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**The Pentecostal Evangel**

By My Spirit saith the Lord

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## The Development of Our Sunday Schools

R. M. Riggs at the General Council

(Introducing his address Brother Riggs read the account of the digging of wells by Isaac in Gen. 26:15-19, with some comments. Ed.)

I believe there are streams of living water flowing somewhere that we can reach by digging. Someone has filled the wells that once brought up these living streams, and if we digged those wells again we should find the water. It is my earnest desire that you and I might be able to tap still further a stream of divine life or power and make it available to us. So this morning I seek earnestly to dig wells—wells whereby we can come into contact with the divine power and life and blessing. So I introduce my thoughts on Sunday School work by speaking in the imagery of Isaac's "wells" by digging of which we can get down to a fuller, mightier life-giving stream of Holy Ghost power than we have ever had before in our assembly life.

I very much resent, resist, and refute the charge that Sunday School work is purely a fleshly organization, a natural endeavor. I insist that Sunday School work is a way whereby you and I and all of us can get down deeper into the mighty streams of this Holy Ghost power and light and life and blessing which flow so freely in our Pentecostal movement.

First of all let me present to you the possibilities of development that are in Sunday School work. The population of this country is about 125 millions, of which forty-eight millions are under the age of twenty-one. Only 16 million of these 48 million are to be found in a Sunday School of any kind—one third. Only one out of three of the children and young people in America are receiv-

ing any religious training at all. Two out of three of all the young people and children are outside Sunday Schools. Thirty-two million are untouched by the influence of the gospel at the time in their lives when influence means the most. This is a distinct challenge to you and to me, my friends, and it gives us some idea of

the immense possibilities which lie round about us in the way of extending our Sunday Schools.

The Assembly of God, has in its constituency some 166,000 members. If you compare this with the 27 odd millions of Protestants in America, you find six out of every thousand in the Assembly of God denomination. So, at this ratio, of the 32 millions of children out of religious touch we see that we have some 200,000 children and young people under the age of 21 that it is our immediate and direct responsibility to reach. Compare our membership with the membership of other churches. Take the same proportion and apply it to the Sunday School possibilities round about us. It is a startling thought, that at the judgment bar of Almighty God the Assembly of God is going to be held responsible for the religious influence and the eternal destiny of 200,000 young people and children who are right around us who are not now in any Sunday School.

Of our 166,000 members about 66,000, or about one third are children and young people in our Sunday Schools. To add to these the 200,000 gives us the task of multiplying our Sunday Schools by four. This we must do to stand clear before Almighty God concerning our responsibility for the children and young people who are at our doors and not in Sunday School.

Let us compare the work being done to educate our children religiously with that being done to educate them secularly. Clarence Benson tells us that a child spends 12,000 hours in a public school in the period in which he spends 170 hours in Sunday School. Seventy times

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### Shine On!

By Carrie Judd Montgomery

*The glowing sun, with fervent heat and power,  
Shines on;*

*It recks not if its beams meet damp and mould,  
Or if it light on icebergs bleak and bold,  
Or on Spring blossoms with their hearts of gold,  
It shines, shines on.*

*The Love Divine from God's vast heights above  
Shines on;*

*Though objects of that love unworthy be,  
The nature of our God is to set free  
Souls bound and held in sin's captivity;  
Is shines, shines on.*

*O Love Divine held deep within my heart,  
Shine on!*

*All darkness scattered by Thy beams of light,  
Till midnight is illumed like noontide bright,  
And Jesus is revealed to inner sight;  
Shine on, shine on!*

# The Promises of the Abrahamic Covenant

C. M. O'Guin at the General Council

"I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12:2, 3.

A covenant is an agreement or promise that certain things will be done. In the Holy Scriptures God makes with us many covenants. This morning, it increases my love and my devotion to God when I read the promises He has made to us in His covenants, and realize how adequately He has fulfilled the promises He has given. When we properly understand the covenants God has made we see that He is carrying out every one of them to the very letter. Some one has said that there is more human history wrapped up in these two verses in the Bible than you can find on the library shelves of the world. God's calling Abram and giving him this covenant is one of the most important events in human history. It means more to the world than June 18, 1815, when Napoleon lost his battle at Waterloo; it means a great deal more to the world than the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

To begin with, the thing that stands at the head of this covenant is the promise, "I will make of thee a great nation." It is a fact that that promise has been fulfilled three times over. Three of the greatest nations of the world today trace themselves back to Abraham. Ismael is the father of the Mohammedan world; Abraham is the father of the nation of Israel and he is classed as being the father of the Christian world. This last statement may sound a little strong, and yet it is definitely stated so in the New Testament. See Galatians 3:29.

The next promise in the covenant is the promise, "I will bless thee." We see how God blessed Abraham when He made him rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. The Bible tells us, "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac. By faith he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." God did bless Abraham, He blessed him in a great way.

God said, "I will make thy name great." When you read the first chapter of the book of Matthew, you find that

Christ is traced back to the seed of Abraham. "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham." From the seed of Abraham was to come the Son of man, and that Son of man was Christ; and when Christ entered into the death agonies on the cross the channel was opened for the Abrahamic blessing to reach the whole world. Today the outpouring of the Spirit of God is the ultimate fulfillment of the promise of God made to Abraham that He would make him a blessing to the whole world.

He said, "I will make thy name great." Abraham is the greatest name in the three great world religions of today. The blessing of God is coming to the entire



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world because God is still keeping the covenant He made with Abraham.

Now let us notice another thing. In this covenant He says, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." Some way or other, there is a tremor of fear and sorrow that goes through my heart when I read of some land or some nation that has taken up the weapon of persecution against the seed of Abraham. I do not feel good about that. The work of God can never be undone by carnal weapons of any kind, for that matter, but when they put their hands upon the seed of Abraham they are getting in trouble with God. Egypt at one time held the granaries of the world. The sphinx and the pyramids are there today as monuments to the departed

glory of that land. The Jews live on while those who placed a curse on the Jews are no more. Those who have persecuted these people and made vassals and chattels of them have gone down to defeat or suffered some kind of judgment under the frown of God, while God's hand continues to rest upon His people, chastening but yet preserving them. The Bible tells us to love Jerusalem, to pray for its peace and for this crushed race which are the chosen people. Never should we be found guilty of persecuting or doing anything that would make the way harder for them. This is out of respect for God's Word and that we may keep our souls pure in the sight of God.

I wish to call attention to a passage of scripture found in Isaiah 3:9, "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them." I have heard about long noses and big ears and big chins and big mouths—what they indicate as to the character of a person, but I do not take a good deal of stock in it as I think we are likely to make mistakes. I do not know whether big ears denote generosity, or a big mouth character, or a great chin courage, or a big nose keen intelligence. I have heard these things but I do not know how true they are. I do know this, however, that God has placed the mark of identification upon His people. It is a fact that climatic conditions affect the color of human beings; that social conditions will change the shape of their bodies; that the way people eat will change their bodies. They may be stout and short or tall and thin according to how they live and where. But right here is where the children of Abraham give testimony to the fact that God is still keeping the covenant He made with their father. The Jew is a Jew wherever he is found. Regardless of where he is, he can be recognized as the same son of Abraham that he has always been.

Now let us take a sidelight from this lesson of ours. God called Abraham to go into the land of Canaan, and Abraham journeyed toward that country; and into the land of Canaan he came. He went to the place to which the Lord had called him. We read: "Abraham passed through the land into the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land." I have met a number of "Canaanites." I have met some lately. I never go any place where God wants me but the "Canaanite" is there before me. It may be a wilderness, or a place of pure worship of God—but the "Canaanite" is there. He is the old historical enemy of God and there is no peace or reconciliation between God's people and the "Canaanite." There is an everlasting conflict until we lay our weapons down and leave the battlefield.

The "Canaanite" here stands for the difficulties and obstacles which the people of God meet in their effort to take new territory for God. The opposition is always there. I remember in one of our states a number of years ago, they did not think our Pentecostal people amounted to much, and we received a very serious threat from the officials of a certain town. They came down to the meeting and served notice on the people that they would be put in the patrol wagon and taken away unless they changed things around. The "Canaanites" were getting out of patience with us. I was not the minister in charge, but, I knew what was guaranteed to us by the bill of rights in the Constitution. I went to the governor of the state and laid the thing before him, and we finally got the "Canaanites" quieted down in that particular section.

Some other workers were conducting a fine tent revival in another city, and the power of God was coming down. One night at the altar service there were a number of prostrations and the Spirit of God was speaking through people. One brother was just about to receive his Baptism. The patrol wagon came up, the officers came in and began to roughly throw these people into the patrol wagon. One brother was so far gone he did not care, and so between the tent and the police station he received his Baptism! I have never seen the "Canaanite" take very graciously the march of God's people. And friends, we might just as well become reconciled to the fact that the "Canaanite" never changes. He is just the same in China as he is in America; he is just the same in all sections of the land where new territory is entered for God.

But let us notice that the Bible says that "the Canaanite was then in the land." And the very next clause says, "And the Lord appeared unto Abram." We love the presence of God. There is not anything like it in all the world, we want that and we are seeking it, but it seems we cannot have it in its deepest sense unless we are somewhere near the Canaanite. It is near the Canaanite that God gives His greatest and richest blessing. Now you and I should like to see the seas open, we should like to see the people of God march through the Red sea, but friends, the seas do not open until we are surrounded by the army and chariots of Pharaoh. We should love to be fed with manna from the skies, but are we willing to travel the desert land? You have to be there to get the manna. We should like to get the water from the rock, but are we willing to go thirsty in the Arabian wilderness? You know it is in the presence of these great difficulties that the Lord

appears. It was true in the case of Abraham, and it is our experience at the present time. We love the presence of the Lord, but we are inclined to dread and fear the presence of the "Canaanite."

