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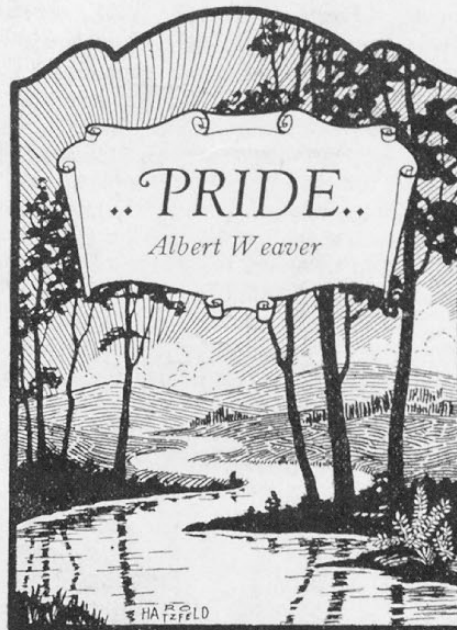
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*"Pride goeth before destruction, and
an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov.
16:18.*

Pride has been the downfall of individuals, peoples, and nations, from time immemorial. God hates pride, and while He bears with it, He will not tolerate it forever. Christ came to earth and became the God-man, not only to redeem the world, but that He might exemplify to the race the choicest of virtues, which is humility. He, the creator and redeemer of the world humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Unlike the natural man was He; when reviled, He reviled not again; when being crucified, "He opened not His mouth, but was led as a lamb to the slaughter." What an example of submission to the will of God! Pride exalts the human, but humility leads to utter abasement and always to crucifixion of self. Where pride is manifested, whether it be in an individual or in a body of people, sooner or later a downfall may be expected. How

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often the mighty have been brought low. Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon with all his wealth, pomp and glory is an illustration of this. Babylon which was once sixty miles in circumference, with massive and high walls, hanging gardens, etc., to-day is scarcely to be seen, comparatively speaking, as the writer can testify from experience. "He that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 14:11. According to this injunction we are commanded to humble ourselves, and not to wait for God to do it. 1 Peter 5:6. Oh, how we do stand on our dignity, poor mortals as we are, here to-day and gone to-morrow! This may be due to having gained a reputation for ourselves, but what are we that we should exalt self or boast? Who gave us what we possess, either ancestry, wealth, talents, intelligence, health, strength of mind and body, or whatever it may be? This has been given to us as a trust with which to bless a dying world, not to hoard up or to waste upon ourselves. The more with which we are entrusted, the more is expected of us and the more humble we ought to be; for we brought nothing into the world and we can carry nothing out. Therefore, if we have been prospered or honored in anything, why not recognize the source, the Lord, from whom it came; and in all humbleness of mind, thank Him and give Him the glory in the use thereof? While there are splendid examples of this way of doing all over the earth, we fear that the general trend of the times is to the contrary.

Pride and selfishness are stalking through the land in these days, like two great devouring monsters. This is wrecking the race and ushering in calamity, world-wide, unheard of heretofore. Because of these conditions, crumbling, disintegration, disunion, and disruption are visible everywhere; and nowhere is this more pronounced than in the religious world. Was there ever such an exhibition of pride and selfishness on earth as at present? Seldom do we see humility manifested in its entirety. Even professing Christians, who ought to be humble like their Master, greatly lack this virtue. If anything should humble us, His people, it is that we have been redeemed through the precious blood of Christ, and have received gratis, all that we possess, including gifts, grace, graces

and spiritual uplifts. Therefore we should be in every sense of the word unlike the world, which is filled with pride and selfishness, for men and nations these days do not and will not humble themselves. God, seeing all this, is bearing with it a little longer, as He did with the antediluvians, but not without giving warning. He is patiently waiting, witnessing the whole scene; but where a deaf ear is given to all His pleadings, the day of retribution must come. Therefore, under such existing conditions, what may we not expect? Wars? Yes, and rumors of wars. Earthquakes? Yes, and many of them, tidal waves, strikes, labor and capital troubles, disease sweeping through the land removing men and women from the earth by the millions, and disasters manifold and of all kinds; but worst of all a departure from God's written Word, especially by those to whom it has been entrusted; and this too is a fulfillment of Scripture. All these things are coming upon us thick and fast and no doubt as judgments, fulfilling God's Word.

Then too, we have never witnessed such indifference and carelessness as to God's claims. People are taking it for granted that God is too good and merciful to punish sin, and that He will overlook it all. Many, especially the young seem to be unconscious of what they are doing. Much of this is due to prosperity and democracy, which is good, but liberty has given way to license. This has caused people in general to trust to the powers that be, to lean upon material things, and to forget God. Scarcely any one wishes to be in subordination to another. We are standing upon our so-called rights these days, as we see it of course, and defying one another. This is true of nations as well as of individuals, and cannot but create havoc, and result in a world-wide calamity. Pride and selfishness are the two outstanding sins of the hour and these lead to other sins, probably more diabolical. However, this is the spirit long ago prophesied, the spirit of the Antichrist, who we believe is soon to put in his appearance. No one can doubt but that the world is ripe for him. 2 Thess. 2.

Because of this we cannot expect people in toto to humble themselves, nor will they do it; but Christians are

expected to do so. If not, we too will suffer and perish in the disasters which are coming upon the earth. If there were a full recognition of this world-wide need, even among Christians, and a bowing before God in humility, what a change would sweep over the earth. But unfortunately pride will be more and more pronounced, as well as selfishness and self-sufficiency, as we near the end of the age. These are the chief characteristics of the end, according to Christ's own words. As it was in the days of Noah and of Sodom and of Gomorrah, so shall it be. Pride, selfishness, and indifference, were the cause of their downfall.

In the last days men shall be boast-ers, lovers of themselves, covetous, proud, etc. 2 Tim. 3:2. We believe as a result of this that God is sending strong delusions as well as judgments. If we His people, so wonderfully blessed and with such great light on the Bible; refuse to walk in this light, and persist in having our own way, we cannot expect protection from the overwhelming calamities which are overtaking the race. However, God will, can, and does keep, and deliver a humble and contrite people who put their trust in Him. I give two instances to demonstrate both positions.

During a severe storm at sea, a woman wringing her hands in despair, rushed up to the captain and said, "Captain, is there any hope?" "Only in God, madam," said he. "Oh, my, has it come to that?" was her reply.

Said a humble, godly colored woman to the writer recently, in the city of Kingston, Jamaica, when in conversation about the earthquake of nineteen hundred and seven, "In the midst of death and destruction all about me, I was delivered and kept in perfect peace. I don't know how. God did it." What a testimony to His keeping power; and these instances can be cited by the thousands. He is truly a refuge; but only to the humble and contrite in spirit.

Therefore if we His people, expect protection from these things and hope to stand the awful tests, financial, physical, mental, and spiritual, and the awful onslaughts of Satan awaiting us as we near the Tribulation period, we must humble ourselves, not only individually but collectively, where it concerns the whole body, and seek refuge not in the arm of flesh but in God.

Never before has this been impressed upon the writer as of late and the thought is growing upon him. I confess my own need and shortcoming, for how unlike Christ have I been at all times. When I consider His patient, longsuffering, gentle, kind, loving, for-

bearing, unretaliating, forgiving spirit, it leads to a constant thankfulness to God for His patience and mercy. Humility is God's basis of all stable, continuous advancement, spiritual or otherwise. God will not tolerate a usurper in His kingdom; therefore He expects nothing from us but the surrender of all our plans and purposes, in obedience to His divine will.

In spite of all that God demands of us, was there ever such a lack of humility and modesty? The very countenances of people, their attire, conversation, and general deportment prove this. Therefore, because of this lack of humility, God is leaving the world to itself, to carry out its own ideas, plans and programs. This is also true of the modern churches; or at least of those that are not true to Jesus Christ, to His deity, and to His principles. This is the day of man worship, and the human is very much in control.

All this will terminate in the great usurper, the Antichrist; and he will be anything but a humble personage, although he will pose as such at first until he gets the race in his power. No doubt the reason that we have to witness so much of the spirit of lawlessness, anarchy, selfishness, pride, and indifference as to what God requires is that the age is overlapping and that the characteristics of the Antichrist and the Tribulation are here. The situation is serious and the need of a universal humbling of God's people before Him is urgent. Who is sufficient in this crisis but God? So He has left on record the injunction, "Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." He has done much for us but, like the prodigal son, we have often taken what our heavenly Father has so generously given us and lavished it on old self. We have worshiped men, things, and experiences, and the big "I" has often been exalted instead of Christ. We have many times relied upon the human and its resources, rather than upon the Holy Spirit and His power. This has caused great competition even among God's best people; and the human has turned against the human to such an extent that we are full of mistrust, and have lost, to a great extent, confidence in one another.

Like the "prodigal son," we shall have to come to the end of the human, and in humbleness of mind return to Father's house, where there is plenty and to spare. This done by God's saints universally, we shall see the greatest outpouring of the Spirit which this world has ever witnessed. Is it therefore not the need of the hour?

The revival that has long been prayed for and is yet being prayed for and expected, must begin in Zion, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit once more. Therefore all our prayers, work, grace, and spiritual experiences are nothing, compared to the tremendous work which must be done along the line of the flesh. It must be experimentally crucified, until He whose right it is to rule, shall be the supreme dictator on the throne of our lives. This cannot be done if we stand upon our dignity, spiritual or otherwise, and refuse to recognize the overwhelming need of contrite hearts. What a breaking process then we must go through with while this is being worked out by the Holy Spirit.

