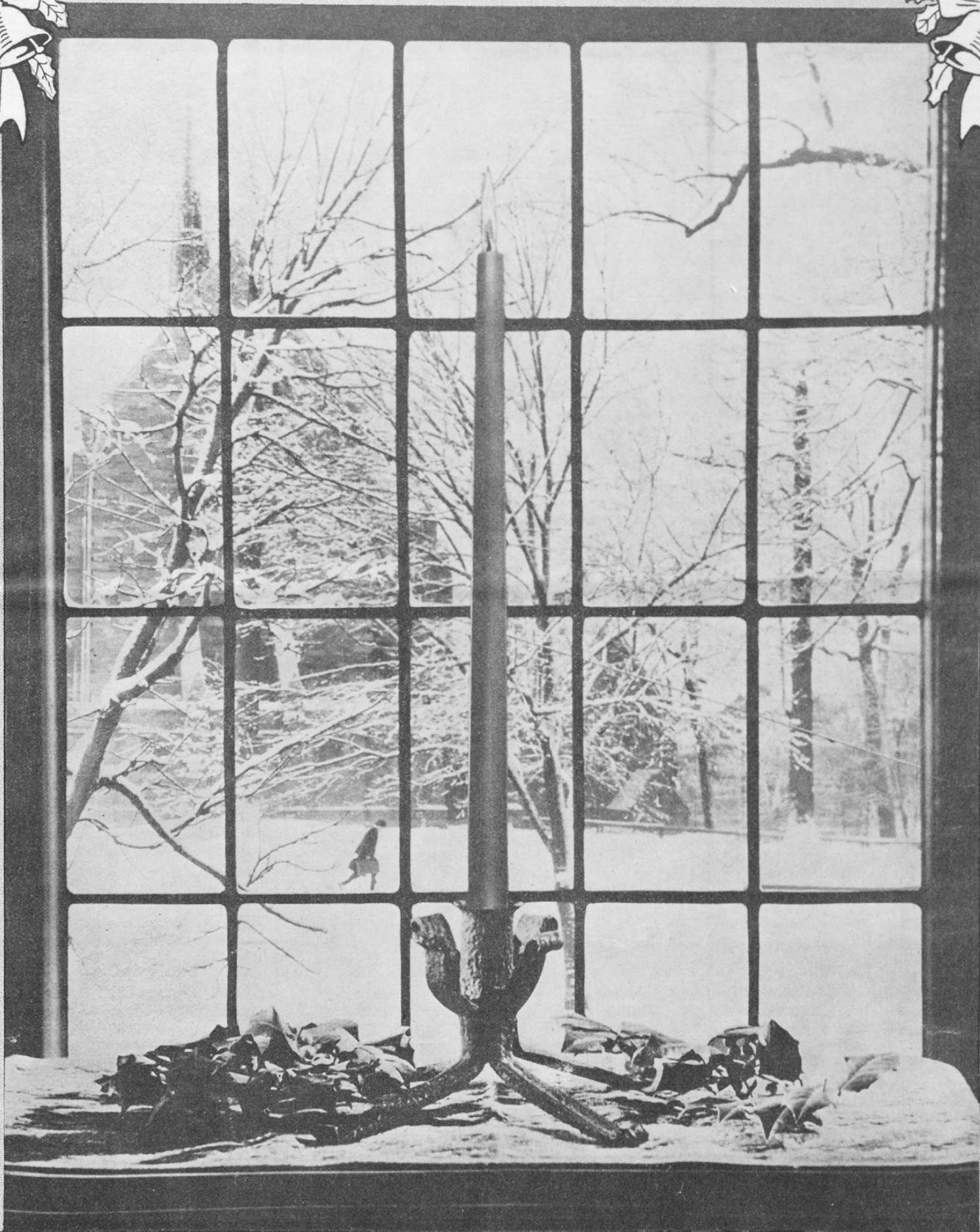


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Hidden Ministry

A Christmas Meditation by John Wright Follette



The title of this little article and poem may seem almost absurd. It is a shame if it does so. Indeed it is no wonder that it might sound foolish since we are living in a day of such great publicity and advertising. How the spirit of the age has made inroads upon our spiritual life. The influence of the world spirit colors and tinges even our religious lives and leaves its marks upon the soul. How slow we are to learn even the simplest lessons in the school of the Spirit. Instead of becoming involved in doctrinal issues where one splits hairs over points so minor and of no real spiritual significance, one could move leaps and bounds in spiritual growth did he but heed the words of Christ, "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. That thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly." I am sure that this idea of secrecy is not limited to the act of giving but the principle holds in all our Christian ministry and manifestation.

This matter of self-expression has run away with many. It is a fundamental fact that man seeks expression. He should do so to develop a normal personality and character. Nature has become so dominant in methods that almost unconsciously man has allowed her to sweep in and rule even in his religious life. Can we not remember that clear-cut and pointed truth—"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit"? John 3:6. Here is a truth upon which all real Christian life and spirituality are built. This is basic and fundamental.

Do not restrict its meaning to the idea that flesh here refers only to the physical body in contrast to the spiritual birth. That is true, but too limited. Whatever—many things—the body, thoughts, motives, work, service and manifestations, if they have their inception and birth in the realm of nature or from a fleshly origin, they forever remain in the realm of nature and flesh. They cannot, under any circumstances or law, become spiritual or bear spiritual fruitage.

And again the same—whatsoever is born of the Spirit (has its inception and birth from the Spirit) is always spiritual in issue and fruition. Much service and work (called Christian and even passes as spiritual) are merely the natural, religious expression of man. It has its birth in the good, religious nature of his being, and he gives it free expression in the form of service and works. Not be-

ing born of the Spirit it cannot be spiritual, nor can it ever merit a spiritual reward.

The ways and methods of man by nature are diametrically opposite to the ways and laws of the Spirit. The question in the last analysis is not, Have we service? Have we any work? Have we a ministry? Are we doing anything? It is rather a question of motives and the true birth-place of the manifestation.

This is the day of exhibition, exploitation, and show. How man is struggling to be seen, heard, felt, and known! He just *must* be recognized. That is what man does, but not the Spirit. "He shall not speak of (or from) Himself." "He shall glorify *Me*, for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." The Spirit does not detract but focuses the attention where it belongs—upon Him. If the ministry is truly in the Spirit, the instrument will be hidden—self effacement will be the atmosphere. How awkward the old man is in getting out of sight and out of hearing! He must truly be old since he is so clumsy and often attracts so much attention getting there.

In these days of man's exhibition, he has shown many of the wicked phases of his nature. Man has become suspicious of his kind. In some cases one hardly dares to be kind or courteous for he will be misunderstood. Someone will think you are "putting something over" if you are. But the Word tells us, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." This is both Old Testament and New Testament teaching. The disciples on their way to Emmaus were courteous enough to invite the stranger in. As the result of a simple act of kindness a revelation came to hungry hearts. So much of value and real worth often hinges upon a seeming trifle. "Little is much if God is in it." Do not fear to obey His commands; they are not grievous.

In the poem I am giving, the picture is purely a fancy, but I do believe there was ground for it to have actually happened. It is not impossible. Can we not trace through the pleasing pen of imagery the truth He is again bringing to us?

O Christmas time, how sweet is the simplicity of thy message! Dear Christian worker and fellow servants, and all His followers, do not limit the season to a calendar date. It is always Christmas for some soul. He is born today and every day in some needy heart. There are such hearts everywhere. He is seeking refreshment today. Can you not spread Him a humble meal in the quiet hidden place of your heart? But remember, He may not wear the form you are expecting. He hungers in the form of broken humanity. The forms He wears are many. Do not be taken up with them—but serve the deep hunger of the needy one and feed, feed, feed.

Again He seeks a resting place. Have you no straw for a bed? Yes, straw—just simple, clean straw. There are weary ones who seek rest. A simple bed of clean straw will do very, very well. The little Christ-child pillowed His head upon the straw in the manger. The wheat, the good, fine wheat, had been threshed from the straw and was no doubt *servicing* to feed the multitude. But the straw—the broken straw, which could not feed, but was cast aside, pillowed His head. O broken straw, how sweet to feel itself so near His blessed head! Surely we can offer some straw.

And again we find a happy place for self-effacement. There are seekers everywhere asking for *Him*. We have found Him. Praise His name!

*I do not know who opened wide the door
And made the stable rude a welcome place.
I do not know who gave a humble meal,
Nor can I in the Scripture find a trace
Of those who laid the straw which made His bed
But this I know that those who served that night
In hidden ministry, so simply sweet,
Were amply blest, and in fair heaven's sight
They really served, for God the Father saw
And He was pleased. And they so little knew
That in their tasks the highest service lay,
Because their hearts were right and motives true.*

*I do not know who opened wide the door
The night the wise-men came to seek the child.
But someone flung it wide and stood behind
To hold it while a light, so soft and mild
Could flood the darkened way to guide them in.
He only stood behind, nor shadow made
To blur the radiance he sheltered there—
In holding wide the door he gave them aid.
I do not know the stable's size or shape;
There was no earthly minstrelsy to sing.
The stable rude, because it held the Christ,
Was turned into the throne room of a King.*

—J. W. F.



We have discovered His humble, secret abode. Now it is our joy and privilege to open to others the door and let them worship and adore. He is the Light of the world. Can you confine it to a stable? The effulgence of its beauty fills more than that. Even the opening of the door releases streams of its power and beauty. We are called to point the seeker to Him. Marvelous privilege and thrilling ministry! Who knows any greater joy than this?

But listen, dear hearts, where are you standing? In all your joy and enthusiasm to help the seekers in—I beg of you, do not stand in the door. For the shadow of your very form dims the radiance of His light. Let Him shine! These are days when personalities are so horribly in evidence. Are you not tired of man, man, man, people, people, people? Are you not tired of yourself? Many cannot find the Light for the shadows of personalities who, seemingly, are pointing the way. Some never get beyond the natural and human—how sad!

O lovely Light, Star of Bethlehem! Light of Ages, shine! Shine through the darkness of sin and clouds of unbelief! Shine past the forms of flesh and man-made creeds! Again O God, Jehovah of Creation, canst Thou not speak—"Let there be Light"?

The Door is open. Come, dear ones, let us gather behind the door—hidden away, but truly serving, for we are holding the door for them. Some are passing its threshold and look! they are so absorbed and entranced with the Light, they have never once thought, Who opened the door? Who is holding it? Who is bracing it against the night wind? O blessed place, for we are there able to see the light and joy flashing upon the faces of the anxious seekers.

O Christmas time! O stable rude! Again we would humble ourselves and gather at Thy shrine. In the quiet of this resting place shall we not look at the motives which govern our hearts? What is that urge which prompts you in your service and ministry? These are solemn days and glorious in privilege and ministry. I trust He may reduce us in many ways. O that He might spare us the deep humiliation which must come if we persist in a service where motives are not pure. There is only shame and confusion awaiting one who has blurred the radiance of His fair light.