But that is not all. Abraham was very much like the rest of us. God had a purpose in him and that purpose is being carried out to this very date. The most difficult positions today, the positions that require the greatest amount of tact on the part of the people who fill them, are today filled by the seed of Abraham. When Mr. Roosevelt became President of this country, he picked out in the entire set-up of the government twenty-three of the most difficult positions, and then he chose twenty-three Jewish people to fill them. Name any position today that requires a tremendous amount of skill and tact, and a Jew is there. Mr. Roosevelt wanted to start the Tennessee

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## Questions and Answers

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*Were the Ethiopians ever led away captive or is Isaiah 20:4 yet to be fulfilled?*

It is probable that Isaiah 20:4 was fulfilled when Egypt was conquered by Assyria. The Ethiopians were defeated by Israel, 2 Chron. 14:9-15; 16:8. Ahasuerus reigned from India to Ethiopia, which would indicate that Ethiopia had been conquered by Persia. Esther 1:1.

*Was the wine that Jesus made (John 2:9) intoxicating?*

In most places in the New Testament where the word "wine" is used the Greek word is "oinos" which Young's Concordance says means "grape juice." It is this word which is used in John 2. But the use of this same word in some other places would indicate that it included fermented wine. Eph. 5:18. We may rest assured that the wine which Jesus made was not of such nature as to degrade men.

*Why did Paul say, "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry" since faith in Christ and godly sorrow are inseparable? 2 Cor. 7:9.*

Paul had found it necessary to write a letter of reproof to the church at Corinth and he disliked hurting their feelings so much that he says he repented after sending it. But when he learned of its good results he rejoicingly says he rejoiced that he had sent the letter, not because it brought sorrow to them, but because it had caused them to sorrow after a godly sort. No faithful shepherd rejoices in being able to make people feel bad. But if causing them to feel bad leads them from error to the Lord their repentance makes him happy.—E. S. W.

Valley project and put up a power plant to show what electricity could actually be sold for, and still do it at a profit, and he chose a Jew. They are great folks to get things done, and nobody knows it better than the President himself. That is why he has surrounded himself with so many of them.

In Abraham's experience the time came when he was under pressure. A famine arose in the land, and so he deserted his altar and the place of blessing and took a journey down into Egypt. He went down there and got into trouble, got his wife into trouble, got everybody into trouble because he was out of place. He wanted to take on the ways of Egypt, but some way or other he was a misfit down there. Then he started his journey back to the place where God had appeared to him, and the language used means that he continued that journey until he returned to the very place he started from.

I think in that particular case he is a type of the church. We know where it started, and how it started; we know the experience that it began with and what was accomplished in the power of that original experience of the early church. When hard times came Abraham put his trust in the arm of flesh, leaned upon it, and went down into Egypt; but God had a way of dealing with Abraham and getting him back. And friends, we are witnessing the same experience today with the church. The church took a journey into Egypt and has taken on the ways of the world or Egypt, but we are pleased to see that there are many hungry hearts that are looking for the place of the beginning, the place of the altar, the place of pure worship of God, the place of power and reality.

We see also that this is true of the children of Abraham according to the flesh. From the countries of Europe (or some of them at least), and from this country and others, we are witnessing a great return of the people, by the thousands, back to the actual land given to Abraham. There God will meet with them for according to the prophet Zechariah, they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced. And friends, I rejoice that God keeps His Word with such accuracy. Praise God, He is fulfilling His plan in His church today, in bringing us back to the early apostolic Christianity, and at the same time He is taking the literal seed of Abraham back to the land to be ready for the last acts of the drama of this present age. For the promise of God of blessing to Abraham and his seed will be literally fulfilled: "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

# The Editor's Notebook



## Have Faith in God

There are many revelations in the Scriptures concerning the name of the Lord. It is revealed as "a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe," safe from all the power of the enemy. When the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to bear a son, he showed that His name should be called Jesus, "for He shall save His people from their sins." He came for the purpose of being a Saviour from sin and from all the consequences of sin. After the death and resurrection of this Saviour the apostle Paul was able to declare to the saints, "Sin shall not have dominion over you," for through the work of the Saviour there was now a complete deliverance from sin. The apostle John declared, "These things write I unto you, that ye sin not." Through the name of Jesus and through the power of Him who bore that wondrous name, there is salvation, there is dominion over sin and over Satan, and there is deliverance from sickness which is the result of sin.

After the day of Pentecost Peter and John went up to the house of God to pray. At the gate there was a lame man who needed deliverance. He asked alms. Men think that if they have money, that is all they need. The apostles did not have any silver or gold to give, but they did have within them that which was of more value than all the silver and gold of earth. They made the declaration, "Silver and gold have we none; but such as we have give we unto thee." What did they have? They had the promises of the Lord and faith in the promises. They had the promise that in His name the sick should be delivered. And they spoke out that name in boldness and in faith, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." The man was perfectly healed, and rose up leaping and praising God. All the multitude were astonished. Peter and John took no credit for the miracle, but they showed it was through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through faith in His name, that this perfect soundness, this perfect deliverance, this perfect healing had come to this sick man. Later they made the bold declaration that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and through faith in His name, there is perfect salvation from sin, there

is perfect deliverance from all the consequences of sin; for men can have forgiveness of all their iniquities and healing of all their diseases through that name and through faith in that name.

The rulers were incensed at the miracle and at the spreading of the gospel. They forbade the disciples to speak any more in that name. Did that silence them? No. They turned their enemies over to the Lord and asked Him to behold their threatenings, and prayed that they might have greater boldness in preaching His Word. They prayed that the hands of Jesus, the same hands they had seen laid on the sick, bringing complete and glorious deliverance and healing every time, might still be stretched forth to heal. They prayed that signs and wonders might be done in the name of God's holy child Jesus. Was their prayer answered? Yes. They spoke with boldness of faith, and through the hands of the apostles mighty signs and wonders were wrought. The sick were brought to them and they were healed every one.

Has the name of Jesus Christ changed? Has the power of that name waned? Is faith in that name unavailing? No. The name is the same, the power in the name is the same, but man's faith in that name has waned. Pray for a revival of faith in the name of Jesus. When men have full faith in that name and lay their hands on the sick in that name, in the power of the Holy Ghost, they will see like results as those described in the Acts of the Apostles.

How does faith come? Faith comes by hearing, by diligently hearkening unto the Word of the Lord, by receiving His words into our hearts, by literally eating those words, by becoming partakers of His Word. Through the word received faith is begotten. There is one condition laid down for the coming forth of the power of God—faith in His name. The Lord declared, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." There is the one condition—believe that ye receive.

At the grave of Lazarus the Lord questioned Mary and Martha, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe thou shouldest see the glory of God?" They believed on Him, His glory was manifested, and Lazarus came forth from the grave. When they brought the news to Jairus that his daughter was dead, the Lord declared, "Only believe," and when this one simple condition was

met the daughter of Jairus was raised to life. The Lord Jesus Christ who exercised His power in the raising of Lazarus and the raising of the daughter of Jairus has lost none of His power. How will His power be manifested? He says, "Only believe, and thou shalt see." For He declares that with faith all things are possible.

As Jesus came down from the transfiguration mount He saw a poor father who had brought his demented son to the disciples, but they could not cast out the evil spirit. Why? Because of lack of faith. But with faith all things are possible. Jesus showed to the father that through faith his son would be delivered, and the father declared, "I believe; help thou mine unbelief." The Lord heard his request and helped him to believe. And his son was delivered by Him who is the Deliverer from sin, the Deliverer from sickness, the Deliverer from demon power, the Deliverer from all the power of the enemy. And His power of delivering from sin, from sickness, from demon power, and from all the power of the enemy will be exercised today, for He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, in response to His children's faith. He says, "Have faith in God," or literally, "Have the faith of God." And He says, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." He shows that those who speak in faith shall have whatsoever they say.

Do you have faith or are you conscious of a lack of faith? Make the declaration like the poor father, "I believe; help thou mine unbelief," and He will help, He will deliver from unbelief, for He is the author and the finisher and the perfecter of faith. Look unto Him. Harken to His Word. Diligently hearken. Be obedient to His Word, for if you abide in Him, and His words abide in you, ye ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Come to Him believing that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. And He will give to you all your desires, He will fill you with His faith, He will fill you with His hope, He will fill you with His love, He will fill you with His very nature.

## God's Book

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. . . . The Bible is the book of all others to be read in all ages, and in all conditions of human life."—John Quincy Adams.

# The Passing and the Permanent

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

## This Changing World

Says a writer in *Scribner's*: "Life today is swift and startling. It is no longer the sane, predictable thing it used to be. The world is changing, not sedately, but madly, not year by year, nor even day by day, but hourly."

God's Word is the only unchanging guide in this changing world.

## Biblical Names Necessary

The following item from *Palestine Post* presents another remarkable sign of the revival of the Jewish nation: "The Tel Aviv Municipal Council makes it a point in granting or renewing licenses for business premises, to suggest Hebraic names to proprietors. Foreign titles for stores or factories are discouraged. The names are often taken from Biblical and Talmudical literature."

## Homesick for Palestine

Commenting on the newly established Jewish colony in Russia, Ludwig Lewisohn, noted Jewish author, said: "We want no more lost tribes, whether in Babylon or Biro Bidjan. Jews will go to Biro Bidjan because it is better to be alive than dead. Jews who go to *Eretz Yisroel* (land of Israel) become new men. We need no new exile; we need to liquidate exile; we need to go home."

## The State Crushes the Church

And such is the spirit of Antichrist. We learn from *Revelation* that "A committee composed of a Protestant, a Jew and a Catholic was sent to Mexico last summer to study the religious situation there. Its finding has recently been made public. The present state of Mexico is seen to be a part of a 'world wide recrudescence of an intolerant spirit.' A recent decree for the nationalization of church properties is called 'one of the harshest and most oppressive anti-religious laws ever passed in any land.'"

## Zionists Enlist Italian Ships

"The Lloyd Triestino Steamship Company signed a contract with the Zionist committee in Locarno for the transportation to Palestine during 1936 of 80,000 Polish Jews who are going to be settled in Tel Aviv," writes Dr. Chalmers.

