

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

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The Coming Great Ingathering

ISRAEL observed three great feasts in the course of a year. The first was the Passover. The second, fifty days later, "the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest." The third, "the feast of ingathering."

All these are typical. The first, of Christ our Passover sacrificed for us. The second, of the gracious ingathering of "wheat" on the day of Pentecost. The third, of that coming great ingathering when Jesus Christ "shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied"—abundantly satisfied with that great spiritual harvest promised to Abraham, a harvest that shall be "as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore."

Joseph saw in those seven years of plenty in Egypt the earth bringing forth by handfuls. The wheat gathered was "very much . . . without number." And the greater Joseph will have a greater harvest of spiritual wheat. John saw in heaven a multitude that "no man could number." Foreseeing the need, Jesus bade us pray for the thrusting forth of laborers into the harvest field. What a crowd of eleventh hour laborers He needs.

In Matthew 13 the Master gives us the parable of the tares and the wheat. A man sowed good seed, but his enemy came and sowed tares. When the blade was sprung up, the tares also appeared. The servants were alarmed but the

householder explained, "An enemy hath done this." They suggested that they go and gather up the tares, but he said, "Nay . . . let them both grow together until the harvest." The Lord showed us that "the good seed are the children of the kingdom," but "the tares are the children of the wicked one." Both will continue for a time. A day however will come when "all things that offend" will be gathered out of His kingdom.

All's Well

Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly

Is the pathway dark and dreary?

God's in His heaven!

Are you broken, heart-sick, weary?

God's in His heaven!

Dreariest roads shall have an ending,

Broken hearts are for God's mending.

All's well! All's well!

All's well!

Is the burden past your bearing?

God's in His heaven!

Hopeless?—friendless?—no one caring?

God's in His heaven!

Burdens shared are light to carry,

Love shall come though long He tarry.

All's well! All's well!

All's well!

Is the light for ever failing?

God's in His heaven;

Is the faint heart ever quailing?

God's in His heaven!

God's strong arms are all around you,

In the dark He sought and found you.

All's well! All's well!

All's well!

Is the future black with sorrow?

God's in His heaven!

Do you dread each dark tomorrow?

God's in His heaven!

Naught can come without His knowing:

Come what may 'tis His bestowing,

All's well! All's well!

All's well!

—John Oxenham

Abraham did not go down to Sodom and preach reform and try to clean up the city. He maintained his separation and prayed. He left it to the angels to deal with the city. The saints are called to be separate and to pray. You can leave it to the angels to deal with the tares. In due time they will gather them together and burn them. God will take care of His Abrahams—His wheat, and also of those for whom His Abrahams made constant intercession, His

Lots—those saved as by fire.

Joel predicted a time of great ingathering. The word of the Lord came to him, "Fear not, O Land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things." In response to the deep repentance and the humble and incessant prayers of priest and people, the abundant rain would come with the resultant restoration and revival. Where there had been drouth and famine there would be floors filled with wheat, and vats overflowing with oil and wine.

The natural picture is a parable of spiritual reality. Our God, in response to the asking of His people, will pour forth the latter rain in abundance. Upon whom? Upon a handful of saints in an upper room at Jerusalem? Look at the promise. It is larger than that. The promise is—"upon all flesh." Pentecost was but an earnest, the gathering in of the (Continued on Page 4)



When God Sent the Latter Rain

A. H. Argue at the Springfield Assembly

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out of my Spirit." Joel 2:28, 29.

In the year 1906 suddenly the news was flashed to the various parts of the world that many in Los Angeles were being filled with the Spirit, in the Old Azusa Street Mission, and they were speaking with other tongues. In Topeka, Kansas, in southern Texas, and up in Minnesota among a group of very godly Scandinavian saints, the same manifestation was in evidence. Instantly the attention of spiritual people everywhere was focused on the scripture above, and other scriptures related to it. The outpouring of the Spirit had come!

In regard to this particular verse, I once had the privilege of hearing Dr. W. B. Riley of Minneapolis say that the Hebrew text literally reads, "It shall come to pass in the last of the last days." When the Lord makes a statement, He confirms it. Jesus said, in Mark 16: "And these signs shall follow them that believe." A great host of believers began to expect to see these signs coming to pass because of these scriptural promises.

James 5 pictures clearly our own day; the heaping up of riches in the last days; the great strife between the rich and the laborers; then immediately (v. 7) we read, "Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." *Here we see the coming of the Lord and the falling of the latter rain are inseparably connected.*

In reading the commentary of Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, a Bible commentary issued in the last century, to my great joy I found it stated that the "latter rain" would be "another Pentecostal effusion of the Holy Spirit as the church received in apostolic days."

Manifestations of the Spirit's gifts have been seen throughout the centuries of church history. The French Huguenots had healings, and prophecy. In the book, "With Signs Following," a chapter is devoted to the study of this. (Can be had for \$1.00 postpaid from the Gospel Publishing House.)

A volume published in 1875, written

by Robert Boyd, entitled, "Moody and Sankey in Great Britain and America," gives this inspiring account: "In the spring of 1873 Moody and Sankey left Chicago for England. In June they landed in Liverpool and sought a place to sing and preach the gospel. On July 27th they went to Sunderland, on the invitation of a Baptist minister, Arthur Rees. The other ministers generally hesitated, or opposed the work. 'We can never go on in this way,' was Mr. Moody's characteristic remark. 'It is easier fighting the devil than fighting the ministers.' At length a delegation of young men from the Y. M. C. A. of Sunderland waited on the evangelists to invite them to give an address in Victoria Hall Sunday afternoon. 'Oh, yes, I will preach for you,' said Mr. Moody. On the following Sunday night when I got to the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., I found the meeting on fire. The young men were speaking with tongues and prophesying. What on earth did it all mean? Only that Moody had been addressing them that afternoon. Many of the clergy were so opposed they turned their backs on the revival, but afterwards when the flood gates of divine grace were opened, Sunderland was taken by storm."

In 1906 and 1907 Pentecost fell in a larger way. In a remarkably short time it had swept around the world. A great company of hungry hearts were praying. In those days the people of the Holiness ranks and others who were in earnest were crying out for God to open the windows of heaven and pour out of His Spirit. God heard their cry and answered. If you begin to pray for the Lord to pour out His Spirit, you must be ready to receive just what the Lord chooses to send, especially if the outpouring is according to the pattern given to us in the Acts of the Apostles.

So as they prayed, upper room scenes took place. Men and women were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. There was prophecy and interpreting. They began to lay hands on the sick to be healed. The light dawned upon these scriptures: "They shall lay hands on the sick, and

they shall recover." "Anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."

God mightily confirmed His Word; sick bodies were healed and people were filled with the Spirit. The truth that the coming of the Lord was drawing nigh had not come to the hearts of so many of God's people before that time. Since the outpouring, however, that message has been magnified and quickened by the power of the Spirit until thousands and thousands of people are believing that His coming is very nigh.

What a time of going down in humility before God! What a time of confessing, praying and most earnest worship! It was a time of laying aside all the things that hinder and meeting the Lord's conditions. I heard the Lord was pouring out His Spirit in Chicago. I was in business in Winnipeg. I felt I must go to Chicago. As I came in contact with those filled with the Spirit there came a holy awe upon me. I was there 21 days seeking the Lord. God marvelously met me and filled me with His Spirit, and I spoke with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave utterance.

Coming back to Winnipeg the people wanted to hear what the Lord had been doing, and I felt I must tell them. Then we had some tarrying meetings in my home, and the Fire fell. Many in Winnipeg were slain under God's power, and filled with the Spirit. The news spread to Minnesota. It spread out across the western plains. It went 200 miles north to the Indian reservations, and the red men came down to Winnipeg and tarried at the altar. One night we tarried until two o'clock in the morning. (In those days it was not a matter of kneeling for a few minutes and then sitting up to see what was going on; it was a matter of tarrying until.) Some people thought it was time to leave, but the Indians said, "We came down here to get the Holy Ghost," and so they tarried until God met them.

People from other churches came because they had been told we had received something wonderful from God. At one convention in Winnipeg, 147 were baptized in water, some of them receiving the Baptism and speaking with other tongues as they came out of the water. The sick were healed and demons cast out. One who attended the convention was S. A. Jamieson, a Presbyterian minister of Duluth, who later received his Baptism and began to preach the full Pentecostal message.

One night when I preached on Acts 10 I reached verse 44: "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." When I read, "the Holy Ghost fell," suddenly two sisters sitting in front of me threw up their hands, the Spirit descended mightily upon them, and they began speaking in other tongues. There

was nobody near them to "pray them through"; they were filled with the Spirit right there. Strangers were there who had been skeptical. They were convinced; it knocked all the props from under them.

I happened to be in Toronto and went to the home of Brother and Sister Murray, very precious saints. They had labored as missionaries in Palestine for the Christian and Missionary Alliance. She was blind, having lost her eyesight, but very spiritual. We were having prayer in their home. The Spirit of the Lord came on me and I began speaking with tongues. Suddenly they both rose to their feet, and said that I had spoken in Arabic through the Spirit. It was a confirmation that it was the supernatural power of God.

An old man dreamed there was to be a meeting in Winnipeg and that if he would go up there he would be filled with the Holy Spirit. He told his sons but they said he was too old and it was only a dream. But he insisted God had given him the dream, so they took him to Winnipeg. The second night of their visit, while the preaching was going forth in the power of the Spirit, the old man threw up his hands and in a moment was filled with the Spirit and began speaking in other tongues.

We are in a movement that is still young. It is full of young people. It is a live movement because it was brought into existence by contending for the faith, and it will only remain alive while we continue to contend for the faith. We read in Mark, "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." He confirmed while they worked.

The saints were not asleep when this movement started. Great sacrifices were made. God opened the windows of heaven and the Spirit descended in answer to their faith. A great revival swept the world, and tabernacle after tabernacle was built. Think of the fact that in Springfield there are nine assemblies, and all working in harmony. And throughout the land there are others besides the Assemblies of God who have received the fullness of God's blessing. There are many Bible schools, filled to overflowing, where hundreds of young people are being equipped to go forth with the glorious news.

