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The Time Is Short

IT WAS when the Master healed the man born blind, turning his darkness into day, that He said: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; *the night cometh, when no man can work.*" John 9:4.

And so He labored, going about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, until the hour came for the last act of the drama.

In the Upper Room He gave the disciples the word, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me." The disciples looked one on another, wondering which one of them could stoop to so dastardly a deed. Christ said, "He it is to whom I shall give a sop." We read that when He gave this to Judas Iscariot: "he then having received the sop went immediately out: *and it was night.*" John 13:30.

To those who came to take Him on that dark night Jesus said, "This is your hour, and the power of darkness." To Him who was the light of the world, the powers of darkness did their worst—they brought Him down to the dust of death.

And since "the thing that hath been, it is the thing that shall be" (Eccl. 1:9), may we not expect that what was true in the life of the Master will be true in the lives of those that are His—His Church? He sent forth His disciples to the ends of the earth to labor in bringing in the harvest. *While it is day* they can gather in the golden grain. Even at the eleventh hour the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth laborers. We read, "Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening." Psalm 104:23. Then he can rest. We read in the same Psalm, "Thou makest darkness, *and it is night:* wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth."

Are we reaching the eventide of this dispensation, the time when no man can work? The time when evil beasts creep forth to seek their prey? In Revelation two outstanding "beasts" are portrayed. Will the Master say to these beasts, "This is your hour, and the power of darkness"? Daniel tells us of his vision of four "great beasts" and of a "little horn" that arises, a horn that has a

mouth that speaks great things. "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them." Dan. 7:21. Will the saints receive any better treatment than their Lord? Will the crucified Lamb have a crucified Bride?

We remember that wonderful day in the life of Abraham when God gave him promise concerning his seed. Abraham prepared a number of beasts for sacrifice. But as the sun set there came upon him a horror of great darkness. And all through that long dark night there was a smoking furnace and a burning lamp that passed between the pieces of the slain sacrifice. There was an iron furnace ahead for the seed of Abraham, but at the same time a wondrous light, a light that would give illumination to a great sacrifice, the sacrifice of a Lamb of sweet savor unto God.

In the days that are coming when the Church is refined in the iron furnace, we may joyfully expect great light upon the Sacrifice of whom all the sacrifices of all the years were but a type. A time of great illumination of the Lamb whose blood

will be all-availing in the fast-approaching exodus. When darkness settles down on the world and gross darkness upon the people, a darkness so terrible that it can be felt, the saints can be assured of light in their dwellings.

Again and again as we read the Psalms we hear Israel's plaintive cry to Jehovah, "How long?" We hear an equivalent word on the lips of the disciples as they eagerly ask the risen Christ, "Wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" His reply is a timely word for us at this hour, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:6-8. Doors in many parts of the earth are slamming. They do not want this gospel. But there are still open doors. And the Master says to us from the glory, "Occupy till I come." Our business is to be occupied with the task of gathering sheaves into the heavenly garner until the Master sees of the travail of His soul and is satisfied.

There may be but a short while longer to labor. In the meantime, beware of the devil's blitzkrieg—his barrage of lethargy, dissension, criticism, and prayerlessness. Pray against the two deadly sins, lovelessness and lukewarmness. If we have been guilty of these sins, the Master bids us repent.

The night that is coming will be a solemn one. In Jer. 8:20 we hear the awful wail of the lost that will arise at that hour: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!" It will be very terrible if they point an accusing finger at us and say, "You did nothing to help us. You failed to send us the gospel."

Moody used to tell of a man who seemed touched as he heard the gospel message. From time to time he would postpone his decision to yield to Christ. He became sick. Moody went to see him and pleaded with him to yield his life to God. Once more the man

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THE DEVIL'S BLITZKRIEG



How To Live a Holy Life

Lydia Walshaw

Our Saviour Jesus is so precious, so near, so real, that we could just bow in His presence all the time, and let Him talk with us. A dear one was saying to me the other day, "But how do you know the voice of the Lord?" I said, "And how do you know anybody's voice? You get to know their voice by listening to them, not by talking." That is the only way I know of getting to know anybody's voice, to distinguish it from another's voice.

You know, my blessed Lord makes me understand things. Somehow or other, He can convey the sense of what He means to my mind. I find that the way He teaches me might not satisfy a great theologian. I do not know anything about theology; but I know what He means; I get hold of what He wants me to understand, and that does very nicely for my life. I know a great deal of the trivial round and common task—a very common task, and the Lord teaches me in such a way as to enable me to understand the answers He gives me to my requests. He teaches me all the way along in my everyday life. We need a revival—something holy not merely in a meeting, but holy all the days of the week, all the year round, under all circumstances and conditions—a revival of holiness!

I remember once writing out a little text,—the text was in connection with "holiness unto the Lord." "Where shall we put this up?" was the question. I said: "Let us hang it over the broomstick; I think that is the best place. We will stick it up in the kitchen; I think it will do very well in the place where folks are looking at us." In the kitchen is where the power of holiness must be seen and felt. Most of us live in kitchens and workshops and busy places of life.

There are many things I cannot understand, and when I cannot understand I go to my Teacher, and say to Him: "Lord, I don't understand what this means; please make it clear to me. I do not understand unless it is very clear. Now, dear Lord, teach me, so I see what it is You mean."

It was over this subject of holiness that the Lord said a very strong thing: "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." That is serious. It is not a matter as to whether we need to be holy. People say: "Is holiness one of the essentials?" It is very essential, if without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Whether we speak with tongues, or whatever gifts the Lord bestows upon us, it is very necessary that we should know what holiness of heart means. So I asked Him to make it clear to me, and I pass on to you the way the Lord instructed my mind.

He nearly always takes me to Genesis. I found it written in Genesis that God made man in His own image, made him understand, made him for Himself, made him to be His companion and friend. He made man to be so united to Himself that He could talk to him about the things that are so dear to the heart of God. He wanted

to reveal His purpose to man; He wanted man to walk with Him and talk with Him. So He made it clear to me how He made us in His image for that express purpose. *How* in His image? With the same faculties that God has—the thought power, the reasoning power, the power of imagination, and will, and desire. He created mankind with all those powers that are in Himself, the only difference being that man was human and He divine, Deity.

Then He made me understand. How? My thought faculty was like a cup, into which He could pour His thought. I was the cup, and He was the pouring power. He was the *Pourer-forth*. That is really the meaning of Almighty—the *Pourer-forth* of Himself. When God revealed Himself as the Almighty God, He revealed Himself as the *Pourer-forth* of Himself, the *giver-out* of that which is in Himself. You will find it in one of the early chapters of the book of Revelation. "The Almighty." There He is seen "girt about the breasts with a golden girdle." There we see, as it were, the mother side of God, the *giver-out*, the *pourer-forth* of His life, just as the mother gives forth from her breast the nourishment to nourish her child. Is it not glorious, delightful? "Even as one whom his mother comforteth." "Like as a father pitieth his children." O, how the breast of our Lord comforts us! You know, the tired child is comforted directly it gets to its mother's breast.

I heard one day a delightful little incident that made this so clear to me. A mother, away on the mountains, took her little babe with her where she was feeding her goats. While she went to tend the goats she placed the little mite, which was asleep, under a shrub. Presently she looked round, and she saw that her baby had crawled out and got right to the edge of a precipice. The mother's heart nearly stood still with fear. Just at that moment the babe turned and looked in the direction of her mother. The mother bared her breast; she did not cry out for the child, but just bared her bosom to it, and the baby turned from danger and moved toward her mother. That is like God when He reveals Himself to us as the Almighty God, the *Giver-forth* of Himself. We realize that the place

of charm and comfort is on the very breast of God. You may be in a place of danger, but as you turn your eye to God you crawl away from the danger to Him. So the Lord showed me how He had put in each of us the power to receive from Himself.

We have an affinity of thought with God, and if we will have our thoughts cleansed by the Blood, our minds emptied of our own human way of thinking, God will pour in His thought, and so our thought capacity will be filled with the thought of God. Then we have our desire capacity. Let it be emptied, let the precious blood of Jesus cleanse that desire capacity and He will pour into it His desire, and then we shall desire what He desires. So with our will, our conscience, our reason, and with every faculty we possess. It must be absolutely yielded to God, so that He may cleanse it with the precious Blood, and then pour in from Himself, until we are filled from God's fullness. That is *holiness*. Then you will have God's power to think the right thoughts concerning all that is going on. We have different things to cope with, and different kinds of people to meet; but the love of God is shed abroad in our capacity to love. God made us in His image, and consequently He could not make us without the capacity to love. When the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is given unto us, then we can love unlovely people.

It is marvelous how God expects us to see the working of the Holy Ghost in the most tiresome folks. There are tiresome folk. I suppose I am very tiresome to some people. We are often tiresome to one another. When the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost—not our human love—we look at these people, and somehow we see as Barnabas did. What a good thing it was that Barnabas went down to Antioch, because he was a man full of the Holy Ghost, and when he looked at those people who had been newly brought to God He did not see all the things they lacked. He saw the grace of God.

If some other folk had been sent there, instead of Barnabas, they would not have seen a bit of grace. They would have said: "There's not very much going on here; they are behaving in such-and-such a fashion; I don't believe they have anything; it's a false affair from beginning to end." But Barnabas was full of the Holy Ghost. The Lord had poured into Barnabas the Lord's vision, and Barnabas could see, when he looked at those folk, what God saw. So he saw the grace of God in them. He did not see all the faults and the lack of ten thousand other things that they had yet to learn. He saw the grace of God; he saw that blessing had begun in them.

I should like Barnabas to come and investigate me, because I am sure he would see the grace of God, whatever else he saw. He might see a lot that I do not

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord.

and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Isa. 23:29

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalms 51:17

know, and a lot I want to know. But he would see the grace of God. When the holiness of God is established in our hearts, that is how we look at one another. We see the beauty of the Lord shining, and we look at it until it begins flaming out of those people. As you look it comes out. I have seen it many a time. There are people who say the days of miracles are over. I laugh at that, because I see miracles performed before my eyes continually.

Holiness is not a thing for which you go to God and say, "Please give me holiness in a lump," and expect it all to come down so you can swallow it whole, and be holy forever. It is not like that a bit. God is holy, and I understand that holiness is the life of God, and let the blood of Jesus cleanse, and let the Lord work in my heart. I do not have to persuade God to do these things; I let Him do it, I just *yield*. I love that word. To yield is one of the easiest things in the world, if you get used to it. It is such a task to begin, but it is so glorious when you have begun to get at it. "Yield yourselves to God as those that are alive from the dead." He has made you alive, He has given you life, or else you are not saved. Yield all the while; keep at it whether you like it or not. Sometimes you do not like it, but if not say, "Hallelujah!" and yield just the same.