"The same company has been performing a similar service for the last several years, but next year will be the first in which the migration of Jews to Palestine will assume such great proportions. It is understood a Polish company will send other contingents of Jews from Braila, Rumania."

## The Four Horsemen

A year after the Disarmament Conference the cost of world armament had increased by \$500,000,000. Says a writer in *Literary Digest*: "Today the Four Horsemen ride again. In fact, they have not left the saddle since they mounted on a July day in 1914."

## "A Proverb and a By-Word"

According to the *Congress Bulletin*: "A handbook for anti-Jewish propaganda called 'The Black Book' has been issued by the Nazi Party with an introduction by the Propaganda Minister, Josef Goebbels. The book contains 416 pages and is intended for use in Germany as well as for propaganda purposes in foreign countries. It was specially prepared for distribution among the participants of the 1936 Olympics."

## A Challenge to World Evangelism

World population is increasing at a rate that is hard to conceive. The International Statistics Institute at The Hague announces that it is now 2,000,000,000. This is an increase of 400,000,000 in the past two years. In round numbers, Asia has a population of 950,000,000; Europe, 550,000,000; the Americas, 230,000,000; Africa, 150,000,000; Australia, 7,000,000.

## A Living Martyrdom

The following incident will give us an idea of the ordeal facing many Russian Christians: A widow, supporting her child and her parents by teaching, was apprehended attending church, and summoned before the authorities. How did it happen that she, an employee of the Soviet, and therefore, necessarily godless, was attending church? Unless she signed a declaration agreeing to abandon God and her parents she would go to prison for her treachery. What was she to do? Prison would mean starvation and death for father and mother, and abandonment for her child. She signed, but her conscience was seared. The devil, however, is persistent. He was not satisfied with her signature. Through the Bolsheviks he demanded confirmation, which meant that she must put the Holy One to "open shame," by taking part in mockery parades, and similar demonstrations. Her conscience awakened, she confessed her sin, withdrew her renunciation and commended to the Lord God the misery to come.

## Foreshadowing "Jacob's Trouble"

We clip the following from *Palestine Post*. "The world must realize that the German solution for the cultural Jewish problems is unalterable, being based on Justice, and might serve as a model for the rest of the world," declared Herr Hinkel, in a radio broadcast. Herr Hinkel is Commissioner for German-Jewish activities.

## The Land and the People

Sir Leon Levison, president of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance, writes in *The Hebrew Christian* of October, 1935: "The success of the Jewish people of Palestine, we are glad to report, is continuing. Their achievements in the upbuilding of the land of their fathers are simply amazing, and we are made to realize more forcibly as the days go on how wonderfully God's ways are working out and prophecies are being fulfilled. We cannot help feeling that the people have been kept for the land as surely as the land for the people. Time and again Israel has been brought to the verge of annihilation, only to experience God's preservation. First by the Pharaohs, second by the Assyrians, then by Nebuchadnezzar, again by Haman, and then by Antiochus Epiphanes, and lastly by Titus in A. D. 70. As God used the fury of the nations to scatter Israel, so he is now using the fury of the nations to gather her."

## Palestine—a Future Battlefield

About two years ago an English statesman declared: "If another great war breaks out Palestine will be the cockpit of it." Recently, Keith L. Brooks tells us the *New Palestine* made the following comment: "The Jewish Homeland is close to the theater of war. It is in the midst of it. The Mediterranean Sea is not only Italy's but it is the sea that serves Palestine and the building of the National Home. Palestine is bound to be affected by the break in the transport service not only of men, but also of goods. Much of the commerce of Palestine is carried in Italian bottoms, and Italy will require all of its ships for its own purposes. The trade routes follow the line between Genoa and Haifa. All ports on the Mediterranean will witness a breaking of commercial habits and of commercial relations which will affect established markets as well as transport. With the appearance of the British navy on that Sea, there will be further complications. *It is reported that trenches are being dug by the government in the vicinity of Haifa.* There are other signs of activity in Palestine in preparation for any eventuality that may arise. These measures are required to enable Palestine to maintain its neutrality and to resist encroachments upon its rights as a neutral."

# God's Method of Announcing an Approaching Crisis

By Zelma Argue

Beacon signals for ages have been announcers of important news.

"News flash!" calls the radio announcer today, and we listen for word of some important world change or event. We carefully give close attention.

Then traffic lights! How well we all know them! How well we know they mean either safety or danger. We know we must be careful to heed these signs. This we know is imperative.

Using lights to tell of danger or of safety is not merely a modern custom. Long ago we have probably all heard stories of where some railroad bridge along the line would be washed out, and someone would build a fire on the railroad track to warn the oncoming express of danger ahead. In primitive countries warnings are sped across the country by building bon-fires upon hill tops, each one acting as a signal, flashing the news to the next hill where another fire is kindled to relay the news still farther along.

Kindling a fire is God's method also of announcing a crisis, or a great change.

Behold the *burning bush*. In it lies a pattern of God's use of supernatural fire. First of all, its appearance was not accidental. It came rather, as a direct answer to the sighs and cries of the children of Israel. "*And the children of Israel sighed by reason of their bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God.*" Heavenly fire only comes after great intercession.

Curiosity was the immediate result. Moses' attention was attracted, and he said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." Fire never fails to attract attention. I believe it was John Wesley who was responsible for the saying, "If you cannot get people to come and hear you preach, get on fire for God and the people will come to watch the fire." A little frame church in a village caught fire one midnight. A crowd gathered around. One of the faithful deacons, who had often been discouraged because of the small attendance at the services, saw his next door neighbor standing near him. "This is the first time I have ever seen you come to our church," he remarked a bit sadly. But we are told that the neighbor replied quickly, "This is the first time I have ever known of this church to be on fire." Fire does impel attention, and God has chosen to act on this fact.

The next result was the consciousness

that came to Moses of God's immediate presence. "*Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.*" And out of the flame God's voice was heard calling, "Moses, Moses!" So out of the holy fire Moses heard directly from God. He was given the message of the hour. God was about to deliver His people from their bondage in answer to their cries, but parallel with this deliverance for them was coming dire judgment upon Pharaoh and Egypt for their resistance.

*Deliverance* coupled along with *judgment!* How often they go together! There followed an amazing series of miracles. The rod of God in the hand of Moses, and later, a strong east wind to drive back the waters of the Red Sea, were the weapons of God in working out His double purpose. The children of Israel were given a way of escape. The Red Sea opened and let them pass through. But the same series of miracles brought darkness and finally death in every home in Egypt. The Red Sea that had opened as a way of escape now became a death trap, when Pharaoh, and all his hosts, essaying to cross over, were drowned. God led the children of Israel by a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, "to give them light: to go by day and night." But this same cloudy, fiery pillar, that became light to them, became darkness and confusion to Pharaoh's host on the other side.

Supernatural fire appears in other instances in sacred writ, with strikingly similar conditions accompanying its appearance.

When fire from heaven fell to consume Sodom, it was preceded by Abraham's deep intercession, and God's saying, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" There was definite warning to Lot and his family to escape. Then the fire fell. Those who accepted the warning were delivered, but utter destruction came upon the remainder.

Then there was the fire from heaven that fell in direct answer to the intercession of Elijah upon Mt. Carmel. "*Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God,*" was his cry. "*Then the fire of the Lord fell.*" Its fall was followed by the destruction and death of the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. But Elijah, whose life had been threatened by Jezebel, was protected by supernatural

power. He slept, and an angel touched him, bidding him arise and eat, for there was a cake baked upon coals, and a cruse of water for him. Eventually he was taken to heaven without tasting death.

But the fire that fell upon the Day of Pentecost! What a climax was there! Ten days of waiting in one accord upon God preceded its coming. Then, "There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." Curiosity was immediately aroused. "*What meaneth this?*" asked the throng. For about a generation this fire of God worked mightily in the early church, then once again the crisis came. The baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, with its accompanying sign of speaking in other tongues, is a sure sign of impending judgment. Then God visited judgment upon the wicked builders of the Tower of Babel, "tongues" was the sign, and has been, on different occasions since that time. Prior to the great destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in A. D. 70, "tongues" was the sign, along with the supernatural fire. In the siege of Jerusalem, it is said over a million people perished; the very people who for a whole generation had had the opportunity of hearing the Word, and believing it. But at that awful time the believers were delivered, the Jewish historian Josephus tells us. They remembered the word of the Lord to flee to the mountains without going back even for their coats, when they saw Jerusalem encompassed with armies. Thus, by heeding the warning, they escaped.

Just before the terrible French Revolution the mighty presence of God was manifested among the godly Huguenots of that land. The fire of the Holy Spirit was present. History tells us they spoke in tongues, interpreted, and that miracles of healing occurred among them. But again it was a signal of impending judgment. Deliverance was granted these godly people, however, for the government decreed that by a certain date they must be out of France, or have their property and lives confiscated. This was a mercy in disguise.

They fled to other shores for religious liberty, and thus escaped the bloody revolution, when blood flowed like water. The great guillotine was erected, and each morning the cart from the Bastille prison would rattle over the cobblestones of the city streets, carrying its quota of the doomed. Women were so hard of heart that they would sit on park benches to view the executions, and with their knitting in hand, would count off their stitches by the dropping off of the heads into the great baskets. Again doom had followed the fire, but the godly had escaped in time.

And what shall we say as we think of

the fire of God in the midst of His people in our day? We tremble as its significance breaks upon us. In these last days, just before a world-wide judgment is visited upon modern Babylon, we see a world-wide body of people visited by the fire of God, and speaking in other tongues.

Will history repeat itself? Now that almost a generation has passed since the coming of this latter outpouring of the Spirit, is judgment due, as at the close of the early church days?

