spirit.

-Alfred J. Jenson, Pastor

EVERETT, MASS.-A threeweek campaign with the Paul Olson Evangelistic Party of Minneapolis brought a real reviving to Glad Tidings Tabernacle here. More than 50 adults and young people responded to the altar call of repentance. Among them was an entire family who were reclaimed after 20 years of backsliding. Several received the Holy Spirit baptism. Employing the use of colorful lighting with western staging and costumes, the Olson party presented a program of gospel music with a western flavor. The service was climaxed with the message, "When It's Roundup Time in Heaven," and the altars were filled with souls seeking salvation. One small boy brought 43 visitors to this service and a girl brought ten. Each was rewarded with a genuine western hat. Scores of new people were reached through this crusade.

-Paul R. Ridings, Pastor

* * RICE LAKE, WIS. - God anointed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Don Tanner in music and preaching during a two-



Congregation in Roseau, Minn., is thankful for their new church, Photos show the exterior and interior.

CHURCH DEDICATED

ROSEAU, MINN.-Approximately 200 people gathered for the dedication of the new church here last October. W. A. Morken spoke in the afternoon, and Herman H. Rhode, district superintendent, brought the dedicatory message in the evening.

The Pentecostal message came to this area at the turn of the century with a number of persons ministering to the congregation which met in various homes.

building-a basement-was built, cated. and used as a place of worship. leadership that the superstructure merical and spiritual growth.



In 1950 the first unit of the of the church was built and dedi-

The new building will be a M. D. Juve came to pastor the great asset to the congregation church in 1962. It was under his which prayerfully anticipates nu-

gelists inspired people to work and resulted in two conversions. The vation. Some of these who sought location for a new church. the Lord have already entered into the activities of the church faithfully and regularly.

-B. E. Stroud, Pastor

BRADFORD, ARK .- The Assembly of God here was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist Hazel Burns of Cement, Okla. Sixteen came forward for salvation and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during a two-week revival.

-Lyndale Harberson, Pastor * * *

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO .-The Spencer Weddle Family recently concluded a three-week meeting at the First Assembly of God here. There were eight saved, the Holy Spirit and many refilled.

bring others, and at least 12 re- church has recently organized a ceived a definite experience of sal- sites committee to find a proper

-Arnold F. Brown, Pastor * * *

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH.-Prior to a two-week crusade with Evangelists Arthur and Mrs. Berg, the First Assembly of God here began to experience a move of the Holy Spirit. Four young people were saved and several filled with the Holy Spirit at a Sunday night service, and five more were filled the following Sunday. During the crusade 16 more received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The ministry of the Bergs was a great blessing to the church. There were almost 100 visitors in attendance during the crusade.

On Monday, October 26, one of the girls fractured a small bone two reclaimed, seven filled with in her right foot while doing exercises in the school gym. The The youth of the church and stu- doctor told her they would try to dents from CBI and Evangel Col- get her off the crutches by Christlege "invaded" the downtown area mas. On Sunday evening, Novemweek meeting conducted at the with gospel literature on Saturday ber 1, while God was filling Jane Gospel Tabernacle here. The ser- afternoons. This brought several with the Holy Spirit, He was vices were well attended; the evan- new families to the meetings and healing her foot. When she arose

altar, and walked out of the cluded a thrilling one-week chil- Some of the largest crowds in of service by the present pastor. of the crusade.

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revival with Evangelist Glenna contacts. Byard at the Assembly of God here five were saved and eight received the baptism in the Holy DOE RUN, MO .- During a Holy Spirit. Attendance was good throughout the meeting.

-Nadine Fogle, Pastor * *

Assembly of God here recently enjoyed the blessings of the Lord during a revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard. There were 11 saved, three reclaimed, three baprefilled. The church is planning to start building soon at its new location, Geyer Road and Nirk Avenue, in Kirkwood.

her foot, left the crutches at the vary Temple here has just con- gelist John Bryant of Elk City. effective meeting in the 14 years church. She attended school every dren's crusade with Evangelist several years attended these meet. There were 105 nonchurch people day, came to church every night, Victor Etienne of St. Paul, Minn. ings. Around 20 people responded brought in to hear the gospel. and her crutches remained hang- In one night alone 37 responded to the invitation to accept Christ; ing on the wall at the front of for salvation. Over 100 outsiders 15 received the baptism in the the sanctuary during the balance were reached resulting in a pros- Holy Spirit; some testified of pect list of 70 youngsters for Sun-healings; and nine were baptized -Ross P. Simmons, Pastor day school follow-up. Sunday in water the last night of the school attendance already has in-meeting. WEAUBLEAU, MO.—During a creased substantially through these

-Walter Rachinski, Pastor

Spirit. A Methodist family of five three-week revival at the Assemwere all saved and filled with the bly of God here with Evangelists Billy Don Heady and his wife Pat, 17 persons "prayed through," two were filled with the Holy Ghost, others refilled, and nine baptized KIRKWOOD, MO.—The First in water. There were outstanding healings including a six-year-old girl who wore braces and had never walked. Now she is walking without braces. More recently four have been saved, three baptized in tized in the Holy Spirit and two water, and three have joined the church.

