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IN the book of Revelation, we see Him who has the seven stars in His right hand walking in and out in the midst of the churches, supervising and overseeing the whole seven. He is concerned in every part and every stage, the rise, the decline, and the prosperity, and He watches even the apostasy of the churches. He loved the church and gave Himself for it. The church speaks to Him of His own purpose, and throughout eternity it will ever speak to Him of what He accomplished by His death. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain that hath redeemed us," will be the theme on the one hand; and He will say, "Behold, I and the children which God hath given Me."

The very nature of God speaks of activity and creative power. All things were made through the Son and for the Son, and as God spoke through and acted through the Son, so in the ages to come He will speak through and act through His Son and those redeemed by His Son. "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." In the unfolding of the future work of God, in age following age, His power will be manifested through Christ and His people. "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God before ordained that we should walk in them!" Heirs together! Equality and union! United even as children are to the parent, and as the bride to the bridegroom, that the further expressions of God's grace, power, majesty, and glory may be made through His Son and those who have been quickened and raised up with Him.

This honor in a limited measure was given unto Adam. The very earth, God's latest masterpiece, was placed under his care and jurisdiction. He was put into the garden of Eden to dress and keep it. It was

easy, blessed work because the ground was not cursed. He had full possession of all the fruits of the earth at his disposal. God even marshalled before him the animals He had made that he might name them. The new creation placed at the disposal of Adam the son of God! But the thing failed. The enemy came and spoiled. But in the future there will be no failure. The enemy will have been dealt with. He received his death sentence at Calvary. And in this new age God will show forth the exceeding riches of His grace toward His church.

We have no idea what Adam was like, nor the garden, nor the fruit. We can see only the suggestions of their former glory. We can see only the degenerate

animals, their fangs stained with blood, and poison in their teeth. Degeneracy! And as the first creation was so far above that which has been under the blight of sin so many thousands of years, so far more grand and wonderful will be the new creation and new glories which through the exceeding years of glory, God will work through His Son and His Church.

"Raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Yes, in Him, and raised up through Him. He is the Alpha and Omega; the Alpha, the beginning of the Creation, but the Omega in completeness is Christ and His Church.

Has there not been this co-operation in the past? He commenced at Jerusalem.

Read the last chapter of Mark. "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." That was the commencement of the restoration. The resurrected Christ commenced the new work of restoration by giving a commission to His disciples, and one of the first items of the commission was to cast out the devils, the intruders who came into the Paradise, the Eden of God. "In My name shall they cast out devils."

"They shall speak with new tongues." Adam's tongue was tainted. "The woman THOU gavest me!" Insulting God! God's love, His forethought, and His kindness in providing a helpmeet was thrown back at Him as a taunt. The tongue was tainted, but in this new era the tongue is being sanctified, made new. The new tongue belongs to the new era, the new creation, the redeemed world.

"They shall take up serpents." Satan was the master when he came to Eve, but in this new creation, this new era when the Church was formed, the disciples and the believers were to be
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Personality and Truth

John Wright Jollette at the General Council Camp Meeting,
Springfield, Missouri

IN THE Scriptures it is said, "The world by wisdom knew not God." That is merely stating a fact that through the ordinary process of human thinking you cannot know or appreciate God or spiritual matters. It does not imply that wisdom is wicked or that we should not possess it. I am sure these days we are all very conscious of our need of wisdom—both human and divine.

There seems to be a mistaken idea among some Pentecostal people that because one receives the Baptism in the Spirit and seeks to walk in the Spirit and develop a spiritual life in God, that he must depreciate learning and education. This idea is quite foreign to the Word or Spirit. We are all quite sure that what God tells us is that truth comes by revelation and not by human reason or natural process of education. However, we find Him continually taking the fact for granted that we are reasoning human beings and by His own creative acts He gave us brains to be used. God never destroys His creation—He corrects it where necessary and uses it to His glory. So He does not destroy personality or individuality. He teaches us under the power of the Spirit *how* to build a personality pleasing and powerful and to His glory.

When Jesus came, the incarnate Son of God, incarnate in the human limitation, He was of course not only the Redeemer in the sense that He was the Saviour of the world, but He was playing several roles all wrapped up in one demonstration. As He walked the earth filling out the years of His time here, before He ever reached Calvary, He was a very satisfactory portion to God's heart. God was finding *every day* in Christ and His manifestation the ideal which for centuries His heart had been seeking. Christ became, in consummation of the Word and to the glory of God, a perfect, ideal, human personality.

Long ago God had said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." But before there could be a full manifestation of that ideal we find the tragedy of sin and failure, and the whole scheme or design failed in Adam. But there is also another word I love to read in connection with this: "My word that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." So when there was failure and defeat on the part of that first creation to perfectly reflect His character and do His will, *He* was not defeated. Isn't it wonderful to have a God big enough and strong enough to know no defeat! God will get His will done, only we get too jittery and nervous.

Some, when there is apparent defeat or failure, are all the time excusing God or trying to explain Him. I don't explain

Him (I just can't) but I do love Him and enjoy Him. That does not mean I do not have burdens or trials or that there is no discipline in the Christian life. All that is true but I still enjoy Him.

Now back to this idea of Christ's being the perfect, ideal personality. Let us look at a few scriptures to help us. Luke 2:40, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him." Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." The whole human concept is recognized—the physical, "He waxed strong"; the mental, "becoming full of wisdom" (see margin); the spiritual, "the grace of God was upon Him." The normal was seen here—nothing one-sided, but rather a perfect picture of the ideal again.

At this point some may ask *why* this normal development was necessary since He was God the Son. We must remember that from the divine side of His nature He is truly God the Son, but the fact remains that while He is indeed God, He was actual Man. His human life was lived wholly within the realm of humanity. He refrained from giving to the human in its testing and development any help other than was originally at the disposal of Adam—unfallen man.

Let us look just a moment at Him as a child in the temple. Here we find the revelation as to call and destiny coming with clearer outline and form. Let us remember where He is. He is *up* in the temple. Get the preposition correctly—*up*. You see, *up* is the place of revelation (not demonstration). While *up* in the temple He is conscious of the whole spiritual side of the question and He thrills at the thought and is fairly overwhelmed at the prospect. Under the inspiration and thrill and power of revelation and illumination He feels He should (at once) be about His Father's business. But did you ever note the wording of Luke 2:51? "And He went *down* with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them." What sublime reading! O, the power of that truth! He went *down*! Why *down*? Because being *up* is the place of revelation. He must now go *down* to the place of demonstration, where He *learns* the meaning of subjection. Always remember the *up* of revelation (the unveiling of truth) calls for a *down* to Nazareth, and the learning of subjection. Have you a Nazareth calling you? Have your eyes been opened afresh to truths? and your ears, have they heard afresh His voice? Then let us *go down*! Nazareth is no common place, but here we demonstrate and learn.

Finally He reaches maturity—He is a man. And note the Scriptures do not fail to so declare Him. 1 Tim. 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the MAN Christ Jesus." 1 Cor.



15:45, "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

As students of the Word we know that a name always suggests the character behind the name. That is, a name tells the exact character of the one who bears it. If Christ bears certain names, then He must *perfectly* in life and character bear the fullest significance of such a name. And praise God! He does. He is called man because from the human, natural, limited sense of His manifestation He perfectly demonstrates God's ideal of man when He said, "Let us make man." He is the last Adam because he is in life actually what the first Adam should have been. So from the human side of life He is a perfect, satisfying human being. His personality has normally and perfectly demonstrated God's plan in making a *man*. So we have this pleasing testimony—"in favor with God and man."

Although He chose to move under the structural law of human nature, limited and dependent, yet He was without sin. Hallelujah! What a Saviour! He has wrapped, as it were, the human limitation all about Him and carries the treasure of the Godhead within the secret place of His heart. So He moves submerged under the law of the human.

Here is a good place to swim. I mean in the Spirit. He tells us of waters to swim in. We know something of the waters about the ankles and walk of life, etc. Here we may swim. He showed me how to swim on my back! When you are out in the waters of the Spirit deep enough to swim in—just turn over on your back. Then your face will be Godward, heavenward, up, up, up, and there we behold Him, the glorious Christ! When we see Him and know of the mystery of His stooping and the man-side of His nature our hearts are strongly moved. He draws me! How can people keep away from such a Christ as this?

It seems I want my life to be a libation poured at His feet. Let me adore Him! Let us melt and pour out low at His glorious feet! We may not be great preachers,

teachers, evangelists, but we *may pour* out our lives in love and adoration. How I long to help people to know *Him*. We know so much *about* Him. O, do we *know Him*? Let us be limp, liquid, pliable, fluid, and flow and pour at Thy feet, Thou adorable Christ!

Even God the Father blesses Him with a word of approval and blessing: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17. Under the power of this truth He goes through the temptation and returns home. Now let us see *how* He is received. We have seen the perfect personality-side of the question, now look at the other side.

Let us remember God does not destroy your personality—He desires to *build* it. He desires it to become an instrument, a vehicle for the Holy Spirit to live in and to possess. Paul knew it. He said, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"—summing up the whole matter. God did not destroy Paul's personality—He used it.

So let us see Christ as suggested in the 2nd chapter—pleasing, satisfying, a fine young Jewish lad, clean, healthy, active, interesting—a beautiful specimen of humanity, and everybody liked Him. The human personality may be so constructed, so wrought upon, so surrounded, so yielded that people may enjoy one. Why not?

What happens to this beautiful, acceptable youth who is in favor with God and man? All this time Christ is also seeing something. He has perspective of thought and vision. He sees the future looming up before Him, His tragic destiny, for He has come into the world not merely to be a living demonstration of what God's concept of man is, but He has also come in order that this ideal concept shall be sacrificed to death for the redemption of the world.

He knows that the Passover Lamb was truly to be without spot or blemish. That is the perfect ideal wrought out (no sin, no failure, no shortcoming, no loss—perfection of *life*).

Trace His steps down to the Jordan. See Him push back the shavings from the carpenter's bench, hang His apron on the peg in the shop and say, "Mother, I must go. John is baptizing and I must *needs* be baptized."

Now He returns. "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up." Now let us remember this is the place where He is *loved* and in *favor* with the people.

"And, as His custom was"—He had done this any number of times, there is nothing amazing about it—"He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Why? Because if you ask a rabbi with a knowledge of the conduct of service at that time, he will tell you that three of the younger brethren of the community worshiping in the synagogue were called upon to participate in the service. One read from the Psalms, one from the Law and one from the Prophets.

And so Christ was called upon to read from the Prophets. And here we trace the finger of God. Even the old rabbi

no doubt was stupid as to the full meaning of his direction, but he was surely in God's order and purpose. God does get His way sometimes in such unsuspecting things. "He stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias." Now look at something beautiful. "And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written." He had definite instruction. It was Holy Ghost dictation. It does not say He hunted through the Scripture until He found a passage which He always *enjoyed*. So many times the reading is what we *like*—not what He directs us to read. O, that He could only *direct*—direct in the choice of a hymn, a testimony, a verse, or what *He* desires. So many times the whole force and power of a meeting may hinge on the hymn suggested. I would rather have the Spirit use *one* hymn or chorus over and over twenty times until the meaning sinks in than to sing ten hymns and chorus just because they "sound good" or have "rhythm."

When Jesus takes the scroll the Holy Spirit prompts Him to read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

He stops right there—He must for He is telling the character of His *first* visitation. He cannot read the next clause telling about vengeance for that covers the second visitation. How careful He is! Not like so many who read anything at any time—promises and all—and try to *fit* it all into *their* pattern. And do so, saying, "Well, isn't it in the Bible?" Yes, there are some things in the Bible that have no relation at all to what you would *like* to relate them.

Now it says a strange thing. "And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down." Now let me show you something that used to bother me and I could not see why it should read so. "And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him." If He had read the Scriptures dozens of times as suggested, *why* at this time does it say "all eyes were fastened upon Him"? If it were a common occurrence there should be no reason to so gaze and stare at Him. I asked a rabbi once for information about seats and chairs in the old synagogues. "Oh," he said, "they were Oriental people and either sat on the floor or stood up. As a rule they stood." They did not have chairs in the synagogue as we do. There was always a chair reserved for the Messiah, just as the orthodox Jew today will have a special seat at the table for the Messiah."

The thing that amazes them is that He

dares to sit in the Messiah's chair—all eyes are fixed on Him, and He says, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." How daring! But He is able to do it because of steps He has just taken. He is taking His place as the Messiah—identified with Israel at Jordan, subjected to proving in temptation, and now fully *dedicated* to truth. He is Truth personified. He is the eternal Word, the Truth now personified. He can do and dares to do what no other person has done.

He says, "I am the Truth," not I have some truth, I can tell you some truth, I see some truth, but "I am the Truth." This charming, lovely, beautiful, perfect, God-blessed personality has been dedicated upon the altar of truth. He knows true identification! That is surrender unto. He is *Truth*. So He dares take such a position.

You must remember that up to this point the community has *no* idea that He is the Messiah. Luke 3:23, "And Jesus Himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as *was supposed*) the son of Joseph. . . ." Mark 6:3, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at Him." They could not reconcile the wonderful, authoritative words of power and strength that proceeded out of His mouth, with the thought that was bothering them: "Isn't this Joseph's son?" and what later bothered the Jews: "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" They *hear* but cannot reconcile.

