

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER,

BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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One Great Christian Essential "Be Filled with the Spirit"

J. R. Flower at the Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, Sunday Morning, July 16, 1939

MOST of us I believe have read the account of the home-going of our precious Brother J. W. Welch. The statement appeared that formerly he had been ordained in the Christian and Missionary Alliance and was sent to Oklahoma by that body of people. When he arrived he found he was the only Alliance minister in the entire state. It was not so very long after till he came in touch with the message of Pentecost, his heart was opened and he diligently sought the face of the Lord until he was baptized in the precious Holy Spirit. That brought a severance of his relationship to the Christian and Missionary Alliance and also paved the way for his greater ministry in the Assemblies of God.

I had the privilege of being at Hot Springs, Ark. in April of 1914 and Brother Welch sat with me on the platform at that time. He had very little to say at Hot Springs, but he was among the group who formed the first General Presbytery, and the following year he was chosen to be general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

I might state here that there is one particular characteristic of the Assemblies of God, and that is our adherence to the truth of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the sign of the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Acts 2:4. Some of us who were in the early days of the movement can recall what it cost to sever our relationship with other bodies because of the truth that had been revealed to us. It was a great price to pay. Brother Welch paid that price and others have paid the same price, but God honored them. Although there were hard places, trials, tribulations, and sometimes much suffering, God did meet us and give us an enlarged ministry. As we look back over those days we can say it was well to have made that consecration to God.

If Brother Welch were here this morning I know just about the type

of message he would preach. In fact, Thursday evening (July 13) I was visiting him in his home. He was lying on the bed and I knelt beside him. His heart was beating regularly and we hardly imagined the end was so near. He placed his hand on my shoulder as I knelt beside the bed and we had a precious season of prayer together. And then he whispered something to me—a word of admonition—and it is the spirit of that message I am endeavoring to bring to you this morning.

Here are a few verses from the 5th chapter of Ephesians, beginning with the 13th verse: "But all things that are re-proved are made manifest by the light:

for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is the truth of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit which has made us a distinct people. There are other great truths to which we adhere such as regeneration, sanctification, divine healing and the imminent second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and these are all great truths, and essential to a full Gospel message, but none of them is responsible for making us a distinct people. These truths were held by many before the Assemblies of God were born. The one great truth which made us a distinct people is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. If we were to minimize the truth of the Baptism in the Spirit or to step aside from its advocacy, we would be undermining our own testimony and our primary right for an existence as an organization. I believe this with all my heart.

Because of our stand on this position we find that often we are misunderstood, and some followers of Christ do not give us whole-hearted fellowship. As long as we know we are moving in the will of God we can stand that. At the same time we want to be kind and considerate of all those who have not received the light that we have received. But it is a most glorious experience and some of us have never gotten away from it, and do
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Brother Welch

He was a man of God, a stalwart soul,
Buttressed by truth divine, upheld by grace,
His vision fixed on heaven,—far-off goal,
The world where now he sees his Sovereign's face.

The storms that raged disturbed him not, for he
Was anchored safely to that steadfast rock,—
Securely rooted like giant tree

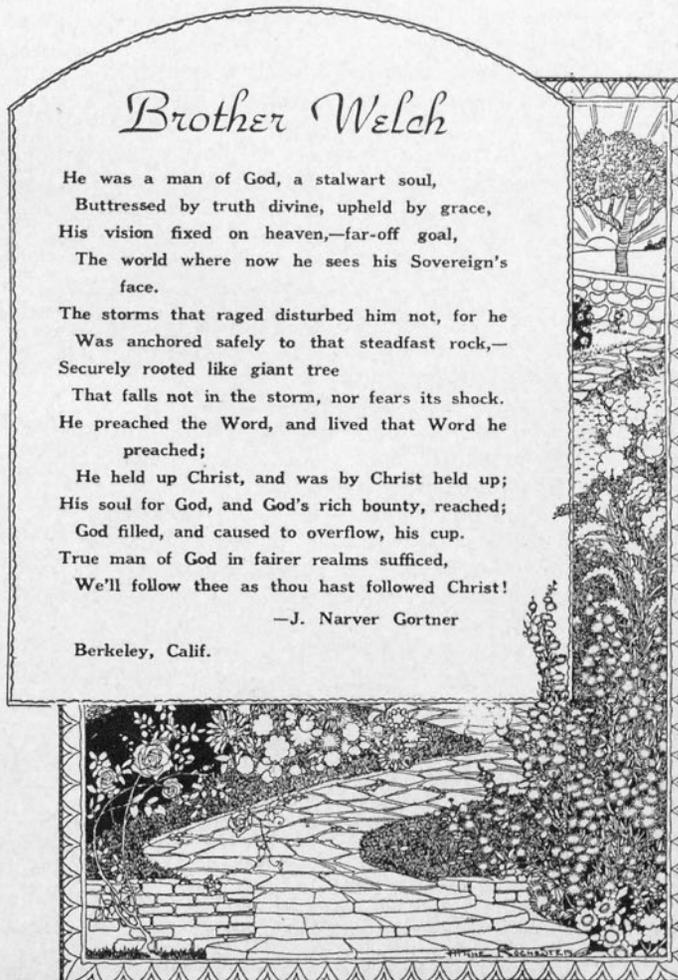
That falls not in the storm, nor fears its shock.
He preached the Word, and lived that Word he preached;

He held up Christ, and was by Christ held up;
His soul for God, and God's rich bounty, reached;
God filled, and caused to overflow, his cup.

True man of God in fairer realms sufficed,
We'll follow thee as thou hast followed Christ!

—J. Narver Gortner

Berkeley, Calif.



The Essence of Christianity

Myer Pearlman

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6.

In Paul's day some Jewish Christian teachers, in bondage to the Old Covenant, contended that Gentile Christians must keep the ceremonies of the law of Moses. Against this error the apostle taught that Christianity was not a matter of ceremonial rites, but of a life-transforming experience. In the second clause of our text he compressed the essence of Christianity into a few words, describing it as (1) a faith; (2) a faith that works; (3) a faith that works by love.

I. CHRISTIANITY IS A FAITH

The Jews believed that saving righteousness was something produced by their good deeds. But Paul teaches that all men are condemned before God and need a righteousness that only God can give. This righteousness is offered in the gospel and it is received by faith. "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith" (Rom. 1:17), literally, "out of faith and into faith." Or, as one scholar renders the words, "lifting men from one step of faith to another."

The first step is believing the gospel on the authority of Jesus and His apostles. For faith rests upon the authority of the speaker, and derives its reality from his trustworthiness. The spiritual effect upon a person believing the gospel message is described as "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1:23.

This belief rises into trustful acceptance of the reconciliation to God offered to us in Christ's death. Thus faith is not dead belief, but inspiring confidence—the faith of the heart.

Faith is touched with emotion and becomes faithfulness, and leads to self-surrender, so that we can say, "I am crucified with Christ."

Self-surrender rises into spiritual union with Christ, so that we can testify, "Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Finally faith passes from the receiving end and becomes an active force in the life of the Christian. Thus all true faith is inseparable from works. As Luther said, "Faith is a divine work in us, which changes us, and creates us anew in God."

Realizing the importance and power of faith, we pray, "Lord, increase our faith." But we have been told how to increase our own faith. Moody tells us that he used to close his Bible and pray fervently for faith—but with little result. Then he changed his method, and kept his Bible open. He had learned that "faith cometh

by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17. Some time ago I saw an advertisement showing a man pressing something that looked like a big electric-drill into the roots of a great tree. Under the picture the explanation, "Yes, trees can be fed." Faith, which is the root of the Christian life, can be fed, and its food is the Word of God.

Is our faith becoming feeble, and the things of earth and time looming too large in our sight? Then remember that faith, which was born of God's Word, is sustained and strengthened by that same Word. "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21.

II. CHRISTIANITY IS FAITH THAT WORKS.

Two extremes should be guarded against. First the teaching that "it does not matter what you believe as long as you live right." Which reminds us of the story of the man visiting an insane asylum, who saw an inmate chopping at the foundation with pick and shovel.

"I'm trying to make a garden," said the inmate.

"But you can't make a garden here," said the visitor. "The building comes right up to the pavement on all sides. There is no room for a garden."

"Mister, you don't understand. I'm going to chop away the foundation all around the building. Then I'll have plenty of room for a fine garden."

"But, John, that building is your home. If you chop away the foundation what will become of you?"

At this remark the poor fellow looked very superior indeed. "Mister," he said, "you don't understand at all. I live upstairs. The foundation doesn't matter to me!"

It does matter what we believe, for how long can we live on the high levels of righteousness if there is no belief in the things that inspire righteousness?

The other extreme is the teaching that "it doesn't matter so much what you do as long as you believe." That too is a false notion, for what we truly believe affects our conduct; faith that produces no result is merely dead profession. Living faith in Christ means union with Christ, and union with Christ produces personal holiness.

Years ago a man who walked on a wire across the gorge at Niagara Falls, reported that he would the next day push a man across the same wire in a wheelbarrow. Men said it was impossible. But Evangelist W. C. Ruth went to Niagara on the day of the performance, and said to the performer, "I am certainly glad to meet you. I have been boosting for you all day. I believe you know your business; I say you'll take your man across safely!"

"It is indeed a pleasure to meet you," replied the tight-rope walker. "I've been looking all day for a man like you—I want you to get into the wheelbarrow."

We are not told the sequel of the story, but we know that the evangelist had a good opportunity to show how real his faith was! The tree is judged by its fruit; faith is judged by its works.

Faith should work in the home. The most searching test of the quality of a person's religious experience is found in his home-life. As one qualification for a bishop or superintendent Paul laid down the principle: "If a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" 1 Tim. 3:5. An unanswerable question! Speaking of the parent-children relation the apostle says, "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to *shew piety at home*, and to requite their parents."

"Shew piety at home" is a good motto for all who would live the victorious life! For the home is splendid testing ground for the demonstration of the virtues of reverence, obedience, thoughtfulness, gentleness, unselfishness, cheerfulness and courtesy.

A pastor was commending religion to a boy and expressed the hope that he would give his heart to the Lord in his youth. "Religion is a continual joy," said he. "See how much your sister Sadie enjoys her religion." "Yes," replied the boy, "Sadie may enjoy her religion *but nobody else in the house does.*" Faith that works will bring light and not gloom into a home.

Faith should work in our place of work or business. If God does not call us to the ministry we need not feel inferior on that account. For we can serve the Lord just as faithfully in our own sphere. There come before my mind some individuals: a well known manufacturer who fills his factory bulletin with gospel messages; a young Pentecostal Christian who is letting his light shine in a great city newspaper office; a young man occupying an important office in a State revenue department, who has a picture of the Lord before the cashier's window, whose New Testament lies on his desk in full view, and who often encloses a tract in his tax statements. People like that influence people who are beyond the reach of the preacher.

On my desk are two books dealing with business ethics. After glancing through them I concluded that every sound principle in them could be found in the New Testament. If one would steep himself in 1 Corinthians 13 and Romans 12, and use some sanctified commonsense, he could save himself the price of those books. Paul thus states the code of a Christian worker: "Servants, be obedient to them that are

Have you
received the
Holy Ghost?

For the promise is unto you,
and to your children, and to all
that are afar off, even as many
as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 2:39

your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord." Eph. 6:5-8.

We may think our job insignificant, but a big man (spiritually) can magnify an office. This truth is illustrated in the case of the Grecian general Epaminondas, whose brilliant military success brought him many opponents. These opponents out of spite elected him scavenger of the city in order to humiliate him. In accepting this position the general said, "If the position will not reflect glory on me I will reflect glory on the work." There was never such a scavenger as Epaminondas. He dignified a despised calling and Greece never had such an example. His name is mentioned down to this day with honor.

Faith should work in society. We mean "society" in the general sense including all whom we contact in daily life. A preacher was once nailing a refractory creeper to a piece of trellis work near his front gate, when a small boy stopped and watched him with great attention for some time. "Well, my young friend," he said pleasantly, "are you looking out for a hint or two on gardening?" "No," said the youngster, "I was waiting to see what a preacher will say when he hammers his thumb."

Yes, people who know the profession we make are watching us to see how we act under various experiences. True, some are watching for an excuse to say that Christians are not so good as they claim to be; but others are eager to be convinced that being a Christian makes a difference. The *tradesmen* of this city are watching to see how promptly we pay our bills. The *teachers* in the schools are watching to see what kind of home and church training Pentecostal children receive. Our *neighbors* are watching to see whether the Baptism with the Holy Spirit promotes good manners. *City officials* are watching to see whether our religion helps us to be good Americans and good citizens. And, this must have been in the mind of the *Master* when He said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

In the first section of our message we learned that faith must be fed; now we should remind ourselves that in order to have a faith that works we must exercise it. Our failures are not always because faith is lacking but because it is inactive. How do we exercise faith? By doing the will of God regardless of feelings or circumstances. Obedience is the secret.

A Chinaman brought a goodly number of his friends to the mission. When asked how he succeeded in getting so many to come, he said, "I got on my knees and talkee, talkee, talkee; then I got up and walkee, walkee, walkee." He had faith that walks!

Some of us want to wait passively till we have a mountain of faith before we

try to move a mustard seed! Let us use what we have!

III. CHRISTIANITY IS A FAITH THAT WORKS BY LOVE.

The author of the famous tract, "Come to Jesus," was engaged in a theological dispute. He sat down and wrote a reply bristling with sarcasm and abuse, and as cutting as a razor.