-Homer L. Smith, Pastor * *

ELK CITY, OKLA.-First As--C. A. Pankey, Pastor sembly of God had a most profit-

-Joe Calabrese, Pastor

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — Evangelist William Caldwell re- ids Assembly of God on the octurned to the Peoples Church in casion of Pastor Lyle Curtis' October for a second revival. His meeting in 1962 brought excellent results and so did his second campaign. Some were saved and a number testified of healing. Twenty-five received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The evangelist's positive preaching was a great blessing to the church.

Douglas M. Henderson, Pastor * * *

she removed the bandages from SACRAMENTO, CALIF.-Cal- able two-week meeting with Evan- as Saviour. This was the most

-Thomas F. Hickerson, Pastor

WISCONSIN CHURCH PROCLAIMS "PASTOR APPRECIATION WEEK"

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WIS .-"Pastor Appreciation Week" was proclaimed at the Wisconsin Rap-



Lyle Curtis

12th anniversary here. On the anniversary Sunday photographs were taken in every department of the Sunday school and placed in a gift

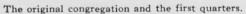
presentation album for Pastor and Mrs. Curtis. The appreciation TEMPLETON, CALIF.-A two- theme continuing during the week week meeting was conducted at was highlighted again in the Sunthe Assembly of God here by Evan- day school staff meeting during a gelist Mary R. Branham and Pau- time of tribute and fellowship. A line Steele of Fayetteville, Ark. A review of events and statistics number of persons accepted Christ under the present ministry re-



Home of Denver's Full Gospel Chapel or "The Happy Church" which began in 1960.



This converted garage was an intermediate stop for the growing congregation. Pastor Hickey at right.





DENVER CHURCH INCREASES FROM 26 TO 350

church, an earnest prayer, and a be used as a church building. It distant pastor converged in the took some time, the congregation Englewood section of Denver, remembers, to "convert" the damp, Colo., in the summer of 1960 and musty atmosphere. a pioneer church was born. Today Wallace R. Hickey is pastor of the Full Gospel Chapel, or, "The Happy Church" as it is often called, with an average Sunday morning attendance of 250 and a fine congregation that has purchased its own sanctuary at 1101 South Washington Street.

Wallace Hickey was an assistant pastor at First Assembly of God in Amarillo, Tex., when the Denver group, meeting in the home of Elizabeth and Kevin Cowgill, began praying for God's direction concerning a pastor. On August 9, 1960, the Hickeys joined them and soon a building suitable for public services was located at 1008 East Hampden in Englewood. Eagerly the brandnew congregation numbering 22 set to work to convert the former carpenter shop into a meeting place. After a year of occupancy during which God was working with them in conversions, Holy Spirit baptisms, and healings, the facilities became too small. The building would hold 75 and there were 90 in attendance.

Moving day for the congregation on August 29, 1961, was to larger quarters at 898 South Clarkson in Denver. The first Sunday's attendance of 172 broke all records. Originally a garage,

A group of people desiring a the quarters had been modified to

At first it seemed feasible to purchase the property as the site of the future church. Negotiations were begun toward this purchase which involved \$13,500. A delay in providing a clear title proved providential and allowed time for the building fund to increase.

It was at this point the South Denver Baptist congregation offered to sell its property for \$65,-000. A banker who examined the property was amazed and agreed that answered prayer must certainly have been a factor in the transaction. The purchase was finalized, and the splendid, fullydeveloped church property at 1101 South Washington soon became the home of the Full Gospel Chapel.

Many fine evangelistic ministries have added to the growth of the congregation, the most recent of which was a meeting with Jack and Clara Peters when 350 attended a Sunday morning service. An active youth program which often attracts up to 60 young people is combined with street evangelism. Often as many as 35 are engaged in personal work, and each week there are resulting conversions. The Lord has been pleased to glorify Himself in this small but growing segment of His large family.

vealed that the S. S. attendance away just two months after the God. They served among the Kru gon District, he was ordained in has doubled over the 12-year of thanksgiving for the blessing born in Six Points, Pa., and went these people. of the Lord upon the assembly here. A new building was dedicated recently.

