

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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## O FOR A HEART WHITER THAN SNOW

O for a heart that is whiter than snow!  
Kept, ever kept, 'neath the life-giving flow;  
Cleansed from all passion, self-seeking and pride,  
Washed in the fountain of Calvary's tide.

O for a heart whiter than snow!  
Savior divine, to whom else can I go?  
Thou who didst die, loving me so,  
Give me a heart that is whiter than snow.

E. E. Hewitt

# A Precious Friend, or an Offence —Which Is Christ to You?

Lee Krupnick

*Unto you therefore which believe He is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,*

*And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient.*

1 Peter 2:7, 8.

IN reading the verses above, you will notice that Christ is presented as the Friend most precious. "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious." Oh, how precious, how dear He is—our Lover, our Savior, our All in all. But notice that to the unbeliever He is "a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence."

Perhaps you are saying, "How can the same Christ be both a precious Friend and an offence?" The answer is that the difference lies in us, and not in Christ. The law is the protection of one man and the terror of another. The policeman is sought after by one man and shunned by another. It all depends on the character of the two men. The burglar does not want to see a policeman, but the man whose house is being robbed does. Therefore, to one man that policeman is a friend, but to the other man he is an offence.

Just so it is with Jesus. If we trust and believe and obey Jesus Christ, He will become our Friend and Helper in a most glorious manner; but if we reject Him, if we set at nought His love, if we thrust His friendship from us, if we live in disobedience to His Word, then of course He will become a rock of offence to us. What Jesus Christ is to me and what He will become to me in eternity will depend upon my attitude toward Him now.

Jesus wants to be your friend. And, speaking of friendship, let us remember that we ought to choose our friends with the greatest care. The friends we make will either help us or hinder us. Our friends are either a benediction or a curse. Please let me stress this fact. It is a matter of vast and vital importance whether our friends are precious or whether they become a stone of stumbling and influence our

lives for evil. We shall be led onward or backward, upward or downward, by the influence and power of our friends. You have known men who become a curse to every young man who makes a league of friendship with them and comes under the power of their influence. A precious friend is an inspiration, an uplift, a blessing and a help! But a false friend is a curse, an evil force that only drags downward those who are touched by its power.

Oh, I want to bring you a vision of Jesus Christ as the Friend who is so precious, so helpful, and so inspiring that you will see that friendship with Him will be the making of your life! Oh, how I wish, how I pray, how I long for you to let Him come into your hearts so that you will say, "Jesus is my most precious Friend!" Our text says, "Unto you therefore which believe He is *precious*."

I am reminded of a story about a young man who was working on a dock in an Eastern seaboard city. He accidentally slipped and fell into the water, and would have been drowned but for the help that was given him by a great, broad-shouldered

man, who succeeded, after a heroic struggle, in bringing this young man safely to the land. That evening, to the big workman's cabin there came a young woman, accompanied by two small boys. She asked, "Are you the men who saved my husband's life today?" The workman acknowledged that he was. Then she replied, "These boys would like to kiss the man who saved their daddy's life." The workman wiped his face upon his rough sleeve and bent that the boys might impress upon his cheek a kiss of affection and gratitude for the deed he had done. Then the woman said, with tears in her eyes, "I would like to shake the hand of my husband's savior." There was a great desire to express, in some way, the appreciation that thrilled their souls because that man had been able to save from a watery grave the one whom they loved better than anyone else in the world. And from that hour that family looked upon that man as a treasured friend.

Precious though such a friend and savior would be, his deed was as nothing compared with that which Jesus Christ has done to save us from eternal hell. Jesus Christ, by His love and sacrifice, has won the right to be called our most precious Friend. Yes, His love should set our hearts aflame with an affection and devotion that lasts for time and eternity. We shall find, as we become personally acquainted with Jesus Christ and share His friendship, that He is a *precious* Friend because He is ready, and He is able, and He is willing to help us in every time of need.

Oh, unsaved reader, surely Christ is a friend worth having! And, if you will let Him, He will take you just as you are, and give you a glorious welcome bye and bye to His eternal home.

Some years ago a kind Christian physician was at work in a dispensary in a New York mission. Presently there stood before him a young man who was a stranger in the city. When the physician had diagnosed his case, he asked, "Where is your home?" "More than three hundred miles from here," replied the boy. They talked for a little time and the physician led this young man to the Lord. That very night the physician wrote to a friend of his own who lived in the town from which the boy came; he asked this friend to find out all that he could about the young fellow's parents, for it was evident that he was dealing with a prodigal. In two or three days a message came back from the friend saying that he had talked with the parents and found them very eager to have the boy come back

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## Christ Hope Is Our

SO MIGHTY, YET SO MEEK

He who was the Bread of Life (John 6:35) began His ministry by hungering in the wilderness (Luke 4:2), and He who gave the Water of Life to a sinful woman (John 4:10) ended His ministry by crying, "I thirst." John 19:28. Gregory of Naziansus wrote:

Christ hungered as man, and fed the hungry as God. John 6:1-14.

He thirsted as man, and yet He said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." John 7:37.

He grew weary, and yet He is our Rest. He paid tribute, and yet He is a King. He was called a devil, but cast out devils. He prayed, and yet hears prayer. He wept, yet He dries our tears. He was sold for thirty pieces of silver, and He redeems the world. He was "led as a sheep to the slaughter," and He is the Good Shepherd. He is mute at His trial, as a sheep before its shearers, and yet He is the Everlasting Word.

What divine paradoxes are these! Yet stranger still is the fact that He who is so holy is willing to be the Friend of sinners like us!



# Is Pentecost a Delusion?

Briggs P. Dingman, formerly a Presbyterian preacher

FOR nearly a quarter of a century of ministry, I congratulated myself that I was open-minded on the matter of the teachings of the Word of God. Then, one day, I met a young preacher of the Assemblies of God. I liked him, and as the months passed I became well acquainted with him. I admired his spiritual life, and that of his wife, and was forced to admit that they had a closer walk with God than I. I envied them that, but much as I wanted a deeper spiritual life, I certainly wasn't going to go to the "tongues people" to get it! While admiring their mysticism, I pitied their ignorance.

My friends were eventually called to another pastorate, and a new pastor, with his wife, came to town. Eventually I became acquainted with them and found that they, too, seemed to have a fellowship with God that was not mine. Possibly, I told myself, these two had not been tainted with the "tongues" doctrine, so I inquired of them. To my regret, I found that they were quite thoroughly imbued with it. Again my feeling was that of admiration for their spirituality but pity for their delusion.

I had been well indoctrinated against the Pentecostal belief. In the files in my study I had quite a number of books and pamphlets on this "ism" which to me was in the same category as that of Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Spiritism and others of that ilk. I had read them, and had often wondered how the adherents of Pentecost could claim to be true to the Word of God in spite of the supposedly damning evidence of these books. Surely this was Satanic delusion in its purest form!

Then, too, I had seen some Pentecostals who were ultrademonstrative, and to my conservative nature this savored of ignorance if not even of demon-possession. What I did not know was that all Pentecostals were not the same! Then, too, I had read in magazines that certain mountain Pentecostals handled rattlesnakes, passed their hands and faces through fire and did many other ridiculous things. Surely no sane Christian could embrace Pentecostalism, I decided.

Then one day there came a challenge to me. A friend inquired if I knew what the Assemblies of God taught. I had to answer that I knew they were a godly sect, but the fact that they believed in speaking in tongues was quite enough for me: I had not investigated further. Afterward I decided that I had not been fair.

Were I interested in politics and desirous of finding out just what a certain party stood for, what would be the logical course of procedure? Would I go to an opponent of the party or to the party headquarters itself? There could be but one answer to that. An opponent would certainly be prejudiced and would present a distorted view.

Surely, I thought, *all* Pentecostals cannot be ignorant of the Word of God! They must know what some of these anti-Pentecostal books teach; and if they are honest with the Lord, how could they read them and still continue Pentecostal? Apparently I had not been so open-minded as I thought. I had accepted teaching



from only one side—the side that opposed Pentecost. Maybe there was a reason, after all, why the Pentecostals were growing in numbers faster than any other religious body. I had previously attributed it to the fact that it was a latter-day delusion and that mushroom growth was thereby to be expected.

I went to my pastor friend and asked for some literature put out by the Assemblies of God. He willingly agreed to give me all I would read. He handed me a book by an Assemblies of God pastor who had given the story of his religious experience. I was almost stunned when I observed that it was written by an old and close friend of mine! Twenty years ago we had been pastors in the same denomination. I had since moved to another part of the country and gradually we had lost touch with each other. And now he was Pentecostal! I could scarcely believe it possible, but here was the evidence.

I read the book, then asked for another, and another. The pastor soon ran out of books! Then I wrote to the headquarters of the denomination and gradually bought nearly everything they offered on the subject. I began to make a surprising discovery—the writers of these books against

Pentecost had apparently seriously misunderstood the teachings of Pentecost, because what the Assemblies of God taught and what these writers SAID Pentecostals taught was entirely different.

I began making detailed investigations. Were the Assemblies of God teaching one thing and really practising another? As a result of my investigations, I came to two conclusions: first, that the anti-Pentecostal books were written by men who apparently had a very limited knowledge of the real teachings of Pentecost; and, secondly, the Scriptures definitely taught the experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as a work which was in most cases subsequent to that of salvation. But, whether salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit were received on the same night or twenty years apart, the Baptism was a real experience and available for all Christians. No Christian can say that he truly loves God if he refuses to go on with Him in all revealed light. I felt that although I was a pastor in another denomination, I needed all that God had for me, so I cast all preconceived prejudices to the winds. I wanted God in a real way, that my life should be richer and my ministry enhanced.

The result was, I asked and I received. There was no hysterical outburst or extreme manifestation, but there was a real visitation of the Holy Spirit. He came in and flooded my soul, and when He came, I spoke clearly and fluently in another tongue. The voice was mine but the direction was the Holy Spirit's.