Have you ever been there? What really has happened? Did He change His personality? No, He is the very same Jesus, the identical personality that had grown up in their midst and whom they loved. *But* that personality has become fully and fearlessly dedicated! It has become the perfect medium and instrument of Truth. For this was He born and unto this have *all* the steps led. *How* did they treat Him? They pushed Him out of the synagogue, ran Him up a precipice, and would have thrown Him over.

And dear soul, if you allow your life to be sacrificed on the altar of truth the same identical treatment will be forthcoming. It will be a deeper fellowship with Christ than a little emotional joy of salvation. Do you not see what is the matter? They could not see the difference between personality and truth. They liked Him—some loved Him (a perfect man) even Jesus. But the truth had disturbed them. It always does disturb flesh (even good, religious, pious flesh). Have you seen it? I have and even shared the fellowship of its meaning.

So many times we find people get vexed and disturbed and restless and angry at you (when all the time it is the *truth* you hold that "eats them all up.") They think it is you or I—when it is after all the truth which has become a part of us or truth radiating from us. You cannot get rid of truth by throwing a personality over a precipice—that is silly. The Jews tried to end truth by killing the Son of God, but hallelujah! *Truth* goes marching on! It will.

I have met people who can't stand me.
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**TARRY...
UNTIL**

*ye be endued with
POWER from on high.*

A Roving Revivalist of the Congo *A True Story by E. Hodgson*

Musoka, a growing lad, found himself alone in the world with a younger sister to care for. The big Chief came along and being a relative he took the two children and the family riches. The two children he brought up as drudges and slaves in his own compound.

Musoka saw his sister given in marriage to a man a mere slave. This decided him to leave the Chief's compound, to join a renowned traveling secret-society dancer and witch doctor as his apprentice and drudge. His job was to carry the drum and goods from village to village and then to sound the drum for his lord and master to dance to. Musoka was now a tall, lanky youth, underfed, hardly clothed, and misused till he fairly stank with a fungus skin disease. From the witch doctor he got nothing but kicks, blows and insults as he daily drilled it into him that he was merely a piece of dirt whilst he, the witch doctor, was a god.

One day on his travels Musoka heard the gospel of saving grace for the first time, and it made him very dissatisfied with his lot. At this time his master over-insulted him before a big gathering of natives, calling him a lump of filth and rubbish. It was the last straw, and Musoka flew at the witch doctor. A terrible fight ensued in which Musoka found his lord not much of a god, indeed a rather feeble sort of man, and finished up the fight, before an excited crowd, by tying the witch doctor's long skirts in a knot round his neck, thus exposing him to the crowd as a professional humbug, and no god at all. This brought terrible death curses on Musoka, but they only amounted to the Swan Song of the witch doctor, for being so shamed publicly he retired to a quiet village where he eventually died.

Being a free man Musoka went to find the white missionary from whom he had first heard the gospel story. At the first fishing camp he heard a black evangelist, called Paulu, preaching the same wonderful message of hope, life, and power. Coming under deep conviction he packed up his canoe and started off on a ninety-mile trip to find the missionary meaning to definitely give his heart to God. Halfway there he called at another fishing camp and found a converted witch doctor, witnessing to the same blessed gospel.

Musoka talked with him and Mosesa, the black evangelist, told him to get saved there and then, that he might not live to reach the white man, and that God was there to save if he would only forsake his sins, call upon the Name of the Lord, believe in his heart and confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus. It was so delightfully simple and definite that Musoka fell into it all and found himself a new man full of joy. He vowed then and there that his whole life should now be spent in God's service.

Being a new man he wanted a new name so he became *Elakimi*, and after a very short time of fellowship on the river with his new friends he started off to evangelize

his own country. He thought he would start where he himself had started life, so got into his dug-out canoe and crossed the big lake, turning up at his father's old village. It was as heathen as ever and many of his distant relatives were living there. After preaching the first day he was smitten down with a terrible fever, and the fire just raged in his body for a whole week.

He was helpless and when he refused the proffered charms and witch doctor's help he was cursed and left severely alone to die. In his great extremity Elakimi turned to God, although knowing little of prayer: and being too weak to kneel, he rolled over and got into as reverent an attitude as possible and just whispered, asking God to deliver him. *Immediately he was perfectly healed*, called for food, ate a tremendous meal and paddled off in his canoe to the utter amazement of all the natives who had expected to bury him that day.

From there he went as a flame of fire throughout the Kabengele villages where he was well known. The people looked on and listened in awe to the long lanky man with his big voice and burning message. Some days he visited as many as eight villages. His only companion on his first trip was a hunting dog. With his long swinging stride he penetrated every village and corner of the territory and spoke to every one he met about the claims of God. Elakimi moved in the power of the Spirit and conviction seized the people wherever he went until in nearly all the villages many had turned from dead and lying idols to serve the living and true God.

Striding out of a village one day in a great hurry Elakimi passed the village idol maker with the usual greeting, but the Spirit of God prompted him to return and speak to the man about his soul. Elakimi at once did so and the man was almost persuaded, saying: "Surely next time you come I will make my peace with God." Off went Elakimi but only a few yards, for the Spirit of God brought him

back once more to urge the idol-maker to an immediate decision for Christ. The man was very much moved and said: "Yes, tomorrow I must get right with God." A third time Elakimi was brought back; the man was broken in spirit and it was touch and go, but he came short of an immediate decision and asked for just one more day. On Elakimi's return the next day he found the villagers wailing loudly. The idol maker had been accidentally killed while out hunting. Indeed a sad end, almost converted to God and then finally lost.

In one village which he visited he found it very hard as they had a witch doctor and dancer whom they veritably worshipped as a god. The day he arrived there the whole village had brewed beer to celebrate the homecoming of their renowned sorcerer. They all collected the beer-pots around his hut while he in turn dressed himself in all his regalia to give them a special show for their warm welcome. As he stepped out of the hut the whole crowd yelled in acclamation, but the object of their adoration took only one step from the hut and then fell prostrate, head first among the beer-pots. With a groan he cried out: "God has stabbed me." He was dead, and to the awe-struck crowd Elakimi was able to preach the gospel in mighty power, directing them from a man-god to the God of all grace and power.

Elakimi continued evangelizing that territory until there was a real revival sweeping through the villages that won very many precious souls from heathen darkness to Christian light and life, producing in turn its own evangelists and leaders.

Having finished his work across the lake, Elakimi came back on to the river and tried to settle down, but he was only a success as a rambling evangelist. He was a happy-go-lucky fellow, willing to do anything or be anything, and his loud happy laugh was infectious. He always loved and looked forward to his annual two months in the Bible school. In the testimony meeting he could tell of his latest exploits for God, enjoying the fellowship of kindred spirits and finally feeling like a giant refreshed with new wine.

He would always set off from the Bible school full of new plans, enthusiasm and a seeking of new worlds to conquer for Christ. This last year he entered into a village where the Tambwe secret society were dancing, and all the village were out to see and hear them. Elakimi watched for his opportunity and then got in with his wonderful message of life in Christ Jesus. He was like a lone Elijah amongst the prophets of Baal. He called for decisions, and the whole Tambwe society members there and then accepted Christ as their Saviour and Lord, handing over to Elakimi all their dancing drums and secret paraphernalia to destroy, and they became the nucleus of a Christian church that is now established in that village.

Elakimi always found opportunities for God when others were bemoaning the lack of them. One afternoon he en-

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tered a village. Before nightfall he had found a man living in isolation, unable to walk and his house full of charms. He spent that night with this derelict, and before morning had got him soundly saved, perfectly healed and walking.

His testimony in a nutshell was: "God found me an outcast, stinking and rotten with disease, unloved and unlovely. He made me what I am—a real man." His prayers were most original. One day he watched the many old wrecks of bicycles that the natives were riding or trying to ride. He noticed that most of them had to be carried or wheeled because the owner did not possess the necessary cycle-pump or else the tires were worn out or dead, so he burst into a sincere prayer to God asking that he might always be kept *blown-up*, a going concern, a credit instead of a shame to his Lord. The result was a blessed meeting and many were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

This year he has just built his new brick church, spending on it all that he had of strength, time, and money. He felt that God's house ought to look nicer than it did, but he had not a penny piece to buy a sack of lime, so he just got on to his knees and asked God to give him a successful day with his canoe and dogs in the papyrus swamp so that he could get one animal to sell to the white trader up the river in exchange for a sack of lime. That day he got two animals, so he was able to come home that night, not only with his lime but also with some pieces of cloth for his wife and three children, and a mighty testimony of God's always giving us more than we ask or think.

Elakimi's home-call came as a stunning blow to his fellow workers. Gastric influenza took him so suddenly that none could get to him to help. He was one that knew God, and often out of weakness was made strong.

Personality and Truth

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And yet I have never even spoken a word to them or done a thing against them. Yet, I have felt them (in spirit) push me up many a precipice, hoping to rid the cause of my personality. And yet after all I know it is truth that disturbs them, upsets too many fleshly plans, natural, religious doings, *traditions* and religious habits. Truth will *reinforce* truth but never make it uneasy and restless. If there are these features in your life, *hurt* and annoyed, and disturbed by truth, you may well know they are items of flesh and nature. Some folks are (at first) annoyed by the way (method) God has of presenting truth through me. So they get quite vexed. They afterwards come and apologize and say, "God has been dealing with me, and *now* I see it was the *awful* truth that I didn't like, not you but the truth was after me, and the truth is what I didn't like."

So dear ones, we have no time to spend playing like children—angry over *people*, liking and not liking people—that is carnal.

The lovely Truth is here. Christ is Truth. It will slay you! Hallelujah, it will also make you alive! Let us deal honestly before God. Let Him help us to

A SAFE PLACE
Keep yourselves
in the love of God.
Jude 21



see personality where He sees it and place only the value on it He does—then let us see Christ the Truth, and distinguish between man the instrument and *Truth*, the life and heart of Christ.

Here is a poem on the power of truth when once we let it do its office work.

I caught a flash of truth one day—
How daring ignorance can be!—
And shut it up within my heart,
A flame that danced and sang for me.

It scorched hypocrisy and sham
And from earth bondage set me free;
Its beauty searched my trembling soul
And bared my inner self to me.

In spite the pain, I loved the flame
Which woke within my hungry heart
Ten thousand songs I cannot sing—
Too subtle for my broken art.

And, wretched I, devoid of shame,
Reach out my bony hand for toll
To let the gazing public see
The fleeting shadows of my soul.

And while they gaze, they call for songs
I pipe upon a broken reed,
For I must pipe to earn my bread—
Mine is a hungry heart to feed.

The alms I gather as I pass
The flame consumes both night and day,
My heart gets little for its song
But feeds upon the ashes gray.

O flash of truth, O cleansing flame!
Thy burning cannot do me ill,
Though captive to thy mystic power,
I hold thee as a captive still.

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the masters. "They shall take up serpents." Know ye not that we shall judge angels, the hosts of the serpent himself?

"If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." The apostle writes, "The poison of asps is under their lips." All the venom that the enemy has put into the minds and lips of men, the saints can take it, and it won't hurt them. Those early disciples counted it a joy when they came from the Sanhedrin that they were counted worthy to suffer for His name. The venom did not hurt them. And Paul, in his prison, sang joyfully. The venom, the poison, could not hurt any of them.

"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." The restoration of the physical is part of the commission; it is part of the whole plan. It may be the lowest plane, but it is part of the whole plan.

The risen, glorified Son of man, operating and working through redeemed man for the restoration of a fallen world! That was on a limited scale, and was subject

to the weaknesses of men and the infirmities of the flesh, but Jesus Christ worked through them, confirming the word with signs. But as age succeeds age, God is going to work through His Son and His Church the exceeding riches of His grace. No limitation through those through whom He works either by time or by flesh!

You see what He did through Adam. You see what He did through His Son in the earth when He, the Son, commissioned the twelve and the seventy. And especially when He commissioned them in His resurrection power as He was about to ascend. No wonder that the Holy Ghost says through the apostle, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." Not only like Him in character and likeness, but so united to Him that through Christ and His church, that God can create and work as He did in the first instance through His Son.

All things were made by Him and for Him. Great is the mystery of godliness. Worthy is the Lord! Thoughts fail, language fails, imagination fails, and even praises fail to do adequate honor to God the Father, God the Son, and to God the Holy Ghost. It will be indeed handing all over to Him, that God may be all in all.

The Life

This story is told of a Christian teacher in a government school in the Orient. He was employed with the understanding that during school hours he should not utter a word on the subject of Christianity. This contract was faithfully kept. He lived before his students the Christ life, but never was a word spoken to them about Jesus. So blameless was his example, so spotless was his character, so Christlike was his spirit shown before these students that without his knowledge forty of the students met in a grove and signed a covenant to abandon idolatry.