We cannot ask to be delivered from personal expression. We are thus limited and it is His method. But we can trust Him to *hide* us. By His grace we can get *behind* the door—a safety zone, I am sure.

The lessons of the incarnation are many. Today let us gather at His feet and afresh offer our hearts in simple faith—willing to serve in hidden ministry—sweet and pure.

Christmas Among the Reds

It was during the Christmas season two years ago that two of the China Inland Missionaries were in the hands of the Communist bandits, nearing the end of more

than a year's captivity. Not one natural thing was there that could be associated with the joys of Christmas, for when December 25th arrived they found themselves confined in a dingy room and forbidden even to talk to each other. If one said one word the guard struck him.

But suddenly Mr. Bosshardt, one of the missionaries, was gripped anew with the message of that first Christmas — *God with us*—and all the grim surroundings were forgotten. How could he convey the message to his brother in captivity, Mr. Hayman?

Unnoticed by the guard, he fumbled in the straw. Mr. Hayman's attention was caught by a few wisps which Mr. Bosshardt held to one side. It was a crude "E" formed by the straw. By and by he held up an "M," and again the "M." Then followed an "A," then an "N," and a "U"; another "E" and finally an "L"; "E - M - M - A - N - U - E - L"—*God with us.*

That one word spelled out in the straw was the only touch of Christmas they had but it was one they never forgot through the remaining days of their captivity.

"They Offered Unto Him Gifts, Gold . . ."

Matt. 2:11 (marg.)

Gold is for the king. It is meet that Matthew should tell this story: for he is pre-eminently the royal Gospel. Long before the Lord was born, these Eastern sages must have been started on their way, whither and to worship whom they knew not: but an ancient prophecy had foretold that to this babe should be offered of the gold of Sheba, and that the kings should bring Him the riches of the Gentiles.

How useful this gold was to Joseph in the following months! It helped him to defray the cost of the journey into Egypt and back, and to maintain his precious charges there. The Heavenly Father knew what those needs would be, and met them by anticipation. If you concern yourself in the affairs of His kingdom, and will obey the warnings and directions He gives; if you dare to step out on the path of literal obedience—you will find that God will become responsible and defray all costs. Gold is naught to Him. He can make it out of common dust by a word.

It is sweet to think of all the gold presented to Jesus in after ages. The wealth

of the rich, the golden ornaments taken from the person, the tiny offerings which represent the patient savings of the poor—all these have made up the flowing river of which those golden gifts of the Magi were the first trickling drops.

Have you given your best to Him, you who know Him, not as the babe only, but as the Man of the Cross; not as man merely, but as the Son of the Highest? You may have given Him copper in abundance, and silver in handfuls; but let your future gifts to Him be of the best. Or, if poverty restrains you, let the philosopher's stone of Love turn the meaner metals to gold.—F. B. Meyer.



She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Rainbows of Promise

Frank W. Boreham tells the story of Noka, a little native girl who used to play around the mission station. One afternoon, Mr. Boreham writes, as she was playing near

the house with her brother, a storm swept up and the children ran for shelter. When the thundershower had passed, a magnificent rainbow arched the eastern sky. "Is it a new rainbow," Noka asked, "or is it the same rainbow I saw before?" "Oh, it is a new one," I replied; "there's a new rainbow for every storm." "Why, then," Noka exclaimed in delight, "there must be reels and reels of rainbow in the gully over the hill!" She was right. There is a rainbow for every cloud! God has provided a rainbow of promise for every cloud of life.

God Invites Confidence

I threw a club at a dog once. Poor old dog! I merely meant to drive him away. That dog gave me one of the presumptive surprises of my life. He grabbed that stick up in his mouth and in a great confident gladness came bounding up to me and dropping the club at my feet, looked up victoriously and made ready for another throw. I could have cried. That dog had beaten me with my own stick. I patted him on the head, and of one thing I am sure, I never threw any more clubs at that particular dog anyhow. He conquered me by putting confidence in me.

God appreciates confidence. No trustful heart will be spurned. He were not God if He could cast a soul away that would implicitly rely on Him.—M. S. Rice.

Said the late Calvin Coolidge, "If American democracy is to remain the greatest hope of humanity it must continue abundantly in the faith of the Bible."



Following the Star

IT is said of the Spirit of God, "He shall show you things to come." To the children of God it is written, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day." The children of Israel had a supernatural light from the pillar of fire. To the Egyptians who followed after, that pillar was as darkness. We may look to the Spirit of God for light for the last days. "In Thy light shall we see light." "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light."

The wise men saw the a star, unique in its movements, in its prominence, and also in its obscurity. It was sufficiently prominent to arrest the attention of the wise men, but it was an ordinary star unnoticed by those who should have been wise but were not. God will send His star. Its movements may seem strange and yet they will not be erratic. Its light will be different from other lights. It will be seen alone by those who have spiritual eyes. To the world, the child of God will be following a will-o'-the-wisp, but it will be the *day-star* heralding the rising of the Sun of righteousness.

The star of Bethlehem rested over the inn, over the manger which contained the Son of glory. Signs are multiplying pointing to the rising of the Sun of righteousness. Will the signs further multiply? There will not be more than there are in the Word. But we need keener perception of the signs. With increased powerful telescopes men are able to see stars afar off that hitherto were invisible. The stars did not come into position to oblige the astronomer. The astronomer had to increase his range of vision to be able to see them.

Christians say, "Signs of the Lord's coming are multiplying." It is rather the Spirit interpreting the signs. There are still more hidden signs, and the Spirit-enlightened Christian will be able to see them and interpret them, and he should act on the information gathered.

What are the two most potent signs? The political condition of Europe and Palestine from the Jewish standpoint. We are seeing nation rise against nation. What will be the future storm center? Rome. Why? Because that was the dominating influence and power at the time of the first appearing of Christ.

Rome domineered the Jews of Christ's time, and was the power that crucified Him. You say, "The Jews incited Pilate." Pilate had the power of Rome behind him. He knew it. He could have refused. The scene was a miscarriage of justice sanctioned by the power of Rome. Rome confirmed the action later by killing the Christians. Rome took no steps to redress the evil she

had done. Pilate could have referred Christ to the emperor just as Paul was later referred to him. Instead of that, he released Barabbas. As he released one he could have released the other.

The revival of Rome at this time is of great significance. As it is the storm center of coming trouble for the nations, it will also be the center of the storm for God's judgments. "Barabbas instead of Christ," is the cry of apostate Christianity, and those who make the cry will suffer.

What about Palestine? Another storm center for the northern armies. The Jews are undoubtedly God's people, therefore the nations that have repudiated the true God will seek to overthrow the people of God and take their heritage. There is a magnificent sea frontage from the Dardanelles to the Nile, and the temptation to possess it will not be resisted. "Come, let us kill the heir, and the inheritance shall be ours." But they overlook the fact that the One who gave the inheritance, the God of their fathers, will fight for the Jews. See Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39.

The destruction of the Egyptians who followed Israel is an earnest of what will be done. There will be a premium on timbrels on that day when the Miriams celebrate the victory over the hosts who sought to destroy Israel. Israel will see the supernatural deliverance. They will see the One whom they pierced and they will praise God and worship their Messiah. This will not be followed shortly afterwards with murmurings, as they murmured before Moses, but they will enjoy the land and peace and prosperity under the direct rulership of the Prince of peace.

We are already seeing nations at war. You say, "They will destroy civilization." It will destroy that which has been fitted for destruction. The hosts that came against Israel, Ammon, Moab, and the inhabitants of Mount Seir (2 Chronicles 20), three nations bent on the destruction of God's people, brought destruction on one another. The spoils were for God's people. So in the future Israel will overflow from Palestine and gather the spoils in Europe and elsewhere. The indestructible Jew will prove again that he is indestructible, and will thrive on the destruction of the Gentiles. This is all borne out

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He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. Luke 1:32

in prophecy. "Ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles."

When is it coming about? When the cauldron has had enough fire underneath it, and the contents boil over and automatically put out the fire. The fire in Europe is being intensified under the cauldron, and the overflow will come when it reaches boiling point.

The wise men followed the star that they saw. Today we have more than the star that shone over Bethlehem to guide us. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the *day star* arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19.—A. W. F.

How to Be Happy This Christmas

One day a poor man was going into the counting house of a very wealthy merchant in New York. As he went in, he saw great piles of bills the clerks were busy in counting. It was in the midst of winter. The poor man thought of his desolate home, and the wants of his family, and, almost without thinking, he said to himself, "Ah! how happy a very little of that money would make me!"

The merchant overheard him. "What is that you say, my friend?" he asked.

The poor man was confused, and begged to be excused, as he did not intend to say anything. But the kind-hearted merchant wouldn't excuse him, and so the man was obliged to repeat what he had said.

"Well, my good fellow," said the merchant, "and how much would it take to make you happy?"

"O, I don't know, sir," said he, "but the weather is very cold, and I have no wood; my wife and children are poorly clad, for I have been sick. But we don't want much. I think, sir, about fifteen dollars would get us all we need."

"John," said the merchant to his clerk, "count this man out fifteen dollars."

The man's heart was made glad, and he

went back to a home that was made glad too.

At the close of the day, the clerk asked the merchant how he should enter in his book the money given to the poor man.

He answered: "Say, 'For making a man happy, fifteen dollars.'"

You can become happy this Christmas by making some needy ones happy.

A Christmas Night Miracle

A True Story by Laurence A. Wooten

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace"

Luke 2:14

These twain are joined together, and none can sunder them. Do you want peace? Your highest aim must be the glory of God. Do you seek God's glory as your highest aim? then, the inevitable result will be the peace that passeth all understanding.

Glory to God in the highest.—It was said of the soldiers of the first Napoleon that they were content to die in the ditch if only he rode over them to victory. With their last breath they cried, "Long live the Emperor!" It seemed as though they had lost all thought and care of their own interests so long as glory accrued to his name. So should it be of us. Higher than our own comfort, or success, or popularity, should be the one thought of the glory of our God. Let Christ be honored, loved, exalted, at whatever cost to us.

On earth, peace.—It will come, because when the heart has only one aim to follow, it is delivered from dividing and distracting cares. It will come, because the glory of God is so lofty an aim that it lifts the soul into the atmosphere of the heavenly and eternal world, where peace reigns unbroken. It will come, because we are not greatly troubled by the reverses and alternations of fortune that are incident to all work in this world, since the main object is always secure and beyond fear of failure. What though there be the ebb and flow of the wave, yet the tide is certainly coming up the shore, and will presently stand at high-water mark.

This peace is said in the Revised Version to come only to men in whom God is well pleased. Live to please God, and He will breathe on thee His peace. Seek His glory, and He will make thy heart His home. Do His will, and thereby good shall come to thee.

