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Trouble--a Servant

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DID you ever test yourself as to how you react to trouble or tragedy? In life's school we very often find that God uses trouble or misfortune to prove our faith or to test our character. Trouble has a way of stalking down the road and meeting us, so many times, when we least expect it.

I am sure we all know that such proving or testing may befall us without our being personally or directly the cause for it. Many, many times it is quite beyond our control. If it were otherwise we should probably avoid all such testings and keep an easy, smooth path. But we should remember that trouble, as well as the hours of sunshine and music, is a part of the divine arrangement and has a place in our program. Trouble or severe testings are not necessarily a sign of sin, failure or lack of spirituality. They are often a sign of spirituality and growth which God must test and prove, for we are His workmanship.

Among many people there is an idea or notion that the life of the Christian is, or should be, a sort of charmed life, void of trouble, testing and tribulation or suffering. Such people have shaped up for themselves, or hold as an ideal of real Christian living, an impossible or unscriptural conception as an objective.

Where in the world such people, so bewitched, have been living all these years, or what books or history they have read, is quite beyond me! Surely they do not know History, Christian experience, or the Bible. For all these keep ever before us the truth that "man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." Job 5:7. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalm 34:19. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:17. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience." Rom. 5:3.

Surely on the basis of all these scriptures, we as Christians know better than to pray for exemption from trouble, and since we know that in God's plan it is a part of our inheritance, let us not avoid its peculiar ministry.

History is replete with examples of lives wrecked because of the ungrateful reaction to trouble. In spite of the accumulated experiences of the ages and the wisdom and philosophy of the seers, many still fail to recognize that behind her mask, trouble is a *servant* to assist us. Any other view is due to lack of vision and perspective in that range.



Trouble Is a Servant

*All of us know trouble—at least I hope we do,
Trouble is a servant, but known as such to few.
We are taught to shun her, and if she comes too near
Seldom do we face her, but run away in fear.
Good and bad must meet her, the universe around—
Sinners, saints, kings, and knaves—she comes where man
is found.
Always make her serve you, for she can serve you well,
Just HOW you may use her your life will always tell.
Trouble is but passive—it's by our power to will;
We make her either bless us or do the soul some ill.
How do you translate her from phrases filled with pain
To messages of strength—from loss to endless gain?
By faith we see behind the outer frightful mask
A servant in disguise, to do a gracious task.
Hearts may feel her wounding and life may suffer loss;
Faith translates her working, as freeing gold from dross.
Trouble will discover to any yielded heart
Hidden depths of power it only knew in part;
Sympathizing power, and love that understands;
Strength to help another with trouble-tested hands.
Trouble will release you from self and make you kind,
Adding new dimensions to heart and soul and mind.
Do not shun this servant, but look beyond her task
To beauty she will work—for which you daily ask.
Always see in trouble a chance to grow in grace,
Not a stroke of evil to hinder in your race.
Live the life triumphant above her fiery darts
Rich fruitage will be yours to share with needy hearts.*

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Too many see the immediate, the local, and interpret life and relative questions from a circumscribed point. The Scriptures say, "While we look not on the things seen." As Christians, after we are convinced in our hearts, that trouble is not de-

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Of What Is It Born?

Ernest S. Williams

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." It has been customary to quote these lines as proof that the sinner must be born again. That is well, but does its meaning stop there?

Cain was the child of Adam, yet worshiped in an unacceptable manner. Abraham was "the father of the faithful" yet brought forth Ishmael, "born after the flesh." Jacob was "the heir of promise," yet stole his brother's blessing. Lot had all the privileges of Abraham, but lost them by coveting the rewards of Sodom. Lot had two unmarried daughters who became the mothers of constant enemies of Israel, Moab and Ammon. These all illustrate the results of "that which is born of the flesh."

Let us look at the worship of Cain. He was zealously religious, self-reliant, lacking in dependence on the Divine. He brought the fruit of the ground, the products of his own labors, as an offering to the Lord. He becomes a rebuke to those who bring the fruits of self-righteous efforts and expect reward for the same. Let us assume that here is one who has a pleasing personality. He builds up a congregation around himself. Those in the choir are rouged, curled, and otherwise adorned in a manner unbecoming Christian sobriety. In the membership are those who belong to secret orders, love the world, some drink and indulge in other sins. All faults are condoned because they who commit them applaud the preacher and swell the number of those who contribute to his support and popularity. What kind of worship have you? "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain." There is plenty of religion. They sing the same songs of devotion that are sung by others and the preacher uses the same Bible as others as his text book. But it is all "born of the flesh" and brings forth the fruit of the flesh. How many of such will be ready when Jesus comes? Will not the testing day show it all to have been "wood, hay, and stubble" which cannot stand the test? "That which is born of the flesh is flesh."

Behold another! He calls himself a son of Abraham, "blessed with faithful Abraham." God's promise is with him. Perhaps he thinks himself called to some field of labor. Or he covets something for personal advantage. He fears that unless he makes a way for himself another will take it from him. He be-

comes anxious, restless, and disturbed, unable to commit it to God knowing that if God wills it for him it will prove to be an Isaac that he will have to give up in sacrifice. He takes things in his own hands and seems to receive that which he desired through self-assertion and carnal planning. What does he have on his hands? A baby Ishmael. And if he stays with it long enough he will see it develop into a full grown Ishmael, a thorn in his flesh instead of a blessing, an everlasting enemy of the work of God.

Ministers have determinedly remained in a certain pastorate because of personal desires all the time nursing an Ishmael and reaping in return constant friction when, were they consecrated to the will of God and placed where God would choose, they might have a happy life and a prosperous ministry. Moreover if we produce an Ishmael it will not die with our departure, but will stamp its image and disposition on generations which are to follow. One, given to self-will and combativeness, sowed his spirit into those who were saved under his labors until it seemed impossible to get the quarrelsomeness out of them. You ask, "Were they ever saved?" I believe they were, but they imbibed the spirit that was constantly before them in a representative of righteousness.

The daughters of Lot felt that after the destruction of Sodom they must assist their father to raise up sons that would perpetuate his name, so they planned to make him intoxicated and while he was thus to approach him for the purpose. They succeeded, but the children were Moab and Ammon. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh."

We sometimes see in churches zeal which is not born of God. Persons may be right in principle, but wrong in spirit. They think they cannot tolerate sin, but they become sinful in their intolerance. In their zeal not to compromise they become bitter in their own spirit and out of harmony with the Spirit of God. Instead of correcting faults in the spirit of meekness, they try to do so in a spirit of strife and bitterness. They may be justified in saying "I am right," but they do not ask themselves the vital question. "Is my spirit right?" Think of it! One can even fight for righteousness in such a way that it brings forth "after the flesh" instead of "after the Spirit." It was wrong for the Samaritans to refuse Jesus when He passed through their coun-

try. James and John became stirred up about it with indignation—I suppose they would have called it righteous indignation. Jesus gently rebuked them by saying, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." Their indignation was in the flesh and they would even perform miracles to satisfy its demands. Jesus as much as said to them, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh."

There came a controversy between Barnabas and Paul. Both were good men. Both seem to have been both right and wrong. Paul was right in questioning the wisdom of taking Mark with them to the work. Barnabas was right in wishing to give the young man another chance. Both were self-willed on that occasion and neither would submit to the other. It resulted in their separation from which we have no record of a later reuniting. Both thought they were contending for principle, but no doubt both became too heated and determined in their own spirits. It is another warning that "that which is born of the flesh is flesh."

In contrast to that which is born of the flesh is that which is born of the Spirit. Lot coveted the way of the plain and pitched his tent toward Sodom. He brought forth after the flesh and for a time prospered. It looks as though he became a great man in Sodom. But in the end he lost all, brought humiliation to himself, reproach to his daughters, and became the forebear of constant enemies of the Lord. While Lot was bringing forth after the flesh Abraham was walking in the Spirit. Humbly he trusted the covenant of God, submissively he allowed Lot to choose the better part of the land. Then the angel of the Lord told him that he had lost nothing by his faith and submission for all the land was his. It became his as a gift of God because he brought forth in the Spirit while Lot clamored for it and claimed it in the flesh only to lose it. Lot lost all while Abraham gained all.

Jesus said, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone." To gain God's will for us, the fruit of the Spirit, there is often need of death. Just as Abraham saw Lot swallow up the picturesque and valued portions of the inheritance it often looks as though we should lose the best, if not all that God would have us enjoy. Then comes the test. Shall we strive and scheme according to the flesh or shall we trust God and commit all to Him? We may have to see our hopes go down into death, and out of death see them arise. Sarah could not wait for God to bring forth Isaac. Rebecca thought she could not avoid helping God so that

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"Praying Always With All Prayer"

By Thomas Walker

Have we given prayer its proper place? The energy of the flesh, our very enthusiasm, has been allowed to usurp, to a lamentable extent, the place of the one power which can rouse immortal souls from the slumber of eternal death. How many a day passes by in one ceaseless, busy stream of work, without any time for quiet intercourse with God, except a few brief minutes snatched in the early morning before the rush begins, or the short space allowed in the late evening by exhausted nature.

How many of us plead for this country as Robert Murray McCheyne pleaded for his Dundee congregation, never ceasing to pray for them, even when sickness drove him from them for a time, turning the very shores of the Sea of Galilee into an oratory, till God opened the windows of heaven and poured down upon them showers of blessing?

Or again, how many of us pray for souls around us as Robert Aitken prayed for those congregations in which he carried on his revival work, spending hours on his knees, after a day of busy preaching, beseeching God, with strong crying and tears, to save the souls of men?

We all know the importance of prayer and can preach discourses on its efficacy; but do we ourselves practice what we preach? Let us recall two scenes from Scripture history which reveal to us quite clearly God's plan for the awakening of men.

A lad is lying in the prophet's chamber, still and motionless in the deep sleep of death. The servant of the man of God, in obedience to his master's bidding, runs in eager haste and lays the prophet's staff upon the face of the child, apparently expecting that the first contact of the rod would restore the dead life again. The result is told in graphic language, pathetic in its simplicity and truth: "There was neither voice nor hearing."

Then came the man of God himself. But as he looked upon the scene before him, it was the still and awful scene of death. What will Elisha do? His rod has wrought no miracle. His servant's rush of haste has done absolutely nothing. Notice well the words which follow: "He went in, therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord." What the eager haste could not do, what the touching with his rod was unable to effect, the power of

prayer could bring to pass. Therefore he got him to that inner chamber and prayed unto the Lord. His prayer was fervent, believing, and full of yearning sympathy for that poor sleeper.