The object of this article is not the presentation of a doctrinal dissertation. That would be too lengthy for present purposes. The aim is to encourage those who do not understand the Pentecostal viewpoint to investigate the matter from the proper sources, rather than accept the word of avowed opponents. There are many Christians whose souls are hungering for the deeper truths of the Word of God. Yet, because of teaching they have received from teachers who know too little of the matter, they do not investigate Pentecost.

"I don't want to become Pentecostal!" some have said. If by that statement reference is made to denominational affiliation, then we would say that a denominational change is entirely up to the individual. Pentecostal believers are not so much interested in denominational accretion as that believers be filled with the Holy Spirit. Churches of all denominations need Spirit-filled pastors and laymen.

To those who are interested, as the writer was, in knowing what is the Scriptural stand of the Assemblies of God, the Gospel Publishing House will be more than happy to suggest a few books (in-

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# A Glimpse into the Future

**J**AMES and John had lofty aspirations. They said to Christ: "Master, we would that Thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. . . . Grant unto us that we may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand, in Thy glory." Christ said unto them: "Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" He had just been speaking of the baptism of suffering that was ahead for Him, declaring: "The Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles: and they shall mock Him, and shall scourge Him, and shall spit upon Him, and shall kill Him." Were these young men willing to drink such a cup?

## THE ANSWER OF FAITH

They answered, "We are able." And Christ took them at their word. They little knew what they said, but having committed themselves, they could trust the Lord to prepare and fit them for all the future would hold. The question comes to us, "Are you able to stand the revelation of the greatness and the glory of things shortly to come to pass?" Christ waits for an answer. Will you say, "We are able"? It need not be presumption, but the boldness of faith. "We are able." He takes us at our word, and He will prepare for revelation the ones who stake their faith in Him.

## CATASTROPHIC JUDGMENTS AHEAD

At the coming of Jesus Christ there will be catastrophe after catastrophe. There has been catastrophe before. In times past the messengers of the Lord have suffered catastrophe at the hands of man. Christ declared, "Elias is come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them." God, willing to be the plaything of man! That was grace. But when He rises up and shuts the door (Matt. 25:10) the flow of grace stops. Then God will arise to judgment, for the great day of His wrath will come, and who shall be able to stand? The commencement of that great day will be inaugurated by His taking His own from the earth.

## SATAN'S SHORT TIME

The tables turned! The originator of evil will be cast out from his place in the heavenlies, to come down to the earth where he executed his awful wrath against the Son of man. Michael will get his full commission to overthrow the dragon and his hosts. Satan's descent to the earth will be headlong, with the rapidity of lightning. As swift as lightning, and as destructive to the earth as lightning! All Satan's hosts will fall, like so many lightning flashes. The word will be sounded forth: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath." Satan's power on the earth will reach its zenith, and then suddenly it will be brought to naught. He has to go lower. He will be driven from heaven to earth; later he will be driven from the earth to the pit, and in due time he will be thrust down to the lake of fire.

## GOD'S OVERCOMERS

The inauguration of these catastrophes on the earth can not take place until God's overcoming ones are caught up, and He is seeking for overcomers. Are you asking the Lord (like James and John) for a place nigh unto Him on His throne? He will ask you, "Can you drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" He is able and willing to give you overcoming power and abundance of grace to enable you to overcome down here in the realm where Satan is even now dominating. You must learn to be an overcomer now if you desire to be an heir of all things hereafter.

The company of God's elect must be completed. Christ must have His complete number of overcomers. That completed, His coming will soon take place.

## MATURE OVERCOMERS

There must be mature overcomers. The question comes: "Are ye able to be baptized with His baptism?" Do you say, "We are able"? Paul could say that. Others have said it. It was not a vain boast. They knew that the grace of God was sufficient, and that the Spirit of God with-

in would bring them to mature development as they were yielded and obedient. These learned to overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

## THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

An angel will descend, will put a chain on Satan, and will cast him into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Then Christ will be reigning; and oh, the blessing, and peace, and the calm of God! But again the peace will be broken. Satan will be let loose. Again catastrophe, tragedy and woe. Last of all, the earth, the scene of woe and misery, is subjected to the divine fires. The heavens shall depart as a scroll when it is rolled up. God's face shall be unobscured. The dead, small and great, who have passed away during the centuries, shall stand before Him. From the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne, the earth and the heavens will flee away. There will be no hiding place left for the sinner. Oh, the indescribable whiteness of the throne shining forth upon the indescribable blackness of the resuscitated, resurrected dead! As the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, so the last remnant of the defiled earth will have to pass away. And the wicked dead will have to flee away from Him that sitteth upon the throne—their destination, the lake of fire.

## WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS?

According to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein righteousness shall dwell. And the Lord says to all His saints: "Seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that you may be found in Him in peace, without spot and blameless." He warns us, "Beware lest ye, . . . being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" The Spirit asks the question. The occasion demands a reply. What shall the answer be?

## "ONLY BELIEVE"

I refuse to be moved by what I see or hear. I am only moved by what I believe.—Smith Wigglesworth.



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# The Revival in Ireland in 1859

A STRIKING incident at the commencement of the moving in Coleraine is related as follows by William Arthur. It took place at a large school in which a boy was observed under deep impressions. The master, seeing that the little fellow was not fit to work, advised him to go home, and call upon the Lord in private. With him he sent an older boy, who had found peace the day before. On their way they saw an empty house, and went in there to pray together. The two schoolfellows continued in prayer in the empty house till he who was weary and heavy-laden felt his soul blessed with sacred peace.

Rejoicing in this new and strange blessedness, the little fellow said, "I must go back and tell Mr.—." The boy, who, a little while ago, had been too sorrowful to do his work, soon entered the school with a beaming face, and going up to the master, said, in his simple way, "O Mr.—, I am so happy; I have the Lord Jesus in my heart." Strange words in cold times! Natural words when, upon the simple and the young, the Holy Spirit is poured out, and they feel what is meant by "Christ in you the hope of glory," and utter it in the first terms that come! The attention of the whole school was attracted. Boy after boy silently slipped out of the room. After a while, the master stood upon something which enabled him to look over the wall of the playground. There he saw a number of his boys ranged round the wall on their knees in earnest prayer, every one apart. The scene overcame him.

Presently he turned to the pupil who had already been a comforter to one schoolfellow, and said, "Do you think you can go and pray with these boys?" He went out, and, kneeling down among them, began to implore the Lord to forgive their sins, for the sake of Him who had borne them all upon the cross. Their silent grief soon broke into a bitter cry. As this reached the ears of the boys in the room, it seemed to pierce their hearts. By one consent they cast themselves upon their knees, and began to cry for mercy. The girls' school was above, and the cry no sooner penetrated to their room than, apparently well knowing what mourning it was, and hearing in it a call to themselves, they, too, fell upon their knees and wept. Strange disorder for schoolmaster and mistress to have to control!

The united cry reached the adjoining streets. Every ear, prepared by the prevailing Holy Spirit, at once interpreted it as the voice of those who look upon Him whom they have pierced, and mourn for

We are sharing with our readers three or four inspiring stories of the Great Irish Revival of 1859, which has been mentioned in two or three recent Evangelists. The stories are taken from a large book (now out of print) compiled by William Gibson, who at that time was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. May our hearts be stirred to pray for a similar moving of God's Spirit in all our Assemblies in 1948. It was prayer that brought this revival in 1859—earnest, united seeking of God for revival, accompanied by personal heart-searching and renewed consecration to gospel service—and like preparation will bring like results today.

Him. One and another of the neighbors came in, and at once cast themselves upon their knees and joined in the cry for mercy. These increased, and continued to increase, till first one room, then another, then a public office on the premises—in fact, every available spot—was filled with sinners seeking God. Clergymen and men of prayer were sought, and they spent the day in pleading for the mourners. Thus passed hour after hour of that memorable day. Dinner was forgotten, tea was forgotten, and it was not till eleven o'clock at night that the school premises were freed from their unexpected guests.

The following statement respecting the movement in Coleraine is furnished by J. A. Canning of that town:

Upon the evening of the 7th of June, 1859, an open-air meeting was held in one of the market-places. The announced object of the meeting was to receive and hear one or two of the "converts," as they began to be called, from a district some eight or ten miles south of Coleraine. Around seven o'clock, dense masses of people, from town and country, began to pour into the square, and in a short time an enormous multitude crowded around the platform. After singing and prayer, the converts, a young man and a man more advanced in years, and both of the humbler class, proceeded to address the meeting. Their addresses were short, and consisted almost entirely of a detail of their own awakening, and earnest appeals to the consciences of sinners. After the lapse of nearly an hour, it became manifest that more than one-half of the congregated multitude could not hear the voices

of the speakers on the platform, so it was suggested that the people should separate into distinct congregations or groups, and that a minister should preach to each group. This was immediately done, and some three or four separate audiences were soon listening with most marked attention to as many preachers, for all the evangelical ministers in the town were present.

I was engaged in addressing a large group of people, composed of all ages and of all ranks of the community, from a portion of Scripture, when I became struck with the deep and peculiar attention which manifestly every mind and heart was lending to what I spoke. As to manner, my address was very calm; and as to matter, it consisted of plain gospel truth, as it concerns man's lost condition on the one hand, and the free grace of God, as displayed in salvation, on the other. I know that the addresses of my brethren were of a like character. I never saw before, in any audience, the same searching, earnest, riveted look as strained up to me from almost every eye in that hushed and apparently awe-struck multitude. I remember, even while I was speaking, asking myself, How is this? Why is this? As yet, however, the people stood motionless, and perfectly silent.

