

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

# PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS




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## Evangelism in the Sunday School

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**L**ET us continually keep in mind that the Sunday School is not an end in itself; it is simply a means to an end. Even the conversion of children is not the ultimate end we are seeking, for we long that they should be saved and trained to become useful members of the body of Christ, His Church. To that end every effort possible should be made to get the children to attend our church services. The ideal way is to have every member of the church in the Sunday School and everyone in the Sunday School in the church. This is not attained in many places, for often we see a veritable river of humanity flowing from the church building at the close of Sunday School.

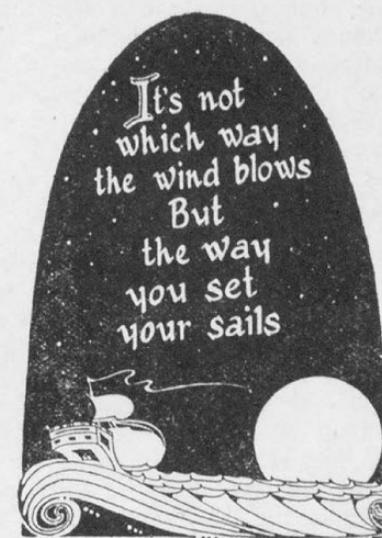
On an average, from 60% to 80% of those attending Sunday School do not stay for the church service. Judge Crane of the Supreme Court of New York says that the church which is not alarmed about the absence of her children is worthy only of a slow death, which is her sure fate. In the entire Sunday School constituency, only 20% are converted while they are in Sunday School. I believe this percentage is larger in Pentecostal Sunday Schools but that is the average of the entire Protestant constituency. That 20% constitutes three fourths of the membership of our churches, while the other one fourth is made up largely of those who have at one time been in Sunday School, but where the seed of the Word of God suffered arrested development, and then, under the ministry of an evangelist or pastor, it was quickened again and they, too, became Christians.

Now the question comes before us, at what age may the child be saved? There is no definite answer to that. Some children are saved at a very early age—even at three years. The most outstanding case that ever came under my personal observation was that of a little

girl in Gary, when we were ministering there. This girl belonged to a Hungarian family whose parents had recently been saved. She was two years and nine months old at the time this took place. For some weeks she had acted as if she were demon-possessed whenever it came time for family worship or for church service. When the parents would try to read the Bible or pray she would scream, or run through the house making every disturbance possible. During Sunday School she would wiggle and tease to go home until it became a torment to take her. Then one morning about 5 o'clock her mother heard her in the bathroom. Thinking the girl would soon come out and get back into bed, the mother waited, but the child not coming, the mother went to inquire the reason for her being up so early. The child said, "O mother! Jesus came into my room and the light was so bright and beautiful, and He spoke to me and told me to give my heart to Him, and I did." Right then this child received the Baptism with the Spirit and spoke very clearly in more than one language. The reality of that experience was made sure, for from that time on she could hardly wait for family worship; she loved to hear the Bible read; she loved to pray and could scarcely wait for Sunday School or church.

People are not saved because of what they know, or because they are so clever. A child who is capable of consciously sinning is capable of being gloriously converted. The home has the greatest opportunity, and the Sunday School ranks next, but many homes are not Christian. The peak of the curve comes between the ages of 14 and 17. A child's heart is a castle which cannot be taken by storm, but there are four avenues of natural approach. The first is by means of the class contact which

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### A Heart Cry

Many crowd the Saviour's Kingdom,  
Few receive His Cross,  
Many seek His consolation,  
Few will suffer loss  
For the dear sake of the Master,  
Counting all but dross.

Many sit at Jesus' table,  
Few will fast with Him  
When the sorrow-cup of anguish  
Trembles to the brim—  
Few watch with Him in the garden  
Who have sung the hymn.

Many will confess His wisdom,  
Few embrace His shame,  
Many, should He smile upon them,  
Will His praise proclaim;  
Then, if for awhile He leave them,  
They desert His Name.

But the souls who love Him truly  
Whether for woe or bliss,  
These will count their truest heart's blood  
Not their own but His:  
Saviour, Thou who thus hast loved me,  
Give me love like this.

# God's Power Today

Loren B. Staats at the General Council, Memphis, Tenn.

"And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Matt. 3:10, 11.

Israel was suffering in Egypt under the stern rule of Pharaoh when the Lord sent Moses into that terrible land to lead the people out of bondage. He did not send Moses weak and fearful and undone, but clothed with the mighty, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, and Moses confounded Pharaoh with his miraculous deeds. He marshalled the forces of Israel for one of the greatest events in history.

God said to the children of Israel, Get you a lamb; slay it and put the blood on the door posts; gird up your loins and get your staff in your hands and be ready. You are going somewhere. When God displays His mighty power, God's people always go somewhere.

After this wonderful night in which the blood on the door posts preserved Israel, Moses led them out of Egypt. Camped with the Red Sea in front of them, and the Egyptian army behind them, they were terribly afraid.

But down out of the very heavens came a pillar of fire, light for Israel, but black as night for the Egyptians. That was the fire that fell upon the altar of Abel when he made the first offering to the Lord; the fire that was in the burning bush when God spoke to Moses. It brought encouragement to the children of Israel, but how were they to cross that sea?

Moses stretched forth his rod over the sea. There was nothing in the rod. There was nothing naturally in Moses that could work miracles. It was the mighty power of the Holy Spirit in that rod Moses was holding out, which rolled back the old Red Sea; dry ground appeared and two million people walked dryshod through it to safety. God let the army of Pharaoh follow them into the midst of the sea. Then the waters rushed back, and drowned all the Egyptians.

On the other side Israel had time to think about what God had done for them, manifesting His glorious power, and they held a good, old-time Pentecostal meeting there on the shore of the Red Sea. Miriam got a timbrel and danced and sang songs unto the Lord, and the women joined her with timbrel

and dance. Pentecostal people do that. When a person is baptized with the Holy Spirit, he feels so happy he wants to shout and praise the Lord. I was born into this thing shouting, and I want to keep it up.

When Israel began to rebel, God called Moses to come to the mountain to be alone with Him. He took him to the summit of Mt. Sinai. A friend took me up to the summit of a mountain of 4,300 feet, into the blue of heaven. There a cloud floated closer and closer until we were immersed in it. I felt a charge of electricity that was in that cloud, going through my body.

Moses needed something of this kind. He was to face the many different problems connected with leading Israel through this barren wilderness to the borders of Canaan. Knowing the hardships that confronted Moses, God took him up to the summit of Sinai, and I believe God electrified him while there with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Moses stayed forty days and forty nights in that mighty power. What would this movement be today had it continued in the same power and the same cloud for the past thirty-two years? It would have moved the world for God. We as ministers as well as the laymen all need to remain hidden in that cloud.

When Moses came down from the mountain, so great was the glory of God, that Moses had to put a veil over his face.

In 1 Kings 17, we have a pathetic picture of a weak man in the hands of a designing woman, Jezebel. She gathered the prophets of Baal at the court and fed them at her own table. They influenced King Ahab and led Israel into idolatry. God's anger was aroused and He sent a long drought on the land. The streams dried up, the vegetation and cattle and sheep died. God preserved Elijah by the brook Cherith and in the widow's house. Then He told him to meet Ahab and challenge the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of the groves. The people and the prophets came to Mount Carmel. I can see Elijah going up the side of Carmel. Here come Ahab and Jezebel and the great array of prophets; then follow the people of Israel.

Elijah said, You prophets of Baal build you an altar, kill a bullock and place it on your altar. I will do likewise. Put on fire under your altar and I will put no fire under mine. The God that answers by fire, let him be God. Then the prophets of Baal called upon Baal to send the fire upon the altar. Elijah ridiculed them and inquired if

their god was on a visit, or asleep. So desperate were they that they cut themselves with knives, but no fire came.

Elijah waited until the time of the evening sacrifice, then calling the people near, he took twelve stones, a symbol of united Israel, and built an altar unto the Lord, upon which he placed the pieces of the bullock he had killed. Then Elijah said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the altar. They did so, then he said, Do it again. Elijah said, Do it a third time, and again they obeyed him. The water ran down and filled the trench which was about the altar. Then Elijah called upon God to send down His supernatural fire upon his altar. The fire fell and it consumed not only the burnt sacrifice and the wood but also the very stones and the dust and licked up the water that was in the trench. Seeing this manifestation of the mighty power of God, the people cried out, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

Down in Texas an oil well was afire and a man turned water on it to put it out, only causing it to spread and flame higher. The Word of God is like that. You cannot stop its spread.

There is something about the power of Almighty God that can break down the walls of superstition and fear and indifference and irreverence. It can keep you from being persuaded into sin. We need another outpouring of God's mighty power more than anything else.

We are in one of the darkest hours the world has ever faced, with more problems, more iniquities and more attacks on the religion of Jesus than any other generation has ever encountered. But thank God, there are before me hundreds of ministers who would go to the stake within the next 25 minutes and have their bodies consumed by the flames if it took that to win the victory for Jesus. Thank God for men who are true to the Word of God and stand for the true work of God's Spirit. The power of God will quiet all this unrest, confusion, and turmoil. And when that power is manifested, the critics of Jesus, like the prophets of Baal, will pass out of the picture.

After going to the cross, and having risen from the dead, the Master said to His disciples, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Obediently the faithful went back to Jerusalem and gathered in the upper room waiting for this power which Jesus had promised. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were

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# Winning Children

By Anthony D. Nichols, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

"Come on, fellows! Say, Mister, give me one." "What is it?" "Can I have one?" Such and other queries were voiced in unison as I stood on the corner and began to distribute *Pentecostal Boys and Girls* and *Pentecostal Little Folks*.

Then I began to ask them their birthdays, their names and addresses. "What for?" "In order to send you a birthday card." Before I was through I had the birthdays, ages, names and addresses of fifteen children ranging from 7 to 14 years, of several nationalities.

Once home I filed these, using two files, one alphabetically for the names, in case of change of address, and the other file arranged according to the 12 months of the year, thus having before me the birthdays of each day of the month, mailing the Scripture birthday cards or letters with Christian literature a day in advance.

But this was not all. Soon after each child received a Scripture card, I made a call to the home, and there found thankful hearts for the birthday gift. Gladly taking the birthdays of the brothers and sisters, their names, etc., I invited them to Sunday School, and perhaps led Papa Pasquarelli to Jesus and to church later on.

Oh the dear precious youngsters with no knowledge of Christ, drifting in the sea of sin!

My files have grown; I now have about 3,000 birthdays, and the Lord is good in supplying the Pentecostal literature and postage necessary. All glory to His name!



Brother and Sister Anthony Nichols

On one of my calls to a child's home I gave a *Pentecostal Evangel* to a woman who seemed to be mixed up with Christian Science. That Evangel was the means of arousing her soul, and when in God's gracious time a pastor came to the town, the first to surrender to Christ and be baptized in the Holy Spirit was this sister. And with others of her kin a work has been established there—all due, as far as I can trace, to remembering a child on its birthday.

My youngsters range in age from one to 30 years, and I get their birthdays everywhere, one of the quickest methods being to sally forth with Sunday School papers.

somehow make the Wheels of Time run more smoothly.

Our holy religion is intensely practical. Most people will care little for our theories, be they ever so wonderful. After all, "theories" are usually fearfully cold—they are seldom soul-satisfying. Our finest ideas may fall meaningless upon most ears, but *cheerfulness*, what a blessing it may prove!

There is more virtue in one sunbeam than a whole hemisphere of cloud and gloom. Likewise there is often more encouragement in one kind brotherly word than a whole bundle of fine spun ideas which may or may not be correct.

Testing days are upon us. The clouds look dreadfully dark, evidently a world crisis is at hand—anything may happen. Some morning we may awaken to discover that the Gentile nations are in the throes of the greatest convulsion they have ever experienced, but we who *know* the *reality* of God's salvation, who have experienced the power of the Blood to deal with the disease of sin, upon whom the glory light has shone, who have come to the Kingdom for such a time as the present, must continue to be cheerful and praiseful.

Let the folk who believe that God is dead, dress in sackcloth and ashes, hang their harps upon the willows, and croak like frogs out of water, but we will array ourselves in the livery of Heaven, shout the high praises of our Covenant-keeping God, radiate cheerfulness wherever we go, and demonstrate to the world about us that our faith is not founded so much upon theory but upon *fact*, a *living Christ* who journeys with us through all the varied experiences of life, and who is able to pull us triumphantly through anything if we can stand the pull!

## Prayer Ensures Success

I asked a devout and most successful minister of Christ who, with his Church, has recently entered upon a new and laborious experiment to reach non-churchgoers, how the project succeeded. "It is bound to succeed," he replied; "*nothing undertaken for God can fail when a church is threaded through and through with the prayer-spirit.*"—A. J. Pierson.

## Sacrifice

Mr. Boardman, a colleague of Dr. Judson, was invited by a wild mountain tribe to visit them with the Gospel. He was very ill at the time, and his friends tried to dissuade him, but he said, "It is necessary for these people that I go; it is not necessary for me that I live." He went, found forty converts, baptized them, and died the next day.

Sample Packet Tracts—25 cents.

# Cheerfulness

A. G. Ward

"Rejoice!" A "rejoicing" heart is a cheerful heart. Cheerfulness is a great antidote for murmuring and fault finding.

There are so many in our day who seem to have no other ministry than that of finding fault. With them, everything is wrong—their very presence brings gloom. But cheerful folk are real moral health centers; their cheerfulness is a tonic for one who is passing through times of testing. Cheerfulness is sweet in infancy, lovely in youth, and such a benediction in old age.

We should train ourselves to look on the bright side. However weary we may

be, the promises of God will never cease to shine like the stars at night to cheer and strengthen. If you *fail* to find a bright side to your present circumstances, polish the dull side. If the sky is black, remember that it is blue ten times more often than it is black. It is your duty and mine to extract all the honey we possibly can from the experiences of life and ever display sweetness and goodwill to all around.