I read of a toll gate which was kept by a man in days gone by. It was midnight and it was raining when a man on horseback approached the gate. "Open the gate," he cried. "Coming," said the old man from inside his cabin. But he did not come. "Open the gate," again cried the rider. "Coming," said the old man. But he did not come. Again the man shouted, and once more the same reply came back, but still the old man did not come out. The rider became

impatient and entered the cabin. "You said you were coming; why didn't you come," he demanded. "Did I say that?" said the old man. "I was asleep. I get so used to saying it that I guess I just answered you in my sleep." Some people today have become used to that word "coming" just like the old man. They have heard warnings time after time that Jesus is coming soon, and instead of being watchful they become calloused by the message. If you remain careless you will be caught napping, for He is coming at such an hour as ye think not. Now is the time to receive His Spirit so that you will be on Fire for Him.

We are living in a day when many are falling away from the straight and narrow way. But there is another company who are moving forward. God through the apostle Paul said that strong delusion would come upon many and they would believe a lie. Why? Because they received not the love of the truth. Today thousands are setting themselves against God's Word. They are departing from the faith and believing a delusion.

It was similar in the days of Pharaoh. God called Moses to lead Israel forth, and He sent miracles into their midst to convince the people. Note Exodus 7:3. He said he would multiply His signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, but that Pharaoh would not hearken. Pharaoh, in spite of the miracles, refused to believe; the people received not the love of the truth, but believed a lie. As long as Pharaoh refused to believe God's miracles, his heart was hardened more and more.

Today, when God in the midst of apostasy is sending a multitude of signs and wonders such as never were seen since the days of the apostles, we must be awake. There is no time for trifling or lightness. God demands reality and the world demands reality. If we want God's

best we must pay the price; then God will meet our hearts' desire and send continued revival.

President Roosevelt made this statement a short time ago: "No greater thing could come to our land today than a revival of a spirit of religion, a revival that would sweep through the homes of the nation and stir the hearts of men and women to real assurance in the faith of God and dedication to His will. I doubt if there is any problem, social, political, or economical, that would not melt away before the revival of such a spiritual awakening." This has come from the head of this great nation.

If we are in the place where God can speak to us, God has something for us to do, but if our ear is dull He will go to someone else. Are you in the center of God's will, should Jesus come just now? Have you received the fullness of His blessing? In the midst of this gracious visitation from God, do not fail to obey the Lord. Let it not be said to any group or any individual, "thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

Seven Year Whole Bible Course

With the first Sunday in April, we begin a new quarter of our Seven Year Whole Bible Course for our Sunday Schools.

We have thought it best to have alternate quarters in the Old and New Testaments. The second quarter of this year we study the life of Christ as depicted in the Gospel of Mark.

From all parts of the country friends are writing to tell us they are receiving great blessing out of this new course.

C. H. Benson of the Moody Bible Institute made a statement a short while ago: "In a recent test of high school students only 9% (1,659 out of 18,434) were able to name three Old Testament prophets; 80% did not know the first king of the Hebrew nation; 69% did not know how many books were in the Bible. The answers of those attending Sunday School were only 5% better than of those not attending. Doesn't this show the crying need of teaching MORE BIBLE in the Sunday School?"

In the third quarter of this year we shall begin the fascinating stories of the Hebrew kings, and later in the course shall be having lessons from the books of every one of the Old Testament prophets. We shall also be studying all the epistles of the New Testament, and the Revelation also.

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...In Case of War...

Ernest S. Williams

We are living in days of "wars and rumors of wars." Many believe that, while it is probable that the nations of Europe will not engage in war during the present year, it may not be long before the world will again be enveloped in a great European, and probably worldwide, conflict. In view of what might take place in the near future it is well for us now, while free from the emotional effects of such events, to decide what we should do in the event that our country should call us to the colors.

The Government of the United States has been kind in the past in that it has recognized genuine "conscientious objectors" and has provided for them "noncombatant" service. It is our hope that it will be as kind in the future.

The Assemblies of God as a Christian organization does not claim control over individual conscience. It has, however, as a Church gone on record as follows relative to military service:

"While recognizing Human Government as of Divine ordination and affirming our unswerving loyalty to the Government of the United States, nevertheless we are constrained to define our position with reference to the taking of human life.

"Whereas, We as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, believe in implicit obedience to the Divine commands and precepts which instruct us to "Follow peace with all men" (Heb. 12:14), "Thou shalt not kill" (Exod. 20:13), "Resist not evil" (Matt. 5:39), "Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44), etc., and

"Whereas, These and other scriptures have always been accepted and interpreted by our churches as prohibiting Christians from shedding blood or taking human life; and

"Whereas, We, as a body of Christians, while purposing to fulfill all the obligations of loyal citizenship, are nevertheless constrained to declare we cannot conscientiously participate in war and armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life, since this is contrary to our view of the clear teachings of the inspired Word of God, which is the sole basis of our faith; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the General Council hereby declares its unswerving loyalty to our government and to its Chief Executive, and that we hereby restate our fixed purpose to assist in every way morally possible, consistent with our faith."

The important question for us to consider is, "How far ought we to assist the Government in time of war?" This should be decided for our own protection against unnecessary military pressure and hardship and in the interest of our nation which would have plenty to burden it without unnecessary annoyance at such a time.

In a time of war none can absolutely isolate themselves from activities connected with the war. The farmer who raises stock or grain, the workman who assists in building ships, and the rail worker who helps in the moving of commodities, all contribute their portion to the success of the military campaigns.

Since none can escape some relationship to the war, it then becomes necessary that the "recruit" who is called into military service determine what he is willing to do and what he feels he could not conscientiously do. Could not such a one serve as a cook, a helper in a hospital, a stretcher carrier, a driver of an ambulance, or of a truck? There are many services which one could fulfill without "armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life."

This article does not claim to be the voice of the General Council. It is but the voice of an individual and is written in these days of peace to assist the thinking of our youth in the event that they should be called for military service. We would rejoice should our nation never become engaged in bloody conflict with other nations, and we pray that our national peace may be preserved. Nevertheless the threatenings of coming conflict are ominous, and we know not when peace may have to give place to fury.

The Coming Great Ingathering

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firstfruits of harvest. The promise in Joel is not confined to one city. As the Spirit is poured out, you see the resultant manifestations—heavenly dreams, heavenly visions, heavenly prophecies, signs and wonders, and such deep conviction upon men everywhere that they call upon the name of the Lord and are saved.

Daniel saw by the books that God had promised that in seventy years there would be a restoration. He set himself to pray. He fasted and prayed for twenty-one days. Was his praying in vain? No. From the beginning of his prayer until the end God was mov-

ing. In the unseen realm great things were happening in preparation for the fulfilling of the Word of God. The Master said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." You say, "I don't see anything." You do not have to see anything. Blessed is he who does not see and yet believes. If men pray, great things will happen in the unseen, and those who are faithfully praying will be called of God, "greatly beloved." In response to prayer "the Lord will do great things." Joel 2:21.

When Christ came to earth there was a faithful remnant praying. Zacharias and Elisabeth were faithful, praying souls. So was Anna. So was Simeon. There was a small but faithful company looking for redemption. God sent a forerunner to prepare a people for the Lord. As they came down from the mount of Transfiguration the disciples asked Jesus, "Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?" Jesus answered, "I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed." John the Baptist did not recognize himself as Elijah; but the Master clearly said concerning him, "Elias is come already, and they knew him not."

There are some saying today, "Is there not a promise of Elijah's coming?" Yes, but just as God hid Elijah in the days of Ahab, so He will hide His Elijah in the last days. Beware of any man coming, declaring that he is Elijah. The Spirit of power that was on Elijah was on John the Baptist. And the same blessed Spirit of power is on the people whom God has baptized in the Holy Ghost in these last days, whom God has called to proclaim the One who is coming. Again and again when people have been filled with the Spirit, they have given forth in the power of the Spirit the words, "Jesus is coming soon." Some have spoken thus in languages they have never heard, but which have been recognized by those present who understood these languages.

Elijah was called to pray. He prayed earnestly. James speaks of the Lord sending the early and the latter rain that He might receive the precious fruits of the earth. He points to the example of Elijah, a man subject to like passions as we are, who prayed earnestly. The result of his praying was a great rain. The results of great rains are great harvests. Elijah prayed, and there came in the heavens a cloud as it were the size of a man's hand. And if men of like passions to Elijah pray earnestly there will come in the clouds of heaven One whose hand shall be seen, and not only His pierced hands but His pierced feet and pierced side. The promise is, "They shall see him whom they have pierced." They shall wail and mourn and

repent because of Him. It is said of Him in Psalms, "He shall come down like rain." As a result of that rain there will be a great ingathering. Paul tells us that all Israel shall be saved. And not only that, but "life from the dead," a great revival for the Gentiles.

God's Annas and Simeons were not greatly honored in Israel, but they honored God and were honored of Him. The humble lowly ones today can be as Anna and Simeon, praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit for all saints, and watching thereunto with all perseverance.

There is a special need and reason for prayer. The Master warned His disciples, "Pray that ye enter not into temptation." There came a dark hour when He said to the forces opposing Him, "This is your hour, and the power of darkness." In that dark hour all the disciples forsook Him and fled. It was the dark hour before the Easter dawn. There is a dark hour coming over all the earth when gross darkness shall cover the people. There is need

of prayer, much prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Pray that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are coming upon the earth, and to stand before the Son of man. Watch and pray, for in the hour that ye think not the Master will come. It will be the midnight hour. In Psalm 134 we read, "All ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord, lift up your hands in the sanctuary." Blessed are they who watch and pray through that darkest hour before the Sun of righteousness arises with healing in His wings. God's benediction will be on such: "The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion."

The disciples saw how they had failed in praying in the garden, but later on they said, "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." They now knew the importance of praying always and not fainting. Give yourself to prayer for rain and for the subsequent ingathering of which the "feast of ingathering" is but a type.—S. H. F.

I wanted to see you, and when I sent you the message, you came at once."

"Surely, sir! Surely, sir!"

"Well, see; here is another letter sent for you by One equally in earnest," said his master, holding a slip of paper with some texts of Scripture written upon it.

James took the paper and began to read slowly: "Come unto me all ye that labor, etc." His lips quivered; his eyes filled with tears; and, like to choke with emotion, he said: "Am I just to believe that in the same way as I believed your letter?"