Said his friend on reading it, "It is a masterpiece of invective. You fairly flay him alive. What have you decided to call it?"

"I have not thought of the title. Can you suggest one?"

"Well," came the answer, "how would you like to call it,

"*'Go to the Devil,'* by the author of *'Come to Jesus'?*"

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," said the Master. "My dear children, let us put our love not into words or into talk, but into deeds and make it real." 1 John 3:18, Moffatt's translation.

Pray For the Coming General Council

THE PROMISE:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts . . . saith the Lord . . . for as the rain cometh down and snow from heaven and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud . . . so shall My word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void." Isa. 55:8, 10, 11.

THE APPLICATION:

The preaching of human thoughts accomplishes nothing, but God has promised to transmit through human channels, *His* thoughts, *His* Word which will meet the need of all humanity!

THE PRAYER:

That all those ministering in the Camp Meeting and General Council may have God's thoughts, God's Word, and God's anointing!

The Source of Power

Bryant H. Fulkerson

In the years of 1887-1891 I attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, taking the theological course, and D. L. Moody was present at each chapel service when he was not absent holding a revival meeting. On one occasion Brother Moody was holding a meeting in Baltimore, Md., and all twenty-one of us men who were in the graduating class were following the newspaper reports of the meeting with great interest.

The meeting continued for two weeks without any conversions. At last we students were beginning to wonder why, thinking something must be the matter. But on the first night of the third week there were reported to have been 114 conversions at the altar. We talked about the case among ourselves, wondering what had caused the

change in results, and finally we decided to ask Brother Moody when he returned from what source he got this power and what made the difference in the meeting.

As I was appointed spokesman, I went to Brother Moody and expressed our question. He said, "If you boys will come to my private study in my home tonight, I will gladly tell you the source of that power." We met in the study at the appointed hour. He had us to kneel in a half circle, called on each of us to offer a short prayer in turn, and as I happened to be at one end of the half-circle he said, in his familiar way of addressing me, "B. H., you lead the prayer."

While the remainder of the boys were praying I watched Brother Moody. He rolled up the leg of his trousers, and I wondered what on earth he was going to do. When we arose from our knees he said, "B. H., come; I will first show you the effects of my receiving power, on my physical stature." He had me put my hands on the cap of his knee, I declare truthfully before God that there were callouses on his knee a quarter of an inch thick, as hard and as rough as were ever on a man's foot.

Brother Moody said, "Young gentlemen, those callouses have been caused by the days and nights I have spent on my knees in prayer. For instance, you noticed that in my last meeting for two weeks there were no conversions. I was most distressed because of it, for it was something that had never happened before in all my meetings. So going to my room at a hotel that night after service, I put on my night robe and knelt to pray. I stayed on my knees, and next morning I failed to hear the breakfast bell. A porter was sent to my room but I did not get off my knees. I said, 'Tell Chef I am feeding my soul and I have no time to feed my body.' I prayed until ten o'clock that Sunday morning, when we had a consecration meeting. That night there were the results you read about in the paper—114 conversions at the altar. And may I say to you young men, if you would have power with God and man, talk much with God about men and talk much to men about God."

"Love Your Enemies"

Hudson Taylor, dressed in Chinese costume, while waiting for a boatman to take him across the river, stood on a jetty. Presently a richly dressed Chinaman came, and also stood waiting. When the boat drew near, this man, not seeing that Mr. Taylor was a foreigner, struck him on the head and knocked him over into the mud. Mr. Taylor said the feeling came to him to smite the man, but God immediately stopped him.

When the boat came up, the Chinaman looked at Mr. Taylor and recognized him as a foreigner. He could hardly believe it, and said, "What! you a foreigner, you like that?" Mr. Taylor said: "This boat is mine. Come in, and I will take you where you want to go."

On the way out, Mr. Taylor poured into that Chinaman's ears the message of salvation. He left the man with tears running down his face. Such is the power of the Gospel of Christ.

A Magician Converted

Amy Carmichael

One stewing hot Sunday afternoon as I sat at my desk trying to buy up the rare chance of quiet, M. W. P. blew in like a cool wind on my dull soul. He was swinging a small black cane in his hand, and looked exceedingly happy, and I knew I was in for a good ten minutes.

He had just come from an hour with a young fellow who had been brought to him by one of his men.

This lad had been in the Police Force when Raj (a brigand chief who was wonderfully converted) was being hunted and was one of those detailed to search for him, and he found him. But Raj's life won him. He could not resist it. He became his fast friend. Raj told him of our Lord Jesus, and of his own conversion, and he said, "He is the only Saviour. He saved me. There is no one whom He cannot change. His love cannot be described. I love Him, you too must be His man," and he prayed with him.

But one day Raj had another word. "We are doing wrong," he said. "You are paid to hunt me, and here you are my friend. You are taking Government money to do what you are not doing. It is not right." In brief, he made him understand it was not playing the game to do that kind of thing. It must stop.

There were many false things which as a policeman, he was expected to do, and at last, disgusted, the boy swung off and resigned from the Force. He could not do, he said, the things the life demanded of him.

Then he became a magician. It cost him Rs 500 to learn the required incantations. But he did not mind that, for he knew that riches lie at the feet of a really great magician (one who lives near us often receives as much as \$500 in a single month). And he went through all the necessary initiations. One of them almost cost him his life.

To acquire the magic ink which reveals secrets of both past and future, one has to fast for forty days and go to the burning ghaut at midnight. A certain juice has to be extracted from the bodies of both a Brahma and a Pariah. As bodies are burned here the magician has to mingle with the crowd of relatives when the body is carried out for burning and deceive them in some very foul way so as to secure what he wants. This was hateful to the lad, but he went through with it. After that long fast he went at midnight to get the juice, and it was, he says, as if hell opened beside him, and he saw a terrible form and believed it was Satan himself. In his terror he remembered Raj and what he had said, and he cried loudly, "Jesus! Jesus! save me!" and the form of horror faded away. By going to that place at midnight, and by other secret things he had done, he had of course laid himself open to any manifestation of satanic power, for the magician works in close co-operation with the powers of darkness and he knows it. But to see

one of those powers emerge like this out of the shadows by his path was more than he had bargained for, and the horror of that hour shook him to the center of his being.

He felt he must find the Saviour Raj had told him had saved him from the power of death and sin. But how? It does not seem to have occurred to him to go to any Christian for help. He did not apparently know any who knew our Lord Jesus personally, and he had an instinct that no one else could do much for him. One day he picked up a torn tract on the road, and there was enough of it left to point him to Christ. It was what Raj had said, that there was no other Saviour. The gods he had served were vain. This gripped him. They were vain.

Shortly afterwards he went home and stopped paying his temple tax and in consequence had to suffer some petty persecutions. But he stuck to his resolve and grew stronger and burned a good many of his magic things. Then one day he happened to hear a Christian preaching by the roadside. After the preaching he went to him. "I want two things," he said, "I want a mother and I want a Saviour." (His mother had died when he was small and the two longings got rather mixed.) "You will find both at Dohnavur," said the man, whose identity we have not traced. "Go there." So he started off at once, and arrived that Sunday afternoon with the special treasures he had not burned and his black, brass-tipped stick.

And now he had found Him whom he had sought.

We did not hear all this then; but between one and another this is the story, and though it is of course only its sketchiest outline, how good to hear, how good to be allowed to see.

That same night the children assembled for singing in the House of Prayer and after they had sung and we had read the Acts about the burning of magic things, and from Psalm 40:

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and he

inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Such a glorious Scripture for such an occasion, and the lights in the House of Prayer had been turned down. M. W. P., who had been out preaching and had just returned, held a big iron tray in his hands so that all could see, and we stood in still masses of children, boys, girls, men and women, watching in dead silence while the ex-magician burned his treasures to ashes.

It was something unforgettable, the intent, strong, young face, the long threaded slips of palm leaf inscribed with magic formulæ and incantations, of very great value to him; the yellow flame, the silence.

Then as the last ash fell on the little white heap on the tray, we sang "Glory, glory, Alleluia." It was a wonderful hour.

(The amazing story of Raj, the brigand chief, will be told in the *Gospel Gleaners*. This serial will commence in the September issue and continue for eleven issues. The story is condensed from Amy Carmichael's book and is illustrated by our artist, Charles Ramsay. Be sure and get a large supply of *Gospel Gleaners* for your Sunday School. The single subscription price is 75c per year. In bundles of 5 or more, 15 cents per quarter.)

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not intend that we ever shall get away from it.

However, there are many things connected with the Pentecostal experience which we may have misunderstood. There is the danger of exalting an experience to a place of importance that is not given to it by the Word of God. We know there are some who hold an extreme view of the security of the believer, based on the philosophy of sonship; i. e., once a son, always a son, sonship cannot be forfeited. As we understand the Scriptures, we believe that every believer on the Lord Jesus Christ is in a probationary state, and as long as we are in the flesh there is the possibility of one's turning away from the grace of God. There are plenty of scriptures to warn us against such a course. There is no salvation or eternal life apart from Christ. 1 Jno. 5:12. However, there is no need for any believer to be lost. The grace of God is sufficient to keep us in every trying situation, to strengthen us to meet every temptation, and to cause us to triumph over all our adversaries.

However, there seems to be a feeling on the part of some that once we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are always baptized, and when the question is asked, "Do you have the Baptism?" they will answer, "Yes! I received the Baptism about twenty years ago." That settled it! Once baptized, always baptized! These same people who would disclaim any belief that when one is saved they are always saved, irrespective of what they may do or believe afterward, when it comes to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, by their attitude, if not by their words, declare their belief that if once baptized in the Holy

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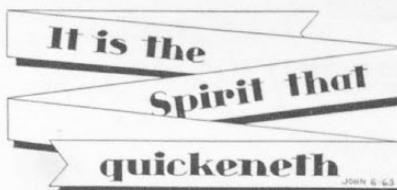
Spirit they are baptized or filled with the Holy Spirit forever. The inconsistency is plainly evident. They fail to appreciate that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is not a state at all. It is a sovereign act of God. That is, there was a time when they were baptized in the precious Holy Spirit—a definite time—just as there was a definite time when the soul met God for the forgiveness of sins and the inbreathing of the life of God, making them a new creature in Christ Jesus.

I wrote that time down in my Bible, and although more than twenty-five years have passed since I made that record of my own personal Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the fact of His having baptized me at a certain time and in a certain place remains. Praise the Lord. But I do not have to refer to the leaves of My Bible alone, for I have other evidences to the fact that I was baptized in the precious Holy Spirit back there.

If we once get this matter clear that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an act rather than a state, it will help us to understand the admonition found in the scripture before us. Notice again the words found in verses 15 to 17 particularly. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise. Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. It was no mistake that these admonitions have been linked with that of "be filled with the Spirit." The Baptism in the Holy Spirit does introduce us into a realm where it is possible for us to be continuously filled with the precious Holy Spirit, but there are a thousand and one things that conspire to rob us of the sweetness and power of that state of living. I recall the testimony of one woman, after she had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, who found herself getting lean in soul. She prayed earnestly and said, "Lord, what is the matter?" Then she had a vision of a pail, but there were holes in the bottom and the water was leaking out as fast as it was poured in at the top. The Lord said, "That is you." How it humbled her in the dust before the Lord. The experience of that one woman has been the experience of many just like her.

We are now filled with the precious Holy Spirit or we are not. There is no particular virtue in looking back to an experience of having been baptized in the Spirit, many years ago. The question is now, "Are you now filled with the Holy Ghost?" We might as well face facts. If we are filled with the Holy Spirit we shall have evidences of the fact. If we are not filled with the Holy Spirit there will be certain evidences that we have missed it somewhere, and have fallen short of the Scriptural standard of a Spirit-filled life. That is plain, isn't it? But it is true, just as true as can be, and we need to face the truth. That is one of the troubles with the most of us—we do not enjoy facing facts. Why not meet them just as they are and then seek to find a remedy, instead of blindly hoping against hope that it will all come out all right, some way, in the end. It rarely ever does.

If we have no conscious need of our own, at least we should recognize the challenge of an unbelieving world all about us. Only a Spirit-empowered ministry can



break through the walls of unbelief met on every hand. When Brother Perkin and I were on the mission field last year we were particularly conscious of the dangers many of our missionaries are facing. There is always the danger of routine service, in which one goes round and round, until all expectation of the supernatural is lost. The fear of tropical disease and carefulness to maintain one's health often tempts one to depend upon the arm of flesh more than on the power of God. How can we teach others to have faith in God for healing if we, ourselves, run for remedies first and call on God for help as a last resort when all other means fail? The need is certainly evident that every minister and missionary should be an example in faith as well as in doctrine.

Wherever you find those who are filled with the Holy Spirit you will find there are supernatural evidences of the power of God. The supernatural is sure to occur when the Spirit of God is brooding and moving and blessing. We had an example of that the other evening. How merciful the Lord is in spite of our weakness and failures. Last Thursday night after I had returned home from the bedside of Brother Welch and had retired for the night, a telephone call came from Pittsburg, Kansas. It was from Mrs. Melvin Smitley. Their baby had been taken to the hospital with appendicitis. The appendix had ruptured and gangrene set in. About two in the morning it seemed the child would breathe its last. The temperature had risen to 108. Flowers and pillows had been removed by the hospital attendants for death seemed inevitable. Brother and Sister Smitley did not give up, but stepped to the telephone and called a number of the saints. We joined with others in prayer and faith and then committed the child to God. Word has reached us that at the hour of prayer, the crisis was passed, the fever dropped to 101 and the child began to amend. How good is our God. Why do we not trust Him more fully?