Be liberal with your cheerfulness. Start each day right and have a "Good Morning" for everyone. A kind word, a smile, a warm handshake will cheer the discouraged, rest the tired one, and

# The Editor's Notebook



## Blessing and Multiplication

What a trial of faith—yet a trial of faith much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire—was that to Abraham, when God said to him: "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering." Did Abraham rebel? No. The will of his loving God was everything to him. Without any delay, but "early in the morning" he started out to do the bidding of God.

God had given promise to Abraham concerning his seed, and Abraham had such confidence in God that he knew that even though he slew his son, and the smoke of the sacrifice ascended to heaven, God would surely resurrect him. And so in simple faith he said to the servants who had journeyed with them: "Abide ye here . . . I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you."

What a parable of Calvary is this story with its twice repeated: "And they went both of them together," picturing the unseen Father and the visible Son wending their way together to Golgotha's hill. No wonder the redeemed in glory give united praise to the Father and to the Son for that all-availing sacrifice, crying: "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

In giving Isaac, Abraham gave all. Even though a ram was provided, God accepted Abraham's attitude of mind and heart. And the Searcher of minds and hearts, the Discerner of the thoughts and intents of our hearts, knows when our hearts act willingly and when they act grudgingly. He tells us, "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

What was God's attitude toward the man who gave all? It is shown in the giving of that promise which is passed on to all the sons of Abraham (and all who are Christ's are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal. 3:29): "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." On the grounds of Calvary's sacrifice this blessed promise—of blessing and multiplication—comes to us confirmed by the oath and covenant of God. Heb. 6:13-18.

Abraham did not stagger at God's promises. Nor should we. How often have we staggered at that promise given

by the Son just before He went to Calvary: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Some years ago there was a great conference of preachers in the town in which I lived. J. H. Jowett, who was in charge of a special prayer meeting, asked all the assembled preachers to say Amen to the various requests he brought before them. He asked for prayer for rulers. All the preachers said "Amen." Then he asked for half a dozen other things. Loud "Amens" from all over the building. Then he said, "The Master said that he that believeth on Him should do the works that He did, and greater works. Let us pray for the fulfilling of this word." I listened, but I did not hear one single "Amen" from that vast audience of possibly a thousand ministers.

This promise, given by Him who is the Truth, we must believe, receive, embrace, and praise for. We must ask for its fulfillment. We must seek Him until we receive the answer. We must knock until heaven's storehouse is opened up, and we receive the fulfillment of this word on which He has caused us to hope.

Let us steal into one of the prayer meetings of the early church. Listen, they are all praying together. "Shockingly disorderly!" I hear you say. The Holy Spirit does not say that. They are crying, "Grant unto thy servants that with all boldness they may speak

thy word." Praying for a wholesale scattering of the seed, for blessing and multiplication.

Anything more in their prayers? Yes. "By stretching forth thine hand to heal." Surely they did not pray that prayer? Had not a great healing brought them into much trouble? Yes. But the name of the Lord had been thereby glorified, and they prayed for other miracles to be performed for the glory of His name.

Then they go on asking for still more. They want the works He did to be done again, and greater works. So they cry "that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." Did God consider this a presumptuous prayer? By no means. He was so pleased that, as one old preacher crudely put it, "He came down and hugged the buildin' where they was a prayin' until the very foundation of the place and the whole buildin' shook as though 'twas sufferin' wid de ague."

What was the sequence? Great boldness! Great power! Great grace! Great healings! Great signs! Great wonders! Great blessing! Great multiplication!

All that our blessed Lord did for them in that day He will do for us in our day. Blessing and multiplication. The works He did. Greater works. Great boldness. Great healings. Great signs. Great wonders. Do not let us limit Him who bids us, "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

When He says blessing, does your heart say "Amen, Lord"? The works I do! "Amen, Lord." Greater works! "Amen, Lord." Great boldness in seed sowing! "Amen, Lord." His hands stretched forth to heal! "Amen, Lord." Great signs and wonders! "Amen, Lord."

Great is our God. He will do great things. Let us rejoice in anticipation and greatly praise Him.—S. H. F.

## Ensuring Success

Of all methods of attaining to a position of usefulness and honor, the only safe and sure one is to fit ourselves for it by purging our hearts from vain-glory, worldliness and selfishness. Of all plans for ensuring success, the most certain is Christ's own—becoming a corn of wheat, falling into the ground and dying.—T. G. Ragland, Pioneer Missionary to India.

## Without Reservations

"I do not want people who come to me under certain reservations. In battle we need soldiers who fear nothing."—Didon.

Now let me burn out for God.—Henry Martyn.

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# The Wonderful Word

A Sermon in Miniature

## "WE SEE JESUS"

Heb. 2:9-17

### 1. Humbled, but exalted.

a. *At Bethlehem.* "We behold Him who hath been made for a little while lower than the angels." Heb. 2:9, R. V., margin. The Lord of angels humbled Himself to be man, but more than that—He became the humblest of men, even washing His disciples' feet (John 13) to show that "He that is greatest among you shall be your Servant." Matt. 23:11.

b. *At Calvary.* "For the suffering of death." Heb. 2:9. As Isaac became subject to Abraham at Moriah (Gen. 22:2), Jesus obeyed the Father and offered Himself. A substitute was given for Isaac, but not for Jesus. Like the ram caught by its horns, His power was held subject to the thicket of Roman cruelty and Jewish hatred.

c. *On high.* "Crowned with glory and honor." Heb. 2:9. He who humbled Himself most was most highly exalted. Because He took lowest place, He heard the Father's words, "Friend, go up higher" (Luke 14:10), and He is given a name above every name. Phil. 2:6-11.

### 2. Sown, but harvesting.

a. *Identified with man in death.* "That He . . . should taste death for every man." Heb. 2:9. Coming to be our Substitute, He took not only a pure body but He "bare our sins in His own body." 1 Peter 2:24. As the Good Shepherd (John 10:11) to save God's wayward sheep, He became a sheep Himself—"the Lamb of God." John 1:36.

b. *Identified with man in glory.* "Bringing many sons unto glory." Heb. 2:10. The sheep follow the loving Shepherd, for they know His voice, His written Word. He

leads them out of sin into the Father's fold on high. As Abraham's obedience was rewarded by numberless offspring (Gen. 22:17), Jesus too receives many sons, and unselfishly He shares with them His glory.

### 3. Paying highly, but receiving.

a. *Travailing for man's salvation.* "The Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Heb. 2:10, R. V. Not only did He show His power by creating man, but He showed His love by suffering for man's redemption. Not till He cried, "It is finished" (John 19:30), was He the "Author and the Finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2.

b. *Satisfied with man's salvation.* "Not ashamed to call them brethren, saying . . . Behold I and the children." Heb. 2:11-13. We are changed from our vileness by His power, and "when He shall appear, we shall be like Him" (1 John 3:2); therefore He is not ashamed of us. But he who now is "ashamed of Me and of My words . . . of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed." Mark 8:38.

### 4. Suffering, but conquering.

a. *Bruising Satan under His feet.* Gen. 3:15. "That through death He might bring to nought . . . the devil." Heb. 2:14, R. V. From the beginning the "roaring lion" (1 Peter 5:8) sought to steal the sheep, but like David of old (1 Sam. 17:34-35) the Son of David saved the sheep from the lion's mouth.

b. *Bruising Satan under our feet.* Rom. 16:20. "A merciful and faithful High Priest." Heb. 2:17. God's sheep need fear no defeat, even though they "are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:36-39), because our Shepherd still lives, still loves, and still leads us to victory.

## The Prayer Life

### HAVE YOU ENLISTED?

There is no greater power in the world than prayer. True prayer can do anything, the prayer that is wrought by the Spirit and is presented at the Throne of the omnipotent God in the Name of Christ. The greatest promises in the Bible concern prayer.

Jesus Christ, the supreme Intercessor, gave to His followers the privilege of prayer, and none can tell the immensity of the sphere He opened to them. John 14:12-15. In the life of individuals and indeed of the whole human race, prayer has often been the guiding power, the connecting link, or the moulding factor both in little everyday happenings and in important crises.

Behind closed doors, far away from the busy scenes of life, deeds are done, doors are opened, conditions are created, power is liberated, promises are obtained, decisions are made. Who can estimate the extent of the influence,

or fully grasp the significance of such prayer?

The Master says, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:14. Ask Him today to enlist you as an intercessor and to teach you to pray. He will.

### THE PRAYER MEETING

In the conduct of a prayer-meeting, the late Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, seemed an expert or adept. His weekly prayer-service was a feast of fat things. From the time he rose to announce an opening hymn, he seldom sat down, but stood like a captain with hand on the helm, watching every movement of his vessel. He said very little himself, but helped everybody else to feel at home and free to give utterance to the Spirit's inward moving. After the first hymn, few if any hymns were announced. All that were sung were familiar, both as to words and tunes, and, when started, were at once taken up by the whole assembly. Of course, as in all open meetings, there were occasionally some moths that would fly in the flame, obscuring the light and scorching their own wings; but he never attempted to "suppress" anybody. If

any word was said, in prayer or remark, that was unscriptural, fanatical, or unspiritual, with rare tact he would repeat some text that corrected what was erroneous, or start some hymn that breathed the true spirit.

When asked if, by throwing open such large meetings to universal participation, he ever had any serious trouble, his answer was: "I do not attempt to control a meeting; I consider the Holy Spirit as present and presiding, and I keep my own hands off. If any brother speaks or prays too long, or not to edification, I commit it to the Lord; and if I think anyone should be suppressed I carry the case to Him, and ask Him to deal with it. The result is, I have seldom anything troublesome to worry about."

## The Way of Salvation

### WHOSOEVER

At an evangelistic service a man rose and gave this testimony: "I was saved five weeks ago through a deaf mute. He couldn't talk the Gospel, but he wrote a line which was the means in God's hands of saving me. I was at a railway station, and about to take a train. I was ragged, dirty and partly drunk. The deaf and dumb man came up to me, and taking a piece of paper from his pocket, wrote on it, 'Jesus is my Saviour. He helps me every day. Read John 3:16.' And he put this note in my dirty pocket. I had just enough money to pay my way to the next station. It seemed as though I was more hungry and miserable that night than I had ever been before.

"I put my hand in my pocket, and felt the piece of paper, pulled it out and read it. I could not remember what John 3:16 was, and I was weak and faint, but I was bound to find out. I went to a house and before I could say what I wanted to the woman who came to the door, she said sharply, 'No beggars allowed here.' I said, 'I am not begging, but I want to look at your Bible a minute.' The woman was startled and shut the door in my face. I went to the next house, where they handed me a Bible. I looked at the words, and handed the Bible back.

"I slept that night in an old shed down by the river, but it was the happiest night of my life. I read the paper over and over, and thought of John 3:16, and now I am a saved man, and I can say as could the deaf mute, 'Jesus is my Saviour. He helps me every day.'"

Look up John 3:16. That word "whosoever" in it was written for you.

### SECRET BELIEVERS

Writes George T. B. Davis in *Sunday School Times*: "There are many Jews who believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Messiah, but they have not the courage to confess Him openly. In Palestine today many Jews are secret believers. A man there said he could give the names of a hundred Jews in one city in Palestine who believe in Jesus Christ. But they were afraid to declare their faith openly, for to do so would be to lose their means of livelihood."

## Meet the African Witch Doctor

Mysterious creatures, unreasonable happenings, sudden deaths, an ever-present and overwhelming fear and superstition—these are a few of the evidences of subtle demon power and dense darkness against which the missionaries in Africa must battle. John F. Hall, missionary to the Mossi people depicts in most interesting fashion the witch doctor and some phases of his work.

These are not the bogey man and they don't have to be in a dark place to frighten either children or adults. People who are not trusting in Christ stand in awe of these fearsome witch doctors. In addition to these weird headpieces seen in the picture, there is a tall, thin board about six feet long, resembling in appearance the Indian totem poles. The imitation hair is made of grass; the horns resemble animal horns. At the right of the picture can be seen a part of one of these, which looked like a great horned toad.

These headdresses and the practices involved are kept in the family, and boys selected to inherit them are instructed in the rites. These gruesome figures represent the chief spirits of the dead. Natives live in fear of their ancestral spirits, demons, ghosts, fairies, etc. These head pieces are kept in the owners' huts and none but their own children dare touch them, as a curse would come upon anyone who dared to handle them.

### What They Do

A sick person of sufficient importance and means can call them to dance about his hut or yard, sing their songs, and drive away the evil spirit which is troubling the person and bringing on the sickness.

At death a person is interred with relatively little ado, but one year later the funeral is held with much ado, and great quantities of beer are consumed by all who attend. Drumming and frenzied dancing by everyone goes on for at least a day or more according to the importance of the dead one. Gifts are given to the nearest relatives and condolence is offered. These "karanga" or "waongo" as they are called, help on both occasions. How would you like such comforters at such a time of sorrow?

The noises they make are terrible, the rhythmic clanging of the cone-shaped musical bells held on the middle finger and beaten with the thumb ring, the weird cadence of native minor singing, the stamping of feet, the swaying of the body with the accompanying swishing of the tassels, and all performing to the same tune and in the same manner.

They precede the funeral procession at the time of interment, and arriving first at the grave they encircle the grave three times if it is a man, and four times if it is a woman. Then they race back to the hut from which the corpse came. They yell and shout and if anyone should fall, he is supposed to die within a year. They gather up the belongings of the dead and after having washed them, put them all in the but

from which the corpse came. Proper gifts are given these for their services.

If they should catch a person in the woods, eating the fruit of the sibi tree, they will beat him and fine him a sum of money which he must pay. If they see someone up a shea tree, shaking the fruit off they pronounce a curse on him. Then this person must appease them with gifts of goats and beer or else the great evil spirit will kill him.

In times of drought they are appealed to to produce rain. They do all in their power and should it providentially, they get all the credit and plenty of gifts and added prestige. Should it still fail to rain, it is not their fault: there is someone else in the area with greater power than theirs who renders their medicine invalid.

