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Judgment Prophecies

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THE book of Jeremiah is becoming extraordinarily alive. As was the case in Jeremiah's day so it is today—all faithfulness is heading up in lonely witnesses, confronted by disapproving glances from both religious and civil powers. All opposition to God seems to take the form of suppression of the prophesied judgments. The crisis when world-empire passed from the Jews to the Gentiles lay ahead of Jeremiah as Armageddon and the passing of the world-empire from the Gentiles to Christ now lies ahead of us. But that which extraordinarily combines the two parallel crises—Jeremiah's and our own—is that the very prophecy for which the prophet's life was in peril, and which he refused to withdraw (Jeremiah 25) is the prophecy of worldwide coming destruction—actual events ahead of us.

Jeremiah had a twofold judgment to announce—one on the people of God, and one on the approaching World-Empire. So have we. And, as in Jeremiah's day, both judgments are at the doors, and both as boldly denied. Two centuries ago Sir Isaac Newton said: "About the time of the end, in all probability, a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the prophecies, and insist upon their literal interpretation in the midst of much clamor and opposition."

Now the command to Jeremiah is exactly ours. "Speak all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; keep not back a word." God had committed into the hands of Jeremiah, exactly as He has committed into ours, definite clear warnings of coming judgment both on the people of God and on the world. But there is one bright outlook amid all the rumblings of threatening judgment—repentance and a changed life will bring the mercy of God into display as did Nineveh's repentance in the days of Jonah.

The situation is so critical, so many millions of destinies are hanging in the balance, so inseparable is sin and judgment for every human soul, that there is great danger in the changing—and much more in the suppression—of a

single word. "Keep not back a word!" To soften the severity may be to lose the repentance. Jeremiah was to yield neither to affection nor to fear; he was to soften no expression, alter none, put no smooth word for a rough one, nor even change an accent. The Commission we are handling is divine, and must be discharged whole in the hearing of men.

At a vast gathering in the Temple and its precincts, as soon as the prophet had delivered Jehovah's words, he was arrested. The charge laid against him was precisely the charge that is gathering like a thunderbolt over our heads. The entire community accused Jeremiah of saying that what he said was the Word of God when they did not believe it was. The other prophets who were false the people listened to for they foretold prosperity for both the people of God and for the world. But Jeremiah foretold disaster for both. "Why hast thou

prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate? And all the people laid hold on him, saying, Thou shalt surely die." Jer. 26:9. Today there are many who assert that what we declare—the coming judgments of God to fall on both Church and world—never came from God at all. It is called by these men, as the prophets of Jeremiah's day called his forecasts, a hideous, gruesome theology.

Jeremiah's defence is our model. A summary will reveal its beauty. He repeats every word that he has said. He asserts that every word he has uttered is the infallible, inspired word of God. He stresses that God's object was their good and their salvation. He appeals to them to hear and live. He shows that all judgment prophecy can be canceled by repentance, and is uttered mainly in order that it may never come to pass. He unfalteringly maintains that the spiritual consecration of God's people cannot be transferred to others, and that God's people can become, and are becoming apostate. He submits to their threats on his own life, and tells them they may do what they choose with him—but warns them of the peril of blood-guiltiness.

Is this not an exquisite model for us? Few things in the world are so safeguarding as having to stand for unpopular truth. It not only tends to kill pride, but the separation from others which naturally results from such a stand casts us wholly upon God. Jeremiah's prophesying as a whole, from a human viewpoint seems to have been a complete failure.

Jeremiah gives us a disclosure of the Bible's ultimate fate among men. Nothing tests like the truth. It touches us on the raw; and then one of two things happens—either we rid ourselves of the sin, or we get rid of the truth. "When Jehudi had read three or four leaves, the King (Jehoiakim) cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the roll was consumed." Jer. 36:23. R. V.

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Wars, earthquakes, famines and troubles: these are the beginning of sorrows. Mark 13:7, 8.

The Cross in Eternity, in History, and in Human Experience

The Great Plan Which Overarched the Ages

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THE subject is, The Cross in Eternity, in History, and in Human Experience. Our purpose is to trace the doctrine of the atonement from eternity, through the different periods of Old Testament history, and finally to Calvary. We shall follow the journey of the cross, and notice the different forms and shapes it takes as it journeys through history until it comes to its full and complete manifestation at Calvary.

