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A Gracious Revival in Liberia

Lois Shelton

WHEN I was nine years old there came into my heart an intense desire to know God. Three years later I attended a revival meeting for the first time, and there in a Presbyterian church in a little town in Southern Illinois the plan of salvation was presented to me. How eagerly I listened—and one evening Jesus whispered, "Follow Me." How it thrilled my heart when I realized that He was speaking to me. Gladly I followed.

Followed, yes, but afar off. I longed for a life of victory, of power to lead others to Christ. Many times I looked into the shining face of my Sunday school teacher (God bless her if she is living today) and wished with all my heart that I too could be an overcoming Christian. I thought only those who had served God for years and years could dare hope for such an experience with God. Praise God, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled.

Three years after my conversion some very peculiar people came to our town and began holding meetings in an old building. Strange tales were told of the "carrying-on" of the "Holy Rollers." Sister and I, curious, determined to attend, and mother felt it her duty to accompany us. Hardly knowing what to expect we took a seat near the door so we could make a hurried exit if necessary. They called themselves "saints"; they rejoiced in a hope that Jesus would soon return; they testified to an experience of being

baptized with the Holy Ghost; and both young and old declared they were living a victorious life. After attending their meetings for one week, I knew *this was that* for which I longed. I plunged right in and God filled me with the Holy Spirit.

I now had joy a-plenty. My life was a victorious one. I could pray and testify without fear or shame. Ridicule and persecution only drove me closer to God. Never a thought did I have as to where

my church home. There I first heard of the appalling conditions in the lands of heathen darkness. Missionaries visiting our assembly told of their trials and triumphs and pleaded for helpers in making Jesus known to the ends of the earth. Into my heart came a fear that if I really obeyed God He might send me beyond the sea. Fainter and fainter became the call of God; louder and clearer the call of the world. Rebellion seized me. Why should I be compelled to suffer while others were allowed to follow their own plans, winning for themselves the comforts and luxuries of life?

I continued in the activities of the church but the glory had departed from my soul. Oh, how many times have I wept over the years I wasted while souls perished. "Oh love that will not let me go." Gently He dealt with me, then when I would not heed, the rod of chastisement fell until with contrite heart and broken spirit I fell at His feet and cried, "Lord forgive! By Thy grace I will be obedient unto Thee." The joy, the

peace, the anointing returned to my soul and I no longer feared to be alone with God.

While waiting for God to show me His plan, I continued in secular work, in the meantime helping to arouse and maintain interest and zeal for world-wide missions in our assembly, and giving myself to intercessory prayer. In the fall of 1925 God spoke clearly and unmistakably through the written Word, "Go ye into
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Lois Shelton and some of the Christian boys. "The one at my right was my interpreter. This was taken in Sabbo Tribe on my way to Cape Palmas, June, 1932."

I would ultimately be led by the blessed Comforter and Guide. I knew nothing about missionaries—had never heard or seen one. Six months after my Baptism God called me to preach the gospel and I willingly answered His call. I knew there must be a time of preparation before stepping out, but after several months passed by I began to lose some of the zeal for souls. With friends I left Illinois and came to Tulsa in 1919. The assembly at Fifth and Peoria Streets became

Consecrated to the Will of God

Donald Gee at the Eureka Springs Camp Meeting

"And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech." Ruth 2:2, 3.

I received a letter the other day from a young lady who is saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. She tells me that some few years ago she felt a distinct call to the mission field, but that when she went to be examined as to whether she was fit in body, the doctor said no. On top of that she has some financial obligations, and she has fallen into a beautiful attachment with a Pentecostal preacher who says he would be quite willing to go to Africa; but it seems that the young man is really more willing to go because he loves the girl than because God has called him. And the dear young lady has written asking for advice. I get lots of letters like that. I only tell you of this one because it helps introduce what is on my heart. So many are full of questions as to God's will. So many are anxious to know God's will in their lives and to feel sure that God is having His way.

Let us turn to the story of Ruth and get some practical lessons from it on the line of walking in the steps of God's will. It is the story of a young Moabitish woman, and how by the wonderful overruling of God she married a wealthy son of Israel. It is a fine little romance. Get up at half-past five tomorrow morning and read it through and you will be charmed with it. How God brings this dear young widow into the place of comfort and rest! And there is something else behind it, for God makes her to be one of that distinguished line through whom eventually came the Lord Jesus Christ. Her life fulfilled a high destiny. It is an exquisite commentary on the truth of Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Ruth goes out to glean, but as she goes out God's hand is guiding her so that she comes to the field of Boaz. That wasn't a worked-up thing, as some people think. This is the way some people would have it work.

"Ruth," says Naomi, "you are a young widow, but you don't want to be a widow

all your life. Now the most sensible thing for you to do is to get married again."

"Yes, mother. That is a very good proposition."

"Now, look here, my dear. Just near where we are there is a rich relative of mine who is an unmarried man."

"Yes, mother, I understand," Ruth replies.

"You are looking fine. Now if you take my advice you'll put on that nice red scarf and make yourself as attractive as you can, and then go out to where he is; and of course you must let it appear as if it all happened by accident. Stroll into the fields of Boaz, and when you are gleaning be sure you get close to him. And I needn't tell you any more."

That is how it might have happened, but it didn't. The story of Ruth has a charm of innocence about it. It is not planned. Ruth goes out not knowing where she is going to glean. Naomi hadn't known. The whole thing was just beautiful, simple, and innocent; and yet as we look on the finished story we can see that it was the hand of God that led Ruth to the field of Boaz.

It is wonderful to look back upon our lives and see the unrecognized moments when God put His hand upon the switch and turned us here and there. Oh those turning points in life! Some have a mistaken idea that you will always know when you are approaching a real crisis, and then you have to stay up all night and pray. But sometimes you do not recognize what a crisis time it is in your life, but looking back you see the hand of God. God is on the throne and He is guiding my steps every day and every hour if I am His child.

I saw a most striking thing when I was crossing the Canadian Rockies. After leaving the city of Calgary, the train begins to climb up thousands of feet, through foothills and mountain peaks, to the Great Divide. There all the transcontinental trains are stopped and the passengers get off to see a most wonderful sight. Coming down the mountain side there is a little stream only about two feet wide. At a certain point a rock stands right in its path. As it comes to that rock half the water goes one way and half the other. One enters into the Pacific and the other into the Atlantic.

As I stood there I thought of the great divides in our lives where we come to a parting of the ways. And if we will

put our life into the hands of God, believe me, His hand will guide. I want to relieve some of your hearts of the strain and stress of anxiety and lead you to the rest of faith in God. God is guiding, though sometimes His guidance is unseen and unfelt.

It hurts me to hear God's people talking about *luck*. I don't believe that in God's children's lives there is such a thing as *luck*. I believe in the providence of God. When I hear people talking about *luck* I wonder if they are pagans or Christians. Talking about good or bad luck! What do you think you are? Thank God, I am His child. Do you mean to infer that we are like dead leaves that fall off the trees, and which the wind can blow about as it likes? I don't believe it. But I do believe in the providence of God for God's children.

The Lord Jesus Christ told us that the very sparrows couldn't fall to the ground without our Father knowing it, and then He turned around and looked them straight in the face and said, "You are worth more than many sparrows." Do you believe it?

A lot of people say, "Wasn't Ruth *lucky*? She got a rich husband. She just happened into the right field." I say it is a disgrace for God's children to talk like that. The Lord give us to believe in the overruling providence of our great heavenly Father.

Take the story of the young man named Joseph. The world would say that he had bad luck from the beginning. First of all his brothers were so jealous that they sold him as a slave. That was bad luck, wasn't it? according to the world. Then he got a good job for a slave. He got on well until he got in trouble through a lie a woman told, as a result of which he was plunged into prison. He was in prison during some of the brightest sunniest years of his life. Then when he interpreted some dreams he begged, "Don't forget me." But the fellow forgot all about him. Two years went by and then, according to the world, his luck turned. Pharaoh called him. Joseph had to shave in a hurry; and he who began that day as a prisoner in the dungeon ended it the next man to Pharaoh in the kingdom.

You know how his brothers, because of the shortage of food in Israel, had to come to Egypt to buy corn. You remember the lovely boyish trick that Joseph played on them. He believed in God, and because he believed in God he didn't get sour and bitter. Keep sweet! Instead of getting sore like most of us would have done, he still had the sunny heart of a boy. He hid their money and then the cup in their sacks. Finally they recognized him. Tremblingly they came before him. Then Joseph gives one of the most wonderful answers that a young man of thirty could ever give. He said, "Ye

thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Instead of being bitter, all he could see was the providence of God that had overruled every step of the way, to save his family and to save the whole nation alive. It is good to believe that God is working His purpose out in your life.

I may be talking to "Josephs" who are still in prison. You'll soon come out. God is still on the throne. Keep sweet and trust Him. God is working His own purpose out, and if you will wait long enough you will see that God is preparing you for a wonderful blessing. Some people say, "I cannot see why I am having to suffer this." Maybe it is because God is going to give you a wonderful ministry in helping others. If you had not first been tested, you could not help. It may be that you are going through a financial test. I have been through times when I would only have twelve cents in my pocket. And it has been more recently than you think. It may be that God is preparing you to talk to other people about trusting God. God lets us have these experiences so that we shall be able to help other people.

Another Old Testament story I want to refer to is that of Esther. Have you ever read the little book of Esther through at one sitting? It is one of the finest gems of the Bible. It is a story of the Jews in captivity, and Haman is wanting to murder the whole lot of them. Esther by a remarkable circumstance is married to the king. Her own people are in peril of massacre. Mordecai comes saying, "Esther, it is up to you to intercede for your people." "Go in to the king without being called! Why, I would be in danger of having my head chopped off," she replies. "I can't help it," Mordecai says; "it is not the case of one, but of thousands of others. Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

You see, it was the hand of God that was overruling, and guiding, and bringing Esther to be the queen for this very crisis. Esther goes in before the king, and God again overrules and saves His people alive. Isn't it lovely to look back and see the providence of God!

I look back on some of the most critical years of my life, when I felt there was no other course than to be a conscientious objector in the War. Never will I forget the night when they had me before the tribunal, with the prospect of being sent to prison. Oh how they toasted me, and then went out to consider the matter. I was a young married man with a wife and little baby. If ever I did some hard praying I did it then. The verdict of the court was that it would be all right, so long as I got some work satisfactory to them within fourteen days.