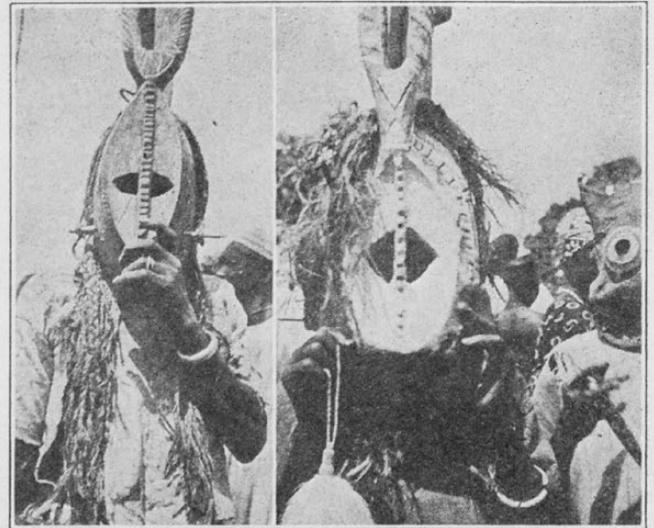
### The New Year Celebration

On the day of the native New Year (which does not correspond to our calendar) these fearsome beings also play a notable part. They appear at the entrance to large compounds and one from the family living there is designated to give them a drink made of ground guinea corn mixed in a calabash of water. A "karanga" takes the calabash and pours out a little on the ground for the spirits to have, then he drinks a little himself and hands it to his companions who by turn drink a little. It is then passed back to the giver, who can drink a little but no one else is allowed to drink of it. Away they go with their chanting and dancing to the next large compound helping people to insure good fortune for the new year and to drive away all spirits and evil which may have been their misfortune in the year just passed.

Poor darkened souls, for whom Christ died. Thank God we, who have been washed in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, know the joyous freedom which He alone can give. "He has not given unto us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

### NEWS FROM MRS. NICODEM

The following letter has been received from Mrs. Frank Nicodem, and will be of interest to her many friends in America. Shortly after returning to India about two years ago, Brother Nicodem was taken ill, and after several weeks of suffering, was called home to be with the Lord Jesus. Mrs. Nicodem felt led to continue on with the work which they had been called to do, and



Not the bogey man, but the dread witch doctors of Mossi Land

thus with the heavy responsibilities of the Rupaidiha station as well as her family to care for, she has bravely carried on.

"It has been some time since we have greeted our friends through the pages of the Evangel. We do thank you for your faithfulness in standing by us during this past year when the burdens of heart and work have been heavy. We are daily proving His great love and care for our little family and the work here at Rupaidiha.

"Just this morning a fine young man left us for Bible school. For many years he has been with us here in the orphanage and God's hand has been upon his life in a precious way, calling him to His service. So it was with glad hearts we saw him off this morning, and we trust that should Jesus tarry he will be a mighty soul winner in this dark land. Another young man left us not long ago to become a Christian minister. He has given up everything for the Lord and his life will be spent in going from place to place, giving the gospel to his own people.

"Our winter season brings hundreds of Nepalese from over the border of Nepal, down for their year's supply of salt. Some of these men and women travel as many as twelve days, coming direct from the land of everlasting snow, down into India, and they pass our gate daily, weary in body, but glad because at last they have reached the journey's end, where their bags can be filled with salt, and then they will start back again on their long trip into the mountains.

"The white man is not allowed to enter Nepal, and although we are right here on the border, we cannot even cross the road bordering our mission compound, as half of it belongs to Nepal, but we cannot be forbidden to give the gospel to those who come over the border into India, so please pray with us that this little lighthouse here at the gateway of this great closed country may send many beams of gospel light into darkened Nepal during this traveling season.

"It is very difficult to get native workers who can speak Nepali but at present we

have every prospect of getting a converted Nepali who has the call of God upon his heart to preach to his own people. I have hesitated taking him on as the financial burdens of the work are already so heavy, but perhaps God will lay the support of this Nepali preacher on the heart of someone who reads these few lines. He can be supported for about ten dollars a month. Any offerings for his support should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated for this purpose."

#### HOLY SPIRIT OUTPOURED IN JAPAN

A very encouraging and refreshing letter has come to us from Miss Florence Byers, one of our missionaries in Japan, who is in charge of our orphanage there. She writes:

"I must tell you of the good news I received from Brother Uwai, pastor of an independent holiness church about ten miles from here. He had never attended a Pentecostal service until a little more than a year ago when he went four hundred miles to attend our united convention in Brother Barth's tent in Yokohama. Then, for the first time, he heard that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is being given today as on the day of Pentecost. When he first entered the tent and heard the volume of prayer and praise, he thought he would take the next train out of town, but when he saw my Japanese helper receive the Holy Spirit Baptism, he became so hungry for a deeper experience and began seeking God very earnestly. This month he was gloriously filled in his own church. He wrote me, 'The Bible seems like a new book—a more living book, and all God's promises are for me!' He has been a minister for twenty-one years, and has just now found the satisfaction for which his heart has been longing. He now has nineteen Spirit filled saints in his church."

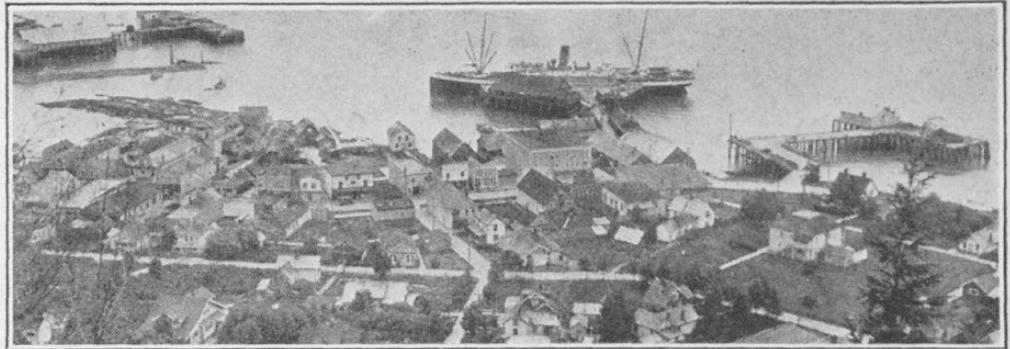
Miss Byers also tells of a fresh outpouring of the Spirit in the orphanage.

#### NOTE FROM EGYPT

A. F. Crouch, superintendent of our work in Egypt reports that they have just closed their annual meeting with a good representation of missionaries and native ministers present and a marked spirit of unity through all the services. Word has been received from another village that between fifty and sixty men and women have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, bringing the reported total of those who have been filled with the Spirit in Egypt during the past year to well over five hundred.



A consecrated missionary family—Mrs. Frank Nicodem and children.



Wrangell, Alaska, where the Pentecostal message is going forth to hungry hearts.

## Alaska Responding

A good report comes from Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wallace who took over the work in Wrangell, Alaska, a short time ago. They write:

"We held the first water baptismal service by immersion ever held in Wrangell a few weeks ago. Three ladies were baptized. This service has caused much comment in the city, and strangers are coming in continually. We are to have another baptismal service soon, when two men, who have experienced outstanding conversions recently, are to be immersed.

"One of these men was a Russian shoemaker—the only shoe repair man in the town. The people have had a hard time to get shoes repaired, for he would sell the shoes brought to him and buy liquor. He was drunk most of the time and lay for

days in a drunken stupor. He came into the gospel hall and to the altar. God wonderfully saved him and now he never misses a meeting. He is cleaned up inside and out and has a smiling face and a real testimony. The town is all stirred over the change which has come into his life.

"The other man recently converted is a colored man seventy-seven years old. He said he had not been to church for forty-two years. He is a well educated man, having studied law and traveled extensively. He now has a ringing testimony. Both these men are seeking the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

"We have recently started jail meetings. One man came to God, knelt down in the jail and was saved. Others are under conviction. Please pray for the work here in Wrangell."

#### CAPE PALMAS, LIBERIA

Amid the busy routine of missionary activity we must pause to write a note of praise to the ones in the homeland who have so faithfully prayed for and supported us.

The heavy rains of the past month have hindered our trips to the villages; the roads and trails both are very bad during this season. A man from one of the towns came last week with a message from the people and asking when we would again resume our meetings.

The last visit to Chief Dablo's town was a very inspiring one. Though it is a very small settlement, over one hundred people gathered from the surrounding country and sat very attentively listening to the Word. On this particular day the message was accompanied by a chalk talk and seemed to speak strongly to their hearts. After the benediction one of the young men begged for the picture, thinking thus to carry the message to others. We saw him later on the trail carrying it before him so everyone could see, and he looked so happy.

One village lies near the Firestone plantations and thus provides a spiritual advantage for the laborers. Many of the employees are Christians from the different sections where our missionaries are laboring, so they are happy for the fellowship while they are away from their native homes and families.

It is a real battle in these last days and especially for these people who have been so bound by Satan. He has had complete rule over them for so long, and now that the opposing forces have entered his territory he is putting up a real fight.

One of our native workers recently wrote me a letter expressing himself thus: "I'm trying to fight on so I can win, but the devil is fighting, too, to hinder the work of God going on. But I praise the Lord that **He is here to knock the old man down.**"

How true it is to God's Word, and the promise found in Isa. 59:19, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Pray that we shall faithfully raise up the blood stained banner and that the devil will be defeated in this land of darkness and superstition.—Daisy Torta.

#### THE SOLUTION OF INDIA'S NEED

There are only nine missionaries to every one million of India's people, and in her 670,000 villages, Christians reside in not more than 70,000. Foreign enterprise cannot overtake this colossal task; it must be done by India's own Christian people.

#### WHERE TO SEND

Send all offerings to the Missionary Secretary, Noel Perkin, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

## GOD'S POWER TODAY

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sitting." And these faithful followers of Christ were able to set the whole of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria afire for Christ.

Later we read in Acts 13:47 these words: "I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." The Lord made His anointed ones bearers of the light unto the Gentiles, a torch unto the uttermost parts of the earth. For them to be the torchbearers before the world it was necessary that God should open the gates of heaven and pour out this fire upon them, filling them with the Holy Spirit—the power of God—so that they might carry the light to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The fire those men had was supernatural. "There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." Now cloven means "parted" so it was a parted tongue of fire which burned on their heads until the power of God was manifested in their lives. It was a picture of what was in their hearts, and it moved them to become mighty men for God.

Then Peter—Peter was not a graduate from Harvard, or Yale, or Princeton; he had no ecclesiastical garments or broad phylacteries; he was rough and uncouth, dressed in the garb of a fisherman, but clothed with the power of God—preached that wonderful sermon that brought more than three thousand to their knees. What do you think of that for an altar call, brother? Later he preached another marvelous sermon and, "Many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand."

In mighty power they went forth, preaching and teaching. I see Peter and John at the Gate Beautiful, their eyes fastened on that lame man. I can hear Peter say, "Rise up and walk," and he did. Beloved, when we have the power of God in our hearts, shining through our faces, the men and women we contact will know about it. Then we shall no longer desire the paltry things of this life.

James had already been killed by the order of Herod, and Peter was in prison. Sentence had been pronounced that his head was to be cut off early the next morning. The folks at Mary's house were trying to pray through to God, but it seemed that all the forces of heaven were busy elsewhere; they began to fear their supplications for Peter were not getting through. But finally an angel of the Lord left the pearly portals of heaven and came to Peter.

Talk about speed! Men have been known to drive an automobile 310 miles an hour; they have sent airplanes through the air at 350 miles per hour and it is said the wings of the planes become burning hot from the terrific friction. But take a look at the farthest planet that the eye of the mightiest telescope can bring within our vision, which scientists believe is about 2,570,000,000,000 miles away. When the angel left heaven he came through all the space of the heavens and the universe and stood in that prison where Peter lay chained, arriving before the hour of execution. He smote Peter on the side and lifted him up. The chains fell to the floor, and he said, Peter, come with me. They walked right out of that prison. The

great iron gate opened without a hand being laid on it, and Peter went to the prayer meeting.

When he knocked, Rhoda came and perceiving who it was ran back into the room crying, quit your praying. Peter is outside the gate. Did that cause a commotion! Some who were praying with little faith said, You are wrong; it is his ghost. But I hear Rhoda insisting, It is not his ghost. I know his voice.

When they opened the door and saw Peter they had a right to shout. But Peter beckoned to them to hold their peace. I hear them say, What is the matter with him that he does not want us to shout in praise of the Lord who has delivered him out of prison? Then I hear Peter say, Keep still until I tell you how I got out, then you can shout all you want to. Beloved, when you get filled with God's miraculous fire and feel like you *have* to shout—why *shout!*

When Evan Roberts saw the sad condition in Wales he was not ashamed to go down on his knees, for he was God's chosen vessel at that very time to get in touch with heaven. After many months of waiting he was filled with the Holy Spirit and fire from the Lord, and he literally set the whole of Wales afire for God. But first he had to go down in prayer, and we need to do likewise, for we need God's power with the fire in it today.

Someone asked Susannah Wesley, "What are you going to do?" And that noble woman answered, "I am going to raise a preacher who will be a torch for Christ." And she did. In Charles and John Wesley she raised two "torches" for Christ, two preachers whose torches spread revival flames across the world. I know that all preachers are not torches, but like that good woman I would rather raise "torches" for Christ than raise criminals for the gallows. My old daddy told me how the preachers prayed all night for revival. And bless your heart, God sent a revival that shook the British Isles. The fire from heaven fell on those sons of Susannah Wesley, and they were determined to raise a "torch" for Jesus.

You do not always need a magnificent tabernacle in order to strike fire or start a revival. Some of the greatest revivals have started in buildings heated by an old stove burning pine knots, with the pipe running out through the wall. Everything went along fine until the stovepipe fell down, when all the congregation had to seek cover until it could be replaced—but even this could not hinder a revival. Do not think things like that discouraged the preacher, it was good for him. Remember the Azusa Street Mission.