It seems as though the heart of man was never so hard as it is now. The ears of man were never so dull of hearing as now. Everywhere we go we find a wall raised up against the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some may be tempted to dress the gospel up—we want it to look attractive to the natural eye and sound pleasant to the natural ear. This is not the Pauline way, nor the way of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the same old story of the old rugged cross, and it is the only remedy to meet the need of the lives of men. There is no use trying to fix it up. The power of God will rest upon the ministry of those who will dare to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to preach the full Gospel without fear or compromise.

The average person follows a daily routine of life. They rise in the morning, have breakfast, go to work, come home in the evening all tired out and retire for the night. One day is much like another. We get to milling around and around and there does not seem to be a need of any special effort to be filled with the Spirit. But there is a need. The only Christ many will ever see is the Christ they see in you. Be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is concerning your influence on the lives of those you meet every day.

When talking with Brother Welch that Thursday evening, he said to me, "Brother Flower, our Pentecostal people have a great handicap that some people do not know of. They have tasted of the power of God, have felt the manifestation of the Holy Ghost in their flesh." And then he said, "Some of them have lost their first love—they have gotten away from God. And then they have become conscious of the fact that they have gotten away from God and the tendency is to *feel* their way back to where they were before. They get down to pray, and some misguided altar worker says, 'Put up your hands and praise the Lord.' So they put up their hands and begin to praise the Lord, and they may even talk in tongues a little bit. But the next day they are exactly where they were before—there is no change, no transformation. The trouble is they have tried to feel their way back to God instead of coming by way of the Blood."

When we have grown cold, and a cloud has come between the soul and heaven, and our prayers do not get through any more, and we find ourselves drifting spiritually, there is only one remedy, and that is the blood of Jesus Christ. It isn't the Spirit we need—it is the blood. If we try to feel our way back to God we will miss it, because we cannot get back that way. The transforming power finds its source in the blood of Jesus Christ. Repentance and confession is the only road to the covering of the Blood. A change of life cannot come without repentance and the covering of the blood of Christ.

Now note that this is a command; "Be filled with the Spirit." How can I obey this command? There is only one way and that is the way God has marked down in His Word. You cannot say, "I am just going to be filled with the Spirit" and it will be so. You might start in and say, "Well, now I will be filled with the Spirit all right, I will praise the Lord." And you put up your hands and say, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" But after it is all over, you find that you are not one whit more filled with the Holy Spirit than you were before. I am not saying it is not good to praise the Lord, for men ought always to praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy. But if you are not in the place for praise, there is only one way and that is to come back by the way of the cross of Christ.

The hardest thing for people to do is to confess their need. And this is particularly true for those who are highly esteemed among us. It seems to be an awful thing for us to expose the true state of our

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Dedicating a Factory to God

Chas. Elmo Robinson

"Paddy, what is the matter with us anyhow?"

There was no answer from the patient old horse to whom the discouraged young driver spoke these words. But as the young man thought of how he had toiled unceasingly for three long years he had to admit at last that he had failed. He had come to Chicago with sixty-five dollars, and had started to build up a great cheese business. Although the old horse gave no sign, as the young man in his thinking pressed the question, Why? he heard a voice, "You have not had God in your business." After a few minutes of heart-searching deliberation the driver said, in direct response to the voice he had heard, "If God wants to run the cheese business He can run it."

From that date a large part of the earnings from that cheese business have gone into the Lord's work, and also from that moment James L. Kraft, whose cheese we all have heard praised, found prosperity crowning his efforts. God will not fail when we obey and trust Him.

Mr. Kraft believes that business difficulties which cannot be overcome by natural means, will cease to hinder in answer to prayer. He relates that in being invited to address a great audience in Dallas, Texas, on "The Economic Value of Food to a Nation," he observed that the address was to be on Sunday afternoon. Instead of speaking on the theme announced, he gave a Christian message. At its close the great audience arose and moved that a million copies be printed for distribution.

Kraft, the discouraged young failure, has prospered greatly ever since he took the Lord as his partner.

"What can you do, William?" the old canal boat captain said to William Colgate as he and the boy trudged along the tow path. He had learned that the boy was leaving home because his family were so poor, and that he was going to New York City.

"I can make tallow candles, and soft soap," the lad replied.

"Well," said the captain, "give your heart to the Lord, and then give ten cents out of every dollar you make to the Lord's work, and maybe God will make you a great soap maker some day."

Kneeling there with the good captain the boy decided to do this, and that decision was the foundation on which he built a princely fortune and a name famous with all who use soap. After giving ten cents out of his dollars for a while he increased to fifteen, later to twenty-five cents, and then fifty. Before he died he was giving his entire income to the Lord's work.

Early in July, 1939, invitations were sent out to people all over the United States inviting them to attend the dedication service at Toccoa, Georgia, at which on July 11 the new manufacturing plant of LeTour-

neau, Inc. was to be dedicated to the service of God. This great factory where road-working machinery is built contains 160,000 square feet of floor space, and is the third LeTourneau factory to be dedicated to the service of God.

LeTourneau is another man who, like Kraft and Colgate, has taken God into partnership. We quote Mr. LeTourneau's account of the matter as follows:

"Some people may wonder what religion has to do with business. But some years ago I began to ask myself the question, 'What's the use of having a religion that does not work?' And I began to give it some thought. The Spirit of the Lord got hold of me and I began to think these things over. I said to myself, 'I profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ, but here I have been worrying along in my own strength.'

"Four years ago the creditors were trying to decide whether to give us a chance to try to pay out, or to take their loss on the LeTourneau account, clean up and forget it. I had had a partner who, although a good man and a smart man, had let Satan trip him up, the business had gone to smash, and there I was with the debts to pay, and nothing but my two hands to pay them with. I said, 'If God is what I claim He is and what I profess to believe, why not go into partnership with Him?' Then I got down on my knees at an old-fashioned altar of prayer, and there I made a deal with God.

"I feel that I could have kept my part of the deal a lot better than I have, but this business and its unparalleled growth show that God has kept His part of the contract.

SPIRIT-GIVEN PRAYERS

A Cry for Strength

In Psalm 86 we have a prayer of David's. In this petition he makes confession, "I am poor and needy." But in his poverty and need he shows his continual attitude toward God: "I cry unto Thee daily."

As he prays he calls to remembrance the character of the God of all grace to whom he makes request: "For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee . . . full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering." Our loving heavenly Father delights to have us draw nigh and make request of Him.

In a previous Psalm David confesses, "My strength faileth me" (Psalm 38:10), but now he cries in the 16th verse of this 86th Psalm, "Give Thy strength unto Thy servant."

In the joyous service of our oh-so-loving Master we need special strength that we may labor efficiently. But as we beseech the Lord, "Give Thy strength unto Thy servant," we shall hear the gracious word: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

And He will enable us to exchange our poverty, need and strengthlessness for His strength.—S. H. F.

A BETTER HERITAGE THAN THIS HOME IS YOURS!



When I say, 'unparalleled growth' I mean just that. We dedicated our second addition to our Eastern factory, again doubling our production capacity in an effort to keep up with orders. An addition, 160 feet wide by 600 feet long, gives our Peoria plant a total length of 1,200 feet.

"You see we have a personal God, a personal Saviour. Is it not marvelous that He will condescend to make a personal deal with you and me, the creatures of His hands?"

"If I did not seek to give God the glory and tell the world that this business really belongs to Him, seeking to honor Him in the dedication of this splendid new building, I should not be fulfilling my part of the deal.

"On the other hand I would not seek to lower His grace to the level of a bargain. The Lord Jesus Christ in the shedding of His precious blood to wash away our sins, has done that which we can never repay. The Lord of glory left the Ivory Palaces and came down into this world of woe—Who though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich. When we look at it from that angle we have to admit that no mortal will ever be able to repay Him. But because I believe that God wants business men, as well as preachers to be His servants, I believe that a factory can be dedicated to His service as well as a church, and that it can be used as a means of saving many souls.

"I believe the world is looking for a religion that really works, and, while I realize that success is not always measured in dollars and cents, any more than true joy and happiness can be measured in that manner, I am certain, if those who profess the name of Christ will put their confidence in Him, they will find that God is still on the throne.—R. G. LeTourneau."

This widely advertised service to dedicate a manufacturing plant to the service of God, just as is usually done with a church building, was followed by four days of special evangelistic services in the new plant where seats were arranged for 2,500 people.

In addition to making machinery Mr. LeTourneau gets out a 4-page weekly gospel sheet called *Now*. It can be obtained free. Write R. G. LeTourneau, Peoria, Illinois.

Send 45 cents for full pound of our 24 new full Gospel tracts.

"Doubting Thomas"

E. B. Crump, Wichita Falls, Texas

The above expression is not new; in fact, it is used as readily by people who do not claim to be religious at all, as by Christians. It is a common expression "Well, I am a doubting Thomas." Poor Brother Thomas has been a byword all down through the Christian era.

I feel that Thomas was an asset to the Christian religion, rather than a liability. In short, I believe he has not been given justice. The doubtings of Thomas have given to the Bible some of its sublimest treasures, and every minister has used texts that were born out of these doubts.

Of the four Gospel writers, John tells us practically all we know about Thomas. John was the disciple of love, and surely he did not record those doubts to hurt the testimony of Thomas. When John recorded them he saw Thomas through the eyes of love only. In the Gospel of John, Thomas comes to the front three times, and each time he draws forth expressions from the Master that are dear to the hearts of all saints of God.

The first glimpse that John gives of Thomas is when Jesus was at Bethany beyond Jordan. A swift messenger brings word that Lazarus is sick in the little town of Bethany near Jerusalem. Jesus must come at once or Lazarus will die. But Christ still remained two whole days in the place where He was. When Jesus tells His disciples that He must needs go again to Judea, they object, reminding Him that the Jews sought to stone Him. But Thomas comes to the front and encourages his fellow disciples to go with Jesus. Thomas assures them that he is willing to die with Jesus if necessary (John 11:16), and finally they all decide to go. Thus Thomas has played an important role. Down they go, and they see Jesus raise a man from the dead who had been buried four days.

The next appearance of Thomas is in the upper room. Jesus tells His disciples that He must go away, but says He will return shortly and take them with Him; in the meantime, they must walk in the way. Thomas enquires, "And how can we know the way?" This question of Thomas calls forth from Jesus that sublime statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6. This settles once and for all the question of the right way to heaven. It is not the believing of some doctrine or submitting to church ordinances. It is a living way, and *Jesus is that way*. What minister has not used this glorious text?

The last scene comes after the Resurrection. Thomas, for some reason, was not present on that first Sunday night. Jesus had appeared and comforted His disciples with the fact that He was alive for evermore. He had showed them His hands and His side. He knew that they must have *positive* evidence of His resurrection in order to convince a gainsaying world. John met Thomas and told him that they had seen the Lord (John 20:25), and that he must now preach a risen Christ.

But Thomas would take no second hand information; he must know for himself. If every Christian today would seek to know whereof he speaketh, and be first partaker of the fruit, his testimony would be more effective.

A week later the disciples are met together and Thomas is present. Jesus appears and shows Thomas His hands and His side. And Thomas exclaims, "My Lord and my God." John 20:28. Because Thomas doubted, I do not have to doubt. Jesus appeared for the second time through closed doors with the scars of the Cross. He showed to the world by two such appearances that He is alive eternally. But for the doubtings of Thomas, we perhaps would have only one recorded appearing through closed doors. Should we not thank God for the doubts of Thomas, who refused to take the word of others when it was possible for him to find out for himself?

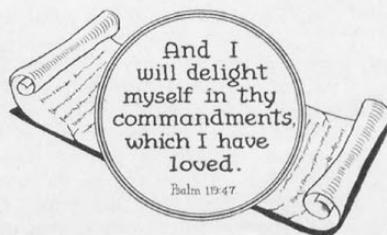
One Great Christian Essential

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hearts and to confess that we have failed God and we are again in need of the cleansing Blood. But there is no other way back to God. If we are willing to judge ourselves, we will not be judged, but God will forgive, and through the merits of the precious Blood we will be cleansed and purified and transformed. And the Holy Spirit will witness to the Blood and again we will be filled with the Holy Ghost.

It is a good thing for us all to check up on our spiritual habits. What about our prayer life? What about the reading of the Word of God? Are we feeding on the precious Word? It is so easy, in our busy lives, to lay the Word to one side and fail to go to it for daily sustenance. I have had people come to me and say, "Brother Flower, I do not read the Bible because I cannot understand it." Of course you cannot understand the Bible with the natural mind. You must have help from its author, the Holy Spirit. So pray, "Holy Spirit, you are the author of this Book; help me to understand it," and He will help you. And the Spirit of God will quicken the truth of the Word to your heart. As you read the Word you will be inspired to pray, and as you pray, God will meet your soul.

If we are really filled with the Holy Spirit, praise will be spontaneous in our lives. You will not need to prime the pump, so to speak. You will not need to praise the Lord in order to be filled with



the Holy Spirit, but you will praise the Lord because you are filled with the Spirit. Oh what a difference! That is spontaneous praise. It bursts forth in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in the heart to the Lord. That is true evidence that one is filled with the Holy Spirit. It is a spiritual outflow of an inward filling. If you do not have this overflow, it is still a good thing to make a sacrifice of praise unto the Lord, but that is a different matter entirely from the spontaneous overflow from the heart in praiseful utterance. We all ought to praise the Lord whether we feel like it or not. But I am speaking about the normal evidence that we are filled with the precious Holy Spirit. There is something that stirs within us and there is something that flows out of us, and may God grant this fullness of blessing to all of us.