Well, when I got outside I realized that it wasn't as good as it sounded. They weren't going to find me the position; and when I did find it, it had to meet with their approval. My wife had an uncle who was a farmer. I wrote asking him if he needed any help on his farm, and got a telegram saying, "Come down at once." Within a fortnight I was working on my uncle's farm.

We had all sorts of experiences. My wages were \$5.00 a week; and as we always tithed, we lived on \$4.50. Oh how the Lord blessed us! There was a potato famine in England at that time. Now, I am very fond of potatoes. They had an old bit of ground that was no use, so they gave it to me. When I started digging I found it had been planted with potatoes, and only half of them had been dug. So every day I came home with a pan of potatoes. Everybody wondered how we could have potatoes, when nobody could buy them for love or money.

Before I had been on this job six months my uncle died. During this six months, every Sunday I got on my old bicycle and rode over to a Holiness mission seven miles away, and there I got friendly with a Holiness farmer. When my uncle died I had to get a job quick, so I went to this Holiness farmer friend, and he gave me a job. Never will I forget the day when we were both working on top of a haystack and he said, "What is it that makes you and your wife different?" I talked to him about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, right there on top of the hay stack. He said, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could have some prayer meetings?" I said we could have them in my cottage, so on Tuesday night the boss came round to pray with wife and me. We had been praying a while when the Holiness farmer took off his jacket. It was mid-winter and we wondered why he did it. Well, it wasn't long after that until he began to speak in tongues. When it was all over I said, "Excuse me, but why did you take your jacket off?" "Well, I have heard it spoken of as the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and *fire*, and as far as I was concerned the fire was so literal that I was all over sweat."

My wife and I were so encouraged that we decided to have a weekly prayer meeting in our little cottage, and our little room was full of people every Tuesday night. What wonderful times we had! It is a Pentecostal assembly now. Oh those were wonderful days! Many times when those prayer meetings were over, my wife and I used to gather up the things they had left behind. Under one chair I found a quarter of a pound of butter, under another two or three eggs, or one or two heads of cabbage. Oil was very hard to obtain, and one night we actually found a bottle of oil, and my wife and I got down and praised the Lord. That was my first pastorate. Then one

day God dropped a call into my heart and showed me that when I was through with that job He wanted me in the ministry. So I got my call to the ministry while I was a ploughman. I could tell you how God led us step by step to Edinburgh, and then in 1928 God launched me out into a world-wide ministry. It is wonderful when God rules in your life.

(To be continued)

Youth!

"Youth dominates the world stage, challenging the established order and religion in every land. The youth of Turkey has disestablished Islam, won freedom for woman, and inspired movements for emancipation throughout the world. Twenty-five millions of Russian youth—the backbone of the anti-God propaganda throughout Russia—are a menace to the peoples of Central Asia. The Communistic youth of China control a seventh of its people (60,000,000) and in Japan, Marxism, dangerous and militant, is capturing youth and threatens a national upheaval. Youth in India is slowly evolving a new order, destroying divisive caste, and building a national unity," writes J. J. Cooksey in the *World Dominion Prayer Bulletin*. He continues:

"Throughout the whole world youth is in revolt, denouncing our religious disunion and failure to fit our faith to the facts of life and the modern social and economic order. The youth of the world is out upon a spiritual trek, desiring a better country, but without any clear direction thereto. Never have temples, mosques, synagogues, and churches been so deserted, and never has youth been so pitifully hungry-hearted. Wherever a prophet arises, however, to proclaim the Gospel in the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit, there, on all the continents youth is pausing to listen, to reflect, and to make the great decision. Christian men who have the Light of Life, and leaders in the non-Christian world who have but the twilight, together are concerned for the peril of modern youth."

Satan is making a bold bid for the youth of the world today—doubtless preparing a generation for Armageddon. Paul instructs fathers concerning children to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4. There is a great responsibility on all Christian parents today to obey the scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go," which injunction is followed by the promise, "and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

"Brethren, we want grace to say, 'I can be poor; I can be ridiculed; I can be advised; but I cannot be false to my Lord.'"—Spurgeon.

The Editor's Notebook



Written on Her Heart

Queen Mary of England, who is known in history as "Bloody Mary," married Philip of Spain, and this man plunged England into a war with France. England was very disunited at this time; many of the people were greatly incensed because Mary had sent Cranmer, Ridley, Latimer and many other noble Protestant ministers to the stake. The result was that England lost the war, and the last of the possessions she had gained from France in what was known as the "Hundred Years' War," were taken from her. When the news came that Calais had fallen into the hands of the French, it was a blow to Mary from which she never recovered. Nothing could console the queen. Calais was lost! Mary's heart was broken. The same year that Calais fell, Mary died. One of the last things the miserable woman said was, "When I am dead you will find Calais written on my heart."

Christ Only

Think back and you will remember another persecutor of the saints, who was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord;" but this one had an interview with Jesus of Nazareth on the road to Damascus. From that hour there was one word written on the transformed persecutor's heart. It was not Calais, nor was it Capernaum. It was "Christ." His testimony henceforth was, "For me to live is Christ!" When the time had come for Paul the aged to be offered up he did not say, "After my death you will find Corinth or Colosse on my heart!" Oh, no. All the things of earth had faded. Christ occupied all his vision. He was full of joy at the thought of being ushered from the martyr's block into the presence of Him who was his exceeding great reward, and receiving from His nail-pierced hands a crown of righteousness that will be fadeless throughout eternity.

Gain or Loss

Some years ago I met an old boyhood friend. We had gone to the same school, the same church, the same Sunday school. It was Sunday and we arranged to go to church together. That night the preacher's theme was, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." I must confess I had somewhat of a shock when, as we were leaving the church, my friend lit a cigarette and said callously, "Well, for me to live is cigarettes!" Some years later I

heard of this dear fellow dying in the World war. As I meditated, I wondered whether at his last hour he had put a cigarette in front of him and said, "Hold thou thy charms before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies!" or whether in his last solemn moments he had turned to the Lord and said, "Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, O Lamb of God, I come to Thee!" There are many today who might not say, "For me to live is cigarettes," and yet if their hearts expressed themselves honestly they would have to say, "For me to live is covetousness," and they would have to add, "and to die is loss." Only those who have made Christ first and foremost and all in all can look forward to their departure as "gain," as the apostle did.

Epistles of Christ

Christ, the Mediator of the new and better covenant, writes something on our hearts. It is not the word Calais nor anything earthly. He writes His laws into our minds and on our hearts. How does He write? The apostle tells us "by the Spirit of the living God." As we yield to the Spirit of God He will make us "epistles of Christ," telling others through us of the love of Christ, the grace of Christ, the power of Christ, the goodness of Christ, the longsuffering of Christ, the mercy of Christ. F. B. Meyer used to say, "God wants us to be walking Bibles, but the trouble is that many of us

are walking libels." Why? The Spirit of God has not had His right of way. In 2 Corinthians 3 the apostle shows us that "the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones (the law of Moses), was glorious . . . how shall not the ministration of the Spirit (the Word of God written on our hearts) be rather glorious . . . by reason of the glory that excelleth." A life yielded to the Spirit will show forth the glory of Christ that will recommend Him to sinners. As they see His "joy unspeakable and full of glory" in us they will want to taste and see how good He is.

For All People

Listen to this word given to the Son of God by the Lord God of old, "It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . . . I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth . . . and I will preserve thee and give thee for a covenant of the people." Isa. 49:6, 8. Do you get that? The new covenant—the everlasting covenant—is just *Christ Himself!* Well might the apostle warn the Colossian saints not to be taken up with meats and drinks and holy days and Sabbath days of the old covenant, which are only a shadow of things to come. He wanted them to be occupied with the substance, and *the substance is Christ.* Don't be a shadow-chaser. Thank God, you can have the Substance—Christ dwelling in your heart by faith. All the infinite resources of God are in Christ. "In Him (that is Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and ye are complete in Him." Col. 2:9, 10. There is no completeness outside of Christ, but, thank God, there is completeness for you in Him. He who looks alone to Christ as his righteousness, his holiness, his all in all, can say with Wesley, "Thou, O Christ, art all I need; more than all in Thee I find."

Bridehood

There is a very beautiful promise in Revelation 3:12, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God . . . and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God . . . and I will write upon him my new name." When a young man loves a maid and takes her to be his wife, he gives to her all that he has, including his name. The overcomer here is to be the bride of the Son of God, and will have written upon her the name of His Father, the name of the bride city, and also the new name of the heavenly Bridegroom. We may well scorn all earthly titles, all earthly pomp, all earthly wealth, all earthly places, and all that is of earth; we are called to a heavenly heritage and that heritage is Christ Himself. He is enough!

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The Passing and the Permanent

A Review of Current Life and Thought in the Light of Scripture

War Factories

According to a daily paper, Mr. Winston Churchill, the English statesman, made the statement that over all Europe there is hardly a factory that has not been prepared for war service. Every detail has been worked out for its immediate transformation upon a given signal.

Rumors of wars continue to add to the misery of our already distracted world. Matt. 24:6.

Through Great Tribulation

A report from the Russian Missionary Society mentions one Christian worker in Russia who, in three months baptized 465 converts in three villages.

No amount of government persecution can hinder God's working. The Soviet will certainly not succeed where the Roman government failed. So powerful is God's truth that even during the reign of Antichrist there will be those who will hold fast to the gospel. Rev. 15:2.

More Land for the Jews

According to the *New York Times*, a six months option for leasing 17,500 acres of land in Transjordan for thirty-three years, and renewable for two more similar periods, has been obtained from the Emir Abdullah, ruler of that section. The land will be used for colonization.

We believe that, long before the first thirty-three years expire, the Divine Ruler will come who will give them the land forever. Ezek. 37:25-28.

The Great Apostasy

In 1929 Mr. Hoover appointed a commission to investigate social conditions in this country. In their report, which has been recently published, they made the following statements concerning the religious and moral life of the United States. "Traditional Christianity (that is, the old-fashioned gospel) has been sinking to a new low point in public interest." "The findings show that the Decalog (ten commandments) as a whole is no longer authoritative. Lying, stealing, and murder are still unfashionable, *but virtue it seems, is no longer essential*" (italics ours). "Toleration of extra-marital sex relations by the general public, as reflected in short stories, moving pictures and plays, has been several times as great as it was in 1900."

The Bible warns us that the period before Antichrist's coming will be preceded by a great falling away in religion (2 Thess. 2:3), and a lowering of the moral standard. 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

Fruitful Palestine

A noted Jewish financier said (quoted in *Prophecy*), "I am a Palestine farmer, and Palestine is the subject that is nearest my heart, something of which I love to talk. Let us join hands together and try to make Palestine so beautiful that other people will envy the work we have done."