Sometimes this yielding comes right across what I had thought, but I say, "That's part of the business," and I yield. I find that it answers, it works. If a thing won't work, I say, "Lord, it doesn't work; I want something that works." Because I see that everything that comes from God is living. You never saw a living thing, but what moved; living things always keep moving, going on. It is *advance, advance*, just as in the prayer life. When we begin to pray we say, "Please, Lord, give me that." The Lord says: "My dear, you shall have it," and the Lord keeps on giving to you in a wonderful way. But after a while, when you have grown up, you go to Him and you plead some promise that you find in His Book. You do not ask for this and that in baby fashion, but you say: "Lord, I see in Thy Word that You would have me ask for this, and that You have promised it. Now I present Your promise, and I claim it." You do not ask now just what you think as you did when you were a baby. You have grown up in the Lord, and you plead the promises, and the promises are fulfilled.

After a while the Lord takes you on to another stage, and your heart is wrapped up in these words, "That the purpose of God shall be fulfilled." It may be that you will have to suffer with Him to bring this purpose about. Our blessed Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane said: "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?"—He would give them to Me if I were to ask—"but how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled?" How would God's eternal purpose be carried out? "Thy will, not Mine." "Lord, I may claim any promise of Yours but, Lord, *Thy* will. I won't ask Thee to fulfill this promise. Lord, carry out Thy purpose, and I will go to the cross. I will gladly suffer so this purpose of Thine may be carried out."

Those are stages in the prayer life. So

it is in the life of holiness. You know you could claim a promise, and that by claiming that promise you could get deliverance; but how then could God's ultimate purpose for you be fulfilled? How could you be a coworker with Him for that? "No, Lord, let Thy holy will be done." We are just as holy as we have yielded every faculty of our being to be emptied and cleansed by the Blood, and then filled with that same will, or desire, or imagination, or reason, or thought that is in God.

I have been amazed, and yet charmed and humbled, with my Lord Jesus Christ and His attitude to the eternal God. Oh, what it has meant as I have read that

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wondrous word in 1 Corinthians 15, where it is written concerning Him that He is going to deliver up the kingdom unto the Father, that God may be all in all. Then I have seen how that, by the will of God, Jesus came into the world as a babe, and how His life was always subject to the Father. He said: "Of Mine own self I can do nothing." I have thought of those thirty years, of which we have no record, when He did nothing of Himself. Then He said: "The words that I speak are not Mine; I speak the words of the Father; as I hear I speak. The works that I do are not Mine, but the Father's." Then when His brethren came to Him and wanted Him to go to the Feast of Tabernacles, He said "Your time is always; you go as you think. My time is not yet, I go not up yet." Oh, the subjection! That is why our Lord wrought miracles; why the dead were raised, the blind received their sight, and the lame walked—because He was in subjection to His Father all the time.

Then, when He went to the cross, it is written, "He offered Himself by the eternal Spirit." He did not say, "I will do this, and that, and the other." It was not "I" at all. Then it is written in Acts that "God raised Him from the dead"—He did not raise Himself—"and set Him at His own right hand." Right from the beginning, all the way through, He was always dependent on, and subject and obedient to the Father.

Then He is coming to reign a thousand years, and after He has reigned a thousand years and has subdued all things, He will present all to the Father that God may be all in all. That is holiness, and that is what the Lord has called you to. Receive your life from God and be de-

pendent on Him. Offer yourselves. You do not consecrate yourselves. The Lord consecrates us. I love that hymn which says: "Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord." If we try to consecrate ourselves we have to keep at it, continually having another consecration. But when the Lord consecrates us and we are in subjection to Him, that is holiness. We want to get entirely into subjection to God, to be abandoned to Him. Believe in God, trust the Holy Ghost to do what the Holy Ghost has been sent to do.

One time the Lord said to me: "Do you believe, My child, that I have sent some one capable of doing what I said He should do when He came?" I said, "Yes, I see it. I believe in the Holy Ghost." I think that was the first time I ever knew inwardly what it was to believe in the Holy Ghost. I believe there is a Holy Ghost; I believe this blessed Holy Spirit had been given to me. But here was a fresh revelation. I believed in Him as the power of God, come to do what God said He would do when He did come. So I said: "O God, I believe in the Holy Ghost." I have only to submit myself absolutely to God, and believe in the Holy Ghost, and then the Holy Ghost will do what I let Him, and He does do it.

This is how God has taught me the common life of holiness. May He bless it to your souls as He has blessed it to mine—this abandonment to God, and this believing in the power, in the efficiency, in the wisdom, in the love, in the capability of the blessed Holy Ghost.

The Time Is Short

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declined saying, "I don't want people to think I have been frightened into making the decision." He recovered but later had a severe relapse. Moody went again to plead with him. This time the man said, "It is too late." "But," urged Moody, "there is mercy at the eleventh hour." The man answered, "Mr. Moody, this is not the eleventh hour; it is the *twelfth*." A few hours later he was dead. Moody said, "We wrapped him in a Christless shroud, we put him in a Christless coffin, we buried him in a Christless grave, and I fear he went to spend a Christless eternity."

Horatius Bonar wrote these words: "The time is short! If thou would'st work for God, it must be now. If thou would'st win the garlands for thy brow, redeem the time. I sometimes feel the thread of life is slender, and soon with me the labor will be wrought; then grows my heart to other hearts more tender; the time is short!"—S. H. F.

The Outpoured Spirit

It is the purpose of God to pour through every believer a mighty stream, a mighty beneficent current of divine life and blessing. But alas, so many channels are unfit, unprepared, unwilling, pre-occupied with earthly things. Come constantly and speak continually to Christ, the Rock from whence this wondrous beneficent stream comes, and ask Him to remove everything that would hinder the full, free flowing of the refreshing river of His Spirit through you.

"I would rather get ten men to work than do ten men's work."—D. L. Moody.

"Make Full Proof of Thy Ministry"

Kenneth G. Olsen

The aged Paul, ready to be offered up after his long, long ministry put his finger on all that a pastor ought to do by saying, "make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Tim. 4:5. As he parted from the Ephesian elders, his last words were, "I kept back nothing that was profitable to you, but have shewed you and have taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:20-21. Thus he showed what a minister's making full proof of his ministry consisted in.

If we too make full proof of our ministry, we shall hold back neither the public ministry of preaching in regular services, nor witnessing both to saved and unsaved from house to house. It is far easier to meet the saints a couple of times a week and deliver one's self of a preachment, than to add to this going from house to house witnessing to both the religious and the irreligious. Full proof requires both phases of the ministry. Much of the failure and trouble in churches result from neglecting to give full proof. If we trace Paul's methods we see that he made full proof by both holding preaching meetings and doing community evangelizing. He went from place to place and from nation to nation, everywhere doing the thing he commissioned his elders and deacons to do.

He stopped to witness to some women at a river side and as a result the church of Thyatira was started. Acts 16:13-15. In Rome he had his own "hired house" and preached regularly. He prayed for the sick on the island of Melita and witnessed to the natives in the great rain round the fire where the shipwrecked crew huddled. He preached Jesus while he stood on Mars Hill, in the market place, or in the court room. When they wanted to treat him and Barnabas as gods, he witnessed to the crowd before the city gates. In synagogues and meeting places, he held more formal preaching meetings. But he did not merely hire a preaching place and wait for the unsaved to come, for he never missed the most important part of house-to-house and community evangelizing. Thus he made full proof of his ministry.

Following his example the brethren he left in charge of the pioneer groups he formed, continued to do both public preaching and house-to-house work. He often mentions the church which meets in someone's home as well as the church in a city. Paul advised that the things he taught were to be taught to "faithful men who should teach them to others"—a sort of community evangelizing course directed by the pastor who did the things he wanted his group to do. As a sort of General Overseer Paul kept in touch with all the assemblies, urging them to follow his example both in life and ministry. The local leaders organized their groups and led them out witnessing.

Then Paul sent special workers to certain places to assist in the work. We have many

pastors who have been successful in community witnessing and they might share their experience with other assemblies. Brother Diehl, for instance, by districting his community and assigning workers therein; by buying a bus and taking interested children and adults to service; by witnessing in person and with his members from house to house—has built up his assembly in a marked manner. Brother Bender in Buffalo, Van Meter in West Virginia, and many others have succeeded admirably in making this full proof of their ministry in the community.

A committee of such brethren if appointed for that purpose might make report of their work to the district and sectional meetings to the end that all might begin making full proof of their ministry. Each coming sectional and district meeting might appoint such a committee on community evangelizing with instructions to report at the next session.

They might recommend that at some coming district or sectional meeting the ministers be sent into the community to do actual evangelizing as part of that day's program. They might recommend that pastors wanting to begin making full proof could invite members of that committee to come to them and put in a week helping to start the community witnessing along the lines worked out by that pastor in his own field.

They might recommend that at the coming summer district camp meeting a definite program be set in motion to do community evangelizing, as part of the ministry of every pastor attending, and perhaps definitely assign certain groups of pastors for every week of the meetings to go out into the community and win souls, bringing them to the camp meeting.

No doubt pastors will have many valuable and helpful suggestions on community evangelism which can be pooled in the hands of their committees, and made available to all. Then with such committees authorized

to set plans in motion for sectional and district camp meetings, progress will be started on this much-neglected part of the ministry.

Pioneering work carried on by sending a tent and workers into a new field is splendid and is called home missions. This department is very ably conducted and need not be confused with the work of committees on community evangelizing. What we are writing of is doing evangelistic work in communities which have assemblies. We do not mean pioneering; we mean what Paul said and did; what he told Timothy to do, make full proof of his ministry as pastor of an established church by taking the witness outside the church into the community.

The Cure for Empty Pews, by Kenneth G. Olsen contains much material for just this purpose. It is a publication of our own Council and can be had for thirty-five cents by addressing the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

World Evangelization

The evangelization of the world! Has this been entrusted to us or not? If it has, do we in the least realize it, and what it is? The evangelization of the world is no child's play! It is a vast and difficult undertaking and it cannot be accomplished without determination and sacrifice. A hundred years ago the Church of Christ did practically nothing. Today a part of the Church of Christ does—*what is convenient!* Think this out, and you will find it is true. Myself, my home, my church, my country (already evangelized) come first: the unevangelized nations are scarcely remembered.

Yet if this great work of evangelizing the world has really been entrusted to us—and can anyone who reads his Bible and has common sense say it has not?—we ought to be bending all our energies to it, making greater sacrifices as soldiers of Christ for its speedy accomplishment than ever men do for their country. This is no figure of speech, but hard fact: obviously it is. But what energies *are* we bending to it? What sacrifices *are* we making?

Preach the Cross

We greatly err when we think that any other Gospel or any other form of the Gospel will be more successful in reaching men, no matter what they are or who they are. No man can be saved without the power of God being put forth to save him; and as God has decreed that "the preaching of the cross is the power of God," we must, if we would see men saved, preach the cross. And the meaning of that is, "This is my blood, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Christ is the sinner's Substitute.—D. W. Whittle.

Fear of man has no place in one's heart when one is conscious of being God's servant and spokesman.

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The Faith That Works

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"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Read James 2:14-26.