Two Great Bible Societies

It is encouraging to know how the Bible Societies are being supported in this country and in Britain. The American Bible Society received \$590,000 (presumably in the past year) apart from sales, reports the *Alliance Weekly*, while the British and Foreign Bible Society received \$896,000 from corresponding sources. This income makes it possible for the Scriptures to be translated into new languages, and for Bibles, Testaments, tracts, etc., to be printed, many of which are supplied free to missionaries of all denominations.

God's Great Gift

God never gave the gift of the Holy Ghost to any human soul who had not come to the point where he would sell all he had to get it. Oh, it is the most precious thing in heaven or earth to be filled with the Spirit, filled with Himself, taken possession of by God, moved, inspired, energized, empowered by God, by the great indwelling Spirit moving through all our faculties and energizing the whole being for Him. That is the greatest, the most glorious gift He has.—*Catherine Booth*.

The Place of Soul Winning in the Sunday School

Bert Webb at the Sunday School Conference, Springfield Mo.



"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." 1 Cor. 9:22.

These two portions of Scripture lay the foundation for us to do anything that is Scriptural and legitimate in order to win people to God; and certainly the only excuse for the Sunday School's being in existence is to win souls and keep them true to God.

Robert Raikes in England, almost within the memory of your parents or grandparents, began the first Sunday School. He flew absolutely in the teeth of opposition, because there was born in his soul a passion for the lost. And if we are to win men and women and children for God, we must be filled with the same consuming passion from Christ Himself to turn people to Jesus. I believe that systems and plans and ideas and departmentalization are certainly of value and worthy to be considered, but underneath it all you and I must realize that it takes the supernatural power of the Holy Ghost to make a success of **winning souls**.

We are right now in the place that a certain sister church was forty years ago. They began to promote Sunday School attendance and to devise ways and means to better their Sunday Schools. That is a commendable thing. Now we as a movement are doing the same. But now their Sunday Schools are no longer spiritual beehives for the conversion of the lost. Ours must be.

We must provide a definite place for conversion in our Sunday School program. We must be willing for God to upset our systematic order if need be for folk to find God in a born-again experience. This task is not easily done. May God help us to do it. In some Sunday Schools and even churches, the altar call has been done away with. We positively need to keep in mind that to win souls in the Sunday School we must make a place for them to find Christ.

Since I have been in the ministry, for the most part I have taught the Bible class, and I think that is a good thing for any pastor to do. As a teacher of the Bible class I have noted many times the coming of a crucial, serious time in the class. Seeing somebody broken in soul and hungry for God, I have stopped in the middle of my class. I did not give an altar call to come to the front, but I said, "You folk sitting here hungry for God, yield to God right now," and I think of ten instances at least where people have been born again in our Sunday School class. One Sunday morning I recall three people found God in Bible class.

Beloved, the passion of our life ought to be to live for Jesus, and win souls for Him. Let us pray that God will help us to realize that we must make a definite provision for folk to be converted.

I believe with all my heart that the Sunday School is the most favorable field for evangelism in the world today. We probably have over half a million people in the Assemblies of God Sunday Schools. We already have these fish on the hook. All we have to do is to devise means to land them. They are all ready.

When you preach an evangelistic sermon, for the most part you are fishing for folk who are indifferent. But if they attend your Sunday School week after week it indicates at least that they are tremendously interested in your program. We are obligated to the people who come to our Sunday School, to bring them to Jesus and to an experience in God.

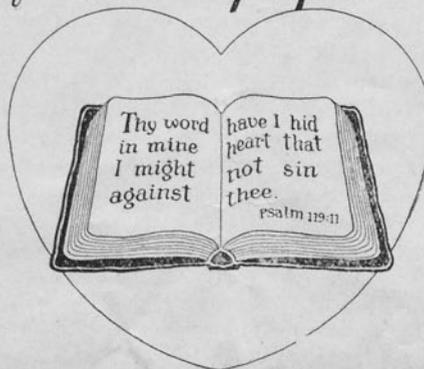
Right now in our movement for the first time we have young people who have grown up in Pentecost, who have never entered any other church but an Assembly of God. We are facing the problem of our young people who have never been born again, and it is a tremendously serious problem, for if we do not watch ourselves we are going to incorporate them into our churches without their having a born-again experience.

What are we going to do about it? Are we going to shut them off? No. If you have any unsaved people in your Sunday School class, let them understand that they are welcome, and that you are concerned about them.

The Sunday School is the most vital field of evangelism we have. The greatest number of unsaved people come under our supervision in the Sunday School. Here is a very significant fact. The Southern Baptist denomination is the most Sunday-School-minded of any Evangelical denomination in America today. For some years they have taken the lead in Sunday School organization. It is not an accident that they show the greatest net gain in church membership of any denomination of an Evangelical character. Their Sunday Schools are a contributing factor to their increased church membership.

Statistics are very prosaic things and

*A GOOD thing
in a GOOD place
for a GOOD purpose*



yet they are a help to us. In the six leading denominations in the United States, over a ten-year period, 12,000,000 people came into church membership, and 10,000,000 of these 12,000,000 came in through their Sunday Schools.

Here is something else that is almost unbelievable to me. A very conservative estimate shows that seventy-five per cent of all church members come from the Sunday Schools. Think of that for a moment. We are inclined to think that the big feeder for the church is the Sunday night evangelistic service. I thank God it is proving a real feeder. I believe we ought to trust God for souls every Sunday night when we preach on evangelistic subjects, and God will meet us and answer our prayers along that line. I trust it is an exception when folk do not come to the Lord in Sunday night meetings in our churches.

But in spite of evangelistic fervor and evangelistic effort, the real feeder for our churches is the Sunday School. Many times the seed is sown in the Sunday School class and the harvest is reaped in the Sunday night service, and the preacher gets to thinking God is surely blessing him. God blesses some Sunday School teachers too. When we come to the judgment and the rewards are being handed out, I believe some who have been considered the greatest, most marvelous evangelists—and truly they are—are going to take second or third or fourth place compared to some faithful, plodding Sunday School teachers.

Eighty-five per cent of the people that take an active part in your church come from your Sunday School, while ninety-five per cent of all preachers and missionaries come out of the Sunday School.

Only twenty per cent in the Sunday School are converted and eighty per cent leave our Sunday Schools unconverted. They slip through our fingers in some way. In spite of the fact that eighty per cent go away from us, and only one fifth of the folk who come to us are converted, out of that little percentage come ninety-five per cent of our preachers. If you will take that home and digest it, I believe that it will put a burden in your soul for Sunday School evangelism.

How can we start in? I used to hammer at folk for years to do something for God. Sister Stokes, the Sunday School and C. A.

leader of Arkansas, stopped me in that, though she did it unconsciously. Speaking in a convention in Arkansas nearly five years ago she said, "Don't get up and tell folk to do something for God. They already want to do that. Tell them what to do." Any consecrated Christian wants to do something for Christ.

The first thing we need to do to win souls in the Sunday School is to get them into the Sunday School. No matter how good and spiritual and wonderful that Sunday School may be, if the folk are not there you cannot do much for them. You cannot preach an evangelistic sermon to the fellow sitting at home toasting his shins ten miles away. You cannot reach him unless you broadcast and he has a radio and tunes in. So one of the greatest needs for soul winning in the Sunday School is to get the people there. I believe it is all right to do anything in the world that is Scriptural and honest to get a crowd in Sunday School.

There are some things we can all do which are absolutely successful and approved of God. But it is going to take some real work. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus said "Go," and in the 16th chapter of Mark we read, "And they went forth . . . the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Good, hard, old-fashioned labor and work and time spent will go a long way. It is easy to scheme and plan what we ought to do, but it takes work to put the thing into effect. It is going to take hours for somebody, it is going to take the help of the whole Sunday School if we are to do the things right.

Dr. Price tells a story: Two boys were on their way to school; they were fine little fellows and loved the Lord. They knew the value of prayer. As they passed by the courthouse one of them looked up and saw a clock which showed two minutes till nine. He was almost crying. He said, "We are going to be late to school in spite of all we can do." The other boy said, "Let's kneel down here and pray the Lord to help us not to be late." That sounded like a good suggestion. There are a lot of folk who suggest praying when they don't want to do something else. The other boy said, "I tell you, Johnnie; let's not stop; let's run like sixty and pray while we run!"

You can pray for your Sunday School. You ought to pray for it. If you don't pray for it you might about as well not do anything else for it. If you have found God yourself, then pray for the other folk. But after you have prayed, God help you to work "like sixty" and get the prayers answered as far as you are able.

You say, "What can I actually do to get folk in?" The best method of getting folk to come to your Sunday School is by personal contact. You can write letters and send cards and talk over the radio and boost it in the meeting, but over a period of years I have learned that the best thing is to send out a hundred folk, or fifty, or ten, to knock at every door and tell people, "We represent so-an-so, and we should like to have you, if you are not already going somewhere else, come to our Sunday School."

A piece of literature is valuable to make a contact. It is a lot easier to say to

those who answer the door bell, "Here is something I should like to give you." They will take it, and as they look at it, you can give the invitation. This piece of literature (holding it up), issued by our Publishing House, is entitled "A Solution of Life's Problems." On this side there is an invitation to visit the Central Assembly of God Sunday School. We handed this out and our Sunday School began to gain immediately. It took a jump forward. I believe we gained over a space of two or three weeks at least 75 or 100 through the literature we put out.

Then here is another piece of material, a penant on which are the words "Attend the Assembly of God Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Sundays." We are placing that on every car that we can possibly inveigle into willingness. In other words, keep the thing rolling. You must keep your Sunday School before the people. Brother duPlessis from South Africa saw so many advertisements for Coca-Cola everywhere he went, as he travelled up and down this country that he said, "I am going to try a bottle." Keep it before the people. That is one of the most important things in Sunday School evangelism. The first thing to do if we are going to win souls in the Sunday School is to get the people there. Personal touch and personal contact is the most effective method.

What about contests? Somebody throws up his hands in horror and almost backslides when you mention having a contest. But there are times and there are places where a Sunday School contest would be absolutely in order and the very thing to do. I saw a Sunday School with an average attendance of about 60 grow in four years to nearly 500 average attendance, and the chief contributing factors were Sunday School contests, backed with prayer and with tremendous effort and work for God.

You are going along with an average attendance of, say, 200. You put on an attendance contest with a Sunday School a hundred or so miles away. As soon as you make the count on Sunday morning call long-distance and say, "We have so many; how many do you have?" Sunday School attendance may go up from an average of 200 to 400. You may slip back, but you probably gain 50 people in attendance in four weeks' time, which is well worth while. I am of the opinion that you can build as big a Sunday School as you have room and teachers to take care of. Get them there—that is the first requirement.

Then if possible you ought to have Spirit-filled teachers and superintendents in every department. I do not believe we ought to go to seed on it and lean over backwards. If you do not have the proper material use some consecrated workers who do not have the Baptism. You ought to remember that some folk who had the Baptism ten years ago are no more Spirit-filled now than those that never received the Baptism; but we do need spiritual leadership to help folk to God. That is a foregone conclusion, and we trust the Lord will help us in that.

I trust the Lord will help us in soul winning in our Sunday Schools. First get them there, then make a place for them to find God, and by all means have spiritual leadership, Spirit-filled folk if you can.

GOOD NEWS

Dying of Thirst in Sight of the Well

In the Arizona desert there is a well fifty-five miles from any other water. Within fifteen or twenty miles of it, bones lie scattered all around of men and their horses that might have reached it had it been possible for them to know, on that featureless plain, where to find it. As close as five miles stand two wagons, each with skeletons of its party huddled around it; while at the very gateway of the enclosure a prospector was found one morning, lost and dead. Finally an owner erected a lighthouse. He planted a tall cottonwood pole and hung a lantern upon it, and that has been kept always lighted.

After Dr. Livingstone had succeeded in leading an African man to Christ, the man inquired whether Livingstone's father had known of this wonderful salvation. Being told that white men had known the gospel story for centuries, the black man wanted to know why the news had not been brought to his father. His father had died, as those died in the Arizona desert, within reach of the cleansing Blood of Jesus, if he had only had some one to show him how to find it. As a church we have put up a good many cottonwood poles both here and in heathen lands, and have displayed on them the light of the gospel, but still actually millions of those for whom Christ died are too far away to see the light, and are dying in their sins. What shall we do?

In my childhood I heard some one singing:

"Into the tent where a Gipsy boy lay,
Dying alone at the close of the day,
News of salvation was carried. Said he,
'Nobody ever has told it to me.'"

He was like the father of the African who talked to Dr. Livingstone. The cottonwood pole was too far away, or the light on it was too dim for him to see it. So he had come to his dying hour without having heard of Christ.

Many sinners are tender-hearted and kind, willing to endure much hardship and put forth great efforts to save a traveler dying of thirst, if they only see their opportunity. Are there not many sinners reading this item who know of other sinners in grave danger of going to the lake of fire? If you, reader are such a sinner, do you not feel like giving yourself to Christ that you may be able to lead some poor sinner to the Saviour?

The man who cut and planted that cottonwood pole went to a lot of trouble to do it. Why did he do it? Because his heart was tender and he wanted to save men from death. Maybe he was a sinner. Is not your sinner heart tender enough to go to the trouble of seeking Christ for yourself as your own personal Saviour, so that you may be able to hold out a light to people you know who are pushing on toward hell, but who would turn if you lovingly urged them to?