Sometimes, we find some who are inclined to look down upon those who seem to be overflowing all the time. But don't do it! They are in a better state than you are. It is perfectly natural for those who are filled with the Spirit to give expression to the praise they feel in their hearts. It is quite normal for Spirit-filled believers to praise the Lord. We want others to know about the things we feel and the things we sense. There will be no hesitancy to open our mouths in prayer and testimony and praise, because the Holy Spirit abides and has control.

I feel sure that we all need to get closer to the cross of Calvary—we all need more of the cleansing power of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ—we need to make a fuller, deeper consecration to Him, so that all our powers are dedicated unto His service. May we not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart unto the Lord."

A Cup of Cold Water

One day in the winter of 1864 an old Quaker lady visited President Abraham Lincoln at the White House, and took the hand of that harassed man. "Friend Abraham," she said, "do not think thee stands alone. Back where I live we are all praying for thee. The hearts of all the people are behind thee and thee cannot fail. The Lord has appointed thee, the Lord will sustain thee, and the people love thee. Yea, as no other man was ever loved before, does this people love thee. Take comfort, friend Abraham. God is with thee. The people are behind thee."

Those who were present and witnessed the scene, remembered for long years afterward the relief and glad radiance that came to Lincoln's face. The great man straightened his tired body, and with tears in his voice, as well as his eyes, he said, "You have given a cup of water to a very thirsty and grateful man. You have done me a great kindness."

"An acquaintance with history is the best antidote to discouragement: the God of history is the God with whom we have to do."—Bishop Westcott.

FAMILY NEWS

Fellowship A missionary returning from Africa said, "When you write to us on the field do not give us sermons; tell us about all the different ones in the family." Maybe there are other folks besides missionaries that are human enough to prefer family news to sermons. An old Scotch preacher once said, "There is a lot of human nature in us all." Members of the *Evangel* family out on the field seem to be interested in the doings of that part of the family that is resident at Headquarters. So that is the excuse for the rambling remarks that follow.

Shock The Southern Missouri District Council was held a few weeks ago in Springfield. The local saints enjoyed it much. At least, they did until the time came for the election of officers. Then, horror of horrors, their beloved pastor, Ralph M. Riggs, was elected to be District Superintendent! Heavy deluges of hot, scalding tears rained down. The deacon board was nonplussed. Could not some means be found to arrange for Brother Riggs to continue as pastor and still do the District work? But the District Presbytery insisted that the field work was so large they knew it would take the whole of the superintendent's time. So Brother Riggs resigned the pastorate. As he takes up his new duties we express to him our warmest tribute of appreciation, for his life and ministry here have been both fragrant and fruitful. We wish you Godspeed, Brother Riggs; we have learned to love you.

New Pastor Who could ever take the place of the beloved pastor who for the past more than eight years has so faithfully and skilfully shepherded the flock? Brother E. S. Williams suggested Brother Bert Webb of Hope, Arkansas. The deacons asked Brother Webb to come to Springfield. He loved his flock and so was reluctant, but he agreed to pray. After he had prayed he came to Springfield and preached for us. Every one felt that he was God's man. Brother Riggs wisely did not want half a dozen candidates, and division over choices. An election was called. There were 254 votes in favor of Brother Webb as pastor, and one vote against him. One loyal person evidently did not want to let go of Brother Riggs. The Lord bless that lonesome one! All feel happy. Eyes are drying. Smiles are returning to most faces.

Home Missions The Kansas District made a similar sacrifice when they yielded up Brother Fred Vogler at the last General Council. But how happy we are to have Brother Fred at Headquarters. He is being made a blessing all over the field. The Executive Presbytery recently gave him a donation of \$2,000 with which to buy tents for new Home Missionary ventures. It does not take Brother Fred long to use up such a small sum as this. He is ready for another \$2,000 right now. How much would you like to donate?

Blessing Brother Vogler has just returned to Headquarters after visiting one or two camps. He reports that God is wonderfully moving. The Illinois District has been enjoying a gracious visitation. About 100 received their Acts 2:4. The power of God was mightily present to heal. One lame man, Brother Vogler says, who had had an accident at Le-Tourneau Factory at Peoria, was not expected to walk again. He came to camp on crutches but left them as a relic of past history. Just like our lovely Jesus!

Possibilities Wherever Brother Vogler goes he impresses the saints with the importance of systematic giving to Missions—even though it is only a nickel a week.

Nobody should give less, and most of us could give more. The other day Brother Perkin, our Missionary Secretary, was asked, "If every reader of our Adult Sunday School Quarterly (there are 140,000 of them) gave a nickel, or an additional nickel, to missions each week, what could you do?" He answered, "We could double our missionary force of 350 to 700, and our native workers from 850 to 1,700." So in the quarterlies for the fourth quarter, every one will find a missionary pledge under one of Charlie's missionary cartoons. Even if you do not get a quarterly, do not forget to pledge your nickel, your dime, or your dollar each week for Missions.



Alfred G. Mason
the new Manager of Central Bible Institute

Donations Two offerings for the Regions Beyond came to this reporter's desk during the past few days. One was for \$100, left in a will, "for the most needy missionaries." We should not object to receiving a legacy of this character every week in the year. The other offering was for \$500. It was from a widow. The giving of their mites and their means by these dear widows is surely appreciated by Him who still watches by the treasury. We are tempted to quote that scripture, "Go, and do thou likewise." You say, maybe, "I have not the \$500." At any rate you can do as did Mary, whom the Master has immortalized by the words, "She hath done what she could." "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24. No wonder we always have the poor with us. Oh for the spirit of the father who, in giving his only daughter for Christian service in China, remarked, "I have nothing too precious for my Lord Jesus."

Giving the Best The many children in that great home in Dohnavur, South India, are only given money once a year. Amy Carmichael writes: "Many of them brought it back to offer it for the Lord's use for His poor." Candies are a great luxury in this home. But occasionally one or two are handed out to the little ones. All are free to do exactly as they please with their toys and gifts. One little tot, who is very fond of candy, was over-

heard speaking to another little one, "I shall give my doll, the one which has not any legs. It is not much use to me." The other little tot said, "If it is not much use to you, would it be much use to anybody else?" After a minute's consideration the first tot said, "No, it would not. But I do want my candy." "I am going to give my candy," said the second tot. "But I want mine very much," said the first, who had hoped her legless doll would have been sufficient. But later, at the time when the offering was made, the first little tot valiantly and joyfully gave not only a few of her candies but all of them.

Get Ready We were talking to Brother Perkin a few days ago, and he was speaking about the great missionary meeting which will be held at the next General Council. He is going to ask for individual pledges. He is not anxious for assembly pledges but he wants every individual who comes, to enter into the spirit of the last commission given by our Lord, *the giving of the gospel to every creature*. Let us pray that real sacrificial offering shall be made to Him who sacrificed His all for us. Even if you are not privileged to attend that missionary meeting you can have a part by sending your pledge to Brother Perkin. Don't let us offer the Lord our legless dolls, and greedily eat all the candies ourselves.

New Addition We are very happy to introduce a new member of the family at Headquarters, Brother Alfred G. Mason of St. Louis. Brother Mason will have the management of Central Bible Institute, and we know will prove a great help to Brother W. I. Evans, our worthy principal, in conducting this institution. Brother Mason is a made-over Methodist. As a boy he attended the old Scruggs Memorial Methodist Church in St. Louis. It was rich in tradition, money, and influence. At the age of twenty he was elected steward, and served as church treasurer for thirteen years. The only thing wrong with him was that he did not have the experience of the new birth. But in May, 1922, Dr. Charles A. Shreve came and held a meeting in this venerable church. A great number of those Methodists had their hearts "strangely warmed" as John Wesley would have put it. The Spirit of God fell and about seventy received the Pentecostal endowment. Brother Mason has been closely associated with the work of Bethel Temple in St. Louis, where Brother Henry Hoar is pastor, during the past seventeen years, first as deacon and treasurer, later as elder, and throughout the years as superintendent of the Sunday School. For the past seventeen years that group of Pentecostal Methodists have held together.

Useful Experience Brother Mason began railroading as a boy and advanced to the position of chief clerk to the general superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad. His wife's people developed the A. B. Robbins Varnish Company, an old firm established in 1849. He was invited to join the firm and for the past twenty-six years he has supervised every phase of the business and has been its vice president for about fifteen years. But now he steps out of the business world to give his time and talent to the Lord. Brother Mason has been an active member of the Gideons, that splendid association that puts Bibles in different hotels. One of his coworkers in this organization has been Brother Walter P. Riester who does the engraving for the *Evangel* and our other publications. Brother Riester was praying by his bedside on Christmas night and the Lord gave him a Christmas present—the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and he received in just the same way as they did on the day of Pentecost.

Wedded Brother Charlie Ramsay, our cartoonist, made a trip to Minneapolis the other day. He was single when he went, but he came back with a lovely bride. We have all learned to love Charlie and are happy in this new joy of his.

We have had several new additions to our Editorial staff this year. One of these is Bashford Bishop, a former graduate of Central Bible Institute, who has been in the Kentucky Mountain work and also assistant pastor at Wilmington, Delaware. When you come to the Council you must make the acquaintance of the members of our Editorial staff.

Did you ever hear of Columba, the missionary who carried the gospel to Scotland in A. D. 562? He did a noble work. When he was an old man he was laboriously copying out the Psalms, for there were no printing presses in those days. He came to the 34th Psalm and the 10th verse: "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." The old man laid down his pen and said, "Here I must stop. What follows let Baithon write." He thus indicated whom he desired to continue his labors of love. Early the

next morning, while he was worshiping his Lord, Columba "passed away as in a gentle sleep."

Some of us have been in the Pentecostal harness for a long time (and how we love it), but one day perhaps we shall be too tired to write another word. Then we shall lay down our pen contentedly and say, "Here we must stop." But our hearts are encouraged to know that our faithful Baithons will continue to write, for their years of best service lie ahead.

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This Family News written a week ago had to be set aside in order to make room for a love tribute to dear Brother Welch. On Monday we were at his "Coronation Service"—it was not a funeral. At the graveside a large number of us knelt and dedicated our lives afresh to God, making special petition for grace that we may carry on the work with the consecration and loyalty to the will of God that has always characterized the one whom so many of us loved to call "Daddy." —The Reporter.

THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

APOSTASY IN ENGLAND

An English religious leader recently reported that only five per cent of London's population is greatly concerned with churchgoing, says *Congregational Beacon*.

JEWS IN NAZI DANZIG

Jews must surrender all foreign currencies, gold or other valuables under forcible sales, says *Jewish Missionary Magazine*. The great synagogue has passed into Nazi hands to become a club. Other Danzig synagogues are to be destroyed.

PERSECUTION IN KOREA

The Korean Church is passing through the most difficult crisis in its history, says *World Dominion*. The Japanese authorities in Korea are still endeavoring to force the Christians to do obeisance at the national shrines, which is regarded as virtually an act of worship. Many have conscientiously refused to comply, and arrests and imprisonments are common.

THE BIBLE IN CATHOLIC IRELAND

Ninety-five per cent of the Irish Free State population is Roman Catholic, says *Sunday School Times*, and the Bible is taxed at the customs entrance. In spite of Rome's frown on Scripture distribution, the Hibernian Bible Society, founded in Ireland in 1806, still circulates the Scriptures and even has twenty colporteurs and Bible women working in other Catholic lands.

IN THE GRAVEYARDS OF RUSSIA

An official decree in Russia, says the *Defender*, provides that no more gravestones with crosses or Scripture texts will be tolerated by the Government, but only those with the sickle and the hammer or the Soviet star. Christian rites of burial are also forbidden. But regardless of grave-stone markings, "the Lord knoweth them that are His," and one day many shall rise from the graveyards of Russia to "be forever with the Lord."

A TEST FOR ALL CHRISTIAN WORKERS

It is said that during the World War, when he served as Chaplain-General, the late Bishop J. Taylor Smith had occasion to interview many candidates for the office of chaplain, and there was one final test he used. He would take his watch in his hand and say, "I am a dying soldier. I have just three minutes to live. I want you to tell me how I must be saved." This would be a good test to put to every pastor, Christian worker and Sunday School teacher!

RECOGNIZED

And now the conscientious objector's rights are recognized by labor, according to *The Presbyterian*. In the case of a closed shop contract arranged with a Pennsylvania dairy farm employing three Mennonites, the American Federation of Labor made this provision: The employer and union agree that members of the Mennonite or other religious faiths, whose religious beliefs prohibit them from joining labor organizations, may be employed and retained without becoming members of the union.

UNITING THE WORLD

The International Broadcasting Union, says *Dawn*, report that early in 1938 there were 87,500,000 registered radio receivers in the world, representing a figure of about 350,000,000 listeners. Thus a world hook-up can bring instant communication with a sixth of mankind. "The mass mind," says Lord Baldwin, "is a terrible danger; and where it exists the progress towards the extinction of spiritual freedom is rapid and certain." Thus the world is being united for the rule of Antichrist.

PRAYING FOR PEACE

Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain said recently, when addressing the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland: "We can, for the present, see no other way but to arm this country in its own defence. But, Moderator, we recognize, as you have put it, that the troubles of today cannot be cured by arms or armaments. We have to go farther and deeper than that, and I have no doubt that there will be a wide response to your call for prayer. I get a great many letters these days. . . . I have been greatly struck by the number of writers who tell us that they pray daily for the success of our efforts."