Have we not failed in getting into loving touch with those among whom we live and work. Let us lay stress upon the fact that the rush and the rod of office produced not the shadow of a real change, and only ended in the sad confession, "The child is not awaked." Fellow workers, we may run about our work in one long rush of busy labor, we may take our wand of office and wave it at every street corner; but if that is all we do, Satan will rejoice and we shall be ashamed before him. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields! Is it not true today that this country is not awaked? Let us go in, therefore, and shut the door and pray unto the Lord.

Come now to that grave-side scene at Bethany. A Greater than Elisha is standing there, One who is mighty to rouse and save. One word from Him, "Lazarus, come forth!" and the thing will be accomplished. But before the great awakening could take place the Almighty Son of God must pray. "And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I know thou hearest me always." The will to raise the dead might be there, the stone of difficulty might be gone; but the eyes must be uplifted, the power of God must be invoked, the Father's

energy must be claimed by earnest and believing prayer. The disciple is not greater than his Lord. Some of us are full of pity for the people round about us. We have labored hard, following in the wake of good men gone before us, who had difficulties to deal with of which we know but little now, to take away the stones of prejudice and superstition which have blocked the way for centuries to spiritual resurrection. *But still Lazarus is asleep!*

What lack we yet? To a large extent we have forgotten to lift up our eyes and seek the resurrecting power which God gives only in answer to earnest and believing prayer. It is the old story so familiar to us all. Why could not we cast him out? Master, why could not we awake the sleeper? Christian workers, let us give ourselves time to ponder well over the clear and decisive answer, as it falls from the lips of our great Captain and Leader: "Because of your unbelief. This kind goeth not out but by prayer." Yes, there is no doubt about it. Here is the key to the whole position. This country will never be awakened except by prayer.

Do not many of us need first of all a personal awakening? We have got into a routine of work, and can show an honorable record at the close of every day, of business accomplished, visits paid, classes taught, addresses given. But in the light of eternity are we satisfied with that? Have souls been really sought, yearned over, loved, and won? Is ours fruit that will remain? We may even persuade hundreds to enroll themselves as Christians; but are we sure that they are God's converts and not merely the manufactured article? Are we working with the Fire of God, or using merely artificial fire, the strange fire, our own fleshly energy? Are we awake ourselves?

When Zechariah was aroused, what did he see? He saw the golden candlestick with its pipes, through which the oil flowed from the olive trees; and he learned in that vision the secret of spiritual power. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Are we Christian workers all awake to that vision and that power? If we are, and only if we are, we may hope to prosper in our work and to see the world aroused. We shall never evangelize the world, in God's sense of the term, by flooding it with legions of Christian workers; but only by having living witnesses, workers who are wide awake, and who know by personal experience how to find and use the holy oil. To such the promise of a faithful God will stand: "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain."

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"Search Me, O God"

David said, "O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me . . . and art acquainted with all my ways." Psalm 139:1, 3. It is the acquaintance of love. Our Lover-Lord draws nigh to us. And He has such an understanding heart.

David continued, "Thou understandest my thought afar off"—before it is fully formed, before it can ever be expressed. That is why He has promised that before we call He will answer. Before we have uttered our prayers He has known what we would need and has prepared the thing that He causes us to desire and ask for.

As we read over this wonderful 139th Psalm we see that in His tender compassion our Lover-Lord will follow us wheresoever we go. "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." What a faithful Shepherd is ours. When we are so prone to wander, He will come and search us out, leaving the ninety and nine, to go out in the cold night after the willful straying sheep "until He find it." And then, gently pressing it to His bosom, and holding it there with that all-powerful right hand of His, He will carry us home to His fold.

Realizing the infinite love of our great Lover-Lord, David found a prayer in his heart, a prayer that everything within him which was unworthy might be removed. The Holy Ghost has graciously preserved for us the holy petition that we might make it ours today. For our Lover-Lord has called us to be His bride, a bride that is to be without spot or blemish, or any such thing. We may be complacent with ourselves, and think we are ready to enter into His holy presence, and yet He whose eyes are

as a flame of fire may see many things in our heart life and thought life that need to be purged away.

Realizing this, let us pray with David: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

In Zeph. 1:12 the Lord says, "I will search Jerusalem with candles." Every Hebrew father knew what this word meant, for it took him back to the night of the passover, when just before the feast he would take a candle and go carefully through the house for the last time, prying into every corner, into every cupboard, into every crevice, to see if there were any leaven in the home. For the Lord had said that if any had leaven in their house on that solemn night, their soul should be cut off from Israel. So a diligent search was made with a candle, and the last crumb of leaven was put away. Then the feast could be observed.

Shall we invite the Lord to bring His candle and search deep into our heart life and into our thought life, and see if there be any leaven of malice or wickedness, any unkindness, any lovelessness, any covetousness, any pride, and remove the same, so that we may be ready for the heavenly marriage feast? So it can be said, "The bride hath made herself ready." Let each one of us make this a personal prayer: "Search me, O God."

Note the last part of the prayer, the cry going up, "Lead me in the way everlasting," along that narrow path that leads to life, to be led into a *daily walk in the Spirit*, until that moment when our pilgrimage shall end and we shall hear the gentle voice of our Lord saying unto us, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." S. of S. 2:10.—S. H. F.

as his Saviour, and his heart was flooded with joy.

"Rader," said he, "did you ever see the sky so blue? Was grass ever so green?" "Ah! I know what you mean," said Rader. We sometimes sing:

"Heaven above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green;
Something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen."

"And now I know what those lines mean," replied the banker. Then suddenly he leaned against Mr. Rader and fell into his arms—dead.

"Surely there is only a step between me and death," may be said of every one of us. Avail yourself of the opportunity that is now yours of turning to God, and receiving Christ and His great salvation.



Was the Herod who had John the Baptist slain a Jew or a Gentile?

According to the best authorities, the Herod family were Idumeans, or Edomites, descendants of Esau. Herod the Great encouraged the

circulation of a legend that he was descended from a famous Babylonian Jew, but this legend had no foundation.

What does it mean to bear one's cross?

It means that we ought not to shirk the hard things in life that fall to our lot, but rather bear them with patience and sweetness.

Please explain the difference between the heart and the mind.

The heart is the center of the feelings; the mind, of the thinking. He who always follows his heart may lack judgment; he who always follows his mind may become unfeeling and unkind. We need the affection of the heart balanced by the judgment of the mind, and we need the judgment of the mind balanced by the tenderness of the heart.

THE WONDERFUL WORD

"God Is Faithful"

1. *He is declared to be faithful.*
"God is faithful." 1 Cor. 1:9; 10:13.
"Great is thy faithfulness." Lam. 3:23.
"Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."
Psalm 36:5.
2. *His titles denote His faithfulness.*
"The Faithful God." Deut. 7:9.
"The Lord that is faithful." Isa. 49:7.
In creation He is the "faithful Creator."
1 Peter 4:19.
In intercession He is the "faithful High Priest." Heb. 2:17.
In revelation, instruction, and witness He is "the faithful Witness." Rev. 1:5.
"Faithful and true." Rev. 19:11.
3. *He is faithful to Israel.*
"Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel . . . the Lord that is faithful . . . shall choose thee." Isa. 49:7.
"I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness." Hosea 2:20.
4. *He is faithful to His Church.*
In calling us. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thess. 5:24.
See also 1 Cor. 1:9.
In establishing and guarding us. "The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil." 2 Thess. 3:3.
In temptation. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." 1 Cor. 10:13.
In forgiveness. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." 1 John 1:9.
In afflicting us. "Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me." Psalm 119:75.
In answering prayer. "In thy faithfulness answer me." Psalm 143:1.
In His promises. "He is faithful that promised." Heb. 10:23. See also Psalm 119:86; Heb. 11:11; Rev. 22:6.
5. *His faithfulness is—*
Never-failing. Psalm 89:33.
Incomparable. Psalm 89:8.
Ever-present. Psalm 89:24.
His girdle. Isa. 11:5.
Eternal. Psalm 119:90 (as the heavens, Psalm 89:5).
6. *Let us declare His faithfulness.*
"It is a good thing . . . to shew forth . . . thy faithfulness." Psalm 92:2.
"I have declared thy faithfulness." Psalm 40:10.
"I will make known thy faithfulness." Psalm 89:1.

THE WAY OF SALVATION

Suddenly

The late Paul Rader had many a talk with a famous banker in New York, who had much to do with floating War Loans. He would reply that he was too busy for religion, but *one day*—. But he overworked himself, and was sent to a sanatorium for a complete rest. One day God spoke to Paul Rader. The message was quite clear. "Go and speak to S—"

Rader caught a train and went with all speed to the sumptuous sanatorium. As he drove up to the front door, he saw the banker standing in the doorway. "O, Rader," said he, "I am so glad to see you." "I received your telegram," said Rader. "No!" said he, "that is impossible. I wrote a telegram begging you to come. But I tore it up—I did not like to send it."

"That may be so," replied Mr. Rader, "but your message came by way of heaven." He quickly discovered that his banker friend was under deep conviction of sin; and he pointed him to Christ as a perfect Saviour. How he drank in the message as they walked arm in arm across the lawn! That man accepted Christ

Words of Counsel from "Daddy" Welch

The devil will go with you to Gethsemane, but not to Calvary.

Consistency and impartiality are needed in every minister.

In evangelistic work beware of whipping people into line.

As a minister never ally yourself with any faction among the people. Be neutral.

When God moves you, don't keep up associations with your former sheep; do not go back and shear them next year.

Preach to the people and not at the people. Let your message be impersonal, aimed at sin and not at the sinner—except hypocrites; aim right at them if you are ready to be a martyr.

Do not interfere with the process of repentance by showing sympathy for the penitent.

Cultivate yielding your mind to the Lord if you are going to preach.

Be careful of your statements until you know your interpretations of Scripture are water tight.

Never, if it can be avoided, put any proposition before an assembly that calls for a division among them. A preacher is supposed to hold everything together.

As a shepherd strive to direct the love of the people towards the Lord and not towards yourself.

Teach tithing; but do not use an unnecessary amount of the income of the church for your personal needs.

Never set rigid lines for your ministry. Yield to the leading of the Spirit. For God may have a special message for someone in your audience.

You can afford to make sacrifices for the sake of unity. It is a manly thing to stand up for your own rights, but it is a Christlike thing to surrender them for the sake of others.

The faith that works miracles among people is the faith that worketh by love. Ask God for love for the person who is in trouble.