Pride keeps us from confessing our faults, failings, shortcomings, and sins. We would rather toil on even if it be at a great disadvantage, and talk about and exhibit our work and our spiritual experiences. All these of course have their proper place if done in the Holy Ghost. I am ex-

periencing that it is not an easy thing for the old active, assertive flesh to die. To confess and to humble oneself and to let the crucifying nails be driven, hurts.

If we are not willingly submitted to the divine will it calls out all the latent rebellious spirit in us. Especially is this true of those who are leaders, preachers, and teachers; and for those who have been prospered and have gained for themselves a reputation in religious work, for them to come down (if they do not measure up spiritually), and to have it all laid bare before the naked eye of God, and often before their fellow men, is most difficult, painful and humiliating. God, however, is no respecter of persons." This also is applicable to those who have been sanctified, baptized in the Holy Ghost, healed in body, and who have received great spiritual uplifts. God grant that He may find in us a hearty response to the cry of the Spirit to humble ourselves. Read 2 Chron. 7:14.

"What Will It Be?"

By Etta M. Badgett

"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." Ah! we can not fool God. A man may fool the people—folks may slap him on the back and call him a fine fellow. He may belong to clubs and lodges; he may even have the president's or chairman's seat. He may have a fine house, clothes, automobile and a big bank account. Yes, he may even be a deacon or hold other offices in the church. He may live his whole life and when dead, folks will say, "He was a good man." For "man looketh on the outward appearance."

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A great crowd is gathered together. Every one who had ever lived in the world is there, both small and great. Some one is sitting on a great white throne. He has books before Him. In deep suspense all wait for Him to speak. The multitude, on looking about them, recognize their fathers, mothers, relatives, friends, every one they ever knew, all tense, speechless, waiting! You are there!

Slowly the Judge opens the book. The letters on the cover spell, "The Book of Life." Where had that term been heard before? Ah, yes, "Who-soever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

Is it the memory of a verse you have heard read from the pulpit, or it is the voice of God that you hear: "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord,

Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?' And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."

Solemnly the Judge read from the book, the names which had been recorded. Each, in portentous silence, listens intently for his name. Name after name is called. Leaf after leaf is turned. Oh, there must surely be a mistake! You, who were a pillar of the church, will not be lost?

Another scripture comes to your memory. Why should these scriptures so tantalizingly haunt you now when it is too late to change things? "Who-soever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven." "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." They follow, verse after verse, familiar now, yet with a new meaning.

And you wait for your name to be called—hoping, yet knowing that it is too late! At last the Judge speaks the awful words, "Depart from Me . . . into everlasting fire." Doomed, you turn in utter, eternal hopelessness away

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ABSORBING OUR TRIALS

"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

The fallow ground has now yielded to the plow and harrow. It has been mellowed and softened. The weeds and thistles have been dissolved by the operation of nature—the ground is ready for planting.

Carefully, methodically the seeds are dropped into the earth and covered over. Now the farmer must rest his hope in the co-ordinate action of the laws of life and fertility. There must be rain and sunshine. There must follow dissolution, absorption and action. Not in a moment does the seed spring forth into plant life. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the elements, released and changed by the action of nature's laws, begin to take definite form, and growth follows.

The process by which these chemical changes take place is to all science a deep, unfathomed mystery, but the laws and effects are manifest so that man continues to commit the seed to the earth, depending upon God's processes, for, though His ways are not understood, man's sustenance depends upon it.

We cannot fathom the mystery of God's processes of transformation in the human heart. We may recognize each separate element and spiritual law, but how God works all things together for our good, as He does the combination of nature's elements for the growth of the plant, we cannot understand. Sufficient it is that *He* understands and it is but ours to submit to His operations, knowing that in so doing good will result.

Trials, tests, human weaknesses, and afflictions are like the life-giving elements of nature which, when left to themselves, cannot operate to produce growth, but when they are combined and changed by the showers and the kinetic rays of the sun, they work together to bring forth the plant life. In like manner the operation of spiritual forces, the showers of divine grace, change our trials into blessings, all of which develops spiritual character. "For our light affliction which is but for a moment, *worketh for us* a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Few of us are ready to admit that we are fully grown and are perfect specimens of spiritual life, for we are all too conscious of our unlikeness to Christ. Yet we complain against the very process by which God would develop and perfect us.

Shall we not rather recognize that the divine purpose in allowing our human trials is that they may become the active agency for the development of our spiritual life, realizing that it is God working in us "both to will and to do of His good pleasure"?

GOD'S WONDERFUL GRACE

The late Czar's last court violinist and concert master of the Imperial Grand Opera Orchestra, was Alexander Kaminsky, a Russian orthodox Jew.

When a child he showed unusual musical talent and received his education at the Imperial Conservatory in Petrograd. Between the ages of nine and eleven, he made an extensive concert tour, after which he studied with the great master Leopold Auer. His playing is not a mere exhibition of technique, but he plays from his very soul. He was decorated on six different occasions by the late Czar and also by the Imperial Cabinet. Since the Rus-

sian Revolution he has played around the world.

His violin is a "Guarnerius." It was presented to him by a Prince and is 200 years old.

About a year ago, Mr. Kaminsky was gloriously converted. He immediately gave up his theatrical and professional life, and with his sacrifice he gave up an enormous financial income. Now this famous Jewish artist is a devout follower of the Christ and is using his talents to the glory of the Lord he loves.—Sel.

How wonderful is the salvation of the Lord! It exalts the one and humbles the other. The down-and-out, broken life is lifted by its power. But here is a genius at the apex of worldly success, and the

A JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE HEART OF AFRICA

The French Consul at Akka, Southern Morocco, was forced down when his airplane failed to function properly. He discovered a flourishing and tranquil Jewish community in the heart of the African desert. The Jews informed him that the settlement is Alouna, and that it is a ten-day caravan journey to Timbuctou. *The Young Judean* describes how M. LeBond was taken to the home of the oldest patriarch and was made welcome with ancient ceremonial, even to the washing of feet. They regard themselves as French subjects, although they are hazy as to present day history. They know nothing of the World War. The last white man they saw was an explorer in 1866. By diligent questioning it was learned that their fathers hailed from North Morocco under pressure of persecution many years ago. Their original intention was to travel by way of Egypt to Palestine where they planned to settle. They have apparently abandoned this hope. Their ritual has undergone not the slightest modification, and they employ the Hebrew script.

(It is amazing that in this era of travel and exploration a community of white people should be completely hidden for a period of sixty-three years. It makes it easier for us to understand how God is going to fulfill Rev. 12: 13-16, when He will mysteriously spirit away into seclusion and safety the faithful of Israel, until the Tribulation is over.—Ed.)

same brand of salvation makes him willing to gladly forego any further worldly honors to follow the Lord Jesus. It may also serve to awaken us to the fact that the exalted and apparently impossible to reach, are not impossible with God. Are we praying for their salvation as earnestly as for the down-trodden?—Editor.

The only thing that concerns us is our duty. God will weave the web into patterns of beauty unless by our follies and sins we mar it. But we must not hurry Him. His plans are sometimes very long, and our impatience may mar them, as well as our sins. The buds of His purpose must not be torn open. We must wait till His fingers unfold them.—J. R. Miller, D.D.

The Work of an Evangelist

W. T. Gaston

"Do the work of an evangelist." 2 Tim. 4:5. The spirit of evangelism must ever permeate and dominate the church if she is to fill her appointed place and accomplish her God-given task. It is therefore the duty of every member of the body of Christ to foster and encourage evangelistic ideals and methods in every department of church work.

The God-called evangelist is the gift of Christ to the church. Together with other divinely called and anointed ones, he is commissioned to labor for the "perfecting of the saints." He should feel keenly this responsibility and diligently prepare his heart and mind for the largest possible service to those who are the purchase of Christ's blood and the objects of His special care.

I have often thought that a few years in pastoral work is almost a necessary part of an evangelist's training. So many who are on the field are without a sympathetic understanding of the problems of the pastor or any real sense of their responsibility to help in his ministry.

It is a near-sighted evangelist who thinks only of having a successful meeting and who is willing to use the pastor and every member of the church to further his success as a special campaign preacher. The true evangelist will think of enlarging the influence of the church in the community, of building with the pastor and strengthening his hands, so that when the special effort is over there will be fruit that shall remain to encourage the church to further aggressive effort.

It is easy for evangelists during a season of spiritual uplift to promote and deepen the spirit of love and unity among the believers. Without seeming to try, he can encourage respect for and loyalty to the leadership of the church that will make for healthy conditions and continued prosperity. But alas, many would-be evangelists never seem to catch this vision. I have known evangelists even to court the favor of those who were standing in opposition to the leadership of the church. Instead of seeking to draw discordant elements together about their pastor, they have personally courted his enemies, sided with them in their petty grievances and strengthened them in their unscriptural attitude. Upon this rock many promising evangelistic barks have been wrecked.

Some years ago I became acquainted with a very promising young evangelist. This brother had natural gifts

above the ordinary, was well trained for the work, having had a thorough seminary course. Therefore many prophesied a great ministry for him. But instead he has been an utter failure, a veritable flat tire for fifteen years. There are, no doubt, many attributing causes for this effect, but one outstanding reason is that he is always seeking his own. Since he is forever thinking of himself no one else seems to think of him or his needs. Thus he is up against the double problem of finding a place to minister and then personally contending for a square deal for himself after having landed the job.