About the time at which the last speaker was closing his address, a very peculiar cry arose from out a dense group at one side of the square, and in less than ten minutes a similar cry was repeated in six or eight different groups, until, in a very short time, the whole multitude was divided into awe-struck assemblages around persons prostrate on the ground, or supported in the arms of relatives or friends. I hurried to the center of one of these groups, and having first exhorted the persons standing around to retire, and leave me to deal with the prostrate one, I stooped over him, and found him to be a young man of some eighteen or twenty years, but personally unknown to me. He lay on the ground, his head supported on the knees of an elder of one of our churches. His eyes were closed; his hands were firmly clasped, and occasionally very forcibly pressed upon the chest. He was uttering incessantly a peculiar deep moan, sometimes terminating in a prolonged wailing cry. I felt his pulse,

and could discern nothing very peculiar about it. I said softly and quietly in his ear, "Why do you cry so?" when he opened his eyes for an instant, and I could perceive that they had, stronger than I ever saw it before, that inward look, if I might so express it, which indicates that the mind is wholly occupied (Continued on page six)



## A Disappointed Planter

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

THE growing of grapes was a leading industry in Palestine in the days of Jesus, and those who had vineyards gave much thought to their proper care. Jesus seized upon this fact to illustrate an eternal lesson which He wanted to teach.

He told of a man who planted a vineyard, hedged it about, dug a winepress, erected a lookout tower, and then let it out to husbandmen. Having put His confidence in the husbandmen, the owner went into a far country. When the time for picking the grapes arrived, he sent his servants to receive the fruit to which he was entitled. But the husbandmen were wicked, and they abused the servants, beating one, stoning another, and even killing one of them. He then sent another group of servants, larger than the first, but the husbandmen mistreated them likewise.

The owner of the vineyard then said, "Though they have abused my servants, they will reverence my son," so he sent his own son to receive the fruit. When the husbandmen saw the son, however, they said among themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance." So they caught him and killed him. You may read this story in Matthew 21:33-41.

Were we to read in the newspaper that such an outrage had been committed, we would be filled with indignation. Such wickedness would certainly be punished by the authorities. But do you know that many are doing this very thing by rejecting Christ?

We are not interested in a technical interpretation of this parable at this time. It is clear, however, that Jesus was referring to His heavenly Father as the owner of the vineyard. In days gone by, God had sent His servants, the prophets, to warn the people to flee from the wrath to come. Instead of repenting of their sins, the people had persecuted the prophets greatly. At last God sent His own Son to see if the people would not give Him the fruit of righteousness for which He sought, but the treatment meted out to our Lord Jesus was the same as that given to the son in the parable.

Are you one of those who reject God's Son, thinking that thereby you may do as you please with your life? How foolish it is to think that one can reject Jesus and His commandments and still miss a final accounting! It cannot be done. Notice what the owner of the vineyard will do, in the parable used. "He will miserably destroy those wicked men," Jesus said.

We live in a time when Christ is rejected and any thought of divine

judgment is scorned. But as surely as we are here, the reckoning day will come. What are you doing with that which God has entrusted to you? He has entrusted you with life, with opportunities to do right, and He offers you the privilege of accepting His Son, the Lord Jesus, as your personal Savior. Have you obeyed Him? Have you accepted the Savior? Soon (perhaps sooner than you expect) His love will yield to justice, and eternal condemnation will fall. If you have not yet given your heart to God, do it without further delay. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

When I was a youth I spoke to a man concerning the salvation of his soul. He seemed disturbed, and said he was going out on the desert where he would not have to listen to any talk about religion! I answered by saying that he might do so, but that he should remember that he would still be accountable for the opportunities which he had enjoyed. And I say to you, do not reject Jesus, but give your life to Him. Listen to His invitation in the Scriptures, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and will open the door, I will come in, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Let the Savior come into your heart today.

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with its own images and impressions. "Oh!" he exclaimed, high and loud, "my sins! my sins! Lord Jesus, have mercy upon my poor

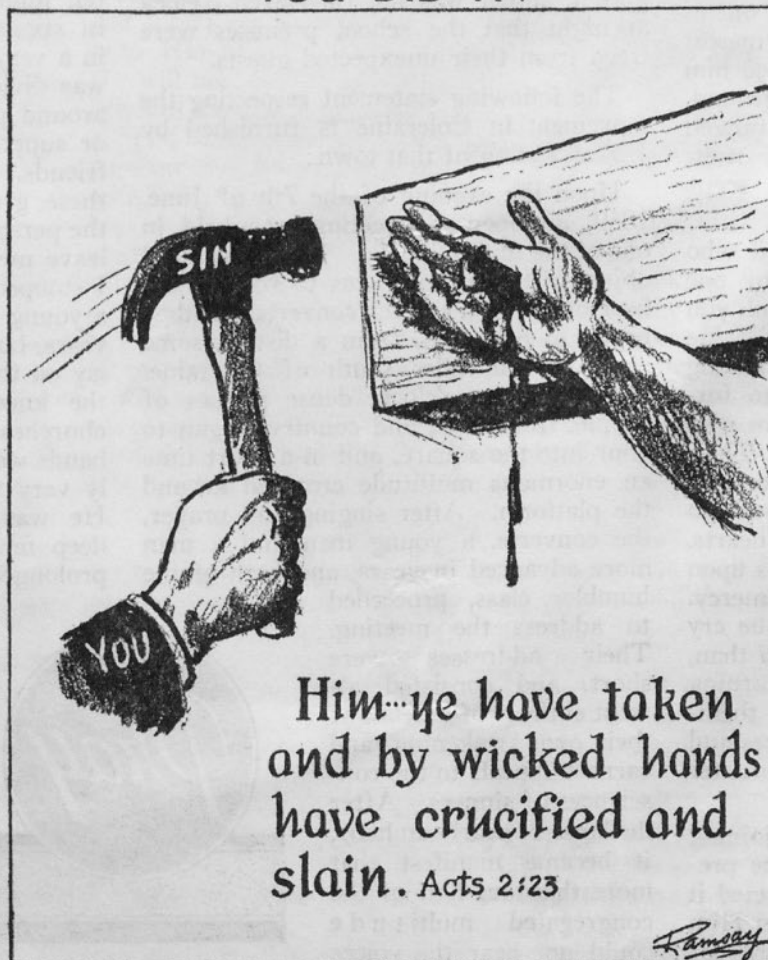
soul! O Lord Jesus, come! O Lord Jesus, come!" I endeavored to calm him for a moment, asking him to listen while I set before him some of the promises of God to perishing sinners. At first I thought that I was carrying his attention, but I soon discovered that his whole soul was filled with one idea—his guilt and his danger; for in the middle of my repetition of some promise, he would burst forth with the bitter cry, "O God, my sins! my sins!" At length I said in his ear, "Shall I pray?" He replied in a loud voice, "Oh, yes!" I engaged in prayer, and yet I doubt whether his mind followed me beyond the first sentence or two.

As I arose from prayer, six or eight persons, all at the same instant, pressed around me, crying, "Oh, come and see (naming such a one)—and—and—" until I felt for a moment bewildered, and the prayer went out from my own heart, "God guide me!" I passed from case to case for two or three hours, as did my brethren in the ministry, until, when the night was far spent, and the stricken ones began to be removed to the shelter of roofs, I turned my face homewards through one street, when I soon discovered that the work which had begun in the market square was now advancing with marvellous rapidity in the homes of the people. As I approached door after door, persons were watching for me and other ministers, to bring us to deal with some poor agonized stricken one; and when the morning dawned, and until the sun arose, I was wandering from street to street, and from house to house, on the most marvellous and solemn errand upon which I have ever been sent.

Throughout the following day, similar scenes continued to occur in private houses in almost every street. In the evening a dense multitude assembled again in the market-place; and again, simultaneously with the preaching of the gospel and prayer, many more than on the preceding evening sank upon the ground, and with bitter cries besought the Lord Jesus Christ to come in mercy to their souls. Profiting by the experience of the preceding night, elders of the churches and other godly people sought now to find some building where the many "stricken ones," as they began now to be called, might receive shelter and the attention of ministers and others until the morning. Just at this period the new Town Hall of Coleraine had been completed, though it had never yet been used for any purpose. Someone suggested it as a fitting place of shelter. The suggestion was at once acted upon; and in the town a solemn interest attached to the beautiful building, from the fact that the first use for which it was ever employed was to shelter many, very many poor sinners, while they agonized with God for the pardon of sin.

Many hundred ministers and other servants of Christ from all countries, but especially from Scotland, visited Coleraine during the summer and autumn, and, so far as

## YOU DID IT!



Ramsay



is known to the writer, went away impressed with gratitude to God for what they saw and heard. Mercifully preserved from some painful and hurtful incidents which accompanied the work of revival in some other localities, we have gone on for years reaping its blessed fruits. The drunkard, the poor outcast woman, the careless, the godless, the dupe of error, the young, the old, all are with us to this day, to witness by altered habits and new lives, that a holy power has been among us. To hear the once drunkard and blasphemer pray, while by his side, to right and left, kneel once fallen women bathed in tears, and the man who lived without God in the world adding his deep Amen, are sounds and sights which we have been privileged to hear and see. Full sanctuaries, full Sunday schools, full prayer meetings, brotherly love, increased liberality, and additions by hundreds to the communion of the churches—these are the fruits that remain to witness to the character of the work which will make the summer and autumn of 1859 to be long remembered in Coleraine.

### IS PENTECOST A DELUSION?

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expensive paper covers if desired) which will show what we believe to be the teaching of the Word. If the reader does not know about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and is desirous of a spiritual experience that will deepen his life, bring him into a closer walk with God and increase his value for God, the writer humbly suggests that he investigate for himself and "see if these things be true."

Now in his third year of teaching in an Assemblies of God Bible school, the writer has had abundant opportunity to see Pentecost from the inside. Investigation has become enjoyment and has produced a continuous paean of praise to God for the privilege of knowing Him in a fuller, deeper way. I have found by actual experience how little of Pentecost the writers knew who penned the anti-Pentecostal books I once treasured as "exposes of a dangerous delusion."