And thus is being fulfilled the scripture, "The desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden." Ezek. 36:34, 35.

A Tragic "If"

Some years ago, the following statement was made by the late Israel Zangwill, an internationally known Jewish author. "If the Christians of Europe had been Christlike, there would not have remained a single Jew in Europe." In other words, they would have accepted the gospel. What a responsibility will be that of the apostate church that has corrupted the gospel and mistreated the Jews. "Come, ye blessed of my Father," will not be said to those who have cursed God's erring, but chosen people. Matt. 25:41-46; Gen. 12:3, first words.

Television and Antichrist

How will Antichrist create world-wide admiration of himself, and command universal adoration? Very probably through television, which is making such strides that soon it will be possible for people to see and hear plays, operas, public functions, prize-fights, etc. in their own homes. Writes R. H. Broughton, "It does not take much imagination to realize the possibility of universal homage being rendered to the Antichrist by this means, especially if not only his voice can be heard, but his very form can be seen in living pictures on the Television Screen."

Spiritual Paralysis

Said Dean Inge of England, a keen observer of the times, "There was never a time when the fear of God played so small a part in men and women's real religion as it does now. We are not afraid, as earlier generations were afraid, of God's judgment."

When a sick person will no longer respond to the prick of a needle, we may well fear for him—he is paralyzed! The absence of the fear of judgment today is a sign of spiritual paralysis, which is a prelude to divine judgment. The indications are that such was the condition in the days of Noah. Matt. 24:37-39.

The Devil's Mass

A journalist writing in the *New York World* (quoted by Keith Brooks in *Prophecy*) states that there are twenty-two chapels in Paris given over to the cult of Satan, in which a black mass is offered every Friday. The following hymn is sung to organ accompaniment: "O Lucifer, immensity without limits, beauty, perfection, utterance, love; we offer thee our bodies, our hearts, our souls. Take possession of us. Give us strength to make thy cause triumph against Christ and against all superstitions and errors of Christianity. To thee, glory in this age and in the age to come. Amen." Satan worship is one of the oldest of false cults. It will continue and increase until it culminates in the worship of Antichrist. Rev. 13:4.

The Fruits of Atheism

Writes Mr. Raud, director of the European Christian Mission (quoted in *Dawn*): "Because the Communistic Party has spread atheism in Russia for nearly fifteen years, a believer under twenty-one years of age is hard to find. All persons under eighteen who attend a religious gathering are deprived of their food cards which are the only means of buying food at a reasonable price. No schools exist except the Government schools where the pupils are taught to despise and hate religion as the tool of Capitalism. Every day millions of Russian children are taught in school that there is no God; they laugh when they hear that people believe in God. No Bibles can be sent into Russia or printed there. Not only the destruction of religion and capitalism, but the abolition of family life also is an objective of Communism. For a small fee a divorce can be secured as often as desired, even twice a day. A young man who recently attended a Russian university told me that moral conditions among the young people of Russia are such that he could not describe them. Both sexes are housed in the same dormitories of the universities."

What the harvest will be from a generation educated without God, only the future can reveal. Already some of the evil fruits of atheistical teaching are being seen. Mr. Martens, quoted in the same periodical, writes that "a medical doctor, who had received permission from the government to examine medically the Young Pioneer's Brigade, found that of all girls from twelve to fourteen years of age 90 per cent had lost their purity." "Last year 80,000 operations (*Spectator*, Oct. 15, 1932) were performed in the abortion clinics of Moscow alone."

Atheism and corruption go hand in hand, as can be seen in the 14th Psalm: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works."

What Have You in Your Soul?

F. F. Reidenbach

We all enjoy the mountain-top experiences; everyone is glad to have them, but few care to come down from the mountain. Of necessity we must all at some time leave the blissful mountain-top and come again into the valley. What have you in your soul when you are in the valley? In crossing New York Bay during a heavy fog, when one could not see fifty feet ahead, I noticed that the Statue of Liberty was not to be seen; but when later the same day I again crossed the Bay, the fog having lifted, there stood the statue in all its grandeur. It had been there all the while, only obscured by the fog. We must pass through many a fog, but we need that something in our soul that when the fogs have rolled away, and the sun again shines, we shall be found having *stood unmoved* during the heaviest storms.

Jeremiah had had a hard time. Enemies on every side, and he saw the wicked prosper! In his trouble he went to God and God said to him, "If thou hast run with the footmen and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses, and if in the land of peace wherein thou trustest they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of the Jordan?" He had forgotten that God's method of making saints is as follows: I may put in a garden next Spring. I will start soon and sow my seed in a hotbed, it will be covered with glass and in extreme weather it will be protected from frosts. It will have only warm air and probably lukewarm water so the plants will not be chilled. Then as the weather gets warmer these hot-house plants will be of the sturdiest kind and able to stand any kind of weather? . . . *No!* The Master Gardener's method of making saints is altogether different. He lets us get the coldest north wind and heaviest blizzards and wildest weather and by such means drives us into God and the Word and thereby we get to know Him and mature into His likeness.

Such was the method God was using with Jeremiah and such is the method He is still using today.

Have you noticed that our stay here is only one of probation or trial for the hereafter? We are being tried out and proven to see what kind of material there is in us and according to the result we will be in places of more or less responsibility in the future kingdom. Did we fully realize how carefully the Master is watching our every action and reaction

under trial, and how by every action we are actually making our future, we should be much more concerned to see that we do not fail Him in what we are doing. It is more important to have the grace of God in the soul than to get personal satisfaction and vindication.

To get to the heart of the subject: What have you in your soul? There are so many threadbare experiences today. We all know what threadbare clothing is. Many today who in better times would have discarded them, are wearing clothes that are threadbare. The cloth is worn out and as one holds it up to the light, it is very thin and about ready to come apart. Many a person's experience in these days is about like that. True they had a wonderful Baptism and we do not belittle the absolute necessity of the Baptism, but their spiritual experience seems so shallow, and when a test comes they are unable to stand.

So many complain if they do not get a blessing; if the experience were not so shallow they would not complain along that line, for if one has a real experience in God and is walking in the light, he will have all the blessing he can take care of. *Blessings must be the result of something within and not the result of a condition without. We have the Blessor within and the more we follow in His steps the more we shall find our lives crowned with blessing along the way.* There are those who lay great emphasis upon the experiences we receive. The amount of shout seems to be the thermometer of a good meeting, but it is far more important to get a real lasting work in one's soul. We must lay a foundation which will stand the coming storms.

It takes a crisis to show just how much we really have in our soul. Have you ever seen a person go completely to pieces under a test? That is not the result of the immediate test. It proves a condition of heart that it took the particular test to bring to the surface. The condition of heart had been slowly created and was precipitated by the test. How we admire Stephen and Daniel in their tests. Stephen in his masterful apology, when at the close "they gnashed on him with their teeth," prayed that they might be forgiven. That right there proved what he had in his soul. Daniel when facing the intriguing statesmen and finally the lions, proved the fine contact his soul had with the Almighty. It took

the test to make it appear. You may sail along awhile with a shallow experience but the day of storms is coming and what have you in your soul to stand "the swellings of the Jordan."

The reason for so much worldliness among Christian people is that they have so little in their souls. The more one has of God the less he will care for the world, and the more of the world one has the less he will care for God. If you have the adornment of a meek and quiet spirit within, you won't care for diamonds without; if the glory of God is in your soul you'll never be able to use any make-up, for God's glory cannot and will not shine through camouflage. Instead of tearing the worldliness off from the outside one needs such an experience with God that the very presence of the Almighty will kill all worldliness at the roots and that is the only Scriptural way of getting worldliness out of the heart. It is no use knocking the fruit off the tree each year in an annual attempt to get rid of bad fruit. Cut the tree down and the job is done. Have God destroy the desire by His mighty indwelling presence and outward things will take care of themselves.

It is easy going now. It is going to be harder. We are facing tremendous issues for 1933. *Internationally:* the debt question, the growing hatred for the United States, the Manchurian problem; *Economically:* the unemployment question, the Communist peril; *Nationally:* the failure of many banking institutions, the growing spirit of unrest. When some of the leading bankers talk of a "Dictator," and the need of one today, it is time to see where we are.

We are now contending for footmen and if when there is peace you cannot keep up with them how do you expect to keep up with the horsemen? When the Jordan overflowed its banks, which happened annually, the wilder animals, lions, etc., left their liars in the overhanging thickets along its borders, and went inland destroying man and beast. Jeremiah realized that this was one of the dangers of the swelling of the Jordan. If in this land of comparative ease you cannot stand, what will you do when things get worse as they seem bound to do in the near future? We still have comparative freedom to worship as we wish, but when the time comes that real persecution is let loose, God grant that we may have had such an experience that we shall be able to say, "We went through fire and through water . . ." Dark the night is now but we expect it to get darker and in the very center of the darkest time we expect to hear the midnight cry, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." Then may our experience be such that it will have carried us through all the trials and placed us among the overcoming few looking for Him.



The Intercession of Christ



Ernest S. Williams

With what earnestness Jesus desires that believers in Him might be filled with the Spirit! Early in His ministry He taught His disciples, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." His conversation with the Samaritan woman centered on a well of living water springing up into everlasting life. To the Jewish people, following the priests out to the Pool of Siloam, there to catch a little water to pour forth in remembrance of the water which came from the smitten rock in the desert, He lifted up His voice and promised rivers of living waters to those who would believe in Him. Gathering His disciples about Him, He explained to them that it was essential that He return to the Father that so they might receive another Comforter. Almost His last ministry before His ascension was to urge His disciples not to leave Jerusalem until power from on high had come upon them.

Now He is seated at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens, angels and authorities being made subject unto Him. There He prays according to His promise, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall send you another Comforter." The perfection of His intercession is added to our feeble prayers that we might be filled. More still, the perfections of His intercession are ever added to the prayers of His believing ones. How glorious to know that Jesus is praying for us; that His heart beats in sympathy with ours.