This man is not altogether bad, but it would seem that his conscience is just elastic enough to allow little departures from the law of love in the interest of himself. For instance, he was invited to hold special meetings in a certain prosperous church where, had he played fair and proved his metal, he would have had not only a successful meeting, but other doors would have opened to him. But as usual he was thinking of number one. Accordingly when the meeting had begun to warm and the saints began to manifest an interest in his ministry, he confided to certain influential ones that should they be desiring a change of pastors he would be willing to prayerfully consider the matter.

These dirty "little foxes" will spoil the fruitfulness of any minister of Christ. One absolute essential for permanent success in itinerary work is grace to unselfishly seek the prosperity of the church and its leadership. There is a crying need for more evangelists of this type.

There is another tendency in modern evangelism that I must protest against, and that is the introduction of humbug and camouflage. A kind of trumped-up combination of stage play, high-class entertainment, personality exploitations, and flagrant exaggeration—all this with a slight religious flavor, is being dished out to a bewildered people in so-called great campaigns.

I am aware that most evangelists, especially in full gospel circles, are of the true order. But they are suffering because of the false psychology and camouflage methods of those who are playing to the galleries. Unless pastors and leaders of the people take a strong stand against unreality in every form, false ideals and standards may be set up, and ultimate disaster result. The church should be protected by its leadership from all, however gifted,

who are seeking to further their own ends or who will stoop to any form of deception or exaggeration either from a pulpit or in printed propaganda. God wants real folks, a real message and real results.

No small part of the evangelist's ministry is in keeping alive in the church the passion for souls or fanning into flame the smouldered fire where neglect or lack of a balanced ministry has resulted in the loss of a definite burden for the lost. It is extremely necessary therefore, that the evangelist live close to God. He will not stir the hearts of others unless he is being moved of God in his own soul.

To a pastor who has labored for weeks to bring up the faith of the saints and to gather in the unsaved, it is extremely discouraging to discover that the evangelist himself is not fired with the passion for souls nor anointed of the Spirit to minister to them.

As I write there comes to my mind an experience of this kind. After weeks of prayer and an outlay of considerable time and money in making preparation, our evangelist arrived in his new car. To my great sorrow I found that he had more interest in the scenic drives in the community than in the people to whom he was to minister. His manifest lack of real concern soon killed the interest already created. One by one the fish wiggled through the net and were gone, perhaps forever.

It is a great responsibility to be placed in the lead of a united effort to win souls for Christ. The very possibility that our own earthiness may serve to neutralize the message and defeat the purpose of the concerted effort should sober us and drive us close to God.

In doing the work of an evangelist many sacrifices must be made. Yet its compensations are many. One who is gifted for the work and who abides in prayer will have almost continuously the joy of seeing sinners converted and struggling Christian communities strengthened and refreshed. It is a great blessing to be forced by the very nature of the work to keep filled with the compassion of Christ, carry His burden and press His claims upon the souls of men.

"He who dallies with temptation, he who tampers with evil, is never safe. People say that such and such a man had a sudden fall; but no fall is sudden. In every instance the crisis of the moment is decided only by the tenor of the life; nor, since this world began, has any man been dragged over into the domain of evil who had not strayed carelessly, or gazed curiously, or lingered guiltily, beside its verge."



I Will Come Again



P. C. Nelson

So said the loving Master to His sorrowing disciples on the eve of His betrayal. How sweet, how reassuring, how comforting those gracious words: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again*, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Thousands who have been totally ignorant of the meaning of these words have found comfort in them. Many who specifically deny the personal return of our Lord, read, or recite, these words at funerals for the comfort of the sorrowing.

"I will come again." Glorious hope of the waiting bride! Only hope of a despairing world lying in the power of Satan and unable to free itself. Soon "the Bright and Morning Star" will appear (Rev. 22:16), and the saints of God will be raised from the dust of the earth (Dan. 12:2; 1 Thess. 4:16); the living saints of God shall be changed and caught away (1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thess. 4:18) to be with Him in the mansions He is now preparing, and earth's darkest night will rest upon the world which rejected its Messiah. A little later will arise the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings (beams as I believe Mal. 4:2 should read), to chase away sin and sorrow and to fill this world with the glory of God. Num. 14:21.

In this study let us notice some changes that will take place when Jesus comes again:

I. Salvation

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall he appear the *second time*, without sin unto *salvation*." Heb. 9:27, 28. This is a bigger word than we are in the habit of thinking. Christ wrought out our salvation on the cross, and the Holy Spirit works salvation in us when we believe (1 Peter 1:9), and Christ will work out for us a more complete salvation at His coming. Peter speaks of a "salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:5), and Paul says: "Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Rom. 13:11. This grand word gathers up into

itself all the redemptive acts and processes, as Dr. C. I. Scofield in his Paragraph Bible so aptly says. (See his note on Rom. 1:16.) It began in the heart of God before the world came into being, and will continue to operate on our behalf after the earth, sun, moon, and stars have crumbled away.

II. Revelation

During this age of grace God is seeking to bring men to repentance by mercy, forbearance, kindness, and goodness but the time is near when those who despise His mercy will feel the weight of His wrath, and His righteous judgment against sin and iniquity will be *revealed*. Rom. 2:1-9. In the synagogue at Nazareth Jesus in His reading of Isaiah 61:1, 2, stopped at a comma, because the latter part of the sentence had not, and even now has not, been fulfilled in their ears. Luke 4:21. The last words He read are: "To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord," and the words He omitted are, "*and the day of vengeance of our God*." Paul says that Jesus delivered us from "*the wrath to come*" (1 Thess. 1:10): and again, "To you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His *mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power*." 2 Thess. 1:7-9. This teaching is not very palatable in these soft, self-righteous times but we dare not omit it. The day of God's wrath is sure to dawn. "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, *Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*" Rev. 6:15-17.

III. Consternation

Then shall the devil be bound and chained and cast down into the pit, and all the other powers of evil shall be condemned, confused, confounded, and consumed by the wrath of the righteous

Judge. "Then shall that Wicked (the Antichrist) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." 2 Thess. 2:8. Glorious day! O Lord, hasten Thine appearing! We long to triumph with Thee, over sin, to trample the young lion and the dragon under our feet (Psalm 91:13), and have Thee, O God, bruise Satan under our feet." Rom. 16:20.

IV. Transformation

Jesus was transfigured (metamorphosed, so is the Greek word) before His disciples. So by His power we are to be transfigured or transformed or *metamorphosed* before Him at His coming. Is not this what John says in the opening verses of the third chapter of his first epistle? "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, *when He shall appear, we shall be like Him*; for we shall see Him as He is. Hope of hopes to be like Jesus. Could man aspire to anything higher? Should anything less satisfy us, when Jesus desires to have us like Himself? Wonder of wonders! "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Rom. 8:29.

V. Glorification

There is much in the Word about the believer's glorification. Some few have dared to claim that they have already been glorified. This we hold is true only in the thought and purposes of God who sees the end from the beginning, and beholds us now, as if we were already seated with Christ in glory. Note the past tenses in Eph. 2:4-6—"and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"; and in Rom. 8:29, 30, "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, *them He also glorified*." Paul says we are to suffer together with Christ, that we may also be glorified together. Rom. 8:17. In the next verse he goes on to say that our sufferings now are too insignificant to be mentioned in com-

parison "with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Christ is coming in all His glory and the glory of the Father with all the holy angels and all His saints. Luke 9:26; Jude 14.

Our transformation is the change we experience by the power of God working in us. It begins in our spiritual nature and is completed only when our very bodies have been changed to be like Christ's glorious body. 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Cor. 15:35-54; Phil. 3:20, 21. Our glorification is the splendor of the relation we sustain to Christ, sharing in His honor and glory and our exaltation with Him. Eph. 2:4,5; Rom. 8:17. "The Lord will give *grace and glory*." Psalm 84:11. By His *grace* we are transformed; by His *glory* we are glorified.

VI. Restoration

"That He (the Father) may send forth Christ Jesus who had been before appointed for you; whom heaven must retain, until the times of *restoration* of all things of which God spake through His holy prophets from the beginning" (Worrell's rendering of Acts 3:20, 21). This famous text shows clearly that all of God's glorious promises through His prophets from the beginning were to be fulfilled, although the Jews had rejected the Christ; and also that this complete restoration is to take place at or after the return of Christ, and not before. Just before our Lord's ascension the apostles asked Him, "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6. Our Lord did not say that this would never be, but told them they were not privileged to know the time. Later they appear to have received clearer light, for at the great council at Jerusalem, Peter declared how the Lord was opening a door of faith to the Gentiles, putting no difference between Jews and Gentiles, "taking out a people for His name," as James interpreted it. This He is doing in our times forming the church or assembly out of all nations and kindreds of earth. James goes on to say (quoting from Amos 9:11): "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom My name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things." Acts 15:16, 17. Here we see that during this church age the Lord is selecting a people for His name; then at His coming He will build again the tabernacle of David—restore the kingdom to Israel; that "the residue," "the remnant," the lost tribes, may seek the Lord, and likewise the nations of

the earth ("the Gentiles"). What a program! "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world." Acts 15:18.

Wonderful does it seem to us to have the kingdom restored to Israel, and the scattered people of Israel gathered together under their rightful King, and to have nations flock to the standard of King Immanuel. Isa. 11:10. Isaiah tells us that the wild beasts are to be tamed, and become as gentle as kittens: "*The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*" Isa. 11:6-9.