THE REWARD OF THE FAITHFUL

When the king and queen of England were visiting our President and his wife at Hyde Park, says *Herald of Holiness*, they attended service at the President's church, which at its best would seat only about 200. The pastor chose the members who had faithfully supported the church by their attendance and tithes and gave them tickets of admission for this honor occasion. The unfaithful ones stood outside with the multitude, and they were not all poor folk either. It pays to be faithful. One day the King of kings shall appear, and God says that those who have the honor of being with Him will be the called, and chosen, and faithful. Rev. 17:14.

RUMANIA AND HER OIL

Revelation gives a report that is significant to Bible students who believe that Rumania will be in the revived Roman Empire since it was under ancient Rome. It claims that preparation for the rapid destruction of the oil wells in the event of a German push (Hitler covets Rumania's oil) are being advanced more rapidly than military defenses, which would indicate fear of an early crisis.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN ITALY

The Ascoli family has long been distinguished in Italian society, although Jewish. However, Professor Ascoli, the founder of some thirty sanatoria in Italy, has been obliged to suspend his work, writes *Sunday School Times*. Colonel Ascoli was ordered into retirement as a Jew, and after making a farewell speech to his regiment he shot himself dead.

BROKEN COVENANTS

In *Alliance Weekly* the outstanding treaties of the past twenty years are listed, with the comment that not one of them remains of value. They are as follows: the Treaty of Versailles, 1919; the Treaty of St. Germain 1919; the Treaty of Trianon, 1920; the Treaty of Neuilly, 1919; the Treaty of Lausanne, 1923; the Treaty of Locarno, 1925; the Convention of Munich, 1938. One more pact is foretold which will be between Antichrist and Israel, and it also will be broken. Dan. 9:27. How long before that final covenant is made?

THE NEW PALESTINE PLAN

The "final plan" which the British have announced is virtually a repudiation of the Balfour Declaration and the scheme for establishing a Jewish National Home in Palestine, says the *Evangelical Christian*. Here are the three main points of the plan:

1. Establishment within ten years of an independent Palestine state dominated by Arabs and bound commercially and strategically with Britain.
2. Permission for 75,000 Jews to immigrate to Palestine within the next five years—but thereafter Arab permission will be necessary for Jews to enter.
3. Granting to the British High Commissioner the power to restrict or control the sale of land.

Twenty years of effort has gone into the upbuilding of Palestine, and what was desert is today blossoming as the rose, to the credit of Jewish enterprise and labor. The Jews are not willing for all this progress to be lost, as will happen if the Arabs gain control. Nor will they accept a minority status comprising one-third of the population of Palestine, as the plan proposes. They have struggled for centuries against their oppressors, and they will not easily surrender their rights today. Already the Jews have revolted against the British soldiers, some being killed and hundreds wounded on both sides. The new plan certainly will not create peace.

Certain British statesmen and some leading newspapers predict nothing but disaster for the new plan. Jewish leaders the world over have been loud in their protests. Said Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein: "The White Paper promulgated by the English government marks a black letter not merely in the history of Israel, but in the moral history of the world. We Jews have met reverses and have overcome them. What worries me is not so much my own people, but the utter moral disregard made by one of the leading nations of the world. May God give the members of Parliament the moral strength to withdraw this betrayal of Biblical prophecy."

One thing alone is certain: the descendants of Jacob will finally inherit Palestine. Gen. 28:13-15. It may seem as though the Arab terrorists have won, but nothing can frustrate the purposes of God. No matter how we might sympathize with the grievances of the Arabs, we know that God promises the land of Canaan to Jacob and not to Esau.

THE REGIONS BEYOND

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Nigeria Receives Its Missionaries

There is great rejoicing and praise to God in Nigeria these days. Many thousands of Pentecostal Christians, recently discovered in this West Africa country, now have their missionaries. Our faithful God has answered their prayers!

Some months ago Brother and Sister W. L. Shirer, having heard that through the reading of the Pentecostal Evangel which had fallen into the hands of a few people in Nigeria, large numbers had been turned to the Lord and filled with the Spirit, made a trip west from their station in Gold Coast to investigate the report. They were amazed to find when meetings were announced that about three thousand turned out to hear the gospel. There they learned that through a great moving of the Holy Spirit there were several thousand believers, meeting for worship in various groups, praying and waiting for a missionary to be sent to teach them and to unite them in one great fellowship.

The Challenge

Our constituency in America have responded generously in prayers and offerings to our appeal in the Evangel a short time ago, so that funds have come in with which to take up the Nigeria work. Brother and Sister Shirer have temporarily transferred from Gold Coast to Nigeria, and Brother and Sister Everett Phillips will be leaving the United States this fall to enter the Nigeria work. A letter has just been received from the Shirers in which they write:

"We arrived early in the morning. Brother Wogu and his people were at the pier to meet us and carried our baggage to the rest house for us. Brother Udom and two of his leaders came the sixty-five miles from Ikot Ekpene to meet us also. They were all so thankful that God had answered their prayers!

"We had a morning and evening service and a conference with a few of the leaders in the afternoon. The next day I had a Bible class for the pastors, lasting three hours. Eleven attended. In the evening we held our first business meeting. God was with us in a real way. After a time of prayer the Nigerian brethren decided that they should be known as 'Assemblies of God.'"

COMMENCEMENT IN HAWAII

Mrs. Frank F. Fischer writes of big plans for convention in connection with the commencement exercises of the Hawaiian Bible school. "We are planning a nine-day convention and fellowship meeting. This is the first time we have tried to get the workers together, and we pray it will result in better understanding of problems and greater love for each other as well as for the lost sheep in these islands.

"There will be morning, afternoon, and evening services with some business meetings and the graduating exercises; so we shall be pretty busy. We expect delegates from almost all of the islands.

Plantation and Slum Work

"There are still many places on these islands where there is no one preaching the gospel,

especially in the sugar plantation camps. We hope to send our graduate students to these places. They are a bright-looking group, and we are glad for them. We expect the Lord to use them in carrying His Word to those who do not have it as yet.

"We are having some splendid meetings down in the slum district, where we are helping to start a mission. The man who is leading the work is one who was a drunkard, a gambler, and a bootlegger in that very district. Both he and his wife were wonderfully saved and are on fire for God. They hold services every night, and both go calling every day.

"It is hard for us to imagine what conditions some of these people live in. But they are souls for whom Christ died, and He loves them. Praise the Lord, He can help us to love them,



Brother Shirer with some of the leaders of the Pentecostal movement in Nigeria.

too. We are persuaded that it is not so much what we say, but the love of God which we reveal toward them, which draws them to our Lord. God help us to continue to draw them, and never to do anything which will repel them."

OPENING NEW WORK IN SYRIA

Good news has been received from Brother and Sister John Warton of real advances made for God in Syria.

"For some time," writes Brother Warton, "calls from the hungry hearts of Aleppo have come to us to visit them. Aleppo is in the northern part of Syria and has more than two hundred and fifty thousand population. There was no Pentecostal work there. Feeling it was the leading of the Lord, I accepted the call and went there. During the first few days we had a hard time finding a place for meetings, but the Lord opened the door, and we rented a large place for special services. Although the people did not know us, and we were not permitted to advertise, yet a goodly number attended and heard the message of salvation.

The Blessing of God

"At times we had two or three hundred in the services. In a few days the interest increased and, praise God, we actually saw tears streaming from many eyes. Glory to Jesus! How blessed it is when God takes the work into His own hands. A new work was started and regular services are going on. A very godly brother is in charge of the services now, while I often visit and encourage them. The field is large and wide open, but we need your help

to carry on and reach more souls. Will you stand with us, and pray for this work?

Opening in Zahle

"The Lord has also blessed us by opening another new work in a city called Zahle. This work is among the Chaldeans. Many hundreds of these poor people are as sheep without a shepherd, and are hungry to hear. Several times they came after me to visit them and preach to them. I shall never forget the first time I did so. They gathered long before the service, and how eagerly they listened! Many gladly responded to the call and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

Who Will Give?

"I have put a brother in charge of the meetings, and visit them from time to time myself. God is gloriously blessing, and it is a promising work. We are praying the Lord to provide for the support of the brother in charge, so that he may give all his time to this work. Eight or nine dollars each month would be enough for this purpose. Will you remember this need in your prayers also?

"God is blessing the little work in Bagdad. The faithful native workers are lifting up the blood-stained banner. The Lord is encouraging the saints by adding to their numbers. There is to be a baptismal service there soon. We praise God also for the victory He is giving in Beirut among the Armenians and Assyrians. We have many new people coming in and finding the joy of salvation in Christ. But there are many thousands waiting yet whom we are anxious to reach with the message of life. We pray that

God will enable us to carry the Word to them with all its saving grace and power.

SAILING FOR SOUTH AFRICA

We are happy to announce that on August 11, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Pettenger and son will be sailing for South Africa, where they will resume their missionary work which they have carried on for several years. May the Lord bless these workers as they return to the mission field. Our Missions Committee is glad to grant them General Council missionary appointment. Steamer letters and packages may be sent for them addressed to Pier Office, Pier 62, North River, West 23d Street, New York, N. Y., aboard the American Banker of the United States Lines, sailing August 11.

THEY SHALL NOT PREVAIL!

How wonderful is the certainty that the gates of hell shall NOT prevail against the church of the living God! And how blessedly is this being shown forth in Brazil! A letter full of the joy of this certainty has just been received from Brother and Sister O. S. Boyer in Sobral, Brazil.

In Sobral, where the Catholics were so confident and sure of themselves, there is good attendance at the services. One was gloriously baptized in the Spirit just recently, and two in water. Praise God for His great power!

Native Workers Report Victory

The native workers in various towns and villages are joyously reporting victory after victory. In Granja and Camocim there have been good audiences. Two were saved. New

doors have been opened in Ibusu and Lago Grande. In Ibusu, there are eleven brethren of whom three have already received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There have been some wonderful healings, and the brethren are wishing to erect a church building.

In Forquilha, the brethren are planning to build. Three Catholic "novenas" could not hinder the meetings in Ibiapaba. At Araras the people paid the closest attention, and one soul came to the Lord. At Combe four accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

At Campos Sales sixteen came to the altar seeking salvation. Six were baptized in the Spirit and twenty in water. About one hundred and fifty attended and there was much power and much prayer. And so it goes, like a roster of the Lord's victories, bless His Name!

Dedication of Assembly

About eight hundred brethren attended the dedication of the new building in Damas. It is a simple but beautiful new home for the assembly. Word was received of fifty-one having been baptized in two of the larger assemblies.

A Price to Pay

There is a price to pay in earnestly following God. But we praise the Lord, that He can give the strength to follow on. Recently two preachers in denominational churches have been seeking the Baptism. One was dropped by his board this month because he was leading his flock to seek the Baptism. He and twelve of his members united with one of the assemblies.

The other brother together with wife and daughter has received. They have been severely persecuted and have shown their worthiness by faithfulness to the Lord, even suffering without food for several days. A worker has been needed in Ipu, and this brother has already rented a house there. Praise the Lord, He surely makes a way for His faithful ones!

JOYOUS PILGRIMAGE

John Franklin, Guatemala

Recently we traveled across the hills to a fellowship meeting, stopping at a river once for a baptismal service for one family who had walked forty miles to be baptized.

As we arrived at the summit of a steep mountain we had been climbing, we turned and looked below us. Along the side of the mountain for a long distance flowed a stream of people wending their way upward along the narrow trail. We stood there in meditation and thankfulness to God for those many souls that had been saved. Then our memory turned to another procession we had seen from another mountain top—a long single file of people trudging along slowly, wearily, some chanting songs and prayers. They were on their way in dark pilgrimage to worship at an idol shrine. Had we not seen many such processions? And had not our hearts been made heavy almost to despair? God knows!

These we see today are making a different pilgrimage. They are on their way to a Christian fellowship meeting where they will testify, sing praises, and worship the true and living God. Although weary and worn by the long journey, there is no sorrow in the hearts of this company. Their darkness is past, for the gospel light has shone upon them. And they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb!

Fellowship in Christ Jesus

At the fellowship meeting it was impressed upon our hearts that it is love that covers a multitude of sins. Some of the brethren had had

a misunderstanding, and there was some bitterness and discouragement in the ranks. As the matter was discussed, the Lord seemed to speak through the missionary in these words: "Brethren, what is it that shall cover a multitude of sins?"—After a moment the question was repeated, "Brethren, what is it that shall cover a multitude of sins? Brethren, it is love. It is love that shall cover a multitude of sins. Let us love one another as Christ loved us!"

Everything was quiet for a moment, and then we broke before the Lord. The entire group bowed before God, sobbing and crying out. In a few moments all difficulties were cleared up as those who were in opposition forgave each other and begged to be forgiven. It was the love of Christ that had triumphed that evening, praise God forever. At that night's service one of the brethren who had been so discouraged that he had said he would never preach again arose to say a few words and, under a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, preached one of the most inspiring messages we had ever heard on the love of God in the cross of Christ. Great joy was poured out until we seemed not to be on earth, but approaching the very portals of heaven.

The Precious Book

On our way home we stopped overnight in a



These are some of the believers who attended the special meetings in the recently opened town of Sobral, Brazil. Eight of these walked twelve miles each way to attend the services. Our missionary, Mrs. O. S. Boyer, stands at the left.

fishing shack on the bank of the river. There we preached the gospel to four fishermen. At the invitation one man was saved. So elated and happy was he that he insisted on our going to his village up the river to preach the gospel.