"Just in the same way," rejoined the master. "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater." He was a saved man that very night.

The Prayer Life

INTERCESSION

Hardly less than a century ago George Muller, that prince of intercessors with God, began to pray for a group of five personal acquaintances. After five years one of them came to Christ. In ten years two more of them found peace in the same Saviour. He prayed on for twenty-five years and the fourth man was saved. For the fifth he prayed until the time of his death, and this friend too came to Christ a few days afterward. For this latter friend Muller had prayed almost fifty-two years.

A godly mother once committed her child in fervent prayer to God. *Seventy years* passed, and that child, then a retired man-of-war captain, crippled in both feet by a bursting shell, was carried into a crowded room. The evangelist was dealing with Mephibosheth, lame on both feet, and, all unconsciously, he cried, "Now, you poor old lame sinner, you who have been fetched into the presence of God to-night, where are you?" The old man tried to rise, and shouted, "I am here!" and he was saved that night. *Seventy years: delay is not refusal.*

The Family Altar

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Your faith groweth exceedingly." There is nothing needs so much to grow as our faith (personal faith and collective faith). At the family altar, as you read the Word together, and as you pray, the capacity for knowing and trusting God will be developed in your whole household.

In every household the truth of Malachi 3:16 can be experienced: "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."

Concerning such—and this can be true of your household—He says, "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." Not one left behind, for they are all very precious to Him."

The Wonderful Word

A Sermon in Miniature

PATIENCE

"Tribulation worketh patience." Rom. 5:3, 4, A. V.

I. The Character of God.

"The God of patience." Rom. 15:5, A. V. "Long patience." See James 5:7, 8.

II. The Mark of an Apostle and of Spiritual Maturity.

Paul: "The signs of an apostle . . . in all patience." 2 Cor. 12:12. "Approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience." 2 Cor. 6:4. See 2 Tim. 3:10, A. V.

Abraham: "After he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." Heb. 6:15.

Job: "The patience of Job." James 5:11.

"Patience" the final equipment of the believer—James 1:4.

III. How Patience Is Inwrought.

"Tribulation worketh patience." Rom. 5:3, 4. (Patience works an approved character.)

"The trying of your faith worketh patience." James 1:3.

Suffering in well-doing—"take it patiently." 1 Peter 2:20.

IV. Where Patience Is Required.

1. In running a race—"run with patience." Heb. 12:1.

2. For the grace of continuance—"patient continuance in well doing." Rom. 2:7.

3. With "all men." 1 Thess. 5:14.

4. For obtaining the promises—"through faith and patience." Heb. 6:12.

V. Special Patience in the Last Days.

"The kingdom and patience of Jesus." Rev. 1:9.

Ephesus: "Hast borne, and hast had patience." Rev. 2:2, 3.

Philadelphia: "Hast kept the word of My patience." Rev. 3:10, 11.

"The patience and faith of the saints." Rev. 13:10.

"Here is the patience of the saints." Rev. 14:12.

VI. Patience a Special Grace.

"Strengthened . . . according to the might of His glory, unto all patience." Col. 1:11, R. V. M.

The Way of Salvation

BELIEVING MAN'S WORD

It was a time of spiritual awakening in a small town. The foreman in a department of one of the factories became anxious about his soul. He was directed by many to Christ as the sinner's only refuge, but it seemed

to be without result. At last his master thought of a means of reaching his mind, by writing a note asking him to come and see him at six o'clock, after he left "the work."

He came promptly, with letter in his hand. When ushered into his room, his master enquired, "Do you wish to see me, James?"

James was confounded, and holding up the note requesting him to come said:

"The letter! The letter!"

"Oh," said the master; "I see you believe that

The Sunday School Lesson

Gideon's Victorious Three Hundred

Lesson for March 27. Lesson Text: Judges 7.

Gideon's first act, after the angelic visitation calling him to God's service, was to destroy in his home property all the images of Baal (6:27). There could have been no clear-cut revelation from God, no further divine guidance, had he tolerated this idolatry, even though renouncing it in his heart. "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." A certain ship carrying iron ore went persistently off its course although the captain was steering painstakingly by his compass. Finally he discovered that his compass was affected by the magnetic attraction in the iron ore. He removed his compass, as far from the iron as possible and thus avoided shipwreck. The compass of our soul, is often wrongly directed and affected, if we are cherishing in our hearts some carnal or worldly desire, and at the same time attempting to ascertain the will of the Lord.

Not of Works. "Lest Israel vaunt themselves against me saying, Mine own hand hath saved me" (7:2). God asked Gideon to reduce the numbers of his recruits until it would be evident that Israel was not being saved by her own power, her own "good works," but by the grace of God alone. "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9.

The Fearful Eliminated. 7:3. Fear is the opposite of faith. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Fear is one of Satan's most effective weapons in his fight against God. Fear and unbelief are twin evils, Siamese twins, closely linked together. Again and again when God wanted to come to the help of His people, He had to begin His communication with the injunction, "Fear not." If only men feared sin as much as they fear God and things godly!

The Fearful. Notice the first class to be forever barred from God's heaven. "But the fearful and unbelieving . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. Rev. 21:8. They are consigned to eternal loss, even ahead of the abominable, the murderers, and others. Fear keeps many men and women from Christ. Fear of ridicule, of what their fellow workmen will say about their conversion. Fear of persecution, fear of family opposition. "He that loveth father and mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of

me." Read prayerfully the entire passage in Matt. 10:34-42. And remember "Perfect love, casteth out fear." 1 John 4:18.

"Fear Hath Torment." A widow with a brood of little children, about to be dispossessed from her home because of non-payment of rent, locked herself and family into the house, barred all the windows, pulled down the blinds, and refused to answer the persistent ringing of the doorbell, because she feared it was the sheriff, come to oust her. Actually, it was her pastor calling, with a love offering from the congregation, sufficient



to meet her obligations! Fear acts just like that; it closes every avenue of our being through which God is striving to enter, and reveal His grace and power in our lives.

The Water Test. 7:5. Many Christians fail at the water test! The waters of baptism are often a real test of the humility and yieldedness of the individual. Many Christians refuse to be immersed in water, because of their pride, some stubborn carnal resistance left in their hearts. If our Lord was immersed in Jordan, should any of His followers claim exemption from the "water test," which is "the answer of a good conscience toward God"? 1 Peter 3:21.

The "deep-water test" is also required of God's children. A true diamond will not lose its shine when dropped into "deep water," but an imitation diamond will lose all its brilliance! What kind are we? "They shall

be mine saith the Lord in the day when I come to make up my jewels." True Christians know how to "stand fast" in the water test. "Are these colors fast?" asked a lady of a peddler, attempting to sell her some colored material. "Lady," he replied, "they'll run faster than any colors you ever washed!" That kind of "fast" is not desirable among Christians.

"As a Dog Lappeth." 7:7. Did you ever watch your dog drink water? He "throws" the water up into his mouth, with his tongue. While drinking, he is watching, nothing around him is escaping his watchful eye. This is the quality God demanded of Gideon's army. Watchfulness, alertness, as found in the three hundred, who "threw the water" into their mouths, with just one hand, with the other hand, still retaining their weapons, the while looking alertly about them, lest the enemy ambush them unawares. The rejected host, let go of their weapons, and dropped on their knees. Had the enemy attacked them thus, they would have been killed, unarmed, unprepared. God wants a people who know how to "watch and pray."

Watching. Brother A. A. Blakeney, of India, once told the writer of an experience he and a party of friends had while picnicking in an Indian jungle. First, they spread their lunch out on a tablecloth and, feeling devoutly thankful to God for the privilege of the little outing, they had a protracted time of praise and prayer when they asked the blessing over the food. Upon opening their eyes, to eat their repast, they discovered it was gone. And looking up into the trees round about they found the thieves, a troop of monkeys, who had swooped down and stolen everything, while the folks had their eyes closed in prayer. Brother Blakeney said they decided thereafter, to watch and pray!

Broken Vessels, Flaming Torches. 7:20. What a Pentecostal lesson we have here. The "pitchers," or vessels, are typical of our lives, the human instrument. The fiery torch is typical of the Holy Spirit's power. "Tongues of fire came and sat upon each of them." The human (the pitcher) must be "broken," humble, yielded, submissive, before the glory of the Shekinah fire will shine forth and vanquish the enemy. Many of us can remember our days of "seeking" the Baptism. How God dealt with us! How He melted us down! How small He made us feel! How He broke us! Then how glorious it was when the Comforter came to abide!

Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me,

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me!

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The Outlook and the Uplook

Present Day Events in the Light of Scripture

BACK TO THE LAND

It is reported that "The population of 203 Jewish villages was 98,300 in 1936, of whom 54,000 are engaged in agriculture, compared with 41,300 in 124 such settlements in 1931. In the year 1922 the figures were: 14,800 persons in 75 rural settlements.

EXTREMITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Reports *Revelation*: "Arab landowners, feeling the present depression which has struck Palestine, are reported to be offering their land for sale in thousands of acres. The Jewish National Fund is expected to purchase most of it."

BIBLES IN CHINA

The British and Foreign Bible Society reports that a well known Chinese leader purchased 12,000 New Testaments and 6,500 Bibles at a cost of over \$19,000 and gave them to government officials, officers, and friends. On the cover of the books he had printed, "This is the greatest Book in the World."

MUSSOLINI AND THE WALDENSIANS

According to *Sunday School Times*, Mussolini has called off the Romanist persecutors of the Waldensian Church and has granted to the latter entire religious freedom. He wrote: "I know that the Waldensians are Italian by race and heart, and I am an admirer of their history, for their endurance, their sacrifices, and the spirit of idealism they have demonstrated." Mussolini's personal physician is a Waldensian, and Il Duce has himself appointed two Waldensian chaplains to work in Ethiopia.

WHAT IS TRUE PROSPERITY?

"How shall we measure prosperity?" asks *The Presbyterian*; "by what we make, or by what we spend, or by how we spend it?" and then adds: "Statistics show that the income of the American people for 1936 exceeded 1932 by fifty-one per cent. But the sad part of the showing is in the further figures which would make one weep. Forty-one per cent more was spent at theaters; forty-eight per cent more for cigarets; three hundred and seventeen per cent more for beer; thirty per cent less given to churches; twenty-nine per cent less to benevolences; eighteen per cent less to colleges."