Here are two facts: (a) The increase in juvenile crime is vast and appalling. Our jails and penitentiaries are overflowing with youths. (b) A single church, the Methodist Episcopal, confesses that the enrollment in its Sunday Schools has decreased in fifteen years by 1,010,962. If there is that much decrease in Sunday School attendance in one church, what is the total in all churches?

Are you, reader, a sinner, who has a heart? If you are how can you fail to see how great the need is for you to get saved and get to work rescuing boys and girls from the streets, from the pool rooms, from the jails, and saving them for decent citizenry and for heaven? Maybe your own boys and girls are hell bound. Horrible thought! Will you not give yourself to Christ, and devote the remainder of your life to getting people to see the light, and to wash in the fountain opened in the house of king David for sin and uncleanness?—C. E. R.

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Seven Hundred Meet in Convention

BETHEL CONVENTION IN NINGPO, NORTH CHINA, SEES SEVEN HUNDRED CHINESE CHRISTIANS, LAYMEN, AND WORKERS IN ATTENDANCE.

NETTIE NICHOLS



Nettie D. Nichols

In spite of drastic increase of fares, inconvenient means of travel, rumors of air raids, and difficult conditions in general, seven hundred Chinese Christians gathered at Ningpo for convention week. Our hearts welled up within us in praise and thanksgiving to God as we beheld them pouring in from the many different assemblies.

Four hundred and ninety-five names were registered as having come from various outstations and works connected with Bethel, the others coming from cities, towns, and villages round about. Almost two hundred Bibles were sold, indicating a real hunger for the Word of God among those who came.

The students in the Bible school were in charge of the children's meetings, making it possible for the parents to enjoy the services with greater freedom. A good spirit was felt, and numbers were born again during the special meetings.

Every morning at 10 prayer and praise services were held, and the Lord wonderfully met many hearts during these times of worship. The afternoon was given over to teaching the

Word in its deeper aspects of the Christian life and walk. Hunger for more of God was manifested by many; several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, causing real rejoicing among all those present.

In the evening the ministering of the Word by one of the Chinese brethren caused many hearts to see their need of Jesus as their Saviour. Both those of high and of low degree in life acknowledged the Lord as their Saviour, and many Christians were brought into closer touch with the Lord.

Delivered from Demon Power

We do praise God for the constant sense of His presence. From 5 a. m. on through the periods between services, voices lifted in praise and thanksgiving could be heard. The time was not wasted in idle chatter, but was used for the glory of God in communion with Him.

One young woman, bound by demon power for twenty years, was seeking deliverance through heathenism. Christian relatives witnessed to her of Jesus' power and, although she did not want to listen, in desperation at last she agreed to hear the gospel story.

After three or four nights, she was able to sleep, and was brought to Bethel for prayer. Breaking her heathen vow caused a great battle, but praise God, to whom belongs the victory, she was delivered from heathenism and its power over her.

A few days later, after hearing the gospel more fully, she cried out to God and was gloriously saved. In place of gloom and sorrow, her face now shines with peace and joy, and she is showing deep interest in the Bible classes.

A heathen friend, not knowing of her stand for God, visited her at Bethel. She also heard the gospel, was struck with conviction of sin, confessed, and cried out to God for mercy. Although only able to stay for one day and night, she found the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, praise His wonderful Name!

The meetings were closed with prayer for the sick; here again the presence and power of God was felt by all. We cannot praise Him enough for these wonderful days of rejoicing in His presence.

Outstation Revival

A Chinese brother recently held five days of meetings, three services each day, in one of the outstations. Much blessing from the Lord was manifested throughout.

About forty women ranging in age from sixty to eighty-six were eager listeners. Undaunted by the rainy, chilly weather, and three flights of stairs to the chapel, these old women joyfully made their way to each meeting, expressing increased faith each time they heard the Word of God expounded.

By the time the meetings ended, all but three had come through to sure salvation and joy in the Lord; the remaining three expressed themselves very emphatically as wanting the Lord.

How wonderful it is to realize that, even in their closing days of life, the Lord has reached their hearts, turning them from the darkness of heathenism to the light of the gospel.

A school teacher attended the whole series of meetings, bringing seven people with her, only one of whom was saved prior to this time. One young girl, a junior in high school, refused to go to the altar at the beginning of the meetings; but, before the five days were over, she was found earnestly praying and crying out to the Lord.

Family United in Christ

Ten men also found the Lord in salvation. One of these was a man whom the people considered very hard and almost beyond reaching. He had heard the gospel before, but had apparently felt no inclination to believe. This time, the Holy Spirit came upon him in deep conviction until he wept before the Lord for mercy. After confessing his sin, his heart was filled with joy, and his countenance changed because the burden of sin rolled from his soul.

This man's thirteen-year-old son also heard the gospel, and went to the altar. After a real experience of salvation, this lad carried a heavy burden for those of his family who were unsaved. The sound of his voice in earnest intercession brought blessing to the hearts of others as they listened to the prayer of faith this boy poured out.

The wife and mother in this family were also brought to Jesus, thus uniting the family in the bonds of Christ's love and salvation. After this dear woman came to the Lord, she was so happy that she could not do enough for those who had pointed her to Jesus, and immediately began to serve them in a material way.

The last service was one of blessing spent in the presence of the Lord, while the Spirit worked in a mighty way both in convicting and in blessing. We praise God for His presence and benediction during these meetings, and pray only that we may continue faithful and gather much fruit against the day of His coming.



Hungry hearts throng to Ningpo to hear God's Word.



Possible air raids or such precarious means of travel as this bamboo raft could not keep seven hundred Chinese from Bethel Convention.

DAYS OF BLESSING IN INDIA

Carl Holleman has written concerning his recent journey through South India, visiting the various mission stations, and leading in services and conventions.

"In spite of uncomfortable traveling conditions and extreme heat, we count it a privilege to have traveled many miles to carry the message of the everlasting gospel to many souls. We found that our missionaries are feeling the strain physically because of the trying climate and many problems connected with the work; but the Lord manifested Himself in marvelous ways in supplying strength and in blessing the ministry of the Word everywhere.

"During the meetings in Mavelikara, the Lord overthrew all the works of the enemy and gave us wonderful services. Souls were drawn to God and revived in His Spirit. The shout of victory went up from the midst of the people as we came to the close of the week of meetings.

The Spirit Poured Out

"At Trivandrum, the Lord poured out His Spirit upon seeking souls as they gathered into the church to sing and pray and listen to the preaching of the Word. Crowds grew until all available space was taken. Conviction rested upon many and souls came forward every night to seek God.

"One morning as we went to prayer, the glory of the Lord descended upon one sister and she received a wonderful Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

"In South Travancore, we found that God is blessing the work in each of the stations. There is a real revival spirit moving among the people. We visited several of the churches and had very good meetings.

"Oh, how they sang and prayed! The beating of the drums could be heard for long distances and the voices of the singing worshipers rang over the hills. The praying was like the sound of many waters. During these meetings a good number came forward for prayer that they might be saved.

"It was a real blessing to listen to these dear saints sing the praises of the Lord. They listened very attentively to the message, and would break in upon it with their shouts of praises to God.

"Let us all remember to pray that God will continue to pour out His Spirit, and that many will be saved during these days which we are sure are the closing days of this age."

MOSSILAND FELLOWSHIP

John Hall tells of the joyous fellowship Mossi Christians find through Jesus their Lord.

"The kitchen helper dashed out of the house and the houseboy dropped his broom and tore after him. 'Y-e-a! They have come!' we heard them yelling. What? Locusts? Thieves? Po-lice? No, just a group of Pentecostal Mossi Christians who have arrived for a two-day fellowship meeting.

"Many have not seen each other since the last rainy season, and now they grapple and pound one another in joyous greetings before they come to meet us.

"These men used to celebrate their 'New Year' by eating the first-fruits of their crops, drinking beer, dancing, sacrificing to fetishes. Now they gather together to worship God and eat their first-fruits with thanksgiving to Him.

"Most of these boys are tithers and we prepared for this occasion a leaflet on tithing and its blessings. The 'price' of the mimeographed leaflet in Mossi was to learn and quote correctly Mal. 3:8-10. Competition was keen as they vied with one another to see who could be first, and which station would 'buy' the most leaflets.

Happy Services

"Sunday morning prayer began about five a. m. and continued to nearly seven. The Sunday School uses the usual lesson sheet of

the Seven-Year Course with Brother Pearlman's comments translated into Mossi.

"Many new native songs were introduced by the different out-station groups. Their tunes are as difficult for us to learn as ours are for them. We marvel when we see them sing in perfect unison with no one leading. We marvel also—but for rather different reasons!—when they try to sing our songs. But they doubtless feel the same way when we try to sing theirs!

"In the afternoon we all went to a large water hole in the nearby marsh. There ten were buried in baptism. What a happy group it was that walked through the village, singing Christian songs to native tunes.

"Later we gathered together at the church to partake of the Lord's Supper. Here there are no silver and crystal and fine linens; but clean new calabashes have been dedicated to this service, and the elements are mush and wild fruit juice.

"Many set out in the evening in order to arrive home early to continue the harvesting. All are looking forward to the next dry-season Bible classes. Will you not pray much for these classes and that more will hear and obey God's call to service?"

BRIEF NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR Philippine Islands

We we launch out into our work in the Philippines, please pray that the Lord will anoint us, equipping us for this new task. Pray especially that we may have physical strength for the work in this hot latitude.

We recently met a Filipino brother, a graduate of Bible school in the United States, who was shipwrecked during his journey to the Islands. Later the lifeboat overturned, tossing him into the sea. He could not swim, but a

wave washed him close to the boat to which he clung until picked up by the rescue ship. He lost everything, but how he bubbled over with praise for his miraculous deliverance!—Glenn Dunn.

Arrived Home

Word has just been received that Mrs. R. J. Davidson and baby daughter have reached New York City safely after the long voyage from West Africa. Their return at this time was necessitated by the illness of the baby, but a telegram sent from New York upon their arrival stated that she was much better. Our Brother Davidson will be remaining in Gold Coast to carry on the work.

Transvaal

Two weeks ago one of our African evangelists baptized in water eleven men saved in the various mining compounds of the Witwatersrand Mining Area. We are preaching constantly among the thousands of raw heathen who work in the gold mines. More than a dozen native workers are working in co-operation with us. We praise God for His blessing upon His Word as it is preached in this area.—Edgar D. Pettenger.

Fiji Islands

We are very happy with the new Fijian meetings we have begun. By each taking a service in a different place we can reach more people at the same time. We are trying this method, and feel much encouraged in it. Our Sunday morning communion service was very much blessed, and we had a wonderful day in the service of the King.

It seems people are so pleasure bent these last days that there is not the hunger for God one would like to see. Will you hold on with us, and pray God will give us another outpouring of His Spirit, bringing forth much fruit for the kingdom?—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Heeteby.

Peruvian Church Shows Missionary Spirit

A. S. Erickson

During the last few months the native brethren of Trujillo, Peru, have opened three Sunday Schools and established one church in a neighboring town. The Trujillo church, as an act of missionary work, bought benches for the new church.

One of the Sunday Schools has been closed because of political disturbances in the neighborhood, but a number of souls were saved from that district and are going on with the Lord. The other two Sunday Schools continue entirely under native direction.

Workers who have had Bible school training in our school in Miraflores are now with us, and we are laying plans together for steady progress of church building under native direction. The Lord has also graciously supplied us with a little car of the narrow gauge type built in France, and we are using it to reach new places.

Soon we shall begin building a new church in Trujillo, and trust that the Lord will make it possible for us to put up a building for the printing work which has been going along excellently under competent native Christian workers. Pray for us as we move forward seeking to bring in more sheaves for the Master.

Victory Over Witch Doctor

A man who practices witchcraft, calling it the power of the Lord, can be a difficult problem; but, praise God, Jesus can bring to naught all the works of the devil!

This man, built up a work around himself by opening a sort of hospital where he keeps the sick and gives them herbs, telling the people that God gave him the remedies. He claims to believe the gospel and always tries to find the sick among our folk and get them to trust in him and his herbs.

Some of the Christian people were being influenced by him and his sister who claims to be a prophetess. These two built a church and held some sort of meetings. When we arrived in Trujillo we were asked to preach in their church and bring all the people there. A witch doctor had no place in our idea of things! So we took a firm stand against him and refused to visit his place.

Praise our wonderful Lord! He upheld us by working among us in healing power. One of those healed was a child who had intestinal fever and had been under this witch doctor's care for three months. Her mother called us to see her when the child was almost dead. We encouraged the woman to look to the Lord, and prayed for the girl.

After we left, the child, completely healed and hungry for the first time in months, got up and ate all she could of raw corn, the only thing in the house to eat. Immediately she became very ill and her whole body swelled out of all proportion.

"When we returned to see her two days later, we found her in this condition and learned that the mother was seeking help from the witch doctor again. He told her there was no hope for the child, and she returned broken-hearted. Again we encouraged her in the Lord until she asked His forgiveness, and we prayed for the child. Almost at once she could sleep and, in three days, the swelling disappeared. She was completely healed.