Paul, in Rom 8:18-23, appears to go one step beyond Isaiah, for he declares that the curse is to be lifted from the whole creation, animate and inanimate, which was brought under a curse by man's disobedience. Gen. 3:17-19. At the revelation Christ and His saints, the curse is to be lifted, and man's dream of plenty shall be more than realized. Let us follow Paul's words as rendered by Worrell:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are of no account in comparison with the glory about to be revealed for us. *For the earnest longing of the creation is waiting for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to vanity, not of choice, but by reason of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation is groaning and travailing in pain together until now; and not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruit of the Spirit, even we ourselves are groaning within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*"

VII. Realization

Much that should have been said under former heads was crowded out, and we beg to be permitted to bring some of these together under this head. So many glorious promises lie scattered throughout God's holy Word that we are not able to encompass, much less to appropriate them. "Now we see through a glass darkly." The great things that are in the direct path of the

child of God seems so wonderful that we find it difficult to keep in mind that God will make them actualities in His own good time. That golden dream of "Paradise Regained" will be more than realized. John Milton with all his learning, aided by his powerful imagination, had only a feeble conception of the paradise that was lost, and a feebler conception of the paradise that our Lord regained for us. We are driven back to the language of the Book of books, our guide for this age, our manual on that which is to come.

"Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Ps. 67:6, 7.

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matt. 13:43.

O Golden Day, we greet thee from afar. We hail with joy every sign of thy approach. Through the darkness we peer into the night for the first rays of the Bright and Morning Star. We long for the coming of the full-orbed day of the Lord. Long enough has Satan triumphed. O Thou the center of all our hope, come quickly and dispel the gloom. Set the prisoners of Satan free. Open sin's prison doors. Heal earth's wounds. Take Thy rightful throne.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

God Takes Care

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5.

The world calls that a craven spirit which leads a man to be patient and quiet under insult, to endure wrong without resentment. Men of the world say that meekness is weakness. But the truest example of manliness the world ever saw was that of Jesus Christ; and when we turn to His life, we see that meekness was one of the noblest qualities of His character. When He was reviled He reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not. Having all power, He never lifted a finger to avenge a personal affront. He answered with tender love men's bitterest wrath; and upon His cross, when the blood was flowing from His wounds, He prayed for His murderers.

We are not poorer for quietly accepting wrong and injury. "The meek shall inherit the earth." Those who commit their life to Him who judgeth righteously, leaving to Him the adjustment of the inequalities of human treatment, will never suffer in the end. God takes into His care those who suffer for righteousness' sake, and their loss becomes gain.—J. R. Miller.

In a Strait-Jacket

Walter Isaiah Palmer

Let us meditate upon a truth that is at once hidden and revealed in the Scriptures, starting with the text in Job 20:22. "In the fullness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits." The statement is made of the natural or unregenerate man, and is pictured in the New Testament in the parable of the man whose barns must be rebuilt to contain the products of his husbandry. After he had stuffed his storehouses, he purposed to lean back in ease, addressing his soul with assurance that now he was to be happy for years to come and "eat, drink, and be merry." But just as he finished mapping out for himself this course, he heard God thunder the awful words, "*Thou fool!*" Thus, many of the wisest men of this generation stand in God's register as fools because they think their eternal souls can find satisfaction in material, temporal things. Most to be pitied of all poverty stricken people are the poor rich "Fools" of our day. They are the embodiment of misery, though they know it not.

But let us apply the truth spiritually and note its bearing on our own lives as Christians. In the fullness of his sufficiency as the favorite son of rich Jacob's large family, Joseph was not in a place where God could use him to save them all from starving till God had stripped him of all he had, made him appear a failure, allowed to be hung upon him the unjust reproach of a great sin, and let him find his home in a dark dungeon. Good old Job had all for which heart could wish, but in the fullness of his sufficiency he was in straits as far as having a deep revelation of God went, and must needs lose all, to really know God. In the flood tide of the strength of his manhood, Moses doubled up his fist to help God out, but the Lord took him to the pasture for forty years, where he was so stripped of his sufficiency that when God called him to his great task, he cried out, "Who am I, that I should bring forth the children of Israel?" When David was just a tender of the sheep, God could pick him up and use him, but before He trusted him on the crest of great prosperity David had his visit to the Cave of Adullam. Even after such preparation, when David became king he was so filled with sufficiency that he all but lost his soul in grievous, shocking sin, before he fell on his face and cried, "I am a worm and no man! Have mercy!"

And then there is grand, old Elijah, fresh from those glorious scenes where God by one grand stroke, in sending the fire from heaven to consume the water-sodden sacrifice, resulting in the extermination of the false priests, swung the nation back to Jehovah's worship. This was the man who by prayer unlocked the heavens after three years and a half of drought, but see him running in abject fear from a wicked woman who has threatened his life. His servant left far behind for safety's sake, he falls exhausted under the juniper tree deep in the forest, and cries, "It's enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; I am no better than my fathers!"

"Why, Elijah! How did you ever get the idea that you *are* any better than your fathers? I am surprised that a man having such power with God as you have should think himself better than the rest of us. Isn't that a display of wicked pride, Elijah?"

In the fullness of the sufficiency of his power he was in a strait-jacket, where God could not get at that serpent, pride, lurking, unsuspected by all, deep in the secret places of his nature, until He got Elijah down to the juniper tree and so emptied him out that finally a cry was wrung out of his agonized heart, "I am no better than the rest of your people." It is one thing to mouth the words that Elijah spoke, it is quite another to have finally reached your own juniper tree where from within the depths of your heart a cry of confession comes to God. There is the place where complete disillusionment as to one's importance and sufficiency comes, until the heart breaks and one could wish for deliverance from the very knowledge of its empty vanity. May the Lord take us in His loving care down, down, down to the juniper tree until we too know what Elijah learned. But anyway, he was freed from his strait-jacket!

Refreshed by God's tender care and loving provision, Elijah made his "record-breaking flight without refueling" for forty days, and God could now give Elijah a revelation of Himself that before was impossible. Elijah was so humbled and stilled within, that he knew God was not in the great wind, nor in the earthquake, nor even in the fire, and he could now hear the still small voice. He had known God in His mighty manifestations before, but

now he could be brought nigh and hear the still small voice. A deeper revelation of God always lies beyond the juniper tree with its discarded strait-jacket. Glory to Jesus!

When Paul was writing his letter to the Philippian Christians, he said in effect, "If anyone should start to boast, I could beat him at it—faultless in my ancestry, perfect in conforming to the law, a strict Pharisee, blameless, and zealous even to persecuting the church. But in the fullness of my sufficiency I was in straits. Everything that was my gain, was loss to Christ. I threw away all confidence in my family connections, I cast upon the refuse pile my righteousness, my prospects, my education, my theological training; truly I suffered the loss of all things, that I might win Christ." And when Paul was finally emptied out, God picked him up, filled him, and used him as He has been able to use no other man in all history.

The Son of God Himself may seem to illustrate our theme. Being in the form of God He did not regard equality with God as something at which he should grasp, but of His own free choice, He stripped Himself of His glory, emptied Himself to become a man, a lowly man, even a servant. He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death—Oh, those wondrous words! "*Even the death of the cross.*" Only by being emptied of His very life could even the Son of God bring salvation to sin-burdened, lost, and weary man.

O Lord, give us grace to be willing to be emptied of our sufficiency!

"WHAT WILL IT BE?"

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from the throne, away from God, away from the Light, into everlasting despair, darkness, darkness, *darkness!* Forever shut away from Him, forever shut away from peace, security, happiness, light, because you had not harkened to His voice while there was yet time. Doomed for ETERNITY! Now are hidden things brought to light. No more are the people deceived regarding you, no more can you deceive yourself with the thought that you are safe, for God hath revealed the secrets of your heart. And how easily it all could have been different! But now—too late!

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Is it but a dream? Some day it will come true. There is time yet for salva-



Questions and Answers

Conducted by Ernest S. Williams

In sending your question for this column address your letter: Question and Answer Editor, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

129. *Is it all right for a Christian woman to marry an ordinarily good man who is not a Christian if she loves him more than life?*

The question is not does she love him more than life, the question is does she love love him more than she loves Christ? If she does her experience is not what it ought to be. To marry him shows she is willing to disobey God to please herself. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." 2 Cor. 6:14. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3.

130. *Please explain Acts 15:28, 29.*

The Council had met under the conscious guidance of the Holy Spirit, and were guided to the conclusion that the Gentiles should not be under the law of Moses, but that they should refrain from meats offered in sacrifice to idols, and from the eating of blood, from eating meats where strangling had caused the death, and from fornication, all of which were very common practices among the heathen.

131. *What is the New Testament order of observing the Lord's Supper? Should the saints kneel at the altar, or should they have the emblems passed to them in their seats, to conform to the New Testament pattern?*

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He and His disciples reclined about the table, but this would not be possible in large gatherings. The communion might be received either at the altar, or sitting, as decided upon by the local church. Scripture does not instruct us as to the form, but as to the purpose and meaning of the sacrament.

132. *What is the meaning of the scripture, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated"? Was it not Esau's works?*

"It is carefully to be observed that, although Jacob and Esau were individuals, yet it is not as such, but as

tion; the hand of mercy is still outstretched to you. Will you take it? Don't deceive yourself any longer or be deceived. "To-day is the day of salvation"; to-morrow may be too late. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near."

representatives of races, that they are here spoken of. In Gen. 25:23 the words are, "Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger." Mal. 1:2 sets forth the divine favor shown, from the first and still, to the race of Israel as compared with the race of Edom. It is evident that the subject of individual predestination does not really come in, but only that of nations or races of men to a position of privilege as inheritors of promises."—Pulpit Commentary.

133. *Is it necessary to be baptized in water in order to become a true child of God?*

Water does not save any one, but it is an answer of a good conscience toward God. 1 Pet. 3:21. It would be difficult for one who has received light on baptism to prosper spiritually while refusing to obey our Lord's command. Matt. 28:19, 20.