The Cross in Eternity

We begin with the cross in eternity. Before the Lord Jesus made the supreme sacrifice, the atoning work was in the purpose of God before the world began. In other words the historical sacrifice of the Son of God is the eternal sacrifice—no afterthought on the part of God, but just as old as human need. Peter tells us that Christ as a Lamb was foreordained before the foundation of the world. 1 Peter 1:19, 20. This fact helps us to understand some problems and leads to some very interesting conclusions.

The first is, Christianity is more than 1900 years old. Go to India and the old Hindu priest will laugh at our gospel. "So," he says, "you bring a new religion to our shores? Go to Africa where they know only the ABC's of religion. In India we are in the university of religion. We will show you religions three thousand, four thousand, five thousand years old—and you come to us with a faith that began 1900 years ago!"

Christianity is more than 1900 years old. Christianity is just as old as human need. In fact, it is older. It began in the heart and mind of God who conceived the plan before anything was ever created. This is the oldest religion in the world.

When we remember that the cross began in eternity we understand how people could be saved before the coming of Christ. There was never a time in the history of the world when a sinner with a broken and a contrite heart could not bow before God and call upon Him for grace and help. The people in the Old Testament were saved by looking forward to the cross, saved as it were on credit, and those in the New are saved by looking back to Calvary.

Somebody once asked me, "When God created the world did He know our first parents would sin?" Of course He did. God knows everything from the beginning to the end. Then the question is asked, "Well, if He knew our first parents would sin why did He create them and so bring upon us all the sin and the misery we see in the world today?"

We might answer the question this way: A man goes to the president of a railway company after an accident has occurred and says, "Before you built this road didn't you know there was a possibility of accidents?" "Of course, we did," he answers. "Then why did you build the railroad?" And the president might reply, "My dear sir, before we built the road we knew there might be accidents. But we had to choose between building a railroad and serving

millions of people while having occasional accidents, or building no road at all. So we decided to serve the millions and build the road, taking all the precaution possible; and in case of accidents we provided ambulances and hospitals."

Of course, God saw that mankind would fall. He had to take the choice between creating man with a free will and thus making a fall possible, or creating nobody at all. But speaking reverently, God chose to create mankind even though He foreknew the fall. But foreseeing the fall God has His Red Cross ready. As soon as an accident took place—our first parents eating of the forbidden fruit—the cross, foreordained in eternity came forth from the heart of God and began its journey through history. And God has abundantly counteracted and compensated for the sin of the first man. "But when sin abounded grace did much more abound."

The Cross in History

As the Cross traveled through history it took different forms. The first was the simple stone altar before which Adam, Abel, Seth, Noah, and Abraham worshiped God. As soon as our first parents had sinned they were conscious of their nakedness. It was more than physical nakedness. It was a picture of a naked conscience, the first experience of conviction for sin, a feeling of being uncovered in the sight of the living God. So they ran and tried to hide themselves, as people are doing today.

There is a law in Bible study known as *the law of first mention*: If you want to know the simplest meaning of any doctrine go to the place in the Bible where it is first mentioned. Here is the first mention of sacrifice. We have a clear inference that God took an innocent creature and killed it. The animal died, and with its skin Adam and Eve were covered. There you have the simple meaning of sacrifice. Sacrifice is a divine institution whereby an innocent sinless creature dies in order that a guilty conscience may be covered. The Lord Jesus Christ died in order that you and I might have our conscience covered. The guilty man in the presence of God must have some covering. In Revelation we read that at the appearance of the lamb, the Son of God, men will call for the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them and hide them from His face. But rocks and mountains will never cover a guilty conscience. Excuses will never cover a guilty conscience. There is only one covering for guilt and that is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the meaning of sacrifice. The Hebrew word for atonement means "to cover," "to hide from sight." God put the sin out of His sight. Has the blood of Jesus Christ done that for you?

We pass on from the stone altar and come to the tabernacle in the time of Moses. There we see the cross in the form of a great brazen altar. We shall visit that altar

and find out what takes place. Here is an Israelite who has sinned and he wants to get right with God. He dare not approach the altar, which in the tabernacle represents God, unless blood is shed. The guilt is on his soul and he wants to get rid of it. There is no human way of putting our hand down within our conscience and taking that sin and casting it away. But God has a way. The Israelite lays his hand upon an innocent animal and confesses his sin, and as he does that in the presence of God the sin leaves his soul and rests upon that innocent creature. In the tabernacle the altar represents God. To come to the altar is to come to God. It is a meeting place between earth and heaven. Here is the doctrine of atonement: Whatever is placed upon the altar symbolically does for the sinner what he cannot do for himself. When the Lord Jesus went to the cross He did for the sinner what the sinner could not do for himself. In other words, His death was vicarious.