It is well to emphasize that those who would be filled with the Spirit tarry in earnest supplication. The promise is to those who seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness. The soul, however, must reckon more on the perfect intercession of Christ than upon its own imperfect ability to seek. Well does the writer remember when he began seeking for the Holy Ghost. He had been converted among an energetic people who emphasized that the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. As he looked on those who were tarrying to be filled, he did not see the "effort" being made to which he had been accustomed. He began to seek very energetically, but failed to gain headway. Then he asked a spiritual person why he did not receive. The blunt answer was that he would receive when he had gotten to the end of self. He did not

understand—few do when they begin to seek. But Jesus prayed and the subduing Spirit came. Blessed then it was to wait and worship while Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

After all, receiving the Holy Spirit is an act of faith. Jesus has atoned for our sins and our past is all blotted out. He, who knew no sin, has been made sin for us, and in His righteousness we are clean. He is our great High Priest, and our dependence is in His intercession. When Jesus prays, His prayers are perfect. May we trust fully in His promise and in His intercession.

There are conditions, however, on which Jesus has promised to pray. "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father." One of many illustrations of this is found in a lady who began earnestly to seek the Holy Spirit. As the Lord dealt with her soul, He asked her to remove a piece of jewelry from her person. To this she objected because it was a present from her husband whom she very much loved, and whose feelings she feared might be hurt were she to obey. Finally the Lord asked her whom she loved most, her husband or Him? She then saw she must decide between the will of the Lord and the wishes of her husband. She made the choice and removed the ornament. A few minutes later she was happily filled with the Spirit and speaking in other tongues. Only the obedient may expect Jesus to intercede in their behalf that they may be filled.

The sincere heart may fully count on the sufficiency of Christ in its behalf. The veil is rent, providing access for all to the throne of grace. The middle wall that formerly separated the Gentiles from the promise is broken down. All who believe are blessed with faithful Abraham whose blessing comes upon the Gentiles also, that we may receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.

Our prayers are to be fervent and in faith, but to them must be added the perfect intercession of our Lord. Beautiful is the lesson on this found in Rev. 8:3, 4. The prayers of saints are being offered upon the golden altar before the throne of God. They are sincere, but something lacks to make them complete. Then an angel comes and stands before the altar. In his hand is a golden censer. To him is given much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of the saints. The smoke of the incense which comes with the prayers of saints ascends before God

out of the angel's hand. It is the perfection of Christ and His intercession. With it the prayers of the saints are complete.

Child of God, Jesus is praying for you. Even when you feel unable to pray, His are effectual prayers in which your heart may fully trust. "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is ever at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

Elijah's prayers are some of the shortest recorded in the Bible. They are the fragmentary utterances of a life that was one unbroken converse with Jehovah. I Kings 17:1; James 5:17, 18.

To those who thus *stand* in the presence of the Lord, to pray is only to take up again the thread of perpetual communion with Him which has been broken by the importunities of time.

Elijah was a man of like passions as we are, subject to the same weaknesses. His needs were the same as ours, and the resources from which he drew his miraculous power are equally open to us.

God's children are to stand before Him in a mediatorial position like that of the Levites of old: to represent the needs of their brethren to Him in intercession, and to carry His messages to the world. See Num. 8:14; 16:9; Deut. 10:8, 9; 21:5.

In proclaiming God's message there are always two sides to be borne in mind: His offers of mercy to the penitent, and His solemn warnings of judgment to those who continue to harden their hearts against Him.

God's patience is infinite, and He often bears with the sinner in a way that seems as if He would never speak. But there is a limit. "Our God shall come and shall not keep silence." "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

In every age it have been the *intercessors* who changed things, and who brought down revivals, blessings, judgments, and curses. God Himself singled out Moses, Aaron, Samuel, Noah, Daniel, and Job as illustrations of these. Psalms 99:6; Jer. 15:1; Eze. 14:14-20.

If we study the lives of these six men we shall have a course of instruction in the ministry of intercession, and shall find that it is as possible on the ashheap or at the carpenter's bench as in the court of kings or in the sanctuary of God.

Many souls have been won for Christ through tracts. Sow these gospel messengers everywhere.

Saved Through a Broken Testimony

Mrs. M. E. Thorkildson

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hands of the enemy. *Psa. 107:2.*

In the church in which I was reared, an opportunity for testimonies was unfortunately never permitted. But later on I was blessedly converted in a little gospel tent service, and from that moment my young life was all changed.

About seven years after my conversion I visited a sister in Philadelphia, and it so happened that there was a Christian Mission not far from my sister's home. The Pastor called, inviting us to the services. I attended the following Sunday evening. The Mission and its furniture were very plain; the congregation numbered about fifty.

After the song service and prayer the minister said, "Now we are going to have a testimony meeting." I had never been in one and of course did not know what to expect. Then he said, "Every Christian in this building raise your hand." Twenty-one quickly raised their hands, myself included. Next he said, "I want all who raised their hands to stand up and give their testimony," and as he repeated the request he looked at me. Instantly I felt a nervous chill going down my spine. Of course I loved my Lord very dearly, but I had never spoken a word in my life in a public church service, and I felt too nervous to do so.

Slowly the testimony meeting moved along, and every time the Pastor looked at me I took a fresh chill. At last he stood up and said, "Now, out of the twenty-one Christians who raised their hands, all have spoken but one." As he spoke he looked squarely at me. I almost collapsed. Then looking at his watch and nodding at me, he said, "Sister, we would like to have your testimony now." With that he sat down on his chair in a most leisurely manner, while the whole congregation waited in death-like silence.

As for me, I was visibly shaking from head to foot. Presently the Pastor called out, "Take your time, sister, there is no hurry." The very calmness of his measured tones increased my nervousness to such a degree that I felt I must scream. At last I stood to my feet. My knees began to beat together like a couple of drum-sticks. I clung to the rough bench before me with a sort of death grip. At first it seemed that I couldn't find my

voice. I didn't know what I was going to say, nor have I ever found out since just what I did say. At last I began to speak. Suddenly to my great surprise a great lump came into my throat and choked my breath off. I stood there half strangling with a sort of suffocation.

At this moment the congregation turned right around and stared at me, which of course intensified my timidity. Then it occurred to me that I had better sit down. But when I attempted to do so, I found that my knees refused to bend. Then suddenly I collapsed and fell backwards against the seat behind me. To make matters worse, in my distress I entirely forgot to let go my grasp on the seat in front of me. As the benches were not fastened to the floor, I caused a dreadful disturbance by tipping the hinder seat backwards and dragging the front seat after me. I was sitting in the second back seat, and a young man happened to be sitting in the last seat behind me. Up to this moment I did not know that he was there. But when I suddenly fell backwards, this young man caught the tumbling benches and straightened them out.

The minister began his sermon, but my head fell forward on the seat before me and I sobbed convulsively all through the service. It was my first attempt! I had failed so disgracefully! I was broken hearted over it. While the benediction was being given, I tip-toed out of the church, with lowered head and weeping eyes. When I reached home I dreaded telling my sister of what happened, as she was then a Christian Scientist, so I slipped up to my room unnoticed. But before the restless night was over, I firmly resolved to never again attempt to speak another word in public, and never to return to that mission.

But somehow at the end of the third week a sudden desire filled my heart to go back once more to that little mission. I went, occupying the same seat as before. At the conclusion of the service, I heard my name being called out from the pulpit. As I timidly approached the platform, the pastor extended his hand in hearty greeting, saying, "Sister, I want to introduce to you the young man who was saved three weeks ago through your broken testimony." I opened my eyes in dumb amazement. There stood before me a fine college-bred young man. Stepping quickly forward and extending his hand in earnest greeting, he said,

"Yes, dear sister, I was sitting directly behind you that evening, and I heard every word you said. The Lord blessedly saved me through your testimony!"

"Praise God!" I cried. Then with my heart overflowing with "joy unspeakable and full of glory," I returned home, determined that so long as the dear Lord lends me breath, power, and grace, I would proclaim afar and near this most blessed and glorious salvation. Hallelujah!—Mrs. M. E. Thorkildson,

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A Gracious Revival in Liberia

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all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I answered a glad yes to His will and a little later He made me to know that Liberia was my part of the harvest field. In myself I felt unable for the work in the "White man's graveyard," but the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee" became very real and I answered, "I will go in the strength of the Lord."

Many times Satan assailed me with doubts and fears—"the Missionary Department will not accept you; nobody will want to support you; you will never secure fare and outfit; and if you do reach Liberia, things will be so hard you will want to turn right around and come back." The Lord helped me to cast my cares upon Him and let Him bear the responsibility. After two years in Central Bible Institute I began asking God for support, outfit, and fare. Did He fail? The God of heaven and earth fail? Never! My home assembly soon pledged support, and helped with fare and outfit. From the most unexpected places, as well as from friends, came help. I did not know the amount needed but my Father knew. On March 12th, 1929, I reached Newaka Mission Station, two days interior from Cape Palmas, with one quarter left after all bills were paid.

In the past it has seemed necessary that the missionaries devote much of their time and strength to work among the children. The adults said, "We too old now to hear God-Word. We not fit to catch. Our time pass. Take our boys, our girls, and teach them God-way." This the missionaries did, while also doing as much evangelistic work as possible. Now we praise God that the seed sown through the years is springing up. The Spirit of God is brooding over Liberia. The older people are beginning to say, "This time we wake up for God. We want to hear God-Word. Long time the devil hold us strong, but now we want to follow God." Children's work is taking a secondary place. Proclamation of the gospel among both young and old is given first consideration. Native Christians are busy among their own people. *The revival is*

on in practically every section of our work. In many villages there are groups of believers who meet regularly for prayer and gladly welcome Bible readers from stations where Christians have had an opportunity to learn to read. Chiefs of towns and tribes are sending hammock carriers to take missionaries to their towns, and providing food for them and their native helpers. Whereas it used to be almost impossible to reach women or old men, now there are a goodly number of women among the believers, and some old men, and even witch doctors are forsaking their idols to serve the true God and wait for His Son from heaven. In some places almost whole villages have turned to the Lord.

Palipo and the near-by tribes that we have assumed responsibility for, have also been included in the revival. In one town that a year ago had not one Christian, there are now over thirty redeemed from sin. None of them can read but our Palipo Christians visit them often. In one town that I reached last January, lives an old man named David. He had the honor and responsibility of caring for the big idol of the town, and making sacrifices to it, having been appointed to this work by the people, and according to native custom must continue in it as long as he lived. If he failed in his duty, the idol would be angry and would refuse to protect their town, hence as a matter of self-defense the heathen people would greatly resent any disloyalty on David's part. However, in less than a week's time after first hearing the gospel, David decided to become a Christian. He immediately informed the men in no uncertain language that they would have to appoint another caretaker for the idol for he was through with it. Of course his decision brought upon him the wrath of the town but he stood firmly. In May he came along with forty other Christians to Palipo for a week's Bible teaching, also a baptizing and communion service. I wept for joy as he and those others so recently redeemed from heathenism partook of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord. The last I heard, David was being kept safe from harm by the power of God. Pray that the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon these new Christians.