134. *Please explain John 20:17—why Mary could not touch our Lord, yet He allowed Thomas to do so.*

I like the explanation given by Matthew Henry better than any other I have read, "He bade His disciples to touch Him for the confirmation of their faith; He allowed the women to take hold of His feet, and worship him. Matt. 28:9; but Mary, supposing He was risen, as Lazarus was, to live among them constantly, and converse with them freely as He had done, upon that presumption was about to take hold of His hand with her usual freedom. This mistake Christ rectified; she must believe Him, and adore Him, as exalted, but must not expect to be familiar as formerly. See 2 Cor. 5:16."

PRAISE CHANGES THINGS

There is a legend of two angels who come from heaven every morning and go on their rounds all day long. One is the angel of prayers; the other is the angel of thanksgiving. Each carries a basket. Soon the angel of requests has his basket filled to overflowing. Everybody pours into it great handfuls of requests, but when the day is ended the angel of thanksgiving has only two or three little contributions of gratitude in his basket.

"Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?"

A missionary in dark China was living a defeated life. Everything seemed

to be touched with sadness and although he prayed for months for victory over depression and discouragement, his life remained the same. He determined to leave his work and go to an interior station and pray till victory came. He reached the place and was entertained in the home of a fellow-missionary. On the wall hung a motto with the words, "Try Thanksgiving."

The words gripped his heart and he thought within himself, "Have I been praying all this time and not praising?" He stopped and began to praise and was so uplifted, that instead of hiding away to pray and agonize for days, he immediately returned to his waiting flock to tell that Praise Changes Things. Wonderful blessing attended this simple testimony and the bands that had bound others were loosed through praise.

I wish to add my humble testimony to his. It was a dark, dark night in my life when the words, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion" (Psalm 65:1), were impressed upon my mind. I had been waiting in prayer, yes, my prayers and supplications had gone up to the throne, were piled up, as it were. Now, could not I wait in praise, before I saw the answer, or must I wait for signs and wonders ere I believed His Word!

God was waiting for this final step of faith and when I began to praise Him for the answer, began to wait in praise, began to rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. He began to answer, exceeding abundantly, above all that I could ask or think, and the possession of the secret of victory has transformed my life and filled it with gladness.

It is said that when Sir Michael Costa was having a rehearsal with the vast array of performers and hundreds of voices, as the mighty chorus rang out with the thunder of the organ and ringing of horns and the clashing of cymbals, some man who played the piccolo far away up in the corner said within himself, "In all this din it matters not what I do," and ceased to play. Suddenly the great conductor stopped, flung up his hands and all was still. Then he cried aloud, "Where is the piccolo?"

The quick ear had missed it and all was spoiled because the piccolo player had failed to take his part.

Is your "praise note" missing from the heavenly choir, beloved?

Try Thanksgiving. Praise changes things.—Selected.

"Troubles are great teachers and seem to dismiss themselves when we learn the lesson."

-:- The Gospel In Foreign Lands -:-

THE MACEDONIAN CALL FROM CHINA

Practically all our readers are ready to acknowledge joyfully that "God so loved the world," and in the acceptance of this fact and its consequences we rejoice together in hope of the glory of God, but there is still another scripture which states, "Hereby know we that we dwell in Him and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit,"—the Spirit that came to seek and to save that which was lost and the Spirit that calls us to lift up our eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest.

If we could hear the plea of China's teeming millions, a country containing, with its dependencies, a population of over four hundred and fifty-five million souls, few of whom comparatively have heard the name of Christ, we might well ask ourselves how dwelleth the love of God in us if we close up our compassion and refuse to help in the face of such tremendous need.

China is one of the oldest nations of the world, being in existence before Rome was founded or even the nation of Israel was organized. Her people constitute one fourth of the population of the world. Thirty-three thousand of them die every day and in times of famine, a very much larger number. In fact those who pass out of this life every month about equal the population of New York city. If China were placed over the map of the United States it would cover our country from east to west and extend 240 miles into the Pacific Ocean and in the South it would envelop a large part of the Gulf of Mexico. China has three thousand miles of coast line and rivers longer than the Mississippi. Her language has four thousand characters and the literature of the people is older than Moses.

In spite of the poverty of the people as a whole, there are immense mineral resources in the land still to be worked. Her coal fields equal in size New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. There are three great religions that prevail, two of them originated in China and one was introduced from India. The two Chinese religions are Confucianism, Taoism, while Buddhism came from India. Confucianism is practically a code of morals without an ultimate personal authority and was founded by Confucius. "Taoism is simply the deification of material mysteries and its natural outcome is idolatry." Buddhism give no moral guidance in righteousness, no spiritual life of the soul,

and no uplifting worship. These native religions cannot save and China appeals to us in her need for a Christ who can save and satisfy.

We want to bring before our readers three fine young people who have volunteered to help meet the need. They cannot, however, be sent out unless we can secure additional funds for their support since we need all that we are at present receiving through the Foreign Missions Department for the support of workers already on our list. Therefore, if these young people are to be sent forth we must secure more help.

We are sure that any money invested for the support of the young people whose portraits we print in connection with this appeal will bring real returns in the kingdom of God.

We would request that all our readers make it a matter of special prayer that God may move upon the hearts of those who are able to help in this need so that these workers may be thrust forth into the harvest field. In order that our older missionaries may not suffer, we would request that only assemblies or individuals who do not give regularly through the Foreign Missions Department, or those who are willing to make an extra effort, should write us regarding taking over the support of these workers.

Why not have your own representative on the foreign field? If you are interested or feel God is speaking to your heart in the matter, we should be glad if you would write and let us know what you feel you could do.

Address all inquiries to the Missionary Secretary, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

NOTICE

A number of enquiries have come to us asking whether it is safe to send parcels

to Kansu Province, W. China. We would therefore advise that we have just received a letter from Brother V. G. Plymire which gives the following information: "Parcels have been coming ever since last July (1928) and the postal route is open and as safe as ever. According to the advice from the postmaster here, there has been no loss of any mail to or from Tangar. Parcels should be sewed in cloth or wrapped in strong paper and tied with strong string, and registered. Friends should write us whenever they send parcels, and only worthwhile things should be sent. Dried fruits is very acceptable, but it should be securely wrapped." I am sure that our missionaries will appreciate any help given them along these lines.

YOUNG'S CONCORDANCE FOR SALE

A lady has very kindly sent us a copy of the latest edition of Young's Analytical Concordance, which has been very little used, and is to be sold so that the proceeds be used for missions. The cost of the book is \$7.50. Any who do not have a copy of this book will find it invaluable in the study of the Bible, and by purchasing this particular copy will have the satisfaction of knowing that all the money so expended will be turned over for the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. We should be glad if all who apply for this book would state whether you wish your money returned to you or used for some other purpose in case an earlier applicant may have secured the book ahead of you. Address all communications to the Foreign Missions Dept.

JAPAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Jessie Wengler, Secretary

A precious time of fellowship and blessing was the portion of all who attended the recent Conference of the Japan District Council held at the Takinogawa Church in Tokyo. The missionaries from each station with their respective Japanese workers, together with some non-Council fellow missionaries of like faith, assembled together on the third of April in the spacious auditorium of the Takinogawa church.

Brother C. F. Juergensen was ill, and able only to attend the first service when he brought a message of power to every heart from the Word of God. A desire sprang up anew in the hearts of the missionaries and Japanese workers alike to become like Jacob of old,—“princes with God” interceding until the blessing came in power to this dark land



Brother Lawrence McKinney (left) is a graduate of Central Bible Institute and has since ministered acceptably as pastor of the Brookfield, Missouri, Assembly. He is a young man we can heartily recommend and believe he has proved himself as worthy of our confidence to represent the gospel to the people of China.



Sister Ellen Birch (middle) also graduated from Central Bible Institute and was nurtured in the missionary atmosphere of the Cleveland, Ohio, Assembly. Her training and experience in the past has been such as will well qualify her for missionary work.



Sister Esther Bender (right) is another promising candidate who also is a graduate from our Central Bible Institute. Sister Bender comes from a missionary family with other representatives in South America, Africa and Japan. From early childhood she has been taught to use the talents God has given her in His service.

of Japan. At the close of this service a great volume of prayer ascended to the throne, and the whole conference was permeated with a spirit of prayer to know the will of God in all the matters we had come together to discuss and decide.

Mrs. G. R. Bender, wife of our district superintendent, and our youngest missionary, little Anita Eleanor Bender, who came to live with Brother and Sister Bender a few days before the opening of the Conference, were unable to attend.

Japan's greatest need is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The responsibility and importance of bringing in Pentecostal power the wonderful message which God has entrusted to us for the multitudes in Japan, and the establishing of churches throughout the Empire of Japan were the main issues for which the conference was called. Methods of work, and the necessary and orderly regulating of business matters in the churches were freely discussed. A constitution and by-laws were formed and adopted, the Japanese brethren, together with the missionaries having a voice and voting power,—all deliberating together in a spirit of prayer and unity over these vital matters which concern the future church of Christ in Japan.

It was decided that a monthly paper should be published—in Japanese, called the "Latter Rain," which shall be the official organ of this body, and be the means of getting the gospel message and the Latter Rain truth to hungry hearts through the printed page. Brother John Juergensen and his pastor, Mr. Yokoi, were elected Editor and Assistant Editor respectively.

The evening services were evangelistic and were blessed of God. Every one came away from the conference feeling that definite things had been accomplished, and with encouraged hearts for the future work in Japan.

Please continue to pray for the work in this needy land.