This and other similar cases have been the means of turning people away from him, and has aroused interest among many people. Even some of those of the witch doctor's own household are beginning to seek the Lord in our church, and testify that the Lord only is really able to heal!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Judgment of Hoshea and the Captivity of Israel

Lesson for April 21. Lesson Text: 2 Kings 17.

An irreligious farmer who gloried in his irreligion wrote a letter to a weekly newspaper in which he said: "Sir, I have been trying an experiment with a field of mine. I plowed it on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday. I reaped it on Sunday. I carted my crop home on Sunday to my barn. And now, Mr. Editor, what is the result? I have more bushels to the acre than any of my neighbors have had this October." If the farmer expected applause, he was disappointed. This was the short but significant reply he received: "God does not always settle His accounts in October."

For two hundred and forty years the nation of Israel under the leadership of godless kings had apparently "gotten away" with its sinfulness. But God is not mocked. Whatsoever a nation soweth, that shall it also reap. And when Hoshea, the nineteenth king had ruled but a few short years, the accounts were settled. God's judgment fell and the nation of Israel was carried into captivity from which it never fully returned!

THE DOWNFALL OF HOSHEA 2 Kings 17:1-4.

His faulty character. Verse 2. We are not told that Hoshea was deeply wicked. Unlike his predecessors, he neither established the rites of Baal nor compelled the people to adhere to the symbolic worship of calves. Nevertheless he did not walk in the way of salvation. And halfway salvation is no salvation at all. Israel, to be delivered from its political and spiritual decay, needed a leader who had strength of character and spirituality; and Hoshea was not that man, for one cannot lead others higher than he has gone himself.

His foolish choice. Verses 3, 4. Hoshea was faced with great danger—"Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria." Three choices were open to him. (1) He might submit to the king of Assyria and willingly pay tribute. (2) He might seek human help by forming an alliance with a strong neighboring nation. (3) He might rely wholly on God as other kings had done when they faced a similar crisis (See 2 Kings 19; 2 Chron. 14; 2 Chron. 20).

What a foolish choice Hoshea made! Disregarding the prophets who warned him against trusting "the arm of flesh (Hos. 7:11; 12: 1)," he pretended to submit to Assyria but a made a secret alliance with the king of Egypt. Then, counting on Egypt for strength, he openly rebelled against Assyria refusing to pay any further tribute.

His forlorn fate. Verse 4. Hoshea expected help from man, but none came. And when his rebellion and treacherous dealing with the king of Assyria led that king to invade Israel, Hoshea was taken captive and imprisoned.

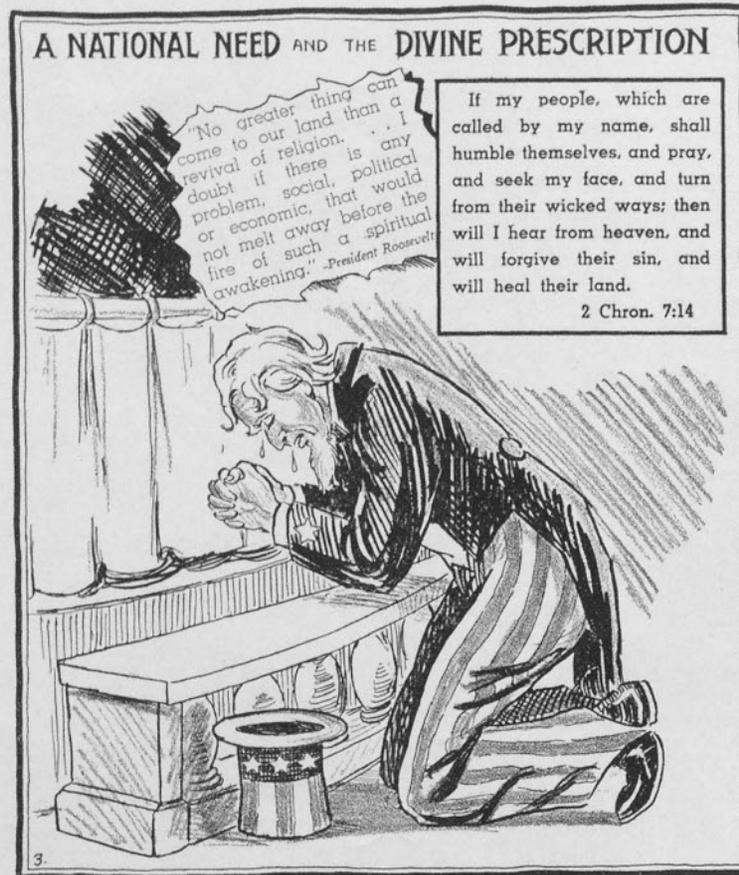
THE DOWNFALL OF THE NATION 2 Kings 17:5-23.

Not only was Hoshea punished, but the nation which for two centuries had sown the wind, now must reap the whirlwind. Israel was besieged by the army of Assyria. For three years the bloody conflict lasted (its horrors may be inferred from Isa. 28:1-4; Hos. 10:14; 13:16; Amos 6:9-14.); then came the stunning defeat. The people were torn from the midst of loved and familiar scenes and taken captive to the land of

Assyria. Severe judgment? Ah no! Let us see what brought it about—

Base ingratitude. Verse 7. It was against the Lord "their" God that Israel had sinned. God had chosen this people for Himself out of all the people of the world. Upon them He had poured out His love. What mighty miracles He wrought in their behalf! What great deliverances from all their enemies! With what willingness He forgave their oft-repeated sins. Yet for all this, they persistently forsook Him and spurned His love. No wonder judgment fell! Great will be the condemnation of sinners on the day of judgment, but greater far shall be the judgment of those who have known God's love and mercy and have rejected it! Matt. 11:20-24.

Secret sin. Verses 9-12. When Israel forsook their God, they began to secretly worship idols.



Man must have some object of worship. And when man loses his love for God, love for something else always takes its place.

Rejection of the prophets. Verses 13, 14. God did not leave Israel to sin without trying in every way to turn them from their evil ways. Though the people were already guilty of disobeying God's written law; yet God gave them further warning, pleading with them in love through the prophet Hoshea; and when tender tones availed not, He pleaded with them in sterner tones through Amos. But all in vain. Israel only increased its sinfulness.

Intensified iniquity. Verses 15-17. Israel's idolatry at first practiced in secret, gradually came into the open, and finally resulted in the casting off of all restraint. The people abandoned themselves to every kind of divination and enchantment reaching the last and lowest stage in degradation and wickedness. They literally "sold out" to the devil. Nothing remained for them but the retributive judgment of God.

Deserved punishment. Verses 18-23. God did not reject Israel, Israel rejected God, and in so doing brought upon herself the judgment that is again described in these verses. There are those

who would impugn God's character and question His love and justice. God is just! God is love! God has made ample provision for the salvation of all men. He does all in His power to turn men from their evil ways. He does not send men to hell and destruction. *They send themselves there!* 2 Peter 3:9.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Be sure your sin will find you out! "And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right." How foolish of people to think that any sin can escape the all-seeing eye of God! Somewhere in New York City was a radio station which, federal prohibition agents were sure, was sending information signals to rum runners off the coast. But how discover, in that maze of buildings, the one spot from which the signals came? For several weeks "direction finders" were used in different parts of the city. These had loop antennae indicating the direction from which the mysterious signals came by the position of the loop when the signals were strongest. Finally these lines, determined for each direction finder, were found to cross at a certain house. If science can thus trace wickedness through the invisible ether, what sane person can expect to hide anything from the Creator of the World, the Founder of Science? Every thought, motive, whisper, and deed is known to Him. Records are being kept in heaven and what is done in secret shall be revealed. Matt. 12:36; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15.

The course of sin. Verses 9-17 reveal clearly the progress of sin. A man initiates himself in a life of crime by at first committing smaller sins, then venturing upon something greater and more daring. Courage grows with experience. Sins of deep dye don't seem so frightful as before. Then the sinner begins to feel the force of habit and becomes rooted and settled in his evil way. He loses his sense of shame and sins openly and boldly, without feeling any remorse. He comes to boast and glory in his wickedness and uses all his arts and influences to make others wicked also. A criminal about to be hanged was asked what brought him to that end. He replied, "When I was a school boy, I stole a gold pin. I would have given the world the moment it was done if it had been back again. But I was not found out and did not return it. I was emboldened in sin. I next took a knife, then a roll of cloth, and here I am." Let us beware of the beginnings of sin!

The "arm of flesh" or the power of God? Hoshea was faced with a difficult situation, but instead of running to the omnipotent God for help, he foolishly ran to puny and powerless man. The one thing for which we are all being disciplined is to know by personal experience that God is real. Therefore, God brings us into the midst of difficult circumstances in order that we may prove His reality. What do we do in these times of crisis? Have we gotten beyond all confidence in ourselves, in men and women of God, in books and prayers and ecstasies; and is our confidence placed now alone in God Himself? If so the time of crisis will become the place of glorious revelation, the revelation of El-Shaddai, the All-Sufficient God!—J. Bashford Bishop.

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"Christ is so excellent, that no good can be added to Him, and so infinite that no good can be diminished in Him."

THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

BROKEN VOWS

Divorce becomes increasingly common as men and women disregard the laws of God. In Iowa one out of eight marriages ends in divorce. Last year in the city of Des Moines 1890 marriage licenses were issued and 906 divorces were granted, a ratio of one to two, says *Herald of Holiness*.

CRIME INCREASING

Data compiled from 207 cities and released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed a serious increase in crime during 1939. Each day twenty persons were murdered in the United States. The world grows steadily worse, and nothing but Christ's coming will change the downward trend.

CHRISTIANITY IN RUSSIA

Religious persecution is reported as increasing in Soviet Russia, states *Evangelical Christian*. Hatred of Christianity appears to increase in proportion to the increasing spiritual hunger of the people. One of the miracles of the present day is that God's work goes on in that land. It is the young Christians there who show the most heroism. Although they have never known or seen anything but communistic rule—all those under twenty years of age—when they find their Lord complete consecration follows.

CHRIST OR BARABBAS?

In Soviet Russia they prefer the spirit of lawlessness to the Spirit of Christ. Sheldon's book, *In His Steps*, has been banned from Soviet Russia, reports *Herald of Holiness*, because the rulers "resent emphasizing the life of Jesus as a career to be emulated. They believe the example tends to cultivate a kind of humility that makes for slavishness and encourages exploitation by the strong and ruthless." But the real effect of the teachings of Christ would be to expose the wickedness of Soviet leaders. They do not want His teachings because it would reveal the errors of Communism.

DAUNTLESS DETERMINATION

"The Jewish colonists have been the victims of organized terrorism," writes Dorothy Thompson, in dealing with the Palestine situation. "Their colonies have to be continually defended. But their answer to terrorism has been to build new colonies. There is a settlement called 'The Five' which is a memorial to five young Jewish workers shot from ambush by Arab terrorists. The reply was to build a new settlement on the scene of the murder—to answer terror by planting trees!" Palestine Jews have good reason for showing such dauntlessness in rebuilding the land. They have God's promise that the land shall be theirs and that it shall "blossom as the rose." *Isaiah 35*.

THE POWER TO END WAR

Edwin Markham, aged and eminent American poet who passed away March 7, died with one unsatisfied desire. According to Tom M. Olson, he had fondly hoped that some younger man would produce before his death the greatest poem of all time. "That," he said, "would be five or six stanzas which would disperse the armies of the world. If I had the time, the youth, the strength, to write one great poem, it would be against war. If I could have one wish fulfilled, it would be for a poem that would expose the mockery, the futility, the sterility of war." But there is no poetry that has power to end war. The only power capable of that is the power that can destroy Satan. Even after Christ's millennial reign of peace and righteousness war will reappear as soon as Satan reappears. Rev. 20:7, 8. Then the eternal destruction of the devil, as pictured in Rev. 20:10, will make possible the eternal peace that is pictured in the last two chapters of the Bible.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN ITALY

Although Italy's racial law against Jews was passed in June, 1939, the fact its enforcement has been delayed and that Mussolini has shown certain favors to Jews raised hopes that it would be repealed. However, the *United Press* reports that the law became effective March 1. It stipulates that Jews may not hold public office, may not serve on public foundations or associations and committees, and may not wear the national military uniforms. Under the law, no Jew can be called for service in any branch of the armed forces. Jews may not be newspaper or magazine editors. There are 32,000 Jews in Italy. Only a small fraction of Jewish professional men will be able to continue their practices. The law is a step toward making the Jews a servile people.

JEW'S FRIEND IMPRISONED

On trial for having supplied a Jew with a small quantity of foodstuffs, without seeing that all the "Aryan" customers were fully supplied first, the owner of a food store in Germany was found guilty, says *Jewish Chronicle*. The owner, a woman, courageously declared in court that the Jew, a doctor whom she knew well, was highly respected by the people in his district and that she had felt sorry at his failure to get supplies elsewhere. But in punishment for her kindness she and the Jew were sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment each. How different is this to the reward which Christ will give to the friends of the Jews: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40.