Doubtless many of my former pastor and laymen friends feel that now I am deluded, but I feel that I may be permitted to exclaim, "Oh, sweet delusion!" If having a continuous spirit of praise to my heavenly Father is delusion, then may it continue! If having a walk with God that was never before so rich, is delusion, then may I grovel in this ignorance until He comes! If having His daily blessings poured out upon my life in measure never before so copious, is delusion, then this experience is an anomaly if there ever was one. No, far from suffering from a delusion, I have found the light, and what a light it is! May the same light shine into the lives of many other Christians who want to go deeper with God!

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, February 13, 1948

The churches of many denominations in many lands will be observing February 13 as a World Day of Prayer. We urge all our assemblies to have special prayer meetings on that day, and pray for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in all the world, as well as in our own land and in our local communities.

Program booklets have been printed by the

N.A.E. and copies are offered without charge. They contain hymns, Scripture portions, and other helpful material. Address all orders to the National Association of Evangelicals, 530 Andrus Building, 512 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. A sample copy is available upon request. (Those ordering a number of copies ought to send an offering to defray printing and mailing expenses.)

What God requires of us is a will which is no longer divided between Him and any creature; a simple, pliable state of will which desires what He desires, rejects nothing but what He rejects, wills without reserve what He wills, and under no pretext wills what He does not. —A. G. Ward.

### UNESCO

The United Nations commenced their first conference without prayer. The world that is rapidly becoming atheistic thinks it can do without God, and does not need to seek His aid. A short while ago, at a United Nations Conference held in Paris, what is known as the UNESCO—the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization—was created. At the head of it there is an avowed atheist, Dr. Julian Huxley. D. M. Pantou, commenting on this, says: "The culture of the nations will prove to be in lineal descent from Nietzsche, who said: 'Christianity is the greatest of all conceivable corruptions, the one immortal blemish of mankind.'" In the interests of so-called culture, the works of Nietzsche are now in the required reading courses in many American colleges.



This bus has been chartered to bring delegates from Northern California and Nevada to the National Sunday School Convention at Springfield, Missouri. Standing, left to right, are Pastor J. L. Gerhart, Pastor J. G. Garland, Pastor Charles Pepper, L. W. Suter (District Sunday School Leader), and the bus driver.

## All Aboard for Springfield, Missouri!

Our desire in arranging a National Sunday School Convention is to make it the voice of the entire fellowship in regard to Sunday School work. Although the convention is held at Springfield it is not merely a headquarters affair, by any means. Representatives gather from all parts of the country, and all are given opportunity to express their convictions and desires concerning the various matters that are discussed.

All delegates thus contribute to the work of the convention, while receiving inspiration and firsthand information on what transpires. Their absence therefore means a loss to the cause, as well as a loss to the absent ones themselves. We are hoping that the convention next month will be widely representative, so that it may truly be the voice of our entire fellowship.

Last year L. W. Suter, the enthusiastic Sun-

day School leader for the Northern California-Nevada District, was the only delegate from his district. This year he is bringing many others with him. A Greyhound bus (pictured above) has been chartered and will bring a large delegation. Others are coming by train, plane, and private cars. The convention is expected to be the largest yet.

Are you planning to come? If so, make your reservation at once. Write to the National Sunday School Convention, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri telling us your name, address, number in your party, and the kind of room you desire (whether hotel, home, cabin, or dormitory). Dormitory accommodation is available at 50c per night, guests to furnish their own bedding. Remember the dates—February 15 to 19. Plan to come, if at all possible.

# Opening a Church in Hankow

Robert B. Tangen, Central China

At the mouth of the Han River, the approximate geographical center of China, lie three thickly populated cities in an area called Wu Han. These cities, though technically divided, are actually one with Wu Ch'ang as the cultural and educational center, Hanyang as the industrial center, and Hankow as the commercial center. It is in the "most-bombed city in China," Hankow, that the first Assembly of God mission in all of Central China has been opened.

In the Wu Han area alone there are one and one-half million people with practically no evangelical work. The entire Central China represents some two hundred MILLION people, and we now have only this one work in this entire area.

To find a place for a chapel in the midst of these teeming millions was difficult. Due to the devastation wrought by bombing, housing is at a premium. Day in and day out Howard Osgood and I sought a location. We followed all leads that offered the slightest possibility, and inquired of the few newly found friends, but all ended in failure. Finally casting the problem wholly on the Lord, we went to the spot which we considered to be the most ideal for the location of our chapel. There we found a series of Chinese shops not entirely completed but nevertheless presenting an appealing front. Ordinarily, in China a middle man is necessary to transact business, but we had none—except the Lord. He led us to the tailor across the street who knew all the details of the build-

ing. After a week or so of negotiations the building was ours for the next five years. We finally moved into our shops a month later. We finally had a toe-hold in Hankow.

As soon as the inhabitants nearby heard of the intention to open a chapel, a marked interest was noticed. One fine young man came every Sunday for three weeks inquiring if the chapel were open. Finally the opening day arrived.

November 9 found our small place filled to capacity. Seating only some eighty, many were standing and many others were at the door seeking entrance. Naturally, the majority were curiosity seekers wondering what these foreigners were going to talk about, but the results were very satisfactory. A good number came forward that first night for prayer and salvation.

The following week Brother Loh, from Tientsin, arrived to assist us for at least two months. We have had services every night and more than fifty have written their names showing that they need Christ to satisfy their innermost longings. The interest has been so great that in order to fill our chapel with the most desirable people someone has had to stand outside the door and keep the children and those not intending to stay for the entire service from entering. It is hard to turn folk away just because we do not have enough room. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide means to build a larger and more adequate building, and that many shall turn to Christ for real salvation.

## The Trained National Minister

W. W. Simpson, Northwest China

General MacArthur said after Japan's surrender:

"We have had our last chance. If we do not now devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will beat at our door."

There is the ring of prophecy in his challenge. Had the Allies been defeated, the door for preaching the gospel would probably have closed in most parts of the world. With victory, most of the earth's millions continue under laws which permit the preaching of

the gospel—but for how long? The door may close soon.

This was a personal challenge to me. I was seventy-six years of age, but I immediately applied for passport and made quick preparations to return to China. I landed in Shanghai on January 16, 1946.

That year I traveled all the way from the coast to Labrang in the Tibetan country, preaching Christ to thousands in some fifty cities, throughout six provinces of China. During the fifty-five years since I first came

to China, I have journeyed in sixteen of China's provinces.

Out of this long experience, I have come to know China and its needs. China can never be fully evangelized by non-Chinese. The bulk of the work must be done by the Chinese themselves—by Chinese who are fully equipped. They must have power from on high: the Pentecostal Baptism in the Spirit. They must be fully instructed in the truth revealed to us in the New Testament. Missionaries who are living examples of these two qualifications are the ones really needed in China now. Those already trained in the Chinese language and qualified by years of experience in preaching and teaching in China are especially needed.

For the training of Chinese evangelists and ministers we need more Bible Schools. We already have three: Truth in North China, Bethel in East China and Ecclesia in South China, but we must have at least three more—one each for Central, Southwest, and Northwest China. With all these schools in successful operation we shall be making definite strides toward the rapid, efficient and economical evangelization of China. While a Chinese is in training, \$10.00 per month will supply all his needs, and in a few years he is ready to do his part in evangelizing and establishing self-supporting churches.

The Lord has certainly set before us an "open door" in Northwest China. Most of the territory which used to be known as Tibet is now divided into provinces and is open to the preaching of the gospel. Little Tibet, in which Lhasa, the capital, is located, is still closed. Much of Turkestan and Inner Mongolia is open. In all, about 100,000,000 of China's unevangelized are waiting for us to bring them the gospel. What a challenge!

It is estimated that there are as many as 10,000 Pentecostal people in Northwest China. Most of these are in indigenous assemblies not as yet affiliated with the China Assemblies of God. They will send us their students to train. I have been cordially invited to preach in their churches and have already spoken in fourteen such assemblies in Kansu.

The Assemblies of the West Texas District have already given a sum toward the Northwest Bible School, but more is needed. I appeal to the Assemblies all over America to do your part in prayer and offerings to promote this project.

Send all offerings to Noel Perkin, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri, designated for the Northwest China Bible Institute, of the China Assemblies of God.

## Helping a Slave

Mrs. J. K. Wagner, Kunming, China

Two weeks ago I saw a little girl in the gutter crying. Upon questioning her I learned she was a slave who had run away from her mistress because of ill-treatment. For three days she had slept in the streets. She had sold one of her dirty garments to a beggar for a penny and had bought a bun, the only food that she had eaten. Her brother had sold her for less than \$2.00 U. S. A. money, which is less than the cost of the clothing we purchased for her. I will support her as I believe this to be God's will, so I am trying to find a home or orphanage in which to place her.



Grace Walther  
North India



Esther Fritz  
North India



A. Walker Hall  
South China



Mrs. A. Walker Hall  
South China



## The Walesi Villages

Lillian Hogan, Belgian Congo

After classes were concluded in the Bible School we started out to spend the week-end visiting in the Walesi villages. Since it was still the rainy season we drove right out to the outstation, set up camp, and made preparations to begin early in the morning. By eleven o'clock we had visited five villages. After refreshments and rest, we started again and held four more services before dark. The following day before the rain fell, we had visited five more villages. At the close of our service in the little church on Sunday, one man accepted Christ.

One week-end we had even greater cause for rejoicing. This time we drove only half way to the outstation and camped for the night in one of the government rest houses—a two-room mud house. Early in the morning we set out again to visit the villages en-route to the outstation. It was nearly noon and we had visited six villages but decided to have one more service before eating our lunch. By this time most of the people had scattered to their gardens or other work. The village at which we stopped was practically deserted. Four people were there but two more old people who were in a nearby village came running when they heard the car stop. Our final congregation then consisted of six people. The pew was a fallen tree in the shade of some plantain trees. One of the students was attempting his first sermon of actual practice in a heathen village. He didn't get along too well in making the way of salvation clear enough, so one of us had to put the finishing touches to his sermon. When the altar call was given, one young man expressed his desire to believe. The native evangelist, Setefano Babaya, who had accompanied us, questioned him further and explained thoroughly to him again the way of salvation. Then he questioned the others and by the time he had finished every person there accepted Christ—even to a pygmy woman who was sitting at the farthest end of a log and hiding behind a small tree. How our hearts rejoiced! Pray for us, and for the work in Walesi.