THE POWER OF LITERATURE

Comments *The Presbyterian*: "A serious and persistent need of American Protestantism is an adequate periodical press. With the disappearance of literally hundreds of Protestant journals in less than ten years, this need threatens to become acute. *The Watchman-Examiner*, long awake to the gravity of this situation, says with respect to Catholic journalism in this country: "The Roman Catholic Church in the United States has 134 religious papers with a circulation of 2,395,516, and 197 reviews with a circulation of 4,000,000. These printed pages are, in large measure, the secret of its growth. When will our Protestant people begin to manifest good horse sense?"

"THE COMER"

"The Comer" was one of the names of the Messiah in the Old Testament. "He that cometh" might be translated "the Comer" in a number of passages. For instance, "Blessed is the Comer in the name of the Lord." And again in John the Baptist's question: "Are you the Comer, or must we wait for another?"

What a proper and beautiful name this would be for our Lord in the New Testament,—that is, with us, in the Church of to-day! What a difference it would make in the attitude of the Bride to the Bridegroom.

RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

The 1937 *World Almanac* gives the following statistics concerning leading world religions: Christianity, 682 million; Confucianism and Taoism, 351 million; Hinduism, 230 million; Islam, 209 million; Buddhism, 150 million; Animism, 136 million; Shinto, 25 million; Judaism, 15 million. Only 207 million of the "Christians" are Protestants; 475 million are Catholics. There are 1,166,785,359 non-Christians in the world. Only about one-ninth of the world's population is Protestant.

Another authority, says *Prophetic News*, points out that from 1890-1935 Christianity made a net gain of 200,000,000, whereas the heathen population made a net gain of 470,000,000. Not one believer should fail to Go! Give! and Pray!

Others A Digest of Christian Thought

REALITY COUNTS—If every Christian were a Christian, no Jew would be a Jew.—*Moses Gilleis, converted Jew.*

PALESTINE—The return of Israel to Palestine is as little to Arab taste as the return of Christ to earth is to Occidental taste.—*Ernest Gordon.*

ENCOURAGEMENT—There is far less done by Christians than ought to be done; but most of what is done at all is done by Christians.—*Archbishop Temple.*

THE ONLY HOPE—The forces of brutality and materialism will gain the day if we fail to make use of the one invincible weapon of religion that we possess against them.—*Sir Samuel Hoare, Chancellor of Reading University.*

MEN WHO FAILED GOD—Balaam and Judas are examples of men who might have been great in the Kingdom of God, but both fell because in all things they did not yield and submit themselves unreservedly to the will and purpose of God. The one loved reward, and betrayed God's chosen race; the other, for the same reason, betrayed the Lord Jesus Christ; yet both could have been eternally blessed.—*E. L. Langston.*

CHURCH UNION

An attempt to form a united Protestant Church of England is under way. Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Quakers are conferring over the proposal.

But can there be real union without spiritual communion?

SCORCHED EARTH

Commenting on the fact that the Old Testament speaks of the earth as suffering with the people of Israel, a writer in *The Presbyterian* says, "In addition to the ravages of the actual fighting, the Chinese themselves have systematically destroyed territory sure to fall into the enemy's hands. Cities, towns and farms have been burned. Railroads have been dynamited. Dikes have been blown up, letting floods in upon the crops. Desolation has ensued. The land verily mourneth when man's rage is let loose."

CORRUPTING AMERICA'S CHILDREN

The *Covenanter Witness* reminds us that the Committee of Child Welfare of the League of Nations analyzed two hundred fifty American films and found in them: 97 murders, 51 cases of adultery, 19 seductions, 22 abductions, 45 suicides. Of the characters in these 250 films there were: 176 thieves, 25 prostitutes, 35 drunkards."

Also, "the Chicago Censorship Board some time ago eliminated from 788 pictures: 1,811 scenes of assault with guns with intent to kill, 175 scenes of assault with knives, 231 scenes of hanging, 757 scenes of attacks on women for immoral purposes, 929 scenes of nudity and semi-nudity, 21 scenes of jail-breaking."

FIELD AND FORCE—The church is our force—the world is our field. The church is supposed to work the field—not the field the church. Because many have mistaken the church for the field and the pastor for the force, the world each year adds 6,000,000 more to heathendom than to the church.—*Will H. Houghton.*

A CALL TO PREACHERS—The preacher of today needs the courage of a Luther, the compassionate spirit of a Phillips Brooks, the tireless industry of a John Wesley, the missionary passion of an Adoniram Judson, the force and fire of a Savonarola. And there can be no fire in the pulpit unless the preacher starts it and is willing to be consumed by the conflagration.—*Edgar D. Jones.*

WINNING BY LOVE—When the issues arose, seeing that "Modernism" was destructive of our faith, the first impulse was to fight, not only "Modernism," but the "Modernists." As we studied more deeply, we saw that many "Modernists" are at heart loyal Christians, who had mistakenly taken up with this system under the impression that it was progressive Christianity. So we now think it wiser to make friends with these good men. The new policy is proving itself.—*Hugh W. White, editor of The China Fundamentalist.*

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

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PENTECOST AND PERSECUTION

By O. S. Boyer, Brazil

Our camp meeting, which has just closed, has been greatly blessed by the presence of God, and six were gloriously baptized with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Many more were also brought under the mighty power of God. One brother carried the fire in his heart to Crateus where the seventh was filled with the Holy Spirit a few nights later. All praise to our Lord!

Because of our victory, Satan got busy again, inciting the anti-Protestant faction, so that without the least excuse, two believers were cast into prison. Then during a service in a residence when we were being greatly blessed in prayer, another effort was made to hinder the Lord's work, a big rock being thrown through the roof, falling not far from a sleeping child, with enough force to have killed it if it had struck the child. The incident instead of discouraging the believers or breaking up the meeting only encouraged them to pray and praise more.

Another victory was very marked when we were openly insulted and stoned by a mob in our baptismal service at the river that flows by the main part of town. A stone was thrown, hitting a young girl beside me with a thud, and the feelings of many were deeply stirred at the sight of the blood that flowed down over her face. The girl found her Saviour at the night service and there was such joy in the hearts of all that few could restrain their feelings.

As persecution increases, the believers are spurred on to greater consecration. The testimonies of the brethren have been very impressive. Almost unanimously they have set themselves to give their tithes to support Brother Domingos as their evangelist. One of the brethren baptized in the Spirit promised the Lord to make a trip proclaiming the Word if He would enable him to catch a forty pound fish so that he could pay his rent and leave food for his family while gone. This is not the season to catch much fish and everyone is amazed, for our brother first caught a twenty-five pound fish that day and then in a few minutes another weighing forty-five pounds! Surely the Lord is doing all He can to get the gospel message out into this field, and to give these people a chance to be saved.

Brazil is again under a dictator and immediate danger of a revolution seems past again, but the authorities have ordered us

to close our meetings by eight o'clock each night in one part of the city, so we ask you to pray with us that His will may be done. Pray also that He will continue to give us all peace and joy and love in facing this persecution.

THE HAND OF GOD MOVES

R. D. Williams, Central America

A few months after reaching this Republic of El Salvador in 1929 we climbed the pine-covered hills rising a little to the north of the city of Santa Ana to visit a group of ten or twelve believers we heard were living there. Since that time the gospel has been preached continually in those hills and now there are two established assemblies with their own church buildings, and about a half a dozen other preach-

We soon felt the urge to teach these people the Word of God and so each year we have gathered together twenty or twenty-five whose hearts the Lord had touched for His service, and held a three or four months Bible school. We had no regular building, no proper furniture, no diplomas; it was a very simple beginning but it enjoyed the blessing of God.

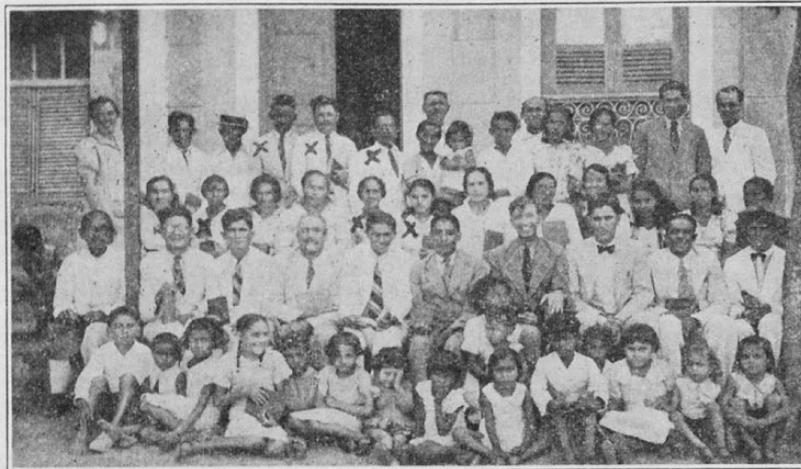
One of those who studied returned to Nicaragua where Brother Hodges is laboring and has been used to open two new assemblies. Two others are pastoring in Guatemala where Brother Franklin has charge. A line of assemblies up to and over into Honduras have been opened and are being pastored for the most part by former students, while most of the forty assemblies of this Republic are being cared for at the present time by workers who have gone forth from our yearly Bible school. Having seen such precious and practical results from this branch of our work, it is no small wonder that we are emphasizing it at the present time.

Great Opportunity to Help A Word from the Missionary Secretary

Realizing the importance of training native workers to carry forward the work in Central America, and feeling it to be the will of the Lord that a place be established where these native brethren may receive this training, Brother Williams has been erecting a building in Santa Ana for this purpose as funds could be sent. About two hundred dollars will complete the building and enable our brother to continue the Bible school work—the most effective way of getting the gospel to the people of Central America. We should appreciate it greatly, and we know it would lift a tremendous burden from our Brother's shoulders, if our Evangel readers would be interested in helping to meet this need. Offerings for this purpose should be designated "For the Bible school building in Santa Ana," and sent to The Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR Manchuria

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. A. Wingard that nineteen more have followed the Lord in water baptism—nine women and ten men. Along with the faithful and persistent sowing of the gospel seed, precious sheaves are being gathered here and there.