CHRISTIANITY IN ENGLAND

According to *The Times* (London) the evacuation scheme has revealed that large numbers of town children in England are being brought up with no religious knowledge. Of thirty-one children questioned in one locality, nineteen did not know who was born on Christmas Day. It is estimated that sixty per cent of the boys and girls between fourteen and eighteen "have no attachment of any kind to the Christian community." *The Times* finds fault with the system of national education which allows the children to have "a purely heathen upbringing." However, according to *The Christian* (London), several correspondents point out that a main contributory cause of the situation is the decline of family worship and of Biblical instruction in the home. In England, as in America, there are too few homes where the old motto can rightfully be hung, "Christ is the Head of this house."

A BLOW TO ZIONISM

On Feb. 28 the British Government issued as a **White Paper** new regulations governing the transfer of land in Palestine, reports *Jewish Chronicle*, which if enforced will greatly curb Jewish settlement. The regulations divide the land into three areas. In Zone A (the hill country and certain areas in Gaza and Beersheba sub-districts) the transfer of land save to a Palestinian Arab is virtually prohibited. In Zone B (the plains of Esdraelon and Jezreel, Eastern Galilee, the Maritime plain between Haifa and Tantura and between the southern boundary of the Ramleh sub-district and Beer-Uviya, and the southern portion of the Beersheba sub-district) such transfer depends on the High Commissioner's personal decision. In the third area there are no restrictions—all municipal areas, the Haifa industrial zone, and roughly the Maritime plain between Tantura and the southern boundary of Ramleh sub-district. It is stated that the boundaries between the areas may be modified by the High Commissioner in instances where their being changed will not infringe upon the "rights and position" of the Arab population. But did God promise the land to Ishmael or to Isaac?

RABBI YESHUA OF NAZARETH

Great interest is being shown by Jews all over America in the new book, *The Nazarene*, reports *Moody Monthly*. This work of fiction, written by Sholem Asch, is a portrayal of the life of Rabbi Yeshua of Nazareth who was born in Bethlehem and died on Golgotha two thousand years ago. Some Jewish leaders are greatly alarmed at the way the Jews are openly devouring the book. They fear it is creating a desire to read the New Testament to see how Jesus is portrayed there and might lead to their conversion. Let us pray that their worst fears may be realized!

WHY GOD ALLOWS WAR

Speaking to the British Institute of Philosophy, Viscount Samuel made the following statement: "If there be a God, and if 'God is Love,' why these wars, and the abominations they bring? The answer may be given that the reticence of God is His greatest boon to man. Were there intervention from moment to moment, or even if there were a revealed code of conduct with plain direction for every eventuality, man's freedom would be gone, and with it his greatest glory. He would become, as has been said, 'the mere puppet of a divine Ventriloquist.' But the cosmic scheme throws him on his own resources. He has to learn that when he suffers it is through his own mistakes; if he would reap well, he must sow rightly." Not until mankind comes to the One who is meek and lowly of heart, and learns of Him, will rest from war and strife come upon the earth. Matt. 11:28, 29.

THE BOOMERANG

According to *The Spectator* (London), the ruthlessness and brutality which the German Gestapo have meted out to Poles and Jews is about to return upon their own heads. It is reported that Himmler and Heydrich and their much-feared Gestapo police are to meet the fate which Roehm and the S. A. met when they became too powerful and were wiped out in 1934. The Gestapo are becoming increasingly unpopular all over the land. Only an official contact exists between them and the army, whose members avoid every social and private intercourse. Therefore it is said that Goering, jealous of the power of the Gestapo, will soon take advantage of their unpopularity and destroy them. Goebbels, the man who has stirred up such hatred against the Jews, is another reportedly slated for removal. So it seems the world is to see one more instance of the inevitable working of the law of retribution. Wicked men may choose to defy God and despise His laws, if they will, but He has written that they "shall eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." Prov. 1:31.

PEACE IN WAR

*God is working out His purpose,
Spite of all that happens here,
Lawless nations in commotion,
Restless like a storm-tossed ocean,
He controls their rage and fury,
So His children need not fear.*

*Calmly at His right hand sitting,
Is the Christ once crucified,
Waiting for His exaltation,
Where He faced humiliation,
When His foes become His footstool,
Where His rights were once denied.*

*Let our spirits turn to heaven
Where Christ bides His time in peace,
Giving Him our hearts' affection,
One with Him in His rejection
Where He walked a homeless stranger,
Till the present troubles cease.*

*Though the sun and moon be darkened,
Ancient land-marks disappear;
Though the stars fall down from heaven,
And the earth beneath be riven;
God is working out His purpose,
And His children need not fear.*

Dr. Max I. Reich

THE PRAYER CORNER

"Laboring fervently . . . in prayer"

MONDAY, APRIL 15—2 Kings 17:1-8.

Abraham Lincoln once said that God must love average, ordinary, everyday folk because He made so many of them! Most of us are not geniuses nor very wealthy. The important question is: Do we do the best with what has been given to us and in the circumstances in which we have been placed? All cannot be brilliant or famous; but—mark this—all can be faithful. God does not expect five-talent results from two-talent men. He does expect that we shall use our talents, whatever they are, for Him—and to the full.—I. Reed-Smith.

Suva, Fiji Islands—Please pray that several evangelists, who will probably be passing through here this year, will stop over and give us special meetings, the Lord willing.—A. M. Heetebry.

Cairo, Egypt—May God give special guidance, understanding and wisdom for the days of the immediate future, and may it please Him to send the refreshing showers of His revival Spirit upon our Egyptian churches and missionaries.—Florence Christie.

Birthdays—Mrs. Harvey Wagner, Southwest China; John F. Hall, French West Africa.

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TUESDAY 16—2 Kings 17:9-17.

"In Central America there grows a plant called the nardoo, which, although it satisfies hunger, is said to be destitute of all nutritious elements; and a party of Englishmen once perished of starvation while feeding upon it. This is the experience of those who find their portion in earthly things. Their desires are crowned, but they are actually perishing of want."

Newaka, Liberia, West Africa—Pray for a young man whose mind began to wander a few months ago. He is a real child of God. Do pray that he may be set free; also that we may be able to buy rice for the girls in the school here.—Jennie Carlson.

Birthdays—Pansy Blossom, Manchuria; Mrs. James Vigna, Northwest China.

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WEDNESDAY 17—2 Kings 17:18-23

"Life's pathway never runs on a level—it is an incline on which you are either climbing up or sliding down."

Sao Carlos, Brazil, South America—Pray earnestly that God will save more souls and baptize our Christians in the Holy Spirit.

Indirectly we have heard that Ruth Couchman of Miraflores, Peru is sick with tropical fever and desires special prayer.

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THURSDAY 18—2 Kings 17:24-29

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.
—F. W. Faber

Tai Yuan, North China—Please pray for an aged couple who are earnestly seeking to be filled with the Spirit, that they may get their hearts' desire. Also please pray for a Christian woman who is very sick but looking to God for her deliverance.—Anna Ziese.

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FRIDAY 19—2 Kings 17:30-41.

One time Mendelssohn came to see the great Freiburg organ. The old custodian refused him admission; at length, however, he reluctantly granted him leave to play a few notes. Mendelssohn took his seat, and soon the most wonderful music was breaking forth from the organ. Spell-bound, the custodian came to

the great musician and asked his name. Learning it, he stood humiliated, self-condemned, saying, "And I refused you permission to play upon my organ!" Christ comes to us standing at our door, desiring to take our lives, and bring to bear upon them His matchless, masterful touch. But we withhold ourselves from Him when, if we would yield to Him, He would cause our lives to give forth heavenly music.—"The Secret Place."

Tientsin, North China—Please pray for a young Christian woman who is threatened with tuberculosis. She says she has faith to believe that God can raise her up. Pray that the spread of the gospel may not be hindered, and that we may be able to avail ourselves of every opportunity.—Fred Baltau.

Birthdays—Hilda Wagenknecht, North India; Mrs. A. C. Weston, West Africa.

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SATURDAY 20—Hosea 10:1-8.

God in His Word repeatedly warns His people of the seriousness of not following His teachings and of worshipping idols. Perhaps the Church of Christ thinks it is not in any danger of committing such sins, yet in neglecting the clear commands of Christ are we not guilty of putting our own comfort before obedience to God? People who profess the name of Christ will often ask why they should be concerned about the heathen. If we are to live for self, then it is foolish to send our young people away from their homes and subject them to the danger of a foreign land where disease is so prevalent. But if God has commanded His people to send the gospel into all the world, is it not next to rebellion to refrain from taking our place of responsibility?—Noel Perkin.

Tsingtao, North China—Pray that God will raise up spiritual and efficient Christian Chinese translators and writers in our North China District Council for the preparation of books and periodicals in the national (Chinese Mandarin) language. There is a great scarcity of literature emphasizing the truths we teach. Another great need is books and papers, similar to the Sunday School papers at home, containing a spiritual message for young people and children. We have been especially burdened during recent months concerning this very real need.—George Slager.

Birthdays—Sophie Erhardt.

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SUNDAY 21—2 Kings 17:1-8, 12, 14, 18, 28, 23.

Oh! grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;

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Oh! may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure and my crown:
Strange fires far from my soul remove;
My every act, word, thought, be love.
—Paul Gerhardt

Siaho, Kansu, Northwest China—Please pray for a Tibetan priest, by name of Rikh Ldan, who believes in Jesus, and travels around telling the little he knows of Jesus and living of the gospel. Pray that he may be filled with the Holy Spirit and made a flaming evangel to his own people, traveling to places where we foreign workers cannot go. Pray God to raise up many more of this kind of Tibetan workers.—James Vigna.

Hwangyuan, Tsinghai, Northwest China—Pray that we may be able to bring the Word of Life to these people in the way they will understand it, and it will grip their hearts and lives. The blessing of the Lord is with us and we are very conscious of His care during these days. Suffering increases and it becomes more and more difficult to get food as well as other supplies. Conditions are critical and the future is known by Him alone. Please continue to pray for our protection.—V. G. Plymire.

Birthdays—Katherine Cooke, North India; Mrs. A. Walker Hall, South China; G. K. Johansen, North China.

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SUDDEN HOME GOING

Brother C. Walter Sigafoose, of Pasadena, California, passed away suddenly on Sunday evening, January 28, 1940. He was stricken with an apparent heart attack, suffered very little, but repeating the precious name of Jesus, he went peacefully to sleep. Brother Sigafoose was one of the oldest members of the Southern California and Arizona District in point of years of membership, though but 62 years of age at the time of his passing. His joyful overflowing experience was an encouragement to all and he is greatly missed by every one. May the Lord comfort those who mourn.

REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

WILSON, OKLA.—We have been in a meeting with James Plant and his good wife and three little girls. It was the best revival the church has had in several years. Fifty-two were saved, 34 received the Baptism in the Spirit, 18 came into the church, and the church was helped very much. Brother and Sister Plant and their three daughters play musical instruments and sing. Brother Robert Nichols is our pastor. We are expecting Brother and Sister Smith, returned missionaries from South America, on April 10.—Mrs. Nonie Ezell.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—A very successful revival has been conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Elwin Argue, of Winnipeg. The blessing of the Lord rested upon the meetings from the start, as night after night believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit. During the campaign 14 received the fullness of the Spirit. Some of these had been seeking for a long time and had practically given up hope. Brother Argue also gave attention to Sunday School work, and quite a number of boys and girls gave their hearts to the Lord.—Philip H. Hawtin.

LEWISTOWN, PA.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' meeting with Evangelist John Kabisch, Cincinnati, Ohio. God blessed from the first. Besides a number coming forward for salvation and some receiving the Baptism, we had a number of remarkable healings. Dr. Kabisch is an ex-Presbyterian minister, having preached in that denomination for 20 years. Six years ago he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and is now affiliated with the Assemblies of God doing evangelistic work. The meeting was one of the best ever held in our church.—F. F. Reidenbach, Pastor.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—For the past two weeks we have been in special meetings with Stanley Berg and Jesse Swinson, both of Charlotte. This is a pioneer work begun in December, 1939. The winter months prevented much outside effort, but now that fairer weather has come definite results are being obtained. Over 100 were out the last Sunday night of the services. Some 10 were saved. A real touch of Pentecost is being manifested with about 8 earnestly seeking the Baptism. We praise God for working here in such a wonderful way.—F. Wildon Colbaugh, Pastor.

OILDALE, CALIF.—Gladys Pearson, of San Bernardino, and Margaret Plunkett, of Missouri, completed a successful 6 weeks' revival on March 10. The preaching was under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Ghost fell as in the early days of Pentecost. Between 35 and 40 people were refilled or baptized in the Holy Ghost. Drunkards came to the altar and were gloriously saved, men threw their cigarettes and tobaccos away, broken homes were restored, people were healed, the saints were built up, and we can truly say that the city of Oildale received great joy.—G. C. Watterfield, Pastor.

AMES, IOWA—The Church here is 3 years old and we have been in our new tabernacle 18 months. The building is 34x70 feet, with full basement. God has surely helped us in a miraculous way not only spiritually but financially. We only owe \$1,000 on the tabernacle.