It is hard to guide a ship until it is in motion. The blessing of God falls on the path of everyday duty. *Stay busy* and God will lead you on.

The philosophy of all preaching is first to get the people to think, then to feel, and finally to act.

Never make a path to any one door. Treat everyone alike, with a little reserve for all.

If you want to hit a person a knock-out blow, hit him with an act of living-kindness, with a piece of humble-pie.

We can afford to sacrifice individuality for unity. We need a vision of the principles and practice of unity.

Always teach that the Baptism is not simply a physical matter, but that it includes the

whole man, the physical side being the least important.

A large percentage of our disciplinary suffering is on account of pride. Pride interferes with the will of God. Don't let self-respect degenerate into pride.

It is possible to dissipate the power of the Spirit by too much demonstration, and then when a need for power arises, to find that there is none left. Keep the power for a crisis.

God can use *anybody* if He can get the necessary co-operation.

Character is the strength of God in the soul of man.

Faith looks clear past the trouble. It visualizes Christ.

Don't pet people when they have been cut by the Word. Pray for them.

If you fight the wrong it will fight you. Get behind the right and push it.

As you think of things, desire and will move in their direction. Think only on things worth while.

Are you seated in heavenly places? *Keep your seat!* Are you in Christ? *Stay there!*

Some people claim they are willing to be door mats—but I should fear to step on some of them.

Unless a person's will is saved it will be very hard for him to live a successful Christian life. I believe the Holy Ghost can manipulate a person's will and the result will be a fixed determination to do the will of God.

The better we know Jesus the more readily we yield to Him.

There is no sin like unbelief. The poisons of all the sins in the world are in it.

Christ took upon Himself the yoke of servitude. When He said, "Take my yoke upon you," He intended for us to assume His attitude of servitude. "Learn of me," means to follow Him in His course.

Beware of revelations and manifestations that are not given to other Spirit-filled believers.

The Baptism does not restore a backslider, nor does speaking in tongues. Only the Blood restores to fellowship with God.

The leading of the Spirit is not arbitrary, but suggestive. Unless we are sensitive to this we are not sure of God's will. He does not make us do things but *enables* us to do them.



Daddy and Mother Welch on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

God works by the Spirit through the human channel.

God can develop a mushroom overnight, but it takes years to develop an oak.

Only as a man lives *with* God can he live *for* God. You can never lift anyone an inch above your level.

The secret of successful service is in letting the Spirit use us.

What God says is so whether it seems so or not.

The closer we get to God the more modest we shall become.

Avarice and envy are subtle enemies. Beware of them.

Never put an "if" in a confession.

Be reverent in things pertaining to the house and service of God.

IN DARKEST AMERICA

Christian Endeavor World reports the following incident: A high-school boy was asked to read a Scripture passage. When he began he said, "I will read from John, section 3, part 16." After the meeting the pastor spoke quietly to the lad. "Don't you know the Bible is divided into chapters and verses, not into sections and parts?" "No," said the high-school student, "I never had a Bible in my hand before." Comments the periodical: "This incident might not be surprising in the heart of Africa, but in the middle of the United States it ought to be regarded with alarm. Here was a young man who had lived near a church all his life; had gone through the school system of a leading American city; and yet he had never held a Bible in his hand."

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A Visit to Nobe

By Gladys Taylor, Belgian Congo

It was my privilege recently to accompany a group of workers to the Nobe mission station. As we came into the last village before reaching the mission we were greeted by the head-man, who came out to welcome us and incidentally mentioned how happy the Bwana at the mission would be to find that we had all come to help him make brick. He was soon to learn that he had guessed wrong, however, for we had come for a few days of special meetings. The next morning found him and a chapel full of others gathered together for a gospel service.

The Spirit of God Grips Them

Looking over the crowd we were especially impressed with the number of aged men, many with marks of sin and disease upon them. The Spirit of God gripped them and held them as Brother Nilsen brought the Word. As he closed his message with an invitation to seek God, the little mud chapel with a dirt floor became a prayer room. "Who is this man sobbing and praying so earnestly?" we asked Brother Tanner. "One of our station workmen," he replied, "who has given us more trouble than any of the others until recently when God got hold of him." A woman who had previously come to the service only to laugh and make fun found that she also needed a Saviour, and came to Him for help that very hour. Many of the Christians received a new touch of His Spirit. Though these young Christians are far from perfect and have much to learn we know a definite work has been wrought in their hearts.

In the afternoon Brother Walker spoke to the Christians, and two native evangelists ministered to a crowd of more than one hundred who had come to the station to buy or sell food.

Our last service there was on Sunday night. Two village headmen and all their people were present, making the crowd too large for the chapel, so a place was arranged outside, a canvas being put up against the side of the house, and pictures were shown on the life of Christ, accompanied by a message from a native evangelist. These scenes of Christ's suffering being flashed amid the blackness of an African night, and in a land of suffering, made an indelible impression on the natives' hearts, and many hands were raised for prayer.

Since the Nobe station was opened about a year and a half ago Brother and Sister Tanner have been laboring there faithfully. The Lord has honored His Word, so that now a class of twenty-three professing Christians is meeting two afternoons each week. Others who have accepted Christ in the villages are asking to enter the class. Will you remember in prayer these who have so recently found their Saviour, that they may continue to walk in the light of God's Word as it shines upon their path?



A pioneer missionary's house—the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Tanner and little son Donald at the new Congo station in Nobe.

"WE HAD FINALLY COME"

The following incident, showing the extreme hunger for God which was created in the heart of one man in Peru just through reading the Word, comes to us in a letter from P. Henry Hall:

"Just about a week ago we had a precious service in a hacienda. It was a new place called 'Pro,' where none of the brethren had ever been before. Soon after the start of the meeting, a large crowd being around us, a worker pressed into the ring and asked to speak. Then, instead of addressing the crowd he knelt down and thanked God that we had finally come. He said he had been praying for years that someone would come with the gospel. He had come in contact with the Word of God up in his country of Chincha but apparently had never been in a service. Such was his hunger from just reading the Bible, however, that he prayed that the Lord would send someone to where he was working. The people received us quite warmly and there was a good response to our invitation. We thank the Lord for such encouraging services."

A JAPANESE SOLDIER WRITES

The following letter was written by a Christian Japanese soldier to our missionary, Miss Helen Gustavson, in North China:

"You have seen me often at your church. It was always a happy time when I could attend and praise our Lord with you while I was staying in Tsinan, although I could not talk with you because I do not speak Chinese. You are all my brothers and sisters in Christ forever. You know there is no nation in the kingdom of heaven.

"I am pleased with the love you have manifested in Christ, in that you have welcomed me whenever I attended your meetings. There is now sad trouble between your nation and ours and we are suffering from it; however, we can love one another and shake hands heartily through Jesus' blood even in this trouble. Our Lord, Himself, said, 'Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom.' We are now in the trouble and suffer every day, but this is only the proof of His coming. 'I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.' Romans 8:18.

"The people of this world consider that they can make peace by their own hands, but we know it is in vain. Oh, when we all get to heaven to see our Lord, what a day of rejoicing that will be! All Christians should live with this precious hope every day and every moment.

"Now let us pray for all people that they may come to our Lord Jesus Christ to be saved.

"I pray every day for peace in your country, and I thank our Lord for the opportunity He has given me to meet many brothers and sisters in Christ in Tsinan before I meet them in heaven."

A GOOD BEGINNING

Mrs. H. E. Hansen, recently returned to North China, writes: "Not long ago Mrs. Feng, our native pastor's wife, testified concerning the saving power of Christ to a young lady sitting next to her on the bus, who was looking for work. Mrs. Feng told her that the most important thing was to give her heart to the Lord, then He would see that her temporal needs were supplied. That same afternoon the girl found the Lord and within a week had also found a good position.

"The girl sent word to her brother, who is teacher of a primary school, asking him to go to Pastor Feng's home and tell how the Lord had answered prayer. That afternoon her brother also found the Lord. He immediately thought of his sixty-seven students and asked if we could hold meetings once a

week in his school. A few days after we arrived in Peking, we held our first meeting in this school. Only two of the pupils had ever heard the gospel before, but how hungry they were. From week to week they seem to remember the lesson well.

"One little girl has already taken her stand for the Lord and has refused to worship the idols in her home. Her grandfather first coaxed her, then tried to bribe her, then threatened and finally beat her, but she stood firm for the Lord. Let us pray earnestly that this open door will remain and that these little children will also be heralds of the gospel in their various homes."

GOOD MEETINGS AT PU CHI

Grace P. Nicholson writes from North China: "We are praising God for His presence and power during our fall conference in November. There was a noticeable increase in attendance over the spring conference. I was glad to see so many families present—mothers and fathers with their children. It shows a substantial foundation for this work.

"A young married woman came with our evangelist's wife. She was unsaved and entirely ignorant of gospel teaching. During the meetings she came under great conviction, and as our worker prayed with her she confessed deep sins, was gloriously saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and had a vision of heaven and of eating fruit there. For some time after that she could not partake of any food because the vision was so real to her.

"During a former conference six brethren were set apart to stand with me in the work. God has greatly blessed them, and at this fall conference they took the responsibility of providing grain and other food for about two hundred people during the meetings."



Three of the Chinese Christian workers at Pu Chi station, North China.

IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Many of our readers will remember that shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicodem arrived back in India late in 1935, our Brother Nicodem was taken seriously ill with a heart disease and passed away the next summer, leaving his wife and six children. Taking courage in the Lord, Mrs. Nicodem has bravely remained on the field and has carried on the work they were called to do.

Her son Jack, now eighteen years of age, is finishing school in India and desires to

come to America to enter Central Bible Institute in preparation for returning to India to take up his father's work and assist his mother. Mrs. Nicodem has written express-



Mrs. Nicodem and family—Jack standing at the left.

ing her wish that fare might be provided so that Jack may come home to go to Bible school.

In view of the interest that many of our readers had in the work of Brother and Sister Nicodem in India, we believe that some would like to help bring Jack home. We know our Sister Nicodem will greatly appreciate anything that can be done for him. Offerings for this purpose should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated for Jack Nicodem's return fare.

MAIL LOST

We have just received word from Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Long in India that our remittance letter of Nov. 30 has never reached them, so they have been unable to write to the friends who contributed to their support that month. We are, however, sending them duplicate advice slips so that they may acknowledge their offerings. Their money, of course, reached them safely, since we sent it directly to a banking agency in India.