A Pentecostal camp meeting in Brazil. The six marked with x are those who were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit during the camp meeting. Mrs. Boyer stands at the left near the post. The man with the radiant smile seated at the right of the post is Brother Domingos, the evangelist.

ing points in the neighboring villages. All glory to the Lord!

This story could be repeated as the history of the spread of Christianity in many other sections of this Republic, for at the present time there are many believers in almost all parts of the country. You may ask, "Who have the workers been? How many missionaries have you there? How has it all been done?" for it would appear that a large force has been at work carrying the gospel hither and yon over the hills and through the valleys, making disciples, baptizing believers, and building churches. Yes, there has been a force at work but not many foreign missionaries; the workers have been for the most part the native Christians themselves, inspired by the Holy Spirit, hearts burning with love for the Master and with understandings enlightened through the teaching of the Word of Life.

EVANGELIZING IN SOUTH INDIA

Letters have been received recently from several of our missionaries in South India bringing encouraging news of the various phases of missionary work being done among many classes of people. Miss Ginn, who teaches in the Bible school writes of evangelistic work being done by the graduates of the school:

"The students have returned from their tour joyful and triumphant though weary and footsore. There have been many victories for them to relate for the glory of God—victories along various lines. The group visited some of our assemblies and God blessed their ministry. In Nyeckinal four were baptized in the Holy Spirit and four were baptized in water, while in other places the power and blessing of God came down. They also went into new fields to preach the gospel. In one place they learned that they were the first in seventy years, who had been allowed to come in to preach, the last man who attempted it having been stoned out.

"A victory over self and pride was one that had to be gained at the beginning of the tour. One of the first year students was proud of his family connections and was not accustomed to carrying any kind of load. He quite willingly started out with his pack, but their line of march led by his uncle's home and he wanted to avoid meeting his uncle while doing such humiliating work. It so happened that he met his relative face to face on the road—with victory in his soul.

"The students have now scattered to various places, and we ask the prayers of God's people that they may be used of God wherever they go."

An interesting letter from Mr. and Mrs. Maloney brings news of their work both in South India and the island of Ceylon. They write: "From our bungalow we can see the high ranges of the mountains about thirty-five miles to the east of us where we find the large rubber plantations and thousands of Hindus working on them. Last Sunday morning we started out very early to spend the day there at our outstation, where the Lord has done a gracious work in saving some of those people.

"We climbed a narrow, winding mountain road as far as we could go in the car and then had to finish the distance on foot. The people had gathered and were waiting for us. This station away back in the hills is taken care of by one of the native pastors, but it is an encouragement to these simple Christians when the missionary is able to visit them. We hope to go back there for services again soon and no doubt hundreds of these Hindu mountain people will come to hear the gospel message of Christ. Please pray with us that God will save many of them. The touring season is here now and we shall be kept very busy in conventions at the various stations in this part of Travancore in an effort to reach many people with the gospel before the hot season when such work is impossible here on the plains.

"Just three days before Christmas I re-

turned from the Island of Ceylon where I had held evangelistic meetings for about a month. I left home on a bicycle and pedaled to a place where I could get a bus, more accurately described as worn-out truck with board seats. On this I rode thirty miles in three hours. From there I went on a narrow gauge train which averaged less than ten miles an hour across the entire breadth of Southern India. The next night and part of a day were spent on a boat before I finally reached Colombo, Ceylon. Colombo is a large city, but the darkness of its heathenism is heart-rending. It can be called one of the crossroads of the world and into it flow the people of many nations.

"We had some good meetings in Ceylon in which we realized the blessing of the Lord, but oh, how our hearts yearned over the heathen. It was a joy to see some of them coming to Jesus out of their sin and darkness. In one meeting seven Buddhists came to the front for prayer, expressing their desire to become Christians, but it is hard to give an accurate report of the results of such meetings, for the darkness of



The Bible Reading Room in Mavelikara, South India, with three of the brethren—P. V. John, local pastor; M. C. Samuel, colporteur; A. Johnson, in charge of the reading room. Those in the background are young men who were there reading gospel literature at the time the picture was taken.

their hearts is so great. It remains for the future to reveal what has really taken place in their lives. We also held a series of meetings in Galle (about seventy-five miles south of Colombo) working among both Tamil and Sinhalese people."



INTERESTED IN AFRICA?

To our friends who have not become acquainted with the Mossi Land News we should like to recommend this paper, especially to those who like to keep in touch with missionary activities in Africa. The Mossi Land News, a four-page bimonthly, contains up-to-date information concerning the progress of our Assemblies of God missions in that part of the French Sudan occupied by the Mossi people, French West Africa's largest tribe.

Leaders of young people's groups and missionary prayer bands should find the Mossi Land News a help in providing information and inspiration as well as urgent needs and requests for prayer. The price of the Mossi Land News is 25c per year, published every two months. Groups desiring to receive five or more copies at one address are given a special price of 2c per copy.

THE GOSPEL AMONG THE MOSSI PEOPLE—a 39-page booklet descriptive of the Mossi Land field and customs of the people, illustrated with a number of interesting pictures and maps is also available at the price of 10c per copy.

For either of these publications write to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

WITH THE LORD

We have just received word of the home-going of our Brother Percy Bristow, veteran missionary to North China. Brother W. W. Simpson writes: "Needless to say the death of Brother Bristow has saddened all our hearts. He arrived in China first in the fall of 1910, and after some months of language study in Tschchow he came to Kansu where he studied Tibetan until the revolution compelled most missionaries to leave the interior in 1912. While in Kansu he was often in our home and was a great help to me while I was seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He has been affiliated with the General Council since that time."

Mrs. Bristow and her son Wallace are going to Australia where another son, Robert, is living. A daughter will remain in Tientsin where she is teaching English subjects in a Russian school. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the loved ones in this their time of bereavement.

NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR
Peru

The importance of having good gospel literature printed in the native languages of the mission fields, is shown in an account LeRoy Williams gives of a man working in a mining town of Peru, who received a copy of "Agua de Vida" and was converted through reading it. He in turn was the means of forty others being won to the Lord.

Christmas Echoes

From many of the mission fields letters are coming in now telling how Christmas was spent in these far-away lands. Especially gratifying is the joy of the children who received little gifts of mottoes, Testaments, and pictures as the various Sunday schools observed Christmas with a suitable program. All the missionaries are expressing their gratitude for the Christmas offerings we were able to send through the kind co-operation of our contributors, and many of them mention that it came just in time to meet a real need. May the Lord bless all who gave to help lighten the burdens of our faithful missionaries at Christmas time.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

ROSWELL, N. MEX.—Pastor Mont. M. Walker held a 5 weeks' meeting, in which 49 were saved and 27 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The church was built up in general. There were about 40 added to the church.—Mrs. Zula Hinkle, C. A. President.

OTTAWA, KANSAS—In a 3 weeks' revival just closed, L. H. Sheets, Evangelist, 20 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and a number were saved or reconsecrated. His "deeper life" messages gripped the hearts of many, and the church as a whole was edified.—W. O. Ziegler, Pastor.

MULLAN, IDAHO—We are just closing a 6 weeks' campaign with much accomplished for God. Souls have been saved, the whole town has been stirred by the Full Gospel message, and the assembly has prospered. A mighty spirit of conviction has gripped our souls. Evangelist Wesley H. Banta, of the Northwest District, is our speaker.—Clyde Dossett, Pastor.

KITZMILLER, MD.—We are praising God for the showers of blessing received during the campaign conducted by Evangelist Melva Gower, of Oakland. The crowds increased from night to night and old-fashioned conviction gripped the hearts of sinners. The saints were edified, and a great deal was accomplished for the young people. Over 20 souls sought salvation. The revival fires are still burning.—J. Vernon Cardiff, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEXAS—We have just closed a 4 weeks' revival, with Hildreth Ethridge, of Kansas, as the evangelist. The church witnessed the power of God in a wonderful way. Quite a number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. At the close of the meeting we bought a house and lot next to the church, and as we already have a parsonage we are moving the house off the lot to the back of the church to be remodeled and used for Sunday School rooms. The vacant lot will be used for our open-air meetings. Our next campaign begins the first Sunday in May, with Evangelist F. C. Cornell, of Oklahoma, in charge.—Carl Alcorn, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Seventeen months ago we were called back from El Campo to the Central Park Assembly of God, 69th and Ave. N, to the work which we started in 1933. Finding the church in a very bad condition, we realized that God would not let us start anything we could not finish. We had only 32 attending church and Sunday School. We went before the Lord in prayer, and God began to bless. We have finished our church building inside and out. Our Sunday School attendance has grown to 170. During the revival just closed, conducted by Lorene Robertson, Evangelist, of Houston, many were saved or reclaimed, and many were filled with the Holy Ghost. We are glad to report that God is blessing our church in general.—Richard L. Day, Pastor.

TEXARKANA, ARK.—Last night brought to a close a 3 weeks' meeting, Evangelist and Mrs. Harry S. Shaw in charge. Some found the Lord, and one received the Baptism in the Spirit. Our Sunday School attendance broke an all time record. Our church is moving on to victory. Brother and Sister Shaw's ministry was very much appreciated by the church.—J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

CUT BANK, MONT.—February 6 we finished our special meetings, M. McGinnis, of Hamilton, Evangelist. God was with us from the opening night, and we saw souls seeking Him for salvation in every service. A man 70 years of age joyfully gave his heart and life to the Lord Jesus; but oh, the regret in his heart that only these few remaining years could be counted for God.—J. R. Edgar.

LATHROP, MO.—We have just closed a month's revival which was in charge of the Carter Brothers, Singers of the Ozarks. Two were saved, about 16 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and many were healed by the prayer of faith. Our Sunday School attendance averaged 75. All licensed ministers passing by are welcome.—S. N. Baldwin, Pastor.