### SHIPPING OF RELIEF GOODS

Some friends have mailed parcels of clothing which are too badly worn to ship to Europe or Asia. Many may have felt that regardless of the condition of the clothing it is better than to be in rags, but it costs to make these shipments and we have to take this into consideration. So, it is only profitable to send clothing in fairly good condition. We have had some shipments of clothing sent C. O. D. to the Seattle office and to other distributing centers with badly worn clothing which could not be sent overseas. **However, keep sending the right type of clothing as it is still needed.**

Send all contributions to  
NOEL PERKIN, Secretary  
FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPT.  
434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.



● One day Mr. Chen, a business man in Shanghai, was out in a new district looking for a location for a branch store. God spoke to his heart and said, "How about opening a place for me?" Today, Brother Chen still has his one store but God has the other one. "It is not large, but well located and I feel many souls will hear about the Lord through his endeavors," writes Clare Scratch, of Shanghai.

## Keeping Up to Date

Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker Hall and family sailed on December 28 for South China.

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Esther Fritz and Grace Walther sailed on January 4 for another term in North India.

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Miss Nellie Meloon arrived safely in Africa on December 21.

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Adele Flower arrived home from El Salvador on December 20.

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Melvin L. Hodges has returned to the Foreign Missions office after serving the past term as principal of the Bible School in El Salvador.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Good reached their destination in Bangalore, South India, on December 30.

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Mr. and Mrs. George W. Flattery announce the birth of Doris Ann on November 23 at the Ouagadougou hospital. Both mother and baby are doing well.

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### BIBLES WANTED

Bibles in any of the European languages are wanted for distribution abroad. Please notify the Foreign Missions Department Springfield, Mo., if you have such Bibles and we will instruct you as to where the books should be sent.

## Bible Class in Tuding School

Elva Vanderbout, Philippine Islands

I spent three days contracting various school authorities in order to obtain permission to have Bible classes in the public schools. The men interviewed were all very co-operative, and granted this privilege without hesitancy. The principal of the Tuding School, even though a Roman Catholic, said he would send his children to attend our classes. I am very thankful for this wonderful opportunity to take the Word of God.

God is blessing our work in Tuding, and we are making new friends each time we go there. At present, we are conducting services in six different places. The people are hungry to know more about the Word of God and salvation. The people of Tuding are desirous that we build a church. There is no church of any denomination there. Already we have found a lot in a good location a short distance

from the Tuding school house. We are praying that God will supply the funds necessary for this lot and a church building.

If we are able to purchase this particular lot, the people from nine barrios will be able to come there to worship the Lord. So far, we have visited only three barrios, and have at least six more to visit! This may give you some idea of the big task which lies ahead of us.

We would like to get started on the church building as soon as possible. The rainy season should be over soon and it will be the best time to build. Won't you please pray with us regarding this? Please send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri designated for the church in Tuding.

# The Passing and the Permanent

## TOBACCO AND CANCER

According to *Physical Culture* (April, 1947), in ten years the average smoker imbibes between eight and nine quarts of the cancer-producing tars.

## THE TESTIMONY OF THE SPADE

Writing in *The Bible League Quarterly*, P. J. Wiseman, C.B.E., states: "With hardly any exception, the archaeological discoveries of the past 35 years in the Near East have been dead against the conclusions of the self-appointed critic, and on the side of the ancient tradition."

## THE LION OF BABYLON

From *Watching and Waiting* we quote: "On an Iraq postage stamp there is a picture of the famous stone lion 'treading down' a human body, and underneath are the words, 'The Lion of Babylon.' Need we remind readers that the 'Lion with Wings' is the first beast of Daniel 7, representing Babylon; and our Lord said, 'Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles till the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled' (Luke 21:24)?"

## INCREASING CRIME AMONG YOUTH

Judge W. A. McCullough states: "Since 1939, arrests of girls under eighteen have increased 198 per cent. Arrests of boys under eighteen have increased: 48 per cent for murder, 70 per cent for rape, 39 per cent for robbery, 72 per cent for assault, 55 per cent for automobile thefts, 101 per cent for drunkenness and drunken driving. Juvenile delinquency is up 100 per cent since 1939." It has been well said: "Youth today is the prophecy of the world tomorrow."

Things are equally evil among adults. In 1915, in this country, there was one divorce to every ten marriages; in 1930, one to every six marriages; in 1945, one to every four; and if this rate continues, by 1960—one out of every two!

## UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

Winston Churchill must have known that the United Nations was doomed from the beginning. Perhaps he knew how little hope there was of Russia co-operating on a "One World" basis, and so decided to promote a union of European countries as the most that can be hoped for at the present time. The Marshall Plan seems to indicate that America has reached the same conclusion.

A committee has been formed in Britain to carry on the campaign for establishing a United States of Europe. Winston Churchill is chairman. In a manifesto issued by the new organization, it is said: "The anarchy of Europe has already brought about two world wars in our time. If allowed to continue, it must surely lead to an even more terrible catastrophe. The final elimination of war can be assured only by the eventual creation of a system of World Government. As a practical step toward this ultimate ideal, appropriate nations should be encouraged to group themselves together in larger units. . . . If Europe is to survive, it must unite."

Eventually there will indeed be One World. But first there must be Two Worlds—the federation under the Antichrist and the federation under of the "king of the north"—and these will fight it out. Yet neither will win, for the Victor shall descend from the sky and crush them both, establishing His own One World of righteousness and peace. For His coming we pray daily when we say, "Thy kingdom come."

## "THESE ARE THE MEN!"

Wrote Adoniram Judson, the pioneer missionary to Burma: "In encouraging young men to come out as missionaries, do use the greatest caution. One wrong-headed, obstinate fellow would ruin us. Humble, quiet, persevering men, men of sound, sterling talents (though perhaps not brilliant), of decent accomplishments, and some natural aptitude to acquire a language; men of an amiable, yielding temper, willing to take the lowest place, to be the least of all, and servant of all; men who enjoy much closet religion, who live near to God, and are willing to suffer all things for Christ's sake without being proud of it—these are the men!"

## SAVE THE YOUTH!

It has been said that when you win an old man to Christ you save a soul, but when you win a boy you save a life. We can go a step farther and say that unless you win that boy while he is young he may never be saved. Dr. J. R. Mott says:

"Of 1,000 Christian people, 548 admitted that they had become followers of Christ before reaching the age of 20;

"337 became Christians between the ages of 20 and 30;

"76 between the ages of 30 and 40;

"15 between 40 and 50 years of age;

"3 between the ages of 50 and 60;

"Only 1 out of the 1,000 was saved after passing 60."

## DETERRENTS TO WAR

Two more methods by which desperate governments are trying to keep men from war, are reported by *Time*. One method is to educate men to keep at peace. To do this, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) has voted a budget of \$7,682,637 and has drawn up an ambitious educational program. The other method is to frighten men into peace. To do this, the Chinese government has placed 5,000 skulls in neat, tightly-packed rows on a hillside. They were the carefully preserved skulls of 5,000 Chinese who were massacred by the Japs in Hunan Province four years ago. It is hoped that the ghastly sight will horrify people into a mighty dread of war.

Of the two methods, we think the crude scheme in China ought to be the more effective. But men can be neither educated nor frightened into living at peace, unless they are educated or frightened by the gospel so that they accept the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and His teachings.

## STARTLING STATISTICS

Says Dr. W. T. Clemens, in *Christian Victory*: "Barmaids now outnumber coeds. Criminals are three times more numerous than college students. There are 60 suicides everyday in America; one murder every 40 minutes; a major crime every 22 seconds. Seven out of eight children quit Sunday school and church before they are fifteen. Eight times as many hours are spent at the movies as in Sunday school. Only one out of twelve Americans attends church regularly!" These are startling statistics, indeed. They ought to drive us to our knees to pray for a mighty spiritual revival.

## NEW SWEDISH MISSIONARIES

At the annual Pentecostal conference in 1944, just before the war ended, the Swedish brethren asked the Lord for 100 new missionaries and two million dollars for missions during the ensuing two-year period. According to Samuel Nystrom, Secretary of the Swedish Free Mission, this goal was reached and passed by November, 1947, with the sending forth of 101 new missionaries. The total includes 51 missionaries for Africa, 24 to China and Mongolia, 16 to Latin America, 5 to India, and 5 to Catholic Europe.

## BRITISH LIBERALITY

The critical situation facing the British people is well known. They are beset with scarcities on every line, and severe rationing, combined with inflated prices. It means something, therefore, to read in *Pentecost* that the British Assemblies of God have sent to needy Pentecostal brethren in Germany 257 food parcels and 99 bales of clothing. It seems we hear an echo of Paul's commendation to the impoverished yet liberal saints in Macedonia, written in 2 Cor. 8:1-4. Also there are many German prisoners of war still in England, and the Pentecostal people are doing good evangelistic work among them. When we recall how the British suffered under the rain of German bombs, we realize that the words of Jesus, "If thine enemy hunger, give him bread," are being taken quite literally.

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

That our Assemblies of God fellowship in South Africa has 20,000 members with 300 African pastors and evangelists?

That the Pentecostal church is the largest evangelical church in Brazil, having 104,836 enrolled members and no less than 1,694 churches?

That the Indian Pentecostal Church now has more than 200 assemblies, and 500 national workers, with 30,000 members in India?

That there are 20,000 Pentecostal believers in Hungary?

That there are nearly 3,000 believers among the Zulus, the majority baptized in the Holy Spirit?