SAN DIEGO MEXICAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Mable L. Bar

In June of 1922, a Norwegian sister was greatly burdened in prayer for Mexico. She yielded herself to the control of the Spirit and for about two hours was unconscious of her surroundings while she pleaded with God to pour out His Spirit on dark Mexico. The Lord gave her a vision of Mexicans running together from every direction to hear the Word of God. Wondering what it meant for her, she asked, "Lord, do you want me to take them the message?" He replied, "No, I want you to pray that others may be sent. Pray, pray, for Mexico has no shepherds." Simultaneously the Spirit prayed through her for a great ingathering of precious souls from among that needy people before the Lord's return. She was so assured that prayer was answered that she looked for immediate response from the saints in her own assembly. None was forthcoming, however, although interest was awakened. But across the seas the call was heard. At the same time the Lord used messages delivered in England and Wales by Miss A. E. Luce and Dr. F. Murtcutt to arouse interest in the spiritual welfare of the people of Mexico and some eight-

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een months later this sister rejoiced to learn how God had worked in the hearts of some, thousands of miles away, who were all unconscious that the prayer of faith was being offered. To-day there are those laboring for God here and in Mexico City who responded to the call "and the end is not yet, praise the Lord!"

October 1, 1926, the Bible school in San Diego was founded by Miss A. E. Luce who prepared the lessons now being used in the four schools: San Antonio, Mexico City, Barquisimeto, and San Diego. Venturing out on the promise of Isa. 60:22, "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time," a property has been bought, the house, now serving as dormitory, moved to the back of the lot and a church built in front by R. J. and R. D. Williams and G. H. Thomas, which is now used for the Bible school and for the services of the local Mexican assembly. Through the generosity of the American friends the house was furnished, new plumbing installed and all necessary painting and staining carried out. The Lord enabled us to meet all payments on the property as they came due and by November, 1928, the total debt was reduced to \$1,700. Then a kind offer was made by a friend in San Diego to wipe off this liability under certain conditions which would insure the buildings being always used for the same purpose. This was done and at the same time the school was incorporated according to the laws of the State of California under the name of the Latin-American Bible Institute of San Diego, Calif.

We praise God for what He has done during the past three years, but we know this has one end in view, namely the bringing in and sending forth of a much larger number of workers. Pray with us that God will send students for the coming year, if Jesus tarry—earnest men and women of one desire, God and His glory, and of one purpose, to go through with Him, no matter what the cost. Also for a great outpouring of His Spirit upon these dear people among whom God has called us to labor, which shall sweep countless numbers into the kingdom and set on fire those already saved to seek the salvation of others.

A graduate from the class of 1928 has taught in the school this year with good success, supporting herself meanwhile. We thank God for her self-sacrificing labors. Another has been the means of the salvation of very many of her own relatives and of others also. Prominent among these latter is one dear Filipino brother who began the business of soul winning among his own countrymen immediately after his conversion. Several were saved, five publicly confessing their Lord in the waters of baptism. This brother's story is so interesting that we venture to give some of the details.

Brother Epifanio Ongkiko was born at La Laguna, Santa Cruz, Philippine Islands. April 7, 1896, and was left an orphan at the early age of eight years. He was subsequently cared for by a married sister, educated in the Spanish and American schools on the Island and grew up with no idea of God and never saw or heard of a Bible until he joined the U. S. Navy in 1912. Several years of travel followed and he visited Nicaragua, Panama, Mexico, Chile, Honolulu and finally, through the grace of God, he was ordered to the Naval Air Station, San Diego and took up his duties at the Bachelor Officers' Quarters at North Island. One day, two months later, he was in the garden of the home of a Filipino friend when the graduate above mentioned, then a student, saw him and spoke to him of the Saviour of the world, pressing upon him his need of salvation. For the first time in his life he heard of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, and of the life beyond the grave and it was a foreign language to him. He had lived content to "eat, drink, and be merry" believing that death ended all. Evidently there was a good deal he did not know, he must inquire into it. Accepting the invitation given to visit the Spanish mission he found himself in a place where the gospel was preached and eagerly drank in all he saw and heard. The following week he was brought to the missionary home and there, with the simple faith of a little child, he passed from death unto life. The "Light that never was on sea or land" flooded his soul, and in that hour, old things passed away and all things became new. Old haunts and habits became distasteful as he turned with his whole soul to God and found his joy in the things of God and with the people of God. A Thanksgiving Day dinner had been planned for the Mexican students to take place the next day. Here was the opportunity to express the gratitude and love born in his heart for God and for His children. The thought that he could do something brought great gladness to his soul. He took complete charge as he well know how, purchasing all that was needed, cooking and serving it with his own hands in the spirit of the One who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Now his great desire was to possess a copy of the Word of God. The day he was saved he returned to his friend's home and asked for a Bible. Searching among the rubbish stored away at the back of the house he found three, one written in his own language—Tagalog, one in English and the other in Spanish, each of which he could read. These were brought to the light of day and eagerly perused. Later a larger copy was purchased and is valued as the most precious treasure in his possession being studied with ever increasing delight. Soon after he was baptized in water and later received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. His beloved Bible was twice stolen and hidden by his men. It was discovered in the bottom of a garbage can the first time but, wonderful to relate, it was not harmed. The second time it was hidden in the ground and although this was during the rainy season, when it was found by the gardener it was none the worse for its interment.

In his reading of the Word he had learned
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In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

GOOD TEXAS REVIVAL

Evangelist Mrs. Vera Ragsdale, Hockley, Texas, writes: "Just closed three weeks' meeting in which 16 were soundly converted, 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost and 3 persons were healed."

TWENTY FILLED

Pastor H. F. Snow, Wanchula, Fla. writes: "Evangelist J. W. Hause and wife have been with us for seven weeks. The Spirit was with us all through the meetings. Forty were saved, 20 filled with the Holy Spirit, 22 baptized in water, 20 received into the church, and the saints all have been helped. The Sunday school has more than doubled."

SAINTS ENCOURAGED

Brother and Sister J. E. Hartwell, Hobart, Okla., write: "Just closed a two weeks' revival campaign at Lawrence schoolhouse. The Lord certainly did bless. Eight were saved, 1 reclaimed, 6 received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Brother B. A. Young, the boy preacher, helped in giving the Word. We are encouraged to press on."

NINETEEN SAVED

Pastor Mrs. Blane G. Cook, Garnett, Kansas writes: "We have just closed a revival meeting in which there were 19 saved, and 2 filled with the Holy Spirit. All of the saints were encouraged and the revival fire is still burning. Since the close of the meeting, 1 has been saved and 3 filled with the Holy Spirit. The Selby Evangelistic Party were in charge of the meeting."

REVIVAL SPIRIT

Brother and Sister Brock, Norwood, Mo., write: "Since the special meetings closed 4 weeks ago, 11 have been saved and 16 have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister W. H. Lutgen of Sedalia were with us a few nights. We have been here 6 months. During that time 55 have been saved, 18 received the Holy Spirit, 35 names added to the church. To God we give all the praise."

REVIVAL FIRES BURNING

Brother F. G. Jones, Longview, Wash., writes: "We are having the greatest revival Longview and surrounding country have ever witnessed. Evangelist Everett Parrott is in charge of the meetings. People are healed of cancers, tumors, tuberculosis, neuritis, rheumatism, catarrh, floating kidney, broken arches, organic trouble, blindness and many other diseases. Christ is exalted, lifted up before the sinful and sick as they come night after night. Many have been saved, and still they come. The city is stirred because men and women, old and young, are praying and crying out to God for the deliverance of these captive souls and bodies which are bound by Satan's power. The revival is held in a tent across from the Columbia Theater which is a menace to this place. God is back of the revival because of the unity among His people."

BRIEF MENTION

Mrs. Geo. Vickery, Coalinga, Calif., writes: "The Lord is working here in a beautiful way saving souls. Our Sunday school is progressing very nicely. We have had many good pastors as shepherds, but we are now enjoying as pastor, Brother Glassbrooke and his wife."

Clarence W. Hart, Pastor, Bridgeport, Wash., writes: "Evangelist R. S. Peterson of Pelican Rapids, Minn., just closed a 3 weeks' campaign here. Prejudice was broken down, souls were saved, others reclaimed and all the saints were encouraged. We were sorry our brother had to leave."

Assistant Pastor H. Wesley Cooksey, San Francisco, Calif., writes: "A very successful campaign has just been concluded with Evangelist Watson Argue in charge. During the meetings many souls responded to the invitation to seek salvation, 29 were immersed in water, and 18 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. On several Sunday nights the main section of the auditorium was filled."

SAINTS STIRRED

Brother W. R. Wilson, Ft. Worth, Tex., writes: "We are glad to report the blessings of the Lord in our revival here at Fostepco Heights which closed June 9. During the two weeks in which our two evangelists, Sisters Daisy Young and Myrtle Ward were with us, the Lord definitely answered prayer in a wonderful way, saving 11, reclaiming 6 backsliders, and filling 3 with the blessed Holy Spirit. The saints were stirred with the burden for lost souls and the spirit of prayer was sweet. It is marvelous what the Lord can do."

NEW FIELD TAKEN FOR GOD

Brother Irvine E. Smith writes from Hatch, N. Mex.: "Evangelist Omer Jarrell and wife and I closed a two weeks' meeting Sunday, June 16, at Salem, a little schoolhouse a few miles northwest of Hatch. This is an entirely new field. No Council ministers have ever been this way before, but God has given us a glorious victory. Fourteen have been saved, 5 reclaimed, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost and 10 followed the Lord in water baptism. The community was stirred for miles around. On Tuesday night following the close of the campaign we temporarily set the church in order with 15 names on the roster roll. We also helped them organize a Sunday school of about 30 members."