OSCEOLA, ARK.—About 3 months ago I accepted the work here. The Lord has blessed our efforts. Have received 10 into our fellowship. We just closed a 2½ weeks' revival in which 12 were saved. Paul McKeel, of the Tennessee District, was our evangelist. The church was blessed by his ministry and our hearts were encouraged to move on for God. Any Council minister passing this way will find a welcome.—James A. McBride, Pastor.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—Just closed a 3 weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. P. T. King, London, England, better known as the King Musical Messengers. The greatest crowds ever known in a revival in this church attended throughout the meeting. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, many backsliders were reclaimed, 22 united with the church, and 10 were baptized in water. The church was greatly edified and built up.—Mrs. Natalie F. Dawson, Pastor.

OILTON, OKLA.—We have just closed a successful 3 weeks' revival with J. R. Fuller, Siloam Springs, Ark., as evangelist. We are thanking God for the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thirty-five were gloriously saved, 15 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 15 new soldiers of the Cross united with the church. Truly the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. The closing night of the revival 4 were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit is still here, and souls are being saved and filled with the Spirit in our regular services. We feel much encouraged to press the battle forward for our Christ.—W. A. Frazier, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

Sister Agnes N. O. La Berge, of Los Angeles, California, went to be with the Lord on November 29, 1937, at the age of 67 years. We extend to her many relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

VINDEK, MD.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist J. Vernon Cardiff. Twenty-five came to the altar for salvation, and 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. There were some wonderful cases of healing. A man who had his clothes packed ready to go to the sanitarium was healed of tuberculosis. A woman having a crippled hand was made whole. The Lord also added a new addition to the church.—John M. Rohrbaugh.

DEER PARK, WASH.—J. W. Sala, Evangelist, and K. Meeks have just closed a 3 weeks' Holy Ghost revival. More than 50 gave their hearts to God, 2 were baptized in the Holy Ghost, 3 were anointed for service for their Master, and miracles of healing of asthma, hernia, tumor, and other diseases took place. A great wave of love and unity was present at all times. Brother Sala plans to hold a campaign in a nearby town and then return to this assembly for a meeting of a week or 10 days. Melvin Smith is pastor of the assembly.—Sarah E. Olson.

CALHOUN, LA.—We praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings and for the great outpouring of His Spirit which we have enjoyed for the past 5 weeks. Floyd E. Webb, Presbyter, of Springhill, was with us for two weeks. We greatly enjoyed his old-time Pentecostal messages and the church was much blessed by his good ministry. One night the power of God came down. There was no time for preaching, for the Holy Spirit took charge. Five were saved, and 3 received the Baptism. Altogether 11 were saved, and 5 received the Baptism.

January 30, Evangelists Alma Hodgson, Rock Island, Ill., and Blanche Novack, Gary, Ind., former students of the Southwestern Bible School, came to us for a 3 weeks' meeting, at which time the Lord gave us wonderful weather and met us in every service in a gracious way. Through messages and interpretations people were brought under such conviction that they prayed through to old-time salvation even in their homes, and in the nine o'clock prayer meetings. We did not keep an accurate account of those who found the Lord in the old-fashioned way. About 47 were saved or reclaimed, and 17 were filled with the Spirit. Several were healed in answer to prayer. One sister, a member of our church, was healed of double pneumonia and leakage of the heart.

The spiritual condition of the church is better than it has been for some time. We have a fine band of Christ's Ambassadors who seem determined to do great things for God. In fact, every department of the church is greatly encouraged to go on into the deeper things of God.

We covet your prayers as we endeavor to build a new church in Hodge, La., a new field. We have the lumber on the ground for a 32x48 church building.—O. J. Neighbors, Presbyter.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—February 13 we closed a 3 weeks' revival, Jacob Miller, Evangelist. We are glad to report that the latter rain showers of blessing came and are still coming down in our midst. About 12 or 13 were saved, several were reclaimed, and 19 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Opening the doors of the church the last night of the meeting, we accepted 14 members into our fellowship. The following Friday night we had a water baptismal service, immersing 15. Jesus is leading us out into the field of deeper things.—Paul O. Byerly, Pastor.

LIVE OAK, CALIF.—In November we held a 3 weeks' revival meeting conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Larson and little Mary Ann. Brother Larson believes in the old-time power and freedom of the Spirit. Eighteen received the Baptism with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Many were at the altar for salvation, 5 claiming a definite experience. The saints were all built up spiritually. We have elected Brother Larson as our Pastor. We feel very fortunate in securing his services, and there is a marked rise in the spiritual tide of the church—M. L. Hartman, Deacon.

PORT ANGELES, WASH.—In October, 1937, W. E. Keller of Texas took over the pastorate here, and he and Sister Keller have surely been a blessing in our midst, giving out the old-time gospel message under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. As a result, souls have been born into the kingdom of God. Nine were baptized in water. Doors were opened for us to hold Sunday night evangelistic services in a down-town theater, where many strangers assembled with us. Some of them made inquiries of our brother, with requests for prayer. God is stirring our young people, and our Sunday School is growing both numerically and spiritually. Thanks be to God for our faithful and worthy Sunday School Superintendent, Elizabeth Getchell. We are earnestly praying for a revival in our Wednesday afternoon prayer group, when the women of our assembly gather in the parsonage for intercessory prayer. We are longing to see a spiritual awakening in our nation, as well as in our city.—Mrs. Wm. Nies, Secretary.

HARLINGEN, TEXAS—Eighteen months ago we came to the Rio Grande Valley to take the pastorate of the Harlingen church. We found a needy field and plenty of work to do. Our Sunday School has grown, for which we praise the Lord. Some of the churches in the Valley, being small, found it hard to keep a pastor. After much prayer God has supplied all with pastors. Each one of the assemblies is growing, and a good revival spirit prevails in each of them. Some have just closed good revivals with a goodly number saved and filled with the Spirit. Others are planning revivals soon.

About a year ago the Section bought a new tent 28x42. It was placed in McAllen, Texas, for the purpose of opening up a new work. The result is we have a nice group of people and a good pastor, and a building going up but not finished. All the churches in the Valley have a mind to work. Some are preparing to add to their buildings, some to build

Sunday School rooms, and some are finishing theirs. Donna has a new building not quite finished. We are grateful to God for what He is doing in the Valley.

January 17, we had our ninth anniversary service in the first Assembly of God church in the Valley. The Spirit of the Lord came down in a gracious way. W. B. Lane, who has been here since the beginning of the work and spent time and money to see it where it is today, gave a brief history of the work in the Valley. At the close of the meeting Brother Lane presented a beautiful picture to the Harlingen church in memory of his wife, who went to be with the Lord in January, 1937, and also of himself.

We are happy to announce that we will have the Texas District Council here in Harlingen this year. Make your plans now to attend the Council and see the Valley.—R. E. Parten, Presbyterian.

Questions and Answers

Please explain how we may "try the spirits whether they be of God." 1 John 4:1.

An answer is given in verse 2. "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God." Your attention is called to the fact that John did not say, "Every person that confesseth." Persons when not under the influence of a spirit might confess that Jesus Christ was come in the flesh. It is when the person is under control of a spirit that the test becomes effective. Will the spirit confess the incarnation of our Lord Jesus, acknowledging Him to be the Son of God come in a human body to redeem man through the shedding of His blood? If the spirit controlling the person will not confess this, it is, according to John's epistle, not of God.

Another test is given in 1 Cor. 12:3, where Paul says, "No man can say that Jesus Christ is Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." Here again it is not just the human being confessing the Lordship of Christ, but the person when under the influence of a spirit. The Holy Spirit will ever acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and also that Jesus is Lord.

Does Rom. 6:3-6 refer to water baptism? Can one be in the Rapture who has not been baptized with water?

Water baptism might have been in the mind of Paul when he wrote Rom. 6:3-6, seeking to show that when they were baptized, they were baptized into Jesus Christ. The water would not put one into the relationship described in Rom. 6:3-6, as there is no saving virtue in the water. Peter tells us baptism "is the answer of a good conscience toward God." What Paul wished to teach was our identification with Christ. We are buried with Him into death (of which baptism is a sign) that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. It signifies death to the old life through faith that henceforth we should "have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."—E. S. W.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Evangelist Zelma Argue has just closed the most wonderful revival from the standpoint of the outpouring of the Spirit, that Pittsburgh has ever known. Over 30 received the Baptism in the Spirit, and a number were reclaimed or saved. It was a thorough revival with every department and individual in the church receiving a new touch of Fire. Pittsburgh has always been a hard field in which to get results, and Miss Argue's campaign is all the more wonderful because of that fact.—H. C. McKinney.

MAUD, OKLA.—We came here the 1st of June, 1937, and during the three revivals conducted by Brothers C. M. Riggs, William McCann, and Robert Goggins a number have prayed through and been filled with the Spirit. This being an oil-field community, quite a number of our church folks have been transferred to other places, but in spite of that our Sunday School and services are well attended. We extend a hearty welcome to any Council minister passing this way to visit us. Those who follow the oil field work and are transferred here will find a friendly welcome.—R. L. Steger, Pastor.

MOUNT VERNON, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. S. R. Norferi came to us January 2, to launch a revival campaign which continued for 6 weeks. These were days of great blessing. The assembly was edified, and showers of the latter rain fell in a copious manner. Many nights the little church was crowded and people were turned away. Many influential people came and tarried for the infilling of the Spirit, many of whom were members of other churches. Much prejudice was broken down, and the entire community was stirred for God. We appreciate very much the fine singing and fellowship of our C. B. I. visitors. God has greatly impressed upon us the need of a new church. We have purchased a lot and will begin to build as soon as the weather permits. The town is co-operating in this project.—R. F. Davis, Pastor.

OMAHA, NEBR.—Since coming here over a year ago, God has blessed the efforts put forth and has given us a church for His Name's sake. We have enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists Willa Short, Harvey McAlister, G. O. Baker, and Christian Hild. The Lord gave a time of reaping during each campaign.

Last week our Missionary rally with Nettie Nichols and Joshua Bang, of China, was to be for two days but extended through five, and the Lord met us in a gracious way. Many hearts were touched and the real missionary vision was caught by many. This rally seemed to be the climax to the revival the Lord had been giving the church in the regular services in the past 2 months. Souls have been either saved or filled with the Spirit or there has been a special visitation of His presence at each service. At the time of our being set in order our church name was changed from Full Gospel Tabernacle to Glad Tidings Assembly at the same address, 19th and Cass Sts. We should be pleased to call on any relatives or friends of Evangel readers who live in Omaha and might be interested in the Full Gospel.—L. E. King, Pastor.