At one time I was absorbed with the activities of this world and had little time or inclination to think deeply of Jesus Christ and His wonderful love. I scarcely noticed where my wife went. Finally I noticed she had begun coming home late, often after midnight. One night when she came in, eyes glowing, shining with a strange light, I said, "My dear, where have you been so many nights until after midnight?" She said: "I have been going to an old-time revival meeting where the fire fell." She stopped a moment and then continued, "I am afraid you won't understand these people for they speak in tongues."

"Nonsense," I thought. "Some group has influenced my wife by mystic powers." I thought I could understand any language for I had been well educated. And I thought I knew all about the Scriptures. "You are wrong, my dear," I said. "These people have fooled you; there is nothing to what you have seen—nothing to it."

Then my wife showed me something I had never seen before. She said, "My dear, did you know that Peter said, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?'" I said, "Yes, I recollect that." Then she asked, "Have you received this gift?" I answered, "I don't know." She replied, "If you had received it you would have known." She was right. When I did receive it I *knew* it, and wanted all the world to know it too.

I went into that revival meeting, and when I saw 250 souls filled with the Holy Ghost and freshly anointed with the power of God, I could feel something beginning to stir in me, vibrating my very being. I saw a lot of old saints were there. I saw old Aunt Susie sitting there just as she had sat on the front seat of the Methodist Church twenty years before. I saw other old-time saints there, all filled with the Holy Spirit. They sang such wonderful hymns, and I thought I would sing with them, but—would you believe it?—I could not join in. Instead I wanted to go away and cry. And I could not rest satisfied until I had received what they had.

I am persuaded that we are on the threshold of great things. Nations are gathering the greatest military forces and making the mightiest military preparations, that surely will seal their fate. Our educational institutions are becoming filled with all kinds of evils which likewise will lead to their doom, unless they return to the teaching of things sensible and sound which will strike fire. Our economic world has skidded until it is on the brink of the precipice. The church of Almighty God is polluted with the forms, ceremonies and dogmas of the powers of darkness more than ever before.

Because of this condition the Pentecostal Movement should speak out in the power of Almighty God and look for heaven-sent revivals surpassing anything we have ever heard of. If we go forward we shall weather the storm now breaking on the horizon.

I believe that within the near future God will send a flame of supernatural fire and power which will sweep this Pentecostal Movement into the place where God would have it. I am convinced that just ahead of us there is coming a greater outpouring of God's mighty fire than has ever been known in this old world.

## ANTI-CHRISTIAN DIES

News of the death of Ludendorf, great German general, and hero of the World War, has come. After the war he became bitter toward Christianity, declared it to be the cause of his nation's weakness, and advocated a return to the old German paganism. Strangely enough he died in a Catholic hospital, cared for by those whose religion he detested, and in a room where hung a picture of the Crucified.

There is a parable in this scene. The love of Christ survives the hatred of His enemies.

# The Outlook and the Uplook

Present Day Events in the Light of Scripture

## JEWISH EMIGRATION

From August, 1933, to August, 1937, over 131,000 Jews left Germany. Palestine received 41,000, other countries overseas 40,000.

## POLAND DEFENDS THE JEWS

The Polish Government has condemned the anti-Jewish riots throughout Poland. The Governor of Warsaw threatened the offenders with the utmost severity of the law, and his firmness has had an immediate and salutary effect.

## HELP FROM AMERICAN JEWRY

The National Conference on Palestine Land Redemption held in Detroit voted \$2,000,000 as American Jewry's contribution to Zionist land-purchasing funds for 1938. An additional sum of \$250,000 was voted for the acquisition of a zone north of Lake Huleh, in Upper Galilee. It will be known as the "American Region."

## A LOST WORLD

From a newspaper editorial:

"It must have been very amusing to watch, that day recently when British government authorities went into an orphan asylum near London to experiment with gas masks. . . . A world which does things like that is a world profoundly out of joint. It is a world that is about due to discover that ahead of the problem of deciding between democracy, fascism, communism and any other ism whatever must come the task of protecting children from child-killers in uniform. For if it can't do that, it is assuredly a lost world—whatever choice it makes on these other matters."

## PENTECOST IN BRAZIL

Lester Sumrall, writing in *Redemption Tidings*, tells of the Pentecostal church in Recife, capital city of Pernambuco. In 1921 it had only 18 members, but now it has well over 3,000 baptized believers. It is, he believes, the largest evangelical church in South America. It is interesting to know that one third of all street-car operators in the large city of Recife are Pentecostal. Much opposition comes from the leaders and people of other churches—even violence—but Pentecost takes a courageous stand, and generally sweeps each new city with a soul-saving revival.

## SENATOR PREACHES ON PROPHECY

Senator Copeland spoke before a mass meeting of 15,000 Chicago Zionists. He quoted Adam Clarke's commentary to the effect that, while the prophecies respecting Palestine had not been fulfilled in his day, they would not fail. The senator then declared, "If Adam Clarke could visit Palestine today, he would see that his faith in the Prophet Amos was fully justified. He would see that Amos and Moses, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and others of prophetic vision, knew whereof they spoke. And if he could see the Palestine of today as I saw it, he would realize that it is the fulfillment of the predictions of Amos, and he would probably say: 'He can do it because he is Jehovah, AND HE HAS DONE IT.'"

## NEEDED—MORE BIBLE STUDY

Not all college students know their Bible. A report has it that when one professor, who was lecturing on insincerity, used the phrase "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" to illustrate his point, he was greeted by a hum of laughter on the part of the students who supposed he had proved himself unusually clever in constructing quaint figures of speech. According to another report, one graduate student submitted a paper to his professor which included a reference to "the famous friendship of David and Johnson."

## ATHEISM ON THE EBB

Comments *Literary Digest*: "Latest figures of the Associated Press from Soviet Russia indicate that there are now only 2 million active, fighting atheists, out of a population of 170 million. The 2 million are members of the League of the Militant Godless, headed by Yemelyan Yaroslavsky, the Russian 'Robert Ingersoll.' In the wild revolutionary and post-revolutionary days, this crusading organization flourished and spread far. But now Comrade Yaroslavsky is gravely perturbed, for his anti-church membership has shrunk from its former strength of 5 million. 'School-children even sing in church choirs in some places,' he mourns."

## Others A Digest of Christian Thought

**NOT ANGER**—The only heat that can ripen fruit for God's garner is the fire of Pentecost.—*Howard Carter*.

**RUSSIANS NOT ALL ATHEISTS**—I doubt whether religion is any more dead in U. S. S. R. than in the U. S. A. Only in Russia they have put the obituary notice in the papers—perhaps prematurely.—*Thomas L. Harris*, in *The Digest*.

**I CAN'T, GOD CAN**—Let us lay the emphasis not on our impotence, but on His omnipotence; not on our emptiness, but on His fullness; not on our meager resources, but on His boundless, limitless wealth of grace and power, which is always available to those in need.—*Pastor E. C. W. Boulton*.

**HATE**—The Christian Church as a whole has almost completely failed in its responsibility to the Jew. Even in countries such as Great Britain, with a long tradition for fair play and generous treatment of minorities, anti-Semitism is growing.—*Kenneth Grubb*, at the International Missionary Council in Vienna.

**THE SCRIPTURES**—Wherever God's Law is supreme, life and property are safe. Wherever the Bible is despised or discarded, neither life nor property is secure. When infidel friends were discussing their theories around the dining table one day, Voltaire said, "Hush, gentlemen, till the servants are gone. If they believed as we do, none of our lives would be safe."—*D. M. Pantou*.

## THIS DESPAIRING WORLD

During the economic crisis of the past years the number of suicides has increased alarmingly in Austria. An organization formed by a minister in Vienna has for its object a special mission among those in danger of extreme despair. Help and advice have been accorded to the desperate. It is now reported that within five months of its formation the new organization hindered more than 150 people from ending their lives, while 650 visits were made to intended suicides in the hospitals.

The practical purpose of the Spirit Baptism is that we may be anointed to "heal the broken-hearted." Luke 4:17, 18.

## PROPAGANDA

The French magazine *L'Univers* announces the production of a new motion picture film—silent so that it can be shown in all lands, with the definite object of *combating foreign missions*. The film will be prepared in Russia at a cost of 400,000 roubles, of which one-fourth will be given by the Russian society of the godless and the rest by liberal organizations in other parts of the world. The leading part will be that of a missionary, "armed to the teeth," and will be played by the famous Soviet actor, Mitschurin. There will be many black actors, of whom the chief will be the negro Wilm Smuts, the hero who unmasks the activities of the missionary. There will be long scenes showing the burning of churches in native villages by the outraged blacks who recognize that the missionaries must be driven out and their work destroyed.

**LET THE FIRES BURN**—I think the church was probably at its purest during the persecutions which weeded out the insincere and the half-hearted; and I believe that the ultimate result of the anti-God campaign will be the revival of Christianity in a purer form than before the troubles.—*Dean Inge*.

**FEARS**—The world has not changed. Suspicions among the nations exist as ever, only more intense; combinations are forming everywhere for the next war, great armies drilling, compacts for joint action when the tocsin sounds. New machinery of destruction is being devised and manufactured in feverish haste; . . . in fact, a deep-laid, powerful, concerted plot against civilization is openly organized in the light of the sun.—*David Lloyd George*.

**BIBLE BLESSINGS**—In London, England—still in some degree a Bible city—there are 4 illegitimate children for every 100 legitimate ones. In Paris, where the Bible is scarcely ever read, there are 48 for every 100. In Rome, where this Book is suppressed, for every 100 legitimate children there are 243 illegitimate ones. France burned her Bibles, and she has had fifteen governments in less than a hundred years. Poor Mexico, deprived of the Word of God through priestcraft, has gone through baptism after baptism of riot and bloodshed and death; she has had sixty revolutions since 1820, and is at it yet.—*W. E. Biederwolf*.



ARCHIBALD H. COOPER

# The New Testament Repeated

By  
Archibald Cooper

**D**URING my ministry in Pretoria some years ago I was invited to accompany a member of my assembly together with another brother in a trip across country to the borders of Bechuanaland by cart and horses, a journey which we estimated would take about three days. At the end of the second day we found ourselves out of touch with European civilization and in country populated almost entirely by a native tribe of South Africans largely heathen.

On the third day our provisions ran out and our supply of water too, but believing that we would come across some friendly natives we continued in hope. Unexpectedly we noticed that one of the horses had gone lame and in a little while we were compelled to call a halt. Realizing we were facing real danger as we had neither water nor food and had no idea how far we were from human beings, we lifted up our hearts to God in prayer for guidance and provision. We then decided that one of the party should go out in search of water and also to find some accommodation, and so one of the other two brethren went forth.

After an absence of several hours he returned shouting, saying that he had come across a European cotton farmer who had kindly invited us to stay at his farm until the horse recovered. This we gladly and gratefully did. The farmer proved to be an Englishman who at one time had held a very high position as an electrical engineer in one of the gold mining companies of Johannesburg. His elder son had followed in his steps and had become an electrical engineer who was not only well advanced in the science of electricity but was an inventor.

Sitting down to our first evening meal in company with this farmer, the elder son, a younger son, and a daughter, the mother being absent in England, I sought to turn the conversation to spiritual things. It immediately became apparent that none of the family knew anything about the grace of God, having only been nominal church members prior to their turning to country farming. Unexpectedly the elder son stood to his feet and said, "Mr. Cooper, I will give you my opinion about God. God is electricity and electricity is God."

Hastily I answered, "If you do not change your views you will go to hell."

I am afraid my answer was a shock not only to the boy but to the father and the other members of the family, and the father replied, "I feel, gentlemen, that as long as you are on the farm we should leave religion entirely out of our future conversation."

I knew I was rebuffed, but feeling that precious souls were at stake I cried earnestly to God for wisdom to recover the position which I felt I had lost through my hasty remark. Before we rose from the table that night we were again discussing spiritual things

*Archibald H. Cooper of Durban, South Africa, when at Springfield told us a story of being lost on the South African veldt, of winning souls in a farmhouse for Christ, seeing a young man receive the Baptism with the Spirit at a railroad station, become blind, but instantly healed through prayer. Be sure to read this story.*

in an atmosphere of friendliness. As I left the home to make my bed under a wild marula tree I took Paul, the eldest boy, aside and lovingly entreated him that he would pray to God that night and ask Him to show him whether he was right or wrong in his views. Then proceeding to the marula tree I earnestly cried to God that He would reveal Himself to Paul.

The following afternoon, coming across Paul unexpectedly in the field, I again discussed the subject of salvation with him. He listened quietly. Then I turned to him and said, "Paul, why don't you give your heart to Christ?"

To my surprise and great joy, he replied, "Brother Cooper, I did so last night. And now I want you to give me a New Testament, for tonight I want to read the Scripture after we have had dinner and tell my father the stand I have taken." Joyfully I handed him my own Testament.

He was true to his word. At the end of the evening meal he suddenly rose to his feet and said, "Father, I want to tell you and Claude and Josephine (his brother and sister) that I have surrendered my life to Jesus Christ and with your permission I want to read a portion of God's Word." Before his father had time to reply, he was reading the third chapter of John. His father and the other members of the family looked upon him in amazement, wondering what strange thing had come over him. But Paul's conversion speedily led to the conversion of his brother and sister. I had the joy of leading them both to Christ.

But now after having been on the farm five days and feeling that Mrs. Cooper and my assembly would be wondering whether harm had overtaken us, I felt that I should make every effort to return to Pretoria as soon as possible, leaving the other two brethren on the farm until the horse recovered: This meant a long roundabout journey on a train on the Rhodesian Railways from a station called Gaboronnes, situated about twenty miles from the farm. Paul and I arrived there by bicycle at sundown. Having a little time at our disposal I felt prompted that I should speak to Paul more fully of the way of salvation. Obtaining an oil lamp

I lit it and began to open the Scriptures on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, saying to him, "Paul, God has done a marvelous thing in your life, but He has something more for you."