A CHANGE IN NORTH INDIA

At the North India District Convention in November the Executive Committee asked Miss Anna Helmbrecht to take over the Moghal Sarai station, to which she kindly consented. Her new address is: Assembly of God Mission, Moghal Sarai, U. P., India. It has been pointed out to us that Miss Helmbrecht will need a car for the work in this place. Those desiring to assist with her new work in this way may send offerings designated to Miss Helmbrecht for the car to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

A WORD FROM SOUTH INDIA

Last Sunday we were at our new station in Chingalotta, where God has been working in a wonderful way. A number have been saved and in about two weeks eight have been filled with the Holy Spirit. The small building with its mud walls and crude thatched roof was packed as only Indians seated close together on the floor know how to pack a building.

At the close of the meeting we walked to the stream where six were buried with their Lord in water baptism. It was thrilling to hear their ringing testimonies before the crowd who had gathered to mock, as well as before the Christians who were standing on the river bank.

Two other places are urging us to come and establish a work in their vicinity and many hearts seem to be opening to the gospel message.—Mildred Ginn.

GREAT HUNGER FOR THE WORD

The following paragraphs are taken from an interesting letter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hodges in Nicaragua:

"In Nicaragua the Assemblies of God work is definitely responsible for the souls of approximately a quarter of a million people; that is to say, in the greater part of this territory there is no other Protestant church working. Our work at the present time just touches a small portion of this territory. It is possible to travel for days through towns and villages without finding one established church or a gospel preacher. Here is a real challenge to a couple who are willing to say, 'Lord, send me!'

"We realize, however, that the work of evangelizing can never be accomplished entirely by the efforts of foreign missionaries. For this reason we are making every effort possible to prepare native workers as pastors and evangelists. We are in the closing days of a three-months' Bible institute, dedicated exclusively to the training of workers. I have never before witnessed such a desire to know the Word of God as is manifested by some of these students. It has been common during the school for the students to arise at three or four in the morning to study. We found one studying by the light of the moon, and some have been repeating portions of their lessons in their sleep. These precious young boys are now going into the fields to work for the Master. Will you please pray for them?"

"God supplied the needs of the school this year. The students themselves could pay less than one-fifth of the total expenses but the money was provided and we are able to finish the school without debt. Next year we



Mr. and Mrs. Hodges pause by the wayside to rest.

are expecting an increase in the number of students, since the same ones will be returning for their second year course and others will begin the first year work. The expenses of the school will be correspondingly greater. Perhaps someone would like to help meet the expenses of a student through the three months' term. The sum of \$5.00 would do it."

Offerings for this purpose should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated to M. L. Hodges for the Bible school work.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

David's Kindness to Mephibosheth

Lesson for February 26, 1939. Lesson Text: 2 Samuel 9.

Bearing. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Rom. 15:1. (Golden Text) David showed great kindness to crippled Mephibosheth. He helped him bear his infirmity. Paul exhorts us to do likewise with our weaker brethren.

Foot Trouble. In Canada there resides a man who ministers solely to the feet of all the patients who seek him for relief. His marvelously sensitive and dexterous hands give the feet of the sick person an adjustment and many who come to him go away cured! He has gained a world-wide reputation as an alleviator of human misery and suffering, by ministering to peoples' feet. Is not the Church of Christ overloaded with Mephibosheths, suffering with *foot trouble*? So many weak brothers and sisters who have to be carried? Oh, that Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of David, might come and lay His nail-pierced hands on our infirm feet, making them whole, healing us of our physical and spiritual lameness, so that like the lame man, healed at the beautiful gate, we might feel our "feet and ankle bones" receiving strength, and "leaping up" we might enter the temple of God "walking, and leaping, and praising God." Acts 3:7, 8.

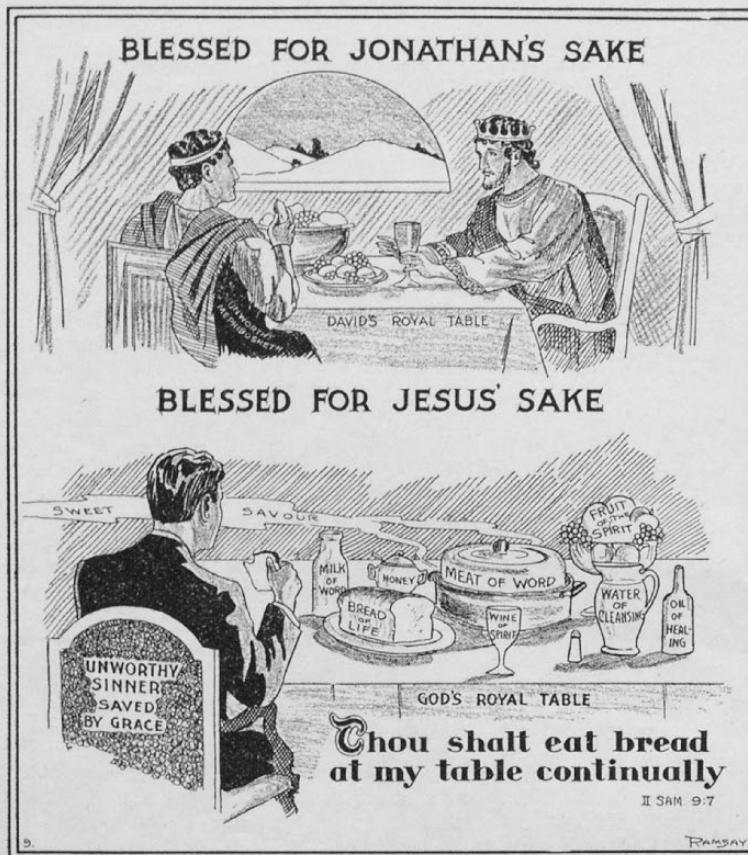
Keyed to the Slowest. The speed of a flock of sheep is adjusted not to the strongest and fastest of the flock, but to the rate of speed at which the weakest of the flock can travel. Just so, the Church of Christ, general, or local, only advances in proportion to the speed of the weakest members of the flock. Therefore, "we that are strong" if we feel impatient at the slow progress we are making, can only accelerate our speed by "bearing," by curing, by correcting, the weaknesses, the infirmities, of the Mephibosheths in our midst.

Closely Bound Together. Recall pictures you have seen of a party of men climbing a steep mountain. They are all "roped together." One rope binds them all to each other. Does a weaker inexperienced member of the climbing party falter, slip, or stumble? He is saved from falling over the precipice to his death or grave injury, because he is bound to the others, who remain on their feet, and by their united strength they lift up the fallen comrade.

Eating at the King's Table. "So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table." He not only enjoyed the king's protection and fellowship, he enjoyed the king's hospitality—the royal provisions. Even so, we as individuals are invited to "dine with the King of kings." "Be-

hold, I (Christ) stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3:20. He will set the table. He will supply the food and drink.

Royal Provisions. One day a poor old Christian lady had company. All she had in the house to set before them was potatoes and herring. But as she bowed her head and gave thanks, she said, "Dear Lord, I thank Thee, that Thou hast ransacked both sea and land to give us this food."



saken, nor his seed begging bread." Psalm 37:25.

Lavish Supplies. What a table the Lord has set down through the ages! "The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing." Psalm 145:15, 16. There are now two billion human beings upon this earth. God has provided the means to feed them all. It is not the fault of our heavenly Father if any lack. It is due to man's bungling mismanagement and disobedience. Think of the billions of feathered creatures that fly in the air—He feeds them all. Think of the billions of cattle and other domesticated animals—the countless numbers of the wild creatures—God made provision to feed them all. Think of the inexhaustible supply of food swimming in the seven seas. In the southeastern waters of the United States alone, there are 600 different varieties of edible fish. He feeds them all. And best of all, He has not failed to provide spiritual food. Christ says, "I am the Bread of life." Enough for all. Let us feed on Him continually. And Paul says to us, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not *with Him also freely give us all things*?" Rom. 8:32.—Harry J. Steil.

NEUTRALITY DISAPPEARING?

The complacency of those who feel that in "neutral America" there is no need to fear the storm-clouds that gather across the water, is being shaken these days by President Roosevelt's defence program and such incidents as the sale of \$60,000,000 worth of American fighting planes to France, the \$25,000,000 loan to China, and the creation of a U. S. submarine and air base on the island of Guam which is in the center of the Japanese mandate of the Caroline Islands. Guam is the width of the Atlantic Ocean beyond Honolulu, our present outpost of empire.

THE BIBLE IN IRELAND

According to *The Sentinel* (Toronto) a certain band of colporteurs visited 112,000 homes in Ireland within twelve months. They sold 57,000 copies of the Word of God, 55,000 of them being to Roman Catholics. Other missions are doing similar work. There is a changed attitude on the part of many; even some of the priests are beginning to see that the only way to stop the growth of Communism is through teaching the Bible.

NEVER A BAD PEACE!

Writes A. B. McCormick in *The Presbyterian*: "You may be skeptical about the peace of Munich. You may be critical of Chamberlain for going to Rome. But perhaps it might be well to weigh the words of Benjamin Franklin, written at Versailles in 1783 after the War of the Revolution: 'May we never see another war! For in my opinion there never was a good war or a bad peace.'"

Inexhaustible Supplies. When poor Mephibosheth moved into David's palace, all his worries were over. He knew that David's supply was inexhaustible. And hallelujah! our "David" has an inexhaustible supply for all His trusting children. There are no depressions or recessions in heaven. No crop failures there. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." "I shall not want." "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Psalm 23.

Jesus Never Fails. At the moment, the writer is thinking of a dear Christian brother, in the East, a successful manufacturer, who came to this country as a poor boy. How often that good brother, now gray-headed, has arisen in the meeting and, with grateful tears in his eyes, has declared in the words of King David, "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous for-

THE OUTLOOK AND THE UPLOOK

PRESENT DAY EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE

RACE PREJUDICE IN AMERICA?

In New York City thirty-one per cent of Jewish youth, numbering 115,000, are unemployed, says *Word and Work*.

ROME'S GROWTH

According to the *Alliance Weekly*, "the rapid growth of Rome, which now has 1,250,000 inhabitants, has led the Vatican to seek and obtain permission to build twenty new Catholic churches in newly built sections of the city.

THE CHURCH IN SPAIN

Bernanos, a French Roman Catholic, has written a book on conditions in the isle of Majorca under Franco's rule. He puts this fierce question to the bishops of Spain: "You say the people of Spain have lost God? But have you ever given them God to keep?"

STEWARDSHIP

We learn that Mr. William Fleming, a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, and a successful oil operator, announced to the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, this last week, that he would give all of his 1939 income to charity and religious work.