I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee

Testimonies of those who have proved Him

A CRUSHED HEAD HEALED

Three weeks ago when our baby was two years old, our trailer tipped over and crushed her head. She was a child of promise. God had rebuked me for my stand against having any more children, and after I yielded to God she came.

Three months before her birth God called on me to dedicate her to the foreign missions field. After the accident I picked her up, and rushed with her for help while the blood streamed from her mouth, nose and eyes. We rushed her to the nearest hospital, but were dissatisfied with the unconcerned way they treated her.

We took her to the Assembly of God people and requested prayer. Not obtaining healing we took her to the Liberal, Kansas Hospital, to our old family physician, Dr. McCreight. He said, "Prayer is the only thing that can save her." He put ice packs to her head, but said she would probably be dead in a few hours. The X-ray photograph showed two major fractures, one above the left ear, the other across the back of her head.

We sent word all around to praying people to pray. I and others fasted and prayed,

and God heard and answered. He not only spared her life but He healed her. Her hearing is perfect, her mind is clear, and she is in perfect health. The only mark left on her is one eye being slightly crossed. I cannot understand why this was left, but God no doubt has a purpose in it to be worked out later. God has impressed upon me the importance of my receiving the gifts of the Spirit. Will everyone who reads this please pray for me.—Mrs. Marion Carter, Sunray, Texas.

Ed. note—This testimony was written July 31, 1937. We held it several months and then wrote Mrs. Carter. January 24, 1938 she replied saying she had taken the child to the doctor for a thorough examination for our benefit, that she might send us his report. He reported that she had only one defect, one eye being slightly weaker than the other.

She enclosed with her reply a letter from Mrs. Earl E. Gunther, Sunray, Texas, who says she was present the night the baby was brought for prayer; that they had no pastor but they prayed, and that later, after the doctor had given the child up, the Lord healed her. She ends by saying, "She is perfectly well today."

KENNETT, MO.—January 3, the Sectional Fellowship meeting was held at our church. Odis Virgin was the evening speaker. The power of God came down, and several were saved. A revival spirit was felt in the service, and Brother Virgin was induced to stay and preach the rest of the week. As a result, 10 were saved and 3 received the Baptism.

January 9, the Sanders Brothers Trio came to start a revival and found the fire already burning. Six glorious weeks followed, with crowds so large many nights that there was hardly room left to stand. During this time 195 were saved in the good old-fashioned way (this number does not include some 40 children); 133 joined the assembly, and 112 were baptized in water; 75 hungry souls received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and the altars are still filled with seekers. Fifty-seven fine young people came into the Christ's Ambassadors group. Not only the town but the entire county was stirred by the fiery messages of Brother Leroy, the Evangelist. One family came from Hardy, Ark., a distance of 104 miles, while many came from nearby towns and villages. Seats in the large tabernacle were at such a premium that the house would be packed long before service time. Many people testified that they had been healed. One woman who had not been able to speak for 4 years was healed. Our Sunday School attendance during the revival has averaged 531 with a new "high" of 640. The addition built to our church last year is not sufficient to meet the need, and another new annex is planned. So many people were seeking the Baptism when Sanders Brothers left, February 20, that the pastor decided to carry on the services for at least another week.—E. L. Hance.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our General Council ministerial list during the month of February, 1938.

Aslinger, Chas. H., Versailles, Mo.
Hill, Warren L., Cody, Wyo.
Klassen, George C., Montrose, Colo.
Neasham, Frederick A., Cody, Wyo.
Neely, Joseph E., Englewood, Colo.
Raroha, David F., Hubbard, Ohio
Reding, Clarence, Wheatland, Wyo.
Stapleton, John Alvin, Lamar, Colo.
Ton, J. Raymond, Del Norte, Colo.
Tucker, Carl R., Denver, Colo.
Virgin, Lela Blanche, Zalma, Mo.

The following names were removed from our General Council ministerial list during the month of February, 1938.

La Berge, Mrs. Agnes N. O., Los Angeles, Calif. (deceased)
Hause, John W., Eagle Lake, Fla. (withdrew)
Hause, Eunice E., Eagle Lake, Fla. (withdrew)
Thompson, Richard K., Wynona, Okla. (withdrew)
Slay, James L. Jr., Clanton, Ala. (withdrew)
Vaughn, Mrs. Lue, Haworth, Okla. (deceased)
White, Jesse B., Lordsburg, N. Mex. (deceased)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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The Golden Text illustrates the thought so perfectly. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels (fragile vessels of clay—Weymouth) that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." 2 Cor. 4:7. What a "fragile vessel" was blind Fanny

Crosby, and yet she contributed 3,000 hymns to the treasury of God's church. What a "fragile vessel" was David Brainerd, who died while still a young man—died as a direct result of his superhuman prayers and labors among the American Indians; but how wondrously did Gideon's God use him! What a "fragile vessel" was Robert McCheyne, of Scotland, who died in his early thirties, but in the short span of his life moved thousands toward the kingdom of God. What a "broken, fragile vessel of clay" was the body of the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul ("the little") who ever carried about in his body "the dying of the Lord Jesus"; who learned that His grace was sufficient for his thorn in the flesh. Paul's body must have been "broken" and yet divinely sustained, "for," said the Corinthians (as Paul quotes them), "his letters are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak and his speech contemptible." 2 Cor. 11:10. Some think, from this, that the great Apostle had some defect of speech, some repugnant physical deformity, so that he was never able to depend on brilliance of speech or oratory to convince his listeners. He was never able to depend upon the charm of physical personality to draw men to Christ, but his courageous spirit, occupying the tenement of a "fragile vessel of clay" had always to depend upon the excellency of God's power. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.—Harry Steil.

Forthcoming Meetings

TACOMA, WASH.—South 12th and G Sts., March 13-27; George Hayes, Evangelist.—Frank Gray, Pastor.

CORDELL, OKLA.—March 13, for 3 weeks or longer; G. W. Perkins, Evangelist.—Bessie Hartwell, Pastor.

SWIFTON, ARK.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, March 20-April 3; Lewis and Walter Perkin, Phenix City, Ala., Evangelists.—Earl Teeter, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Full Gospel Assembly, 538 N. Laverne St., March 20—; Evangelist and Mrs. Clyde C. Goree, Amarillo, Texas.—K. A. Auten, Pastor.

SISSETON, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle; March 20, for 3 weeks or longer; Louis O. Rynning, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—A. A. Anderson, Pastor.

DENISON, TEXAS—Full Gospel Church, 806 Munson St., March 13-April 3. Leonard Norville, State C. A. President, Evangelist.—P. A. Lewis, Pastor.

ROUNDUP, MONT.—Gospel Tabernacle, March 27—; Homer Rugwell, Evangelist.—J. Burdette Wiles, Pastor.

MARICOPA, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle; March 20, for 3 weeks or longer; Medora Combs, Evangelist.—Lewis H. Richards, Pastor.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—March 13—; Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight. J. C. Leatherwood is Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—March 20—; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. Frank J. Lindquist is Pastor.

GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS—Trinity Tabernacle, March 6-27; King's Musical Messengers.—U. S. Grant, Pastor.

MOUNT MORRIS, PA.—March 29—April 17, or longer; Homer Peterson, Cheltenham, Md., Evangelist.—Gay Benson, Pastor.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, 13th St. at South Phillips; March 20—April 10; C. M. Ward, Toronto, Canada, Evangelist.—Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—March 27, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Steiner. Special music.—Carl R. Tucker, Pastor, W. First Ave. and Meade St.

HUMBOLDT, KANSAS—March 29—; L. H. Sheets, Evangelist.—Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor.

DATE CHANGED

HANNIBAL, MO.—March 13, for 3 weeks; Fox Evangelistic Party.—Glenn Renick, Pastor.

CHADRON, NEB.—Chadron Ave. and 6th St.; March 13, for 3 weeks or longer; R. R. and Alice Nichols, Evangelists.—G. T. Cummings, Pastor.

DINUBA, CALIF.—First Pentecostal Church, 240 South L St.; Special Easter Revival, March 27—; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley P. McPherson, of Canada.—Russell E. Griffin, Pastor.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS—Assembly of God, 5th and Broad; March 13, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Troy B. Helms, Florala, Ala.—T. S. Miles, Pastor.

SALEM, N. J.—Pentecostal Church, 192 Grant St.; March 20, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quanabush. Nearby assemblies cordially invited.—Thomas H. P. Cairns, Pastor.

DATE CHANGED

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Pentecostal Church, 58 Paine Ave.; March 15—April 3; Jack and Esther Martz, Evangelists.—Jos. R. Potter, Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Fremont Tabernacle; March 13, for 3 weeks or more; Sisters McMillan and Ludlam, Winnipeg, Canada, Evangelists.—Russell H. Olson, Pastor.

ORLANDO, FLA.—Pentecostal Assembly of God, 718 Atlanta Ave.; March 13-27; Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—O. M. Montgomery, Pastor.

FLINT STONE, MD.—Green Ridge Assembly, March 13-27; Evangelist Pete and Verna Saleskey. Old-time singing and preaching. Nearby assemblies invited.—E. C. Hunt, Pastor.

NEPTUNE, N. J.—Full Gospel Church, 5th and Ridge Ave.; March 22-April 3; Allan A. Swift, Bible Teacher of Elizabeth, N. J., Speaker.—Irving H. Meier, Pastor.

WEST MONROE, LA.—March 20, for 2 weeks; Guy Shields, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies and pastors invited.—E. L. Tanner, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Third Annual Deeper Life Convention, Full Gospel Tabernacle, 24th and Grand, March 24—April 3. J. W. Follette, Main Speaker.—E. H. Chamberlain, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.—Assembly of God, 1217 Ross Ave.; March 22, for 4 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. James E. Hamill, Big Stone Gap, Virginia.—Robt. C. Jones.

SIoux CITY, IOWA—Full Gospel Tabernacle, West 14th and Myrtle Sts.; March 13—; Clarence H. Jensen, Alexandria, Minn., Evangelist. Willis E. Smith is Pastor.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—Glad Tidings Assembly, Gordon St., near State; March 20-April 3; Mary Louise Paige Clutter, Evangelist. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate. Special Young People's Rally, Friday night, April 1.