Who kills the sacrifice? Most people would answer, "The priest." But the sinner killed his own sacrifice. The sinner was responsible for the death of the innocent creature, and it was by the hands of wicked men that the Son of God was crucified. In other words, the entire Jewish nation represented by their priests laid their hands upon Him and slew their own Sacrifice. That was their part, but God's part was to raise Him from the dead.

Now follows the most important feature of the sacrifice. The priest catches the blood and sprinkles the four corners of the altar. The blood representing the life is being offered up before the Lord of life and death. The blood is speaking. It is saying, "This man is dead in trespasses and sin. He has broken the covenant of life, but let this life be applied to his conscience. Let this man live again." As soon as the blood touches the altar the man is reconciled to God.

What happens to man's sin? Sin in the sight of God is repulsive and God's wrath is the action of a holy God against sin. The wrath of God is not "temper." It is the reaction of a holy God against sin. Sin is repulsive; it provokes God's anger. What must be done? It must be covered, and then it no longer arouses the wrath of God. It is canceled, annulled, cleansed and put behind God's back.

Notice the next part of the sacrifice. The inward parts are placed in the fire on the altar; the fire burns and the smoke ascends, signifying that the sacrifice is being sent to God for His acceptance. Notice the animal has *died* for the sin. In the blood the sacrifice *lives* for the sinner, and in the burning the sacrifice *ascends* for the sinner. Is that the gospel? Jesus died for us. He rose, and He lives for us. He ascended for us that we might be accepted of God.

From the tabernacle we go to the temple, where we see a brazen altar. One day, during the time of Hezekiah, a young Israelite was puzzled about the doctrine of atonement. He went to the priest, a very godly

man, and said, "I'd like to have a conversation with you about a problem. From my youth up I have been taught if I brought a sacrifice to Jehovah my sins would be forgiven because the animal is my substitute. But I cannot see how it could be. What connection is there between a rational creature like myself who can reason and think, who can know God and understand the law, and an irrational animal that does not know God? How can that animal take my place? And what fellowship is there between us? I cannot go to that animal and say, 'I thank you for dying for me.' Furthermore, when this creature is brought to the altar it does not go willingly. They have to drag it there. How can it take my place?"

The priest said, "It is true that an animal can never take your place. But remember that the animal is simply a sign. Everything in this temple is a symbol of heavenly things. When the Messiah comes the perfect plan of redemption will be revealed. That animal likewise is only a sign, a sign of a perfect redemption that will be manifested at the coming of the Messiah, our Redeemer. Go and hear Isaiah the prophet. If anyone knows anything about redemption it is that prophet."

Let us follow the young man as he goes to listen to Isaiah. What is the prophet saying? "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from Him: He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." The young man says, "Who is this? A criminal? a traitor? a false prophet?" Isaiah continues, "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." "Ah, I see," he says, "I see he is not suffering for his own sin, but for our sins. Who can it be?" Isaiah continues, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray . . . and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." In these words the young man learns that the Messiah shall not only be a King to rule over Israel, and a Prophet to teach Israel, but also a Priest and a sacrifice to redeem Israel; and too, the Priest will offer Himself as a sacrifice for His people. In this chapter of Isaiah sacrifice leaves the realm of the animal kingdom and enters the human realm, and the young Israelite learns that the time is coming when someone like him shall die for him, someone who walks the same earth, lives the same life, suffers the same burdens and dies.

With these words (from this imaginary incident) ringing in our ears let us pass over 600 years. We are in the city of Jerusalem. We go to the upper room and there is the passover table. Surrounding the table are thirteen men. One of them, the Leader, raises a glass of wine and says, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is

shed for many for the remission of sins." This is the One concerning whom John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And what time is this? "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law." A few hours later the cross that was in the heart and mind of God throughout eternity, the cross that was manifested in the form of a simple altar of stones, in the brazen altar of the tabernacle and the temple, was finally set up on Mt. Calvary. Instead of a lamb there was the Son of God; instead of the blood of animals there was the blood of Jesus; instead of the fire on the altar there was the suffering of the Son of

of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

(Do not fail to read the Sunday School Lesson notes in this Evangel. It brings another vivid picture of the Cross of Calvary.)

Twenty-five Sermons from One Text

Dr. A. C. Dixon, who became pastor of Spurgeon's tabernacle in London, was preparing for a special evangelistic campaign at the tabernacle. He went with Dan Crawford, the well known African missionary, to Switzerland.