Intercessory prayer brought this visitation from God into being. Around the world, about the turn of the century, various groups were spending all nights of prayer for the Spirit to fall, and empower them to meet the onslaught of the powers of darkness. When the fire fell, it appeared practically simultaneously in different parts of the world. It is said that about 1906 in Pandita Ramabai's work in India, and in other places as well, cloven tongues like unto flames of fire were witnessed. On numerous occasions when I have spoken to someone with whom I have been praying, and who had just received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, the recipient would testify to having seen a great light, as Saul saw on the road to Damascus; or possibly a ball of fire. "It seemed to come from heaven, and as it came down and touched me, I came through to the Baptism," they have told me. Others speak of seeing visions of Jesus shining in great glory and light, which is Scriptural: "your young men shall see visions."

Have we not been raised up for this mission? The Apostle Paul says "tongues are for a sign to them that believe not." Other good and entirely devoted people may excel us on various lines, but let us fulfill our mission! *Let us not quench the spark!* We have been raised up as a people experiencing the prophecy of John the Baptist, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with FIRE."

The sequence—? What will it prove to be? Are we not approaching a cross-roads? Is there not a junction just ahead? The signals speak clearly of two ways. We may choose. Danger, or safety! In the road of rejection of the voice of God lies sure and swiftly impending judgment and doom. But for those who heed, there will be a path of deliverance even as a path was opened through the Red Sea for the children of Israel: a path where Pharaoh could not follow; and as Elijah, without tasting death, was delivered in a chariot of fire.

Did I not think my Teacher as faithful as He is infallible, there is no book I should so fear to handle as the Book of God.

## Recommended Books

### CAN GOD . . . ?

By J. Edwin Orr

God had so blessed the efforts of the young leaders in Ireland in their work of getting the people to pray for revival that they felt the message must go to others. After prayer God laid His hand upon J. Edwin Orr, a young Irish evangelist, with a mother to support, to carry the message.

September 28, 1933 Mr. Orr arrived in Liverpool, England, with an old bicycle as his future means of transport. He had given all but sixty-five cents of his money to his mother when he left, promising to support her in the future. Would God supply the needed funds to take him on his tour over Great Britain and at the same time enable him to send the necessary money home for the support of his mother? Those who read the book, "Can God . . . ?" will have their faith inspired as they see how utterly true the promises of God proved to be. Time after time Mr. Orr would arrive in a town, unknown to anyone, and a few hours (sometimes moments) later would be in touch with the leading evangelical ministers, preaching in their churches the message of revival. Sometimes his bicycle was his means of transport, sometimes he walked, but always God supplied the means. Oftentimes bus drivers or motorists would give him a lift from one town to another—and thus he had the opportunity of leading many to Christ. Because of his experiences of sleeping out under the stars, walking miles, and not knowing where his next meal or bed was coming from gave him many opportunities to introduce tramps to his Father who always met his needs.

All during his year's tour of Great Britain—10,000 miles of miracle—God had enabled Mr. Orr to support his mother. The money came in very unexpected ways, but it always came! At one time he had not sent anything home for two weeks, and began to pray about the matter. The amount for his personal needs came, but nothing for home. He was puzzled, but his perplexity turned to praise when he received a letter from a comparative stranger saying he had sent Mr. Orr's mother a sum equal to two weeks' regular contribution!

Mr. Orr's plan was to reach the leading evangelicals, laying before them the motive of the Revival Fellowship—not a new organization, but people of every denomination joining together in prayer for a world-wide revival before the coming of the Lord. In the North of England he was asked to stay a year—as that was the time the ministers thought would be required to tour that part of the country. Mr. Orr proposed to do it in four weeks. The ministers were very sceptical about this "rash statement," as they called it. But Mr. Orr said, "Plus God we can do anything," and after a season of prayer he started out with three cents and a hardboiled egg. One week later he returned with his three cents and hardboiled egg, having traveled 350 miles by bicycle and 500 miles by train, meeting all his expenses

by the Lord's provision! He was in an area where no one knew him—but God!

Once in descending a treacherous hill in Wales Mr. Orr's bicycle skidded, he lost his balance—and then a crash. Later he found himself in the hospital. He was told a few days before his discharge the amount of his bill. It gave him food for thought as he only had eighty cents. Shortly afterwards his mother sent him enough to pay the bill but he returned it to her, and on the day he was released from the hospital a letter came containing enough to cover the bill plus a single fare home!

While in Gravesend a friend of Mr. Orr's was holding a street meeting to which very few were paying attention. Suddenly a young man began to cross-question the speaker. The crowd began to swell. Finally the stranger asked to be allowed to speak. Receiving permission, he stepped up to the stand, stated that he was a revolutionary, and was interrupted by cries of, "Stay in Russia," "Clear out of here." But he ignored the heckling and went on to address the ever-increasing crowd on the subject of revolution. He stated that a revolution is always necessary to cleanse a corrupt state. But, he said, the revolution he believed in was the revolution in men's hearts. Their nature was so corrupt that nothing but revolution would affect a change—and the only power in the world to do that was the cleansing of the blood of Jesus. The young stranger with the revolutionary ideas was Mr. Orr himself.

All over Great Britain Mr. Orr gained the prayer support of many staunch Christians. He had a long talk with Evan Roberts about revival. Mr. Orr says, "When I mentioned twelve hours hard work every day did not leave much more than an hour for quiet consultation with God, he (Mr. Roberts) explained matters. 'Working for God is prayer in action. Being wholly yielded ensures that God will direct you all the day, therefore one's task is to listen for the voice of the Lord, and then to obey. . . . Vision is as desirable a gift as faith. I have seen men who have had great faith, but who have never exercised it because of their lack of vision. I have seen others who had vision, but who never responded because of their lack of faith.'

Get this new book from the Gospel Publishing House, price fifty cents plus five cents postage, and read for yourself the rest of Mr. Orr's adventures for God.

### GERMAN PENTECOSTAL MAGAZINE

For 15 years we have been publishing a German full gospel magazine. It is now under the management of the German Department of the Russian & Eastern European Mission. This magazine appears monthly and contains instructive articles as in the Pentecostal Evangel, as well as inspiring missionary reports of God's revival in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. The price is \$1.00 per year postpaid to any part of the world. Order from: Russian & Eastern European Mission, German Dept., 2450 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Let us not forget to pray for our neglected neighbors, the Indians of North and South America, that the Lord will raise up workers for these fields to give them the gospel.

# The Sunday School Lesson

## MALACHI FORETELLS A NEW DAY

Lesson for December 22. Lesson Text: Malachi 3:1-12.

Be sure to read the whole prophecy of Malachi. His message contains many things which pertain to the last days. There had been a gracious revival in Jerusalem during the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, but a season followed in which the people were letting down, leaking out and growing lukewarm. A time of drift and decadence. Way translates Hebrew 2:1: "Since, then, ours is so high a destiny, we must—we MUST—pay fuller attention than ever to the truths that we have already heard, and never drift anchorless away from them."

### I. THE COMING OF A REFINER.

**The Lord's Love.** Note the opening words of this prophecy: "I have loved you, saith the Lord." Because He loved His people He was about to subject them to severe discipline; and if we would be His disciples we must have His discipline. The Lord declared, "I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau." Jacob with all his failings was one whose heart followed hard after God. Esau was indifferent to the things of God. He despised his birthright and sold it for a mess of pottage. Although the seed of Jacob again and again apostatized, yet from time to time they sought God afresh and cried to Him in repentance; but the seed of Esau (and Amalek was of that seed) remained indifferent and even hostile to Jehovah's claims. There was constantly a faithful remnant in Israel like those spoken of in Malachi 3:16-17.

**Suddenly.** The Lord spoke through His prophet, "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in." Scofield points out that the scripture concerning the forerunner is referred to as fulfilled three times in the New Testament; in Matt. 11:10, Mark 1:2, and Luke 7:27, but he also points out that the second clause of this verse, "the Lord, whom ye seek," is not quoted in the Gospels, for the obvious reason that as Christ's first coming to His own nation as a whole rejected Him. But a time of great tribulation, is coming, a time known as "Jacob's trouble," when His judgments are to be in the earth. Then the nation will seek Him and then shall He suddenly come. Paul tells us in Acts 22:6 how that "suddenly" the Lord appeared to him. Thus will He appear to Israel. He bids us, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time (of His return) is . . . lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." When men shall say, "Peace and safety," then "sudden destruction cometh." 1 Thess. 5:3. The Lord will come as a thief in the night, and a thief does not usually let people know when he is to be expected.

**Purging.** He will come to refine and purify. The very expectation of His coming is a purifying one, and "every man that hath

this hope fixed on Him, purifieth himself to be as pure as He is." 1 John 3:3—Weymouth.

### II. A CALL TO REPENTANCE.

**Judgment.** The whole nation, and more especially the priests, were failing God. The priests were offering the torn, the lame, and the sick, instead of bringing for sacrifice the best of the flock that had no blemish. On such the Lord pronounced a curse. "Cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing." Mal. 1:14. Let us give to the Lord our best, and not our rubbish. A young man purchased a new suit. Immediately afterwards he received a gift of an old suit from a friend. He thought to himself, "I do not need two suits. I will give one to Brother — (a Pentecostal missionary who was about his size). He kept the old suit for himself and gave the new one away. He remembered the words, "Inasmuch . . . to the least of these . . . to Me." He did not want the Lord to have the shabby suit, so he gave the best.

**"Take Heed."** The priests were putting their wives away and the Lord declared, "I hate putting away." Twice He bids the priests, "Take heed to your spirit." It is only in the humble and contrite spirit that He will dwell. A meek and quiet spirit is in His sight of great price. Let us seek a humble, lowly, and loving spirit.

**"Return Unto Me."** But in His love the Lord calls the people back unto Himself. "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you." The word comes to us, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." He will not fail in His part if we do not fail in ours.

### III. THE COMPLAINT AGAINST ROBBERY

**Stealing.** In the law it is written, "The tithe is the Lord's." Tithing is a principle that preceded the law, for we find Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek, and Jacob promised his tithe to God. The passing of the law does not change this principle that "the tithe is the Lord's." To take for ourselves the tithe that belongs to God, is robbery. Taking that which belongs to another is a criminal offence; and surely it is more serious to steal from God than from our fellow men.