-Mrs. Merritt Koeshall

to Sierra Leone as a missionary

Homegoing of her husband, Ira tribe in Sierra Leone for 23 years, 1934 and served as a pastor and period. The occasion was also one G. Shakley. Sister Shakley was winning the love and respect of evangelist. He also served as Dis-

> with her husband in 1916. Four BLUFORD M. SHELTON, 69, missionaries under the Missions away after a lingering illness No- wife, five children, 11 grandchil-

trict Presbyter for many years. His pastorates included Seattle, Wash.; Milton-Freewater and years later they became appointed of Milton-Freewater, Oreg., passed Spray, Oreg. Surviving are his Sunday School Superintendent Department of the Assemblies of vember 11. A member of the Ore- dren and six step-grandchildren,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWINTER CONVENTION AND SEMINAR-Mar. 2-5 at Evangel Temple, Bond and Dundas Sts., Toronto, Ont., Canada. Speakers: J. Robert Ashcroft and Derek Prince. Special hotel rates. -by Hope Smith and Laurie H. Price, host pastors.

CHURCH DEDICATION-Feb. 7, dedication of new sanctuary of First Assembly, Mesa, Ariz. T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, bringing dedicatory message. J. K. Gressett, district superintendent, and W. E. Cummings, district secretary-treasurer, officiating.by V. L. Hertweck, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

D. GLEN HALL, 34, of Nelson, Mo., passed away November 15. Brother Hall was ordained by the Southern Missouri District in 1962. He was pastor of the Assembly of God in Nelson, Mo. Survivors include his wife and two children.

JOHN R. DUNCAN, 58, of Fresno, Calif., was called into the presence of the Lord November 8. A member of the Southern California District, Brother Duncan was ordained in 1935. Since that time he pastored churches in Ridgecrest, Fresno, Taft, and Whittier, Calif.; Wheatland, Wyo.; and Alma, Colo. He is survived by his wife Nora.

GORDON READ, 60, of Hickory Ridge, Ark., entered into the Lord's presence November 8. Ordained by the Southern Missouri District in 1945, he served as a pastor and evangelist. His pastorates include Ellsinore and Van Buren, Mo.; Swifton, McCrory, Des Arc, Flippin, Big Flat and Hickory Ridge, Ark. Survivors include his wife Mattie and nine children.

CHARLES ARTHUR POLlock, 74, of Porterville, Calif., passed away due to a stroke November 19. Brother Pollock served as an evangelist and pastored churches at Wilmar and Porterville, Calif. Ordained in 1940, he was a member of the Southern California District. Surviving are his wife, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

EVA ITA SHAKLEY, 93, died November 7 at Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Fla. She passed