Evangelist Wm. F. A. Gierke held a short meeting for us last November. Since that time several have been saved in our regular meetings. The Sunday School attendance has increased from 30 to 73. Our children's church has been greatly blessed of the Lord. The children are coming to the services with eager, hungry hearts; 59 has been our record attendance. Several of them have been saved.—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Skiles, Pastors.

SALMON, IDAHO—I am happy to announce the dedication of the new church here. The nearest assembly in our District is 205 miles away. The work here is some

two years old. We have a nice manse and a beautiful church, 50x30 feet. Several groups of Montana brethren came over, others came from our District 11 in Idaho. Brother Coleman, presbyter of District 10, was also present. District Superintendent Frank Gray was in charge. To add to our joy, Fred Vogler was also with us. One regret—they just remained for two services. The glory of God was seen, heard, and felt. The sweet spirit of fellowship and co-operation in this District is wonderful.—M. C. Fitzgerald.

EDGEMONT, S. DAK.—February 18, Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd R. Hoole, Palo Alto, Calif., came to us for a two-weeks' meeting. God met us from the first service. Souls were saved and backsliders came back to the Lord through the giving forth of God's precious Word under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Also sick bodies were healed in answer to prayer. We greatly enjoyed the ministry of Brother and Sister Hoole both in song and sermon.

We continued the meeting with Evangelist W. Keith Reed, Grand Island, Nebr., who came to us March 4. His message created a hunger in the hearts of all for more of God, and the altars were filled nightly with seekers.—W. A. Hawkins, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—We have enjoyed a most successful revival in the Cement City Assembly, with Evangelist J. B. Smith and Party, of Teague. The Lord blessed in a marked way. We had over 15 visiting ministers attend the revival. The last night of the meeting the church was packed almost to capacity. April 7, the church is observing my second year as pastor here. We are having all-day services with lunch on grounds. When we came here there was no membership and no property. We now have a church building 52x30 feet, with 4 Sunday School rooms. Also recently completed a new three-room parsonage, installed new mill-made pews, and bordered church with Neon tubing. We are on radio program each Sunday 7:00-7:30 a. m.—H. Donald Skelton, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Mr. and Mrs. Percy T. King, Musical Evangelists, came to us February 27 and remained over March 17. From the opening song until the last Amen the presence of the Lord was manifested in saving power. The spiritual tide and general interest grew with each service. Souls found their way to Calvary's saving fountain in virtually every meeting. Some were filled with the Spirit, and a splendid class were baptized in water. The closing service was blessed with unusual power and blessing. While the message went forth, the power of conviction seemed to settle over the entire audience. The altar call was answered by a throng of seekers which filled the long altar across the front of the auditorium, the front pews, and overflowed into the prayer room. Twelve definite professions of faith in Christ were made in this service.—Fred Lohman, Pastor.

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

ENID, OKLA.—The annual commencement exercises of Southwestern Bible School will be held this year in the Education Building, on the 2nd and 3rd of May. On the evening of the 2nd a great missionary service will be held, with special music and addresses by returned missionaries and others. Friday, the 3rd, at 3:00 p. m., the baccalaureate service will be held, with sermon by General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams. At 7:30 the same evening, the commencement exercises will be held. Special music by orchestra, chorus, and special singers. Addresses by members of the class. A fine class of 55 young men and women from all parts of the country will receive diplomas, and a much larger number will receive certificates. Those who wish to inquire about rooms may address the President, P. C. Nelson, 316 E. Cherokee Ave., Enid, Okla.

NORTH CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

The tenth year of North Central Bible Institute will end in a few weeks, and another class will graduate consisting of about 50 students. The date for the commencement program has been set for May 8. This year another fine School Annual, called The Archive, is being prepared and printed by the Senior Class. It will sell for \$1.25, and orders are now being received.

The enrollment this year is the largest in the history of the school. About 375 students are enrolled in the Bible Institute, and about 75 students are taking commercial courses in North Central Business College. About 36 different States are represented by the student body.

North Central Bible Institute enables many students who have very limited means, to receive Bible training, because of our employment for students in Minneapolis. In this way, it fills a unique place among our Bible schools. The donations received for students and for school expenses have been a great help. We ask all friends of young people to remember our 450 students in their prayers.—F. J. Lindquist, President, 900 Elliot Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

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.

IRVINGTON, N. J.—60 Paine Ave., April 14-May 5; Melvin B. Hanson, Evangelist.—Jos. R. Potter, Pastor.

CHELSEA, MASS.—113 Hawthorne St., April 18-May 5; Gay Benson, Mt. Morris, Pa., Evangelist.—J. Earl Douglass, Pastor.

MONAHANS, TEXAS—March 29, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Morris Leikovitz.—J. B. Essary, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANSAS—610 Lime St., April 16-28; T. J. Jones, of London, England, Evangelist.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

TEXARKANA, ARK.—Meeting in progress; Charles B. Dobbins, of Ft. Smith, Evangelist.—Otis B. Hubbard, Pastor.

ASHER, OKLA.—April 21—; Hildreth Ethridge, Evangelist.—J. W. Hudson, Pastor.

PLYMOUTH, WIS.—Meeting in progress; K. L. Godbey, Ft. Collins, Colo., Evangelist.—H. L. Flaherty, Pastor.

POTEAU, OKLA.—Page Ave., April 17—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. J. Mott. Homer Boyd is pastor.—By Evangelist.

CANTON, OHIO—313 Elgin Ave. N. W., April 14-28; Arne Vick, Rochester, N. Y., Evangelist.—Niels P. Thomsen, Pastor.

MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS—Revival in progress; J. E. Neely, Evangelist.—R. L. Buckley, Pastor.

CLIO, MICH.—April 7-28; Jean and Angel Benefiel, Loveland, Colo., Evangelists.—Ralph W. Harris, Pastor.

BUENA VISTA, KY.—April 15-28; or longer; Lewis and Walter Perkins, Evangelists.—Walter C. Enoch, Pastor.

LODI, CALIF.—Walnut at Washington, April 21—; Percy and Dorothy King, King's Musical Messengers, Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Stanley McPherson, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Kern and Norhill Sts.; April 14, for 2 weeks or longer; R. E. Gilliam, North Little Rock, Ark., Evangelist.—E. J. Robison, Pastor.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, April 14—; Barfoot Brothers, Ontario, Canada, Evangelists.—F. R. Gottwald, Pastor.

WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.—South 2nd St., April 13-14; A. A. Swift, Dean of Eastern Bible Institute, Speaker.—F. D. Eide, Pastor.

APPLETON, WIS.—Gospel Temple; April 14, for 2 weeks or longer; the Quabush Evangelists.—C. D. Goudie, Pastor.

WAYNESBORO, MISS.—April 14, for 2 weeks or longer; J. L. Roseberry, of Hattiesburg, Evangelist.—Lennard J. Reece, Pastor.

JONES CREEK, MD.—Waldman and With Ave., April 14—; Margel Spencer, of Pocomoke City, Evangelist.—F. J. Miller, Pastor.

ENGLEWOOD, COLO.—March 31—April 14, or longer; M. Stanley Files, Evangelist. M. W. Roll is pastor.—By Evangelist.

DALLAS, TEXAS—210 E. Jefferson St., April 21-May 5; George Hayes, of Houston, Evangelist. Nearby assemblies invited to co-operate.—Albert Ott, Pastor.

GALENA, KANSAS—April 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Philip Megna, Evangelist.—G. P. Hertweck, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—12th Ave. and 22nd St., April 14—; L. D. Doss, Evangelist.—Joseph F. Sharp, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, I N D.—Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle; March 31, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. O. Neece.—Thomas and Mrs. Paino, Pastors.

LINDSAY, CALIF.—April 2, for 3 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, Texas Singing Evangelists.—Gerald R. Furman, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, March 31—; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Hoiler, Evangelists. I. J. Bolton is pastor.—By Evangelist.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Missionary Convention, Gospel Tabernacle, April 12-14. W. R. Williamson and other missionaries will be present.—Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Howell and Russell Avenues; March 31, for 2 weeks or longer; Marie Brown and Norma Schwalbe, Evangelists.—C. D. Schmitt, Pastor.

GARY, IND.—Gospel Tabernacle; meeting in progress until April 28; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists.—James D. Menzie, Pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—April 7, for 2 weeks; C. Merrill Johnson, Hiawatha, Kansas, Evangelist. Ralph M. Jeffrey is pastor.—By Evangelist.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—915 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., April 7—; Everett B. Parrot Evangelistic Party.—B. E. Mahan, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—4th Ave. and Chittenden St., April 16-28; Guy Shields, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—Claude Weaver, Pastor.

SLATER, MO.—March 31, for 3 weeks or longer; Ray D. Murphy, Kansas City, Kansas, Evangelist. Chas. Parker is pastor.—By Evangelist.

BREWSTER, OHIO—Full Gospel Church, March 31-April 14; Hans F. Bretschneider, Brooklyn, N. Y., Evangelist.—Erma E. Miller, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—17th and O Sts., April 1-30; Evangelist and Mrs. Bird H. Campbell, Dallas, Texas.—Floyd L. Hawkins, Pastor.

NEPTUNE, N. J.—5th and Ridge Ave., April 21-May 5; William H. Nagel, Evangelist and Missionary Traveler.—Irving S. Meier, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—East 55th St. and Lexington Ave.; April 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Sanders Brothers, Jefferson City, Mo., Special Speakers.—D. P. Holloway, Pastor.

WINDSOR, PA.—Pentecostal Light-house, April 5-21, or longer; Delora M. Case and Elly Bishop, Evangelists.—Gladys I. Buchwalter and Dorothy R. Brosey, Pastors.

ROCHESTER, MINN.—Revival of Faith and Divine Healing Ministry, April 16-25; Wm. F. A. Gierke, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—Christian Hild, Pastor, 311 4th St., S. E.

SALISBURY, PA.—Evangelical Church, Main St., April 14—; Pete and Verna Saleskey, Westernport, Md., Evangelists. Nearby assemblies please co-operate.—By Evangelist.

CARTHAGE, N. Y.—10th Anniversary services, Calvary Tabernacle, March 24—April 14. Speakers: Alfred D. Boyd, Frank Finkenbinder, Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest Morgan.—Robert T. McGlasson, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Pentecostal Gospel Mission, 11th and Westmoreland Sts., April 16-30, or longer; O. M. Montgomery, Orlando, Fla., Evangelist.—Benjamin H. Cox, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE.—115 N. W. 14th near Couch; April 7, for 2 weeks; Geo. H. Mitchell, Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies and pastors invited.—William F. Hageman Jr., Pastor.

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GEORGETOWN, S. C.—May 2-5. A time of prayer and fellowship is expected. Different ministers will speak as the Lord may lead.—S. W. Noles, Superintendent, Georgia-South Carolina District, P. O. Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Southeast, Eufaula, April 15-17. North-Central, Enid, May 20-22. Applications for license and ordination will be examined on these occasions.—W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—26th St. at State; Revival, April 14-25, H. B. Garlock, Kansas City, Kansas, Speaker. Missionary Convention, April 26-28, Brother and Sister Garlock and John and Ruth Garlock from West Africa in charge. Other fields will be represented also.—A. N. Trotter, Pastor.

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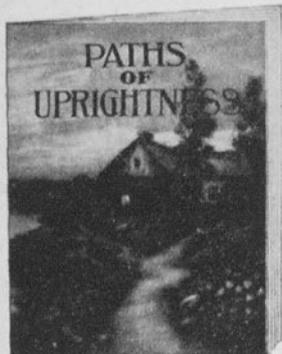
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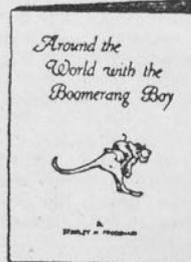


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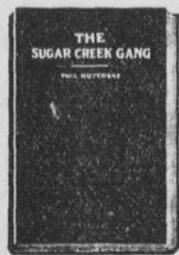
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COMING MEETINGS (cont'd)

KAUKAUNA, WIS.—April 14-28; Walter H. Knittle, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—L. R. Clevenger, Pastor.

OPENING NEW CHURCHES, WITH MISSIONARY PRAYER CONFERENCE: ROME, GA.—Woodard and Euclid, April 25, 7:30 p. m., to continue over the 28th. Morning meetings 10:00, afternoon 2:00.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL
Illinois District Council will hold its 17th annual Session in Springfield, Ill., at Carpenter and Klein Sts., May 1-3. H. T. Owens is pastor. Applicants for ministers' papers must be present April 30, 9:30 a. m.—C. M. O'Guin, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 512, Rockford, Ill.

TEXICO DISTRICT COUNCIL
Tenth Annual Texico District Council, Tucumcari, N. Mex., April 23-25. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, Evening Speaker. Visiting ministers will be on program. Rooms furnished when necessary. For further information write Pastor Edward Robinson, Tucumcari, N. Mex., or District Superintendent H. M. Reeves, Box 1404, Plainview, Texas.