"Oh," exclaimed Summerfield, when on his deathbed, "Oh, if I might be raised again, how could I preach! I could preach as I have never preached before—I have had a look into eternity."

When the Lord has done so much for one as He has for the writer, I believe it is time I was telling the world about it.

For a number of years I had such a desire to be saved and was so fearful I would pass from the earth before my assurance of finding this blessed Saviour would arrive.

For years I had been bothered with sinus trouble which had been operated on to relieve the condition, but instead of its being relieved it gradually got worse. My eyesight was very bad. Further than that I had been bothered with rheumatism and the night that the Lord performed this great miracle I was bothered with a deep-seated congestion of the lungs. With all of the ailments I felt anything but good. Having heard one sermon on the Baptism in the Holy Ghost that gripped my heart, causing me to hunger and thirst after righteousness, we decided to hold some cottage prayer meetings and learn more about the wonderful things of God's holy Word. While a sister was reading a portion of God's Word I interrupted her and said, "Let's pray."

While kneeling at the chair praying in a quiet voice in fear that some one would hear me, I said, "Lord, you know that there is no good thing in me; that without You I should be doomed for hell; but guilty as I am I should like to know You as a reality in my heart."

Then a mighty rushing wind came into the room where I was kneeling. Looking around to see if the doors had blown open as it was on Christmas night, the Lord spoke to me to keep praying. As I lay back I saw into heaven, the wonders of which were open to my vision.

It would be unlawful to tell you all that I saw, but I will tell you this much, that I was communing with the King of kings. I saw that in the Cross healing could not be separated from salvation, as the double curse was paid right there and then. Truly He bore our sicknesses at the same time that He bore our sins. Then seeing that this had taken place, after thanking Him for the Holy Ghost, I said simply, "Thank

you, Lord, for the healing of my body." I gave one big cough and the entire operation was performed; I was healed of sinus, rheumatism, poor eyesight, as well as the deep-seated cold on my lungs.

Now things are quite different. My heart believes unto righteousness. A new creation in Christ Jesus has been manifested. Old things have passed away. Behold all things have become new. The things I once loved I now hate. I am crucified with Christ yet I live. Christ liveth in me. The life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in Christ Jesus, who loved me and gave His life for me. Jesus said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." When we notice the action of a corn of wheat in the soil when we see it dying to self, it doesn't make a lot of noise as it comes up to produce fruitage. It isn't tooting a lot of horns. Wouldn't it be too wonderful for words, if at the time we die out to sin we could also die out to self like the corn of wheat?



"Give what Thou wilt, and how much Thou wilt, and when Thou wilt. Set me where Thou wilt and deal with me in all things just as Thou wilt."—Thomas a Kempis.

Something Worthwhile

An outstanding distinction in which we as Pentecostal people rejoice, is our missionary spirit. The last fiscal year we gave more than four hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars for missions.

We may feel hard-pressed for money, but we manage to send in nearly \$40,000 a month for missions. Is that not fine and blessed? We are expecting to make Christmas presents, even though it entail sacrifices and hardships. Let us reach deep in our pockets and give subscriptions to the *Evangel* to our loved ones. Without ever being sensational it will give them the news, doubtless to be more important and dramatic next year than ever before, as the events come and speak of the fulfilling of prophecy.

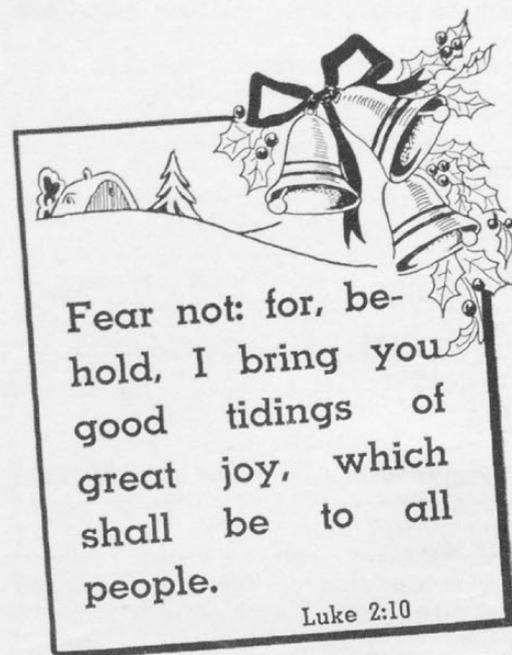
It will solemnize their hearts, inspire their thoughts, and lead them to repentance and a closer walk with Him whose coming may well be in the next twelve month period. Making such a gift is like giving to Missions.

Send us one dollar with the name and address of your friend (\$1.50 if Canada or foreign), and we will send him the *Evangel* for a year, together with a new book by Ernest S. Williams, called, "Not I but Christ," and also a card telling the friend who sent the paper.



Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matt. 1:23

God's Delightful Surprises



HOW happy we are to bestow Christmas gifts on those we love. And does not our lovely Lord delight to give gifts to His bairns? Our God did not withhold from us His best gift, His only begotten Son.

The literal translation of Psalm 21:3 is: "Thou surpriseth him with the blessings of goodness," or as Rotherham renders it: "Thou wilt come to meet him with the blessings of goodness." God delights to give us lovely surprises. He sees us way-faring wanderers on our way home to Himself, and He comes running to meet us with His loving kiss of reconciliation. And despite our unworthiness, not one blessing of His house does He withhold.

In Psalm 68 we have the picture of Christ ascending on high. What did He receive as a compensation for His life of filial faithfulness? God gave Him the desire of His heart, and the request of His lips He did not withhold. Psalm 21:2. What was His desire—His request? The life of His enemies? No. Something great for Himself? No. He desired gifts for men—even for us rebels who had treated Him so badly.

It is evident that He asked for a very special gift for the company of loved ones He had left. On the day of Pentecost He truly surprised them all with the blessings of goodness, giving them the very best heaven had to bestow, the wondrous gift of the Holy Ghost. The gift flowed down, not only to the hundred and twenty. The three thousand were beneficiaries too. And, hallelujah, it was not to be the monopoly of a few, it is a glorious gift for *all*. How comprehensive is that word: "The promise is unto *you*." And better still, "and to *your children*." They are to be olive plants round about our table, *full* of the heavenly oil.

The promise goes out still further. We can proclaim it far and wide: "And to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." The call is very comprehensive. It is to "whosoever will." "Whosoever will" can drink deeply of this glorious flow of God's Holy Spirit.

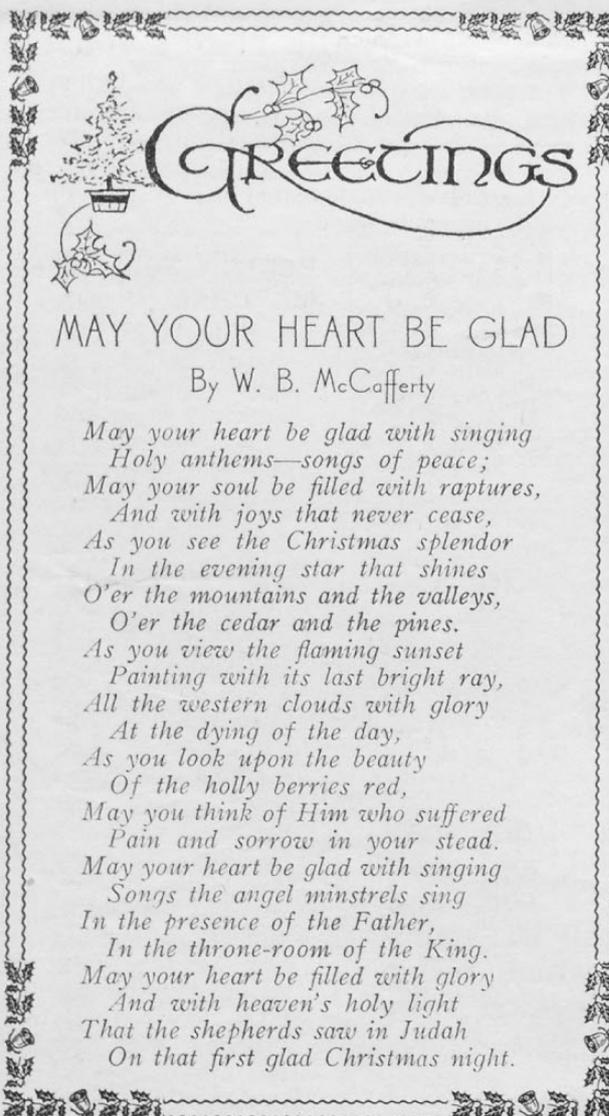
There is a pathetic picture given in the 21st chapter of Genesis. We see the forlorn Hagar wandering in the desert of Beersheba. All the water she had had in her bottle was spent. She cast her son under one of the shrubs, and moved away a bowshot from him, where she could not see him die. But the angel of Jehovah (and that is surely our lovely, compassionate Jesus) came to the weeping Hagar with a gracious promise. He opened her eyes to see His bountiful provision, a well of water right by the place where she was.

Have we not all been like Hagar?

The god of this world has blinded our eyes. Sometimes our eyes have been so dimmed by our tears that we have not seen the blessed presence of our Lord right on hand to convey to us the blessing of which the water is a picture—the life more abundant that He gives in the fullness of His gracious Spirit.

Let us once more look at Psalm 68. The psalmist cries: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits." He had just mentioned the greatest benefit that the ascended Christ has procured for us by His atoning work at Calvary—the dwelling of the Lord God among us. Verse 18. It is the fulfilling of Christ's glorious promise to those who love Him and keep His words, "My Father will love him, and *We will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*" John 14:23.

Every day we can experience the blessedness of the presence of Him whose birth we celebrate at Christmas time. Every day our God loads us with benefits, but the greatest benefit of all is the abiding presence of our Emmanuel. Each day we can say



MAY YOUR HEART BE GLAD

By W. B. McCafferty

*May your heart be glad with singing
Holy anthems—songs of peace;
May your soul be filled with raptures,
And with joys that never cease,
As you see the Christmas splendor
In the evening star that shines
O'er the mountains and the valleys,
O'er the cedar and the pines.
As you view the flaming sunset
Painting with its last bright ray,
All the western clouds with glory
At the dying of the day,
As you look upon the beauty
Of the holly berries red,
May you think of Him who suffered
Pain and sorrow in your stead.
May your heart be glad with singing
Songs the angel minstrels sing
In the presence of the Father,
In the throne-room of the King.
May your heart be filled with glory
And with heaven's holy light
That the shepherds saw in Judah
On that first glad Christmas night.*

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:10

with Wesley, "Best of all, God is with us." "Lacked ye any thing?" the Lord once asked His disciples. They answered, "Nothing." "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Psalm 34:10.