That gracious revivals have broken out in Italy, Denmark, Wales, and other lands?

These are a few of the highlights of the December issue of *Pentecost*, which is full of inspiring reports from every land. This review of world-wide Pentecostal missionary and revival news is edited and published by Donald Gee, at the request of the International Pentecostal Conference at Zurich. Issued quarterly. Price, 6 issues for \$1.00. Send all orders direct to "Pentecost," Victory Press, Clapham Crescent, London, S. W. 4, England.



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## Christmas Echoes

### FROM THE KUSKOKWIM

"We went around caroling Christmas Eve. The homes were practically deserted except for some elderly people and the children, but we enjoyed singing for them. It was a sight we will never forget, as they sat huddled together around a flickering candle, Mother and Daddy gone off somewhere—drunk.

"One girl cried as she told us, 'Daddy promised me a new dress for Christmas, but now the money is gone, and I will get no dress. I would just run away if it were not for my little brother, Joe.' Joe is three years old and has never walked because of tuberculosis of the spine.

"We were able to give each child some warm clothing as a gift, from the articles our friends have sent to us. The girl got a nice, warm skirt and sweater. It was touching to see some of the children holding their gifts so close and smiling."

These messengers of Christmas cheer are two young women, holding the fort in Alaska's rugged interior, at Aniak on the Kuskokwim River—Miss Eileen Atwood and Miss Vera Potter. They further write:

"We had a good Christmas service—not a large crowd, but people were moved because God spoke to them. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to God for His goodness and sweet presence. He has been so good to us during the Christmas season, not only in what He has given to us of material things, but mostly because of what we have received of Himself."

Remember to pray for these two young women, who are so bravely keeping the light shining in this wicked little town where God is beginning to speak to hearts about eternal things.

### A GREAT DAY WITH THE INDIANS

A most remarkable incident took place on the Indian Reservation at Fort Hall, Idaho, on Christmas day. We pass on to you a portion of a letter received from Ralph W. Buchanan, pastor at Fort Hall:

"We had the most unusual Christmas Day we have ever known. During the noon hour a knock came on our door; and upon opening it, we found one of the Indian sisters, who requested that we come to her home and conduct a service. She said that some of the Indians had gathered there and were waiting for us to come.

"To our surprise we found, on our arrival at her house, over one hundred Indians, waiting to hear the gospel. During the song service one of them went into a fit; and we immediately cast the demon out in the name of Jesus, and the person was instantly healed. As the service continued, the power of God came down in a most precious way, even to the melting of many hearts, and tears began to flow. Those who attended this service, which surely was ordered by the Lord, pronounced this the best Christmas they had ever had. Only five or six out of the entire crowd had ever been in a church service before, or had ever heard the gospel message in its fullness."

### INDIANS SEEKING SALVATION

From Poplar, Montana, Elbert W. Brown

writes: "Our church was packed to capacity for our Christmas program, and many could not get in the door because of the crowd. Several were at the altar seeking salvation Sunday night, for which we surely praise the Lord. Interest is increasing as well as the attendance, so please pray with us for a harvest of souls on this reservation."

### THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Home Missions Department is receiving many letters, expressing gratitude for the Christmas offering we were able to send out to our home missionaries. We want to pass their appreciation on to you who made possible these checks at Christmas time.

God's child can conquer everything by prayer.



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KLCN	900	Arkansas	Blytheville	8:15 a.m.	WRRN	1400	Ohio	Warren	8:15 a.m.
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## A Remarkable Deliverance in Liberia

THE bell had just rung for Sunday School on Palm Sunday morning at the Kitteabo Mission. A boy came saying that one of the women was sick and had asked for prayer. He said, "Mary can't talk." Together with the pastor, we went to the house where Mary was, while the others went on with Sunday School. She was quietly sitting on a mat, and when questioned could only nod or motion with her hands in answer. She acknowledged that she believed in Jesus, the Son of God, as her Savior and said she believed God could heal her. After a season of prayer, during which time she knelt silently, John went back to Sunday School. A few women came in and talked to her. She only nodded her head and uttered not a sound. They told me that sometimes she could not talk for two weeks after an attack of this kind.

Then she began to get very restless. With my arm across her shoulders I could feel the muscles in her arm twitching, and then she crawled over to the other side of the room. Finally she went into a spasm of terrific muscular contraction, beating her hands and feet and head about in a violent manner. She pulled her hair frantically and it took six people to hold her down. She groaned and shrieked unintelligible sounds aloud. We realized that it was a case of demon possession and called earnestly upon God. In the name of Jesus we rebuked the demons and commanded them to come out of her and leave the woman, but they did not. She quieted down for a few minutes and was told to call on Jesus to set her free. She seemed to hear, but only nodded her head and was soon in the clutches of another violent attack. These kept up one after another. When they gave her water to drink she bit the cup and would not let go till it was taken by force. Then she ground her teeth and glared fiercely at the people. They took her outside and poured a bucket of cold water over her, which made things worse. We still kept on calling on God to set the woman free. She sobbed hard, and wailed, "Will you not let me go all day?"

We were positively helpless and evidently a defeated company of people. We must have felt like the disciples did when the man brought the lunatic boy to them and they could do nothing. Jesus said, "Bring him unto Me." And the spirit came out of him. The disciples asked, "Why could not we cast him out?" Jesus said, "This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting."

We explained this to the people and some went away to seek the Lord. At intervals she could be heard but later the report came that she was sleeping. In the afternoon we went to town to church. It being Palm Sunday, the people had put up some palm branches around the church and were anticipating a happy service. It was hard to get through to victory. The meeting closed with a time of prayer remembering again the woman at the mission who was in such sore distress and need. We went home. The evening wore on, the shadows deepened, and then the moon came out and shone brightly.

John and a number of other mission people went to the house. Mary seemed quiet and was able to talk. She told him the following story: "When I was a young woman many people wanted to buy me for their wife. There was much jealousy because I seemed to be a promising young woman. Finally one man paid the bullock to my father and I became his wife. There was much strong feeling among the others who had also wanted to buy me. One day I went with my husband to get some corn from my home town. On the way back I became very weak and, although my load was small, I could carry it no longer. My husband carried it and as soon as we reached town this sickness came upon me for the first time. The people looked at the corn and saw it was all turned black. I had not eaten any of the corn but the people said, 'We believe someone has bewitched you and put this sickness on you.' When my husband saw my sickness he did not want me any more, and my father gave him back the bullock so he could buy some other woman. We tried all kinds of ways to get a cure but no country doctor could help me. We paid much money. Then Moses came and bought me, but I still get the sickness every time the new moon comes up. My husband's brother is a devil doctor and he said my husband must leave me and find another woman, but my husband said, 'No, we will go to the mission and serve the Lord God.' Since I have been some better, but I still get this sickness sometimes."

When she finished talking, John said he felt assurance that God would heal the woman. He asked her if she believed Jesus could heal her. She said, "Yes." "Well, when you feel the sickness coming, you must not call for the people to help you, but you must call for Jesus to help you." She said, "When I feel it coming I begin to fear and forget Jesus." No sooner had she spoken than she became restless again and a wild, frightened look came into

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### HE WAS READY TO DIE

One of our Texas pastors, acting as contact pastor for the Veterans Hospital in his community, sends this testimony:

"I received a telegram concerning a boy in this hospital, and visited him on Tuesday and Friday. I found him to be very low, and learned that he was a backslider. After we had prayed together, he had the assurance that God had taken him back. He passed away on Friday night, but he left the testimony that he was ready to go."

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her face. The people around her started to pray and she too began to call on the name of Jesus. This seemed to give her assurance and she called more and more earnestly. Finally she gave a loud shout of victory and said, "I am healed! I am healed! Jesus has healed me!" And then she broke forth speaking in tongues, glorifying the Lord.

There in that same house, in the same room where only a short time before was a woman being tormented of the devil, the same woman was dancing under the anointing of the Holy Ghost with hands lifted toward heaven, praising God in a heavenly language as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise God forever! Dozens of people had gathered and a deluge of Latter Rain was falling. Some were down on their knees crying for God. Others were shouting and praising the Lord. Two more sought God and were filled right there with the Holy Ghost. The house seemed too small to contain them all, so with Mary leading the way the whole company filed out, singing and clapping and praising God. Down the road they went, around the town and back again.

Later she told us that when she began to call on the name of Jesus, she saw the heavens opened and four people standing there. A little child came down and put his hand on her head, and a voice said, "I have been waiting for you to call on Me. Now you are healed." It was then that God put a song in her mouth and she praised Him in a language we had never heard. Hallelujah! What a Savior! His name shall be called Wonderful!

Needless to say, there was much rejoicing and a glorious spirit of victory in the meeting that evening—the sight of a poor woman once chained by demon power now set free. Praise the name of the Lord forever!

The next morning Moses went early and reached a town seven miles away before the sun was up. He went to tell his heathen brother, who had told him to put his wife away, what God had done. Mary came to prayer service and returned thanks to God for deliverance and for the infilling of the Spirit, and requested prayer that she might be kept by the power of God, under the Blood. She was calm and was a picture of peace.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name! For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised. He is to be praised above all gods.

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever!—*The Pentecostal Testimony.*

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### A PRECIOUS FRIEND, OR AN OFFENCE—WHICH IS CHRIST TO YOU?

(Continued from page two)

home. All would be forgiven, they said, and all debts would be paid; they would rejoice at his coming back home.

A couple of days later, the physician received a letter addressed to his young patient, and he turned the letter over to the boy. As the boy looked at it, a strange expression spread over his face. "It is from my father," he said, and he tore it open. After reading the letter, the boy looked up with tears in his eyes, and



said, "Father and Mother want me to come back home." But he added, "I cannot go now. I could not go home as I am. I am in rags; I am destitute and in debt." The kind physician only smiled and said, "Do not think of yourself. Think of your parents. Go back just as you are. Your mother is watching the road after every train; how she wants you to come home. And your poor father is faithfully going down to meet every train as it comes in. Do you think it would be right to keep them waiting, now that they want you to come home so badly?" The young man thought for a moment and said, "No, it would not be right. It would be too bad to treat Father and Mother like that. I will go home right away," and he did. And he received the loving welcome which the letter had foretold.