KANSAS "DEEPER LIFE" MEETINGS
Baxter Springs, all day, April 16; Chetopa, all day, April 17; Edna, all day, April 18; Parsons, all day, April 19. Special speakers. The Kansas Presbytery will be in charge of all meetings. The District Superintendent and one or more Presbytery will be present.—V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent, 1017 So. Market St., Wichita, Kansas.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ABERDEEN, S. DAK.—South Dakota District Council, at the Gospel Tabernacle, April 16-18. Speakers will include General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, W. W. Williamson, and others. Three service daily. For further information write Pastor P. T. Emmett, 217 Second Ave. S. E. Aberdeen, S. Dak., or Arthur F. Berg, District Superintendent, 118 E. 13th St., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

The annual District Council of the Southern Missouri District will convene at Trinity Tabernacle, Page Blvd. and Marcus Ave., St. Louis, Mo., April 23-25. C. A. Conventon, April 23. Rooms will be furnished free to ministers and delegates. For further information write Pastor Fred Lohmann, 5736 Etzel Ave., St. Louis, Mo.—K. H. Lawson, District Secretary, 1912 North Grant, Springfield, Mo.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
Seventeenth semi-annual District Council and Spring Convention of New England will be held at 15 Main St., Sanford, Me., May 7-9. H. T. Carpenter is pastor. Flem Van Meter, Superintendent of Eastern District, will be guest speaker. Let every minister in the District plan to be present for the entire convention. First service, Tuesday, 10:00 a. m. Roy Smuland, District Superintendent.—H. H. Shelley, Secretary, Cumberland Mills, Me.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 23rd Annual Nebraska District Council will be held at Old Fashioned Church, 6th and Sycamore, Grand Island, Nebr., April 9-11. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, Evening Speaker. Many visiting brethren expected to be on program also. Rooms furnished for ministers and their wives. Delegates and visitors must provide own rooms. S. S. Rexroat, 1118 West 11th St., Grand Island, Nebr., is pastor.—A. M. Alber, District Superintendent, 831 N. Kansas Ave., Hastings, Nebr.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS
Wichita Falls Section, 5th and Broad St., Wichita Falls, April 16-17. San Angelo Section, Winters, April 18-19.

All ministers of the Texas District urged to be present at these conventions to renew their fellowship with the District. Also all workers. All conventions begin at 10:30 the first day, at 2:00 and 7:30. For further information write Superintendent F. D. Davis, 1716 Thirteenth St., Port Arthur, Texas.—F. D. Davis, District Superintendent.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
Central District Council will convene at the Baptist Tabernacle, 69 1/2 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, Mich., April 30-May 3. James Swanson, Toronto, Canada, Special Speaker. Only new credentials and ordinations will be handled at the Council meeting. Renewals will be considered by the Credentials Committee during the summer. Write to the District Secretary about applications for ordinations. Reservations and information write to Pastor B. L. Bresson, 249 Chamberlain St., Pontiac, Mich.—E. E. Bond, District Secretary, 769 Main St., Conneaut, Ohio.

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

LIBERTY, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, West Central District, all day, April 15. Come early; bring well filled baskets.—Warner L. Miles, Pastor.

BOURBON, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, Sullivan Section, April 13. C. A. rally in afternoon. Please bring music. Every

one invited.—Oscar Fox, Presbyter, Boss, Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—C. A. Rally, St. Louis Section, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, April 14, Floyd E. Heady, Pastor. Lester Shockley, President.—Elmer J. Boettcher, Secretary, 5608 Highland Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

ELWOOD, KANSAS—C. A. Rally, Northeastern Section, April 13. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Special speakers. Bring musical instruments. E. V. Shores is pastor.—P. D. Pittman, Sectional Secretary, 1911 Rhode Island St., Lawrence, Kansas.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, Lancaster at Dittmer, April 11. W. H. Sumrall is pastor. Convention starts 10:00 a. m. Basket dinner. Special C. A. Speaker, 7:30. All local presidents and workers urged to be present.—Ossie B. Jones, President, 1641 13th St., Corpus Christi, Texas.

KANSAS S. S. CONVENTIONS Salina, April 15, evening only; Russell, April 16, 3 services; Morland, April 17, 3 services; St. Francis, April 18, morning and afternoon only; Oberlin, April 18, evening only; Kensington, April 19, 3 services.—P. D. Pittman, District S. S. Secretary, 1911 Rhode Island St., Lawrence, Kansas.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Springfield Sectional Fellowship Meeting, North Side Assembly, April 15. First service 10:30. This is the annual meeting. Election of sectional officers 1:30 p. m. All pastors requested to bring the delegate that is to go to the Southern Missouri District Council. All ministers should be present.—J. L. Whittaker, Sectional Secretary, 831 E. Garfield, Springfield, Mo.

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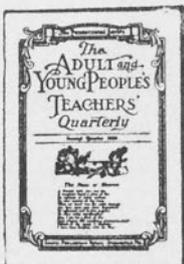
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Hershey Pent Sunday School	3.00	Chelsea Assembly of God SS	5.10	SOUTH DAKOTA Personal Off	5.00	Lyman Mission Church	5.00
Naper Assembly of God	2.21	Claremore A of God Ch	2.56	Meckling Full Gospel Tab	10.13	Lyndea Pent Church	6.00
Riverton Assembly of God	2.51	Cyril Assembly of God Church	12.38	Pringle Gospel Tab	1.00	Mossyrock Pent A of G & SS	11.00
NEVADA Personal Offerings	8.00	Drumright Assembly of God	8.00	Vermillion Gospel Tab	10.00	Olympia Assembly of God	34.50
Reno Assembly of God Glad Tid Ch	10.00	Eufaula Assembly of God	3.90	Watertown Gospel Tabernacle	7.73	PeEl Bethel Church	3.25
NEW JERSEY Personal Offerings	15.00	Ft Cobb Assembly of God	.67	Wewela Gospel Tabernacle	3.05	Randle Sunday School	6.36
Asbury Park Gos Lighthouse Tab	5.00	Garber-Covington Oil Field A of G	24.26	TENNESSEE Personal Offerings	5.00	Republic Full Gospel Tabernacle	4.00
Lakewood Full Gospel Mission	9.00	Jenks Assembly of God SS	14.00	Memphis Hollywood AofG Miss & CA	9.27	Seattle Hollywood Temple	8.47
Linden Sunday School	13.00	Jones Assembly of God	1.42	TEXAS Personal Offerings	18.60	Sequim Assembly of God	5.97
Midvale Gospel Assembly SS	6.94	Maud Assembly of God WMC	1.50	Belton Assembly of God	2.00	Spokane Glad Tidings Temple	23.29
North Bergen Beulah Heights Ch	14.00	McAlester Assembly of God SS	6.20	Colorado Assembly of God Church	2.75	Stemlit Sunday School	15.00
Trenton Gospel Tab SS	5.25	Mooreland Assembly of God	2.38	Commerce Assembly of God SS	2.00	Tacoma Pent Tab CA	10.00
Union Beach Pent Mission	12.00	Oklahoma City F Tab Women's BC	5.00	Conway Missionary Society	12.50	Tacoma Pent Tab Crusaders	5.00
NEW MEXICO Personal Offerings	4.00	Pawnee Assembly of God SS	4.00	Dallas Peak & Garland Church	18.00	Tacoma Northwest District	84.12
Lordsburg Assembly of God	5.00	Perry Assembly of God	2.06	Dallas West Side Assembly SS	7.00	Toppenish Pent A of God	1.40
New York Personal Offerings	39.50	Perry Assembly of God SS	3.20	Dallas Oak Cliff A of G Ch	10.00	Yakima First Pent Ch	49.11
Bronx Good News Tabernacle	6.00	Ringling A of God Ch	6.89	Dayton Simmons Bottom A of G SS	59.88	WEST VIRGINIA Personal Offerings	1.45
Buffalo Riverside Tab Chil Ch	5.00	Sayre A of God	1.00	De Leon Assembly of God	7.50	Carolina Assembly of God	3.25
Central Park Pent Assemby	14.00	Seminole Assembly of God SS	12.01	Elcampo Assembly of God	6.00	Dry Fork Zion Christian Assembly	4.75
Hornell Glad Tidings Tab	5.00	Seminole Assembly of God CA	2.00	Electra Assembly of God Church	15.00	Fairview Jakes Run A of G	3.00
Jamestown Calvary Pent Ch & SS	24.35	Sparks Assembly of God CA	3.50	Granbury Assembly of God	3.00	Jobe Sunday School	2.40
New York Latin Amer Pent Ch of G	77.60	Sweetwater Assembly of God SS	8.00	Grand Falls Assembly of God SS	4.44	Patterson Creek Rocky Gap Assem	4.88
Ossining Gospel Assembly SS	40.00	Tipton Assembly of God Church	5.52	Houston Broadmoor A of God SS	2.56	WISCONSIN Personal Offerings	22.00
Ossining Gospel Assembly CA	10.00	Webb City A of God	4.50	Houston Broadmoor A of God WMC	8.50	Gresham Morgan Siding Gospel Tab	7.00
Tottenville Wells Memorial Church	57.00	OREGON Personal Offerings	19.50	Houston Caplin Memorial A of G	7.75	Hawkins Gospel Tab & SS	2.35
White Plains Full Gos Ch & SS	5.69	Aloha Pent Assembly of God	1.74	Houston Cen A Love Sisters SS Cl	9.00	Madison Gospel Tabernacle	10.00
Yonkers Full Gospel Assembly	22.50	Ashland Full Gospel Temple	15.00	Houston Denver A of God	29.74	Manitowoc Gospel Tab	10.00
Yonkers F G A Star of Hope Bible Cl	1.25	(Near) Bonanza Lorella F Gos A of G	13.27	Houston Heights Gospel Tab WM	5.00	Milwaukee Bay View Gospel Tab	6.00
NORTH CAROLINA Personal Off	7.00	Burns Assembly of God	50.00	Houston N S Tab Ever Ready Class	11.55	Minong Pent Church	1.50
Charlotte Garr Auditor Ch Lds BC	8.00	Hebo Full Gospel Assembly	4.00	Iraan Assembly of God	12.00	Monroe Assembly of God SS	8.00
NORTH CAROLINA Personal Off	25.20	La Grande Gospel Tab SS	3.00	Lubbock Assembly of God	1.50	Owen Gospel Tabernacle	10.44
Binford Gospel Tab SS	11.17	Newport Assembly of God	2.33	Macedonia Assembly of God	1.86	Rio Assembly of God Church	3.00
Cando Gospel Tab & SS	16.92	Silitz Gospel Tab	10.85	Olney Assembly of God	16.00	Sheboygan Falls Gospel Tabernacle	34.50
Hettinger Gospel Tab	3.50	Silverton N Howell Com Ch & SS	49.56	Pampa Assembly of God Ch	10.00	MISCELLANEOUS	320.20
Osnabrock Gospel Tab	2.04	Vale Gospel Tabernacle	2.01	Perrin Assembly of God Ch	2.35	Total Amount Reported	\$6,631.36
Powers Lake Gospel Tab	21.60	Woodburn Assembly of God	2.13	Plainview Assembly of God	8.00	Home Missions Fund	271.56
OHIO Personal Offerings	90.50	PENNSYLVANIA Personal Offerings	30.30	Seadrift Assembly of God SS	5.66	Office Expense Fund	69.42
Blue Rock Stone Station Mission	5.48	Allentown Glad Tidings Tab	13.02	Spur Assembly of God	1.25	Literature Expense Fund	152.15
Chillicothe Everybodys Tabernacle	7.34	Bangor First Pent Church	10.00	Talco Assembly of God SS	4.09	Reported Given Direct to	
Conneaut Assembly of God	61.18	Bradford Assembly of God	19.38	Temple Full Gospel SS	14.56	Home Missions	150.81
Fostoria Assembly of God	5.00	Corry Bethel Tabernacle	8.17	Texas City Assembly of God SS	11.97	Reported Given Direct to	
Missillon Peniel Chapel	20.05	Hollentown Pent A of G & SS	5.01	Texas City A of God WMC	3.04	Missionaries	647.58
Orrville A of G Ch	5.00	Lancaster First Pent Ch SS & CA	239.70	Waco Faith Tab Girls Circle	4.00		1,291.52
Urichsville Assembly of God	3.00	New Kensington Gospel Tabernacle	70.00	VIRGINIA Belvoir Full Gos Tab SS	21.15	Amount Received for Foreign	
OKLAHOMA Personal Offerings	63.00	Philadelphia Bethel Tab Prayer Group	5.25	Bristol Assembly of God	7.21	Missions	5,339.84
Ada Assembly of God Tab	7.69	Pitcairn First Pent Ch & SS	64.00	Fries Assembly of God	1.00	Amount Previously Reported	20,423.05
Avant Assembly of God SS	3.00	Quakertown A of God SS & YP	10.50	Newport News Gospel Tab	10.25	Amount Received for Foreign	
Beggs Assembly of God	1.00	Tunkhannock Pent Gospel Tab	5.00	Richmond Calvary Pent Tab	30.00	Missions This Month	\$25,762.89
Broken Arrow Assembly of God CA	5.00	Waynesboro Calvary Tab	77.45	St Paul A of G Ch & SS	5.00		
Catoosa Assembly of God	3.00	Windsor Pent Lighthouse	20.00	WASHINGTON Personal Off	329.85		
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