LAUREL, MISS.—West Laurel Assembly of God; Prophetic-Full Gospel Revival Campaign; March 20, for 2 weeks; Wm. F. A. Gierke, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist. For further information write R. D. Stringer, Pastor, 920 Fifteenth Ave.

LOUISVILLE, O.—March 22—April 11; W. J. Frayer, Wellsburg, W. Va., Evangelist.—C. D. Hirst, Pastor.

ABERDEEN, IDAHO—March 13—; Evangelist G. O. Baker and Party. W. R. Munger is Pastor.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church, March 21, Special Meeting, T. J. Jones of England, Speaker. April 2, Young People's Rally. Spring Convention, March 30—April 5, Marie Wilson, Speaker. April 6-10, District Superintendent Flem Van Meter, Speaker.—Warren Straton, Pastor.

POTTSVILLE, PA.—Full Gospel Mission, Rear 301 S. Centre St.; third anniversary, March 28. Services: 2:30 p. m., E. C. Conrad, of Allentown, Speaker; 7:30 p. m., W. R. Steelberg, of Philadelphia, Speaker. Everyone welcome. Assemblies invited. Meals free.—Mal Kerr, Pastor.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 19th annual session of the Central District Council will convene May 3-6, at First Congregational Church, 917 W. Tuscarawas St., on U. S. Highway 30, Canton, Ohio. Niels P. Thomsen and E. L. Newby, Special Speakers.—J. D. Menzie, Secretary, 808 Connecticut St., Gary, Ind.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—Dedication of New Tabernacle, March 27. Services: 10:30 a. m., J. R. Kline, speaker; 3:00 p. m., dedicatory prayer, S. R. Fostekew; dedicatory message, J. P. Kolenda. The three brethren will join in placing the corner stone. The tabernacle will be known as Central Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God, 601 Third St.—Asa F. Miller, Pastor.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.—Annual District Council, South Dakota District, Gospel Tabernacle, 13th St. at South Phillips, April 5-7. Evangelist C. M. Ward, Toronto, Canada, Evening Speaker.—Arthur F. Berg, District Superintendent, 118 E. 13th St., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Peniel Bible Institute (Kentucky Mountain Bible School) announces the commencement exercises of the class of 1938 at Peniel Church, Campton, Ky., April 1, Baccalaureate, 10:30 a. m., O. E. Nash, Speaker, Graduation exercises, 2:15 p. m., J. J. Humphries, Speaker. T. E. Gannon will speak at 7:00 p. m. Bring basket lunch.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

DES MOINES, IOWA—West Central District Council, 313 Fourth St., March 29—April 1. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will be with us the entire time. This is election year, and each church is urged to send one delegate as well as their pastor. Entertainment as usual.—Roy E. Scott, District Superintendent.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

LINCOLN, NEB.—Twentieth Annual District Council, Nebraska District, Lincoln Gospel Tabernacle, 1527 Q St., April 5 to 7. Great Fellowship Meeting evening of the 4th. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will speak twice daily. Glenn Millard, Pastor, 2600 R St., Lincoln, Nebr.—A. M. Alber, District Superintendent, 319 E. 5th St., Hastings, Neb.

MISSIONARY PRAYER CONFERENCE

AUGUSTA, GA.—Missionary Prayer Conference, Fenwick and Bohler St., March 22-23. Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent, Main Speaker. Rooms furnished. Ministers and workers urged to attend. S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, 1124 Twentieth St., Columbus, Ga., will also be present.—C. Miford Hicks, Pastor, 609 Tuttle St., Augusta, Georgia.

RADIO PROGRAM
If you live within 4,000 miles of Tyler, Texas, be sure to listen to the Home Missionaries over KGKB, 1500 kilos., Tuesday morning, March 22, at 2:00. A first-class Spirit-filled 30 minute song program, conducted by T. E. Rhea.

EASTERN DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION
ALTOONA, PA.—Eastern District Sunday School Convention, First Pentecostal Church, 5th Ave. and 6th St., March 18-20. Free lodging and breakfast given to ministers and their wives and to delegates. Dinner and supper at special low rate in nearby restaurant.—Elwood C. Hoey, Pastor.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Southern Missouri District Council will convene April 26-29 at Assembly of God, Flat River, Mo. Beds furnished free to ministers and delegates. Meals at reasonable prices. For further information write S. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, Dexter, Mo., or P. T. Huffman, Pastor.—K. H. Lawson, Secretary, 1912 N. Grant Ave., Springfield, Mo.

PRAYER CONFERENCE AND BIBLE CONVENTION

MATTOON, ILL.—Prayer Conference and Bible Convention, Assembly of God, 1101 Prairie Ave., April 11-13. Three services daily. John Wright Follette, New Paltz, N. Y., will speak each afternoon and evening. He will also be the speaker at the Union Passion Week services conducted each noon hour in Mattoon Theatre. Room and breakfast free to ministers. Chas. F. Carmichael, Pastor, 621 Edgar Ave., Mattoon, Ill.—Arthur Bell, District Superintendent, Box 133, Belleville, Ill.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

EVERETT, MASS.—Sixteenth semi-annual meeting of New England District Council will convene May 3-4, at Second and Cabot Sts., Wm. J. Mitchell, Pastor. First service, Tuesday 10:00 a. m. All ministers and delegates urged to attend this service and remain until Wednesday night. Credentials Committee will meet Tuesday afternoon. Important business is to be transacted. All ministers of the District requested to be present.—Wm. J. Mitchell, District Superintendent; H. H. Shelley, Secretary, P. O. Box 2, Cumberland Mills, Me.

TEXAS DISTRICT SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS

Tyler Section, March 22 to 23, Assembly at Tyler; Lufkin Section, March 24 to 25, Assembly at Palestine; Beaumont Section, March 29 to 30, Ave. A and Wall Assembly, Beaumont; Houston Section, March 31 to April 1, Galena Park Assembly; Yoakum Section, April 5 to 6, Cuero Assembly; San Antonio Section, April 7 to 8, First Assembly, Lancaster and Dittmore Sts., San Antonio; Valley Section, April 12 to 13, Brownsville Assembly; Austin Section, April 19 to 20, East Side Assembly, Austin.

All Conventions begin at 10:30 a. m. All Texas District ministers urged to be present, as we must renew all licenses, and all ordained ministers are to fill out questionnaires. Those desiring to make application for ordination must meet the Committee in their resident section and fill out application.—F. D. Davis, District Superintendent, 1626 Lipscomb St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

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

GLIDDEN, WIS.—Fellowship Meeting, Gospel Tabernacle, March 22.—E. F. Johnson, Pastor.

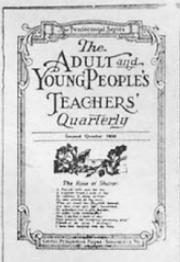
CALHOUN, LA.—Sectional C. A. Fellowship Meeting, March 20.—O. J. Neighbors.

BUFFALO, MO.—Sectional Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, March 21. Services 10:30, 2:00, 6:30 and 7:30. Speakers of interest. Also dedication of new church.—C. P. Melvin, Sectional Secretary.

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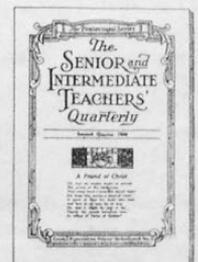


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FARMINGTON, N. MEX.—Fellowship Meetings, Northwest Section, Assembly of God, March 22-23. First service, Tuesday night; all day, 23rd. District Superintendent A. C. Bates expected to be present.—H. M. Fuller, Presbyter; H. P. Hines, Pastor.

ELDON, MO.—Sedalia Sectional Fellowship Meeting, March 22; first service, 11:00 a. m., in new church. Bring well filled baskets. Ivy Hibdon is Pastor.—E. F. Sanders, Sectional Secretary, 311 W. Dunklin St., Jefferson City, Mo.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—C. A. Rally, Full Gospel Tabernacle, 26th and State Sts., March 26, 7:30 p. m. Carl O'Guin, of Rockford, Speaker. A. Peterson, Pastor.—Ivan Belmer, Sectional Vice President, Eldred, Ill.

ADVANCE, MO.—C. A. Rally, Rum Branch Country Church, March 20, 2:30 p. m. New attendance banner given to church having most points in attendance. Come with program from your church. Edith Virgin, Pastor. Herbert Bruhn, Secretary-Treasurer, 223 Helen Ave., Chaffee, Mo.

PRATT, KANSAS—Meeting of the Presbyters of the Kansas District and Sectional Secretaries of the C. A.'s, April 4-6. Ora Bray, Pastor. Accommodations as far as possible.—V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent, 1017 S. Market St., Wichita, Kansas.

KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLIES
Arkansas City, March 22; Attica, March 23; Coldwater, March 24; Newton, March 25. Three services at each place. Participating Sunday Schools please bring basket lunch and attend all three services.—C. E. McCarrell, 717 E. 4th St., Hutchinson, Kansas, State Sunday School Secretary.

MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS—C. A. Rally, both Sections Southwest District; March 19. Bring basket dinner.—C. L. Barnes, Sectional Secretary, Greensburg, Kansas.

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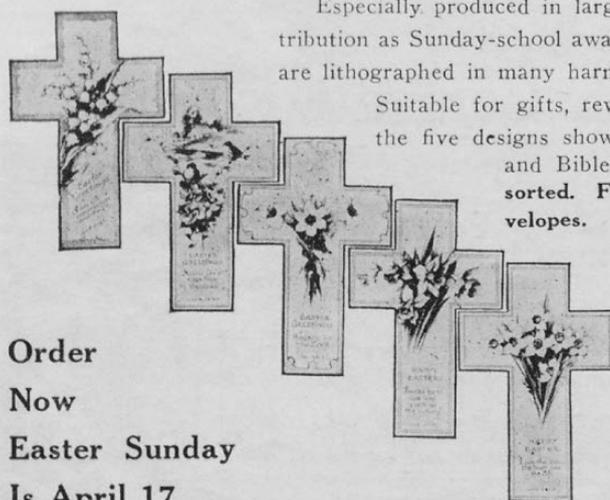
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