Oh, I thank God because Jesus Christ is just such a Friend as that! He wants you not for what you have, not for what you can present, not because of any enrichment you can bring to Him, but He wants you because He loves you. That's right, He truly loves you! He wants to save you because He is your Friend. Would it not be too bad to keep Him waiting and grieve His heart, when He guarantees a glorious welcome to His heart and to His home?

But I must remind you of the other side of this text. One part says He is precious to those who believe on Him. The other part says that if we will not believe on Him, He is, and ever must be, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to those who are disobedient.

Oh, tell me, how can Jesus Christ be your Friend if you will not let Him be? How can He help you if you spurn His help? How can He give you the riches of His grace if you will not trust Him, if you will not give Him the opportunity? We have seen that what Jesus Christ is to us depends entirely on our attitude toward Him. He will be a precious friend to those who believe and trust Him, but He will be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to all those who live in disobedience to His law!

This, then, is the supreme question: "What shall be your attitude to Jesus Christ? What answer will you give to the pleading invitation of the One who desires above everything else to be your Friend and your Helper, your Savior and Guide?"

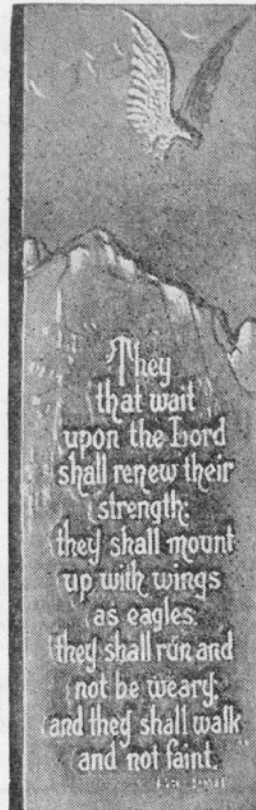
It would be an awful thing to stumble into hell and be lost forever, when He has done so much for you and yearns so much to help you. My Jesus wants to be your Friend! Yes, He does. You will not turn your back on Him, will you? To fail to own His friendship is the climax of ingratitude.

In one of our magazines there was a most pathetic story. It told of a couple living in a midwestern city, to whom had been born a daughter. Shortly after her birth the mother died. The father was just a common workman but he loved his daughter with a passionate, undying love. He wanted to do everything he possibly could for her. He sacrificed and sent her to school, and when she had graduated from the schools of their city, he resolved to give her the best musical education possible. He secured all the funds he could and sent her abroad for several terms of study. His love and sacrifice opened the gates of opportunity for her eager feet. She succeeded well and came home a talented and cultured young woman.

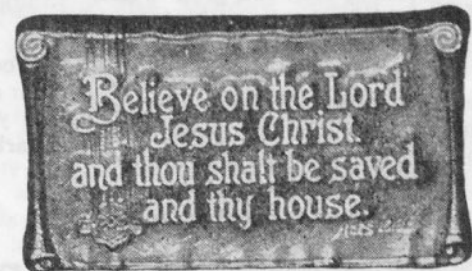
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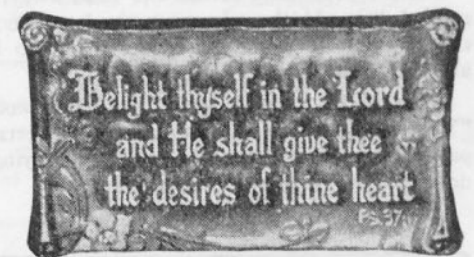


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Then a strange thing happened! She decided her father was a very common, uncouth and uneducated man who could not talk brilliantly enough to suit her, and so she avoided him whenever her friends were present. She actually wounded and crushed his heart, and finally she left him. Think of it! How cruel and how unthankful she was!

One cannot read the story without great indignation welling up in his heart. That girl

owed all that she was to the love and sacrifice of her humble, common, old father, and it was the climax of ingratitude which she displayed when she refused to own him. She set aside the very love which had made her what she was! Perhaps this story will help us to think sanely and soberly for a moment. All that we are we owe to Jesus Christ. His sacrifice and love are the inspiration of all the good in us. His love yearns over us. His heart beats for us. He

desires to help us. He wants to be our Friend. If we turn away from Him, if we spurn His love, if we reject His friendship, we shall display a depth of ingratitude and a lack of appreciation which is difficult to comprehend and absolutely impossible to express!

To them which believe "He is precious," and so we come back to the question, "What is to be your attitude to Jesus Christ?" Will you own Him? Will you love Him? Will you let Him be your Friend? Will you purpose in your heart to be loyal to Him? A precious Friend, or an offence—which will Christ be to you? It all depends on you.

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### "I WILL GIVE YOU REST"

The child had become sick and grew worse, until one day the doctor became alarmed. Taking the mother out of the room, he told her that her darling daughter could not live.

It was like a thunderbolt. Bravely she went into the room where the child lay, thinking that by talking to her about heaven she might prepare her for what was coming.

"Darling, do you know you will soon hear the music of heaven? You will hear a sweeter song than you ever have heard on earth. You will hear them sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. You're very fond of music. Won't that be sweet, Darling?"

But the poor child turned her head away, and replied, "Oh, Mother, I am so tired and so sick that I think it would make me worse to hear all that music."

"You will soon see Jesus," said the mother. "You will see the angels, and the streets all paved with gold." And she went on trying to describe the glories of heaven.

"Oh, Mother, I am so tired that I think it would make me worse to see all those things," said the little girl.

At last the mother took the child up in her arms, and pressed her lovingly to her aching, breaking heart. Then the little sick one whispered: "Mother, that is what I want. If Jesus will only take me in His arms, and let me rest!"

Oh, that will be heaven! To go to the arms of Him who said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Friend, are you tired and weary of sin? Are you tired of the giddy throng, and the glitter of the world? Are you burdened with troubles, heavy laden with the cares of life? Then come to Jesus. Find rest and peace on the bosom of the Son of God.—F. A. Sturgeon.

Young men, believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts. Do not make the mistake of doubting your beliefs and believing your doubts.—Charles F. Deems.

## Among the Assemblies

NORFOLK, VA.—The Lord visited us in a very precious way at Glad Tidings Church during a series of revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Harvey McAlister, C-323 Lyon Village Apts., 3111 20th St. N., Arlington, Va. The anointed preaching of our brother was very much appreciated by the congregation. His handling of prophetic subjects was sane and thorough. He also gave us some splendid messages on Divine Healing, after which he prayed for the sick. A number testified

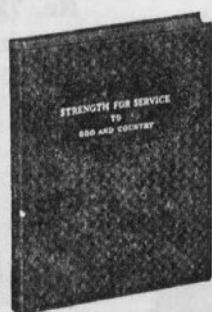
to having received definite healing from the Lord. Several came forward to surrender to Christ, and 13 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The entire church received quickening and refreshing from the Lord, and we feel like pressing on for God.—Carl F. Graves, Pastor.

DIXON, MO.—A 3-week revival meeting was conducted here recently by Evangelist W. M. Sutley of Brantley, Ala. Four received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4, and a number were saved. There were many healings in answer to prayer. A woman was healed of sugar diabetes, another of appendicitis and gallstone trouble, and another received her sight. A girl had difficulty in swallowing, she had had an unsuccessful operation, but was healed by the power of God. This was one of the greatest revivals in several years.—Billy O. Hall, Pastor.

MARYSVILLE, CALIF.—In 1945 the Lord called us to Marysville. Upon our arrival, we were told that there were no buildings for rent, but the Lord opened up a place for us the first day. On May 20, 1945, we had our first Sunday School. In the two and a half years we were there, our Sunday School attendance went to over 100. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit, and many sick were healed. The Lord helped us to buy a nice lot, and we built a concrete basement 34x80 ft. The property is worth about \$5,000.00 and is all paid for. There is a fine group of saints. September 1, I gave up the work because of ill health. After a short rest the Lord has healed me, and now I am going out on the field again for meetings.—J. W. Stovall, 385 Leland Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—We received a call to pastor the Rockford Assembly on March 24, 1946. We found a lovely basement church, 50x80, with one-third of the floor space occupied by Sunday School rooms, completely finished, leaving a seating capacity of above 200 in the main auditorium. This building was valued at \$10,000.00 and was free of debt. We recognize the faithful labors of each of our predecessors, but the past 20 months have been marked with special blessings of the Lord.

After one full year of ministering to the church without a revival effort being launched, in March, 1947, Evangelist J. C. Kofahl came to us for two weeks. From the first service, God encouraged us and poured out His Spirit each night; 3 were baptized according to Acts 2:4. This meeting would have continued longer, but influenza swept through the church attacking many. In September, 1947, Pastor A. A. Anderson came to us for four nights between week-ends. God blessed our brother with a healing ministry. Divine Healing was his theme every night, and many received definite healing from the Lord. A revival spirit was kindled. Shortly before our brother came, Wednesday of each week was set aside for fasting and prayer. Our usual Bible study period on Wednesday night was changed to strictly prayer and worship. For four months this was continued. Then Evangelist Thelma Wilkins of Granite City came, on November 23, for 3 weeks. Again from the first service, God placed His definite approval on each service. Every sermon was anointed. The altar service each night lasted about three hours. Five were filled according to Acts 2:4, and 3 were converted. Two of these were among the five filled. Two were reclaimed, and many of the precious saints were refilled and given great Holy Ghost boldness. There were two outstanding services, the kind that none of us in this assembly had witnessed for fifteen years. God wrought a work that only eternity will reveal. We have truly experienced Pentecost. Some of our folk who have been converted for years had never seen the power of God before in such fulness. The saints have been seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and therefore God not only is giving us great spiritual blessings but He is fulfilling this promise by adding all the other things we need. For instance, the building fund has been increased \$3,700.00; a 36-passenger school bus has been purchased for \$1,500.00 cash; complete redecoration of the church \$400.00; \$1,300.00 improvements on parsonage, cash. The general fund has had an increase that is astonishing, a balance of \$1,700.00 for November, 1947; 20 months ago there was an indebtedness. The Sunday School treasury was also exhausted, but for months carried a monthly balance after all expenses were paid, of \$150.00. We recognize that it is the hand of our God, the mighty moving of His Spirit, that has made all of the above come to pass.—E. L. Stalons, Pastor.