**"Prove Me Now."** The Lord calls to repentance and challenges, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts." Robbing God meant closed heavens, no showers of blessing, and the land had become full of devouring insects, the locusts, the cankerworms, the caterpillars, and the palmerworms. But the bringing in of the tithes would mean an end to the drouth, the coming of the rain (the early and the latter rain), the Lord rebuking all the armies of devouring insects and restoring the years that they had eaten.

**A Modern Example.** A neighbor, who had been a judge in Jamaica, related this story. Some natives came to me one day and said,

"What does this mean, 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'" He explained, "It means bringing to the Lord a tenth of what you have." "That's easy," they said, "let's do it." The next time he went to their church, for he was a lay preacher, he could hardly get to the pulpit. The people had brought a tenth of their belongings and placed them around the platform, and there they sat with open mouths waiting for the opened heavens. Did God disappoint? No. He sent a gracious revival. They told the news all around and other churches followed their example and had gracious revivals. Why suffer spiritual poverty when opened heavens are so easily secured? Let us heed the Word, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

**Israel a Blessing.** Verse 12 is a prophecy of what Israel will be when Christ returns to be their King. "All nations shall call you blessed." It is written, "Many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." Zech. 8:22, 23. Let us "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," remembering that the Lord has promised that "they shall prosper that love thee."—S. H. F.

### A REMINDER

**Do not forget** that the mails are always congested in December. So be sure and get your order for Sunday School literature in early.

**Do not forget** that we are bringing out two new publications for the new year, the **Primary Story Paper** (price, 6 cents per quarter), and the **Primary Quarterly** (price, 5 cents per quarter).

**Do not forget** that a slight change is being made in our Sunday School papers in the coming year and that we are now bringing out four papers instead of three: The **Primary Story Paper** for the children of 6, 7, 8, years; **Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls** for the Juniors of 9, 10, 11 years of age (price, 7 cents per quarter); **Intermediate Young People** for those of 12, 13, 14 (price, 13 cents per quarter); the **Gospel Gleaners** for those of 15 years and up (price, 15 cents per quarter). The **Pentecostal Evangel** is given to adults in many schools. The price is two cents per copy. It will be seen that we have discontinued our paper, **Young Soldiers of Jesus**, but **Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls** is taking its place for the Junior scholars, and they will be pleased to have the larger paper.

**Do not forget** to order a sufficient number of picture cards. These are now being written, like our other literature, by a Pentecostal writer. The price of these is 4 cents per set, and the large picture rolls are one dollar.

**Do not forget** that we now have four class quarterlies: the **Primary**; the **Junior**; one

for the Seniors and Intermediates, and one for the Adults and Young People. The price of each of these is 5 cents per copy. We still publish lesson leaves, the price of which is 4 cents per set.

**Do not forget** that we have three Teachers' quarterlies: The Adult and Young People's Teachers' Quarterly (price, 15 cents per quarter); the Senior and Intermediate Teachers' Quarterly (price, 10 cents per quarter); and the Children's Teachers' Quarterly (price, 10 cents per quarter).

**Do not forget** that the lessons for 1936 are especially worthwhile. The first six months we study the life of Christ, and the second six months we study the work of the Holy Spirit in the Acts. Be sure and get the Pentecostal viewpoint on these lessons, which you cannot get from quarterlies and literature supplied by those publishers who are opposed to our God-given Pentecostal testimony.

### The Development of Our Sunday Schools

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as much attention is given to secular training as is given to religious training. The public school trains them for time, while our responsibility is to train them for eternity. The Lord well said that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

Now let us consider some of the needs of Sunday School development. It is generally admitted that only one tenth of the time, money, and attention is given by Protestant church leaders to the development of their Sunday Schools. Statistics show that 90% of all the members who come into our churches come from the Sunday School, and that 90% of all the money that comes into our treasuries comes from those same members. Investing 10% we get 90%. To my mind this shows plainly that vastly more attention, prayer, and effort should be made to build up and make efficient our Sunday Schools.

Please turn to the booklet handed to you a few days ago, which states the advance made by our church in the last two years. I call your attention to some facts which I consider somewhat of an indictment against us. Beginning with the ministers and speaking in round numbers, in two years we have gained 25%; in churches we have gained 23%; in members we have gained 21½%. We do praise the Lord for these gains. But here is the indictment: Two years ago we had gained in the preceding two years less than 13% in preachers, 12% less than we gained the two years just past. But two years ago in two years we had gained 26% in assemblies and 35% in members. Thus it appears two years ago we had gained substantially more in assemblies and in members with only about half the gain in preachers.

This must not be taken as an indict-

ment against the ministers coming in in the last two years, but it does show that somewhere in our constituency there is a letting down in the improvement we make of our opportunities to develop new assemblies and bring in members. I bring this to our attention in this talk on Sunday Schools because of the fact that the very best way to make a church grow is to develop the Sunday School.

Let us arouse ourselves right now to the possibilities which are ours in the way of development, and then we shall not have any regrets later on. If you and I will now take advantage of the opportunities which are ours in the development of our churches and the membership thereof by focusing our attention, time and effort on these life-giving Sunday Schools that are among us, then I say, we shall have a much greater gain two years hence. Our assemblies will have grown and their number will have grown as well, along with the growth of ordained men that come into our movement.

Here is another interesting record: Eighty-five percent of all Christian workers in our midst likewise come from our Sunday Schools and young people's societies; and 95% of the ordained ministers and missionaries on the field were formerly in Sunday School. Can we not see the tremendous opportunities and responsibilities that are ours in connection with Sunday School work?

It is not only to win souls—secure members and church workers—that we should concentrate on Sunday School work. In building up and fostering the Sunday School we have given us a beautiful opportunity for the expression and exercise of the life and power of God within us. There is a God-given zeal in hearts that have received the glorious Baptism with the Holy Ghost. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." That is what the Lord said. The Baptism is God's divine equipment and urge to go out to minister in Jesus' precious name. Ministry from the pulpit is not the only ministry possible. Ministry on the street corner is not the only ministry possible. Ministry at the altar, sacred as it is, is not the only ministry possible. Do not think so. In your Sunday School, moving there so sweetly and quietly among the children and young people of your fellowship, you have a remarkable opportunity for evangelistic effort. You do not have to go to Africa to find an unsaved soul. Maybe you have them in your own home. I believe in the missionary field but I am conscious of this fact that no missionary on the field is

intelligently equipped and inspired to do his duty there until he has first learned the value of a soul. God help us to value those things that *He* values and to see the need of the evangelization and salvation of men and women and children round about us, in our midst—in our homes, in our churches, and in our Sunday Schools. There is need for evangelization, and that on the part of those baptized in the Holy Ghost. You have Jesus with you in your heart, you know that Jesus loves men and women, boys and girls. Let us reach out in tenderness and love for the salvation of every unsaved soul round about us regardless of the age of the individual. The Sunday School provides full and beautiful opportunity for service for those who love the Lord.

It is indeed highly incumbent upon us that we shall respond to the need which there is, respond to the call and to the demand which lies everywhere as Christians, and invest our thought, invest our energies, invest our time too—invest all that is at our disposal in the development of our Sunday Schools, in the development of our churches, in the development of our denomination, and in the development of the kingdom of God until the return of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

For a long time the need has been felt of having full gospel Sunday School lessons in the German language. This need has been met already for two years through a combined quarterly suitable for teachers, Bible students and children, published by the German Branch of the Assemblies of God. These commentaries are in solid print (usually 48 pages), and are very instructive and faith inspiring. Order one or several copies for your Sunday School, as they will serve to be a real blessing to the member of your church who is of German birth who will get the gist of the lesson much better if he can follow it up in his native tongue. The copy is only 10c postpaid. Kindly send your order promptly so we can provide enough in print. Order from: German Branch, Assemblies of God, H. A. Ulrich, Secretary, 2450 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

It is far more important and far more necessary to preach against the love of money than to preach against lying, or dishonesty in business, or drunkenness, or impurity. Men who commit such sins know that they sin and if detected are ashamed, but the money-loving man glories in his sin. He calls it thrift, prudence, laying up against a rainy day, providing for the future; whilst all the time he is living a life of idolatry, and worshipping a golden calf.—A. G. Ward.

Does the answer seem to linger  
To your earnest prayer?  
Turn your praying into praise,  
And get somewhere.

# The Gospel in Foreign Lands

## FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL IN EGYPT

We were pleased to receive a good report concerning the fifth annual session of our District Council in Egypt.

The District Superintendent, H. E. Randall, gave his report in which it was stated that there are now affiliated with the Assemblies of God in Egypt twenty-two assemblies. There are eight ordained ministers and three licentiates in addition to our missionaries.

Mrs. Randall, in giving some further advice concerning the work, stated that at the Gaziret Badran Mission thirty-four men and sixteen women followed the Lord in baptism and much blessing followed the service. She writes, "The women's meetings are still growing and new ones are coming in and some are receiving the fullness of the Spirit. Every day in the week there is a women's meeting somewhere in Cairo in connection with the Gaziret Badran Mission. God is blessing our paper, 'The Morning Star.' This messenger of truth is issued monthly when thirty-four hundred copies go forth in the name of the Lord to many places where there is no other preacher. During the annual conference an ordination service was held in which two more were ordained and joy filled the hearts of the people. The work needs your prayers, both for the ministers and for the believers as a whole in all of our twenty-two assemblies."

## SORROW AND BLESSING IN SOUTH INDIA

Our Brother J. H. Burgess, superintendent of the work in South India and Ceylon, writes: "Travancore has been suffering a drouth such as living people do not remember. This is the second year. Wells are dry, crops have failed, people are starving, and now cholera and malaria are raging. The plight of the people breaks one's heart. Some people eat the leaves of trees. There is much stealing. People are desperate. News has come that four members of one of our families have been taken away by cholera. We have just been in the cholera area to encourage our dear people who are passing through the dark valley. I know of no disease that claims its victims as quickly as cholera. Seven years ago we had a plague of cholera when 12,000 to 13,000 were swept away in a few short months. Our people greatly need your prayers for their safety.