The last year of my term I was enabled in a special way to claim strength and divine life from the risen Christ day after day. How precious it was to cast myself upon Him and receive all I needed. Then suddenly, when I was hoping and expecting to lengthen my term by several months, fever did strike me down. I do not understand just why I was not kept in perfect health, but God turned even my severe illness to my good. Miss Pickel had been called to help on another station for a few months and I was alone

with the native Christians. I learned how precious Jesus could be when no other white faces were near. I learned what it was to relax and sink down into the everlasting arms while Satan raged. I learned what it was to look death in the face and not fear. It seemed most of the organs of my body were affected by the fever and the giving way of my nerves. Then, after ten restless days and sleepless nights, my dear Lord came—laid His soothing, healing hand upon me. I laid me down and slept; I awaked for the Lord sustained me. Yet my strength was not restored and it seemed better to return home and rest than to struggle on, unable to do effective work.

One who has spent a considerable time in a malarial district is usually subject to the disease for months or even years after returning to America. While I was in Mizpah Missionary Home in New York City we laid hold of God's promises, asking Him to destroy every malaria germ in my body. Blessed be God, I have had not one symptom of the disease since. I expect to be on my way to Liberia before 1933 closes. I believe God is bigger than the depression, and my trust is in Him. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will thrust forth laborers into the harvest.

Jewish Prayers for the Dead

After the death of a Jew, there is offered in the synagogue a prayer for the peace of his soul, led by a son or daughter. After eleven months it is presumed that the deceased has passed from purgatory to heaven. Recently in Joplin, Mo., a rabbi was engaged by a family to say prayers for a deceased Jewish merchant. After seven months the family notified him that they would finish out the remainder of the time. The rabbi promptly sued them in court, seeking judgment for 150 prayers at \$5 each! Prayer for the dead is always a testimony to the lack of faith in a finished work of redemption that can bring purification to a person in this life. It was to Jews that the proclamation was first made, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Sow Down Your Community With Tracts

A physician told recently that three times in three different cities, and at intervals of about a year, someone put into his pocket without his knowledge a little blue card containing the words, "Have you a home in heaven, where the angels are, and where your mother is, etc.?" The first two cards set him thinking, but the third came at a time when he had just lost his mother, and it led him to Christ. None of the three ever knew that any good came from the card when he

dropped into the stranger's pocket, but he knew and God knew, and that was enough. We shall never know all the good that comes from this kind of silent preaching, but we know enough to make it almost criminal for us to neglect it.

Why not send for a quantity of our attractive new tracts. With a small rubber stamp the name of the assembly and times of meetings can be placed right on the tract; and as the different members scatter these around their neighborhood, the assembly will be widely advertised.

For the sum of \$10.00 we will send you 10,582 tracts of two, four, and six pages each. And in addition we will give you a splendid steel tract box which can be hung in the assembly and filled with tracts.

There must be the sowing of the seed before there can be a reaping of the harvest. And God has promised that "he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." He has also warned that "he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

Do You Know Him?

"The heavens knew Him, and forthwith sent out a star and a company of angels to sing His birth; the sea knew Him, and made itself a way to be trodden by His feet; the sun knew Him and hid the rays of His light; the rocks knew Him, for they were rent in twain; Hades knew Him, and gave up the dead it had received. But though the senseless elements perceived Him to be their Lord, the hearts of the unbelieving Jews knew Him not as God, and, harder than the very rocks, were not rent by repentance."—Gregory.

We who know Him by way of repentance and forgiveness of our sins have entered into the sweetest fellowship the human heart can know. Through the witness of His Spirit within we know that Jesus is a living, loving Saviour and Friend. The Word also witnesses to His reality and gives us the proof of His love by telling how He lived and died for us. Let us not neglect either of these two witnesses, for without both spiritual communion and the study of the Word our experience is incomplete. Can we not spend more time alone with Jesus and the blessed Book that reveals His character as Son of man and Son of God, as Redeemer, Healer, Teacher, and Example?

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The Gospel in Foreign Lands

Notes from Gold Coast

We have experienced the blessing of the Lord in many ways.

The gospel has been preached every day in Yendi and surrounding towns. As many as seven services a day have been held.

Several have been definitely saved and, as candidates for baptism, have met as a class four times a week for instruction. It is worthy of note that different tribes are represented in the number to be baptized, Mossi, Issala, Dagomba, Dagomba-Hausa, and Chakosi.

Building materials have been purchased and transported for the school building in Yendi and the new mission station in Tamale. God has blessed our steps of faith and supplied the funds needed. By the time you read this, actual construction will have been commenced on both of these buildings.—W. Lloyd Shirer.

Dagbani Songs

You will be interested, I am sure, to know that we translated into Dagbani thirty gospel songs of praise and worship to our King. These songs have received a wonderful reception among the natives and especially the children. We have taught the natives in the many villages round about us, such choruses as "I Need Jesus," "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus," "Follow On," "Yesterday, Today, Forever, Jesus is the Same," and "Praise the Lord My Soul is filled with Glory," the last one being the favorite among them. Every day we visit the villages the children come running to meet us, singing these songs.

We have Sunday school here at the station where the children come in the afternoon. These children have learned to love the songs so well that they insist upon singing practically every one each time.—Beulah E. Buchwalter.

The Village Work

"He went through every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

Carrying the gospel message to the people right into their own villages is one of the most blessed phases of missionary work. During the months of August, September, and October, all of us together held 298 town and village meetings. There are 24 towns and villages that are visited regularly every week, and 10 that are visited occasionally as we can crowd an extra meeting in. The above figures do not include the regular main station and Tamale services.

The meetings are all held in the open air, with the people gathered about sitting on the ground. The preaching is often interrupted by questions or comments, and punctuated by exclamations of

telling of requests that have been sent in which have been answered in response to the prayers of our Council Prayer Band.

We praise God for all those assemblies who have responded so splendidly to this appeal for united and persistent prayer. If there are others who are interested in joining our Prayer Band, write the Missionary Secretary, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

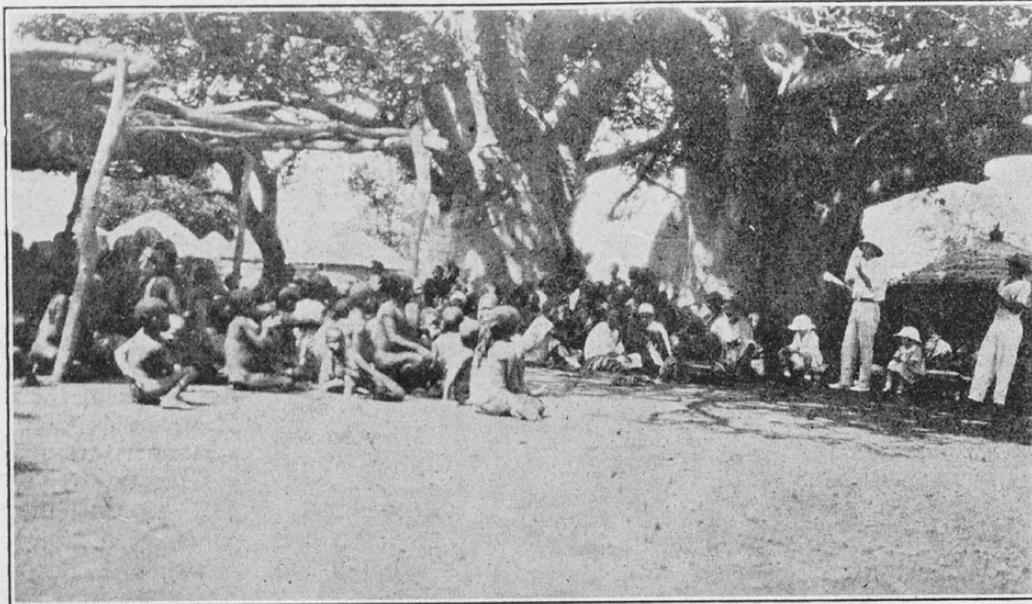
The Lord Saving and Baptizing in Mossiland

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones

The Catholic opposition here has always been very strong, but about three months ago they overstepped themselves. Some of the braver men in certain villages became incensed against them and refused to be ruled by them, so sent their children to us. We have classes every night, and the number is increasing daily. As we saw kinky heads bent over queer markings on white man's paper, we began to pray that each one would give his heart to Christ. Just before this we had asked the Christians to cove-

nant with God to definitely pray for certain people naming them to God each day.

God began to speak to the church about full surrender, and we knew some things had to be confessed and washed away before God could work in our midst. One night, after a strong message the previous Sunday, God gave a young man a vision. He told it, and again we exhorted them to keep nothing hidden. A few confessions were made and all promised to make a new surrender that night. In a few minutes after we went to prayer, three young men who had been sitting in a row all went down under the power of God and each received a precious Baptism. What changed lives! It is wonderful. One of these works for us, and had been so disobedient, lazy, and rude. Now one would



A Sunday morning meeting in the Gold Coast. Brother Garlock is teaching the Sunday school

assent or astonishment. In a few of the villages the people gather as a body every evening to pray. In other villages small groups gather to pray; in others individuals pray. Many of the chiefs are greatly interested.—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock.

Prayer Band Still Growing

We thank God for nearly 8000 people who have pledged themselves to pray daily for missions, and God is answering prayer. The offerings for missions are steadily increasing in spite of hard times. Not only so, but this ministry of prayer is being felt on the foreign field. In several countries our missionaries are giving themselves to special seasons of prayer, and letters come to us regularly

not think him the same lad for God has turned him right-about-face.

The next night at the request of many, the missionary men went to the villages first mentioned to tell the people that the Catholics could not force them to do anything, and that they had a right to choose whom they would. The following Sunday we had record crowds at both services. At the close of the message sixteen gave their hearts to the Lord. Some of these are unusual cases. One is the husband of a crippled girl, who like the little maid in Naaman's household, has given her testimony and lived up to it so faithfully that at last her husband and two step-sons have come to God. Another was a young Mohammedan teacher who has learned that Jesus lives.