He listened with deep interest as I read to him from Acts 2:37-39; 10:44-46; and 19:1-6. After a brief exposition of these Scriptures I said, "Paul, when you return to your farm, pray that God will baptize you too in the Holy Ghost. Now let us have a word of prayer together before the train comes." In a few minutes' time my earnest friend was pouring out his heart to God in a torrent of praise for what God had done for him and his brother and sister, and then in supplication for the conversion of his father and mother and other members of his family. After he had finished praying I followed. Then laying my hands gently upon his head I was prompted to say, "Brother Paul, receive ye the Holy Ghost." Before I had finished speaking, he was prostrated upon the floor of the waiting room there in the lonely railway station.

For quite some time I waited in silence to see what the Lord was going to do with him. After a while he slowly raised himself into a sitting position and with his eyes wide open and one hand stretched upwards he began to give me a most vivid and graphic description of Christ being led away to Calvary and being crucified. The tears rolled down his cheeks and his face was the picture of intense pain as he cried out, "Oh, Jesus, Jesus, why did you suffer like that?" Then he answered his own question. "Yes, it was for me

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A South African Scene

# The Family Altar

Even when Job's children were men and women grown, he still felt so keenly his responsibility for them, that when they gave feasts in each other's honor, he "sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. This did Job continually."

Job was a superlatively great man according to God's standards. Among men too, he ranks very high for, although he has been four thousand years dead, he is known to more people than the most illustrious man of our generation—Roosevelt, Edward VIII, Mussolini, Hitler.

A chief excellence in the conduct of Job, as God views such things, is the way he met his responsibilities for his children. That this was outstanding among Job's virtue is shown by the fact that the Holy Spirit placed the account of it in the position of prominence—the beginning of the story of his life.

This makes us feel that for the fathers of our day to faithfully uphold the family altar, where we instruct, encourage, sympathize with, and pray for our children, is a way of being specially pleasing to God. How does it make you feel, Brother Man?

There are many reasons why the family altar ought to be faithfully maintained, but knowing how pleasing it is to God for us to erect an altar of prayer in each of our homes, seems to be reason enough standing alone. Does it not?

In these early days of the new year, so rich in opportunities to please God, shall we do something about it, Brother?

## Questions and Answers

What does it mean where it says "The saints shall judge the world and angels"? 1 Cor. 6:2, 3.

Noah judged the world before the Flood in the sense that his preaching a gospel of salvation which they rejected brought upon them the judgment of God. The world is now being judged by its rejection of the gospel. See 2 Cor. 4:3, 4; 2:15, 16. Then, too, the saints will be associated with Christ when He reigns in righteous judgment in the millennium. As to the judging of angels, this is not so clear. It must refer to fallen angels. Probably the overcoming life of a saint against the temptations of fallen angels is a judgment witness against them. And it is probable that the saints will be associated with Christ when He finally judges Satan and his hosts. The testimony of the saints would certainly be a witness against them, and their clear vision will enable them to acclaim the judgment of Christ correct and holy. We are here supposing that the angels referred to are those which are fallen. If Paul refers to "good angels" then we must accept the Word and wait to see its fulfillment.—E. S. W.

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that You died and suffered." And he sank back on the floor again.

Perhaps five or ten minutes passed before he sat up again, and once more pointing his hand upward, his face now filled with great joy, his eyes wide open, he saw the return of the Lord Jesus in the clouds with great glory. This he described. "Only God knows what passed through my own mind as I knelt there struck with wonder and I found myself saying, "Oh God, is this the young man who less than a week ago declared that You were electricity and that electricity was God?"

Again he sank back to the floor and for five minutes or so complete silence reigned between us. Suddenly there was a sound as of a rushing mighty wind, caused by Paul's audible deep breathing. This continued for about three minutes, when he suddenly broke out as clear as a bell into an unknown tongue. My joy was unspeakable. I felt I had gone back in spirit 1900 years in the history of the Church and had been privileged to see exactly the same thing that I had read about so often in the New Testament.

Leaving Paul in the waiting room I walked up and down on the station platform in the

glory of a bright South African moonlight night with my hands upraised to heaven praising and blessing God for the wonder which He had privileged me to see.

As I was doing this, Paul staggered as one drunken out of the waiting room and cried out, "Brother Cooper, Brother Cooper, where are you?"

"Here I am," I replied.

As we approached each other I was stunned to hear him say, "Oh, Brother Cooper, pray for me. My sight has gone. I cannot see anything." I could hardly believe my ears. And then suddenly the Spirit reminded me of how another Paul (even of Tarsus) had been struck blind for three days by the glory of God. I felt that I could not leave this boy in this condition and so, laying my hands upon both his eyes, I earnestly cried to God that He would restore his sight. Taking my hands away, I said, "Paul, now, can you see?"

"Oh, yes! yes!" he cried with great joy; "I see you."

And just as I held him affectionately in my arms, praising and blessing God, and he too joining in, the sound of the approaching Rhodesian Express was heard. A few moments later I had said farewell to my newly found friend and brother in Christ.

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## Los Angeles -- Minneapolis -- Seattle -- Dallas

Large centers of population—perhaps five million souls within and near these four cities, many of them yet to be won to Christ. But these apostles of faith, like Paul, have heard the voice of the Lord saying, "As thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou witness also at Rome." In response to the Lord's command, they have said, "I am ready to *teach* the gospel also to you who are at Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

What a challenge—what a task to take these four large cities for Christ! "What you have been taught—you *must* hand on to *trustworthy men—competent to instruct others*, also."—Weymouth. These pastors and superintendents have taken Paul's instructions seriously, as is evidenced by pictures of thriving Schools shown on this page. The Gospel message which they have *heard* and *believed*, they have entrusted to *competent men and women* that they in turn may teach others, also.

These Schools have a combined enrollment of 2,085 members, who are taught by a faithful and competent staff of 93 teachers. Pictures of these Schools were on display at the General Council, Memphis, Tennessee, September 2-9, and will continue to be on display in our Sunday School exhibit at the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

### ON THE MAP

The Schools shown also reported for our Sunday School map, exhibited at the General Council. Less than 100 of the Schools of our Fellowship appear in the list of larger Schools—those having an enrollment above the 250 mark. The enrollment of most of our Schools, therefore, falls below the 250 mark. But the importance of the small School is by no means to be underestimated, for many of them are laboring in pioneer fields where the work is very difficult.

The larger Schools, however, have their part in pioneer work, for in the densely populated sections as

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**Bethel Temple S. S.** .....  
L. F. Turnbull, Pastor

Upper Right

**Gospel Tabernacle S. S.** .....  
F. J. Lindquist, Pastor

Lower Left

**Hollywood Temple S. S.** .....  
Henry H. Ness, Pastor

Lower Right

**Full Gospel Assembly S.** .....  
Loren B. Staats, Pastor

Los Angeles, Minneapolis many Mission Schools have been fostered and operated by the larger assemblies. In command, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," for schools have sacrificed workers—thrusting them into pioneer fields to garner unreached





- ..... Los Angeles, Calif.  
Supt. .... Wm. Griesinger, Supt.
- S. S. .... Minneapolis, Minn.  
Supt. .... C. L. Hanson, Supt.
- S. S. .... Seattle, Wash.  
Supt. .... E. R. Erickson, Supt.
- S. S. .... Dallas, Texas.  
Supt. .... E. N. Dailey, Supt.

**OTHER SCHOOLS REPORTED**

Our 1937 Sunday School report shows there are 15 other Schools in these four cities; these 15 Schools have a total membership of 2,200; including 126 teachers. This makes an enrollment of 4,285 members in the 19 Schools with a staff of 219 teachers. Our 1937 reports, however, are painfully incomplete, for in one of these four large cities, only one School reported. *If all our Schools will be faithful in \*reporting for our new and enlarged map (1938-1939), a more complete and encouraging report can be given concerning the work in these cities, as well as elsewhere; for our Full Gospel work has increased so extensively, we can almost hear the magistrates say, "Ye have filled Jerusalem with this strange teaching."*

**A SUCCESSFUL WORK**

The success of the Schools shown, is largely due to the consecrated leadership of the Pastors, Superintendents, and Teachers. Their teachers are qualified for the ministry of teaching, many of them having had special training in preparation for their task. The

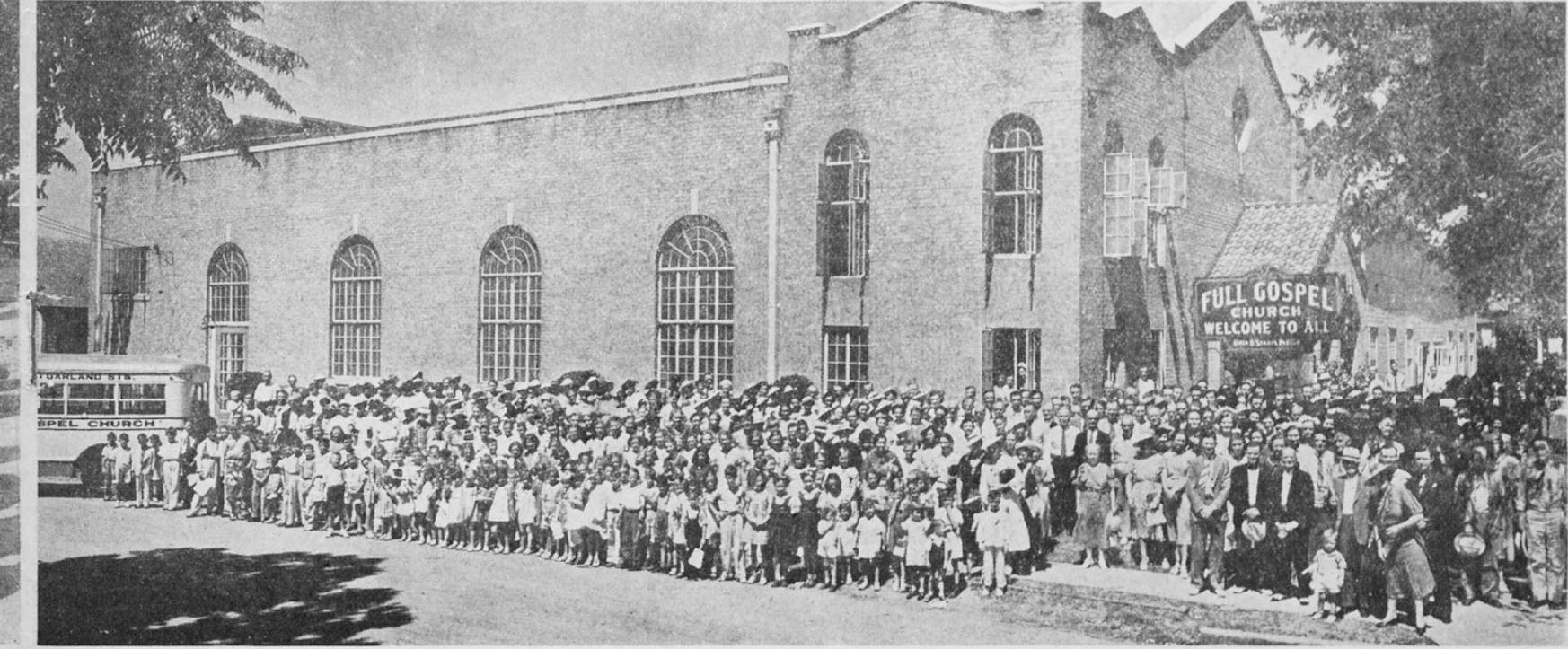
spirit of Evangelism prevails in these schools and many pupils have been led to Christ by their teachers. These workers are finding the lessons of the Seven-Year Whole Bible Course most helpful and are joyfully implanting the Word in the hearts of their pupils.

**LET US HEAR FROM YOU**

The Sunday School Department (G. P. H.) welcomes pictures and reports of work being done throughout our constituency and all such shall be used to further the work of the Sunday School in Kingdom building. Please confer with your Secretary and assist her in supplying a report of your School so it will be shown on our new Sunday School map for 1938. —M. L. G.

**\*A report blank is being mailed to each one of our Sunday school secretaries. Pastors and superintendents should assist their secretaries in filling out this report blank, and returning the same to us at the earliest possible date. In this way every one of our schools may be designated on the new map.**

neapolis, Seattle and Dallas, Schools have sprung up, and are operated as branch Schools of the Kingdom. In fulfilling the Lord's command, "Go ye therefore and teach," the large number of souls have been sacrificed some of their best men and women, and have been sent forth into the harvest field as sowers of the seed of the Kingdom and untaught souls.





**LIFT up your EYES and LOOK unto the FIELDS . . . White already to Harvest**

One of the interesting exhibits at the Gospel Publishing House (Springfield, Mo.) is the large Sunday School map shown above. This map also was on display at General Council, Memphis, Tennessee, September 2-9. It created a great deal of interest in the extension of Sunday School work, for it reveals the fact that many sections are yet to be reached with our Full Gospel message.

It is encouraging to note the little black pennants on the map which represent 689 new schools established during the fiscal Sunday School year 1937. The other 2319 schools are represented on the map in tinted pennants of white, cream, blue, green, orange, yellow and purple, which designate the size and location of older established schools, according to enrollment. In the picture the camera was unable to register the light colored pennants, and the markings of many schools do not show, making it rather disappointing to all.

A new and enlarged map (12 ft. x 21 ft.), is under construction. It will be 2 1/4 times

as large as the 1937 map. We are looking forward to the completion of this map for the next General Council which has been invited, if the Lord tarries, to convene in Springfield, Mo., in 1939. We will have sufficient room on this map to properly designate the location of all our schools without being over-crowded. Again, we will profit by our first mistake and only dark colored pennants will be used to designate the enrollment and location of schools, for the new map. This will make it possible for us to have a perfect photograph made of our next map.

"We want our school on the next map!" This statement was made by workers from many of the 2000 schools which failed to report for the map shown on this page. We appeal to every pastor and superintendent to assist their Sunday school secretary in reporting their school for the new (1938-1939) map. Each secretary will receive a report blank for this purpose. Please see that it is filled in neatly and returned to the Sunday School Department (G. P. H.), Springfield, Missouri.

## EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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includes the period before the Sunday School session as well as during the lesson period. The teacher should always be the first in his or her place; so much may be done in the pre-session period by personal contact. When the little ones come in, they expect a personal greeting from the teacher. Little Mary has a new dress and she has been looking forward all that week to the teacher seeing her new dress. But if the teacher comes in late and has no time to see it, her little heart is almost broken, she is dreadfully disappointed and if you disappoint a child you lose a valuable point of contact.

The next contact is by means of prayer—prayer for and with the pupil, using care not to embarrass the child. A girl had the privilege of leading two entire classes to the Lord; and when her pastor asked her how she did it she said, "I pray for each member of my class by name every day."

The importance of this was impressed upon my mind while attending the General Council in San Francisco. I visited the most beautiful mausoleum in the world in a cemetery at Glendale. They showed me the art glass window, picturing that grand masterpiece by Leonardo Da Vinci, the Lord's Supper. The guide explained that one of their board members had interviewed the only remaining member of the Italian family whose art glass window have graced the greatest cathedrals for several hundred years. It was learned that the artist took five years to complete that picture, but the first year was spent in prayer. That thrilled my soul and I thought, if an artist would spend a whole year in prayer to produce a beautiful work of art, how much ought we to pray when we are dealing with the souls of boys and girls.

Then the third form of contact is the social. Parents expect the minister to call on them, while children do not always expect the teacher to call on them when they are sick. If the teacher does this it is an event and makes a deep impression. Some Pentecostal people are afraid of social affairs but often such contacts have eternal results. I heard of one teacher who took his fifteen boys out to a camp in the woods by the side of a beautiful lake for two weeks, and at the end of that time he had led twelve of those boys to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and the twelve were working hard to win the other three. There is something about God's great cathedral with its beautiful dome of blue, flecked with white clouds, that brings boys and girls close to God under the leadership of a wise teacher. Let us not be afraid of wholesome social life.

Then the fourth contact is by means of letters, on birthdays and other special occasions. A letter addressed in the child's own name is an event in his life and many have been known to take such a letter to school and wear it out reading it over and over. It may not mean so much to us, but we are to measure its value by what it means to the child. This does not apply to little children only. The teacher of a men's class adopted the plan of writing a letter to every man who was absent. He had written several to one man but still he failed

to return to the class so the teacher said, "I will try it once more, and he wrote it and put a special delivery stamp on it." When that man received it he said, "If that teacher thinks enough of me to put a special delivery stamp on a letter to me I shall go back." I suppose the teacher spent 25 cents on that man. Was it worth that much to get him back to God's house? There are so many things we might do, but we are so busy about comparatively trivial things we do not have time for eternal things.

Counting the combined Protestant church budgets of the United States there are 16,000 churches and 17,000,000 members, and an annual budget of \$250,000,000. Statistics show that one new member represents the combined efforts of 44 church members using \$650 in money. No business could prosper on such a basis. One twentieth of that amount spent on winning boys and girls to Jesus Christ would have produced the same result with the added value of lives being given for service. Which is more important—a man of eighty or a boy of eight? You might say that a boy of eight was more important but when it comes to actually facing the facts by our actions in a revival meeting, I fear we answer the other way. If a man of eighty years gets saved everybody talks about it; they say, "We had a wonderful meeting last night; an eighty-year-old man was saved." Then the next night an eight-year-old boy is saved and if you ask the average person about the meeting he will say, "Well, we didn't have much of a meeting; no one was saved but an eight-year-old boy." When people talk like that it makes my soul burn with indignation. Which is better—a whole life of service for God or the burnt-out, fag ends of a life wasted in sin, offered to God at the end of the race?

A meeting was in progress in England. It was a very stormy morning, making it impossible for the preacher to get to the service. A shoemaker who belonged to the church tried to preach, taking the text, "Look unto me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else." He just said those words over and over again. A fourteen-year-old boy in the small congregation, felt burdened over his sins and suddenly the speaker looked right at him and said, "Why don't you look and live, son?" The boy there and then gave his heart to Jesus Christ. People probably said that it wasn't much of a meeting, no one being saved but a boy. They called that boy "Charlie." Later on they called him *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*.

Railroad companies and insurance companies are spending millions of dollars in safety devices to prevent accidents; they find it cheaper than to pay damages for accidents which might have been prevented. Rescue work was the religious work of yesterday and still is, but an enlightened church is seeing that prevention is more practical and economical. In a Billy Sunday campaign in Boston, when 12,000 were present, 10,000 or 83% stood to their feet, testifying that they had been saved before they were 20 years of age; 9,000 out of that 10,000 testified to having been saved while attending Sunday School. One thousand stood to their feet testifying to having been saved between the ages of 20 and 40, thirty-seven between 40 and 50, five between

50 and 60, and one after 60 years of age. That is a proportion of one to ten thousand after sixty years of age.

In Frank L. Brown's Sunday School in Brooklyn, New York, where they have a continuous evangelistic aim before the Sunday School, 6000 have come into the church through the Sunday School in thirty years, an average of about 200 per year. During the same thirty-year-period in a certain county in Ohio, all the churches combined held 1800 evangelistic campaigns, and at the end of those thirty years there were 500 less members in the churches than when they began. I would not speak lightly of evangelistic campaigns, but I do protest against depending wholly upon evangelistic campaigns for the building up of the kingdom of God, and neglecting the most important work of the church—saving the children. Many of our evangelists are seeing this, and are making a special effort to win the children for the Lord. If any are specially interested in this you might write to THE CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP, 203 No. Wabash Ave., Chicago, for their literature. It is a God-raised movement for evangelizing the children all over the country and thousands of children are giving their hearts to Jesus Christ through the work of this agency. Our main task is not to rebuild human wrecks but to build lives for Jesus from their early years. This is the line of sanest and surest advance.

Let me call your attention to six factors in the law of the harvest. Much of the work of God is covered by as definite laws as is the work on the farm or in a factory. The six factors that govern the law of the harvest all begin with the letter "S" and the first is the SEED. I can remember when my father paid a dollar for a peck of oats for seed. Oats at that time sold for about 20c a bushel but he wanted the best oats possible to use as seed. We have a great advantage because we have absolutely perfect Seed. It cannot be improved upon and it is suicidal to use any substitute for the Seed of the Word of God. It is for us to select the portions, according to the soil in which it is to be planted, and then sow it faithfully. Broadcasting it gives the birds a chance to steal away much of the seed but hand-planting makes for a sure harvest.

The next factor is the SOIL—the mind and heart of the pupils. Study of the soil in farming pays, and child study pays in the Sunday School, so we may know what seed to sow, and how and when. The seed must be fitted to the age and the mental and spiritual ability of the child. Truth, no matter how precious it may be to us, is of no value to the child if presented in a way that is beyond his understanding. Truth is not an end in itself; it is only as it takes root in the heart and blossoms into character that it is really worth anything.

The third factor is the SOWER—the one who plants the seed; not corn in the earth but living truth in living souls. If the life of the teacher is not consistent with his teaching his words are as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals—yes, it is even worse, for his life becomes a stumbling block. Jesus said something very startling about its being better for him to have a millstone around his neck than to cause "one of these little ones to stumble."

The teacher and the truth taught should always leave the impression of being of the same pattern. The teacher should be such that it would be safe for all in the class to follow as an example. It is a very poor way to ask them to do as you say and not as you do.

The fourth factor in the law of harvest is SATURATION or moisture, without which there is no harvest. There is a positive law stated in the Word of God, given in Psalm 126:5, 6, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." I want to be very personal now. You, who are teachers—how long is it since you have wept over the boys and girls in your class? *If you care enough you will weep, and if you weep you shall reap.* God says it. That passage in the 126th Psalm is not a promise; we sometimes cheapen it by calling it a promise; but it is a declaration of a law that is as certain in its operation as the law of gravitation or electricity or steam, that they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Much of the lack of harvest in our Sunday School work is due to a drought of tears; because teachers do not care enough that their boys and girls are going to hell to shed tears for them when they pray.

The next factor is just the opposite of rain, and yet just as necessary, and that is SUNSHINE. All rain would not be good for the harvest, neither would all sunshine. The Word says, "They looked unto him and were lightened," or "radiant." One translation of 2 Cor. 3:18 says: "We all, while with face unveiled we behold in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are ourselves transformed continually into the same likeness; and the glory which shined upon us is reflected by us, even as it proceeds from the Lord, the Spirit." A sour-faced teacher does not well recommend his cause, while the memory of the radiant glory in the face of the teacher will remain long after the lessons taught have been for-

gotten. I believe the best place for rain is in the prayer closet and the best place for sunshine is in front of the class.

Then the last factor is the SICKLE. Only the Spirit of God can ripen the harvest, and only His Spirit can reveal to the teacher when and how, tactfully, to bring out a decision for Christ. Hand-picking is the best way; and the teacher, to do this, must be a child-winner. You never can be a soul-winner unless you can win the children to yourself, first of all, and then as you give them a tactful introduction to Jesus Christ, the work is done. It is not a question of, "If they can be saved," but, "When and How." Decision Day is a good time but every Sunday may be harvest time.

I so well remember the first Decision Day we had in the Baptist Church when I was laboring there. The teachers and pastor talked it over and said, "We have been sowing the seed for many years but we have never attempted to have a harvest. Now we shall have a harvest day," and so we appointed the day. The school was all gathered in one room and I talked to them for a few minutes. Then I asked those who wanted to give their hearts to the Lord, to come to the front. Every thing was as still as death for a few moments, and then a little six-year-old boy arose—I can see him plainly even yet, in his little Fauntleroy trousers and white blouse—and he came walking down the aisle till he stood in front of me and then said, "Here I come, Daddy," and that broke up the entire congregation till everyone was making his or her way to the front. And oh, what it has meant to our family to have that little fellow come to God when he was but six years of age! God has kept him. Now he is a daddy himself. "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest . . . shall not cease," applies spiritually as well as materially.

Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make

you fishers of men." You can often get a whole net full of minnows easier than you can catch one large fish. But in the soul-saving business minnows are more important than grown-up fish. There is a wonderful reward promised to those who win these little ones to Christ. The Word says, "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." If we get the boys and the girls saved we can project them into the grand work of winning their companions to the Lord Jesus Christ and we have then launched them into a program of soul-winning that may continue with them throughout their lives.

I was so interested in reading the story of Dr. John Brodus as told by himself. He said he was definitely converted as a boy of fifteen and was so happy in his conversion that he wanted to tell someone else. So he found another boy about his own age. Out behind the barn they sat down on a lumber pile, and there John told his friend of his wonderful experience with his Saviour. The other boy listened till he had finished and then said, "That is the prettiest story I ever heard, John, and I want to become a Christian, too." So they knelt down and the other boy gave his heart to the Lord. The two boys grew up in the same city; the second boy became a truck driver and John became the head of a theological seminary but the two continued their friendship and Dr. Brodus himself says, "Whenever I went down the street and saw that man he would always touch his old ragged cap and say, 'Thank you, John.' I met him this morning and his face broke out into a radiant smile as he said again, 'Thank you, John.'" Then Dr. Brodus continued, "When I get over yonder I want to see my Saviour first of all and then I want to see my dear old father and mother and after I have seen them I want to walk on those golden streets and I am sure I shall somewhere meet that man and I know he will look into my face and say, 'Thank you, John.'"

Wouldn't you like to meet somebody on those streets who can say, "Thank you; but for your telling me the story I would not be here"? But you cannot have that privilege unless you tell them. Everyone of us ought to say, "How shall I go up to my Father, and the lad be not with me?" Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the whole ministry of leading boys and girls to Jesus Christ at a time in their lives when it is easiest to do so. Thus you will be rewarded with the best response. You will be training yourself to become a soul winner, and one day up in the glory land you will meet those who will look into your face and say, "Thank you, John."

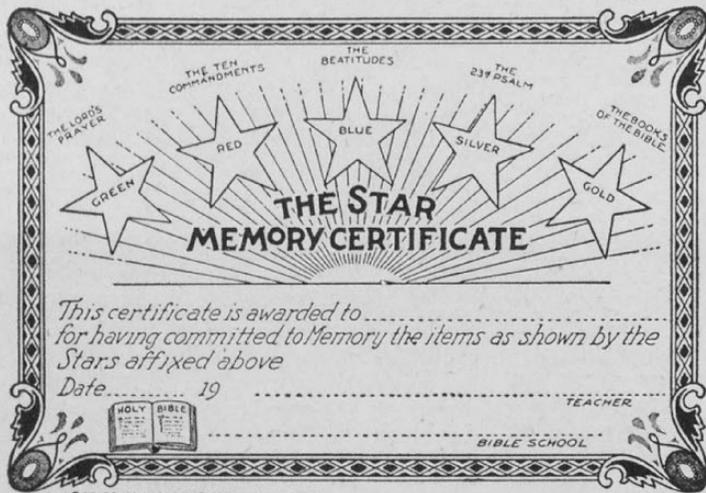
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# A Needy Field

By Ernest S. Williams

Louisiana holds much of interest to lovers of American history. New Orleans is one of the most interesting centers in the United States. Lying on very low ground there was a time when the means of transportation was by boats through the various canals. Canal Street, the large thoroughfare which divides the business section of the City, and largely divides the old French section from the newer city, was once such a canal. And even now, were you to tear up the street you would find the canal still there with its flow of water so I am told.

In the old city, often spoken of as the French section, rises a flagstaff high in the air. It is said to mark the site of treaties and to remind visitors that Louisiana has been ruled by four different nations since the discovery of America, Spain, England, France, America. The cemeteries at New Orleans are different from most other parts of America. They are vaults built above ground, some of them rising high enough to hold a number of coffins each in its vault one underneath another. In times past, and I am not sure but the custom still survives, it was possible to rent

a vault by paying so much per year. There are so many points of interest that you would enjoy a visit to this modern, yet quaint Southern city.