READING

"What are American young people reading?" asks *Herald of Holiness*. "Blood and thunder, mystery detective stories, 1,580,000 copies monthly; sex magazines, 15,000,000 copies monthly, more than 350 different issues. They say that an average of two to four readers for each copy, therefore nearly 7,000,000 young people read the horror magazines and between 30 and 60 million monthly the sex magazines."

AIDING JEWISH REFUGEES

The New Deal and the "Old Deal" are joining hands in at least one matter, comments *The Presbyterian*. Solicitor-General Jackson recently called on the Christian world to make good the promise of a Jewish national home in Palestine. The same night former President Hoover urged that America's doors be thrown open to admit our proportionate share of Jewish refugee children. In so doing the nation is bidding for God's favor, for He has said of Israel, "I will bless them that bless thee."

A NEGLECTED PEOPLE

Writes the director of the European Jewish Mission: "During my recent visit to Europe, I talked one day with an educated Jew about Christ. He said to me, 'We are the most neglected of all the human race as far as the gospel of Christ is concerned. I am already an old man and yet it was only recently that I learned to know Christ as my personal Saviour. Very few of my Jewish brethren have had the opportunity to hear the gospel even once from the lips of a missionary. That is why quite a number of us have been driven into atheism and Bolshevism.' Tears came into the eyes of this man as he asked, 'Why have Christian people so neglected the poor Jews?' He repeated the words, 'Poor Jews' over and over again, and he said, 'Who will help us? If the Christians do not help us, no one will.'"

CRIME

New York Times in a recent editorial stated that as a person walks down the street, one out of every 37 people he meets will be a criminal, and one out of every 650 will be a murderer. It adds that the cost of this criminal population amounts to fifteen billion dollars yearly, or about \$115 to each individual in our population.

"BLACK JEWS"

Writes Keith L. Brooks in *Prophecy*: "The news has it that the wilds of West Africa have come forth with another wonder; the tribe B'nai Ephraim, a race of black Jews. In the western 'Bush Region,' one of the wildest in Africa, were discovered some 2,000 naked black savages living in twenty small villages. They live under the patriarchal rule of seven hereditary rabbis; have several sacred copies of the Torah; follow Jewish customs; and celebrate all Jewish holy days."

"THERE SHALL BE . . . RUMORS."

Why has the President recommended the immediate construction of 13,000 fighting planes? asks the *Los Angeles Times*. America faces possible alliance soon with Britain and France in a European war, it is claimed, for the following reasons: (1) America is not in danger of invasion by air as long as the U. S. navy remains, for military airplanes that can span the Atlantic, do serious damage and return have not yet been built by anyone. (2) Military airplanes soon become obsolete, and unless these 13,000 planes are intended for use in the near future, building them would be a waste of money. (3) The only conceivable use for these planes would be to fight in Europe, not taking off from America but being flown from British and French bases.

OTHERS—A DIGEST OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

THE GIVER—When we receive the Baptism we receive not merely a gift, but the Giver of gifts.—*Smith Wigglesworth*.

COLLEGES—We believe it is useless to train young men and women unless we bring their minds under a sovereignty of the living God and into the service of humanity.—*President Marts of Bucknell College*.

PERILOUS TIMES—Free government is in a desperate battle today. Every aspect of freedom is threatened—freedom in the individual, in the press, religion, and science.—*Dr. Harold C. Urey of Columbia University*.

TWO LOYALTIES—I have two tremendous loyalties: that to Jesus Christ and the wonder of His gospel and kingdom, and that to free government in the United States of America. To be a man, and yet live like a slave, shut away from facts, from truth, from expression, would be to me but a living death; consequently I abhor the dictator-ruled state. It is the most desperately reactionary development of the centuries.—*Harold Paul Sloan*.

JEWISH NATIONAL HOME

The claim of some that there is not room in the Holy Land for the Jews now under oppression is refuted by the words of Hon. L. S. Amery, former British Secretary of State for the colonies, who is well informed on facts. In a trans-Atlantic broadcast late in December he said: "It remains a fact that nowhere else than in Palestine can comparatively large numbers be immediately absorbed and be assured not only of refuge or of the hope of eventual assimilation but of an abiding home of their very own."

EMOTIONALISM

The Herald of Holiness quotes Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, senior bishop of the M. E. Church, as saying that "emotionalism has as much place as logic in religion." President Eliot of Harvard once criticized Methodism for being too emotional. Bishop Hughes says, "I told him that as far as my church was concerned, it did not have one fourth enough emotionalism. The great center of overemotionalism in America is not the church but the college. If people's emotions were stirred in church as they are at football games, religion would get somewhere."

ORGANIZATION

Bishop Charles Wesley Flint of the Methodist Church believes that the world would be better off if a hurricane or an earthquake would destroy all the churches once a century, so that organizations might be broken up and the churches be given a new start. "Religious denominations, political parties, and governments all get hardening of the arteries. A great idea strikes a man and he gathers a group about him. They organize an institution. For a while the idea becomes a great cause to which men dedicate their lives. Then the people work the organization for the sake of the idea. In the next stage they work the organization for the sake of the organization. And in the last stages of degeneration, the organization works the people for its own sake."

If we substitute the words "spiritual experience" for the word "idea," we shall have here a warning which we can take to heart in our own fellowship.

JEWS DENOUNCE COMMUNISM

We learn from *Our Sunday Visitor* that there has been organized in New York the American Jewish Federation to Combat Communism and Fascism. The Federation is sponsored by Jewish veterans of the World War headed by Milton Solomon.

Addressing the first meeting of the group Mr. Solomon said: "I do not believe I need say anything at this gathering as to how the Jews feel toward Fascism and Nazism, and how they abhor these political beliefs equally with Communism. Unfortunately, in seeking to escape from the persecutions and sufferings imposed by Fascism and Nazism upon our people, some few misguided ones among us have turned away from Judaism and have embraced Communism as a defense against their enemies."

Mr. Solomon stressed this fact: "No Jew can be a Communist. . . . Communism seeks to destroy religion, no matter what Communist speakers may say to the contrary. The Jew is a Jew because he believes in Judaism. . . . Communism is diametrically opposed to Judaism, and so I say again, no real Jew CAN be a Communist."

IN THE WITNESSED HARVEST FIELD

CHANDLER, ARIZ.—January 22 we closed a very successful campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Ray M. Hargis, Logan, New Mexico. Several were saved or reclaimed, and four were filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was built up in every way. Council ministers are welcome.—Norman L. Field, Pastor.

MIDWAY (near Fairview), OKLA.—God has given us a wonderful 4 weeks' revival with Edith Hantz, of Binger, Girl Evangelist. The Lord blessed His Word to the hearts of all. The attendance was very good. The young evangelist's message made a great impression on the young people. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Park Reed, Pastor.

LOUISVILLE, OHIO—In a revival meeting with B. E. Hillman, of Dunkirk, 22 were saved or reclaimed, and 2 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. This number includes persons from surrounding assemblies. The last day of the revival 12 were immersed in water. The largest crowds attended this campaign that the church has ever witnessed since its dedication.—C. D. Hirst, Pastor.

SALEM, MO.—We have had a wonderful revival meeting, conducted by the Grogen Sisters, in which 23 were saved, and 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The church was set in order by Earl Hance, Presbyter of the Sullivan District. I was elected pastor for one year. I greatly appreciate helpers from different towns.—Lee Bates.

EAST CHICAGO, IND.—We closed a meeting in December with Blanche Virgin in charge. Five were saved, and 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our crowds were larger than in any meeting heretofore. When we came here three years ago there was only one person in the church who had the Baptism except the workers who were coming from Gary. Since coming we have seen 15 filled with the Spirit at our altar, and God has sent in others who have the blessing. The church was brought into Council fellowship a year ago last September.—Katharyn Baughn, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—I praise God for the way He has blessed at the Northeast Assembly, 2043 N. Howard. In the past year about 125 have been saved or reclaimed, and 33 have received the Baptism. Of this number about 80 were saved and 30 received the Baptism in two revivals conducted by Kenneth H. Lawson, and 47 in our regular services. Evangelist Dewey Cole gave us a meeting last summer which was stirring and helpful to the church. Our fall revival, conducted by Bucher Brothers, California, Mo., was a great blessing to us, leaving the church with a revival spirit. The meeting just closed has been a blessing to us. Eighteen came into church fellowship, a number were baptized in water, and the Lord is still blessing.—M. F. Hamilton, Pastor.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS—January 1 we started a revival with Douglas J. Friesen, Enid, Oklahoma, as the evangelist. He was with us for one week and then was called away because of the serious illness of his father. We continued the meeting with Louise Biffle, Joplin, Missouri, and June Lawson of Parsons. The meeting closed January 22 with 9 saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. This is a new work.—O. C. Coberly Pastor.

MULESHOE, TEXAS—We came here in October, 1938, and I was voted in as pastor of the church. Since that time there have been about 12 saved. We just closed a 2 weeks' revival, Brother and Sister McSpaddin, Carter, Oklahoma, being the evangelists. Several were saved and many were stirred to seek God. The church was built up and encouraged to go on with God. Since we have been here God has blessed us with a new two-room parsonage and a new floor in the church. We are planning on stuccoing the building soon. Council ministers passing this way will find a welcome here.—C. T. Barrett, Pastor.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ.—Last August Brother and Sister George Bixler came here and started a work with the small group already here. Since that time God has blessed. We now have a Sunday School of 49 and a regular church attendance of from 50 to 70. God has surely blessed the preaching of His Word by Sister Bixler, H. Knight, and others here that feel the call to service upon their hearts. Two young women were saved in the Sunday night service, and received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 Tuesday evening at a prayer meeting, together with two other earnest seekers.—Mrs. Bill H. Haynes, Secretary-Treasurer.

EADS, COLO.—Evangelist James S. Hutsell, former Superintendent of Oklahoma District, was with us a few days. We shall never forget his visit here. His messages were a great blessing to the church. Then Evangelist R. H. Distler came for a meeting. Brother Distler has a stirring message for both old and young. Our sectional fellowship meeting was held here January 18. The day was greatly blessed of God. Paul Fleming, of Colorado Springs, brought a marvelous message in the morning on "Dwelling Deep." The power of God came down in a wonderful way in the testimony service. Evangelist R. H. Distler spoke to an overflow crowd in the afternoon on Rev. 21:2-6. C. F. Ferguson, our Sectional Presbyter, spoke in the evening on "The Purpose of Pentecost." It was a sermon preached under the anointing of the Spirit, and I believe it will have lasting results. Three were gloriously saved, and 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit on the night of the fellowship meeting.