A Revival Spirit in Southwest China

Leonard G. Bolton

We have much to praise the Lord for. There has been a revival spirit in our midst and many have been touched by the power of God. We had a very blessed baptismal service where thirteen followed the Lord through the waters—Chinese Lisu and some from the Chu tsi Tribe. Right after that our Chinese teacher had a stroke while on the way to the prison to preach. He had to be carried home and only lived a week. He had preached so earnestly to the prisoners, exhorting them to repent and get their sin account settled. Just before he died, I asked him if all was well and if the Lord was opening heaven's gate for him. He nodded and put up his hand. We had a Christian funeral, and the son, though a Christian, has been drawn closer to the Lord through the death of his father. Once in the grossest heathen darkness, many such as these are rejoicing over there and will await our coming to thank you and us for bringing them the Light of the world. Does it pay to lay up such treasures? Yes, a thousand times over, praise God!

We held a ten days' meeting at one of our Lisu outstations, and had a blessed time preaching from the gospel of Luke. We had just gotten our new translation and they were so pleased with the new book. It was lovely to see them with uplifted hands praising and magnifying God. God is preparing them for the Baptism.

After a few days at home David (my native worker) and I went to another part of our district, which is very wild country. But even in these remote places we found a fruitful field and God blessed as we ministered to them. The people are hunters and are half Tibetan. After walking thirty miles one day over rough mountain trails where monkeys live, we arrived at a Christian hunter's home, weary and hungry. They had nothing to give us then but tough monkey meat. The

next day he killed a chicken for us. Just at that time the Tibetans came to collect taxes from the people, so we had a good opportunity to preach with our picture scrolls, and about two hundred of these wild people heard the glad story. There are about thirty Christians in this district. We baptized several while there. We had no fruit of any kind to make the communion, so David cooked some beet root and added honey and we used this for our wine.

One old man called us to his shack to pray with him as he had been ill for a year and is nothing but a skeleton. He wanted to know the way to God. We preached to him and prayed for him; and we believe the light dawned in his heart.

During the two weeks we were out we visited about nine or ten little places where there were people scattered all over the mountains. It is real pioneer work, very hard on the body as these mountain climbs are so hard. We are not able to ride a mule over some places, and we have to hang on to the mule's tail to get over some steep places. But our souls were blessed to see the hunger for the gospel. On our way back we stayed at a house where, we afterwards learned, they had just killed two lepers. Life does not mean much to these heathen, who are so blinded by Satan. May God ever keep before us the vision of lost souls.

Sowing the Gospel in Spain

Mabel L. Bax

God is continuing to bless the work in Ronda. Little by little we are seeing the fruit of our labors and prayers. I include in the "we" those who are praying for an outpouring of the Spirit on Spain, and are especially remembering us in Ronda.

One morning while in prayer together with my Elder, I was led to open A. B. Simpson's book, "Days of Heaven Upon Earth." The verse for the day was, "All the land which thou seest to thee will I give it." I invite you to look out upon the land with me. By faith I see the outpouring of the latter rain upon Spain; the establishment of a Bible depot in the center of the town and of a Bible school for the training of native pastors; and the extension of the work in the districts around. "Arise, walk through the land" with me, for the promise is: "I will give it unto thee."

Will you help me pray through to a glorious victory one of the two young men who were converted at the beginning of the work? He was threatened with loss of employment if he continued to attend our services. I believe God's hand is upon him for the work. The enemy is directing a determined attack against him, and he has fightings without and within,

but most of all within. His victory will mean much for the kingdom.

The work in general is encouraging. Two Sundays ago we dedicated to the Lord the first baby born since the work started. The father was the only believer in Ronda when I came. We have prayed much for his wife, and I had often visited her in the home, but there seemed no awakening to spiritual realities. During the dedication of the child the power of the Lord was so manifested that some were moved to tears and the mother, quietly weeping, yielded herself to God. We have now a nucleus of fourteen believers.

The behaviour of the young people is gradually changing for the better. This is an answer to prayer, for which we are very thankful. The Word is penetrating their hearts and there seems real desire on the part of some, for the things of God. We are in need of continued prayer from other members of the Body, that one day we may all rejoice together in the harvest.

The Lord has enabled the brother who was anxious to go out into the work as colporteur to realize his desire. We began the sale of the Word of God by having a stall at the local and district fair, which was held early in September, and were encouraged with the results. We expect soon to begin a systematic campaign of the town, visiting every home and leaving behind, either by sale or gift, the Word of God or a portion of it. Please continue to pray that this brother's needs may be supplied, as he is looking entirely to the Lord. He is now visiting friends and neighbors in the country districts, and witnessing to them.

Native Mother Saved

Amy Ausherman

The mother of one of our Christian young women was sweetly saved this last month. During one of the services we were speaking about our names being written in heaven, and at the close offered to pray with any who were not sure their names were there. This woman said she wanted her name there, so after carefully explaining again the way of salvation, we knelt down and prayed with her. When we arose from our knees she said, "Now I know my name is there." She has been filled with the joy of the Lord ever since and can hardly wait from one meeting until the next. The daughter is very happy also and the rest of the family are quite open to the gospel. Please pray that the Lord will cause them to attend the meetings and yield to Him.—Canary Islands.

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In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

FEAST OF ENDURING SUBSTANCE

Pastor A. H. Mitchell reports from Sorento, Ill.: "We praise the Lord for the good meting He has given us. Evangelist and Mrs. Lawrence Perrault, San Antonio, Tex., were with us 4 weeks. Some found the Lord, and some were filled with the Spirit. The Lord blessed the messages given as food to our souls, and all who attended have been profited."

A GOD-APPROVED UNDERTAKING

Pastor Cora Crank reports from Shawnee, Okla.: "I came here the last of May and found a few saints faithfully serving God. We rented a building, began a revival, and God began to work. Some are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. In all, about 40 have been saved. On Jan. 9 the church was set in order, and God is still blessing. Ministers in the fellowship if passing this way will be welcomed."

GOD BREATHES ON COMMUNITY

Pastor Wm. J. Frayer reports a revival at Short Creek, W. Va.: "We have just closed a revival in the Community Church conducted by Bertha M. Davis and Ethel L. Lawrence. About 27 were brought to know Christ and a number are seeking the Holy Spirit. On Jan. 14, Brother Clevenger, Evangelist Roberts, Hazel Devore, and Zeda Hamilton, all of Valley Grove, where a great revival is now in progress, visited us. The people of this church are praying earnestly that the will of God about turning this work into a General Council church in the near future, may be done."

HEALING WATERS FLOWING

Pastor G. A. Reed writes from Burwell, Nebr.: "God has graciously answered the cry of His saints here by sending a glorious revival. On Nov. 17 the E. N. Stanley Evangelistic Party began a meeting which closed Christmas night, with the revival flame still glowing in all our hearts. God did wondrously confirm His Word among us with miracles which He wrought in the name of Jesus. Between 35 and 40 testified to the new birth; 30 received the Holy Ghost Baptism, Acts 2:4; and on Christmas Day 18 were buried in the waters of baptism. Even during the winter and epidemic season our Sunday school attendance has increased to 133. The saints were revived and brought to a new place of victory and power. Some miracles of healing were wrought which stirred the community. A petition was circulated endeavoring to have us close the meeting each evening at 9:30, but with no official protest we carried on with renewed zeal. The mercy of the Lord reached men and women, some of whom were above 60 years of age. In the children's church, several children, some of them under 7 years of age received the Baptism with the Spirit."

ALL MADE OF ONE BLOOD

H. A. Christopher writes from Luzerne, Pa.: "God is giving us a precious revival in the Luzerne Gospel Mission. A real visitation from heaven is being felt. More than 24 have been saved, all adults; included among these are some of the Catholic faith, and one Jew. God is working also among the children. His power is being manifested in baptizing believers with the Holy Ghost and fire; several that were sick have been healed. The saints are encouraged and are praying for His great work to continue."

PRESENT AND ETERNAL GAIN

Pastor Wallace Bragg writes from Wellston, Okla.: "Brother and Sister McCafferty have been with us 2 weeks in Bible study. Every phase of their ministry has been a great blessing to this section and especially to the church at Wellston. Immediately after this campaign these ministers assisted us with the Christ's Ambassadors' school at Wynona, Jan. 9-11. Toward its close the blessing of God was most pronounced upon all our efforts for His glory."

GOD'S GLORIOUS REVIVINGS

Evangelist and Mrs. R. S. Peterson from Minnesota, report God's blessings in a recent campaign held at Milford, Nebr., with Pastor Rake. "In spite of inclement weather the church was often crowded. All the churches co-operated and many out-of-town ministers attended. Among these were C. B. Thomas, of Lincoln, Pastor and Mrs. Samuelson, of Dorchester, C. Johnson, of Friend, Pastor and Mrs. Silas Miller, and J. Fuek, of Minneapolis. God blessed the efforts to the salvation of souls, and the saints were encouraged to more earnestly seek the kingdom of God.

"We conducted a 3 days' young people's rally at Pueblo, Colo., with Pastor and Mrs. Ferguson. Many young people from neighboring assemblies, also a number of pastors were present. Among these were Pastor and Mrs. O. L. Mabry, of Las Animas, Pastor and Mrs. Calhoun, of Rocky Ford, Brother Morton and Mrs. F. Woodworth, teachers of the Rocky Mountain Bible College at Denver, also District Superintendent Floyd C. Woodworth. It was a precious time of fellowship and God's revivings. Ten young people stepped out to the altar seeking the forgiveness of sin.

"We then came to Albuquerque, where we are now in the second week of a campaign with Pastor and Mrs. Wells. The attendance is increasing each night and the revival tide is rising. Some have come 300 miles to attend. Among these are Pastor and Mrs. C. Isom, of El Paso, Tex., and Pastor and Mrs. C. Hoyings, of Gallup. Some have accepted the Lord and some backsliders have returned. One has received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. We plan to be with the assembly at Kingsburg, Calif., O. Severson, Pastor, Feb. 12-26."

GOD'S SPIRIT A LIVING FLAME

Pastor Flem Van Meter writes from Philadelphia, Pa.: "We praise God for the presence of the Holy Spirit, felt throughout the entire two weeks' special meetings at Highway Mission Tabernacle with Evangelist Joseph Terlizzi, Columbus, O., in charge. The services were well attended and on Thanksgiving day and Sundays extra seats had to be placed in the church. Many were saved; some were reclaimed; and the altar services were marked by the earnestness of the seekers, some often tarrying until 2:00 in the morning. The revival spirit still continues in our midst, a number having been saved and a few baptized with the Holy Ghost since the close of the special meetings."