As we crawled into our hammocks we lay awake thinking of the service we had just held, and thanking our wonderful God that we had been allowed to meet the hunger in this man's heart. He had told us that a tract had fallen into his hands some years before. With the reading of the tract had come a desire to read the Bible. For a long time he had tried without success to obtain one, until at last a traveling merchant stopped by and promised to bring him one. He was greatly overcharged, but he did not complain. He read a good portion of it and was seeking to know just what to do to be saved. That night we had been allowed to show him the answer to his question—just to believe in the Lord Jesus, repent of his sins, and confess Christ openly as his Saviour. He had done so, and now peace and joy dwelt in his heart.

Nothing Shall Hurt You

At four o'clock the next morning we were up and away in a dugout canoe, wondering what new adventures awaited us. That night we stopped in a place where the gospel had never been preached. The Lord manifested His power

and glory and thirteen were saved. As we knelt to pray we were interrupted by a piercing cry from a little girl. We asked what was the matter and were informed that a scorpion had just stung her. Instantly we realized that the Lord had permitted it as a sign. There flashed before us the promise: "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

We said confidently that the Lord would heal this child. Calling the new converts to prayer, we laid our hands upon her, whereupon she was instantly healed. Others who were sick came forward to be prayed for. One woman who had suffered for nineteen years with a running eye-sore was also healed that night. One man whose hand and arm were literally rotten with gangrene received healing and was able, three days later to lift his arm in praise to God.

We remained several days in this place, and God truly blessed the services and the preaching of His Word. There were twenty-five souls saved during the meetings, praise God.

Surveying Honduras

We went into Honduras to learn something of the situation there. Although there is no missionary established there, or scarcely any workers, the Spirit is being poured out in great power and about one hundred and sixty-eight have received the Baptism. There are three hundred and thirty-five Christians there. Pray for us, that we may have the needed wisdom and strength as we make plans to care for this work.

The Bible school term in El Salvador will soon be opening. We ask your prayers for that work, and for all our native workers who have not yet received the Holy Spirit.

GLAD TIMES IN NORTH CHINA

"We praise God for battles fought and victories won," writes Henrietta Tieleman and Alice Stewart from Ta Chang in Shansi province. "We have been having some special meetings which have been truly blessed by God. The messages were along the line of holiness and, by the Holy Spirit's power, they carried deep conviction to many hearts.

"After every service an altar call was given, and there was much crying and confession of sin as the Holy Spirit moved upon the hearts of the people. During the testimony meeting in the last service, the Holy Spirit came down and filled the chapel with His holy presence. Some one saw a ball of fire fall from the altar. Some of the men and boys actually ran to the platform to pray without waiting for an altar call!

Victory

"Shouts of joy and gladness replaced tears and weeping as confession to God was made and forgiveness was attained. God met with old and young as they yielded to Him. At one time over thirty children scattered over the chapel were dancing in the Spirit with their faces shining like those of angels. Just a foretaste of glory—what will it be when we see Him whom our souls adore?

"One man who had been backslidden and a great persecutor of the gospel for sixteen years, came back to the Lord. As he made confession, the entire church rejoiced with him and we know there was joy in heaven. Since then his entire family have been attending the services, and we pray that they may become

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Jeroboam Fails God

Lesson for August 13. Lesson Text: I Kings 12:16 to 13:34.

Jeroboam, now king over the ten tribes of Israel, is in difficulty! The people still consider Jerusalem their center of worship and continue to make sacrifices there. Fearing lest they be drawn back under the rulership of Rehoboam because of this strong religious tie, Jeroboam commits terrible sin by establishing a new religious organization independent of that in Jerusalem!

The cause of the sin. I Kings 12:26-27. What caused Jeroboam to sin? Simply self-consideration and selfish ambition! He cared nothing for the welfare of his people! He did not want to lose his followers! It was this that led him to compromise and sin. Had he been a spiritual man as David was, he would have trusted the God who had allowed such a situation to arise, to bring him safely through.

Is there not a lesson in this for us? Brother layman, do not fret if you lose friends, or a position in the church which you feel you deserve! You are living in all things for His glory; let Him take care of the situation! Brother minister, are you faced with the prospect of losing sheep to the fold of another? If your concern is for their spiritual welfare and glory of God, and not simply indignation and anxiety because you are losing numbers and support, you can commit yourself and your people to God and He will surely bring you forth as gold!

A certain pastor in England lost some of his sheep to a man who had opened a work very near his church. Greatly wrought up over the matter, he became harsh in his spirit. Consequently his preaching suffered and he lost more members still. Then the Lord spoke. The pastor saw his mistake and prayed something like this—"Lord, I don't care if I lose all my people! Bless them and the man who took them! I am going to rejoice in you anyway!" Having taken that stand, such victory flooded his soul that it transformed his preaching. His remaining people were so delighted they began to tell those who had left. Soon he had his people back and the intruder was forced to close up and leave town!

The nature of the sin. I Kings 12:28-33. Jeroboam built two golden calves, erected new "high places" of worship, exalted to the priesthood men who were unqualified, and instituted new feasts, imitating those in Jerusalem. What was the essential nature and seriousness of his actions?

(1) It represented spiritual compromise to attain a selfish end through the substitution of false worship for the real thing! Does not this temptation face us today? Shall we hanker after popularity, large crowds, important position, and prominence? Shall we stoop to compromise in our effort to attain these things, substituting attractive programs, sensationalism, and psychological methods, for the real presence and power of the precious Holy Spirit? God forbid! Only what is done through the ministry of the Spirit will stand the fiery judgment-seat test and be of any eternal value! Let us maintain at all costs the standards of pure and holy religion!

(2) It was a move that caused division in the Old Testament church. But Jeroboam's split did not prosper. Though the calves may have looked splendid, the houses of the high places

magnificent; though the people went through all the religious motions, God was not with them. The true prophets of God from then on denounced the division, and finally the ten tribes went into captivity. How the heart of God must grieve today when He sees this same thing happening so often. Oh, let us maintain, at any cost to ourselves, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus, which is the Spirit of love and unity!

3. *The effect of the sin.* "Jeroboam—who did sin, and made Israel to sin." I Kings 14:16. What an indictment! Jeroboam sinned by compromise and idolatry and he led a whole nation into spiritual and moral decay! How deserving of the sentence made by Jesus Himself, are those who cause others to sin: "It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him through whom they come! It were better for him that a

Yoano. He turned up at the Mission from over the hills and far away. For two years he had been traveling, sounding forth the message of love divine at every river where he rested and in each village where he slept. He is a man of the Pauline stamp, of the woe-unto-me-if-I-preach-not type. Yet he is nearly blind!

When he left home determined to take the gospel to those who had never heard it, thieves took advantage of his failing eyesight and stole his change of clothes. Later Portuguese officials stopped him and took away his money. He prayed, and they released him and returned the money. A little farther on his money was stolen. Then he met four friends returning home.

"Come back with us," they urged, "your clothes and money are gone."

"No, I cannot. I must do the will of God, who has called me to preach the gospel."

"But you are nearly blind."

"Yes, 'tis true, but if I spend my life for God He will pay me back for my blindness. I am happy in working for Him."

"But you will starve," they objected.

"Hath not God promised to take care of His own?" was his quiet reply.

So they left him, but God did not. In every village where he slept some one gave him food and others helped him the next day. Thus at last after twenty-five months of itinerant preaching, he arrived at Luanza testifying to God's protecting care and rejoicing to tell of one hundred and twenty souls saved en route.

Soon he took his departure from Luanza, going to visit yet other districts, trudging along, straining his dim eyes to detect the snags and pitfalls of the winding trail, but ever on the lookout for souls. Think of his handicap. Does not such unconditional devotion to the Master's command, "Go," shame us to the very ground?

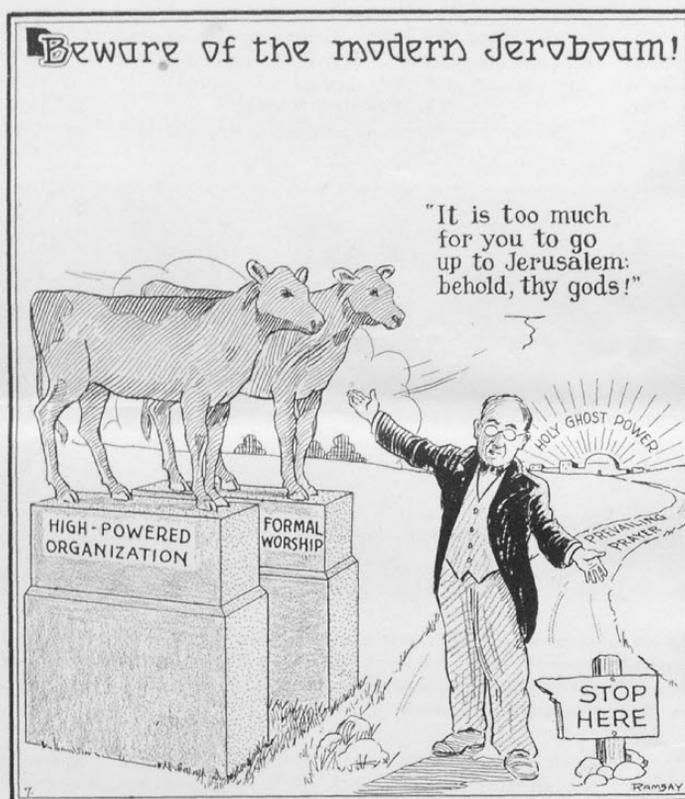
The other witness is an old slave woman, passed from owner to owner. She reached the Luanza Mission with horrible ulcers that made her a helpless cripple. But into her little mud hut the Saviour came. Unable to attend services she would hail every passing Christian with, "Tell me more about Jesus." As she could not read, she stored up stories of the life of Christ and memorized much of the Scriptures until the Word of God dwelt in her richly.

Then came that unforgettable day "when God regarded his sick handmaiden." He healed her. Relatives who had deserted her now came around, offering her a tempting marriage and the like. "Begone!" she said, "both ye and your bribes. Hath God healed His slave for nought? This now sound body shall know no service but His."

Rolling up her grass sleeping mat, and tying to it her little cooking-pot, away she sped on a long gospel tour. Not a soul passed her in the narrow trail but was told of Christ's dying love. For, she said, "Doth not my Master say today is the day of salvation! Who dares then wait the morrow?"

She returned aglow with gospel triumphs. Then she was given the special work of caring for the souls of the sick who crowd into Luanza in such numbers. A cough-coughing outside Mrs. Crawford's door (the native way of tapping); it is our chaplain come in the dark, after conducting evening prayers with the sick, to tell of one or more who have turned to the Lord. "Would it not be shame-begetting should I sleep ere I share this joy with you?" she would say.

What moving examples of devoted service are these that echo back from the fields where missionaries are working!



millstone be hanged around his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones!" Luke 17:1.

4. *The punishment of the sin.* Jeroboam had repeated warnings which should have led him to repentance. His hand was smitten by God with leprosy and then healed in answer to prayer. I Kings 13:1-6. His child was smitten with incurable illness but that failed to soften his heart. I Kings 14:1-17. Then came the final judgment. Abijah, King of Judah, fought against Jeroboam who was mortally wounded. Behold the last words in the record of this evil man! "And the Lord struck him and he died!" 2 Chron. 13:20.

And so Jeroboam being dead yet speaketh—to all who would harbor wrong ambitions and be moved to action by wrong motives—to all who would lower the standards of true religion in order to attain selfish gain—to all who would cause others to sin! "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches!"—J. Bashford Bishop.

TWO AFRICAN EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Dan Crawford of Luanza in a private letter has told of two African evangelists and their experiences. One of them is a young man named

A STRIKING CONTRAST

by Alfred G. Mason

It has been claimed that the culture of America is no longer being molded by the pulpit and by our church schools, but by our great secular universities.

In the meeting of two young ladies in his home recently, the writer had an opportunity to observe the contrast between the products of these two types of schools. These young ladies came from refined and genteel parents who lived as next-door neighbors for many years. The economic and social position of both families was alike. As children they attended the same grammar schools and high schools.

One of these young ladies went to study at one of our largest State universities. She returned with a Bachelor of Science degree and with an appointment to a position as teacher in a small town high school.

The other young lady went to Central Bible Institute to study God's Word and prepare for any work to which the Lord might call her. She returned with a blessed knowledge of the Scriptures and with a divine call to teach the way of eternal life to sinners in a foreign land.

The two young ladies met and talked of old times and recent experiences. One was elated over her accomplishments at school, for she had been very successful. Loud and slangy in her conversation, she seemed sophisticated. With face painted, hair bobbed, skirt extremely short, she was a real "Joe College."

The other girl had been equally successful. She had no degree such as the scholastic world recognizes, but in her heart was an inner witness that she belonged to the King, a consciousness of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit and the assurance of a divine appointment which she valued far above anything the State could offer her. She did not look sophisticated; instead she appeared to have been with Jesus and to have learned of Him. Her face showed intelligence, her manner showed refinement, and her conversation revealed character. Her face was not painted, her hair was not bobbed, her dress was not short. Instead she bore a beauty of countenance, a poise of manner and a modesty in dress which commanded the deepest respect.