Multitudes of God's children have been going down into Egypt (type of the world) for help. They look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord. Isa. 31:1. They are more interested in the impractical schemes of office-seeking politicians than they are in the development of their faith in God. They have plenty of time to listen to advocates of *Share-the-Wealth, Townsend, Ham-and-Eggs*, and other plans, but no time to seek the face of God in daily prayer and communion and fellowship. In view of present day conditions, *faith in God* is the greatest need of the hour, for without faith it is impossible to please Him. Heb. 11:6. We can expect to receive an answer to our petition because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 1 John 3:22.

Let us remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is like a great reservoir of unlimited power, out of which we can take by faith all the life, health, strength, power, wisdom—in fact, everything needed for the enjoyment of physical, material, and spiritual prosperity. Matt. 28:18; 3 John 2. Therefore it becomes of the utmost importance for all of God's children to understand how faith in God's promises is manifested. We shall not receive an answer to our petition unless we act as if we had received it. For faith puts our heart belief into action, regardless of the tendency of the flesh not to accept anything that our physical senses have not experienced.

We want to *see* and *feel* first, in order to believe God's promise. But God works contrary to human expectations and demands that we believe His Word and *act* upon His promises, count it done, and call those things which be not (consciousness of answer to our prayer) as though they were (already an accomplished fact). Rom. 4:17; Mark 11:24; 1 John 5:14, 15. Biblical faith is accompanied by *acting on the promise of God*, or it is no faith at all. We must act out what we profess to believe or our faith is a dead faith.

The law of the present age is that God is manifested according to our need and faith. If there is no felt need and no faith, He is neither seen nor known. It was not

to priests, scribes or Pharisees that a manifestation of the Lord was given, but to far-off Gentiles, true seekers after God (Matt. 2:1-23), to tempest-tossed disciples (Mark 4:35-41), to a sorrowing mother (Luke 7:11-18), to a palsied man grievously tormented (Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:18-26), to a man possessed with demons. Mark 5:1-20.

God imparts *His* strength to us through the putting forth of our own. If we would receive grace to resist temptation, we must show firmness and courage ourselves. We must pray as if all depended on God, and work as if all depended on us. This is the paradox of faith. When faith attempts the impossible, it transforms it straightway into the possible, and then the strength of God is made perfect in human weakness. We must prove to God that our heart believes the promise and enter

into rest, before God can fulfill His promise in conscious manifestation. Mark 11:24, Heb. 4:3, Phil. 4:6, 7.

In Luke 17:12-14 we have the story of the ten lepers which illustrates how *acting* upon the word of God will bring the desired result. They lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." They were not anointed with oil for healing, no hands were laid upon them, no sermon on Divine Healing was preached, no physical demonstration of any kind. They were simply told, "Go shew yourselves unto the priests," and in simple, childlike faith they acted upon the creative words of the Great Physician, and, knowing the requirements of the Levitical law to be examined and officially declared cleansed, they started off to present themselves to the priests. "And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed."

Israel, unappreciative of God's past and present blessings, murmured against God and their God-ordained leader, Moses, and invoked the judgment of God upon them, who sent fiery serpents among the people, and much repentance caused Moses to intercede in their behalf, and he was directed to put a brass serpent upon a pole (type of our Saviour upon the cross, John 3:14). "And it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

They were not told to look upon their bodies for signs of an improved condition, nor upon Moses their leader, nor upon the priests, for help and healing, but upon God's appointed remedy, the brazen serpent upon the pole, a type of our Lord Jesus, who "redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." Gal. 3:13. And when they acted upon the Word of God, their vision of faith was rewarded by an immediate deliverance. Numbers 21:5-9.

John 21:3-6. Here we have the account of the miraculous draught of fishes, a manifestation of how faith triumphs over natural elements. Peter and his partners had fished all night and caught nothing. Let us not forget that they were experienced fishermen and certainly knew their business. In spite of their best efforts they had failed. They knew there were no fish in that part of the lake. In the morning Jesus stood upon the shore, and said, "Chil-

Healing for the Land

2. Chron. 7. 14.

Clinton H. Patterson.

If my peo-ple, who are called by my name, shall
 hum-ble them-selves, and pray, and seek my face, and
 turn from their wick--ed ways; then will I
 hear from heav--en, and will for--give their sin,
 and will heal their lend, and will heal their land.

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"Carte Blanche"

A Lesson Drawn From the Story of Oliver Cromwell, the English Dictator

C. M. Ward, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Acts 9:6 "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

If you should visit the British Museum you might be able, by special permission to see a single sheet among the Harleian manuscripts which would interest you enormously, if you knew its story. It is a page of discolored paper, two hundred and eighty years old, and quite blank, except that it bears a waxen seal, and in the right-hand corner an informal signature, "Charles P." That is the signature of a certain Prince of Wales, when he was seventeen years old. The name of the sheet of paper is "The Carte Blanche." (Webster defines *carte blanche* as meaning, "unconditional terms; unlimited authority; full discretionary power.") This is the story of this piece of blank paper: It was the evening before the execution of King Charles I. Oliver Cromwell was sitting in his private room. Suddenly his cousin John Cromwell burst in to see him. He pleaded with Oliver to spare the life of the King, but Oliver said, "No, he must die." Then John quickly locked the door. He stood with his back against it, and thrust his hand into his breast pocket. In a second Oliver was on his feet, thinking his cousin was drawing a dagger to attack him. But John drew forth only this sheet of paper, with nothing on it but the seal and signature of the King's son. John said that Oliver might write above the signature anything he wished the prince to give or do, and that the prince's name was signed there as a pledge that he would give or do it, even if he were asked to forego his right to the throne and live in exile. He would give or do anything if only the life of his father, Charles I should be saved.

The Lord General, as Oliver Cromwell was then called, looked at the sheet of paper and said, "I desire that you will give me the right to consider the matter. Go to your inn now, but not to bed, until you hear from me."

John Cromwell waited at his lodging, dressed and booted. At one o'clock in the morning a messenger came to him with this message in writing, "The Council of Officers has been seeking the Lord in prayer, and it is resolved that the King must die. Colonel Cromwell may now go to bed."

John Cromwell did not go to bed but left London within an hour never to return. So ashamed was he of his cousin's deed, and so greatly afraid of the curse that might follow the family that killed the King, that he changed his name to Williams.

This story makes plain to us what is meant by giving a person "carte blanche." It means that one hands over one's life like a sheet of signed blank paper saying, "There's my name already signed to show that I am willing to do whatever you require."

Jesus gave His life carte blanche to God. When He prayed in the Garden, "Thy will be done."

Shall we not follow His steps? Paul did, and how exceeding great was his reward! He said, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" and the Lord understood that Paul gave the Lord unlimited authority over his life.

Why not take a sheet of white paper, sign your name to it with painstaking care, and as you spread it out before the Lord say, "Write anything You will above my name Lord, and I will do it, by Thy grace."

Let us give our lives to Christ today unconditionally.

Christ cannot bless what He does not have.

Why We Go to the Prayer Meeting

By E. Sheltonan

1. Because it is the place of prayer and the appointed time for prayer, and for this reason (provided there is no providential deterrent), there is nothing in your life for that hour that begins to compare with its importance.

2. Because it is oh so important to pray! The Son of God spent whole nights in prayer, and could you not "watch with Him" (regularly) one hour each week in prayer with others?

3. Because many people go to church on Sunday morning for display, or because of custom, but these things do not apply so much to the prayer meeting. Most people go to the midweek service because of a real love for the Lord which prevents them from letting other engagements interfere with this one.

4. Because attendance at the prayer meeting is one way of publicly confessing your allegiance to Him.

5. Because if your church becomes lax, or loses a proper sense of the fundamentals of the faith, you will then have a better conscience, if you can feel that you have done your part in every way.

6. Because your influence and example are matters that you cannot afford to be careless about. Someone watching you, may find in you a stumbling-block if you are

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desire of thine heart.

Psalms 37:4



not careful to keep your prayer meeting engagement, and may decide that there is really nothing in these things to you, and so nothing in the Christian Religion. When you think that no one is watching, that may be the very time that you are being judged.

7. Because the time may come when you will not be physically able to attend prayer meeting, and then, how you shall long for the privilege!

8. Because He is coming again, and all signs indicate soon, and if He should come in the middle of the week, could you conceive of an hour or a place where He is more apt to manifest Himself than at prayer meeting?

What if He should come at the prayer meeting hour, and you not there.

The Faith That Works

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dren, have ye any meat?" They answered, "No." And He said unto them, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find." They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Obedience to His command, even if contrary to our experience, will bring the desired and promised blessing, and triumph over utter failure.

Other interesting accounts illustrating the precious results of *faith in action* you will find the following Biblical stories: Elijah fed by the widow of Zarephath. 1 Kings 17:8-15. The nobleman's son healed. John 4:46-53. David's triumph over Goliath. 1 Sam. 17:31-58. The palsied man healed. Mark 2:1-12. The Syrophenician's daughter healed. Matt. 15:21-28. The offering of Isaac. Gen. 22:1-14.

Christ says to us, "Have faith in God. . . . What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Mark 11:22-24.

Silent Violins

Luigi Tarisio, was found dead one morning with scarce a comfort in his home, but with two hundred and forty-six exquisite fiddles, which he had been collecting all his life, crammed into an attic, the best in the bottom drawer of an old rickety bureau. In very devotion to the violin he had robbed the world of all that music all the time he treasured them; others before him had done the same, so that when the greatest Stradivarius was first played it had had one hundred and forty-seven speechless years. Yet how many of Christ's people are like old Tarisio! In our very love of the Church we fail to give the glad tidings to the world; in our zeal for the Truth we forget to publish it. When shall we all learn that the good news needs the telling, and that all men need to know?—*W. Y. Fullerton.*

Faith

Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word is true, and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word. This assurance, this reliance on God's Word, is faith.—*George Muller.*

God's clocks always keep time.—*Hudson Taylor.*

THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

LUXEMBOURG JEWS ROBBED

The *Jewish Chronicle* says that Jews arriving in Paris from Luxembourg report that many "non-Aryans" who failed to escape from the Nazi invaders have been arrested by the Gestapo officials. Jews are afraid to appear in the streets; but Nazi storm-troopers have complete lists of Jewish residents, and are looting Jewish property.

ATHEISTS DISQUALIFIED

The *Watchman-Examiner* publishes the advisory opinion just handed down by North Carolina's attorney-general, Harry McMullan, in response to a request from out of the State as to whether atheists would be allowed to hold office in the State. Mr. McMullan's opinion is that "all persons who shall deny the being of Almighty God shall be disqualified to hold public office."

RUSSIA'S SEVEN-DAY WEEK

In its revolt against God, Russia abandoned its seven-day week and for years has used a six-day week, consisting of five working days and one rest day. According to the *Free Methodist*, however, Russia has now gone back to the seven-day week. While the purpose of this order is to increase production of war materials and manufactured goods, it brings a new emphasis upon the wisdom of the centuries-old Fourth Commandment, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto Jehovah thy God."