Recently the writer was asked to visit parts of Southern Louisiana with the Superintendent and some of the Presbyters of the Louisiana District. They were wishing him to see the possibilities for home missions work among the neglected people. Our first stop was for a day of fellowship meetings at a town named Jennings in the Southwestern part of the State. There a young brother has developed a nice work and built a neat church.

Next we visited a place called Gueydon. This was approximately in the very Southern center of the State. Here two young ladies had opened up a work and in about two years had built up a congregation and built and paid for a neat tabernacle church. This town lies in the center of a vast rice plantation area. For miles around only rice is raised. The farmers, mostly tenants, are French. They have come down from an ancestry which has lived in Louisiana since the days of Evangeline, or as long as the United States has been a

nation. Their language is French and they have been left these years without education. To speak to many of them would require an interpreter unless one could speak French. We were taken to visit some of them in their homes and found them appreciative and hospitable. And when the meeting was held at night it would have done you good to hear them testify, mostly in their French language. We enjoyed watching the young ladies who had brought the gospel to them lead the meeting. They were young ladies not schooled in French, but they had applied themselves and could sing a number of songs in the French language. They seemed to be one with their congregation.

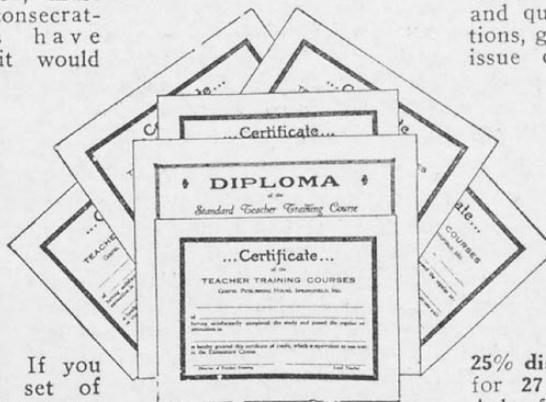
From Gueydon, stopping at other places, we passed to the Southeastern section of the State where all that was raised was sugarcane. Here was another vast field for home missions work. Volunteers are needed to do work among these neglected people, and money would be required to get workers started. How many volunteers have we and how many Christ's Ambassadors groups would like to have a part in supporting such? Brother Vogler, appointed to promote home missions would be glad to hear from you about this I am sure. His address is the same as for this paper. There is so much more that could be told you if space would permit, but here is a vast neglected foreign missions field right here in America.

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## In the Whitenened Harvest Field

CUT BANK, MONT.—December 21 we closed a 10 days' meeting, with Evangelist L. O. Rynning in charge. God's ever gracious blessing was upon us. Several sought the Lord for salvation, one received the blessed Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and all the assembly were encouraged and blessed.—J. R. Edgar, Pastor.

RUSSELL, KANSAS—We just closed a 3 weeks' meeting which was a revival in every way. Evangelist A. R. Sorensen, Oskaloosa, Iowa, brought the messages from night to night under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and seekers were at the altar at every service, some being saved and others being filled with the Holy Ghost. About 15 sought salvation, 15 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Nine have received the Baptism since the revival closed. Seventeen came into our fellowship. The Sunday School has reached a record attendance of 91. This assembly has been set in order just 15 months. November 7 Brother Vogler had charge of the service when we dedicated the tabernacle to the Lord.—Hannah Steinle-Johnson, Pastor.

ANAHEIM, CALIF.—For the past 2 weeks, Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perryman have been conducting a "Back to the Bible" campaign at the Full Gospel Assembly, J. C. Greene, Pastor. There has been a constant downpour of the Holy Spirit's refreshing power since the fourth night's service. Surely our hearts have been made to rejoice as we have seen tears of repentance mingled with tears of joy stream down the faces of the saints, in deep consecration, in this revival. Many have been refilled, some reclaimed, saved, and healed, for which we thank the Lord. The whole assembly, from pastor to laity, have been blessed by Brother and Sister Perryman's ministry. The revival will continue as the Lord leads.—Beryl A. Beymer, Sunday School Secretary.

MONETTE, ARK.—We have just concluded a most successful revival in the church where J. S. McMahan, Sectional Presbyter, is the Pastor. Brother McMahan has a wonderful church. There is a fine band of young people, consecrated, dedicated, surrendered, and submissive to the will of God. The meetings lasted 3 weeks. Twenty-two were saved, 4 received the promised Comforter, and the saints were edified and encouraged. We earnestly believe that the revival was a success because a spirit of unity and co-operation prevailed, and we were only reaping what the pastor had sown. Two were saved on the closing night of the campaign. Some people were present in the church for the first time in 15 years. One woman said, "This is the first time I have been at a mourner's bench in 22 years." We truly thank God for the results accomplished here, and praise God for Brother McMahan and the saints at Monette.—Lewis and Walter Perkins, "The Twin Evangelists," Phenix City, Ala.

VALLEY PARK, MO.—Eight months ago L. C. Ramsey took over the pastorate here. Since that time God has blessed in the salvation of souls and the baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost. When Brother Ramsey came he found the saints striving to complete a church building. Some of them were discouraged and were about to give up, but under the supervision and leadership of our new pastor every one was revived. The Sunday School grew too large for the little building we were in. In October Evangelist Glenn Kelly came to us for a 3 weeks' meeting. Twenty-three or 24 were saved and some were baptized in the Holy Ghost. During the revival we moved into our new building. Since that time the Sunday School attendance has more than doubled, and God is leading us deeper and higher in His love and grace.—R. C. L.

TIPPECANOE CITY, O.—October 17 we began a revival in Bethel Tabernacle with Garnet Prouty and Helen Daniels as Evangelists, and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Maurer as Music Directors. The presence of God was manifested nightly during the 5 weeks of this meeting. The Word was given with no uncertain sound by these evangelists and the singing was truly inspirational. The harmony between these workers and the pastor was marvelous. The church has been benefited both numerically and spiritually.

The church now has an organized choir of 22 voices, with Mr. Maurer as the director, who sing their way into the hearts of the people. Many from neighboring churches in the city and from the country are finding their places in our services not only as spectators but as worshipers. Our prayer services are truly as God intends them to be, freighted with power and of one accord, as recorded in the Word.—E. P. Cooper, Pastor.

(Near) SHADE GAP, PA.—We have just closed a wonderful revival in the full Gospel Tabernacle at Fairridge, half way between Burnt Cabins and Shade Gap. Mrs. Blanch Twigg, Cumberland, Maryland, Evangelist. Sister Twigg rendered to the church and to the public a wonderful service in ministering the Word in its fullness. The revival began November 21, and continued until December 5. One was saved, and 3 were reclaimed. Then Evangelist Lester Myers, Williamsport, Maryland, came to us, stirred the sinners, and built up the church. God wonderfully gave 12 souls for his labor. Many were prayed for and healed. Owing to the approaching Christmas holidays the revival was closed on December 23. Revival fires are still burning, and 3 souls have come since the meeting closed. A year ago this church was closed, and interest was lost. God sent my wife and myself here in answer to prayer, and we have seen God's Word confirmed where He said, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."—George Hanson, Pastor.

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NORFOLK, VA.—We are praising God for His blessings upon us during 3 weeks of special meetings conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quanabush. Many accepted Christ as their Saviour, and a few were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School was also helped by the evangelists, who took a special interest in it. The Sunday School attendance and the crowds at the meetings were the largest we have seen here, and the results were encouraging.—Guy W. Duty, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Saunders were with us for our Thanksgiving Convention. The dates were set for 3 weeks, but the interest was such that we continued 5 weeks, with blessed victory from the beginning. The people were moved to seek God by the powerful messages given under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. A large number were saved, and 45 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Eleven were baptized with the Spirit in one evening service. The sick were prayed for, and surely God does confirm His Word with signs and wonders, and divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His will. The good spirit of the revival continues, and we are happy to see in our regular services, men and women being saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

An added blessing to our convention was the District Superintendent of Western Ontario, Canada, and his wife, Brother and Sister J. H. Blair. Every one felt the presence of God in their ministry to us, and were made glad.—A. A. Wilson, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—For the past few months there has been a growing hunger and desire on the part of the congregation of Hollywood Temple for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Tuesday Prayer Services were stressed and the attendance increased from time to time until the prayer room was crowded out. This necessitated using the main auditorium. During these meetings God became very precious to our hearts and His presence was mightily manifested. Then some began to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

God sent some colaborers in our midst. First Carl and Edna Goodwin, whom God used in a special way. God began to pour out His Spirit upon us so that every night from 2 to 6 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. They continued with us 3½ weeks. Then came Brother and Sister Paul Stephen Rahneff, of Bulgaria, who fitted right into the situation and God's blessing continued to be outpoured. During the past 5 weeks, 83 have received the mighty Baptism in the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. People have come from other churches both in and about Seattle, and have received the infilling of the Spirit. Many have been saved, reclaimed, or refilled with the Holy Ghost during the present outpouring.

At the present time we have with us Thomas Jones, of London, England, and the blessing of God is continuously with us night after night. Surely we thank God for this extraordinary visitation of His glorious presence.

We want to encourage others to believe that we are still living in a day when the glorious outpouring of the Spirit can be experienced, and our earnest prayer is that God shall pour out His Spirit on all people during these last days. Amen!—Henry H. Ness, Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

The Sunday School Lesson for February 6 is reserved until the next issue of the Evangel.

**MOORELAND, OKLA.**—The Lord wonderfully blessed in the Sunday School rally on December 29. Charlie Millard brought the morning message, and Albert Ogle, State Sunday School Superintendent, spoke in the afternoon and evening. Ten Sunday Schools were represented, each having a good report, with gain. Mooreland Sunday School received the banner for the largest gain.—W. F. Gilchrist, Pastor.

**GREENVILLE, S. C.**—The last week of July we accepted the pastorate here, and began a revival three weeks before the General Council at Memphis. Twenty-six were saved. We came back and continued with the Martin-Shauger Evangelists for 7 weeks. After they left we continued 3 weeks longer. Altogether, about 125 were saved and 70 received the Pentecostal Baptism. Many times the blessing of God was so manifest that there was no preaching. Some wonderful healings also have taken place recently.—J. D. Courtney, Pastor.

**WOLF LAKE, ILL.**—In March of last year we started having prayer meetings from house to house, and God's blessing was great. Several were baptized in the Holy Ghost, so we felt the need of an Assembly of God church in the little village. About June we had the building nearly finished, and moved the prayer meetings into it as soon as we could. God's blessing has been upon every service since. Our District Superintendent set the assembly in order with 14 members and now the membership roll has nearly doubled.

We have just closed a 5 weeks' meeting conducted by Thelma Wilkins and Evelyn Bobas. Several were converted, several were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and God blessed in every service. The church was built up and the people encouraged. God gave these evangelists a great ministry in the Word to inspire truth and courage, and they left a beautiful spirit in the church.

We are planning to begin another meeting not later than February. There are but few Assembly of God churches in this section. We should be glad to assist any one who felt led to do pioneer work in this section.—B. R. Hall, Pastor.

**SKELLYTOWN, TEXAS**—December 5 we closed a very successful 4 weeks' revival, conducted by Evangelist Florence Boucher, Konawa, Oklahoma, and Sister Vera Allen, Ardmore, Oklahoma. The Lord met with us in a mighty way; some nights we did not get to have any message. Thirty-six were saved in the old-time way, and 21 were filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were drawn closer to the Lord. The last night of the revival 30 united with the church. We have a good Sunday School. The Lord is certainly blessing in Skellytown.—Pastor and Mrs. Ernest K. Bates.

**WITH THE LORD**

Word has come to us of the home-going of Brother William Morwood, of Houston, Texas. Brother Morwood was one of our pioneer ministers and passed away Dec. 18, 1937, at the age of 88 years. We extend our sincere sympathy to the loved ones left behind.

**CONNEAUT, O.**—Evangelist A. E. Gidman, of London, England, was with us for a week of meetings before Christmas. The Lord blessed our brother's rich ministry to us especially in edifying the church.—E. E. Bond, Pastor.

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GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our General Council ministerial list during the month of December 1937.

- Byrd, Hattie E., Nacogdoches, Texas
- Hollis, Lewis J., Chetopa, Kansas
- Musgrove, Ruby Anne, Alton, Kansas
- Shelton, Howard, Buffalo, Oklahoma
- Shelton, Anna, Buffalo, Oklahoma
- Spotts, Matilda, Hoisington, Kansas

The following names were removed from our General Council ministerial list during the month of December 1937.

- Hallman, Mrs. Mattie C., Pensacola, Florida (deceased)
- Hammond, Clarence R., Wasco, California (withdrew)
- Henderson, Ernest C., Baldwin Park, California (withdrew)
- Jashinsky, Azof, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (withdrew)
- Morwood, William, Houston, Texas (deceased)

TULARE, CALIF.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle had outgrown its quarters, so on Sunday, the 19th, we held our first service in the enlarged building on Inyo and M Streets. The church is now 110 feet long by 44 feet wide, an addition of 50 feet. There are 5 new Sunday School rooms, a C. A. hall and large prayer room 44 by 16 feet. All Sunday School rooms are sealed with celotex board, thus deadening sound from room to room. A large baptistry equipped with heating facilities has also been included in the building. Indirect lighting and illuminated platform is one of the many features incorporated by the pastor. The church will now seat 500 comfortably, with choir loft on the side, large altar space and orchestra accommodations. The church has already been taxed to capacity for the Christmas program, and the Sunday services have increased in attendance. Several souls have already wept their way through to Jesus. One received the Baptism the first Sunday night.

On December 12 a successful 4 weeks' campaign was concluded, Evangelist Roy P. Foster in charge. Many cried out to God for mercy at the altars, some were baptized with the Holy

Spirit, and it is reported that the largest crowds in many years were in attendance in this campaign.

My wife and I have enjoyed three glorious years, and the future is bright for added glory to God for His work in Tulare. We are rejoicing with "joy unspeakable" for His wonderful love and blessing in providing the aforementioned things. The church is out of debt.—Paul B. Franklin, Pastor.