"We have finished a convention here in Mavelikara in which God mightily worked. The attendance was much less than usual, due to unusual and heavy rains, but it was beautiful to see the Spirit of God moving in our midst convicting men of sin and drawing them to the Saviour. The presence of the Lord was very real and all were refreshed. Careless ones consecrated themselves to the Lord; sinners were saved and several baptized in the Holy Spirit.

"It was my privilege recently to visit the work in Colombo and Galle, Ceylon, and rejoiced to see God working there. At the close of a

meeting in Colombo a Christian young man asked if I would pray with him. So we knelt together; I prayed briefly and then he began to pray. He was having a struggle, a desperate struggle. At last he cried, 'Lord, I submit, I surrender.' Immediately there gushed from him such an outburst of other tongues as I have seldom heard. His complete surrender resulted in the Baptism with the Spirit. I believe the Lord wanted him for gospel work.

"In one of our stations we have a very earnest young woman whose family and relatives were all opposed to her. We cried to the Lord for some time for her and now a break has come. Her mother and sister have been wonderfully saved, and God is working among the relatives, the attitude of several very noticeably softening toward us, and we believe they are not far from the kingdom.

"God is blessing in the Bible School. We have a number of very promising young men whom we hope to thrust out in to the needy districts as soon as they graduate. At times the class room rings with the praises of the Lord as He comes down into our midst. As Miss Mildred Ginn is leaving for home in two weeks we shall be tremendously handicapped for teachers in the Bible school. Our two Indian teachers can finish this year, but we shall have to have help for next year on the staff. We are looking to the Lord to undertake for us so that soon we shall have our own Bible school building. We have a good amount on hand now for land, and we want to put up cheap buildings as soon as we can secure the proper site. At present the hostel is one and three quarters miles from the class room, both buildings being rented. We may have to give up our class room at any time. Several times the landlord has demanded the house. If we are put out I do not know where we shall go. We missionaries have to travel three and a half miles to class and three and a half miles back again daily. We do not believe in sinking large sums of money in property if we can avoid it, but I believe we can put up something quite inexpensive that will serve the purpose. We feel this is a great necessity. The District Council at the last conference donated Rs. 3000 or \$115.00 for land. It will cost possibly \$500.00 or a bit more for the land. We believe that the Bible school is filling one of the greatest if not the very greatest need on the field.

"While I am busy in class Mrs. Burgess takes much of the responsibility of the work, dealing with workers, arranging meetings, visitation work, etc.

"Just a few weeks ago, just before Bible school closed for the mid-term exams., we had a meeting with the workers, urging them to make the most of their vacation by holding meetings, etc. In one station, through the efforts of the pastor, a series of special meetings was arranged for which he was wholly responsible. The result was God met with them and twenty souls were gloriously saved. We would request prayer that all these will stand boldly for the Lord."

## WHAT CONSTITUTES THE MISSIONARY CALL

Several missionaries of experience were spending an evening together, and decided that a profitable time might be spent in discussing the above question. Thus the following notes comprise the combined opinions of about 15 or 20 missionaries. No names need be given by way of authorship, since all contributed valuable thoughts to the matter in hand.

*Matt. 9:35-38, and Romans 10:13-15*, make it plain that it is not for anyone lightly to decide "I'd like to be a missionary"—as a lad on leaving school declares "I want to be a mechanic," or "Let me study for a doctor."

The missionary laborer must be *sent*.

There must be prayer and waiting on God until the need is impressed on the individual and on the community. *Acts 13:1-4*. Thus we are not in favor of hurrying such an important matter. Let it be seriously deliberated and prayed over. Let it be given time to mature.

*Rom. 15:15-22, and 16:26*, are a valuable commentary on the objective of missionary effort. It is to make all nations obedient to the faith.

First, *there must be a realization and revelation of the need*. No superficiality or sentiment can replace this. All this romance about the "dear black folk" will soon disappear when face to face with their degradation, their vice, their stubborn resistance to God's claims and their love of falsity and superstition. God must show us their awful condition, their dire peril, and their need of a salvation which only Christ can give.

Secondly, *we must be submitted to God's will*, and as ready to stay as to go; as ready to send someone else, if God so indicates it, as to go ourselves. Unless we are absolutely abandoned to God's leading we cannot expect a clear call.

Thirdly, *there will be spiritual and mental impressions*. How God impresses His will upon our hearts it is hard to say. At times, dreams, visions and interpretations may play a part, though it would be extremely unsafe to depend upon these alone. An overwhelming conviction and desire, a great prayerful yearning, a triumphant, believing assurance are far more valuable, though visions, prophecies, etc., may be given in confirmation of the call.

Fourthly, *the call will be confirmed by circumstances*. It would have been most unwise for a Sister to leave for Africa, as she had a big goitre. When, however, God miraculously removed the goitre the circumstance strengthened her assurance that He had called her.

Similarly, the removal of such obstructions as debt or family obligations, the consent of parents, the taking over of duties by someone else—all these would add to the confidence that one was called.

Fifthly, *Spiritual equipment* will be given if there is a real call. A violent, hot-tempered person is not likely to have been called, since missionary work calls for patience, tact, for-

bearance. One who has not had success in soul-winning and building up churches in the homeland is not likely to have better success elsewhere. If a man is really called to missionary work he will be missionary-hearted wherever he may find himself. The gifts and qualifications for missionary service will be apparent.

Sixthly, *the way will be opened up and provision will be made.* If the necessary equipment and means of travel are not forthcoming, it is clear that God does not wish one to go. When He sends, He also provides. Similarly, language ability and ability to suit oneself to the climate and conditions of life are all confirmatory.

Finally, *there will be the acquiescence of the Church.* "He believes he has a call but nobody else believes it" is a poor recommendation for a prospective missionary. Surely if the elders of the church are in touch with God, and led by His Spirit, He will not fail to show them if some member of their churches is called to a special service.

"They that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Rev. 17:14.  
—Congo Evangelistic Mission Report.

#### NEWS FROM TIBETAN BORDER

The Lord graciously provided for our needs as we went out for the summer, joining forces with Mr. W. W. Simpson's workers. Then we visited five different Tibetan Nomadic tribes. Despite the opposition of Satan, we were enabled by His grace to warn men to flee from the wrath of God, and make plain the only and true way of salvation. As those who listened were brought to the point of decision and counted the cost, we could sense the powers of darkness and light striving for control of human souls. Though no one took an open stand for the Lord, we believe that the seed sown is going to bring forth fruit unto eternal life, and so praise God for victory ahead.

In the midst of our trip, we received letters from Labrang advising our immediate return to Labrang and to remove to places of safety because of the Chinese Red advance along the Kansu-Tibetan border. Returning we found that on the advice of the American Consul all other missionary bodies were evacuating, and government troops were moving in to repel the Red invaders from the border. We, therefore, wound up affairs in Labrang and moved out, my wife Rhoda and baby Samuel preceding me down the country.

As long as this continues along the Kansu-Tibetan border we feel it to be the mind of the Lord for us to remain down country and study Chinese. For while we are called to minister to the Tibetans, we have only been able to do this in Chinese governed territory; therefore one can readily see the necessity of having a working knowledge of Chinese to carry on with the Chinese officials and also with the traders.

Our postal address for the time being is as follows: James Vigna, c/o H. E. Hansen, 111 Hsi Scu Pei Ta Chiel, Peiping W. City, China.  
—James Vigna.

#### WARFARE IN SOUTHWEST CHINA

Just a few lines to tell you that I have had to leave the Salwin valley and come to Brother Fisher's station at Lan Ping.

Shortly after Miss Ward left us, the trouble between Lisu and Chinese took a new impetus, and the Christian Lisu thought we should leave at once. Things quieted for a few weeks, then, and we were able to pack. I had paid part payment on a house at a village in the Shang Pah district, thinking to go there when the Cookes' left for Yunnanfu. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke advised me against going alone, and in my planning, I tried to think of what the brethren at home would advise, and felt I should be guided by these older workers.

At first Mr. Cooke said it would be impossible for me to get any of my goods out, but God answered prayer and I was able to bring twenty-seven man-loads to Lan Ping with me.

Being the rainy season, no boats could be used on the rivers, and I had to cross both the Salwin and Mekong rivers on the rope. In crossing the first one, my mule was nearly



Mr. and Mrs. James Vigna as they travel among the Tibetan nomads with the gospel message.

killed. I could use him after that for part of the day, but finally had to leave him at a tribal village. It was very hard, added to my heavy sorrows, and loss of my sister. Several days I walked in steady rain, but the last day from Lan Ping, having sent word ahead, Mr. Fisher and two of his workers came about twenty li to meet me with a horse. Oh how thankful I was! They have been so kind to me.

Since I have been here, we have heard that the Chinese Government is sending fifteen hundred soldiers into the valley. If true, it will mean slaughter and bloodshed and the scattering of our poor Lisu. How they need our prayers!

Since I have been here, I have heard too of how robbers were in the way I traveled over, and were at a place where we stopped to eat our dinner, not more than an hour after we had gone. How faithfully God cares for us, not letting us face more than can be borne!

The whole aspect of everything here seems so sad. The Lisu who are in trouble are among them. Miss Ward and I had studied hard, and Mr. and Mrs. Cooke said they thought we were ready to begin work ourselves.

God willing, I shall remain with the Fishers until Morrisons return or until I learn their

plans. After that, I do not know, but am looking to the Lord for guidance. I am trusting, though, that the door may be kept open to the Lisu. The people are very open to the gospel. All they need is leaders and teachers.—Elsie D. Reese.

#### THE POWER OF GOD IN FIJI

The promise of Matthew 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always," has been very real to us of late in the Indian work here as we are battling against sin and real demon-powers.