God is on the giving hand. Expect His delightful surprises. It is written, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32. Let our hearts look to Him at this Christmas time not only for temporal benefits, with which He is most lavish, but for the highest spiritual benefits—the abiding presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost within us. He says to us as to Moses, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Ex. 33:14.—S. H. F.

Standing True

It is human to stand with the crowd, it is divine to stand alone. It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to *stem* the tide. It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer with his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

Daniel stood alone, but God stood with him and brought him through his trial of faith more than a conqueror.

"Use me then, my Saviour, for whatever purpose and in whatever way Thou mayest require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel; fill it with Thy grace." —D. L. Moody.

The second half of the article, "The Mystery and Romance of Israel," by Max I. Reich, begun in last week's *Evangel*, will be published in next week's issue.

Overcoming the Adversary

We have three clues in God's Word as to the presence of the devil and his angels in the heavenly places. We will take them in their order.

In Job's case, we see "the accuser" throwing doubts on Job's faithfulness, and asking leave to try him. One of the most touching of the Bible stories is the chronicle of the struggles of this soul to hold on through seas of temptation, unconscious that he was a battlefield between heaven and hell, and that God's honor was at stake in the challenge that had been thrown down in those high places all unknown to him.

In Daniel's case the wicked spirits that were among "the rulers of the darkness of this world" stood, so we read in Daniel 10, to intercept the answer that had gone forth from the first day he had given himself to special prayer. Here again God's saint kept his ground, all unknowing the struggle in the heavenly places that his cry for light had called up; all unknowing that by the supplication that followed it he was holding the way open for the answer to reach him.

In the case of Joshua the high priest (Zech. 3:1-7), on the other hand, there was conscious sin and defilement, possibly through compromise in his own family (see Ezra 10:18). Here in Zechariah's vision, Joshua stood dumbly in God's presence, the adversary standing to block his access back to restoration and cleansing. Again, God himself in the person of the angel of the Lord, takes up the challenge for his servant, even though erring and defiled, bringing back the tide of full salvation in one great wave till he stood sprinkled and renewed, and crowned afresh for his priestly office.

So when we feel doubts surging up as to God's way with us being his best, when the cry that we knew to be God-given brings no answer, when for shame of failure we stand dumb before him, let us remember that we are up against the same powers as withstood God's people of old—let us "wrestle" through to victory!—J. L. Trotter.

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Our Satisfying Portion

Percy Webber went to Egypt and was travelling out in the desert. He observed a slowly rising sand storm coming on and he turned to his Arab guide and said, "What does this mean?"

"There is a storm coming."

"How long will it last?"

"From five to seven days."

"Can we continue our journey?"

"No, only at the cost of our lives."

Then they noticed a huge rock and upon reaching it, in the shade of that rock they found shelter and comfort. There was a spring of cold water right by the rock from which they could slake their thirst. And Webber said, "And there I took my Bible and read this verse in Isaiah, 'And a

man shall be as an hiding place, as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land.'"

He said, "Jesus never was so real. I read the passage to my Arab guide and I pointed to that rock and said, 'Just as this rock is sufficient as a protection, so Jesus is a Rock in a weary land; so He refreshes us and satisfies the thirsty soul!'"

And the Arab said, "I never saw it that way before. I have been an enemy of Christ but from this day on I am a Christian."

These are solemn days, but thanks be to God, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, a refreshing spring for the thirsty soul. He will protect us and satisfy us.—Paul Rood.

Don't mind criticism. If it is untrue, disregard it. If it is unfair, keep from irritation. If it is ignorant, smile. If it is justified, learn from it.

As you hear the angel of the Lord speak to the shepherds on the hillside, what does the angel declare? "Unto you is born this day in the city of David . . ." What? A friend, a humanitarian, a social worker, a philosopher, a teacher of ethics, an example? No, "a Saviour."

The uniqueness of the personality of the Lord Jesus Christ explains His sinlessness. Many people ask an explanation for His sinlessness in the light of what is contained in the Scriptures that there is nothing clean born of woman, according to the teaching in the Book of Job. How could Jesus be sinless and still be born of a woman? What difference does the Virgin Birth make? As the pre-existent Son of God, He "emptied himself" and was born of a virgin. Does it make any difference whether He was born of the Virgin Mary or not? It makes a great deal of difference. If He had not been born of a virgin, He would have been a natural man. He would have been the same type of personality as you and I. If He had not been a higher personality, His work of redemption could not have been supernatural. Because He was born into the world a unique personality, His work on Calvary was a unique work. Jesus was born into the world of the Virgin Mary in such a way that He could be sinless and still be human at the same time. Blessed mystery!

Why a Sinless Personality?

In the realm of personalism, there is the "Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion." What is the meaning of this principle? Here is a woman. As you look at this woman, is she a combination of her father and mother? No, you know that all human beings have inherited some of the characteristics of their fathers and mothers, but they are not a combination of father and mother. Each one is a unique conception. They are individuals, and in their individual personality they have inherited some of the traits of both mother and father, and have excluded others. That is the reason that in some families you will see brothers and sisters who are totally different. One included more of mother and excluded more of father, and one included more of father and excluded more of mother. The same process goes back generation after generation, and as it goes back there is not the same amount of inclusion and exclusion in each child, and that is the reason we are all different. Each personality varies in the inclusion and exclusion of inherited traits, characteristics, and tendencies.

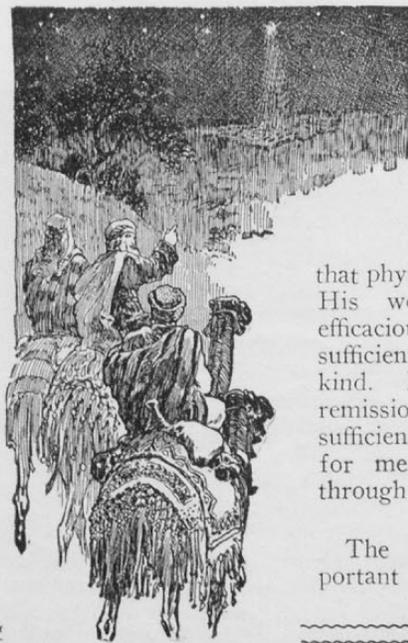
On the same basis Jesus' sinlessness is explained. As Jesus was born of the Virgin, what did He include? He included all of humanity. He was born of a woman, but what did He exclude? He excluded all of the

sinful. On the divine side He included the very nature of God and His deity, but He excluded the wealth and glory that belonged to His Father in heaven.

Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. His was a unique personality. He was not born into the world in the natural process of conception, but He was conceived of the Holy Spirit. He was not human and divine. He was the humandivine. He is GODMAN, not with a hyphen, but without a hyphen. He is a unique personality. There can not be any dual personality, any dual nature. Neither can there be a Christ as God and Man. He is the one personality, the GODMAN. He is a unique person, born the GODMAN, born truly human, with the exclusion of the sinful. Only thus could He be the Saviour of mankind.

Physical Resurrection and Other Supernatural Facts

People have often asked, "What difference does it make whether you believe in physical resurrection or not?" It makes a great difference. If Jesus' resurrection had been just a phantasma, a sort of spiritual resurrection, we would not have the assurance that the work of Calvary had been efficacious and atoning. The physical bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is God's receipt for that debt which was paid on Calvary, and we have the attestation of history—we have the attestation of those who saw Him after He was raised from the grave. He was not any mere spirit. They saw Him, and when Thomas doubted, he was given the opportunity to put his fingers in the nail prints and in the spear-pierced side. The reality of physical bodily resurrection was sufficient; he cried, "My Lord and my God." He recognized that this was more than a spiritual resurrection. This was a physical, bodily resurrection of his Lord. Recognizing the physical resurrection as a supernatural work, we realize that it would be impossible to have a supernatural resurrection and yet have only a natural birth.



The supernatural is obvious in the work of redemption, and the supernatural must be seen in the personality of Jesus from the Virgin Birth through the physical resurrection. It must be logical; it must be consistent. Because of that physical resurrection, we know His work on Calvary was efficacious. His atoning work was sufficient to pay the debt of mankind. It was sufficient for the remission of your sins. It was sufficient also to make it possible for me to be a new creation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Unique Blood

The blood plays a very important part in the crucifixion

The Birth of Our Unique

By Walter D.

Walter D. Kallenbach, blind evangelist, author of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In his early youth, he was an outstanding athlete years solo trumpeter with Paul Whiteman's orchestra. Courts and elsewhere while on an orchestra tour, he lived a worldly living.

Later, wholly blinded as a result of a hunting accident and was marvelously converted.

of Jesus Christ. Scripture says that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. Heb. 9:22.



Scripture also gives a very definite scientific fact when it says: "The life of the flesh is in the blood." Lev. 17:11. Life is in the blood. We see Jesus as He died on the cross. His blood dripped from that cross, and He gives life through the shedding of this blood. What is there about the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that makes it possible for Him to give life? Would not the blood of any one have been sufficient? Was not the blood of goats and bullocks sufficient for sacrifice? No, there had

to be a unique blood, greater than all the sins of mankind, more powerful than the blood of goats and bullocks. Was not Jesus' blood the blood of a woman? Was not His blood the same human blood all of us have in our veins? It was different from any blood in the world, different from yours and mine. Why was it different? It was different because of His unique conception and because of His unique personality.

It used to be said that a mother gave her blood to her children. Many mothers have said, "This child is flesh of my flesh and blood of my blood." Many times they have said, "Blood is thicker than water, and this child is born with my blood."

Today it is a definite scientific fact that children are not born with the mother's blood. It is true that a mother furnishes blood for nurture and aeration from the nidus through the placenta, but the blood of the mother does not enter into the blood stream of the child.

There has been a great deal of research work done in the field of syphilis. As medical men have gone into this research work in order to stamp out syphilis, they have had to deal with the blood stream, because the syphilitic germ is one that lives in the blood stream.

For experimental investigation, every mother confined in certain hospitals was given a blood test. As medical men took these tests of the mothers just before the children were born,

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and took tests of the children after birth, they were amazed at some of the things they discovered. They did not think much about it at first when in taking these tests they found discrepancies. When they found a mother having Group O blood and a child with Group A blood, or a mother having Group B blood and a child Group AB blood, they did not think much about that fact. They considered it a freak of nature. When there were children and mothers, a child having Group O blood and the mother Group B, they were concerned, because it is a known fact in blood transfusions that Group B blood cannot be given to an individual in Group O under any conditions. If you had Group O blood, and they gave you a transfusion with Group B blood, you would soon be dead. No doctor could have helped you in the least. Yet here were mothers and children, the mother having Group B blood and the child Group O. The research workers realized there was something wrong with their embryology.