Dan Crawford wrote, "Picture that man of God day by day preparing for his long series of Spurgeon-like sermons. As he mused fire began to burn in his very eyes. He sat on a mountain ledge and the rustling of the leaves of his Bible told of his marking down what I thought were the twenty-five texts for the corresponding twenty-five days of special sermons.

"Not at all. 'Dan,' said he, 'I am stuck, gloriously stuck.' This meant that he had been ravished with the one and only verse that loomed so large that it defied a rival! That verse was the whole Bible for him. Beyond that he could not go. He was stuck, savingly stuck!

"What do you think was the special verse for his twenty-five sermons? Don't all answer at once. No, it was not John 3:16, for that is not a verse; that is the whole Bible. What then? It was the dear old verse, 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross.'

"Though our ways parted and I never heard one of them, I would meet him off and on during the special campaign, glowing, always glowing over the great text and over the souls being saved by such a sharp weapon of the Word. And so I send out our native gospellers with the same great text that Dixon used, 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross.'"

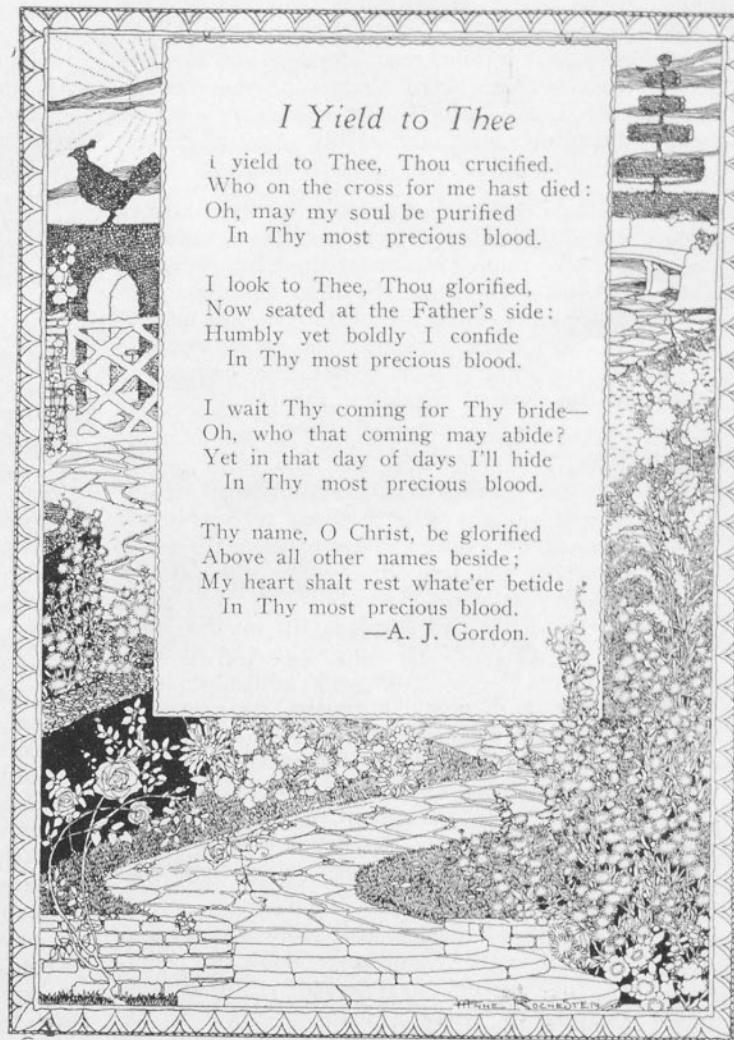
How to Do Most for God

We may rest fully assured of this—a man's influence in the world can be gauged not by his eloquence, or his zeal, or his energy, or his orthodoxy, but by his prayers.

We may work for Christ from morn till night; we may spend much time in Bible study; we may be earnest and faithful and "acceptable" in our preaching and in our individual dealing; but none of these can be truly effective unless we are much in prayer. We shall only be full of good works, and not "bearing fruit in every good work," Col. 1:10. To be little with God in prayer is to be little for God in service.—*The Kneeling Christian.*

Pessimist and Optimist

A pessimist is one who sees in every opportunity a difficulty; an optimist is one who sees in every difficulty an opportunity.



God; instead of the smoke ascending toward heaven there ascended that bitter cry, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" And so the cross reached its full manifestation. Forty years after this took place the temple was destroyed and animal sacrifices ceased until this day. Thus the Jew today is shut up to only one sacrifice and that is the Sacrifice on Calvary.