Sin is so appalling and the hatred against the Lord and the work of God in the district where we are working, is so rampant that often we have almost given up in despair and said with Ezekiel of old: "Lord, Thou knowest whether these bones can live, they are very dry."

Yet a number of faithful ones from these Hindoo and Mohammedan homes are standing with us for Jesus and are growing in Him.

A young girl from a Hindoo home, who has had the touch of God upon her and loves the Lord, was held back by her wicked father.

Her father listened too much to what the Hindoos were saying about the Christians and the church. For months she was kept from attending any meetings or having any fellowship with the other young people of the church. The poor girl worried very much. Then the father teased her about her grief at not being able to go to church. This was too much for her evidently, for one night while doing some work outside, she fainted and became very ill. For four days and four nights she was in a terrible condition. The father wept then, and the mother was heartbroken. Crowds of people (real Indian fashion) came to see the girl that had the devil. That is one thing the Indian people believe in, namely, demon-possession, but they are not able to deliver any from it. But now God's time had

come. Those prominent so-called leaders and wicked opposers of the church all came and looked at the girl. When we came, some of them were still there. It was a real battle, but JESUS prevailed. After awhile she opened her eyes, and looked as sweet as ever before. We asked her to sing with us, "There is Power in the Blood," and she did. The father left and some who had opposed also left, being evidently ashamed, because in Jesus Name they saw something done that they could not do. We are very happy for this vindication of God's presence with us. The girl is now allowed to attend church, but we warned the father if ever he would attempt to keep this girl from serving Jesus, that God's judgment might fall upon him. God did not permit that this girl should be kept in dark Hinduism.

There are thousands of people in the grip of Satan like this and we are praying that the seed of the Word shall prevail in all of them as it prevailed in this case.—Lawrence and Bertha Borst.

"The true servant of Christ is always triumphant. He need not be concerned whether his message be received or rejected, but rather let him be sure that he is preaching Christ and Him alone."

# In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

KEOKUK, IOWA—After we had closed the revival here some time ago we remained longer for prayer, and the Lord impressed us to carry the meeting further. So we opened services again and 9 more sought the Lord and some received the Baptism in the Spirit. The total number who came for salvation in the 5 weeks was 34. Also 12 received Christian baptism, and 7 were baptized in the Spirit. The saints were greatly uplifted and blessed. Almost all who were saved united with the assembly. Ray Thompson is pastor.—Ivan Carper, Evangelist.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—We praise the Lord for His presence which was with us in our monthly fellowship meeting of the Westchester and Hudson River Valley sections of the Eastern District, here at the Full Gospel Church. Seventeen ministers, including pastors, evangelists, and missionaries were present and all were heard from. Both the ministers and others who attended witnessed to the encouragement and help received from the fellowship.

We plan to have the fellowship meeting next month at the White Plains Gospel Hall, where Sister May Hysamm is pastor, Dec. 14, 3:00 and 7:30 p. m.—Thomas Thompson, Pastor, 186 Maple Ave.

BRADFORD, PA.—A new tabernacle has been built here recently. For many years the saints have worshiped in store rooms and halls, which made it inconvenient for a real growth of Pentecost. Evangelist Fleming May, of Canada, recently conducted a 3 weeks' revival in which souls were saved and some received the Baptism. Brother S. R. McComsey, of Lancaster, was with us one week on his way from the Highway Tabernacle in Youngstown. The Word was preached in power. Three were saved and 6 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. The church was also mightily blessed and all are pressing forward with the Lord.—August Fusco, Pastor.

CORTLAND, N. Y.—We have just enjoyed a blessed Bible conference and revival meeting, C. S. Tubby Evangelist and Teacher. From the opening to the close of the campaign the blessing of the Lord rested upon each service. Prejudice was swept away and many new people were brought in. A number, including Mrs. Fries, who was healed of an affliction of long standing, received the healing touch. One night we counted people from 15 surrounding towns and many denominations. At the altar while a Roman Catholic woman was praying for an Episcopalian whom the Lord was filling with His Holy Spirit, a Greek woman was saved. Brother Tubby's illustrated messages on prophecy were a great blessing and inspiration to our people, bringing afresh to their minds the signs of our times and revealing the soon coming of our Lord.—Veredon K. Fries, Pastor.

AURORA, COLO.—In the past year our Sunday School has increased from 18 to 50 members. Since the first of last September God has been graciously blessing us. Several have been saved and have followed Christ in baptism and believers are being baptized according to Acts 2:4. God has been especially kind to us in healing the sick and lame. Among those healed was one woman who had worn glasses for 24 years, and in the past few weeks had had to have the lenses strengthened. In the past month we have had some mighty outpourings of the Spirit, under which the entire assembly was swayed. The large crowds are compelling us to look for larger quarters.—C. N. Bishop, Pastor.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS—Leslie J. Moore, of Tulsa, Okla., recently began a revival here. After 2 weeks he was called to the pastorate of the Miami, Okla., assembly. Brother McKinney, of Kingfisher, Okla., continued the meeting. About 14 were saved; 24 received the Baptism in the Spirit, according to Acts 2:4; and 25 came into the fellowship of the assembly. The Sunday School attendance rose to 167 and is still holding up well. The assembly was set in order June, 1934. We now have 73 members, and are rejoicing in God's good blessings. One lady, who was a church member but had never been saved, found the Lord, and is making a real worker for Him. Her husband was saved also. Others who were hungry for spiritual food have come into the church.—James A. Rogers, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—We have just been blessed with a great revival,—Some are saying, the greatest in our history, held under the guidance of Evangelist Emma Taylor. It was not the greatest in point of the numbers saved or filled, for we have had greater inflows at other meetings. The thing that makes some speak so enthusiastically of it is the fact that the evangelist's persistent preaching "to the church" as the old time preachers used to call such discourses, resulted in very deep and general conviction on the part of the members of the church. They came to the altar of penitence time after time and in great numbers. Her first altar call was to the Christians to seek a deeper life and a closer walk, and it was instantly responded to in such a way as made it seem for the moment that everyone in the crowded house was hurrying to the altar. This same thing occurred time after time throughout the meetings. Sinners came and got saved, sixty-nine in all, but their getting saved seemed to be a sort of "by-product." At one great altar call to the Christians, when the debris was cleared away, twelve new-born souls were found to have prayed through while Christians sought for more of God. We feel that the church has been greatly uplifted and that its power for service has been greatly increased.—R. M. Riggs, Pastor.

CONNEAUT, O.—We have just closed a 4 weeks' meeting, L. Wesley Jaeger, Evangelist. The Lord honored His Word by saving about 20 and filling 2 with the Holy Spirit. We held morning prayer meetings at the church 4 mornings a week one hour in length. These proved a real source of power to the meetings. The saints have been moved to greater activity and built up in the Lord.—Earl E. Bond, Pastor.

HARRISON, ARK.—We have had a blessed revival, conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Corbett Crace. Forty-one professed to have found Christ or to have been reclaimed, and 25 were filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord was manifestly present in every service. Sometimes people were turned away from the church for lack of room. In the past few weeks our Sunday School has increased to 119. Council ministers passing this way are welcome to visit us.—S. A. Merrill, Pastor.

PARMA, MO.—We have recently enjoyed one of the best revivals we have had since we have been in charge of the work here, Paul McKeel and Dennis Bartlett, Ripley, Tenn., speaking each night. The entire community was blessed by the preaching of the Word and so many came to hear that it was impossible to seat them. About 45 professed salvation; 23 were baptized in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4; 18 received Christian baptism; and 20 united with the church. We organized a C. A. class of 28 young people all on fire for God. We invite Council ministers passing this way to stop with us.—J. C. Morgan, Pastor.

VAN WERT, IOWA—A blessed revival was conducted here Oct. 9-Nov. 20. Many who had grown cold returned to the Lord and were revived in spirit; 4 unsaved people came for salvation, and a large number were healed. At different times God poured out His Spirit in waves of blessing, and many sought the Lord for the Baptism. A number were refilled with the Spirit. Six followed the Lord in water baptism. The tabernacle was filled and a large crowd stood outside. Pastor and Mrs. Herman Hochmuth are in charge.—Walter Hochmuth, Evangelist.

## TRACT ON ETERNAL SECURITY

Brother Walter Jensen asks us to state that he has added a supplement to his tract, "What About the Eternal Security Doctrine?" which he is now sending out free with this tract. Do not send to us for these tracts but to Brother Jensen, 1427 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. Prices of this tract are 2 for 5c; 5 for 10c, 13 for 25c; 25 for 45c; 75 for \$1.00.

Send 25 cents for Sample Packet of Tracts.

# Forthcoming Meetings

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

WARREN, ARK.—Dec. 14—; N. B. Rayburn, Evangelist—J. C. Snyder, Pastor, 413 York St.

BEGGS, OKLA.—Dec. 15—; Clarence Smith, Evangelist.—John R. Dunn, Pastor, Box 405.

ARCHER CITY, TEXAS—Dec. 2-22; Chas. C. Robinson, Evangelist.—Keetah Jones, Pastor.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, 629 E. Delavan Ave.; Dec. 3-22; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue.—Wilfred A. Brown, Pastor.

PARAGOULD, ARK.—Tabernacle, Lake Street; Dec. 15—; W. T. McMullan, Evangelist.—Bartley E. Lasater, Pastor, 219 E. Poplar St.

## FELLOWSHIP MEETING

PORUM, OKLA.—Dec. 25; all day; basket dinner.—Dave Harris, Pastor.

ANACONDA, MONT.—Jan. 5, for 5 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph I. Salzman.—Homer Rugwell, Pastor.

BINFORD, N. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle; Dec. 1, until holidays; O. A. Severson, Evangelist; Floyd Larson, Song Leader.—A. M. Selness, Pastor.

STAMFORD, CONN.—Ukrainian Pentecostal Church, Grayrock Place; Dec. 1-15; Jack and Esther Martz, Singing Evangelists.—Pastor Madrustik.