I have resigned the pastorate here and expect to leave after January 22. We are open for calls. R. H. Distler will carry on after we leave the work here.—George A. Wagner, P. O. Box 27.

YORK, NEBR.—A 3 weeks' meeting conducted by Evangelist Wesley Goodwin, was unique in two ways: 7 received a glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and every member in the church is now a "tither." There were several conversions and some new members were added to the church. Plans are under way to enlarge our present building facilities in the near future.—Virgil W. Hall, Pastor.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of January, 1939.

Cook, Fred J., Indio, California
Crane, Benjamin F., Canton, N. J.
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TROUBLE—A SERVANT

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signed to defeat us, is not a mere nuisance or cruelty, but is one of the corrective elements in great living, we must needs *learn how* to use it. How many problems would be solved and shipwrecks of faith be avoided, could we take a positive, constructive attitude and see that trouble is one of the agents and mighty instruments placed in our hands for the shaping of character and the releasing of potential power for correct and glorious building.

How do you use trouble? Naturally (due to physical and fundamental elements in our makeup), we shun pain, discomfort or trouble. But that is because we relate them purely to their action upon the physical or present mood. So many times hours are spent in praying trouble, the great servant, away. At times we take long, circuitous journeys to avoid meeting with her. Finally, when we are compelled to meet her we spend a long, long time telling her, or God, that we do not like her and we wonder and wonder why we ever had to meet her at all. But trouble is not to be reasoned with; she is utterly unreasonable. She is to be *used*.

Please disabuse your minds of the erroneous thought that if you are good, or a really spiritual Christian, totally yielded and consecrated, your life is therefore to be a charmed one and that God will spare you from trouble or disappointment. No, to reach such a fine place of consecration and yieldedness, is only to make you a fit candidate for tribulation. Tribulation is a word God uses in relation to saints. The etymology of the word means *threshing*. A farmer does not thresh weeds: he threshes the golden wheat, that the grain may be separated *from* the chaff and sticks. He is after grain, not trying to pound out some straw. Therefore He says, "Tribulation worketh patience," that is, the golden grain of patience, longsuffering and kindness comes by way of threshing or tribulation. Think of the splendid spiritual grain of character and noble living produced only through the tribulation process. The spirit-

ual tone and quality of the mighty men of God came only through trouble and suffering.

In the world about us, in the fields of fine music, art and literature, the artist never reaches the climax of his labors and gives to the world the best in creative beauty and strength until he has known the poignant touch of personal sorrow or grief or trouble. So many times it is like a divine alchemy turning the ordinary and prosaic life into a glorious display of divine power, fortitude and beauty. It is the *use* of trouble which releases the deeper springs of our lives and sets aflo the streams of mercy and understanding which a perishing world and humanity needs.

Do not misunderstand me; I am not saying that trouble alone makes us strong or noble and has a transforming power. I am dealing with you as Christians who believe Rom. 8:28, and that text, as you see, is never to be applied to lives that are not surrendered. That is why so many unsaved people never understand the outworking of the scripture in the daily walk, but if the Christian has anything remotely approaching the Spirit of Christ he can make trouble to be a servant to bring forth the best in him. This I suggest in my poem, *Trouble Is a Servant*.

But trouble in itself is neutral, or passive; the whole matter depends upon *how* we use it. One may take an inactive attitude and lose the benefit of the trial; justify himself, and trouble will make him bitter or resentful; or it can make him hard, cruel and cynical. People who have no faith, no perspective of thought or vision let trouble do all sorts of harmful and cruel things to them, but thanks be to God, there are so many wonderful people upon whom trouble has fallen who were able to see and discern behind its mask, a servant, at their beck and call, to build them lives of strength and beauty.

In a simple study of such lives we find a certain creative power which make out of their calamity a magnificent privilege. You have noticed in lives a two fold reaction to trouble or tragedy; either it will break us in spirit, melting the hardness and bringing us in our helplessness to God or it will throw us upon our feeble resources and human reasonings, and this in turn, at times hardens us in spirit, makes us critical and often cynical. It robs the heart of the great privilege of trusting God and the developing of the life into rich and helpful avenues.

Trouble will make you either *bitter* or *better*. Notice how very much alike these words are, and how very little is needed to change them; just the letter "I." Yes, dear ones, it is the "I" that changes the whole matter; when the "I" keeps out of the question, out of the difficulty, life will be *better*, but when the "I" is introduced and we get mixed in the trouble, life will become *bitter* and we get hard. Too many times this "I" gets in the way, the poor, little hurt ego gets a slap and down the street he runs, screaming for attention; the dear little *ego* sits in his doorway and weeps tears of self-pity until his eyes are so red and inflamed he just cannot *see* things as they are or should be.

It takes the quiet heart, peace of spirit, and clear vision (long range, if you please), to interpret trouble in terms of strength and

high living. Little souls, small people, are usually hurt all the time; the self (the *ego* within) is unduly important and consequently is easily hurt or flattered. Such souls have too small a world and hence everything relates directly to the self within. They will have a very difficult time to say the least. Many times such souls are persons who are seeking justice, fairness, and a proper adjustment of life. They never seem to learn. We are not here for justice we are here to *live*. If you expect to be a spiritual and victorious Christian you may as well learn here and now, to drop justice out of your vocabulary as far as it may relate to your life. We do not get justice now. God's Saturday night of settlement has not yet come.

Some live as though life, and the Christian experience, were some kind of a slot machine: you put in a dime's worth of kindness and pull out three yards of blessing; then five cents' worth of charity and you think God *must* bless you next Saturday night. Be very good, kind, or generous and next week the wind will blow you a fortune. It is true that what we sow that shall we also reap; and bread cast upon the waters shall return, but God is not too clear on the time element. So we shall not always receive our justice here and now.

Jesus never taught His followers to expect justice. Paul did not receive justice; even great leaders in history did not always receive justice here and now. Do not mistake me: I do not mean that the Christian or spiritually-minded one is not conscious of the hurt, or the trouble of the injustice. Believe me, dear souls, the Holy Spirit makes one all the more sensitive to the pain, the hurt, and wrong, but the victorious soul has found the gift of grace and the love of God sufficient to hinder the trouble from marring his spirit.

The closer one gets to Christ the more sensitive he will be to pain, to little petty mean ways and all the train of unkind and unlovely things which would vex the heart and tarnish the spirit. The eyes are now anointed and he sees in them privileges of overcoming and high living. I am sure we have all lived long enough to have had some injustice done us. Yet today, God has given us grace not to harbor any resentment or hard feelings. To have trouble or injustice and *know* the feeling of it, and yet live above and far from its damaging power is a sign of real spirituality, a sign of Christian character He has wrought in the life.

Some one learned of a real *injustice* done me in the material things one time, and he was horrified because it came from a Christian source. "Such treatment as that," he said, "is absolutely wrong. I would not stand for it." Of course it was wrong and very unfair, and at times I was amazed and tried, but I kept my heart and life open for justice and the right thing to be done by me; but I was neglected and seemingly forgotten. But God had taken me quite a way on the road and I knew He would take care of the matter so I took of His grace and love, and stood it. Consequently it never caused me a resentful spirit nor did I allow the hurt and the disappointment to fester into a sore. And today I praise God for the reality of His life in my heart to keep it sweet, when trouble and unfair dealings would chill it to indifference and hardness.

Had we time we could trace through history both sacred and secular, scores of noble men and women who were *not* spared the hard places in life. They were good, moral, kind, noble and yet came under the disciplinary measures of trouble. Certainly Paul knew trouble or he never could have written, "In labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more often, in deaths oft. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice suffered shipwreck." Yet out of it all he comes purified and strengthened, a noble expression of God's grace and an example of the ages to come, that trouble may be used to build a Christian character.

In the Old Testament we find Joseph and Job and many others, demonstrating the same truth. Surely Joseph might have said, "All these things are against me. Where is God? Why all this confusion and trouble when He promised me great victory and triumph?" But listen to him after in faith he comes through, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." Gen. 50:20. We are following in the steps of Christ and He said, "The servant is not above his lord." And we read of Him, "Though a Son, yet learned He obedience through the things which He suffered."

What are you seeking in your trouble today? Is it *deliverance* or *development*? You may have the one and not grow or you may have both and grow. Get the development first and the deliverance will be yours too. Let this servant minister to you in a way no other servant can. Take the positive attitude and use your trouble as one of the most skillful and wonderful instruments God ever placed into your hands for the working out of the character of Christ to be duplicated in you.

Trouble, if correctly used, will bring you great peace and a deep surrender of spirit which nothing else can work in you. I have not gone far on the way (thirty years of walking in the Spirit) but I can give as my personal testimony that these deeper revelations of truth and clear understanding of the things of God have only come through suffering. I cannot offer you any other method. May God grant you grace to take your share of trouble. Do not pray for exemption but may He teach you how to use this strange servant to build your life into noble proportions of strength and beauty and from your life healing streams of understanding and love will flow to broken lives and timid, fearful hearts, "For he who suffers most has most to give."

(You will find one of Brother Follette's helpful articles in the March Christ's Ambassadors Herald.)

HINDERING BABYLON

Sir Edwin Bevan says: "The great difficulty in the way of restoring Iraq (ancient Babylonia) to something of its former splendor is the sparseness of its present population. In antiquity it is calculated that Babylonia had a population of 7,000,000 or 8,000,000. The population today, some of it semi-nomad, is about 2,500,000. Thus we see today the teasing anomaly: in Palestine an Arab population of some 820,000, who stand in the way of the Jews' need to re-enter their ancient home, and just the other side of the desert, 500 miles to the east, a land of immense possibilities crying out for an additional Arab population of four or five million."

SEED THOUGHTS

ALICE E. LUCE

"If you wish to do something for a man you must do it for him before he becomes a man."—Theodore Roosevelt. How impressive and urgent does this truth appear in view of the inroads of the devil, the world, and the flesh upon our youth of today.

"As the twig is bent, the tree inclines." Not in vain is the patient teaching of godly parents whose life exemplifies what they teach.

Some men were discussing the relative values of certain translations of the Bible. One of them concluded the discussion by saying, "Well, after all, the version I like best is the translation of the Bible which I saw in my mother's life."

Children whose baby lips learned to speak to Jesus first of all, and who have never known any doctor but the Great Physician, have a wonderful shield of heredity and training as they go forth to meet the temptations of life.