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**CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**—J. W. Nash, pastor of Hillcrest Assembly writes: "We have just concluded a glorious revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. L. Wayne Pitts of Littlefield. Several were saved, 8 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 23 were added to the church. All previous Sunday School records were broken with 211 present."

**DETROIT, MICH.**—We recently closed a very good revival meeting with the E. L. Slavens Evangelistic Party. The blessing of the Lord was greatly manifested in the meetings. The building, which seats over 600, was filled night after night for four weeks. The Lord especially blessed Brother Slavens in praying for the sick. Many were healed instantly. Among them was a young woman, who had been deaf in one ear since childhood. A brother who could hardly hear at all, even with the help of a hearing aid, and who had been in that condition for 16 years, was healed while standing in line to be prayed for. Many were saved, a goodly number was revived, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Bond P. Bowman, Pastor, Brightmoor Tabernacle.

**WEST MONROE, LA.**—We have recently brought to a close a 3-week meeting in which God blessed in a marvelous way. It was wonderful to see the young and the old kneeling at the altar for salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Many received that which their heart sought after. Smith and Rogers of Granite City, Ill., were the evangelists whom God used in this revival. The church was greatly blessed and encouraged by their ministry, and the revival spirit still continues.—E. L. Tanner, Pastor.

**CARUTHERS, CALIF.**—In a 4-week meeting held here last October, about 18 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Among them was a woman who had sought the Baptism for thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byers, from the Oregon District, were the evangelists. Sister Byers' messages on the Baptism stirred the people and caused them to see their need of this endowment with power from on high. We have been pastoring here for seventeen months. The Lord is saving souls, healing the sick, and drawing the saints closer to Himself. Our Sunday School has outgrown its room, and we plan to enlarge our building soon.—Harry Oeth, Pastor.

**BRAINERD, MINN.**—We have had a very profitable 3-week series of revival meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnik of Tulsa, Okla. In spite of very inclement weather, the attendance was very good. Several sought salvation and every department of the church was revived. We broadcast direct from the main auditorium of the tabernacle every Sunday, 8:00—9:00 p. m., over Station KLIZ, 1400 kilos. We are very grateful to the Lord for the souls He has added to the fold through these efforts.—R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

**AUGUSTA, ILL.**—During the month of November, we enjoyed gracious showers of blessing and refreshing from the presence of the Lord. With ex-Chaplain James Pearson as the evangelist, God met with us in a genuine Pentecostal fashion. From the first service, mighty prayer around the altar and the earnest seeking of the Lord by everyone were the results of the Word preached under the rich anointing of the Holy Spirit. Besides lifting the entire church to new heights in Christ Jesus, and encouraging all to press on for more, the Lord saved 11 and baptized 7 with the Holy Spirit.—R. L. Cimino, Pastor.

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## Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

BIXBY, OKLA.—Meeting in progress; Chas. Hurst, Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—W. F. Thornton, Pastor.

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Jan. 11—25; Wayne Fagerstrom, Evangelist.—John F. Green, Pastor.

PRATT, KANSAS—Feb. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. George Brown.—Russell Rexroat, Pastor.

EUGENE, ORE.—February 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer Gardner, Seattle, Wash.—Gordon Kampfer, Pastor.

FORDYCE, ARK.—Jan. 21—; Mr. and Mrs. Denver C. Ogden, Covington, Tenn., Evangelists.—Otis Hubbard, Pastor.

WOOD RIVER, ILL.—First and Jennings Sts.; Jan. 11, for 3 weeks or longer; H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., special speaker.—M. M. Brewer, Pastor.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS, B.W.I.—Feb. 8, for 2 weeks; Hilliard G. Griffin, Granite City, Ill., and Elvis D. Davis, Covina, Calif., Evangelists. (They will also visit mission stations in Havana, Cuba, 3 days; Merida, Yucatan, one day; Mexico City, one week).—Earle Weech, Pastor.

### TENNESSEE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Midwinter Bible Conference, Covington, Tenn., Feb. 3—5; Bert Webb, Superintendent Southern Missouri District, special speaker. For rooms and information write C. W. Quattlebaum, Host Pastor, Garland Ave., Covington, Tenn.—W. G. White, District Superintendent.

### INDIANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Indiana District Ministers' Institute, Covington, Ind., Jan. 26—28. Ralph M. Riggs, main speaker. First meeting Monday evening, then 3 meetings daily. Services in Methodist Church, 5th and Washington. Reasonably priced meals and a number of free rooms available. For reservations write B. R. Minton, Host Pastor.—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

### ALABAMA MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

Alabama District Missionary Conventions, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Greenaway of French West Africa, speakers: Jan. 25—27, First Assembly, Dothan; Gordon Earles, Pastor. Jan. 28—30, Glenwood; Carnell Bruce, Pastor.

Two services each Sunday; only night services through the week.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile, Ala.

### NORTH DAKOTA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES

North Dakota Ministers' Institutes, with identical programs: Bismarck, Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 26—29; E. N. Oster, Pastor. Fargo, Gospel Tabernacle, Feb. 2—5; Milton Barfoot, Pastor. J. E. Purdie, Principal of Western Bible College, Winnipeg, Canada, special speaker and instructor. Free rooms to District ministers. Write Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent, 723 First Ave. N., Jamestown, N. Dak., for programs and information.

### OREGON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Twelfth Annual Oregon District Council, Assembly of God, Springfield, Ore., Jan. 26—29. Seven great public services: Monday, 7:30; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Three days of Council together: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. For reservations write Mrs. Ralph Manning, Springfield, Ore. \$2.00 deposit for auto cabins or hotel rooms. Speakers: Gayle F. Lewis and John P. Kolenda, missionary to Brazil—Alan H. Banks, District Secretary.

### TEXAS DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Texas District Sunday School Conventions: Pairs Section, Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 27—28. Tyler Section, 4th and Marshall, Longview, Jan., 29—30. Valley Section, 11th and E. Madison, Harlingen, Feb. 3—4. Corpus Christi Section, First Assembly, Corpus Christi, Feb. 5—6. Yoakum Section, First Assembly, Yoakum, Feb. 10—11. San Antonio Section, Feb. 12—13. Houston Section, 204 Clifton, Houston, Feb. 24—25. Waco Section, Feb. 26—27. Austin Section, 501 W. 37th St., Austin, March 2—3. Beaumont Section, Ave. A and Wall St., Beaumont, March 4—5. Lufkin Section, Nacogdoches, March 9—10.

All services begin 10 a.m., first day, unless local changes necessary. Notice given in such cases. Loine C. Honderick, National S. S. Representative, main speaker; James McKeehan, District Representative, presiding. For further information write Sunday School Department, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

WHISTLER, ALA.—Jan. 18, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. L. Wayne Pitts, Evangelists.—E. R. Schultz, Pastor.

VALENTINE, NEBR.—Jan. 11—; Douglas Ramsey, Osceola, Iowa, Evangelist.—Herman and Velma Leback, Pastors.

WOODLAND, CALIF.—Meetings in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Joseph Wilderman, Coulee City, Wash.—Harold D. Byram, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 11—Feb. 1; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists.—C. Morse Ward, Pastor.

MCCOMB, MISS.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 18—Feb. 1; Carl C. Haas, Birmingham, Ala., Evangelist.—J. W. Holloway, Pastor.

FONDA, OKLA.—Fellowship Meeting, Jan. 20. Services and speakers: morning, E. A. Willeford; afternoon, R. L. Steger; evening, Carl Watenberger.—Olen F. Cossey, Sectional Presbyter.

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—385 Leland Ave., San Francisco, California.—J. W. Stovall.

NEW ADDRESS—209 N. Church St., Walhalla, S. C.—C. M. Smith.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 327, Belton, Texas.—W. A. Marshall, Pastor, Belton Church.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 427, Rainier, Ore. "We have accepted the pastorate of the Rainier Assembly of God. W. 3rd and C Sts."—Grant E. Sickels.

NEW ADDRESS—Corner 16th and Moore, Decatur 39, Ill. "After being on the field for about two years, I have accepted the pastorate of the Christian Assembly here."—H. V. Foley.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 1281, Sweetwater, Texas. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—Pastor and Mrs. H. Seborn Cowart.

NOTICE—We are starting a work here. Would like to hear from Assemblies of God people and friends within radius of 30 miles.—Roy and Betty McCray, Wolcott, Ind.

NEW ADDRESS—Friends wishing to contact me for special meetings, address: 704 W. 6th St., Littlefield, Texas, or Route 1, Box 77, Big Stone Gap, Va.—L. Wayne Pitts.

NEW ADDRESS—247 Orchard Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, % Mrs. H. L. Baxter. "We resigned our pastorate at Rugby, N. Dak., last summer, to enter the evangelistic field."—Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Baxter.

BROADCAST—"Gospel Echoes," Station WMAJ, State College, 1450 kilos., and Station WCPA, Clearfield, Pa., 900 kilos., 8:30—9:00 a.m., Sundays, by Gospel Tabernacle, Philipsburg, Pa.—H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

### OPEN FOR CALLS

#### Evangelistic

F. R. Highfill, Elvins, Mo.—"Open for evangelistic calls. Licensed in Southern Missouri District."

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