The scientists began to make studies and researches, and one day as one of the great embryologists was sitting at his breakfast table, breaking open a soft-boiled egg, he exclaimed, "I see it! I see it!" He knew that the blood did not go through that shell. He knew that when an egg was viewed under a microscope, there were no signs of blood on the first day. He knew that on the second and third and fourth and fifth days there were no signs of blood. He also knew that on the sixth day blood spots began to appear. He knew that on the tenth day the shape of the embryo could be seen as it began to take on lines. Men realized that here was a truth of nature. They realized that every embryo generates its own blood. As the embryo is carried in the mother's womb, the mother does not give the child blood, but the child generates its own blood.

The Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, conceived



of the Holy Ghost. Did she give her blood to Him? Her blood nurtured and aerated His body, but His blood was generated as an embryo. It was a unique generation. It was a unique blood. It was a blood that was efficacious on Calvary's cross.

Cleansing by the Blood

What is the purpose of the blood? What is the function of the blood? As your blood functions, it has a very definite purpose. It sustains life, because your blood not only nurtures and aerates, but it cleanses as well. The main purpose of blood is to cleanse. In your blood stream are three kinds of little warriors, which we call the lymphocytes, the leucocytes, and the phagocytes. Their purpose is to cleanse. If it were not for these little warriors, you would die in a very few days, because bacteria capable of producing disease frequently gain access to the blood stream. They would gain control, and death from disease would follow soon were it not for these little warriors that cleanse the blood stream. Not only do they serve you in living by killing and destroying germs, but as they die they go to the region of the pancreas and liver, and even in death they serve the functions of the body. *Life is in the blood.*

As we turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, we see how His blood cleanses. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses you from the germ *sin*, which diseases your life.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Sin brings eternal spiritual death, and the blood of Christ cleanses from that sin. That which is sinful, which causes death, is done away with by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blood not only cleanses, but also nurtures; it gives strength and flexibility. Why is your skin flexible? It is the blood that fills the cells and nerve tissues and keeps your skin flexible.

In 1 John 1:9 it is said: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Even after their initial salvation, Christians experience a continual process of strengthening and cleansing and nurturing. Some of you Christians need to put your wrong conceptions, some of your habits, your sinfulness and failures under the power of the blood. You will never have real strength and

power until you are ready to let the power of the blood be effective in your life in its fullness.

Power in the
Blood
Many of you

do not understand the power of the blood. You say, "Why do you have to speak about it so much?"

It is repulsive to you. I used to think it was repulsive when I was an atheist. All the talk about the blood sounded like some bacchic cult. I thought some of the hymns about the blood were terrible. I detested them every time I heard them. But when I was in the hospital, I finally understood the power of the blood. I was so weak as I lay in the hospital that I could not lift a finger; I could not raise my head from the pillow. It was necessary for me to have blood transfusions. I never forgot the experiences I passed through when receiving these transfusions. As they inserted the tube and the blood came coursing into my veins, there seemed to be new life. There were little jerks throughout my body. Impulses of strength and waves of power and

life seemed to be flowing into me. About an hour and a half later, I felt as though I had enough strength to get out of bed and walk around. Then I knew there was life in the blood. When I was about ready to die, when I had no strength, the blood was brought and there came new strength, new life.

It is the same with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we are dead in our sins, there is a spiritual

transfusion that takes place as we turn to Him and cry for deliverance, for strength, for life. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ does become effective, and you do have newness of life as you go forward walking in His strength.

Do not be discouraged if you cannot understand all these things. Maybe you cannot understand all about the blood or the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot explain some of the factors about the blood of Christ, but neither can we explain all about the functions of the blood in our ordinary life. Do you know that several years ago the method for purifying salt was a method in which blood was used? In Wales, they would go down into the salt mines and bring the salt to the surface. It was dirty black salt. As it was brought to the surface, it was mixed with the blood of bullocks, and after it had gone through various processes, it came out white as snow. Does that seem like a miracle? It is not explainable. We cannot give a chemical explanation for all these things, but we know the fact exists that when dirty black salt is mixed with blood, it becomes white clean salt. It is the same with man in his sin. God has provided this way for man. In the blackness of our sinful life, we can come to the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the efficacy of that blood shed on Calvary our sins are cleansed whiter than snow. He knows the process. We know only the result.

Seeing the Meaning of the Blood

You must see the Lord Jesus Christ as
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RAPID GROWTH IN LATIN-AMERICAN WORK

God has graciously blessed the ministry of our Brother and Sister H. C. Ball and others who have been actively employed in ministering the gospel to Latin-American people in that their work has now grown to such an extent that there are practically three hundred ministers either ordained, licensed, or holding exhorter's papers from the Latin-American District Council.

A very gracious spirit prevailed in all the meetings of the last District Council which convened at Carlsbad, New Mexico. It was the desire of the body that Brother Ball be re-elected to the position of superintendent, but Brother Ball has for many years carried more than his share of responsibility in acting as head of the Publishing House for Spanish literature, conducting the Bible school at Saspamco, and also supervising the general field work as superintendent of the district. He therefore requested that his name should not be voted on as a candidate for superintendent. The Council then elected D. Bazan, a faithful brother who has by his fruitful ministry built up the confidence and support of the Latin-American constituency.

Some hesitancy was manifested in voting on Brother Ball as assistant superintendent since it did not seem fitting that one who had acted as superintendent should then be put in as assistant; but after they were assured that this was perfectly all right, and that Brother Ball would be willing to serve in this capacity since it would not take much of his time, he was unanimously elected to that position. We feel this is a very happy arrangement since the District will have in their assistant superintendent one who has been a father to the work, and who will undoubtedly be consulted by the superintendent in all matters of vital importance.

During the District meeting, encouraging reports were given from various foreign fields into which the Latin-American District work has extended, such as Nicaragua and Peru. Brother Orozco reported on the work in Mexico, and in appreciation of his ministry and in view of the need of our brethren in Mexico, a special love offering was taken for him as



L. G. Bolton pulling himself across the great Mekong River of Southwest China on the rope bridge.

an expression of the good will of the Council toward the work in Mexico. Our hearts were much encouraged as we realized what God had wrought.

There are many young men who are desirous of getting a Bible school education, so that they may go out to preach among their own people. As little as \$5.00 a month would take care of the support of a Bible school student in the Saspamco, Texas, institute, and a trifle more in the San Diego, California, institute. Considering what has been accomplished in the past by our Latin-American brethren, we feel this would be a splendid investment for any

one wanting to know where to place a little of his missionary money.

JOURNEYING AMONG THE LISU Leonard Bolton

Three hundred Lisu gathered in a bamboo chapel to worship their God and our God, their Saviour and our Saviour, the Lord and Master of us all. Among them many praised God in other tongues "as the Spirit gave utterance" for in a great spiritual outpouring over a hundred of these simple-hearted people had received the precious Baptism in the Holy Spirit!

As we gazed and listened and rejoiced, we knew that even without the other blessing and opportunities which had attended us our journey was well rewarded.

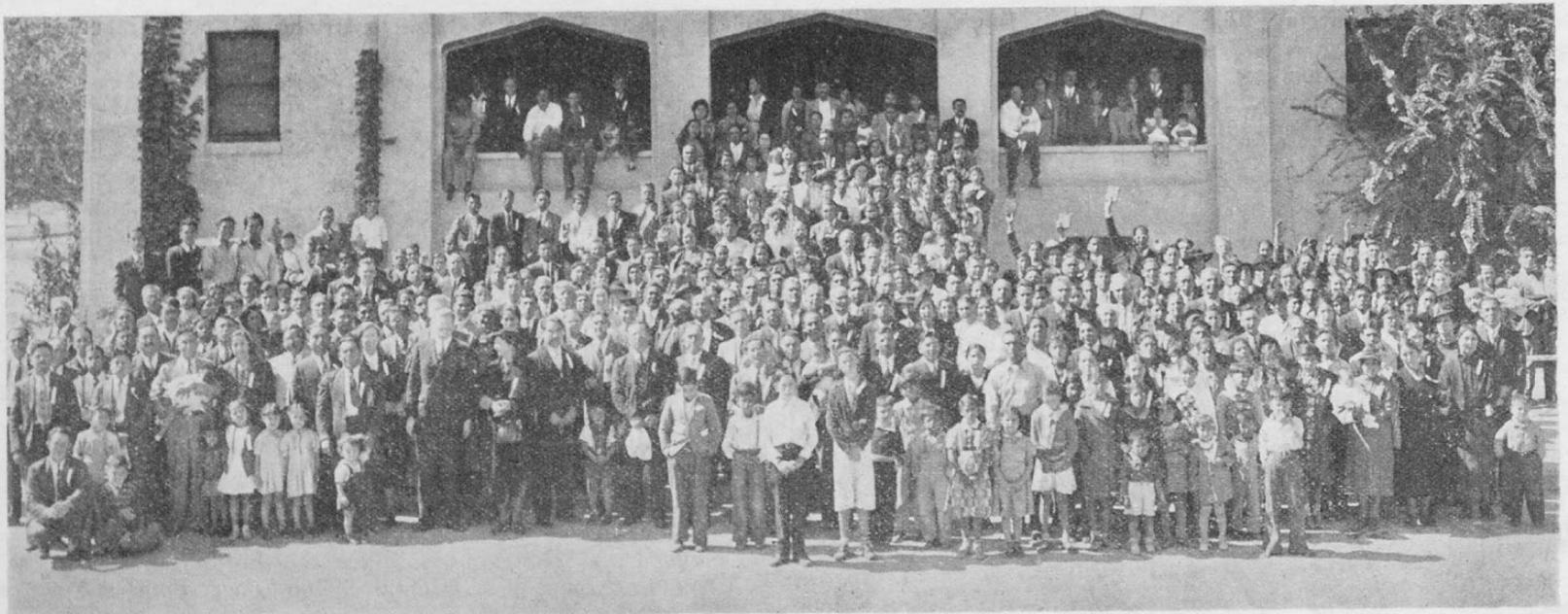
For some time we had had upon our hearts a district that was completely untouched by any missionary endeavor. After prayer and preparation three native preachers—David, a Tibetan and a Chinese—and myself started off on the long trip up the northern trail. Fifty miles on the trail brought us to a rope bridge crossing the Mekong. Although one strand was broken, we praise God we were enabled to cross safely with all our supplies. Eight Lisu helped us carry our loads up the steep mountain to their village, and we stayed there over the week-end, holding splendid Pentecostal services with about two hundred and fifty attending.

God's Blessing upon His Word

Another journey of a day and a half up the mountain brought us over the seventeen-thousand-foot pass through six feet of snow and down into the Salween valley. Here at dusk we entered a Lisu village where no foreigner had ever been. The people were frightened at first but nevertheless gave us shelter for the night.

We stayed for a week, holding meetings every night, singing, preaching, showing them the Lisu Book. Before we left, many families had repented and were rejoicing in their new-found Saviour.