In later life they may even backslide and wander away from their parents' God; but they can never forget what they learned in infancy and childhood.

The promise stands: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Even though the children have wandered, the Lord will bring them back in answer to patient, persevering prayer.

"THE BEST YET!"

That is what everyone is saying about the February issue of the *C. A. Herald*. The brethren from headquarters, as they go out to the field, are hearing excellent reports of the blessing attending the ministry of this paper. Not only are the young people being edified and blessed but the older people are appreciating it too.

Among the contents of the February issue are the following messages: "Lessons I Have Learned," by Gordon R. Bender; "The Country Preacher," by Ray R. Soper; "Approved of God," by T. Kermit Jeffrey; "An Ex-Modernist's Testimony," by Harry A. Stemme; another good chapter of Brother Gortner's life story; a further account of Mrs. A. H. Argue's story; studies in the Book of Revelation, by Myer Pearlman; "Consideration for Others," also by Brother Pearlman, and three other splendid topics; and a number of marvellous answers to prayer.

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Of What Is It Born?

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Jacob might inherit the blessing. Sarah stooped to degradation and Rebecca stooped to miserable deception in efforts to bring to pass the promises of God, and both reaped the results of their carnal plans and actions. Instead of reaping blessing for so doing, they reaped sorrow.

The Bible is one long book of examples of those who have brought forth after

the flesh, and others who have brought forth after the Spirit. May our heavenly Father teach us to cease from carnal scheming and human strife and to trust God to put us where He would and to use us as He chooses. Everywhere we see the evidences of "that which is born of the flesh." May the Lord teach us how to "crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof" and to live in the Spirit, assured that if things do not immediately appear, as we should like, they must appear in God's time if they are of Him. If they are not of Him may we be glad to see them pass from us forever. Life is a constant conflict between the flesh and the Spirit. If we walk after the flesh we cannot please God. If we walk in the Spirit we will "mortify the deeds of the body." Remember that not only must we be born again, but our every plan and decision must be born of the Spirit if we would "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof."

"Praying Always with All Prayer"

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Do we not need, all of us, a stronger faith in God's power and willingness to save, and a spirit of more earnest and believing prayer? Awake ourselves, by God's mercy, we shall want to see God's arm awake and His power at work. We cannot do better, then, than get us to the dust before our Master's feet, there to importune Him and to give Him no rest till He make the place of our ministry a praise in the earth. To this end it is ours to pray for a great awakening in these latter days.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days! Will all readers of this appeal join us in this prayer and lay hold of God's power and blessing in His appointed way? Better, far better, do less work, if need be, that we may pray more; because work done by the rushing torrent of human energy will not save a single soul: whereas work done in vital and unbroken contact with the living God will tell for all eternity.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Our hearts have been made to rejoice greatly for the way the Lord's blessings have rested upon us here in the Houston Section of our Woman's Missionary Council work in 1938. In our last quarterly rally we were privileged to have Sister F. D. Davis, our District Superintendent, with us. She encouraged our hearts with her good message on "Serving the Lord." Our financial report was also encouraging, we having contributed \$170.89 to Home Missions and \$458.38 to Foreign Missions in the last quarter of the year.

As we are entering into a new year we are looking forward with great anticipation for

the blessing and anointing of the Holy Spirit to rest upon us for another year of service unto Him who said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." What a wonderful privilege we have of taking the gospel to those who are ill, and to the aged and shut-ins, ministering to the poor and needy, encouraging those who need encouragement, and contributing to missions both at home and in the foreign field.—Mrs. N. T. Germas, Sectional Secretary.

PRESERVATION AMONG PERILS

Miss Mabel Broadbridge, a missionary in Shanghai, China, writes: "About a year ago I was asked to preach at the Cantonese Mission. I talked a lot about the protection of the precious blood of Jesus, and the 91st Psalm.

"It was a day when the bombs were falling and the shells screaming overhead worse than usual, and the poor Chinese needed the encouragement of the Word. After the meeting an invitation was given for any to come out to the front for salvation, or anything they needed from the Lord. Many came out for salvation. Among them a Girl Guide knelt down and said she wanted me to put my hands upon her and ask for the protection of the precious blood of Christ for her, as she was going into the firing line that night to help bring out the wounded. I asked if she were saved and they said, 'No.' I explained to her that she could not claim the protection of the blood of Christ unless she were saved. She immediately answered, 'I must believe in Jesus, because I must have the wonderful protection.' Praise God, she was saved. I committed her to the Lord, and claimed the protection of the blood of Christ for her.

"We did not hear any more of her, and did not know if she were alive or dead. But praise God, she came back to the Mission last week and said that eight of them went into the firing line that night. Seven of them were killed and she was the only one whose life was saved. Praise God for the power of the precious blood of Christ!

"I went to a refugee camp where thousands are herded together just under straw matting. The gospel was preached and many were saved. I met an old woman with crutches and her story was that she had lived right where the fighting began, and she was in bed at night.

"The soldiers were fighting all around her house, and suddenly a Hand grasped her and pulled her out of bed and put her in a corner of the room. The next moment something fell through the bed. She then felt the Hand pull her from that corner to another; and so on through the night this Hand was pulling her from place to place until she was tired out. In the morning she found that her house was riddled with bullets and shrapnel, but she was untouched, but very tired. That woman could not have moved by herself because she could not get her crutches, yet she was moved around all night by the Divine Hand and she is just rejoicing, although forced to endure the discomforts of a refugee camp. Our God is able to deliver.

"Another man told me that he was on a train coming to Shanghai, when the Japanese appeared to bomb it. He thought it would be safer if he ran to a stationary locomotive to hide under it. This was two hundred yards away. Before he could move, however, the Lord said to him, 'Why do you leave this train? Can you not trust Me?' So he sat still and the next moment the bombs fell; but they fell on the stationary locomotive, killing all who

were hiding under it, and they did not touch the train. The Lord cares for His own.

"A man was in that terrible carnage on August 14th. He was suddenly flung to the ground and many people fell on top of him. When the rescuers came they found that these were all dead bodies, but he was alive underneath. He was soaked in blood, and he thought himself that he must be badly hurt and would die soon. However, he got a ricksha and went home. When his family saw him they all began to weep thinking he must be mortally hurt; but after he had bathed and changed clothes he found that he had not even a scratch. The dead bodies had protected him and God had thrown him down first that his life might be saved. Truly, our God is a God of wonders and miracles."

COURAGE

Bishop Whipple tells of an Indian, who said to the missionary. "My hands are full of blood. I have always been a warrior. Can I be a Christian?" The missionary told him of God's love, and then, to test him, said, "May I cut off your hair?"

When the Indian cuts his scalp-lock, it is a sign he will never go on the war-path again. "Yes," he said, "you may; I will throw my old life away." It was cut.

As he started home, he met some wild Indians, who shouted with laughter, and cried, "Yesterday you were a warrior, to-day you are a squaw." Stung to the quick, he threw himself on the floor of his home, and burst into tears. His Christian wife then came, and putting her arms round his neck, said, "Yesterday there was not a man in the world who dared call you a coward. Can't you be as brave for Him who died for you as you were to kill Indians?" He sprang to his feet, and cried, "I can and I will!"

Bishop Whipple adds: "I have known many fearless servants of Christ, but never braver than that man."

A LIVE PRAYER MEETING

by William Olney

Something under fifty—keen and prayerful all;
Ready, waiting, list'ning for the Master's call;
Asking for His glory that He will provide,
Loving wisdom aye to win souls for whom He died.

Nothing cold nor formal in the praise and prayer,

Laying at God's foot stool every weight and care;

Cares for church and pastor, cares for school and class,

Asking purposes of Love soon may come to pass.

Joyfully expecting Pentecost shall be
Still the blest experience of Christ's family:

With anticipations born of God-wrought faith,
Asking the fulfillment of all Scripture saith.

"TOO WICKED"

Writes a Christian worker from Poland: "We had an interesting encounter one day, illustrating in a measure a revolution in Jewish thought. Coming out of a restaurant with a friend, we found a small company of Jews scanning eagerly the head-lines of a newspaper. It told of atrocities being meted out to their compatriots in a land not far away. 'What

they need is a Moses to come and deliver them,' remarked my friend. An old patriarchal-looking figure of a Jew slowly shook his head, 'No, we do not deserve a Moses; we are too wicked.' My friend turned to me afterwards and said that a few years ago it would have been impossible to hear a Jew make a confession like that. Now is the opportunity to speak words of comfort to Israel, and to remember that 'inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it not unto me!'"

A RABBI'S ADMISSION

Said Rabbi L. Israel: "We Jews have made our errors. We were rebellious with Moses. We merited the castigation of the prophets. It was the essence of the greatness of the Jewish people that we could not only be profligate and sinners, as all other peoples, but we had within ourselves the moral genius to raise up those who would rebuke us, and the moral vision to preserve the words of that rebuke as our most treasured heritage."

Would that he and others could stretch that admission to cover Israel's treatment of Jesus!

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 14 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 16 days before that date.

CRYSTAL, N. DAK.—Baptist Church, Feb. 12-March 5. Gladys M. Welter, Evangelist.

COCORAN, CALIF.—Full Gospel Mission; Feb. 12, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist A. Knudson and party, Crosby, N. Dak. Samuel Eyer is Pastor.

CHAUTAQUA, KANSAS—Assembly of God, Jan. 29—; Juanita Brown, Avant, Okla., Evangelist. R. C. Shannon is Pastor.

WILLOW SPRINGS, MO.—Feb. 24—; Evangelist and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, Texas Singing Evangelists. Raymond Nolan is Pastor.

CHARITON, IOWA—Feb. 12—; Dorothy Fowler, Kansas City, Mo., Evangelist. Everett Hollingshead is Pastor.

GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO—Feb. 19—March 5; Blanche E. Brittain and Mildred A. Westerlund, Evangelists. Asa Allen is Pastor.

EUNICE, N. MEX.—Feb. 19—; Evangelist E. C. Tobey and daughters, of Portales. A. W. Harris is Pastor.

LAUREL, MISS.—West Laurel Assembly, Feb. 26—March 12; Kenneth Irwin, Evangelist.—R. D. Stringer, Pastor.

CLAREMONT, N. H.—Feb. 28—; William A. Ward, Washington, D. C., Evangelist. Fred Smolchuck is Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—First Pentecostal Church, 7th Ave. and 36th St., Feb. 19—March 12; Ralph Byrd, Evangelist.—C. C. Garrett, Pastor.