There is nothing more beautiful than a Chris-

tian gentlewoman, and that is what Central Bible Institute endeavors to help each young woman to be. An average of 175 young women and 175 young men are enrolled at this school each year, and every effort is made to mold each student into a Christian worker of godly character. How wonderful that amid all the worldly institutions of learning today there is such a school as Central Bible Institute where holiness of heart and life is taught.

Consider Central Bible Institute before deciding where you will go for further education. It offers the best Christian instruction in the midst of ideal surroundings. No matter what walk of life you plan to follow, you will be better prepared to live for Christ after spending one, two or three years at this Assemblies of God school. Write for a free catalogue without delay. Address Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

GLAD TIMES IN NORTH CHINA

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established in the Lord, as they have great influence on the people of Ta Chang.

"Our orphan children were greatly blessed during this time, and one girl who has seemed so hard-hearted broke before the Lord, confessing her sins and asking forgiveness. We pray for all these children that God may be glorified in them.

"We have several months of Bible school in Ta Chang each winter. From this school the best students are sent on to school in Peking for further training. This year we have sixteen students in the Peking school. Four will graduate this year and we pray that they may be efficient, Spirit-filled laborers for Him.

"We are planning to build a new chapel, trusting the Lord to meet the need as it arises. The native Christians have already given some toward this need, but we believe they can do more, and God will supply the rest.

"Soon we shall be having special meetings with Brothers Bard and Hansen. These meetings will conclude with a baptismal service; and we ask special prayer for these candidates for baptism, that they shall go on with the Lord and be bright and shining lights for Him in this dark land."

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CAMP MEETING AND GENERAL COUNCIL

There has been fear on the part of some people that there might not be sufficient accommodation in the city of Springfield to entertain all the visitors who would like to come to the General Council Camp Meeting and General Council (August 30 to September 14). We want to assure every one that sufficient accommodation will be available. While it is true that all the rooms in Central Bible Institute have already been taken for the Council meeting, yet we have rooms in Springfield for 1,000 people in private homes already listed. Then there will be hotels and tourist camps as well. We estimate that we shall be able to care for double the number that usually attend a General Council meeting.

There are still good rooms available at Central Bible Institute for the General Council Camp Meeting (August 30 to September 6). These may be reserved by writing to Central Bible Institute. However these rooms will have to be vacated after September 6 in order that those who reserve them for the General Council Meeting will be able to move in.

In addition to all the above, there will be at least 50 splendid living tents placed convenient to the Tabernacle and all other facilities, such as showers and modern rest rooms. All the tents are what is known as compartment tents, with a partition through the center. The tents open with porches and have 6 ft. side walls and hip roof. The height of the center is 11 feet. Many of these tents will be equipped with wooden floors. I do not think you will find better tent equipment in any of our camp meetings. These tents can be rented at from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per week. Large comfortable cots can be rented for 75 cents a week, without bedding. With bedding they will be \$1.25 per week. Those wishing to live in tents may bring their own bedding and cots if they so desire.

Tents can be rented in advance by writing to Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

There will be plenty of space on the grounds for those who wish to bring their own tents and trailers. We have built several fireplaces in the grove, so that those who wish to use them for cooking may do so. There will be plenty of wood at these fireplaces, provided free to all who wish to use it.—Fred Vogler.

Schedule of Forthcoming Camp Meetings

District or Name	Location	Date	Main-Speakers	Particulars from
Eastern District,	Green Lane, Pa.,	July 14—Aug. 13.	E. S. Williams, Wm. F. McPherson, W. I. Evans, Allan A. Swift,	Vernon G. Gortner, Maranatha Pk., Green Lane, Pa.
West Central.	Storm Lake, Iowa.	July 25—Aug. 6.	Charles S. Price,	Chas. E. Long, Knoxville, Iowa, or Roy E. Scott, Mercer, Mo.
Rosebud Sectional.	Gregory, S. Dak.,	July 27—Aug. 6.	A. M. Alber,	B. A. Parshal, Gregory, S. Dak.
Living Waters.	Between Cherry Tree and Cookport, Pa.,	July 27—Aug. 13.	Otto J. Klink, Flem VanMeter, D. H. McDowell.	Chas. Eyer, 17 Jefferson, Roxbury, Johnstown, Pa.
Texas District.	Temple, Texas.	July 28—Aug. 6.	A. A. Wilson, Wm. B. McCafferty.	F. D. Davis, Route 1, Box 207-B, Ft. Worth, Texas, or R. E. Parten, 606 S. 23rd St., Temple, Texas.
Lakeshore Camp,	Cobourg, Ontario.	July 28—Aug. 13.	J. O. Savell, D. P. Holloway,	J. Montgomery, 202 Renfrew St., Pembroke, Ont.
Potomac,	Falling Waters, W. Va.,	July 28—Aug. 20.	W. R. Steelberg, John W. Follette,	Frank J. Wilfong, 1021 Fay St., Fairmont, W. Va.
Arizona,	Prescott, Ariz.	July 29—Aug. 6.	Ben Hardin,	Chas. L. Elmes, Box 1929, Globe, Ariz.
Texico, Central Plains,	Tulia, Texas,	July 29—Aug. 7.	H. M. Reeves,	W. J. Phelps, Tulia, Swisher Co., Texas
Kentucky,	Mize, Ky.,	July 29—Aug. 20.	J. J. Humphries, and Bessie Lee Adair	H. M. Halsey, Mize, Ky.
Mississippi, Kansas,	Meridian, Miss., Attica-Sharon, Kansas.	July 30—Aug. 10, Aug. 3—13,	Guy Shields, F. C. Woodworth and Mrs. Woodworth,	H. E. Simms, Box 141, Meridian, Miss. V. G. Greisen, 1017 S. Market, Wichita, Kansas
Bristol,	Bristol, Va.,	Aug. 3—13,	Sanders Bros., Trio.	W. T. Millsaps, Pentecostal Park, Bristol, Va.
Rocky Mountain,	Denver, Colo.,	Aug. 3—13,	A. C. Bates,	J. E. Austell, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.
Wisconsin,	Camp Byron, near Fond du Lac,	Aug. 3—13,	A. G. Ward, Geo. Hayes, J. P. Kolenda,	D. M. Carlson, 124 Oakland Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.
Nebraska,	York, Nebr.,	Aug. 10—20,	J. D. Saunders,	A. M. Alber, 831 N. Kansas Ave., Hastings, Nebr.
Northern New Mexico,	Corona, N. Mex.,	Aug. 11—20,	Roy H. Stewart, W. A. Gilbert,	Irvin V. Jackson, Box 142, Corona N. Mex.
Central Oklahoma,	Ada, Okla.,	Aug. 14—23,	Myer Pearlman, Harvey McAlister,	H. T. Owens, 5008 So. 32 W. Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
New England,	Forestville, Conn.,	Aug. 16—27,	Allan A. Swift, Otto J. Klink,	Roy Smuland, 16 Lockwood Ter., West Hartford, Conn.
Snake River,	Fruitland, Idaho.	Aug. 18—27,	D. H. McLaughlin,	John E. Shaw, 621 E. Main St., Weiser, Idaho
General Council—Southern Mo.	Springfield, Mo.,	Aug. 30—Sept. 6.	John W. Follette, L. L. Riley, Myer Pearlman	Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.

REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

CRANE, TEXAS—The Lord has given us a very successful revival. A number were saved and the meeting was a great blessing to the church. When we came here we found a wonderful band of saints. After preaching 2½ weeks we were called to take over the work as pastor. Brother and Sister Davis are leaving. We have enjoyed 3 weeks of wonderful fellowship with them.—W. H. Bice, Box 568.

ALVARADO, TEXAS—A 3 weeks' revival has been conducted here with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Myers, of Arlington, as evangelists. Nineteen came forward for salvation, 6 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 10 were baptized in water. The Lord certainly did bless the ministry of Brother Myers. We feel our church is moving on spiritually in a great way since our revival.—W. F. Mercer, Pastor.

MATADOR, TEXAS—We have enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist M. Stanley Files, former lawyer, of Phoenix, Arizona. Nine were saved, 4 were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and 9 were immersed in water. The meeting was held in a large store building in the center of town, as our church was too small for the crowds which attended. Much prejudice was broken down, and a very favorable impression of true holiness is the result of the meeting.—H. Paul Lovelace, Pastor.

BILOXI, MISS.—The Lea Street Assembly was blessed spiritually in a revival conducted by Frank Moffitt, Tulsa, Okla. God took charge of the service night after night, and a number came for salvation. We had a large increase in Sunday School attendance. We also held a revival in the interests of the church 7 miles out in the country. People who thought they were saved before testified they had received Jesus as their personal Saviour in this meeting. We have weekly services established now in that community.—Albert Bilbo, Pastor.

AURORA, COLO.—We just closed a 3 weeks meeting which we call a Holy Ghost revival. My wife and I did our own evangelistic preaching, conducting the services as the Holy Spirit led, and the old-time power is falling in our midst as we have not seen it before for many years. Four were saved during the revival, 2 were baptized in water, 3 united with the assembly, and since then 2 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School is attended better this summer than it has ever been before. We

thank God for His mighty power and goodness.—Pastor and Mrs. C. N. Bishop.

HOLDENVILLE, OKLA.—May 17 we began a revival with Myrtle Wolford and Leslie Lee Harjo, which continued until July 2. Sister Harjo ministered in song and Sister Wolford brought the gospel messages. Twenty-seven were saved, 20 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 18 were baptized in water, and 10 united with the church. These services proved a great blessing to the church. Sister Wolford's message stirred the people of Holdenville to the extent that our 40x60 ft. building was filled every night. We praise God for those who were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—B. W. Morgan, Pastor.

NORTH DAKOTA CAMP MEETING
The fifth annual Camp Meeting of the North Dakota District was the most successful meeting we have had. From first to last the Lord wonderfully blessed in the salvation of souls, the baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost, and the up-building of the saints.

Watson Argue, of Winnipeg, Canada, was our camp speaker, and the Lord used him in bringing messages under the anointing of the Spirit. Nearly every night, souls sought salvation. One night there were as high as 20 at the altar, and almost every night some one received the Baptism in the Spirit. Seven received in one day. One night a high school principal and a high school teacher received the Baptism. Some definite healings were testified to.

The ministry of Fred Vogler was a great blessing, and his missionary spirit stirred us all to greater missionary effort. The altar service in one of the Missionary meetings will never be forgotten. A large number of young people laid their all on the altar for God, and heaven seemed so near! Emile Chastagner's missionary messages were also a great inspiration.

Our District Council was held at the beginning of the camp meeting. The following brethren were elected to serve during the coming year: District Superintendent, Herman G. Johnson; Assistant Superintendent, A. M. Selness; District Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Oster; District Presbyters: R. L. Stuck, Geo. Jarvis, and E. N. Oster. The following brethren are the General Presbyters: Herman G. Johnson, A. M. Selness, and C. E. Oster. A sweet spirit of unity and co-operation prevailed throughout the Council meetings. We praise God for this greatest and best Council and Camp Meeting.—Herman G. Johnson.

DUNKIRK, N. Y.—Tent Meeting in progress; Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.—Alexander Lindsey, Pastor.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Salem Pentecostal Tent Meetings, July 21—Sept. 4; Evelyn M. Olsen, Tacoma, Wash., Evangelist.—A. W. Rasmussen, Pastor.

JAMAICA, L. I., N. Y.—Revival and Divine Healing Meeting, 159-31 Ninetieth Ave.; Aug. 6, for 3 weeks; Raymond T. Richey, Evangelist.—By Evangelist.

LAKE ARIEL, PA.—Aug. 8-27; Jack and Esther Martz, of Reading, Singing Evangelists. (Held in Hamlin, Pa.)—Thomas Twiss, Pastor.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—Assembly of God Summer Tabernacle; Aug. 13, for 3 weeks; Wallace G. Ross, of Minnesota, Evangelist.—Willis T. Smith, Pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA—14th and University; Aug. 6, for 3 weeks or longer; Clarence Jensen, Alexandria, Minn., Evangelist.—E. E. Templeton, Pastor.

HAMILTON, MONT.—6th and Main Sts., Aug. 13—Sept. 3; Emma Van Dalen-Jones, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist.—Winston B. Nelson, Pastor.

ST. PAUL, VA.—Pentecostal Church; Aug. 15, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. L. Bartlett, Ft. Worth, Texas.—Cale C. McAfee, Pastor.

RENO, NEV.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Aug. 6-27; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. S. H. Robertson is pastor.—By Evangelists.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Central Ave. at Linden St.; July 16, for 3 weeks or longer; Joseph Flower, Buffalo, N. Y., Evangelist.—Paul R. Buchwalter.

SENATH, MO.—City-wide Tent Revival, Aug. 6-Sept. 3; Percy and Dorothy King, "King's Musical Messengers," Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Wellman T. Garner, Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Norwood Assembly of God, Crestwood Ave., July 19—Aug. 6; the Williams Sisters, Evangelists.—C. C. Hansberger, Pastor.

TOKIO, N. DAK.—Full Gospel Mission, July 25—; Harry A. Jaeger, San Francisco, Calif., Evangelist.—Kenneth McIntyre, Pastor.

MIAMI, OKLA.—Deeper Life and Home Coming Meeting, Assembly of God, Aug. 3-6. Three services daily. G. W. Hardcastle, Speaker.—Noel Dagenette, Pastor, 111 Second Ave. S. E.

SIGOURNEY, IOWA—Tent Meeting, Aug. 6—; Nellie R. Cox and party, Evangelists. New field; visiting Council ministers and saints in nearby assemblies are welcome.—By Evangelist.