ALL-DAY CONVOCATION

Pastor Harry L. Collier, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Washington, D. C., writes: "We had a time of victory at the All-day Convocation, June 16, when a host of friends and workers came together for a big gospel feast, and to lift the second mortgage from the church building. God's blessing was evident throughout the day. The tabernacle offering marking the second year in the

building resulted in nearly \$3,300.00 being contributed. Great success has attended the church in the new edifice and the membership is growing every month. The Pastor spoke in the morning at a communion service, when new members were received and 30 new church officers, elders, and workers were consecrated to their work. The afternoon was fellowship hour, when short talks by visiting ministers, evangelists and others with choruses interspersed enlivened the service. The program closed with a great evening evangelistic service conducted by Christine Peirce of Toronto, Canada, at which God graciously blessed. We all feel the Lord has opened a greater door to us, and has marked our march forward with a new milestone of victory."

PRAYER TIME

Wm. Graham Scroggie

PRAYER DEMANDS REGULAR TIMES

The habit of ejaculatory seasons of prayer can never be substituted for fixed and regular times for prayer. Fixed time for prayer is a necessity. All our life must be, and is carefully organized. We have our meal time, our work time, our rest time; no one thinks of leaving these to the accident of mood or temperament. Why, then, should we subject prayer to our moods, and subordinate it to our inclination or disinclination as the case may be? We do nothing else that is serious on this principle, and yet, too often, we do the same serious thing of all after this fashion.

Among other requirements of regular prayer may be named these two—*first*, it should be in *secret*: "When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Closet communion is the most difficult to secure and maintain, but it is vastly the richest in results; it is our Lord's first lesson in the school of prayer, and we should secure it at any cost. It is not the prayer-meeting that leads to the closet, but closet communion which gives appetite for, and adds power to, the prayer-meeting.

And the second requirement is, it must be *unhurried*. It puts us all to shame when we read of what the busiest of men did in this matter in days gone by. John Wesley prayed at least for two hours daily; Martin Luther for three hours; Charles Simeon for four hours; Bishop Andrews for five hours; and John Welch, the Scotch preacher, for eight to ten hours. Perhaps we ask how they could take so much time for prayer, and do anything besides. Well, look at those names again, and you will see that they were all scholars and indefatigable workers, and it was just because they prayed so much that they worked so well. They believed that prayer was the principal thing, and that work was valuable and worth while only as it was steeped in prayer; consequently they gave it the first place, and made unhurried time for it. It is better to have fifteen minutes unhurried for prayer than a distracted hour; we must concentrate upon it, and be-

come absorbed by it, if we are to accomplish anything.

If, then, prayer must be regular, private, and unhurried, everything depends upon the choice of a time or times. David prayed three times a day—morning, noon and evening, and in this he was followed by Daniel; and perhaps we may infer from Psalm 119:164, that Ezra prayed seven times a day. Certainly the day should be begun, or ended, or both, by a season of private prayer. How much we need the help of the Almighty at daybreak before we set out again upon the pilgrim path, turn our hand once more to our allotted task, and face afresh our common foe! Early should we seek Him. "My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up."

M'Cheyne made a point of seeing the face of God before he saw the face of man. Earl Cairns, when greatly pressed by most exacting state duties, devoted the first hour and a half of his day to prayer. Sir Henry Havelock gave the first two hours of the day. Dr. Alexander Maclaren gave the first hour. Dr. Jowett has beautifully said, "I find my soul has a bias for the throne of grace about seven o'clock in the morning." And we have been told by the grandson of Dr. Kidd, of Aberdeen, how that great man prayed. He says, "In the darkness of a cold winter morning I have once and again heard him rising while the rest of the household was hushed in slumber. I listened while he patiently lit his fire, not with the ready help of lucifer matches, but with flint and steel eliciting a spark; then he began to breathe out his soul in the most earnest tones at the throne of grace; the utterances of his devout heart were not audible to me, who was in an adjoining room, but youngster as I was, I felt awed as I heard the sound of prayer that often became wrestling, and I knew that the man I revered was doing business with God."

But prayer is not less necessary at night than in the morning. The Levitical Law required morning and evening sacrifice; and the necessities of the case require this of us. Quaint George Herbert has said:

"He who goes to bed and doth not pray,
Maketh two nights of every day."

We need to come again at night to confess defeat, or to thank for victory, to acknowledge the divine mercies, and to offer God our worship. The principal time with some is the morning, with others the evening; no one can choose another's time, but time we each *must* have if our souls are to live, and time so spent is put out to largest profit and will bring in its wake no regrets. But how great will be the remorse some day when we see what time might and should have been spent in prayer, but which we trifled away. Listen to these solemn words by Canon Liddon:

"A time will probably come to most of us, if it has not come to some already, when we shall wish that the hours at our command, during the short day of life, had not been disposed of as they have. After all, this world is a poor thing to live for when the next is in view. Whatever be their claims created beings have no business to be sitting on that highest throne within the

soul that belongs to the Creator. Yet, for all that, too often they do sit there. And time is passing. Of that priceless gift of time, how much one day will be seen to have been lost; how ruinous shall we deem our investment of this, our most precious stock! How many interests, occupations, friendships, engagements—I speak not of the avowed ways of 'killing time' as it is termed with piteous accuracy—will be then regarded only as so many precautions for building our house upon the sand, as only so many expedients for assuring our failure to compass the true end of our existence! It may not now seem possible that we should ever think thus. Life is like the summer's day; and in the first fresh morning we do not realize the noon-day heat, and at noon we do not think of the shadows lengthening across the plain, and of the setting sun, and of the advancing night. Yet to each and all, the sunset comes at last; and those who have made most of the day are unlikely to reflect most bitterly how little they have made of it. Upon whatever else they may look back with thankfulness, or with sorrow, it is certain that they will regret no omissions of duty more keenly than neglect of prayer; they will prize no hours more highly than those which have been passed, whether in private or in public, before the throne of justice and of grace, upon which they hope to gaze throughout eternity."—Gospel Herald.

SAN DIEGO MEXICAN BIBLE SCHOOL

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that "all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." Meditating upon this truth he felt that it was not pleasing to God that he should belong to a secret order. Evidently the next step was to sever himself from a secret society which he had joined following the custom of his fathers. This he did after reading a paper to his fellow members based upon the Scripture setting forth his reasons for leaving and in face of much opposition bade them farewell. The Holy Spirit of God was his guide in all this, he neither asked nor received counsel from his newly found friends.

God is leading His servant on and if Jesus tarry he expects to enter Bible school on the expiration of his term of service in the U. S. Navy in 1931. His one desire is to go forth to preach the gospel to those who are in as dense darkness as he was and lead them to the Light of life. Pray for Epifanio Ongkiko.

BIBLE READING IN ITALY

There are about five hundred clubs in Italy at present which gather regularly for the purpose of studying the Bible. Even among the clergy of the Roman hierarchy a desire is noticeable for a more liberal use of the Bible. Priests frequently introduce Bible colporteurs to their young people, telling them to receive them without hesitation, "because," they say, "they are workers for the cause of Christ. They are also servants of the Lord." There are some canons who invite colporteurs into the vestry, purchase a Bible in the presence of other priests, stating that they expect to use this book in their preaching.

Another report says that the mother superior of a papal orphans' home has purchased Bibles. The Bible is becoming more popular in hospitals, in factories and in military barracks. Especially among the soldiers of the army there is a great demand for the Book. A colonel bought forty-one copies of the Bible for the officers of his regiment, and asked the colporteur to come again soon. A military school purchased thirty copies. Many banks in Italy have purchased Bibles for the use of their employees. Even a pronounced Catholic bank bought Bibles for all its employees. The officials of the various departments of the Government, public bureaus and men of every stratum of social life are buying Bibles, and are manifesting great interest in the same.—From "Der Hausfreund." Translated by L. R. Patmont, minister at Santa Rosa, Calif., in *Christian Standard*.

FEASTING ON HIM

Lo, the feast is spread to-day!
Jesus summons, come away
From the vanity of life,
From the sounds of mirth or strife,
To the feast by Jesus given,
Come and taste the Bread of heaven.

Blessed are the lips that taste
Our Redeemer's marriage feast;
Blessed who on Him shall feed,
Bread of life, and drink indeed,
Blessed, for their thirst is o'er,
They shall never hunger more.

—Henry Alford

Some one has made this discerning observation: "Willingness to know the truth about one's self is the mark of a brave character. Eagerness to hear opinion about one's self is the mark of a weak character."

Forthcoming Meetings

Pray for all forthcoming meetings. Notices of meetings should be received by us three full weeks before the meeting is to start.

ATTICA-SHARON.—District camp meeting August 15 to 25.—Fred Vogler.

TAFT, CALIF.—Because of the extreme heat, the meetings which were to have started on June 9 at Taft, Calif., have been called off for a later date.—Vincent Alexander, Tulare, Calif.

PENELTON, NEAR MANY, LA.—Old-time revival, July 14-28. Pastor Thomas M. Gray of Whitesboro, Okla., will do the preaching.—A. J. Stroud, Sec.

PERRYTON, TEXAS.—The Morton Trio—evangelistic singers and speakers. A Pan Handle revival campaign in new board tabernacle, July 14 to August 4.

PORTALES, N. MEX.—The A. F. Gardner Evangelistic Party will conduct a revival campaign at the Assembly of God, July 14-Aug. 4.—R. W. Griffin, pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—District camp meeting July 18 to 28. The Hymes Family, evangelistic singers and players, Ottawa, Kans., will be with us.—Fred Vogler.