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Phoenix	Central	Jan. 17-31	S. B. Douglass	Carl D. Holleman
Ark.	Blytheville	First	Jan. 19-31	Arthur & Anna Berg	A. J. Frank, Jr.
	Camden	Cullendale	Jan. 19—	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	J. D. Middlebrook
	Elm Springs	A/G	Jan. 13-24	Pauline Steel-Mary Branhan	
	Fort Smith	Faith	Jan. 19-31	Arthur & Anna Berg	D. A. Hastie
	N. Little Rock	Lakehill	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Ernie Eskelin	Ronald Hastie
	Walnut Ridge	A/G	Jan. 17-31	Bill & Pat Heady	Lehman Rorex
Calif.	Brentwood	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	T. P. Beck	Clyde Hawkins
	Delano	A/G	Jan. 19-31	E. T. Quanabush	Donald Trimmer
	El Cerrito	A/G Tabernacle	Jan. 20-31	Garfield J. Unruh	Verlyn M. Skore
	Fallbrook	A/G	Jan. 17-31	L. T. Bates	C. D. Holley
	Gardena	First	Jan. 20	Quentin Edwards	M. W. Roll
	Imperial Beach	First	Jan. 19-31	David A. Lewis	Richard Krake
	Inglewood	Calvary Full Gos.	Jan. 24	J. G. Hall	Marcus Gaston
	Mt. Shasta	First	Jan. 24-29	Charles Senechal	David Vallo
	Red Bluff	*Bethel Temple	Jan. 17-22	Charles Senechal	J. A. Benney
	Sacramento Whittier	Calvary Temple	Jan. 20-31	Steve & Pat Rexroat	Walter Rachinski
Fla.	Bradenton	First First	Jan. 21—	Daniel Kricorian	C. S. Stanton
ria.	Chipley	First	Jan. 19— Jan. 12-24	John Higginbotham Joel & Mrs. Palmer	F. S. Taylor C. E. Hodges
	Eau Gallie	First	Jan. 19-Feb. 7	L. K. Dodge	E. L. Frerking
	St. Petersburg	First	Jan. 19-76b. /	Frank J. DePolo	L. Wayne Pitts
Hawaii	Waipio	Oahu Faith Tab.	Jan. 19-24	Stanley P. MacPherson	Harold Headrick
Ind.	Elkhart	Bethel	Jan. 19-Feb. 7	Andrew G. & Mrs. Basell	G. A. Uldin
Kans.	Coffeyville	First	Jan. 17-24	C. M. Smitley	L. P. Pember
	Hoisington	A/G	Jan. 18-31	James & Beulah Pepper	S. K. Rayborn
	Hutchinson	First	Jan. 19-31	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Russell Rexroat
	Kansas City	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 17	Neil Eskelin	Jack Burgess
	Lyndon	A/G	Jan. 17-31	Knott-Olson Team	Max Manning
	Mankato	A/G	Jan. 20-31	Kenneth Broadus	Nettie Juergensen
Md.	Bethesda	Chevy Chase	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	Harry J. Steil	Oliver D. Collier
Minn.	Willmar	First	Jan. 20-31	Musical Lebsacks	Richard Orchard
Mo.	Lee's Summit	First	Jan. 19-31	The Tanner Team	Robert E. Palmer
	Pevely	Horine	Jan. 17-31	Robert V. Holland	D. I. Mahurin
N. 1	Sedalia	First	Jan. 20-31	Roland & Leanna Hastie	Floyd Buntenbach
Nebr. N. Dak.	Chappell	A/G	Jan. 19-31	I. D. Rayborn	F. D. Cullens
Ohio	Fargo Columbus	First Fairmoor	Jan. 18-22 Jan. 18-31	Mel DeVries	O. W. Apple Felix O. Coyle
Omo	Toledo	First	Jan. 19-31	Peter DeLeon H. B. Kelchner	G. G. Martin
	Youngstown	Bethel Temple	Jan. 24	Bob Ludwig	C. L. Mooney
Okla.	Randlett	A/G	Jan. 11-24	Mathers-Pharr	Harlen Duncan
O Killi	Red Oak	A/G	Jan. 18-24	Leonard Negrin	James Mabry
Oreg.	Coquille	First	Jan. 19-29	Lindy L. Lummer	James Ryan
	Winston	**A/G	Jan. 24-29	D. L. Nultemeier	William Garner
Pa.	Manheim	First Pente.	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	Curtis Sample	Howard E. Pfoutz
	Philipsburg	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 19-31	Ralph A. Creider	Edwin Stigile
	Waynesboro	Calvary	Jan. 19-31	Samuel & Beulah Clutter	George Hatchner
S. C.	Belton	Dry Oak	Jan. 19-31	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Ernest Oliver
	Charleston Hgts.		Jan. 17—	Leonard Sapp	C. D. Howze
Tex.	Caddo Mills	A/G	Jan. 19-31	Tommy Wilson	N. E. McGinn
	Electra	First	Jan. 21-Feb. 7	Dan Kricorian	Cameron Stanton
	Ft. Worth	First	Jan. 17-24	Doyle Thompson	Eugene Perrault
	Houston	Park Place	Jan. 20—	Diehl Family	James Van Meter
	Midland	Calvary	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	Franklin A. & Mrs. Burns	Eugene Brown
	Midland	First	Jan. 13-29 Jan. 24-31	Louis & Mari Neely Paul & Gloria Thompson	William Metzgar Wesley J. Lange
	Odessa Tahoka	Bethel A/G	Jan. 24-31	Bob & Barney Huie	James Jackson
Va.	Warwick	A/G	Jan. 20-31	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	LeRoy Howe
Wash.	Kingston	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Lowell & Andrea Wood	Leland V. Gross
	Kirkland	North West College		Linfield Crowder	C. E. Butterfield
	Pomeroy	A/G	Jan. 19-31	Ernest A. Welk	Hubert Deweber
	Seattle	Evangel Temple	Jan. 19-22	Warren Litzman	John Tappero
	Yakima	Stone Church	Jan. 18-31	Eddie & Ruth Washington	Dale Carpenter
Bahamas	Nassau	Evan. Temple	Jan. 20-Feb. 19		Stephen Vandermerwe
Malaysia	Singapore	Victorian Aud.	Jan. 22-30	Tommy Barnett	Steve Nolin
Samoa	Pago Pago	A/G	Jan. 21-Feb. 10		Claude Rediger
India	Rajapalliam	Open air	Jan. 20	Eddie Wilson	D. N. Edwards
	Dindigal	Open air	Jan. 24	Eddie Wilson	D. N. Edwards
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