DAYTON, WASH.—Assembly of God; Feb. 19, for 3 weeks or longer; Russell Rexroat, Humboldt, Kansas, Evangelist.—E. H. Scaberg, Pastor.

POWERS LAKE, N. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle; Feb. 12, for 3 weeks or longer; Emma Wilson, Chicago, Ill., Evangelist.—K. E. Olson, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—Pentecostal Faith Church, 5th and Fox Sts.; Feb. 12, for 3 weeks; Martin Luther Davidson, Evangelist.—C. B. Thomas, Pastor.

HOLDENVILLE, OKLA.—Creek and Fourth St.; March 1, for 3 weeks or longer; Ben H. Lewis, 555 S. Quaker St., Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist.—B. W. Morgan, Pastor.

SULLIVAN, MO.—Second annual Missionary Convention, Feb. 24—26. First service Friday night. Basket dinner Saturday. Those coming from a distance will be provided for. Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary, and several missionaries will be present. Earl J. Hance, Pastor, Box 293.

MADERA, CALIF.—Meetings in progress until Feb. 26; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists. T. F. Alford is Pastor.

ESCALON, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Church; Feb. 5, for several weeks; Medora Combs, of Turlock, Evangelist.—C. Ely Persing, Pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, Stanislaus and Channel Sts.; Jan. 29, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul H. Ralstin.—E. O. Robeck, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—Revival Tabernacle, 9th and Acoma; Feb. 19, for 4 weeks or longer; Otto J. Kluk, Pittsburgh, Pa., Evangelist.—E. F. Hewitt, Pastor.

OLYMPIA, WASH.—Assembly of God, Second Ave. and Pear St., Feb. 21—March 12; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. E. G. Lawrence is Pastor.

MISHAWAKA, IND.—Trinity Pentecostal Assembly, 315 E. 3rd St., Feb. 28—; Irma Hodgson, Rock Island, Ill., Evangelist; Blanche Novak, of Gary, Pianist.—Mrs. Elizabeth Buckland, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Laurel Street Tabernacle, Laurel St. and Pleasant New Blvd., Feb. 21—26; John Wright Follette, Run Paltz, N. Y., Special Speaker.—J. L. Price, Pastor.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Trinity Pentecostal Church, 417-419 Pennington St., Feb. 14—March 5; Alexander H. Clattenburge, Evangelist. All-day meeting Feb. 22.—Warren C. Anthony, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Divisadero and U Sts.; Feb. 21, for 2 weeks or longer; Guy Shields, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—Charles Pepper, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—Highland Park Tabernacle, 2204 Highland Ave., Feb. 12—; Chas. O. Neece, Evangelist. All churches invited to co-operate.—Mr. and Mrs. D. Wiley Norton, Pastors.

PETERSBURG, VA.—First Pentecostal Tabernacle, Feb. 19—; Evangelists Mayme E. and Gladys Williams, Tampa, Fla.—O. L. Harrup, Pastor.

CHELSEA, MASS.—First Pentecostal Assembly of God, 113 Hawthorne St., Feb. 19—March 5; David H. McDowell, Jeannette, Pa., Evangelist. Annual Chelsea Day Fellowship Meeting as usual, Feb. 22; David H. McDowell, Speaker, afternoon and evening. Supper served. Great C. A. Rally, evening, March 4.—J. Earl Douglas, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Deeper Life" Convention for Christians and Christian Workers; Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., Feb. 17-26. Three meetings daily. Speakers include Mrs. Robert A. Brown, Hattie Hammond, H. E. Bowley, and R. M. Jeffrey. Plenty of rooming and eating houses in church vicinity. Address all correspondence to B. E. Mahan, Pastor.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

KENNETT, MO.—Divisional Convention, Southern Missouri District, Assembly of God, Feb. 22-23. E. L. Hance, Pastor. Henry Hoar, Special Speaker. Those living in Kennett and Des Arc Sections desiring to meet the Credentials Committee for District recognition may do so at this meeting. For further information write S. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, Dexter, Mo.—K. H. Lawson, Secretary.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—Eastern Oklahoma Missionary Convention, 617 N. Oklahoma, March 5-6. Returned missionaries and representatives from Headquarters will be present. Services daily, 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30. Entertainment provided as far as possible. Co-operation of all nearby pastors and churches solicited. Our Sunday night services are broadcast regularly over KSHB 1210 kilos.—Glenn E. Millard, Pastor.

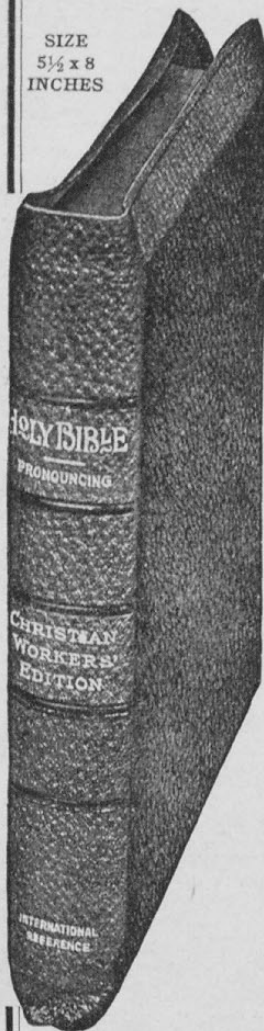
HARRISBURG, PA.—Capital Section C. A. Rally, Pentecostal Church, 2540 Jefferson St., Feb. 22. Services 2:30 and 7:30. Speakers: D. M. Wellard, teacher in E. B. I., and W. A. Brown, of Lancaster. Meals on freewill offering plan. Bring musical instruments. Come and bring a good delegation with you.—Fleming Van Meter, Sectional Vice President, 1056 Edison St., York, Pa.

TAMPA, FLA.—C. A. Rally, South Florida District, Faith Assembly Gospel Tent, Interbay Blvd., Feb. 22. Follow arrows from University of Tampa, Lafayette St. Sponsored by the Tampa Young People's Fellowship. Services 10:00, 3:00, and 7:30. Basket lunch. R. D. Smith, C. A. President. For further information write H. J. Waltermann, Pastor, 3110 Wallcraft, or O. B. Leach, Fellowship President, 8812 Twelfth St., Tampa, Fla.

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GROOM, TEXAS—C. A. Rally, North Plains Section Texico District, March 10. Services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30. Basket lunch. Bring your musical instruments and well filled baskets. Ed. Spillman, Pastor.—Ernest K. Bates, Sectional Representative, P. O. Box 52, Skellytown, Texas.

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBR.—Nebraska Southeast Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Assembly of God Tabernacle, Feb. 24. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:45. Bring musical instruments. Oscar Davidson, Pastor. District Superintendent A. M. Alber, Special Speaker.—Don Throne, Southeast Sectional Secretary, Assembly of God, 8th and Elk St., Beatrice, Nebr.

KANSAS FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS
Laswell, 7:30, the 20th; Medicine Lodge, all day, the 21st; Sharon, all day, the 22nd; Corwin, all day, the 23rd; Attica, all day, the 24th; Greensburg, 2:30 and 7:30, March the 1st; Dodge City, all day the 2nd; Garden City, all day the 3rd; Scott City, Sunday, the 5th. All "all day" meetings begin at 10:00.—V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent, 1017 S. Market St., Wichita, Kansas.

C. A. CONVENTION
SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Spring Convention, Christ's Ambassadors of Southern California and Arizona District, Feb. 24—26. The High School Auditorium, which seats 1600, will be used. Rooms provided for visiting young folk and delegates as far as possible. Special rates on meals. Good speakers, including missionaries, have been obtained. For information write Pastor E. L. Friend, 1435 West First, Santa Ana.—Esther Mae Cooper, Secretary.

WINK, TEXAS—Pecos Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 21. Church dedication 3:00 p. m. A. C. Bates, Main Speaker. C. B. Cox, Pastor. All ministers in the section urged to attend.—M. E. Stubblefield, Presbyter, Midland, Texas.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Springfield Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Faith Assembly of God, West Division St., Feb. 20. D. G. Lewis, Pastor. First service 10:30 a. m. C. B. I. students will have charge of 6:30 C. A. Rally. Bring instruments. K. H. Lawson in charge.—J. L. Whittaker, Sectional Secretary, Bolivar, Mo.

OPEN FOR CALLS

L. L. Ferguson, 233 West 5th St., Bristow, Okla.—"Have resigned the pastorate here. Open for evangelistic calls."

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NEW ADDRESS—Box 241, Davenport, Okla. "We have accepted the pastorate here. I have also transferred from Arkansas District Council to the Oklahoma District."—Walter L. Brown.

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NEW ADDRESS—2826 Morgan St., Tampa, Fla. "Have resigned the pastorate at Wildwood, Fla., and accepted the pastorate of Highland Park Tabernacle, 2204 Highland Ave., Tampa, Fla."—Pastors D. Wiley Norton and Myrtle Snair Norton.

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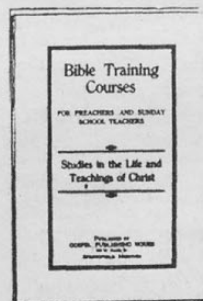
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NEW ADDRESS—1410 University Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. "I am taking charge of the First Assembly of God church."—E. E. Templeton.

NEW ADDRESS—405 N. 17th St., Parsons, Kansas. "We have resigned the pastorate at Attica, Kansas, and have accepted the pastorate here."—Geo. L. Hanley.

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Scores of men and women, boys and girls were running through the streets crying out the names of their loved ones whom they were seeking. "Mary!" "John-n-niel!" Anxiously they inquired of friends and neighbors, "Have you seen my loved ones?" The mighty power of the wind, had picked up men and women, boys and girls, and transported them through the air!

One of the two companions remarked to the other, "Do you see these streets of Nashville with distracted relatives, looking for missing loved ones? This is the way the inhabitants of every city, town, and hamlet will behave five minutes after Christ has come to catch away His redeemed people. They will be looking for the missing ones." What did the Companion mean?

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Reported Given Direct for Home Missions	131.82
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Amount received for Foreign Missions	6,254.58
Amount previously reported	29,331.69
Total received for Foreign Missions this month	35,586.27

A Successful Cradle Roll

How old should a child be before a mother should place him under Christian influences? One may as well ask how old he should be before we should consider his physical welfare. The Christian mother prays for her little one even before it is born, but not all mothers are Christian. Unsaved mothers' babies, too, need Christian training, and we cannot provide it too early in life.

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Through this contact, the parents, and especially the mothers, are made to realize their responsibility for the child's spiritual development. It is agreed that environment

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