A BLOOD-WASHED WORKING BAND

Pastor J. L. Roseberry reports from Hattiesburg, Miss.: "The full Gospel Mission on the north side of the city was opened about 3 months ago. It originated with a little open air service on a lawn, and has since been growing so rapidly that our building is now inadequate to accommodate the congregation. Up to Jan. 8, 35 or more had been saved. On this date we enrolled for the purpose of holding our 35 converts, for co-operative work of the mission. Many others were interested; at the evening service the altar was filled to capacity. In the morning a Sunday school was organized with an enrollment of 46, and a full complement of officers and teachers. The Christ's Ambassadors band has a membership of 35. A cordial invitation is extended to Council brethren to visit our work if passing this way. Address, Box 314."

PRAYER, GOD'S RIGHT-HAND TOOL

Pastor Guy Phillips reports the great revival at East St. Louis, Ill.: "About the first of November a wonderful spirit of prayer came upon our people. Our prayer meetings tripled in attendance. We formed a large prayer band and joined the Missionary Prayer Band of 10,000 to pray for a worldwide revival. The result was that a real revival spirit broke out in our church and souls began to get saved in almost every meeting. About the first of December Evangelist Virgil Jackson, of Minnesota, came for a revival. His messages were truly inspired by God; sin was uncovered, confessions were made and a great revival broke out which lasted for 7 weeks. Between 200 and 300 sinners and backsliders sought the Lord for the pardon of sin. Whole families were saved; many received the Pentecostal Baptism; 77 were baptized in water; and 38 united with the church. One strange feature of this revival was the fact that there were more men saved and reclaimed than there were women. We praise God for this wonderful answer to prayer. Virgil Jackson has been booked as the speaker for the Illinois District Camp next summer."

The Sunday School Lesson

JESUS TEACHING BY PARABLES— THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Lesson for Feb. 19. Mark 4:21-34.

The two parables that we are to consider in this lesson, together with the one studied last week, form part of a special series of seven, known as the "mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." See Matthew 13. In this series the Lord presents a number of simple illustrations describing the spiritual history of the gospel age. They are called "mysteries" because they were not revealed to men of another age, and when revealed, to be understood required a sympathetic, spiritual attitude in those who heard them. The Lord as much as said: "I am going to tell you some truths concerning the development of God's kingdom on earth, truths that were not revealed to men of other ages. Here is the new revelation: Between My first and second comings there is to intervene a period of time or an age when God will deal with men in a new way. This series of parables will give you, in illustration, the spiritual development of that period from its beginning to its consummation."

After assuring the disciples that this teaching, hid from the multitude (Verses 33, 34), should one day be clearly expounded (Verses 21, 22), and warning them therefore of their responsibility to give close attention to His words (Verses 23, 25), the Lord uttered the following two parables concerning the kingdom:

THE SEED GROWING SECRETLY.

Mark 4:26-29.

"The kingdom of God is as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. The earth beareth fruit of itself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come."

The kingdom is a living power. The lesson of the parable is as follows: the kingdom of God, like a seed, possesses a vital power that will develop according to certain laws. Given a reasonable chance it will grow in the human soul, to which it is adapted, as the seed is to the soil. The farmer, once he has planted the seed, can do little until harvest. He does not worry about seed, does not dig it up to see whether it is growing, but having done his part, he leaves the rest to the laws of Nature, designed by Nature's God. In like manner, when the Christian worker has faithfully sown the seed of the Word (1 Peter 1:23-25) in the soil of the human heart, he may rest in the assurance that God Himself, working through spiritual laws, will give the increase. 1 Cor. 3:6. No matter how hard his task he will go forth with the assurance that "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

Its growth is mysterious. ". . . the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how." No farmer can explain, for example, just how it is possible for a watermelon seed to produce a fruit thousands of times its

bulk, or how it gets the colors to paint the inside red and the outside green. But his ignorance does not prevent his producing, selling and enjoying them! God's life in the soul is just as mysterious in its working as God's life in the soil (John 3:4, 8), but the fact does not prevent our experiencing and enjoying that life.

The growth is according to orderly development. The seed is buried in the earth for a while. Then the first shoot pierces its way through the soil; then comes the ear, the full grain and finally the harvest. Science teaches two fundamental facts concerning life: first, its coming is sudden; second, its growth is gradual. When a person is born again, the divine life comes suddenly; but time, patience, prayer, and careful nurture is required in order that he may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Let us be patient, therefore, with young converts.

THE MUSTARD SEED. Mark 4:30, 32.

"The kingdom of God . . . is like a mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth; but when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all the herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow of it."

Christianity's small beginnings. The smallness of the mustard seed compared with its relatively vast growth makes it an excellent illustration of the growth of God's kingdom during this age. The parable teaches the following lesson: The church of Christ will begin in a very humble, obscure manner, but will develop into a great institution, giving shelter to many peoples. In a stable, in a little village, in a small land was born, of humble parents, a babe, who grew to manhood in a carpenter shop in the obscure village of Nazareth, in despised Galilee. His helpers were humble fishermen. After a brief ministry of three and a half years, He was crucified like a common criminal. Such were the beginnings of Christianity. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was the tiny divine Seed cast into the furrows of this needy earth. John 12:24.

Christianity's wide expansion. Today, the gospel is well nigh universal. There are thousands of churches and preachers all over the world. Multiplied millions of copies of the Word of God, translated into hundreds of languages, have been distributed in nearly all countries. Under the shelter of the church, millions have found spiritual refuge. But this same church, is sheltering not only clean birds—true believers, but also unclean birds—unconverted professors. Compare Mark 4:32 and 4:4, 15. The separation and purification will take place at the second coming of Christ. Matt. 13:47-49.—M. P.

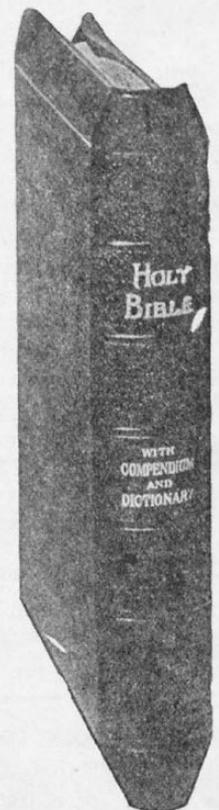
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The Menace of the Movies

The following testimony is from *The Methodist Times*: "The limited scope of the employment market today caused me, the daughter of respected and devout religious parents, to become a screen actress. My father was killed in the Great War, and I was forced, in an effort to help the family exchequer, to accept the position. On the fifth day I left the movie stage forever. Those five days were the worst I have ever experienced. It was a week in hell itself. All the fine traditions of cleanliness of body and mind in which I had been brought up were made a mockery of. It was too much for me. I could never have remained in such a den of vice and iniquity. One of my girl colleagues said to me, 'When girls come here, they are generally like you. I know I was. But when you see films showing these very sexy matters and hear the coarse and suggestive jokes, you simply can't help it. The immoral aspect gets a grip on you, and once it has got you, it is impossible to get away. It is like smoking or drinking. It is a habit. The pictures affect the mind. They are a drug.' As one who has served on a screen staff, I say quite emphatically that every preacher or social worker who raises his voice in protest against the movie is doing a public service."

The moving picture theater of today is leprous. The cry "Unclean! Unclean!" should be sounded out from each one of them. You cannot attend them without your heart and mind becoming unclean; and remember it is written that no unclean person hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ. Eph. 5:5. "Avoid it . . . turn from it." Prov. 4:15.

Closing Doors to Missionaries

Recently the king of Italy visited the Italian colony of Eritrea in North Africa. The Italian authorities do not want any Protestant missionaries in this land. The Swedish Mission of Stockholm has been working in Eritrea with great success, but the authorities will not let any of the missionaries of this society return to that country. Two of the few remaining workers must shortly take furlough and will not be allowed to return. This thing has happened in many parts where the Catholics have more or less control. But in spite of this, "The church of Africa grows exceedingly despite an unavoidable reduction of missionaries," says the Prayer Bulletin of the World Dominion Movement. They ask prayer for different parts of Africa stating, "Disaster can only be averted by the training of strong native leadership."

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71 FIND SPIRIT'S REFRESHING

Dr. C. C. Self and family write from Siloam Springs, Ark.: "From the District Council we came here with Pastor Floyd Webb, who requested us to take charge of the church. We agreed to accept it until they should secure a pastor permanently. We started a revival in which 71 received the Holy Ghost. Jimmie Mayo, now attending Southwestern Bible school, preached through Christmas week, and 3 others received the Baptism with the Spirit. Almost all were at the meeting last night and are still on the firing line for God. At this service 3 were saved. Others were saved in the revival who have not yet received the fullness of the Spirit. God has been especially working among the Christ's Ambassadors. Most of them take an active part in the street meetings, and other evangelistic and devotional services.

"The first of the year we closed the revival and began the next night at Gentry, in the Christian church. Every night the house is filled almost to capacity. We plan to keep the meeting going until a church is established there. Two physicians are attending regularly. It is a new field where a life saving station is greatly needed."

LA PACE CRISTIANA

The Italian brethren of the Assemblies of God are now publishing a paper in Italian called *La Pace Cristiana*. Those interested in a Pentecostal paper in the Italian language are invited to write to Brother Rocco R. Santamaria, 360 S. 10th Street, Newark, N. J.

Forthcoming Meetings

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

DELAWARE, ARK.—Nolan B. Rayburn, London, Ark., will conduct evangelistic services beginning Feb. 13. Will appreciate help from neighboring assemblies.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Edith Mae Pennington will commence revival at Bethel Temple, 1250 Bellevue Avenue, Jan. 29, continuing as long as the Lord may lead. Pastor L. F. Turnbull, 1108 N. Coronado Terrace. Phone DRexel 5470.

LEWISTON, PA.—Special revival in Masonic Temple, on Monument Square, Feb. 5-26, H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., Evangelist. Co-operation by neighboring assemblies solicited.—H. A. Christopher, 552 N. Bennett St., Luzerne, Pa.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Mary Louise Paige, Urichsville, O., will hold services at Bethel Tabernacle, 65 Chatham St., opposite Y. W. C. A., Feb. 21.—March 5, every night except Mondays. Neighboring assemblies kindly co-operate.—Joseph Tunmore, Pastor.

KANSAS FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS—Dorrance, Feb. 6-8; McCracken, Feb. 9-10; Bazine, Feb. 11-12. In each place meetings will commence at 7:30 on opening day; on days following, at 10:30, 2:30, 7:30. Fred Vogler, 1034 S. Lawrence St., Wichita, Kans., District Superintendent.