Our supplies were running low, and we had to leave to go down to the river to fish. We caught no fish but rejoiced nevertheless! As we fished, some Lisu came to watch, and we spoke to them. They invited us to their



The Latin-American District Council as it convened in Carlsbad, New Mexico, late in October

village hidden in the mountains, and there we were enabled to preach the precious gospel to those who had never heard. They listened willingly for hours, and many came to Christ, praise His wonderful Name!

The Morrisons' Station

After visiting in about ten districts, climbing over dangerous ravines, footsore and many times hungry, we reached Shangpa, the J. C. Morrisons' station, and received a hearty welcome. There we found the bamboo chapel and the three hundred worshipers. We rejoiced with the Morrisons as we heard of the great outpouring of the Spirit they had experienced and of the hundred who had received the Baptism.

After a week of blessed fellowship with meetings every night, I fell ill with a high fever, and it was decided best that I be taken home, where I could receive better care. It was a hard and desolate journey on the way back, with my fever still raging and my mind clouded with delirium most of the time. Only God's grace enabled us to cross the pass and the Mekong rope bridge. After six almost unendurable days of hardship and sickness, we reached Wei Hsi. Home at last! How comforting my own bed, good nursing, and warm food!

By all appearances I had a bad attack of typhoid fever, but God undertook in answer to prayer, and we are able to continue with our work on the home station. We thank God for the privilege of carrying His Word to these far villages of the Lisu, and pray that every hindrance will be removed, so that God can pour out His Spirit in mighty revival all through this land.

NEW OPENING IN CUBA

A fresh field without the gospel and with no teaching of God has opened up before those who are laboring in Cuba for the furtherance of His kingdom. W. L. Perrault writes concerning this needy place.

"We were standing on the station platform waiting to leave for Xavier when a poorly dressed, careworn, elderly woman approached inquiring if we were not 'evangelicos.' We gladly assured her that we were.

"I, too, am a believer," she said, "and I love the gospel and have meetings in my home as often as I can find some one who will preach. Won't you please go to Candonga and preach there? We have no minister and we are so hungry!"

"Although our time seems so packed with things to do, we could not resist such a plea, and promised to go there as soon as possible. Upon arriving in Candonga, we inquired our way to the house of the old lady's son, where we were greeted with joy. He hastened to announce our coming and soon there was a crowd in front of the house, and quite a number of men filled the room.

"We sang old gospel hymns, accompanied on the accordion, then gave a brief gospel message, closing with a promise to return. The men gathered around us and urged us to come regularly, as they felt the need of more teaching.

More Workers Needed

"These people even promised to

find a hall if we would only give them regular services. We could only promise them one service a week, one day with a service for God, and six when the devil might sow the seeds of evil! The proportion seems entirely wrong, but the harvest is so great and the laborers so few! Let us pray for more consecrated young people who will heed the call.

"Before we came again to Candonga, there was a cyclone and a great flood in which hundreds saw their homes swept away. This time the house could not contain the crowd who wished to hear the message. Oh, how we pray that the Word may bring light to their hearts!

"One young man in Palma Soriano, recently saved, has now entered the Bible School and

probably be somewhere on the water. We trust the Lord may go before them and give them a safe and pleasant voyage in spite of these perilous times.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Princic, who first went to Liberia about five and one half years ago, are happy to be returning to this part of Africa. Most of their first term, however, was spent in the Belgian Congo, where they opened a new station at Andudu. Their work this term in Liberia will be largely evangelistic, penetrating into the interior beyond where we have established mission stations. Their many friends from coast to coast will be glad to learn of their return to the mission field.

Florence Steidel and Louise Hackert are two more who have worked in Liberia and are glad to be returning to their work. Miss Steidel will again be stationed at the Girls' Training School at Newaka, where her ministry has been a great blessing among the girls. Her experience as a trained nurse has made her service there especially valuable. Miss Hackert plans to engage in evangelistic and pioneer work this term.

Elizabeth Maynard, whose home is in New Jersey, is a new worker going out with this group. She has felt the call of God upon her life for work in Africa for a number of years, and now, after several years of pastoral work in the State of New York, the way has opened for her to minister in Liberia.

This party is scheduled to sail from New York, December 9, on the "S. S. Vulcania" of

the Italian Line. We are sorry that we were not able to announce their sailing earlier, but because of the difficulty in securing passage for our missionaries at this time, this opportunity was accepted rather suddenly. We are sure these workers will appreciate the prayers and support of the Evangel family during the weeks and months to come.

NEW MISSIONARY MAP

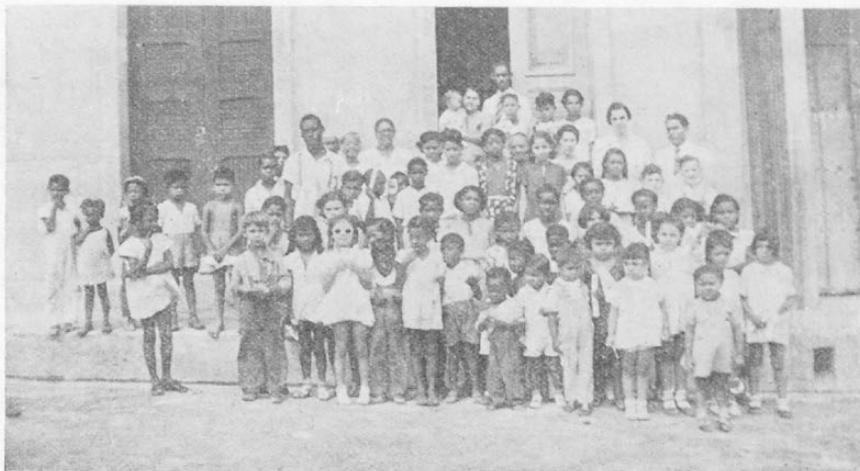
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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We were glad to receive a letter from P. J. Shabaz and family written from the "S. S. Exeter" en route to Baghdad. He asked that we express for him his appreciation and gratitude to the many friends who are praying for them, and who so kindly helped them while they were in this country on furlough, making their return to the field possible. Their address for a time will be General Delivery, Baghdad, Iraq. (See Page 12)



The Palma Soriano Sunday School at the time it was opened in Cuba a few months ago by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Perrault.

is happily preparing to carry the message to others. A young woman who has been an earnest Christian for many years has given up her private school and is entering the Bible Institute to teach Spanish grammar and church history. We thank God for these yielded hearts and lives; but the need is so great! Other towns are calling. Other souls are walking in blind darkness. Pray that we may be enabled to go to them with the glad tidings of salvation.

"Pray also for the needs of the Bible Institute. A washing machine would help so much in relieving our missionaries who are overworked with many meetings and classes and much housework. A used printing press on which to publish our Spanish paper 'La Antorcha' and tracts and Pentecostal literature is also a great need. If any one should feel led of the Lord to help a student in school, eight or ten dollars will supply his needs for a month. All offerings should be sent in care of Noel Perkin, 336 W. Pacific St., Foreign Missions Department, Springfield, Missouri."

LIBERIA PARTY EN ROUTE

At the time this issue of the Evangel is going to press we are planning for the sailing of a party of five missionaries for Liberia, and before this paper reaches its readers they will



Louise Hackert



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Princic



Elizabeth Maynard



Florence Steidel



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Worshiping the New Born Babe

Lesson for December 24: Lesson Text:
Luke 2:1-14

Almost everyone loves a love story. Interest increases as the story develops. The climax is reached and interest reaches its peak. Then the story ends. And unless it is very unusual the reader does not desire to read it again. But we have before us the greatest love story ever told. It has no end and never grows old. The first time we heard it our hearts were thrilled. Today it is more precious than ever. It is the story of the love of God in giving to the world His dearest Gift—His only Son—the story of the birth of the Saviour!

The Occasion of His birth. Verses 1-5. It was needful that it be proved beyond all dispute that Jesus was a descendant of David. It was also necessary that He be born in Bethlehem according to the Word of the Lord by the prophet Micah. But how could a public recognition of His ancestry be achieved! What interest could the keepers of the register be supposed to take in two such humble persons as Joseph and Mary? As for the second matter, Mary lived at Nazareth in Galilee, and it was highly probable that her child should be born there. In fact it was very unlikely that anything could induce her to take a long trip to Bethlehem, since the time for her delivery was so near. How could these matters be arranged? Very easily! God simply brought about his purpose through no less a person than the emperor of Rome! For "it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world (meaning the entire Roman empire) should be" enrolled for taxation, each man going for that purpose to the town of his fathers. Thus it came about that Mary was brought to Bethlehem; that Jesus was born as appointed, and that He was officially recognized as being descended from David. The fact that his mother came to Bethlehem, the home of David of whom she was a descendant, established His descent.

The Place of His birth. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." He, before whom every knee should bow and every tongue confess His Lordship, born in a manger! How expressive of His humility! How encouraging to all the poorly-started and friendless! What name today is so mighty as His? Who has so many friends? Take courage, handicapped one! Nine out of ten of the world's great men were born in barn-like places. "Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold." Psalm 68:13.

Why was He born in a stable? "Because there was no room for them in the inn." No room for Jesus the Son of God? What an opportunity the innkeeper missed on that memorable day! No room for Christ! And so it has been through the centuries. "Behold I stand at the door and knock," He said. But the hearts and minds of the vast majority today are filled with selfish thoughts of gifts to be received, and He whose birthday it is, is crowded out. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." Matt. 8:20. There is no room for Him today in the affairs of the nations, no room in many church-

es, no room in many homes. God grant that on this His birthday, and throughout the coming year, He may in very truth, have His rightful place—first in our thoughts, our affections, and our deeds!

THE MEANING OF HIS BIRTH

Revealed to Shepherds. Verses 8-10. Why was the great revelation given to such humble and unimportant folk as shepherds? Luke 10:22 may give us the answer: "Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father . . . that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent (in the eyes of men) and hast revealed them unto babes (guileless, humble of mind, sincere, and full of faith)." Revelation comes not to the worldly wise, but to hungry hearts and pure minds! *Announced by an angel.* "For unto you is born



this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." What did this statement mean to those wondering shepherds on the Judean hills? It meant that the new born babe was the one who would save them from their sins, for He was called "a Saviour." It meant that He was the Messiah (the words "Christ," and "Messiah" are synonymous, meaning "Anointed"), the One whose coming had been predicted and described by the prophets for many centuries, the One to whom the Jews looked for spiritual deliverance from sin, national emancipation and restoration. Isa. 61:1-3; 9:6, 7. But how comparatively few there are today who recognize the meaning of His birth!

THE EFFECT OF HIS BIRTH

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." What were the effects of His birth?