## C. A. RALLY

FLORALA, ALA.—Dec. 29; Group 4; J. C. Thames, District Superintendent; C. H. Peterson, Field Representative.—O. C. Hickman, Pastor.

FELLOWSHIP, C. A. RALLY, REVIVAL  
GETTYSBURG, PA.—Lighthouse Tabernacle; Dec. 8-29; J. Earl Douglass, Evangelist; all day Christmas Day; Young People's rally, Dec. 28.—H. L. Myers, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Eleventh St. and Park Ave.; Dec. 3-22; Kenneth Auten, Evangelist.—R. Elmer Baker, Pastor, 1525a. S. Eleventh St.

REVIVAL AND BIBLE TRUTH CONVENTION  
CANTON, O.—Bethel Tabernacle, 313 Elgin Ave., N. W.; Dec. 31-Jan. 19; Harvey McAlister, Evangelist.—Fred H. Neubauer, Pastor, 2414 Tenth St., S. W.

## C. A. RALLY DATE CHANGED

MAXWELL, NEBR.—Dec. 11; three services; each family is to bring basket lunch; bring musical instruments also.—A. R. Brown, Pastor and Sectional Secretary.

## C. A. RALLY AND WATCH SERVICE

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—Seventh and Ash Sts.; starts at 1:30 p. m., to continue through night. Tri-state churches and young people are urged to attend and bring instruments and special songs. Supper provided by the church.—N. H. Rhodes, Pastor.

## WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

KNOXVILLE, IOWA—Jan. 6-10. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams will be with us. Tues., Sunday Schools; Wed., Camp Meeting Day; Thurs., Christ's Ambassadors; Fri., Missionary. As this is election year, all are urged to attend. Entertainment as usual.—Roy E. Scott, District Superintendent.

## NEW YEAR EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Mission Tabernacle, Nineteenth and Green Sts.; Jan. 8-10; District Superintendent and Mrs. J. R. Flower will be present throughout; special farewell service for them Jan. 10, evening. Convention services: 9:30, 2:30, and 8:00. Accommodations provided as reasonably as possible. Entertainment free to ministers and their wives. Meals on freewill offering plan. This is a special period for united prayer and seeking God, and needed help from a timely ministry of the Word. Plan ahead and notify the pastor, Flem Van Meter, 6641 N. Seventeenth St.—Fred D. Drake, Pentecostal Prayer League.

## OPEN FOR CALLS Evangelistic

B. F. Markum, 2424 Clinton Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex. "I have resigned the pastorate at Grace Tabernacle, this city."

Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quanabush, Trenton, N. J., 204 Parkway Ave. "Will spend part time on field. Both preach, sing, and play."



Christmas! Gift-giving time! What lovely plans are made to give friends and loved ones gifts. Are you wanting something especially nice for someone? Let us help you out. *The Pentecostal Evangel* has been used of God to bring blessings to men and women all around the world. Why not send it to that "someone" for whom you are planning? He will not only receive fifty copies of this paper filled with messages from God's Word, comments on current events in the light of prophecy, and missionary news—but we will send a gift book written by Myer Pearlman. This book is entitled, "The Heavenly Gift," studies on the work of the Holy Spirit, and is a digest of four messages which Brother Pearlman gave at the General Council, and also two which he prepared but was not able to give. Along with the gift book we will send a Christmas card, telling your friend of your gift to him of a subscription to the *Evangel* with the book on the Holy Spirit. Fifty times a year he will have a reminder of your love and Christian greetings, and will be receiving God's message to his heart. One dollar pays for both subscription and book. Send today. Add fifty cents for each subscription outside the U. S. A. You can use the form below.

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Pastoral or Evangelistic

A. E. Hokanson, Route 4, Box 146, Greeley, Colo. "Six years in ministry. Reference, F. C. Woodworth, District Superintendent, 2648 S. Lincoln, Denver, Colo."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

WANTED—Old copies of the Evangel, Gospel Gleaners, and tracts published by Gospel Publishing House.—Mrs. S. L. Wise, Hodge, La.

NEW ADDRESS—New Orleans, La., 2758 Acacia St. "We have accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God."—H. M. Sandlin and family.

NEW ADDRESS—Long Branch, N. J., 122 Washington St. I have accepted the call to the pastorate here. Council ministers are invited to stop with us.—Clarence T. Maloney.

NEW ADDRESS—St. Charles, Mo., 1503 Clay St. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—K. E. Matschulat.

NEW ADDRESS—Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 40 S Bridge St. (former German Methodist Church). Services, Sunday, 3:00 and 7:45, Sunday School, 2:00, Friday 7:45. Council ministers and missionaries are invited to stop with us.—Henry P. Nicolaison, Pastor, 31 Noxon St.

WORLD MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

November 20-26 Inclusive

ALABAMA. Personal Offerings	\$ 13.60
Abbeville Assembly of God	3.25
Crichton Assembly of God & C A's	18.63
Excel Assembly of God Church	2.77
Repton Oak Dale Assembly of God	1.91
ARKANSAS. Personal Offerings	4.00
El Dorado Anthony Chapel Sunday School	5.00
London Assembly	1.00
Paris Roseville Assembly of God & C. A.'s	.65
Portia Assembly of God	1.50
Siloam Springs Assembly of God S S	2.45
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Swifton Pent'l Church Sunday School	1.30
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Bellflower Four Fold S S	145.37
Calistoga Porter Creek Chapel	1.20
Chula Vista Pent'l Full Gospel Mission	5.30
Dixon Calvary Tabernacle	9.10
Fellows Open Door Mission S S & Miss. So.	25.00
Fresno Bethel Temple	35.00
Graham Church of the Full Gospel	5.00
Gridley Assembly of God	14.48
Kingsburg Full Gospel Assembly and S S	12.50
Los Angeles Bethel Temple	989.00
Los Banos Full Gospel Assembly	4.24
Marysville & Yuba City Assembly of God	7.36
Modesto Bethel Full Gospel	53.00
Modesto Pent'l Assembly	1.25
Ocean Beach Elim Pent'l Tabernacle	3.00
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San Diego Pent'l Full Gospel Tabernacle S S	20.00
Santa Cruz Glad Tidings Tabernacle	32.00
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Santa Cruz Glad Tidings Tabernacle	32.00
Santa Monica Highland Temple	9.00
Sunnyvale Highway Pent'l Assembly	17.61
Tuolumne Bethel Tabernacle	4.45
Turlock Bethel Temple	60.00
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Englewood Assembly of God Church	1.54
Keenesburg Assembly of God Church	13.50
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Stoneham Assembly of God	2.50
Towner Pent'l Memorial Church	6.00
CONNECTICUT. Personal Offerings	1.09
DELAWARE. Personal Offerings	2.00
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FLORIDA. Personal Offerings	29.00
Durant Pleasant Grove Assembly	8.20
Plant City Mt Zion Assembly of God	14.70
Wildwood Assembly of God	16.50
GEORGIA. Atlanta Pent'l Assembly of God Tab	15.00
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Columbus Assembly of God N. Highland Ladies' S S Class	3.18
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American Falls Assembly of God	15.34
Boise Assembly of God Church	10.00
Coeur D'Alene Good Tidings S S	9.10
Nampa Assembly of God	1.14
Pocatello Glad Tidings Assembly	2.50
Wendell Assembly of God	3.50
ILLINOIS. Personal Offerings	22.70
Alton Gospel Tabernacle	34.00
Belleville Jr C A's	1.00
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E. St Louis Full Gospel Mission S S	1.50	Joplin Assembly of God	8.79
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Illinois State C A's	10.00	Springfield Assembly of God Christ Ambassadors	35.00
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INDIANA. Personal Offerings	7.24	Springfield Faith Mission Y P Thanksgiving Offering	1.45
Muncie Assembly of God	2.58	St Louis Bethel Temple	90.00
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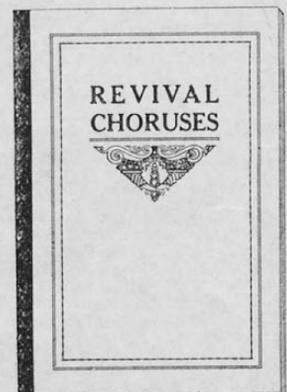
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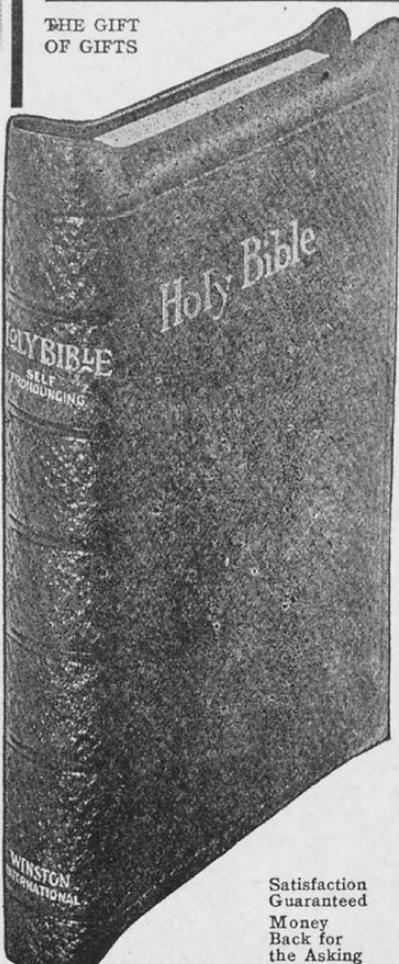
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Note how God gave lessons in faith to Abraham (Gen. 15:6) and Habakkuk (2:4); and study the three passages in the New Testament where each of these texts is quoted.

Jesus gave three *mountain-moving* promises: After casting out a demon (Matt. 17:18-20); after uprooting an unforgiving spirit (Luke 17:3-6); and after withering the fig tree. Mark 11:22, 23.

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