TOTTENVILLE, S. I., N. Y.—Special meetings at Wells Memorial Pentecostal Church, corner Amboy Road and Lee Avenue, Feb. 5-26, Mrs. Etta Reckley, Hagerstown, Md., Evangelist. Meetings every night except Mondays, 7:45. Sundays, 10:30 and 7:30.—A. Newton Chase, Pastor.

SPECIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION
ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Feb. 10, 11, 12, at the Pentecostal Church, 27th and Olive Sts. Three meetings daily. Speakers: W. I. Evans, Principal of Central Bible Institute, J. R. Evans, Noel Perkin; and Hettie Steffen of India. Address all inquiries to Pastor A. F. Crouch, 2615 Patee St., St. Joseph, Mo.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Mission Tabernacle, corner 19th and Green Sts., Feb. 26 through March. Harry E. Bowley, Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist. Services each night except Mondays at 8:00; Sundays 10:30 and 7:30. Visitors will find rooms and meals reasonably priced near the church.—Flem Van Meter, Pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—Stanley Cooke will hold meetings in Tabernacle, 11th and Beach, Feb. 5-26.—V. G. Greisen, 916 Spring St., Pastor.

AKRON, O.—Ruth Cox, of Oklahoma, will begin a meeting Feb. 12 instead of Feb. 5, as announced. Meetings every night except Saturdays, 7:30, corner N. Howard and York Sts.—C. A. McKinney, Pastor, Tel. Walbridge 3831.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Otto J. Klink will begin a month's campaign Feb. 5 in Full Gospel Tabernacle, North Capitol and K Sts. Other strong preachers will follow at intervals in a gospel crusade during the year. Services nightly except Saturdays at 7:45. Sundays at 11:00 and 7:30. Special prayer service for the sick every Thursday at 7:45.—Harry L. Collier, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—The 17th Annual Convention Rocky Mountain District at Pentecostal Assembly of God, 1447 Lawrence St., Feb. 14-17. Three meetings daily. Bed and breakfast free to ministers and delegates. Christ's Ambassadors rally afternoon and night of 17th. H. J. Ketter, 2617 17th St.; Pastor, Floyd C. Woodworth, 838 Leyden St., District Superintendent.

NOTICE TO TEXAS MINISTERS

Sectional conventions of the Texas District Council as follows:

Fort Worth Section, Rosen Heights church, Fort Worth, Feb. 14-15. Waco Section, Morrow Street church, Waco, Feb. 16-17. Austin Section, 37th Street assembly, Austin, Feb. 21-22. Harlingen Section, Harlingen church, Feb. 25-26. San Antonio Section, Denver Boulevard church, San Antonio, Feb. 28-March 1. Yoakum Section, Cuero church, March 4-5. Houston Section, Highland church, March 7-8. Beaumont Section, Prairie Avenue church, Beaumont, March 14-15. Lufkin Section, Lufkin church, March 16-17. Tyler Section, Red Oak Flat church, March 21-22. Dallas Section, Denison church, March 23-24. San Angelo Section, Santa Anna church, March 30-31. McCamey Section, McCamey church, April 1-2. Wichita Falls Section, Olney church, April 4-5.

All meetings will begin at 7:30 p. m. on the first day announced and continue all day the second day.—E. L. Newby, District Superintendent, 2621 W. 26th St., Fort Worth.

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Earl W. and Beula O. Clark, 7042 Eggleston Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Pastoral or Evangelistic

J. E. Young, Castle, Okla., Box 155. "In fellowship with General Council. References for either branch of the ministry. Prefer calls in Oklahoma, North Texas, or Arkansas, for pastorate."

H. D. Taylor, Rockport, Me., General Delivery. "Evangelist and Song Leader, member of New England District Council. Can give references."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

WANTED.—Back dated Sunday school scrolls, and back numbers of paper, Pentecostal Boys and Girls. The last received were a great blessing and we thank you.—W. A. Du Plooy, Letaba, via Louis Trichardt, N. E. Transvaal, South Africa.

WANTED.—Old copies of Gospel Gleaners and Pentecostal gospel tracts to be given out. We are 28 miles from a church and the Word has not been preached here for 16 years.—Paul J. and Mrs. Brown, Buford, Colo.

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2.50	Bethel S S Hebo Oregon
2.53	Full Gospel S S Hastings Nebr
2.55	Holiness Church Lithia Fla
2.56	Assembly of God McAlester Okla
3.00	Pentecostal Mission S S Auburn Wash
3.00	Riverside Full Gospel Tab Buffalo N Y
3.00	Christ's Ambassadors Topeka Kans
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3.00	Bethel Mission Sidney Ohio
3.00	Full Gospel Tabernacle Abilene Texas
3.06	Speed Schoolhouse Assembly Hoxie Ark
3.33	Pentecostal S S Ione Oregon
3.40	Faithful Followers Class of Full Gospel S S Sacramento Calif
3.42	Christ's Ambassadors McComb Miss
3.50	Pentecostal Assembly Wapato Wash
3.50	Assembly of God Shidler Okla
3.55	Prayer Band, Canadian Texas
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4.00	Full Gospel Church Colusa Calif
4.00	Pentecostal Assembly of God Pawnee Ill
4.10	Glad Tidings Church Reno Nevada
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5.00	Christ's Ambassador Class Russellville Ark
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5.00	Full Gospel Assembly Santa Ana Calif
5.00	Assembly of God S S Highlands Texas
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5.15	Christ's Ambassadors Columbus Ga
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5.40	Bethel Church Sisseton S Dak
5.50	Assembly of God St Joseph Mo
5.50	Pentecostal Church Eagle Bend Minn
5.67	Pentecostal Assembly & S S Marysville Wash
5.80	Assembly of God Weiser Idaho
6.00	Pentecostal Church Hyndman Pa
6.20	N. Howell Community Church Silverton Ore
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7.00	Assembly of God Humboldt Kans
7.06	Assembly of God Gooding Idaho
7.07	Bethel Tabernacle Assembly Sedro Woolley Wash
7.35	Full Gospel Assembly Palo Alto Calif
7.40	S S & Christ's Ambassadors of Goulds Pent'l Church Homestead Fla
7.52	Gospel Temple Appleton Wis
7.90	Fellowship Meeting Fonda Community Church Canton Okla
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10.00	Bethel Temple Young People Chicago Ill
10.00	Assembly of God S S Kansas City Kans
10.00	Elim Tabernacle Rochester N Y
10.00	Assembly of God S Haven Mich
10.25	Assembly of God Church Westby Mont
11.00	Christ's Ambassadors Riverside Tab Flint Mich
11.42	Goulds Pentecostal Church Homestead Fla
12.00	Glad Tidings Mission Semi-ole Okla
12.66	Full Gospel Assembly S S Chicago Ill
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CHRIST IS COMING BACK

BY S. H. FRODSHAM

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. This was the message given by angelic messengers to the disciples as they saw Christ ascending into heaven.

In the 19th chapter of Revelation we have the picture of the Lord Jesus returning to earth again. He is coming as King of kings and Lord of lords. He is coming in "flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel." 2 Thess. 1:10.

The Lord Jesus is returning to this earth as Judge. The Apostle Paul tells us that God has "appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:31. Are you ready for that day?

The Holy Bible tells of the coming again of Jesus Christ to set up a kingdom of peace and righteousness. Will this kingdom be for all? No. Paul tells us, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6:9, 10.

The Lord Jesus said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Again, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot inherit the kingdom of God." John 3:5. Only

those who have had the experience of the new birth will enjoy the blessings of the eternal kingdom of God.

But to those who love and trust the Lord, to those who are filled with the Spirit, to those who are longing for Him to return, the thought of His coming again is a blessed hope. They know that He will make right everything that is wrong on earth. They know He will make the desert to blossom as the rose. They know He will make wars to cease and will bring in everlasting peace.

Just before John finished the book of Revelation—the book that tells most concerning the coming again of Christ—he was told to write a final invitation, "Let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. If you do not heed His invitation to come, one day you will have to heed His word to depart—to depart unto the lake of fire, for it is written, "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15.

You can understand that word, "Come," and you can act upon it at this very moment, saying to the One who gives the invitation, "O Lamb of God, I come. Cleanse me from all my sins in Thy precious Blood. Preserve me unto thine eternal kingdom. Fill me with thy blessed Holy Spirit. Make me a new creature in Thyself. I take thee now to be my Saviour, and gladly yield my all to thee. Accept me, O God, and give me the full assurance of acceptance, so that I may be ready for the coming again of the Lord. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen."

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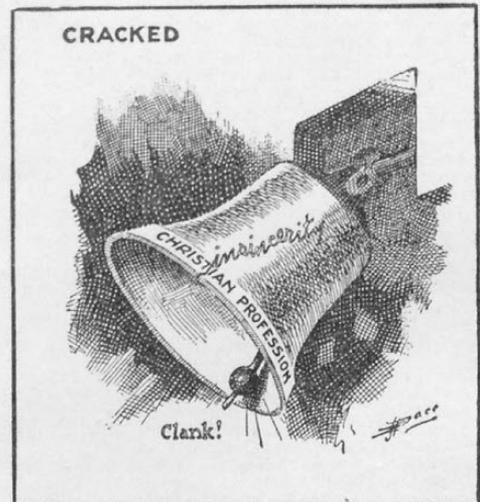
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DOES YOUR LIFE RING TRUE?

BY W. E. MOODY

We are living in a day when spiritual transparency and genuine sincerity are none too common in the lives of Christians.

We all know that when a bell is cracked it does not ring true. And we can always tell a genuine coin from a counterfeit by its ring.

Christian profession is one thing, but real possession is another.

There are "Christians and Christians." Among those who are truly born of God, we find *overcomers* and those who are *not overcomers*; *true gold* and those who are *not true gold*; those who are prayerful and those who are feeble in their prayer life; those who are care-free and those who are weighed down with anxiety. This list could be added to indefinitely. The ideal church is the church that is "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing"; but as yet we are far from reaching that ideal.

The world is looking for and demanding *reality* of those who profess to be followers of Jesus. Are we by our profession dragging the worthy name of Jesus in the dust?

Jesus asked the question in Luke 6:46, "Why call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" And in Matt. 7:21, He says, "Not everyone 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."

This is an age of "sham and shoddy," and people love to have it so. God grant that our lives may have the true ring of sincerity and truth. Having this, we shall "not be ashamed before Him at His coming."