BIBLE READING IN SPAIN

There is reported to be a new interest in reading the Bible among the Spanish people since the conclusion of the Civil War, says *Watchman-Examiner*. It is quite a common sight to see people reading the Scriptures in busses, trains, trams, and restaurants. Numerous small evangelical churches have been formed by the Spaniards themselves. They have no form of worship save prayer and Bible study. Apparently the shaking of their nation and of the world with guns and bombs has drawn their attention to that which cannot be shaken—the Word of God. Heb. 12:27.

A GREAT FAMINE MENACE

It will be remembered that during the World War, when Germany was making bread from potatoes and depending on its potato crop for food, the crop was blighted, and it was this crop failure that contributed much to Germany's defeat. Again it seems that God has taken a hand. It is reported that the rains needed by German farmers failed to come this year and that the nation is again faced with a widespread crop failure. To meet its need, Germany is seizing the food supplies of the nations it has conquered. However, these supplies must come to an end. Europe faces a severe food shortage during the coming winter months, not only from lack of rain in some parts but from shortage of farm labor, sunken cargo ships, and other causes which the war has created.

Writes Dr. L. S. Bauman in *Sunday School Times*: "Ex-President Hoover has warned the world that it is even now face to face with the specter of 'the most disastrous famine in history'—a famine, he declared, that would bring suffering and death unparalleled in the annals of men. British statesmen are likewise issuing this same warning. Reports are in the air that Germany's rulers are beginning to have a haunting fear, and that they are knocking at the doors of the food stores of the earth, offering to barter almost anything they possess for food supplies on ahead. Bread, not bullets, may yet upset the German's dream of world dominion. Unless Germany can find a way to command the seas to bring food supplies into her ports, she soon may find her chickens coming home to roost." God knows how to abase the proud and defeat the wicked plans of His enemies.

"HOPE THOU IN GOD"

A child, saying his prayers in these terrible times, prayed for his parents and friends, and then added "O God, be sure and take good care of Yourself, because if anything should happen to You we are sunk."

RUSSIA AND THE BIBLE

Reports *World Dominion*: "The work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Soviet Finland and Poland has been forbidden, and the measure will apply to the border States under Russian control."

"GREATER THAN CHRIST"

A Swedish friend of mine (writes J. N. Harris), one of the principal engineers of the Swedish Cellulose Co., said to a German that many Swedes thought the Germans wanted to make Hitler another Napoleon. This annoyed the German, who said, "Napoleon? oh, no! Much greater than Napoleon. Why, sir, I would like you and your countrymen to know that we are creating a great religion around Herr Hitler." "Then," said the Swede, "I suppose you want to make him another Christ?" Instantly the whole manner of the German changed. He jumped to his feet, his face all aglow with intense fervor, and said, "No, no; not Christ; but much greater than Christ."

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

President Roosevelt has set aside Sunday, September 8, as a national day of prayer when all Christians in America should unite in asking God "to grant to this land and to the troubled world a righteous, and enduring peace."

Let us all unite in special prayer on that day remembering the inspired call of 1 Tim. 2:1-6. Let us send up a united cry for the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to come, for we know that only under His gracious and glorious rule will the world enjoy a righteous and enduring peace.

HOPE FOR ALL

The Jerry McAuley Mission, New York City, is now connected with the National Bible Institute and conversions still continue among the down and out. Scotty was the neighborhood "bad actor" for many years,—in prison thirty-three times and in the alcoholic ward of Bellevue Hospital at various times. When not in prison his bed was a box car or a hallway. He was a member of the old "Hell's Kitchen" gang, and is one of the few members still alive, as most of the gang have died in tragic ways.

For more than ten years the workers at the Jerry McAuley Cremona Mission tried to help him and to win him to the Saviour, but without avail. It is impossible to describe the suffering and punishment this man endured as a consequence of his sinful living. On one occasion he tried to commit suicide outside the Mission door and the scars are still on his throat where eighteen stitches are mute evidence. On another occasion both jaws were broken and were wired. At another time he suffered terrible burns. Sometimes his body was swollen out of all proportion from bad liquor. But after ten years the day came when he became interested and accepted Christ as Saviour.

"Scotty has just celebrated his first birthday in the Lord. He is now a blessing to the whole neighborhood. Many times I am stopped by neighbors who knew the old Scotty. They exclaim, 'I didn't think it possible!' What a great opportunity to tell inquirers that all things are possible with God."—Superintendent George L. Bolton, in *"The Bible Today."*

THE FUTILITY OF WAR

Writes *Bethlehem Globe Times*: "Walk warily, world. Remember, you spent 186 billions and killed nine million men just to swap the Kaiser for Hitler!" But wars shall continue until Christ returns, according to Matt. 24:6.

THE BIBLE IN OUR SCHOOLS

In Chattanooga, Tenn., reports *Sunday School Times*, 98 per cent of the 9,220 pupils are enrolled in Bible classes. A consecrated corps of ten trained teachers carry on the work, which is now being extended to the 2,000 white and colored children in rural sections surrounding Chattanooga.

According to *Religious Digest*, over 1,000 communities in the United States conduct religious education for public school children, and the movement is increasing rapidly as the necessity of moral training becomes evident. How futile it is for a nation to build armies for the preservation of "Christian principles" if it fails to build characters in which those Christian principles are known and obeyed!

AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE

Christians in all countries of the world have a right to be concerned over what is happening in Europe, for the civilization that is based on Christian principles is at stake. Bolshevism and Hitlerism would not have joined forces but for their common hatred of a "Jewish Bible" and all democratic principles. Nazi propaganda would offer various arguments to lay the guilt for the present war upon the British and French. But, as Westbrook Pegler points out: "It was not the Allies who fell on Czechoslovakia and Poland. To the confusion of those who doggedly regard Hitlerism as the foe of Bolshevism or Jewishness, the fact stands out that the nations which have been attacked were none of them Bolshevik and were all of them Christian. And, again, when Stalin made his moves in the Baltic and attacked the Finns, the Nazis made no move to rescue Christian, non-Bolshevik people from the Communist scourge. On the contrary, Hitler held off those who might have helped them." This is the day when "the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder." Psalm 2.

THE NAZI GOD

The following editorial appeared in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* of June 29, 1940: "Dispatches from Germany tell us that immediately after the armistice with France, Reichsfuehrer Hitler gave thanks to God for granting Germany the victory. This makes us wonder what God it is that Hitler reveres and credits with the German triumph at arms. It could hardly be the God of the Old Testament, whose most favored children, the Jews, have been blasted out of their livelihoods and their homes, and harried for years by Hitler's secret police. It could hardly be the God worshipped by the devout folks of Hitler's own traditional faith, Roman Catholicism, for Hitler has had priests and nuns framed on various reprehensible charges. He has favored the stoning of an archbishop's palace. He has violated the Cocordat with the Vatican repeatedly, as two popes have bluntly charged. Certainly the god to whom Hitler offers thanks is not the God of the Evangelical Church, which has been despoiled of its prerogatives, whose brave pastors have been hunted down and jailed for their failure to embrace neopaganism. Perhaps Hitler's thanksgiving was directed to a strictly Teutonic god, the sort of god which ancient Teuton myth postulated for the worship of the rude warrior race, in a time when German forces were the haunts of barbaric tribes. This would be satisfactory, one may be sure, to the zealots of Nazism who have labored ceaselessly to discredit and destroy the religions of Judaism and Christianity, and to raise anew the war gods of a barbaric age."

The god whom Herr Hitler should thank for his victories is "the god of forces!" Dan. 11:38.

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, AND NETTIE D. NICHOLS OF NINGPO, CHINA, RECEIVE HOME CALL FROM THE MASTER

WITH THE LORD



Elizabeth A. Brown

It was with deep regret that we read a cable message telling us that Elizabeth A. Brown had passed away in the city of Jerusalem at eleven-thirty Sunday morning, August 4. Our dear sister had been failing in health for several months but had bravely resisted the weakness which declining years had brought upon her body. For Miss Brown's sake, we could not wish her back with us for she has entered into that state which the Scriptures tell us is "far better." She had actually given fifty-two years of her life in active ministry, the vast majority of these having been spent in the Holy Land.

Miss Brown was born in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1866, and at an early age gave her heart to the Lord. When she first stepped out into active ministry, she was affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance; but later on after receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, she became associated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and received our appointment as a missionary on September 28, 1917.

Her heart was in her work, and she had so won the respect and confidence of the governmental authorities in Palestine that she had the only permit issued to anyone to visit all of the prisons in Palestine. Sister Brown felt very keenly her responsibility for this special field of ministry, and her gray hairs brought particular respect and attention from the prisoners in the jails as she told them of the love of Christ and of His ability to save them from all their sins.

We recall many remarkable incidents of fruit gathered from the faithful sowing of the Word in these prison meetings. We are satisfied that there will be a host of souls in glory who will greet our beloved sister with thanksgiving for what she has meant to them through her faithful ministry of the Word. It is now over eleven years since Miss Brown was last in the homeland, but she has taken a furlough to a far better country where there shall be no sorrow nor sighing and where God will wipe away all tears from her eyes.

Miss Brown was a woman of faith, and we recall quite vividly how that in 1931 she asked for prayer that ten thousand dollars might be supplied for the completion of her mission building. We could not promise her help for so large an undertaking, but we could ask prayer, and that is all she requested of us. God answered her faith. The money was supplied, and the building was completed so that today the home which our sister was instrumental in having built is a haven of rest for many weary travelers and a home for many of our missionaries.

A number of friends used to send money direct to Sister Brown for the carrying on

of her work, and she made herself directly responsible for the supporting of a number of native workers. The cutting off of this support will be greatly felt on the field unless others can send in to take over the work which our Sister Brown has been carrying on these many years. We do not refer to the actual missionary supervision since there are other workers such as Brother and Sister Benjamin, Miss Hodges, Miss Swartrauber, as well as our Sister Beck, who is now on furlough, who will take their share of responsibility; but there is about sixty dollars needed for the maintenance of workers who were supported through gifts sent direct to Miss Brown. We hope that this part of the work may be taken over by others if the friends who have helped Miss Brown should be unable to continue as before.

Our hearts feel sad in considering the loss of our dear sister, and yet at the same time we seem to hear the voice of the Lord saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

A LIFE OF FAITH

Nettie Danks Nichols was born at Cincinnati, Ohio on February 27, 1875, and passed away at Ningpo, China on July 21, 1940, after thirty years of faithful missionary service. She is survived by one daughter, Ruth Hannah, of Oakland, California.

If one word were chosen as the keynote of the life and experience of Sister Nichols, it would perhaps be the word "faith." Her first training in the school of faith was received in early years at Nyack Bible School, and subsequently in the coal camps of the Virginian mountains, where she knew what it was to be reduced to her last postage stamp and to prepare a meal from the last morsel of food in the house. Again and again God proved his faithfulness to her, and the lessons learned were a preparation for a future enlarged ministry.