Glory to God! Very truly did the birth of Jesus bring glory to God in heaven! The angels shouted when God created the earth: "The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Their song swelled throughout the succeeding ages as they beheld the wonderful

works of God; but when they saw the Son of God stoop, in infinite condescension, to become the weakest thing in His own creation—a tiny babe, when they saw, as the purpose of that incarnation the salvation of man, their song gained the highest notes in the divine scale of praise, and they sang, "Glory to God in the highest," for their highest praise they gave to Him who gave His Son to be the Saviour of mankind.

On earth, peace! Then the angels dropped their eyes to contemplate the earthly consequences of this crowning event of all history. "On earth, peace." Peace to mankind which because of sin had no peace. Peace to the weary, the nerveless, the heartbroken. Peace in time of war and strife. Peace that shall one day cover the earth. Blessed, eternal, abiding peace, the possession of which would be impossible had it not been for the birth of the "Prince of Peace."

Good will toward men! The song of the angels ended with a declaration of God's attitude toward men. "Good will toward men." How can men possibly believe that God's attitude toward them is anything but one of loving kindness? For God declared His good will through Jeremiah, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you . . . thoughts of peace and not of evil." He swore by an oath through Ezekiel, "As I live . . . I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live." He pleaded through Isaiah, "Come now and let us reason together . . . though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." And when He gave His only begotten Son, He demonstrated His love, and gave an everlasting and unassailable proof of His good will toward men. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!"—J. Bashford Bishop.

JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST

A dying judge, the day before his departure to be with Christ, said to his pastor, "Do you know enough about law to understand what is meant by joint-tenancy?"

"No," was the reply. "I know nothing about law, I know a little about grace, and that satisfies me."

"Well," he said, "if you and I were joint-tenants on a farm, I could not say to you, That is your hill of corn, and this is mine; that is your stalk of wheat, and this is mine; that is your blade of grass, and this is mine; but we would share and share alike in everything on the place. I have just been lying here, and thinking with unspeakable joy, that Jesus Christ has nothing apart from me, that everything He has is mine, and we will share and share alike through all eternity."

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

(Continued from Page Eleven)

Word From a New Worker

Also sailing on the "S. S. Exeter" was the party of new missionaries for Congo. One of them—Angeline Pierce—has written en route that they are having a pleasant and safe voyage, although there is evidence all around that war is in progress. At one point their steamer was stopped and searched and their passports examined, and then they were allowed to proceed unharmed. She gives quite an amusing account of the new missionaries' going ashore in France, where they found they were indeed strangers in a strange land, and for the most part were not able to make their wants understood. As evening came upon them it was with some difficulty that they managed to get back to the boat through the streets which of necessity were kept in absolute darkness. Even the street cars were running with only a

dim blue light and the ships in the harbor were allowed very little light. We should be hearing shortly of their safe landing in Africa.

J. PAUL THOMMEN WITH THE LORD

Another battle-tried warrior has laid down his armour, having been promoted to higher service on Monday night, November 27th. A telegram from Brother R. J. Thurmond, states that Brother J. Paul Thommen, Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District Council was on a home missions trip with four brethren of the Home Missions Committee. They reached Alturas, Calif., on Monday, where Brother Thommen suffered an attack of acute gastritis, which resulted fatally.

Brother Thommen was ordained to the ministry in July of 1923 and was elected to serve as secretary of the District Council in 1926, holding that office for ten years. He was chosen as District Superintendent of the Northern California District in July of 1936, which office he held until the day of his demise. Brother Thommen will be greatly missed not only by the brethren of the Northern California-Nevada District, but by all the fellowship as well, for he was widely known for his sturdy Christian character and ministry. May the comfort of divine grace be granted to his widow and children at this time of sorrow.

GONE TO BE WITH CHRIST

Wm. I. Evans Jr., the son of Wm. I. Evans, Dean of Central Bible Institute, after a long illness which has kept him bedfast for more than two years, went to be with the Lord November 24, 1939, at the age of 23 years. Our tender sympathy is extended to the loved ones left behind.

SPIRIT-GIVEN PRAYERS

That Christ May Be Exalted

With the coming of Him who is the Day-spring from on High there is a blessed assurance of our deliverance from darkness and being guided in the pathway of peace.

Christ came to deliver us from all our enemies, so that we might serve our God without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. Luke 1:74, 75.

Israel had many enemies. We have a list of them in Psalm 83. These enemies hated God and they also hated His people. "They that hate Thee have . . . taken crafty counsel against Thy people, and consulted against Thy hidden (literally, treasured) ones." Verse 2, 3.

The psalmist desired to see Israel triumphant over their enemies, and he knew the only hope was to call on the Lord. He alone was able to deliver. The Lord says to all His saints, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble," and He gives assurance, "I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." Psalm 50:15.

Christ desires us to be overcomers. As we cry to Him He will not fail to deliver us from all our enemies—the unseen principalities and powers and wicked spirits in high places—so that we may fearlessly serve God all our days. But He would be enquired of to do this for us.

Do you desire to be an overcomer? Then look up to Him whose Joy it is to deliver you and give you power over all the power of the enemy. Cry to Him: "Let them (the enemies of Jehovah and the saints) be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: that men may know that Thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth." Psalm 83:17, 18.

Let us pray for this manifestation of His overcoming power, so that the Lord may be exalted. And the supreme joy of Him who loved His saints enough to die for them, will be that His blood-bought ones shall share His reign with Him.—S. H. F.

THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

THE BIBLE IN JAPAN

Since the Bible was translated into the Japanese language in 1888, about 28,500,000 copies have been sold in that land, states *The Gospel Minister*.

THE BIBLE IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana is the only State in the South that prohibits the reading of the Bible in public schools. This, says *Sunday School Times*, shows the influence of French Catholicism.

ANOTHER MISSION CLOSED

The *Moslem World* reports that the medical mission for Moslems and Jews in Tripoli, which has been the only evangelical witness in the whole of Libya, and which has operated for half a century, has been closed by Italian authority and the missionary doctor was ordered to leave the territory.

FLEEING FROM SOVIETISM

As soon as it was learned that the Soviet Union had returned Vilna to Lithuania, many thousands of Jews immediately began to head for that city, states *The National Jewish Monthly*. One report said that 120,000 Jews had flocked there from Soviet Poland, principally intellectuals and members of the middle class.

GERMAN JEWS IN WAR

It is reported in *The National Jewish Monthly* that German Jews are now threatened with starvation. Dr. Goebbels' newspaper is conducting a campaign to deprive all Jews in Greater Germany of food cards, without which one simply starves to death. The reasons given by Goebbels for his proposal are that Germany is undergoing a blockade, and food, which is growing more scarce all the time, must be reserved for "Germans," especially the army, and also "because the coreligionists of the German Jews are conducting war propaganda abroad against Germany."

THE COMING EARTHQUAKE

Mr. George T. B. Davis, writing in *Prophetic News*, reports that Professor Baily Willis, the seismological expert of Leland Stanford University, made the following statement before the British Association for the Advancement of Science: "The region around Jerusalem is a region of potential earthquake danger. A 'fault line,' along which an earth slippage may occur at any time, passes through the Mount of Olives." God foretold this earthquake through the prophet Zechariah many centuries ago and specified that the Mount of Olives shall be split from east to west. It will occur when the Lord's feet shall stand once again upon the Mount of Olives, when He comes to put an end to the Battle of Armageddon. See Zech. 14:4. The geological formation of the soil of the Mount is already set for the event; it awaits only God's time.

IN PERILS OFT

The Bible in the World tells the experiences briefly of two Bible colporteurs in Brazil "as a truly apostolic experience amid perils oft." In seven months they traveled five thousand miles, for the most part by mule, though thirteen hundred miles was covered in a canoe hollowed out of a tree trunk, and the last stretch of two hundred and fifty miles was done on foot. At one place they were chased by a crowd of bandits. At another, in the jungle, they had to decamp, owing to the approach of some hungry oncas, a species of large leopard. Twice they were nearly drowned in cataracts. Once they awoke in the morning to find their animals stolen. Their only reprisal was to hold a gospel meeting—the first to be held in that place—and when at the close, an appeal was made for decisions, ten people rose to their feet. During this hazardous journey, volumes of Scripture were distributed.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Dr. W. D. Herrstrom makes the following comment concerning the Fascist salute as used in Italy: "The right hand is raised with the palm forward. This is very significant in the light of Bible prophecies concerning a mark which is to be placed in the 'right hand.' See Rev. 13:16, 17. The Communist salute is given with a clenched fist, and therefore a mark in the hand would not be readily visible. The Nazis give their salute with the arm and hand extended at a forty-five degree angle: a mark in the hand of a Nazi would not be easily seen. But with the Fascist salute, a mark in the palm of the right hand would be plainly visible." It is significant that it is in the Roman Empire that such a salute is given, for it is doubtless in that Empire that the Anticrist shall arise.

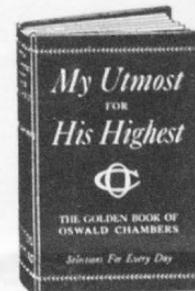
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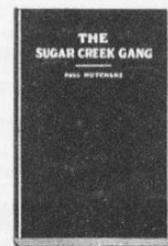
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STRETCHING THAT DOLLAR

A Christian couple were getting married. Like most bridegrooms the young man had been budgeting his income carefully and trying to make every dollar count. The pastor who performed the ceremony knew this, and, having a good sense of humor, he presented the newlyweds with an elastic "dollar" bill! And indeed that "dollar" bill would stretch a long way—in one respect, at least.

No doubt at this Christmas season you are carefully budgeting your resources. You have several dollar bills, perhaps, with which you would like to secure worth-while gifts for several of your friends. We have no elastic money to offer, but we would like to make a suggestion. Invest one dollar in a two-year subscription to the *Christ's Ambassadors Herald* for each friend. Your friend will actually be receiving twenty-four gifts from you, each gift being a sixteen-page magazine filled with spiritual reading matter that is interesting and helpful. Your gift will stretch

over a two-year period. Where else can you find such a gift investment?

We suggest that you take a pen and make a list of your friends and their addresses. Send the list to us, with a money order amounting to one dollar per subscription. We will send a Christmas greeting card to each of your friends giving your name as the donor, and we will send the Christmas (December) issue as their first copy. Do this now before it is too late. Address your letter and money order to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

CALLED HOME

Mrs. R. M. Miller, of Cottdale, Florida, the wife of Brother R. M. Miller, Superintendent of the West Florida District, was recently called home at the age of 68 years, 3 months, and 11 days. For forty-seven years Brother Miller and she had lived happily together. She leaves behind her beloved husband, seven daughters and one son. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to them in this time of bereavement.

The Birth of Our Unique Saviour (Continued from Page Nine)

your Saviour and must realize that He died on Calvary and gave His blood that He might be your Saviour. Sometimes we think we should like to have a different picture of the Lord. We cannot understand why He had to die and why He had to bear the agonies of the crucifixion. We must come to see that God's way is the most beautiful way. It may seem better to see the beautiful paintings and pictures of Christ, but when you see Christ dying for you on the cross, that is the most beautiful picture of all.