HAMILTON, MONT.—6th and Main Sts., Aug. 2-11; J. M. Amundsen and the Gospel Couriers, Seattle, Wash., Special Speakers and Musicians.—Winston B. Nelson, Pastor.

TOMS RIVER, N. J.—Tent Meeting, Hyland Parkway and Main St., July 24—Aug. 14; different Council ministers, speakers, Aug. 15—; L. K. Dodge, Washington, D. C., Speaker.—Harry Rupp Jr., Pastor.

ELMIRA, N. Y.—Tent Meeting, 511 Broadway, July 25—Aug. 15; Roland and Mary Hummel, Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelists. Meetings sponsored by Eastern District Council. Co-operation of nearby assemblies invited.—Walter Watkins, Pastor, Elmira Heights Assembly.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Missionary Convention, Bethel Temple, Palm St. at Jefferson Ave., Aug. 4 through afternoon Aug. 6; Fred Vogler, H. B. Garlock, and missionaries will speak. Evening, Aug. 6, for 4 weeks, revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. E. A. Balliet and Tommy Hollingsworth.—Henry Hoar, Pastor.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Mississippi District Council will convene Aug. 8-10 in the East Side Assembly, Meridian, Miss. For information address H. M. Sandlin, 115 15th Ave., Laurel, Miss., or H. E. Simms, Box 141, Meridian, Miss. Rooms and meals at a reasonable rate will be arranged for all who come.—H. M. Sandlin, District Superintendent.

PAOLA, KANSAS—Tent Campaign, July 16-Sept. 6; Bonnie Jean Prichard, of Overland Park, Evangelist. Expecting Evangelists Justus and Oliver to be with us during closing weeks. Neighboring assemblies and ministers invited to cooperate, especially in open air meetings 3 p. m. Sundays, in public square park.—J. Herbert Francis, Pastor.

TEXAS SPECIAL TRAIN TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL
Leaves Houston via Dallas, September 5, returning from General Council September 14. Special half fare party rate in effect. Those desiring to leave from Dallas write P. V. Chamless, Box 807, Electric, Texas. Those desiring to leave from Houston write John Smith, 2726 Jensen Drive, Houston, Texas.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOUISVILLE, KY.—Fifth annual meeting, Kentucky District Council, Aug. 29—Sept. 1. G. F. Lewis, Superintendent Central District, Main Speaker. For information write J. J. Humphries, District Secretary, Box 116, Taylorsville, Ky., or T. E. Gannon, Pastor Bethel Tabernacle, 2115 Garland Ave., Louisville, Ky.—J. J. Humphries.

GENERAL COUNCIL—SOUTHERN MISSOURI CAMP MEETING
The Southern Missouri District is uniting its Camp Meeting with the General Council Camp Meeting to be held on Central Bible Institute campus, Springfield, Mo., Aug. 30-Sept. 6. This will be a great General Council gathering, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the forming of the General Council. The General Council was formed in Arkansas and we are happy to have an Arkansas preacher, L. L. Riley, as the night speaker. Merv Pearlman, of the Faculty of Central Bible Institute, will speak twice daily on Teacher Training. John Wright Follette, New Paltz, N. Y., will bring one of his unique and instructive messages each afternoon. Meals may be had in the Bible School building at very reasonable rates. Arrange now to attend this great gathering.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES
BERRYMAN, MO.—Sullivan Sectional Fellowship Meeting, C. A. Rally and Church Dedication, Aug. 5. Bring basket dinner.—Earl J. Hance, Box 293, Sullivan, Mo.

MANTECA, CALIF.—North San Joaquin Sectional C. A. Rally, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, North and Main Sts., Aug. 14, 7:30 p. m. Bring instruments and specials. C. O. Gunderson is pastor.—Stanley P. McPherson, Sectional C. A. Chairman, 238 Tokay St., Lodi, Calif.

CLINTON, MO.—Kansas City Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Aug. 7. Services 10:30, 2:30. C. A. Rally 7:45. Bring basket dinner, also musical instruments and special songs. Z. Miles is pastor.—J. L. O'Dell, Sectional Secretary, 1506 Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

BROOKSVILLE, KY.—Fellowship Meeting, Aug. 14. Church two miles southeast of Brooksville, one mile off Highway 10. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 8:30. E. S. T. Entertainment for the night provided for those coming long distance. James Hartshorn is pastor.—Chas. S. Craighead, Presbyter, 321 Wallace Ave., Frankfort, Ky.

PICKENS, OKLA.—All-day Sunday School Rally, Southeast Section, Aug. 12. Night service, C. A. Rally. Bring reports.—Albert Ogle, S. S. and C. A. President, El Reno, Okla.

DANVILLE, ILL.—Fellowship Meeting, Aug. 14. Services 10:30, 2:00, and 7:30. Bert Talcott is pastor.—Chas. F. Carmichael, Presbyter, 617 Edgar Ave., Mattoon, Ill.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Central New York Fellowship Meeting, 662 South Ave., August 10. Three services. Sandwiches served by local assembly.—Glenn D. Jones, Pastor.

SHARP, OKLA. (8 miles southwest of Okmulgee)—All-day Fellowship Meeting, August 8. First service 10:00 a. m. Bring basket lunch, also musical instruments. Third anniversary of church. James Bright in charge.—Hattie Coffee, Pastor.

HARRISON, OHIO—Southwestern Ohio Fellowship Meeting, Harrison and State Sts., Aug. 7. Services and speakers: 10:30, praise and worship; 2:30, Andrew G. Bassell, Delaware, Ohio; 7:30, Leonard Norris, of Johnsville. Paul Davidson is pastor.—Andrew G. Bassell, Secretary, 181 Griswold St., Delaware, Ohio.

DECORAH, IOWA—Fellowship Meeting, Section 3, West Central District, Aug. 14. First service 2:30; C. A. service 6:15; evening service 7:45. Bring musical instruments and let each assembly prepare a special musical number. Basket supper.—Stanley H. Clarke, Presbyter, 304 E. Main St., Decorah.

SALINEVILLE, OHIO—Southeastern Ohio Fellowship Meeting, Washington and Jefferson St., Aug. 14. Services and speakers: 10:30, Erma Miller; 2:30, Ross G. Jones; 7:30, R. A. Miller. Ministers' meeting 1:30. Bring musical instruments, also basket lunch. Coffee and cold drinks served. Dorothy Ellis is pastor.—Isaac Griffith, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 208, Martins Ferry, Ohio.

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GENERAL COUNCIL, Springfield, Mo., Sept. 7-14; preceded by Camp Meeting Aug. 30-Sept. 6.

MALVERN, ARK.—Aug. 9-19; W. B. McCallerty, Speaker.—C. H. Asher, Pastor.

BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS—July 23—Aug. 13; Tracy Greer, of Ft. Worth, Evangelist.—T. S. Miles, Pastor.

ELMER, MO.—Aug. 8—; Salvatore R. Noteri, Concert Violinist and Evangelist.—V. Lenzy Hertweck, Pastor.

LEONARD, TEXAS—July 30, for 2 weeks or longer; Fred D. Wall, of Electric, Evangelist.—Roy B. Quillin, Pastor.

EMPORIA, KANSAS—Aug. 8-20; Mark B. Paddock, Kansas City, Mo., Evangelist.—C. H. Eckles, Box 413.

MONTICELLO, ARK.—July 30—; Stephen Vandermerwe, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—H. E. Shaw, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Zoe and Hillsboro Sts., Aug. 6-20; Evangelist and Mrs. Burnett V. Jones.—W. L. Suter, Pastor.

TURKEY, TEXAS—Aug. 5, for 2 weeks or longer; Ben King, Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist.—J. W. Tucker, Pastor.

YREKA, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly of God, July 30—; Kenneth R. Schmidt, Evangelist.—C. R. Peterson, Pastor.

WOODLAND, CALIF.—Tent Revival, Full Gospel Assembly, Walnut and North Sts.; meeting in progress, to continue throughout summer. Evangelist and Mrs. William D. Swanson, of San Francisco. Neighboring assemblies please co-operate.—By Evangelist.

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Monahans Assembly of God	5.70	Richmond Calvary Pent Tab	15.00	Shelton Assembly of God	7.00	Stevens Point Gospel Tab	7.00
Murchison Barrons Chapel SS	1.00	Winchester Full Gospel Tab	15.50	Spokane Glad Tidings Temple	46.72	Superior Central Gospel Tab	26.67
Oakwood Sunday School	2.00	WASHINGTON Personal Offerings	128.72	Sunnyside Calvary Pentecostal SS	3.00	WYOMING Personal Offerings	4.00
Odessa Assembly of God	37.53	Bellingham Fairhaven Gospel Mission	9.00	Tacoma (Ruston) Glad Tid A of G	52.10	Boyd Sunday School	5.00
Olney Assembly of God	36.24	Burlington Faith Tabernacle	5.66	Wapato Pentecostal A of G	14.23	Buffalo Assembly of God SS	2.27
Palestine Evangelistic SS	18.25	Cashmere Full Gospel Assembly SS	3.00	Waterville Full Gospel Tab & SS	3.42	Newcastle Assembly of God	4.04
Pecos Assembly of God	7.00	Colfax Full Gospel SS	5.00	W VIRGINIA Personal Offerings	1.00	Osage Assembly of God	7.00
Port Arthur First A of G	12.50	Colville Pentecostal SS	5.00	Grafton Assembly of God	5.75	Wheatland Assembly of God	11.53
Reklaw Assembly of God SS	1.00	Conlee City Grace Full Gos Ch YP	5.00	Miami Assembly of God & SS	5.47	ALASKA Personal Offerings	2.58
Saint Jo Assembly of God SS	3.00	Everett Bethany Temple SS	10.03	Valley Grove Assembly of God	4.00	CANADA Personal Offerings	18.15
Saratoga Assembly of God	24.25	Goldendale Assembly of God	4.60	Williamstown Pentecostal Church	3.00	Total Amount Reported	\$7,586.52
Troup Red Oak Flat Assembly	4.24	Kirkland Tabernacle	9.67	Worthington Davis Gospel Tab & SS	2.45	Home Mission Fund	281.72
Troup Red Oak Flat Assembly WMC	1.00	Marysville Pent A & SS	10.37	WISCONSIN Personal Offerings	4.00	Office Expense Fund	68.80
Waco Faith Tabernacle Girls Circle	4.00	Monroe Evangel Tabernacle	4.09	Adams Gospel Tabernacle	7.50	Literature Expense Fund	39.50
Wichita Falls A of G SS	18.23	Naches Full Gospel Assembly SS	2.00	Glidden Gospel Tabernacle	13.50	Given Direct for Home Miss	153.97
Wright City Assembly of God	10.00	Newport Assembly of God SS	2.71	Gresham Morgan Siding G Tab	4.00	Given Direct to Missionaries	438.57 982.56
Yaakum Assembly of God	7.35	Olympia Assembly of God	26.28	Kaukauna Gospel Tabernacle	7.00	Received for Foreign Missions	6,603.96
VERMONT Plainfield Emmanuel	5.00	O.alaska Assembly of God	2.00	La Crosse Gospel Tabernacle	2.50	Amount Previously Reported	11,197.25
Pentecostal Church	5.00	Raymond Full Gospel Tab	30.02	Lake Nebagamon Hawthorne G Tab	2.00	Total Received for Foreign Missions	\$17,801.21
VIRGINIA Personal Offerings	1.00	Raymond Full Gospel Tab SS	5.00	Milwaukee Bay View Gospel Tab	11.00	this month	
Belvoir Full Gospel Tabernacle SS	23.10	Renton Assembly of God	5.50	Mosinee Com. Gospel Tab	10.00		
Norfolk Glad Tidings Ch CA	10.00	Seattle Fremont Pent Tab SS	10.00	Racine Full Gospel Tab & SS	6.31		
North Tazewell Assembly of God	5.00	Selah Pentecostal Assembly	27.25	Siren Gospel Tab & SS	11.45		

A Christ-Honoring Pentecostal Work

Happy and fortunate is the group of worshipers who have a mind to work; who sing, and pray, and preach to bring honor to our wonderful Christ. There is no place for inharmony in such an assembly.

Six years of progress.—When C. T. Walberg became pastor of the assembly at Centralia, Washington, the first Sunday there were 37 present in Sunday School. The larger group picture (top left) was taken April 23, 1939. The attendance was 312. The church building was erected by the labor of pastor and laity. To the left of the church is a comfortable parsonage.



Responding to the *Pentecostal Evangel's* appeal for men, Brother Walberg launched a drive for a Men's Bible Class. There are 50 men in the picture but the attendance has run as high as 67. Brother Walberg says, "This is the most enjoyable class I have had in sixteen years of Sunday School experience."

At the top right is a picture of a male chorus of 18 voices. The pastor discovered that the original temple singers were men. Who wouldn't enjoy hearing these fellows sing? They meet Monday evenings for practice, often sing during service, and give radio programs. Pastor standing in middle row at extreme left.

A twenty-piece orchestra and trained choir is an invaluable asset to the Centralia Assembly. Brother Walberg says, "I feel that Pentecost has lost much in turning our backs upon *extra good singing* for the usual *swing singing*."

Challenge.—Where is the Assembly with an enrollment of 37 which will with the Lord's help acquire an adequate church building, a Sunday School of 312, a Men's Class of 50, a male chorus of 18 voices, a 20-piece orchestra, and a trained choir in six years? It's worth striving for!