BELLS CHAPEL, ARK.—Evangelist Wm. S. Moore and wife will conduct a revival July 27-Aug. 17. Neighboring assemblies invited. This chapel is near Atkins.—Pastor Annie L. Skelton.

MOOREFIELD, W. VA.—Evangelist Marjol Knabenshue of Grafton, W. Va., will conduct a revival campaign in the Methodist church here during the first three weeks of July.

ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA, DISTRICT CAMP MEETING. July 30 to August 8. Bring tents and bedding. Meals served on the freewill offering plan. Speakers will be brethren of the District.

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FRANKSTON, TEXAS.—Rev. D. M. Rice of Lufkin will conduct special services beginning the third Saturday in July.—R. Hetzel.

WOODSTON, KANS.—District camp meeting, August 1 to 11. Pastor Henry Hoar, of St. Louis, is expected to be with us.—Fred Vogler.

CRESTON, IOWA.—Revival in big tent conducted by Meyer TanDitter and wife, July 14-Aug. 11. Every night 7:45, Sundays 11, 3, 7:45.

OAK RIDGE, ARK.—3 miles east of, Tuckerman, Ark., 10 days' camp meeting beginning Aug. 3 in charge of Rev. A. L. Ledford of Cash, Ark.

KITCHENER, ONT.—Camp meeting July 21-Aug. 4. Main Speakers: Rev. A. G. Ward and Evangelist P. C. Nelson. Order tents before July 8.—W. L. Draffin, 41 Sterling Ave.

HULL WOODS, TEX.—Camp meeting beginning July 28, sponsored by the Burkburnett Christ's Ambassadors. Good camp ground. For information write, J. W. Elliott, Box 593, Burkburnett, Tex.

BASS, W. VA.—Evangelist Marjol Knabenshue of Grafton, W. Va., will conduct a revival campaign here July 21 to Aug. 5 or longer. We would appreciate the co-operation of all neighboring assemblies.

LA GRANDE, ORE.—City-wide revival in big tent, July 7 to August 4, conducted by Evangelist H. Hansen, of Salem, Oregon. Near-by assemblies invited.—Miss Nellie Briggs, Secretary, Island City, Ore.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—Sectional Council Meeting at Assemblies of God, 633 So. Cherokee St., July 25, 26. All ministers of the section are urged to be present and assemblies represented.—Pastor S. M. Padgett, Box 97, Muskogee, Okla.

FOWLER, CALIF.—Brother Jacob Miller of Inglewood expects to begin a tent meeting beginning July 17. The tent will be diagonally across the street from the Christian church. Near-by assemblies are cordially invited.—Brother and Sister H. H. Baker, pastors, Fresno, Calif.

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—The Full Gospel Church will conduct tent services at Third Ave. and State Highway, Neptune City, July 14-Aug. 5 or longer. Services each night at 7:45 except Monday and Saturday. Special speakers will be heard.—Pastor Irving H. Meier, 318 Euclid Ave.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.—Old-fashioned revival with Evangelist J. A. Carpenter and Brother William Skondin, violinist and singer, starting August 4, and continuing two weeks or more, corner of L. Ave. and Annis St. Meetings 2:30 and 8 p. m.—Pastor O. E. Farris, 3209 Ave. M.

SEDALIA, MO.—The Annual camp meeting of the So. Missouri Dist. Council will be held July 18-28. Elders W. T. Gaston and Harold H. Moss, speakers. Annual Christ's Ambassadors meeting 24-25. For further information write Pastor Bert Talcott, 1820 So. Grand Ave., or A. A. Wilson, Dexter, Mo.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Pentecostal rally and evangelistic campaign, July 14-Aug. 14. Services in large tent, Chas. A. Shreve Evangelistic Party in charge. Arrangements being made for plenty of rooms at reasonable rates. Washington's famous tourist camp available. For further information write, Secretary Campaign Committee, 636 "C" Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

GUERNSEY VALLEY CAMP MEETING OF BYESVILLE AND CAMBRIDGE, OHIO.—Under new management. July 26-Aug. 11. Delightful camp ground opposite the city park, on North Eighth St., National Highways running N. S. E. W. Tents and cots for rent. Meals at reasonable rate. Rev. R. M. Shearer of New Bremen, Ohio, will be the special speaker.—Pastor A. W. Payne, Cambridge, Ohio, Gen. Del.

WOODSTON, KANSAS.—The annual camp meeting for the Northwest will be held three miles east of Woodston on U. S. 40 S., August 1-11. H. B. Garlock, of Colorado Springs, and Frank M. Boyd, Dean of the Central Bible Institute, will be the speakers. The afternoon services will be conducted by the Christ's Ambassadors. Tents for rent on the grounds, meals served at reasonable prices. For information write to Pastor Oria Bray.

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS.—The ninth annual camp meeting for Eastern Kansas will be held in Forrest Park Pavilion, Coffeyville, July 18-28. Evangelist Ben Hardin, of Chicago, and Myer Pearlman of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., will be the speakers. Christ's Ambassadors will have charge of the afternoon services. Please order your tent in advance, for we have only a limited number. Meals will be served on the ground. For information write to Chas. Sheall, 602 W. 11th St.

AMARILLO, TEX.—The annual camp meeting for the plains of Texas and Northern New Mexico will be conducted in Amarillo, Aug. 2-11. A shed or tent will be prepared for the services. Camp cottages near the church may be had at reasonable rates. Meals will be served on the free-will offering plan in the basement of the church. Four services daily. Evangelist Oscar Berryhill has been requested to bring the evening messages. Various ministers will speak in the day services. For further information write Mrs. R. L. Miessie, 500 Cleveland St., Amarillo, Tex.

MARLOWE, W. VA.—The Fifth Annual Camp Meeting for Potomac District will be held in the beautiful Lemon Woods grove, midway between Martinsburg, W. Va., and Hagerstown, Md., on State Highway 11, August 4 to 25. Prominent speakers announced later. Tents and cots for rent on grounds; meals served at reasonable prices in screened dining tent. All ministers affiliated with district are urged to be present. For further information write Pastor Howard E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., or H. W. Kline, Superintendent, Washington, D. C.

DENVER, COLO.—The twelfth annual convention and camp meeting of the Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God will be held at Overland Park, August 4 to 14. Evangelist Ben Hardin, of Chicago, will be the main speaker, assisted by local ministers in the District. Each assembly is urged to send its pastor and two delegates. The business session of the Council will be held morning and afternoon of the 7th, 8th, and 9th. Cottages and tents will be rented at reasonable rates. Meals may be obtained at the cafeteria near by, or cooking can be done on the grounds by those desiring to do so. Bring your own bedding. For further information write Pastor S. H. Patterson, East 37th Ave. & Gilpin; Pastor G. L. Rose, 1907 S. Clarkson, Denver, Colo.; or Floyd C. Woodworth, 411 East Laurel, Fort Collins, Colo.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE.—My address up till September 1 will be 546 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kans.—Fred Vogler.

NOTICE.—Any one desiring to get in touch with me, may do so at 602 E. 15th St., Houston, Tex.—Evangelist (Mrs.) Vera Ragsdale.

FOR SALE.—Complete set of "The World Book" (encyclopedia) ten volumes, 6528 pages; like new \$25.00.—Otis R. Keener, 206 N. Penn. Bartlesville, Okla.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—During the month of July you may reach Evangelist W. B. McCafferty and wife c/o H. H. Wray, 602 North Rose St., Breckenridge, Texas.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—C. H. Austin is now pastor of the Verdugo City Gospel Mission, and can be reached at Rt. 1, Box 2219, LaCrescenta, Calif.

WANTED.—Young lady, preacher preferred but not essential, to help teach vacation Bible schools for children during July and August. Meetings held in connection with these schools.—Bertha Byrd, 514 E. Commancie, McAlester, Okla.

NOTICE.—Bethel Gospel Mission, 330 Fifth St., Elko, Nevada, earnestly asks that any one in good standing in Council fellowship making the trip over the Victory Highway either east or west would kindly stop and pay us a visit. We are located about one-half block from the main highway.—Bernard Tewell, pastor.

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1.19 Assembly of God Church Leachville Ark
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2.35 Delta Assembly Chandler Tex
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2.63 Stanfield Assembly Stanfield Ore
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3.32 Assembly of God Yazoo City Miss
3.35 Hendley Assembly of God Hendley Nebr
3.53 Assembly of God S S Bridgeport Tex
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10.00	Children of Eagle Bend Assembly Eagle Bend Minn
10.48	Assembly of God Knox City Mo
10.79	Assembly of God McCook Nebr
11.00	Missionary Society Auburn Wash
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13.00	Pent'l Assembly of God Yelm Wash
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Total amount reported \$ 5,238.51	
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June 14, 1929

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I have tried to follow your suggestions in the leaflet in regard to the Gospel Kits. I like the plan. Several of my booklets have been returned and they seem to have read them with much pleasure.

One dear Baptist lady said: "I couldn't tell you how much I enjoyed it, and I wish I could buy it." So I felt I must give it to her. She said she would pass it on to her friends, so the work goes on.

I loaned one booklet to a dear Presbyterian friend who said she read it through three times and agreed with it in full. So they are sure turning to Pentecost. Praise the Lord!

Well, I can't tell you the details of my work, nope this will suffice.

Yours in Christian love,

Aurelia Finley

Just along with her regular daily routine, Mrs. Finley is one of the many who are bringing joy and blessing to others by lending them the *Broadcast Booklets* which are contained in the Gospel Kits.

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