A little girl used to climb on her mother's lap day after day. She would run her fingers through mother's hair, and would say, "Oh, Mother, your hair is so beautiful!" Then, she would touch her mother's cheeks and nose and mouth, and would say, "Oh,

Mother, you are so pretty!" She then would touch the back of her mother's hands, which were red and scarred and rough, and she would cry, "But, Mama, your hands are so ugly!"

Her mother did not say anything. Days went by. The little girl grew, and when she was large enough, as she came to her mother one day and told her how beautiful she was but how ugly her hands were, the mother said, "Now, Honey, I am going to tell you about Mother's hands. When you were a little baby and still in your crib, the oil stove exploded and shot fire all over the room. I had to beat out the flames with my hands, and that is the reason Mother's hands are so scarred and red, but if Mother hadn't put out those flames, you wouldn't be here."

Do we have to ask what became the most beautiful part of Mother to that little girl from that day on? It was those hands. Every time that girl saw those red, scarred hands, they spoke to her of life. Men and women, as you see the nail prints on the hands of the Lord Jesus, as you see Him dying on Calvary and understand it was for you, you will not think of the ugliness and the agonies of that death! You will see the life side; you will see Christ dying that you might live.

And when you see the meaning of the shed blood as it is applied to your soul's salvation, you will glory in that blood which an unbelieving world scorns. Christians, have you ever let the power of the blood be effective in your daily life? If you have been ashamed of Jesus, why have you not surrendered all to Him? Are you going to stop being ashamed of being a follower of Christ? Are you going to stop being ashamed to take up the cross and follow Him?—*The King's Business.*

REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

BAUXITE, ARK.—A good revival has been conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Ed. Williamson, of Fort Smith. About 8 found the Lord and the church was greatly helped. Everyone enjoyed the good preaching of Brother Williamson and also the special singing by Sister Williamson.—J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

LEONARD, TEXAS—A revival has been conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Morris Lefkovitz, Oklahoma City, Okla. God's blessing was upon the meeting from the first night. Brother Lefkovitz' messages on prophecy and salvation were indeed stirring. Nine were saved, one received the Baptism in the Spirit, and 5 united with the church. The saints are more determined to go on with God.—Roy B. Quillin, Pastor.

PLAINVILLE, N. Y.—We have just closed a campaign at the Community church with Mae Eleanor Frey as evangelist. We had splendid attendance every night and the Lord blessed in the upbuilding of Christians and in the salvation of souls. A sister, while praying for the meetings, was told by the Lord that a little child would lead the way in this revival, and it was so. The first convert was a child 7 years old who walked down to the altar alone and gave her heart to Jesus. Her father and mother soon followed her and they too accepted the Lord. A Sunday School teacher had the joy of seeing her whole class finding Jesus as their Saviour. We feel the whole community has been awakened and real blessings have come because of this revival. Virginia Frey, 17 year old song leader, accompanied the evangelist.—Roy Moulton, Pastor.

MACOMB, ILL.—October 8—15 we had a week of prayer for a Holy Ghost revival. The last two days of this week we fasted and prayed. Evangelist Eva Linder, of East St Louis, came to us for a meeting and preached the Word in the power of the Spirit. The faithful people of the church were revived, about 12 or more were saved, and at least 2 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. One Sunday morning there was no preaching, yet one soul was gloriously saved. One Monday night the congregation stood for over an hour-and-a-half after the service, bathed in the power of God. It was impossible to dismiss the audience. Sister Linder's ministry was a real blessing to us.—A. G. Ferguson, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.—Sunday evening, November 12, was the closing service of a good 3 weeks' revival with Pastor and Mrs. Jeff Gibbs, Abilene, Texas, as the evangelists. Between 15 and 20 were gloriously saved or reclaimed, and about a dozen were filled with the Holy Ghost. It was a good, steady, upbuilding campaign in every respect, with the local church seeking God for deeper experiences. Four were saved in the regular service Sunday night, November 19, so we thank God for a revival that left the church seeking God. Every one enjoyed the ministry of Brother and Sister Gibbs, who gave out the message in music, song, and sermon. Our next campaign is with Wm. F. McPherson, Sanford, Fla., in March.—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
The seventeenth annual Council of the New England District was held in the United Pentecostal Church, Bridgeport,

Conn., October 25—26; H. L. Ettinger, pastor. A goodly number of ministers gathered early Tuesday morning and engaged in prayer. The glory of God rested on all the sessions during the Council. Sister Robert Brown, of New York City, was the guest speaker, and every one was enriched and blessed as the Word was given forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Roy Smuland, of Hartford, Conn., was elected District Superintendent. The need of having the Superintendent devote all his time to the field was brought before the Council, and under God a forward move was made along this line.

The last service, Wednesday evening, will long be remembered because of the glory of God falling in a very precious way. The ordination service was impressive as one of our most faithful workers was ordained to the Full Gospel ministry.

Thursday morning many of the ministers remained over to pray very definitely for the needs of the District, that God would undertake in behalf of the Camp Meeting site, Home Missions, and the Bethel Home for the Aged at Framingham. We were made to feel that this was the best Council held for a number of years, and as we parted, there was a new desire to rejoice in the great convention on the Morning of Joy.—Roy Smuland, Superintendent; H. H. Shelley, Secretary, Cumberland Mills, Me.

COMING MEETINGS

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

TARKIO, MO.—Dec. 4—; Leonard and Frieda Steine Palmer, Evangelists.—Joseph C. Burkey, Pastor.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Revival in progress; Arne Vick, Evangelist.—E. W. Robinson, Pastor, 842 North Park St.

MONETTE, ARK.—Dec. 2, for 4 weeks or longer; Mary Jane Carpenter, Evangelist.—J. S. McMahan, Pastor.

MCCOMB, MISS.—Dec. 3—; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cockerell, Ponca City, Okla., Evangelists.—V. L. Clark, Pastor.

THEDFORD, NEBR.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth Baker.—Cloyd Sailors, Pastor.

CRESTON, IOWA—Revival in progress; Julia M. Peterson, Oakland, Calif., Evangelist, assisted by Opal Garrett. H. C. Noah is pastor.—By Evangelist.

MANSFIELD, OHIO—259 Glessner Ave.; Dec. 10, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Bartlett, Electra, Texas.—J. A. Wilkerson, Pastor.

EXCEL, ALA.—Meeting in progress until Dec. 24; Evangelist and Mrs. C. C. Burnett, Granite City, Ill., in charge.—J. W. Holloway, Pastor.

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—457 Hampton Ave., Dec. 3—; Special Evangelistic Campaign, Mrs. Andrew Rahner, Speaker.—Andrew Rahner, Pastor.

MARYSVILLE, WASH.—Full Gospel Assembly, Nov. 28—Dec. 18; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. J. L. Isaacs is pastor.—By Evangelists.

SHENANDOAH, IOWA—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Dec. 3—; Martin Luther Davidson, Evangelist. Ben Compton, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—24th and Grand Ave., Dec. 12, 7:30 p. m.; Services 13th and 14th, 2:30, and 7:30. Dr. H. A. Ironside, of Chicago, Speaker.—E. H. Chamberlain, Pastor.

TOMS RIVER, N. J.—Locust St., 2 squares east of Main St., Dec. 10—24; Margaret E. McMillan, Winnipeg, Canada, Evangelist. Nearby assemblies asked to co-operate.—Harry and Grace Rupp, Pastors

BIG SPRING, TEXAS—South Plains Section Deeper Life Convention, West 4th and Lancaster Sts., Dec. 12—17. Guy Shields, of Ft Worth, Main Speaker. Two services daily. Fellowship Meeting, Dec. 14.—Homer Sheats, Pastor.

FT. COLLINS, COLO.—Dec. 14—; Virgil R. Jackson, Evangelist.—Paul V. Jones, Pastor.

ODEN, ILL.—East Main St.; meeting in progress; Haskell Rodgers, Ada, Okla., Evangelist.—Florence Boucher, Pastor, 307 N. College, Salem, Ill.

WALDFORT, ORE.—Assembly of God, Cedar St.; Dec. 5, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist A. Knudson and Party, Crosby, N. Dak. Harriet I. Reeder is pastor.—By Evangelist.

WINDSOR, PA.—Pentecostal Lighthouse, Gable Ave., Dec. 27—Jan. 1; Allan A. Swift, Dean of Eastern Bible Institute, will be present.—Glady's I. Buchwalter and Dorothy R. Brosey, Pastors.

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO.—Dec. 10, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Wm. D. Swanson, San Francisco, Calif. Neighboring assemblies please co-operate.—William Brewer, Pastor.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Evangelistic and Deeper Life Convention, Dec. 3—; Beatrice L. Sims, R. N., Evangelist, and Bible Expositor, will speak.—Clinton E. Finch, Pastor.

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

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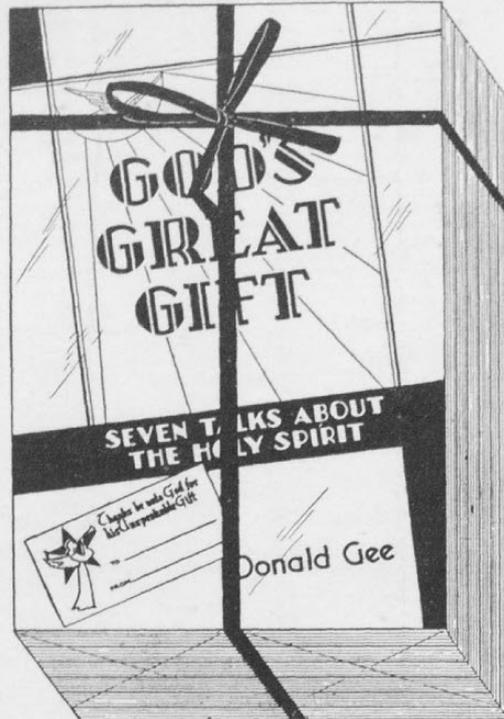


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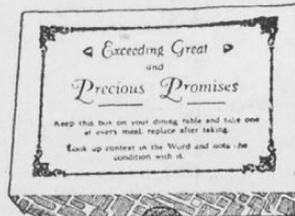
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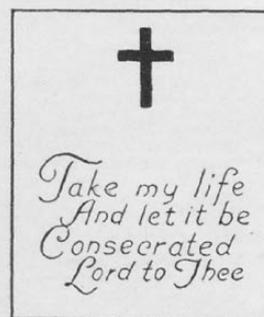
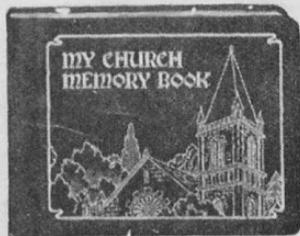
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