ST. JAMES, MO.—We just closed a wonderful 2 weeks' meeting, Glenn Kelly, of Birch Tree, in charge. Brother Kelly was so wonderfully anointed with the Holy Spirit that the power of God overflowed on all of us. Seventeen precious souls were saved or reclaimed, and 3 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. God is really blessing the work here. Through the efforts of Pastor T. J. Farris, who has been with us since May, 1937, the church is being built up and all the saints are growing stronger in the Lord. The seating capacity of the church building is about 220, and the house was full to overflowing the last week of the meeting. Council ministers are always welcome when passing this way.—Wm. E. Fue, Secretary-Treasurer.

OCALA, FLA.—During August we built a new church. It was a real answer to prayer and God met each need in a wonderful way. The building is 30x50, and we will soon be clear of indebtedness. God is blessing in each service. We just closed a successful revival, D. Wiley Norton and Curtis Ringness, of San Francisco, Evangelists. The Lord blessed their ministry of song and word. Many knelt at the altar for salvation, the sick were healed, and believers were filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School drive was also successful, and awards were given to those who brought the highest number of new scholars to Sunday School. The meeting continued 4 weeks, and the saints were greatly helped and encouraged to go on to greater victory. All Council ministers when passing this way are welcome.—C. H. Snair, Pastor.

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A MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

According to *World Almanac* for 1937, religious adherents in the world number as follows: 206,900,000 Protestants, 331,500,000 Roman Catholics, 144,000,000 Orthodox Catholics, 209,020,000 Mohammedans, 150,180,000 Buddhists, 230,150,000 Hindus, and 350,600,000 Confucianists.

ANTHONY, KANSAS—Fay D. Clopine, Chappel, Nebraska, just closed a revival here. Truly the blessing of the Lord was upon this meeting. Two were saved, and 5 were reclaimed. Since coming here in September, the Sunday School attendance has increased 50 to 60 per cent, and there is quite an interest shown in the meetings in this town of about 3,000 population. The church has not yet been set in order but is working in full cooperation with the Kansas District Council.—Pastor and Mrs. G. E. Brown.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS—We have recently closed a 3 weeks' meeting with Pastor and Mrs. C. E. McCarrell. The church was ready. Unusual conviction rested upon the people. Around 50 made their peace with God. At least 30 received the Baptism and many were refilled. The slain of the Lord were many in the healing services. Even an unsaved spectator was smitten down by the power of God; they carried him to the altar, and he and his wife prayed through to salvation while we continued praying for the sick. The Sunday School attendance was about 300 while we were there. Brother and Sister McCarrel have been in Hutchinson approximately 10 months, during which time the membership of the church has practically doubled. We are praising God for the way He still meets His people.—L. H. Sheets, Evangelist.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—The fourth annual convention of the Christ's Ambassadors of the Western Section of the Eastern District was held during the Thanksgiving Holidays, Nov. 25-27. Boston Turner, our Vice President, opened the morning service Thanksgiving Day with an inspiring sermon on "The Church Debt, or The Responsibility of Ambassadors." Pastors from the various assemblies of this District brought timely messages at each service, except the service devoted to round table discussion on the different phases of Ambassador work. At this service the delegates and Christ's Ambassadors' leaders took part. Earl Winburn, of Canada, who at the time was conducting revival services at Jeannette, Pennsylvania, attended the afternoon service on Thursday and spoke on "Personal Evangelism." The key thought of the entire convention was Personal Work. Another special speaker was Frank F. Peckham, Batavia, N. Y.

Interest in the services was maintained from the first meeting until the last service, after which the entire group formed a large circle, with joined hands, and sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." The delegates then left for their homes with many suggestions to offer their local Ambassadors and a new touch of fire upon their souls, which we all pray will linger until time for the convention a year hence, if Jesus tarries.—Katherine Boettner, Secretary-Treasurer.

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# Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

What are you supplying to your church? Ice or fire? If the devil is letting you alone and all seems to go well without any difficulties, beware lest your assembly should turn into a refrigerator.

Our Lord's most stern rebukes were for the Laodicean church where the members were "lukewarm," because He knows that lukewarmness is only one step removed from sheer coldness.

When water gets cold enough it also becomes hard; and a similar change takes place in the assembly that becomes first lukewarm and then cold—it finally turns to ice, and needs a pick to make any impression on it.

An assembly that has become thus hardened must be composed of members that are individual lumps of ice.

What is the remedy for this sad condition? Brethren, *light the fires.*

The fire of the Holy Ghost can make more impression in five minutes than the ice pick of rebuke can make in an hour.

The ice wagon must always give way to the fire engine. Lord, send the Fire!

Let us keep the fires burning until the ice is not only melted but *turned into steam*—to become the motive force behind a great advance for God.

## AT REST

Brother Fred C. Wewetzer, formerly a minister of our Fellowship, was taken Home last summer. We rejoice over his glad reception in the glory world, but sympathize deeply with the loved ones left behind. Sister Wewetzer is in Ferndale, Wash., Box 833.

# Forthcoming Meetings

AKRON, O.—Jan. 30-Feb. 20; Evangelist and Mrs. J. D. Saunders.—C. A. McKinney, Pastor.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—900 N. Pierce St.; Jan. 21-Feb. 6; J. E. Hamill, Big Stone Gap, Va., Evangelist.—E. R. Foster, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, South 12th and G Sts.; Jan. 23—; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists.—Frank Gray, Pastor.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.—Feb. 6, for 3 weeks; Smith and Rogers Evangelistic Party.—Bartley E. Lasater, Pastor

AINSWORTH, NEBR.—Jan. 16—; J. Lee and Myrtle Gorman, Evangelists.—Misses Hink and Watson, Pastors.

YORK, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, 474 S. Pershing Ave.; Jan. 25-Feb. 13; Marie Wilson, Evangelist.—Fleming S. Van Meter, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Lighthouse Mission, Jan. 29-Feb. 12; Bertha Nordstrom, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Joe H. Woldridge, Pastor.

SOUTH CUMBERLAND, MD.—Assembly of God, 21 Elder St.; Jan. 9, for 3 weeks; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist.—H. M. Strickland, Pastor.

ALPENA, MICH.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 9th and Cavanaugh Sts.; Feb. 6-27; Evangelist and Mrs. Clyde C. Goree, Amarillo, Texas.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Beck, Pastors.

GREENVILLE, ILL.—C. A. Rally, Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m. Paul J. Bicket, Pastor.—Ivan Belmer, Sectional Vice President, 1201 Rhodes St., Granite City, Illinois.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Calvary Pentecostal Church, 908 West St.; Feb. 1-13; Guy Shields, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—R. P. Hughey, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH.—Jan. 23-Feb. 13; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. Frank Gary is Pastor.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Pearson and Epworth Sts.; Prophetic Convention, Jan. 23-Feb. 13; Evangelist C. S. Tubby, of Canada, in charge.—Boston W. Turner, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Fremont Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jan. 23—; Evangelist and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, "Texas Singing Evangelists."—P. S. Jones, Pastor.

FLAT RIVER, MO.—Jan. 30-Feb. 27; The Sanders Trio, Evangelists.—T. B. Chronister, Pastor.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—Jan. 16—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ferdinand Ewald, of Fairfield. Nearby assemblies invited.—H. L. Ettinger, Pastor.

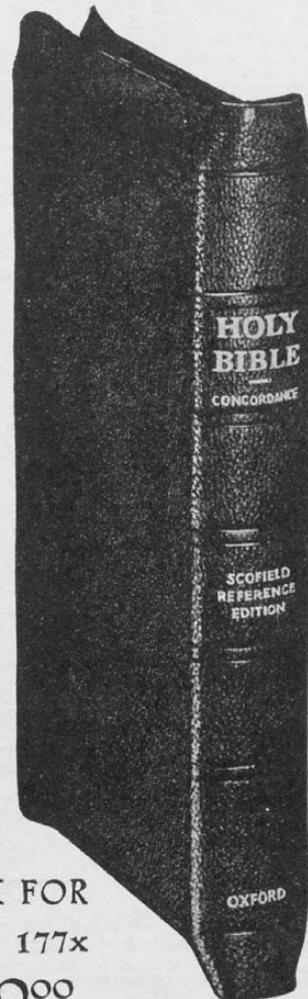
ADA, OKLA.—Tabernacle, 7th and Hope Sts.; Jan. 20, for 3 weeks or longer; Bill McCann, Evangelist, and Noah Milsaps, Song Leader.—B. L. Greene, Pastor.

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SALEM, O.—Lighthouse Tabernacle, 175 W. State St.; Second Anniversary campaign, beginning Feb. 2. On opening night District Superintendent G. F. Lewis will bring anniversary address. Neighboring churches asked to unite with us. Evangelist B. E. Hillman in charge of services for 2 weeks or longer.—M. R. Searles, Pastor.

JAMAICA, L. I., N. Y.—Calvary Gospel Tabernacle, 90-10 168th St. (just north of Jamaica Ave.); Jan. 16-Feb. 13; Light Bearer's Quartette, of California.—Vernon G. Gortner, Pastor.

PITCAIRN, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Jan. 23-30; Bible Conference; Flem Van Meter, Superintendent Eastern District, in charge. Services each night 7:30.—W. F. Voodre, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA STATE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

PONCA CITY, OKLA.—Monthly State Missionary Convention, 510 Ponca Ave., Feb. 7-8. First service 7:30 p. m.; all day service the 8th with lunch on grounds. Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary, in charge. Lois Shelton and other missionaries will be present. For further particulars write J. S. Scott, Ponca City, Okla.—James S. Hutsell, District Superintendent.

UMATILLA, FLA.—Tent Campaign, Jan. 20—; Evangelist Earl L. Frerking and Party in charge. Co-operation of nearby pastors and assemblies appreciated.

KANSAS "DEEPER LIFE" MEETINGS

Kiowa, beginning 2:00 p. m., Feb. 7; Humboldt, all day, Feb. 8; Chanute, all day, Feb. 9; Fredonia, all day, Feb. 10; Independence, all day, Feb. 11; Kiowa, 2:00 p. m., Feb. 14; Medicine Lodge, all day, Feb. 15; Sharon, all day, Feb. 16; Corwin, all day, Feb. 17; Attica, all day, Feb. 18; Coldwater, Feb. 21, 7:30 p. m., and all day Feb. 22; Garden City, Feb. 24, 7:30 p. m., and all day Feb. 25.—V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent, 1017 S. Market St., Wichita, Kansas.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES

COTTER, ARK.—Fellowship Meeting, North Central Ozark District, Jan. 28-30. Two services each day; 3 services on Sunday with dinner on church grounds. J. K. Lack, District Presbyterian, Leslie, Ark.—H. B. Laws, Pastor.

ALABAMA DISTRICT C. A. RALLIES

Alabama District Christ's Ambassadors Rallies for January 30: Section 1, Sayreton; Section 2, Montgomery; Section 3, Megargel; Section 4, Brewton; Section 9, Pine Tree.—Georgia L. Johnson, Secretary, Box 932, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

EARLE, ARK.—Fellowship Meeting, Jan. 28-30; W. S. Pearle, of Wynne, Sectional Presbyterian, in charge. David Burris, District Superintendent, and others expected to be present. Jan. 30—; Revival, Lewis and Walter Perkins, Phenix City, Ala., Evangelists.—G. N. Robbins, Pastor.

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North Seminole, Jan. 11; Henryetta, Jan. 12; Tulsa, "No. Peoria," Jan. 13; Miami, Jan. 14; Chickasha, Jan. 25; Lone Wolf, Jan. 27; Wilson, Jan. 31; Broken Bow, Feb. 2. Three services daily, 10:30, 2:00, and 7:30. Night service, C. A. Rally. Bring basket lunch. Albert Ogle, State S. S. Superintendent and C. A. President, 1107 Iowa Ave., Chickasha, Okla.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

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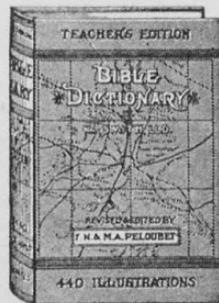
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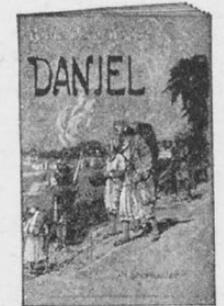
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All cannot be ministers or executives, but through the organizations in our assemblies many doors are open to us "one-talent" Christians, giving us the opportunity to exercise our natural ability, gain experience, and be greater channels of blessing for the Lord to use. Without doubt the Sunday School is the most essential branch organization of any church. It is there we reach all ages with the Word of God, lay foundations for future lives, and form characters. There we find unlimited opportunity to present the Saviour as the only source of comfort, help, guidance, security, and ultimate success. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8.

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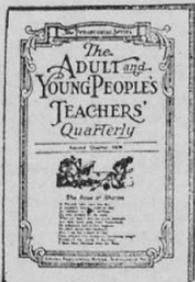
The vision and zeal of these leaders has been an incentive to the pastors; and has awakened in them a great realization of what can be accomplished within their own charges. The Daily Vacation Bible Schools, held even in the rural districts, gave a new revelation of the value of this means or contact with the children, stirring them to the promotion of definite Sunday School plans.

A stone edifice has been erected at District headquarters at Russellville, which has adequate space in the basement for schoolrooms, while the old church has been converted into an administration building. Fort Smith has recently added an annex for the benefit of the young people's class. At Paris we have a new church where every provision has been made for the Sunday School, including a fully departmentalized organization. Camden has caught the vision and a new administration annex has been erected. In El Dorado a large frame structure has recently been built which provides the necessary Sunday School rooms, and the school has been departmentalized. In West Monroe, La., as in Shreveport, new churches have just been completed, and progress has been made in all departments. Many more could be mentioned. This gives a vague idea of what the Teachers' Training Classes, sponsored especially through the winter months; the D. V. B. S. work in spring and summer; and prayer throughout the year will do for our assemblies who catch the vision and are willing to do small as well as great things for God.

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