In 1910 Sister Nichols sailed for China. Seven years later, after having been led into the experience of the Holy Ghost Baptism, she became associated with the Assemblies of God. Her work centered at Ningpo, North China, a city of about a half million population, filled with heathen temples—a veritable stronghold of Satan. Here this courageous servant of the Lord launched out in a step of faith, opening Bethel Mission in 1912 with the small beginning of our orphans and a few native workers. Under the blessing of God a work was built up which now stands as a memorial to her many years of faithful service. Today Ningpo is a strong gospel center, with ten outstations, a Bible training school, and an orphanage.

During her last furlough, Sister Nichols traveled extensively with Joshua Bang who has been perhaps her greatest helper in the Ningpo work. Wherever they went, their ministry was attended by great blessing.



Nettie D. Nichols

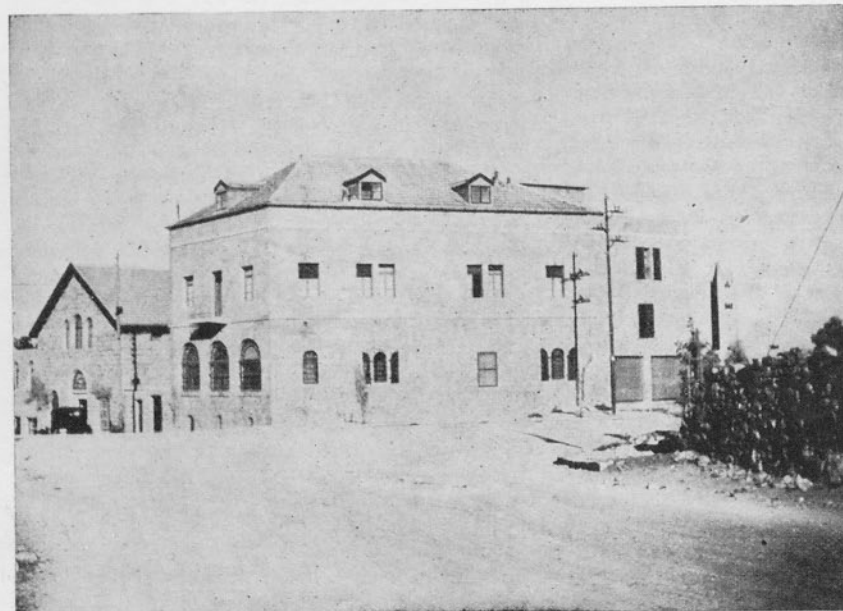
Sister Nichols has departed to be with Christ, which for her is far better. To the work she has left, her passing means a loss, yet we can but thank God for sparing to us these many years one of such faith and vision. We are happy that there is such a man as our

Brother Joshua Bang to carry on the good work our sister has begun.

At the present time there is just one American worker on the station, Lily Ganz, who very bravely stepped out in faith without any guaranteed support, believing God was calling her to help Mrs. Nichols. Subsequent events would seem to indicate that our sister was indeed led of the Lord, and we are glad she is there now to carry on correspondence with friends of the mission, who we hope will continue their offerings which are still needed in this work.

BETHEL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Situated in a very quiet part of Ningpo is this haven to which young Chinese men and women may come to study God's Word in pre-



Mission building in Jerusalem, Palestine for which God supplied funds in answer to Elizabeth A. Brown's faith and prayers.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pennington concerning whose sailing for Liberia on August 12 announcement was made in last week's Evangel. Let us remember these young workers in prayer as they follow the call of the Master.

paration for ministry to their own people. Not all who enter the school have been born again, but as the days go by and studies continue they are soon made to realize their need of Jesus as a personal Saviour. Countenances change, victories are won, and one is able to see the growth as God's Word is applied for daily spiritual needs. How precious to watch the development of these young lives taken out of heathen darkness!

Soldiers of the Cross

June 17th was the day set for the graduation of the eight young men and women who had completed the three years curriculum. The chapel was attractively decorated with red and blue crepe paper and a profusion of flowers and cut plants, also in red and blue. On the wall back of the pulpit was the name of the graduating class in white characters—"Soldiers of the Cross." It seemed an appropriate name in a day of wars and rumors of wars in every land; yet these young people were entering upon quite a different warfare—not against flesh and blood, but truly against the powers of the evil one, against spiritual wickedness in high places, going forth to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Commencement Service

The students entered the chapel in processional, the graduates, white-robed, leading the way carrying the banner which bore the characters, "Soldiers of the Cross." As the service proceeded, the presence of the Lord was manifested and many hearts were touched. God's blessing rested upon those who took part in the musical selections and upon the class speakers, Mrs. Hur and Mr. Yu. Dr. Ting delivered a helpful and practical talk, seeking to impress upon the graduates the solemnity of their future mission, and their need of standing fast in the faith to which they had been called. The class had chosen for its song, "Stand Up for Jesus," and with fervor and determination these young people sang that the cross shall not—MUST NOT suffer loss.

As the diplomas were given out, each graduate in turn stepped forward, bowing to the guests seated on the platform, and after receiving the diploma stepped back, bowing again. Bowing plays an important role in Chinese etiquette.

Those who had received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit were ordained by Pastors Bang and Hur, after which the congregation joined in singing the old hymn, "I know whom I have believed," and the benediction was pronounced.

Let us pray for these eight young soldiers who have gone forth into the heat of the battle. These are terrible times, and who knows what they may have to face in future days for the gospel's sake? May they be equipped with the whole armor of God and go forward to do valiant service as "Soldiers of the Cross."

JOHANSENS RETURNING TO CHINA

Although definite word has not been received, Brother and Sister G. K. Johansen, having again turned their faces westward toward the land of their calling and sailed on the N. Y. K. Line in July, should now be renewing old acquaintances in North China. We regret that announcement of their sailing was inadvertently omitted while waiting for their pictures to arrive.

Brother Johansen has already spent one term of service endeavoring to carry the gospel message by boat to the islands of the Gulf of Pechili where two and a half or three million people dwell without knowing even the name of Jesus. On the islands which he has been able to reach are now five churches and four Sunday Schools which are self-supporting; but



Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Johansen

there still remain at least two and a quarter million people who have never heard the gospel.

With the larger boat which Brother Johansen has recently been able to purchase, he hopes to reach the farther islands of the Gulf with the precious message of life. We thank God for the call which He has placed upon the hearts of these splendid workers and the good results He has given their efforts. Let us all remember to pray that His blessing will still be with them, and that souls may be won for God on these islands of the sea.

PRAYER SAVES TIME

It is no loss of time to pray. I tell you that your business will go all the better for much prayer. Are you studying? It is no loss of time to pray, as I know well by my own experience. If I am to preach with only two hours of preparation, I give one hour to prayer.—Finney.



Graduating class of 1940, Bethel Bible School, Ningpo



Bethel Mission Bible school and orphanage family, Ningpo, North China

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

God Our Rescuer

Lesson for September 1. Lesson Text: Psalm 18:19-22

According to its inscription, Psalm 18 was written after David had experienced many deliverances and victories; and comparing it with 2 Samuel 22, it is evident that it was written toward the close of David's life.

David's God. Verses 1-3. As David looks back in happy retrospect on the manifold and marvelous mercies of God, his heart is overwhelmed with love and devotion. "I will love thee, O Lord," he cries. Then with seven endearing figures of speech he attempts to express to the world what God is to him—Strength, Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, Shield, Horn, and High Tower. How he delights to say that God is *his*! Nine times in these verses the word "my" occurs. We may have nothing of this world's goods, yet if we can say with David, "God is my God," then we possess greater riches than the wealth of this world!

David's prayer for deliverance. What perils David had known in his lifetime—confronted by wild beasts, threatened by the giant Goliath, hated and hunted by Saul who sought to take his life, and driven from his throne by his own son. In strong and vivid figurative language David recalls these experiences. "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid." All of us know something of the meaning of these verses. Satan's hellhounds have often surrounded us causing us to fear, and tempting us to feel that all is hopeless.

"In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried unto my God." David's perils did not cause him to forget that Jehovah was still *his* God! And in the midst of his trouble he prayed. It is *always* time to pray! "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Luke 18:1. May no distress however keen prevent us from calling upon our God who is able to deliver, and who often allows perils to come to us only that we may experience His power to deliver!

David's God to the rescue. Verses 6-19. With what result did David cry to God? "He heard my voice out of his temple." Child of God, take heart! "Above the noise of the raging billows of death, or the barking dogs of hell, the feeblest cry of a true believer will be heard! Far up within the bejeweled walls, and through the gates of pearl, thy cry is heard! Music of angels and harmony of seraphs avail not to drown or even obscure the voice of thy humble call!"

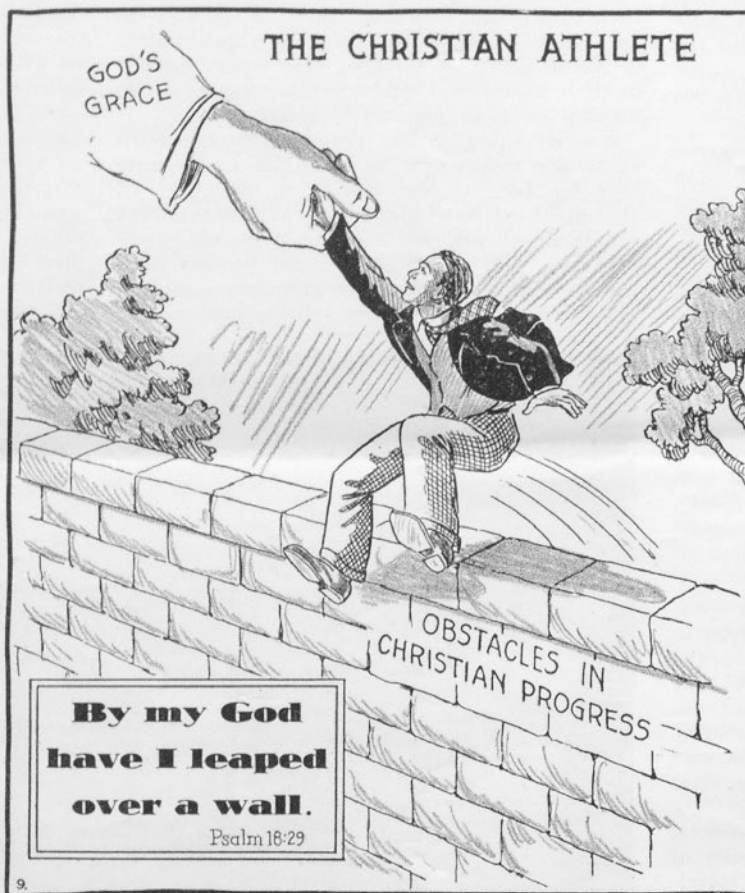
In beautiful poetic language and under the figure of a terrible storm, David describes God's coming to his rescue. "Then the earth shook and trembled . . . and He rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind." Is this exaggerated language? Not at all! Many a fearful soul asks, "Can it be true that the mighty God, the Creator of this vast universe, the One who holds it all in place—can it be true that He is interested in *my* insignificant life?" A thousand times yes! It is true that He "hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and meted out heaven with the span and weighed the mountains in scales" (Isa. 40:12), yet He is so interested in the tiniest details of our lives that He tells us that even the very hairs of our head are numbered! Matt. 10:29, 30. God will answer the feeblest cry of the saint who is in His will, though He has to move heaven and earth to do it!

In verses 16-19 David describes the actual rescue. "He sent." God did the rescuing. "From

above." Deliverance came not from man, but from heaven. "He drew me out of many waters." How very expressive! The flood tides of evil shall not drown the man whose trust is in God. We are not promised exemption from trouble. But God will be there to give grace and deliverance. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." Isa. 43:2.

Not only was David rescued from the flood of affliction; he was also "brought forth into a large place." So it always is. When a man has passed through danger and trial and has retained his faith in God, he always comes forth to a place of spiritual enlargement.

One writer suggests that this Psalm might be called the "He-me Psalm." Notice that in verses 16-19, *He* occurs seven times, and *me* nine times.



David was deeply conscious of personal relationship to God. This is the heart of true religion. If we would experience God's mercy and power, we must maintain the inner life of vital communion with our Lord.

Reasons for deliverance. Verses 19-24. "He delivered me because he delighted in me." Back of all God's mercies to man is free grace, unmerited favor. Why God should delight in us is an answerless question and a mystery which angels cannot solve, yet it is an immutable fact. "How Thou canst think so well of us, and be the God Thou art, is darkness to my intellect, but sunshine to my heart."

While God's grace is at the foundation of every deliverance, yet it is not available to the man who harbors known sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Psalm 66:18. However, this is not the case with David. His testimony is, "The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness." This does not mean that David was a legalist, nor that he felt he was worthy of God's favor, but simply that he had fulfilled the conditions whereby he could receive the grace of God namely, by maintaining a conscience void of offence toward God and man. Acts 24:16.

Observe David's testimony. "I have kept the ways of the Lord." He had walked in the path that God had chosen for Him and therefore knew that God was responsible for his care.

"For all his judgments were before me and I did not put away his statutes from me." David was a lover and *doer* of God's Word. Therefore he had confidence in the time of trouble. 1 John 3:22.

"I kept myself from mine iniquity." What did David mean by "mine iniquity"? Every man has some special weakness or tendency to a certain sin. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. And how well Satan knows this! Therefore, if we would be strengthened in our character and be kept from falling, we must always be vigilant and prayerful.

Lessons learned from experiences of deliverance. Verses 28-33. Experiences of God's mercy in the past gives one new confidence in God for future trials and teaches one valuable lessons concerning God. In verses 28-33 we observe some things David learned by experience.

1. Because God has given light in the past, David is certain that God will give him light in the times of future darkness. v. 28.

2. He realizes that God is the source of his strength, that it is only in God's strength that he has been able to overcome. vv. 29, 31-33.

3. In verse 30 David states the greatest truth of all. May we all never forget it! "As for God, his way is perfect." David might have complained against God because of the many perils and hardships to which he had been subjected. Yet he looks on all his trials, perils, and afflictions and acknowledges God's love and wisdom in them all.

Jesus said, "Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." Do we become offended with our Lord and complain and question when we are made to pass through trials and hardships, when we cannot understand why certain things happen? Let us remember that God's way is perfect. He is incapable of making mistakes. We may not always understand His ways, but we *can* rest on His character. God is love. In His infinite love and wisdom He permits trials and tests to come, but only that through them we may come to know Him better and receive eternal gain!—J. Bashford Bishop.

SAFE UNDER HIS WINGS

It was an awful night in Scotland. The snow was deep. The wind shrieked round a little hut in which a godly elder lay dying. His daughter brought to his bedside the "Guid Buik," the family Bible. "Faither," she asked, "shall I read to ye a chaipter?" "Na, na, lassie," he said faintly, for he was suffering both weakness and pain. "The storm's up the noo, and I canna listen. But dinna fear for me; I theeikit (thatched) ma hoose i' the good weather." Well is it for the man who is ready beforehand for life's final storm.

"AFTER ALL, THERE IS GOD"

General Sir Edmund Ironside, in command of the British forces says: "I was talking to that poor man Haile Selassie, the deposed King of Abyssinia, and I said, 'Your Majesty, what are you going to do now?' He looked at me with a curious timid look and said, 'After all, your Excellency, *there is God.*'"

WITH THE LORD

Cora Estelle Haymaker, the wife of Pastor C. O. Haymaker, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, went to be with the Lord on July 6, 1940, after a week's illness. May the God of all grace sustain and comfort the loved ones left behind.

BOOK REVIEWS

A CATHOLIC FAMILY CONVERTED

In a new 67-page book Nicholas Pirolo tells in an interesting and graphic manner of the distressing state of sinning and unhappiness in which his father's family lived while they were Catholics; and then explains in a delightful and moving way how one by one the whole family were converted, and the family itself transformed into one of perfect peace and happiness. A splendid gift book to be presented to serious minded Catholics.

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A NATIONAL MENACE MORE AWFUL THAN HITLER

Lester F. Sumrall is the brother who with Howard Carter circulated the globe. Although neither of them had any money, needed funds were miraculously supplied from day to day. After traveling in thirty countries and investigating moving pictures he has written a book condemning the movies. Edith Mae Pennington, who was saved out of the movies, writes the foreword.

The 94,000 moving picture houses are patronized by 200,000,000 persons each week. At an average twenty-five cents each what does that cost? With such a vast class of students, who can estimate the results as they teach a false, artificial, money-mad mode of life as ideal?

The American Bar Association tells us that there is a major crime committed in the United States every twenty-two seconds. "I firmly maintain that motion pictures stand responsible as crime instigators of this wave of lawlessness.

"As the dangerous 'Two-Gun' Crowley was in New York lodging in a sweetheart's apartment and one hundred and fifty super-trained 'G-Men' were shooting into the apartment to capture him he wrote, 'Under my coat is a weary heart, but a kind one; one that would do nobody any harm.' It took only one hundred and fifty master detectives to bring this 'harmless' citizen to justice." The attitude of the public conscience toward crime has been so warped and depraved by the motion picture school that such men actually believe themselves extraordinarily good citizens.

Dorothy Dix the famous columnist writing about actresses, quotes one as follows: "Hollywood is cheap and tawdry; its wicked. It's a place where you have to drop your real sense of values. People in power are common and unscrupulous, and you can't call your soul your own. In fact the people in power are so horrible that my friends, men and women who speak my language, are miserably unhappy there."

Dorothy Dix says further from her ripe experience: that when she first began to answer girl's problems in the news columns a question frequently asked was whether it is right for a girl to help a man put on his coat. Of late years this is never asked, but many times a girl asks if it is all right to go on a trial marriage, or live with a man without being married to him. This she says shows the change in social etiquette made in twenty-five years. The movies are very efficient as educators.

These few items taken from this 64-page book called, "Worshippers at the Silver Shrine," give some little idea of the force with which this earnest writer seeks to show the interested parent what he or she is actually letting the child in for when he is allowed to go to school to the movies. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., 25c. —C. E. R.

PRAYER

Above is the title of a book translated from the Norwegian, written by O. Hallesby. The copy I have before me is one of the twenty-ninth edition. Seems as if that might be a record for editions of a serious book in so short a time. I have been a praying man for considerably over half a century, and God inspired me to write a book on how to change

things by prayer; but this book taught me things about prayer I had never thought of, and was a distinct tonic to faith as I read it. Here is one thing that helped me:

"What is that attitude of heart which God recognizes as prayer? I mention two things.

"In the first place, helplessness.

"This is unquestionably the first and the surest indication of a praying heart. As far as I can see, prayer has been ordained only for the helpless. It is the last resort of the helpless. Indeed, the very last way out. We try everything before we resort to prayer."

That made clear to me why it is that sinners at the altar do not pray in faith for salvation until they become utterly hopeless. They cry and cry and get more and more in the dark. Finally they get to feeling there is no hope for them—helpless. Then at once they are saved. It made me understand, too, in a new way why calling a doctor and taking drugs is such a hindrance when one is praying for healing. The doctor and the drugs have the effect of making the sick one feel that perhaps there is hope for him even if the Lord does not undertake. The author reminds us that God, being our Father, is moved by our helplessness, even as we who are fathers and

mothers are moved by the helplessness of our crying babies.

"2. Faith. I come now to another aspect of that attitude which constitutes the essence of prayer, that condition of the heart that God recognizes as prayer rising to Him from earth, whether it is uttered or not.

"The essence of faith is to come to Christ. That is the first and the last and the surest indication that faith is still alive. It is written, 'Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.'"

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MONDAY, August 26—Psalm 18:1-16.

"In how many ways do we know God's protection and deliverance? The Psalmist puts a strain upon language to tell what sort of a Keeper and Champion the Lord God is. If we approach God with love, all His majesty and might unfold before our eyes. Goliath goes down not before David, but before David plus God. Love opens the King's palace, and the vision of the King sets us to singing and praising for we know we are safe and at peace."

Gombari, Belgian Congo—In view of our great need of more Spirit-filled native workers, please pray that God will definitely call a goodly number from among our Christian young men and give them a desire to enter Bible School.—Nellie Meloon.

Birthdays—Mrs. B. T. Bard, North China; Murray N. Brown, Ivory Coast.

TUESDAY 27—Psalm 13:17-33.

"O Christ! forgive, we have played at our task, We have shunned dark Calvary's height; We have kept back part of the price, while souls Went down in eternal night. O Christ of God; take all, take all; Make our buried lives the seed Of a glorious harvest—to Thy praise— Out of every caste and creed."

Hai Ten, North China—So far we have been unable to obtain permission from the authorities to re-enter Mongolia. Please pray that, if it is the Lord's will, the way may be opened.—Thomas Hindle.

Tai Yuan—Please pray for an aged couple. The man, eighty years old, is earnestly seeking the infilling of the Spirit before he leaves for his heavenly home.—Anna Ziese.

Birthdays—Mrs. Thomas Hindle, North China; Mrs. A. J. Prinic, Liberia.

WEDNESDAY 28—Psalm 18:34-50.

"Many are the manifestations of God's power—in nature, among the nations, in mighty works, climaxed in the resurrection and ascension of our Lord, and seen in the lives of true believers today. It was Voltaire, an atheist who, pointing out a Christian man on the other side of the street, once said, 'There is the one argument for Christianity that I cannot answer.' In his egotism and conceit he thought he could answer all others. He could not explain a Christ-transformed life."

Peking—Please pray for our students who are leaving school and going into the work of the Lord.—Emma Daechert.

Pray that in spite of all conditions the work of God may be accomplished in this land.—Elizabeth Galley.

Please pray for Mr. Hou. He is hungry for God and has a real burden of prayer; but when he starts to pray his jaws lock, and he is unable to speak. Two weeks ago we held a baptismal service in the prison where forty-three obeyed the Lord's command. Please pray that they may be kept and that they will follow on to know the Lord, and be filled with the Spirit.—H. E. Hansen.

THURSDAY 29—1 Samuel 19:18-24.

"When may I cease to love missions?
When I have ceased to love Him,
When the Father no longer loves sinners,
When the stars in their paths have burned dim,
When the blossoms no longer need showers,
Or the wild birds their sheltering nests,
When men have no need for a Savior,
When time ceases flying and rests,

When brotherly love has encompassed
The earth and all men are as one,
When Jesus is loved and exalted
In all lands where shineth the sun,
Then may I rest from my labors
For missions their course shall have run."

Hwangyuan—Please earnestly pray that the Christians may be convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit, and that they will become more earnest to witness for Jesus among their own people. Pray for us that we may be kept in these uncertain days.—V. G. Plymire.

Siaho—Please pray that God will grant us journeying mercies as we leave our station the latter part of August, the Lord willing, for a furlough.—James Vigna.

Birthdays—Anna Helmbrecht, North India; Mrs. Ralph Williams, Guatemala.

FRIDAY 30—Genesis 41:1-21.

"Let us then labor for an inward stillness— An inward stillness and an inward healing; That perfect silence where the lips and heart Are still, and we no longer entertain Our own imperfect thoughts and vain opinions, But God alone speaks in us, and we wait In singleness of heart, that we may know His will, and in the silence of our spirits, That we may do His will, and do that only."

Tientsin—Pray that funds will be provided for four bicycles for native workers in evangelistic work.—M. Kvamme.

Pray for Lau Chow where we expect to open a work. Also pray for the new place in Tientsin that it will soon be made ready for mission work.—Fred Baltau.

Birthdays—Amy Ausherman.

SATURDAY 31—Genesis 41:22-46.

"I the Lord am with thee,
Be thou not afraid.
I will keep and strengthen,
Be thou not dismayed.
Resting on His promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
Each day throughout the year."

Basti, North India—Pray that God will so deeply convict souls who have received the Word in faith that they will feel they must make an open confession.—Bessie Gager.

Purulia—Please pray that those saved during recent revival meetings may remain steadfast in the face of persecution.—M. L. Ketcham.

SUNDAY, Sept. 1—Psalm 18:19-33.

"To those who 'wait upon the Lord' there is always given strength to meet the trials of the day, and there ought to be no anxiety as to the trials of the morrow. Oh the peace which a true Christian might possess if he would take God at His Word and trust Him to make good His promises! Day by day his duties might be more arduous, his temptations stronger, his trials more severe; but he would ascertain that the imparted strength grew at the same rate, so that he was always equal to the duties, victorious over the temptations and sustained under the trials."

Matagalpa, Nicaragua—Please pray for the new work we have started at Somoto. Much interest is being shown.—Ray Jones.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Please pray that the Lord may lead in the choosing of another evangelist, and that we may have renewed strength to carry on the work here. We are planning to widen our borders again by opening another outstation.—Erma Miller.

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GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of July, 1940.

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Atwell, Gaylor E., San Francisco, Calif.
Baker, Ralph E., Juneau, Alaska
Barrie, Ludovic, Jeannette, Pa.
Brandt, Robert L., Stanley, N. Dak.
Brown, Herbert W., Las Vegas, Nev.
Carpenter, Elmer H., La Grande, Oreg.
Chapman, Roswell C., Litchfield, Minn.
Christiansen, Lloyd S., Minneapolis, Minn.
Clawson, Frank E., Austin, Minn.
Coxe, John C., Portland, Oreg.
Cramblit, Paul, Enterprise, Oreg.
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Davis, Mrs. J. R., Macon, Ga.
Eubanks, Thomas L., College Park, Ga.
Everton, Elizabeth (Miss), Oakdale, Calif.
Fenton, Alta May (Miss), Daly City, Calif.
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Fuller, Charles J., Oakland, Calif.
Gilmore, Fannie B. (Mrs. L. G.), Atlanta, Ga.
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Grothaus, J. H., Williston, N. Dak.
Harness, Edward C., Irrigon, Oreg.
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Hull, J. E. Warren, Dinuba, Calif.
Hummel, Clyde V., Berkeley, Calif.
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Kasparian, Mrs. George, Clear Creek, Calif.
Kennedy, John H., San Francisco, Calif.
League, A. Byron, Weed, Calif.
Lehto, Katherine E., San Francisco, Calif.
Le Mon, Robert E., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Luce, Maurice H., Lincoln, Calif.
McGowan, Samuel H., Colquitt, Ga.
McIntyre, W. Kenneth, Tokio, N. Dak.
Nankivell, Louise (Mrs. A. A.), Chicago, Ill.
Ohlin, Peter J., Kulm, N. Dak.
Otterson, Arthur M., Minneapolis, Minn.
Peterson, Clarence R., St. Helena, Calif.
Prettyman, Anne (Mrs.), San Francisco, Calif.
Rannells, Hubert G., Yuba City, Calif.
Robeson, Byron, Blue Earth, Minn.
Ross, William C., Tule Lake, Calif.
Roys, Dwight L., Reedsport, Oreg.
Searles, Laurette (Miss), San Francisco, Calif.
Smith, John F., Minneapolis, Minn. (reinstatement)
Smith, Verna S. (Mrs. John F.), Minneapolis, Minn. (reinstatement)
Strickland, Mrs. Eddie, Lockney, Tex.
Tangmo, Harold N., St. Paul, Minn.
Trygg, Elmer M., Williston, N. Dak.
Useton, Robert T., Anton, Tex. (reinstatement)
Wick, Elonzo J., Paradise, Calif.
Wilkie, Earl L., Metaline Falls, Wash.
Wilson, Chester A., Prairie City, Oreg.
Wood, George R., Pacific Grove, Calif.

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of July, 1940.

Ayliffe, Earl L., Flint, Mich. (withdrew)
Howell, Orson C., Watsonville, Calif. (deceased)
Thomas, Mrs. Mary E., Keokee, Va. (deceased)
Toller, L. A., Lane, Okla. (withdrew)

GOD'S SAFETY-ZONE

An old preacher who had lived on the Western prairies, told of a prairie-fire, and he described the way in which the Indians saved their wigwams from the blaze by setting fire to the dry grass immediately adjoining the settlement. "The fire cannot come," he cried, "where the fire has already been. That is why I call you to the Cross. Judgment has already fallen there, and can never come again. He who takes his stand at the Cross is safe for evermore. He can never come into condemnation: he has passed from death into life. He is at perfect peace within God's safety-zone!"—Borcham.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Is it right to pray to the Holy Ghost?

Jesus taught the disciples to pray to the Father in His name. John 16:23. It is the work of the Spirit to fulfill the will of the Father.

How may we know the voice of the Lord from the voice of the evil one?

It is often difficult to discern the source of impressions. Dr. Knapp, founder of the God's Revivalist Movement, many years ago wrote a tract on "Impressions" in which were some helpful things. Some of his suggestions were that God always spoke in a "still, small voice" to the inner soul, while the enemy's impressions were usually loud and clamorous and sought to drown out the Spirit's voice, and they were often more in the region of the mind; that in seeking to judge impressions one ought to determine if they are "right, reasonable, Scriptural, and providential;" that when God was wishing to guide He did not hurry to decisions for "He that believeth on Him shall not make haste," while Satan sought to rush one into action. Later I learned a good deal by hearing a preacher speak from the text, "And ye shall hear a word behind you saying 'This is the way, walk ye in it' when ye would turn to the right or to the left." As long as we are walking in the will of God we need not worry about guidance. And should we start to do something which God wished otherwise we might expect the check of the Spirit. Paul did not look for special guidance after being called to the Gentiles, but preached in every open door. When he essayed to go into Bithynia "the Spirit suffered him not." Again, when he would go into Asia the Spirit checked him and then showed him he was to go to Macedonia instead. One of the best means of guidance is to daily read the Bible and let God talk to us through it.

When will the Battle of Armageddon be fought? Some say after the Millennium, and others say before.

It is generally believed that what is often spoken of as "the battle of Armageddon" will be fought near the end of the period of the tribulation, just before, or at the time of the coming of Christ to reign. Rev. 16:13-16; 19:11-21; Zech. 14:3,4. If any believe this battle will be fought after the Millennium, it is probable that they have felt that Rev. 20:7-9 is fulfillment of Ezekiel 38, 39. The setting of Ezekiel 38, 39, however, indicates that this will be fulfilled before the Millennium for re-established Israel is to cleanse the land and use the wood left on the battle fields for firewood, etc.

Please explain what became of the souls and bodies of those who rose from the dead after the resurrection of Jesus. Matt. 27:52, 53.

It is generally believed that these were a part of "the first-fruits" of resurrection and that they arose to die no more, that they most likely accompanied Jesus upon His return to heaven, for the Scriptures say that when He ascended up on high "He led captivity captive," or "a multitude of captives captive." Eph. 4:8.

WHEN PRAYER SAVED THE REPUBLIC

Prof. Gilbert Patten Brown relates an incident of which the leaders of our nation should be reminded. In 1787, when the Convention met in Philadelphia to frame our present Constitution, there was such contention among the States that the success of the gathering was seriously threatened. The President of the Convention, George Washington, had stated previously that should the Convention collapse he feared dissolution of the thirteen original States and abandonment of the idea of Federal Government. The outlook was rather discouraging when Benjamin Franklin, then 81, arose and said, addressing the President:

"The small progress we have made, after four or five weeks, close attendance and continual reasonings with each other, our different sentiments on almost every question, several of the last producing as many No's as Aye's, is, methinks, a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the human understanding. . . . In this situation of this assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarcely able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to 'the Father of Lights' to illuminate our understandings?"

Franklin moved that prayers, imploring divine assistance and blessing, be held in the assembly every morning prior to debate. Washington was quick to encourage this suggestion. The motion was carried, a chaplain was engaged to open sessions with prayers, and immediately the spirit of contention was replaced with a spirit of co-operation. Prayer can likewise bring a solution to our government problems of 1940. When our leaders humbly acknowledge the imperfection of their own understanding and sincerely seek the guidance of God in all national affairs, peace and prosperity will be our national portion.

PRAYER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Sadhana, quoted in the *Baptist Missionary Review* (India), says that Dr. Hyslop, who was considered to be one of Great Britain's greatest physicians, in an address before the British Medical Association said: "The best medicine which my practice has discovered is prayer. The exercise of prayer in those who habitually practice it must be regarded as the most adequate of all the pacifiers of the mind and calmers of the nerves. As one whose whole life has been concerned with the sufferings of the mind, I would state that of all hygienic measures to counteract disturbed sleep, depression of spirits, and all the miserable sequels of a distressed mind, I would undoubtedly give first place to the simple habit of prayer. It is of the highest importance, merely from a physical point of view, to teach children to hold daily communion with God. Such a habit does more to quiet the spirit and strengthen the soul to overcome mere incidental emotionalism than any other therapeutic agency known to man."

God, make me quick to see
Each task awaiting me,
And quick to do.
Oh, grant me strength, I pray,
With lowly love each day
And purpose true
To go as Jesus went,
Spending and being spent,
Myself for God.

Adolescent Day

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"David took a harp, and played with his hands"

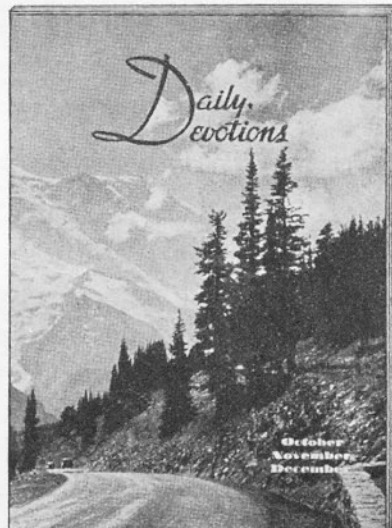
An outstanding boy scout band leader once said, "Teach a boy to blow a horn and he'll never blow a safe." Probably, there is some truth in the statement.

Perhaps there are honest, energetic fellows in your community like the one pictured above. They will gladly help you in your campaign for souls. Teach them about Jesus, and they will "toot their horns" for the Christian home, for their native land, and for their Christ.

Neglect them, and they may join the ranks of the millions of criminals among American youth. Why not direct your workers to be on the lookout for adolescent boys and girls (ages 12 to 17) during the week of August 26-31? Have a special day September 1st in your Sunday School in the interest of these youths. The Lord will help you plan an interesting service in the Sunday School for them. If you do not win them NOW, they may be lost FOREVER.—M. L. G.

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A LESSON IN HUMILITY

Charles H. Spurgeon once told the following parable: "A little bird of the air found itself in a church. It was anxious to find its way into the open air, and so it flew aloft among the great timbers of the roof, where it was half buried and almost blinded by the dust that lay thick on the beams. There were no seeds, no fruits, nor water in that dry thirsty height. It then made a dash at the window, glorious with many colors;

but it found no way to escape. It tried again and again and at last dropped stunned upon the pavement of the aisle. When it recovered itself a little, it did not again fly aloft, but, seeing the door open upon the level of the floor, it joyfully flew through it to the open country."

In making his application, Spurgeon said, "You are that bird. Your pride makes you deal with high things up there in the roof. Among the lofty mysteries you are blinding yourself. There

is no escape for you there, nor rest, nor even life. You seek a way through the glory of your own painted righteousness; this will be death to you if you persevere. Drop down on the floor of honest confession and lowly penitence. Come to the ground by self-humiliation. When you get lower ideas of yourself you will see just before you the open door, Christ Jesus. As soon as you see Him, use the wings of simple faith, and you are at liberty, and no more a captive doomed to die."

REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

DONALDSONVILLE, GA.—A 3-weeks revival has been conducted here by Evangelist Fred C. Perry, Greenville, S. C. Eighteen were saved, one received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, 7 were baptized in water, and 11 were added to the church.—J. H. Cloud, Pastor, Calvary Assembly.

BOKOSHE, OKLA.—We praise the Lord for a glorious 3½ weeks' revival with Evangelist C. A. Oliver, Madisonville, Texas. God blessed in a wonderful way. Thirty-five were saved, 19 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 24 were baptized in water, and 18 were added to the church. The church was greatly encouraged.—Herbert H. Leonard, Pastor.

UNION CITY, TENN.—A 4-weeks revival has been conducted by Brother and Sister A. E. Baker at the Old Republican Assembly of God. Two were saved, 6 were reclaimed, and 2 were added to the church roll. One received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. All the Christians were drawn closer to the Lord, and the Sunday School was strengthened.—G. G. Preslar, Pastor.

BRUNSWICK, MD.—The Lord met us in a wonderful way during our recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. M. W. Richards. The surrounding assemblies cooperated faithfully and we had very good crowds. Several were saved. Many others were deeply convicted. Brother Richard's ministry will not be forgotten and only eternity will reveal the true results.—Suzanne B. Foltan, Pastor.

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—We recently conducted two good meetings in different sections of the city. In the Millville section, 25 were saved, 20 received the Holy Ghost Baptism, 26 were immersed in water, and 18 were received into church fellowship. In the other meeting, 10 were saved and several were filled with the Holy Ghost.—Ethelyn E. Zellers, Evangelist, 3501 Fourth Ave., Columbus, Ga.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—This new work, the North Side Mission, is just going into its fourth month. There was a hard struggle at first but the Lord has been blessing all along. Two or three have been saved or reclaimed every week, and some have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Evangelist Midgie Wood is conducting a revival for us now. July 28, we baptized 14 in water. Rev. Council minister passing this way will find a welcome.—Frank Boyer, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—We are praising the Lord for a revival conducted here by Evangelists Leonard and Freida Steidle Palmer, Kansas City, Kansas. God did bless their efforts here in Missoula. Twenty-two knelt at the altar for salvation, 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and the church was revived. Brother and Sister Palmer preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and we surely appreciated their ministry.—C. Muirhead, Pastor.

RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS—We came here June 8 to take over the pastorate and found the work in fine shape. We have canvassed the church, and are ready to start papering. The folk here have made a special effort to pay off the church note.

We have just closed a very successful 2-weeks revival conducted under our sectional tent. We thank the Lord for the host of friends gained during this revival, and for the blessed spirit of fellowship felt throughout. We invite all who will spend their vacation in the Rio Grande valley to pay us a visit.—Ferman P. King, Pastor.

(Near) **ELLSINORE, MO.**—The Lord has graciously blessed at the Halloran Assembly of God, in a revival which closed June 30. Curtis Marshall preached two weeks, and Charlie Woodridge was in charge of the meeting two weeks. Twenty-seven were saved, 15 were baptized in water, and 12 new names were added to our roster. Our new church building was dedicated June 23. We organized a Christ's Ambassadors band with 18 members. Our Sunday School record attendance is 105, an increase from about 60, which we think is good for a rural community.—Clarence Love, Pastor, Ellsinore, Mo.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—The population of Anchorage is between four and five thousand, and this is the key city of Southern and Southwestern Alaska. One of Alaska's four radio stations is located here. We hope to broadcast the blessed gospel message to the isolated places where the Word never reaches except by the air. Brother and Sister D. E. Alden, El Monte, Calif., have joined us in the task and are splendid Christ's Ambassadors. No one realizes the shortness of the working season more than the Alaskans, as the winter darkness settles over the land all too soon. So our day—generally speaking—will be over. But with the prayers of the C. A.'s and the Evangel family we know God will work in this land of spiritual darkness.—James M. Reb, P. O. Box 1855, Anchorage, Alaska.

TALLAPOOSA, MO.—We have just closed a very successful 3-weeks revival. Ten were saved, and our Sunday School attendance broke the record during the revival. Ernest C. Worley, of Parma, was the evangelist.—Lonie Wells, Pastor.

CASPER, WYO.—We have just closed a very successful camp meeting with Roy P. Foster as our main speaker. The power of God was manifested in a supernatural manner throughout the entire camp. The attendance was very good, increasing from night to night. Nearly every church in the District was represented during the meeting. A great number were at the altar for salvation, and 10 were gloriously filled with the Spirit. The last Sunday afternoon 17 followed the Lord in water baptism. While the service was in progress, the Lord's presence was very near, and several who had not planned to be baptized, were immersed. The local church was greatly edified, and the saints were encouraged and drawn closer together as a result of the meeting.—Geo. C. Klassen, Pastor; J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—We have just closed what we consider a very successful 5-weeks open-air revival, in a Missionary field, Evangelist Marvin W. Patterson bringing messages of old-time power. The saints were revived and refreshed by showers of "latter rain." Fourteen knelt at the altar for salvation, and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our Divine Healing services were rewarded with definite results, reported in each service. We are encouraged in the Lord, and plan to continue the open-air services until fall.

Brother Patterson has a ministry blessed of the Lord. He is a brother of Edith Mae Pennington. He was a business man, was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in her church. He has spent the past two years assisting her in the church. He preaches holiness and the full gospel, without compromise.—Pastor and Mrs. H. T. Greer.

ALTON, ILL.—Coming to the Edwards Street Assembly a year ago, we found a thriving aggressive group of saints who showed every evidence of the splendid leadership which they had enjoyed in years past. It was our privilege to succeed Pastor and Mrs. E. L. Phillips who served the church about four years but resigned to enter missionary work in Africa. God has given us a very profitable year, for which we are deeply grateful. Forty-six names have been added to the membership list, 27 have been baptized in water, and God's blessings have been upon every department of the work. We have also been able to do an extensive remodeling job on the church, besides purchasing a 7-room parsonage. During the year we have enjoyed splendid revivals with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Campbell, L. O. Rynning, J. R. Flower, W. I. Evans, and Eldon Jones.—Pastor and Mrs. O. R. Keener.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT CAMP

The first South Florida District Camp Meeting closed Sunday night, June 30. This wonderful camp was reminiscent of the early days of Pentecost. The power of God fell, and the "slain of the Lord" were many. Night after night the long altar was lined with seekers. With hands raised and tears streaming, the sin-sick ones found satisfaction in Him who alone is able to speak peace to the hungry soul.

The large tent was unable to accommodate the crowds that attended each evening. The tide rose higher and higher as the meeting progressed. Interest reached fever heat. Many who had heard and seen but little of Pentecost, looked on with amazement at the great altar services where scores were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. No attempt was made to keep an accurate record, but at least 50 must have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many more than that saved. Thirteen from the Trilocochee assembly alone were filled with the Spirit.

God certainly set His seal upon our first camp meeting and poured out upon us floods of precious latter rain. The camp was well represented by ministers from all over the District. The messages of the ministers both young and old were singularly blessed of God.

God certainly blessed the ministry of Evangelist Wm. F. McPherson, who was with us the last ten days of the camp. His anointed messages from night to night had a powerful effect upon the congregation. Many nights the altar was filled before the invitation had been given. We trust that this camp will be the criterion for those that are to follow till Jesus comes.—W. E. Emanuel, District Superintendent.

WESTERN NEW YORK CAMP MEETING

The Western New York Camp Meeting was held at Evangelical Park, Ebenezer, N. Y., July 2-12. The teaching of Allan A. Swift, Dean of Eastern Bible Institute, each morning, was deeply appreciated. District Superintendent Flem Van Meter brought rich things from the Word of God in the afternoon services, while David McDowell, Assistant Superintendent, was our evening speaker, breaking the bread of life under a mighty anointing. Souls were saved and believers baptized with the Holy Spirit both at the altar and in the prayer rooms. There was a special moving among the young people. We are also grateful for the fine spirit of unity and cooperation among the ministers and friends from the various churches. The weather was at times unusually cool, but the presence and blessing of God was a comfort and sufficient compensation for any distress thus occasioned. A great missionary day was held on July 7, when quite a number of missionaries were present and a substantial offering was received.

A Bible School for Juniors was conducted at the camp under the direction of Norman T. Spong, acting as Dean of the School. The children from four to eleven years of

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