The Cross in Experience

Now there is one more journey that the cross must make and that is a journey into our life and experience. It must be more than a doctrine to us. It must be a living and vital experience in our souls. The cross to become real must make its journey into our lives, so you and I can say with Paul the Apostle, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son

"Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost Since Ye Believed?"

It is said of Jesus Christ that He is the same yesterday, and today and forever—no change in His character or disposition. This is equally true of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows no decay, no change. And since the glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ, He has been manifested as the Comforter, as the Energizer, as the One who brings the power from on high. He was manifested as visible fire on the heads of the hundred and twenty on the Day of Pentecost, and even controlled their vocal organs. How submissive, how yielded they were and the record declares: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

The same thing took place frequently afterwards. Those in Samaria received the Word. Acts 8:44. And they also received the Holy Ghost. You say, "There is no record that the Holy Ghost spoke through them." The Holy Ghost did not change in His operations in the short interval between the upper room and Samaria. If a new order, a new pattern, had been established, trust Peter to draw attention to it. Peter would not have been satisfied with the converts having any less thrilling experience than he and the hundred and twenty had had.

The same thing happened in the house of Cornelius. "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles was also poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:44-46. Peter was not surprised that the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues through human beings. The surprise was that He spoke through Gentiles. So Jewish flesh and Gentile flesh, when filled with the Spirit, is operated on in precisely the same way. As they are filled with the Spirit, the filling is known by the overflow.

Have you ever known a silent waterfall? You say, "Yes, when it was frozen!" But the Holy Ghost is fire, and if there is fire there is no freezing.

The Ephesian Gentiles not only spoke in tongues, but prophesied also. Acts 19:6. If Peter was surprised when hearing one operation of the Spirit, he would, had he been present, have been doubly surprised by hearing two.

In the intervening centuries, the Holy Ghost has not changed one iota. Where He had had opportunity of manifesting Himself fully, freely, and unrestrainedly, He must and will invariably do what He did on the Day of Pentecost. "We do hear them speak in . . . tongues the wonderful works of God." Acts 2:11.

The Holy Ghost magnifies the Father, honors redemption, and glorifies the Son. People today who are criticizing the ministration and the working of the Holy Spirit, do so either from foolishness, ignorance, or prejudice. Every honest soul who knows God as his Father, and Jesus Christ as his Saviour, if he will come before God in simplicity, open to the Spirit, willing to be taught by the Spirit, and yield to the Spirit, will know salvation in all its fullness as administered, revealed and brought nigh by the Third Person of the Trinity. Our Lord Jesus Christ brought about redemption, and the Holy Spirit reveals the completeness of that redemption.

Time does not change, influence, or work upon the Holy Spirit. All we know is that one manifestation of the Spirit is called the former rain and the other the latter rain. Both rain—just the difference in dispensation. Even irrigation is dependent upon the rain. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain."

Ahab named Elijah, "The troubler of Israel." Elijah was the one who prayed for the rain. Ahab was the cause of the dearth. Don't criticize those who pray the rain down, but examine yourself as to whether you are the cause of drought. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit." Even those twelve Ephesians spoken of in the nineteenth chapter of Acts, though they be nameless, who magnified God by being simple and obedient, were recipients of the Holy Spirit, who did for them what they never could have done for themselves. Paul has no more queries against them after this manifestation. It would be interesting to know the influence and power those twelve men exerted when they went to their homes.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? You say, "I don't believe in the tongues movement." Is that your answer to God? Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? You say, "I don't believe it is for these days." Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? You say, "It is not necessary for me." Every excuse that you bring up will be set aside; for the three thousand on the Day of Pentecost, the Samaritan

converts, the Gentile household of Cornelius, those twelve Ephesians, and the great Corinthian church, will appear as witnesses and testify against you in that day. You have had the Word, and the Word of God will condemn you.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? God's query remains unanswered. What will be the answer? He who knew his Lord's will and did it not shall be beaten with many stripes; and conversely, he who knew not the Lord's will and did it not shall be beaten with few stripes. Are you a candidate for blessing or for stripes?

Judgment Prophecies

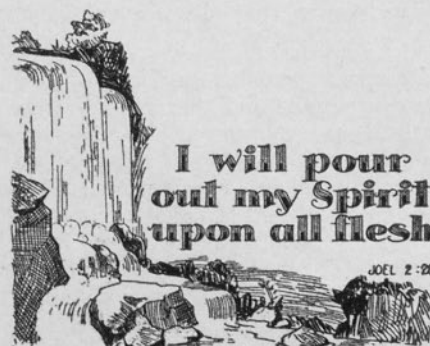
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car," relates a minister, "to whom a leaf of the New Testament had been given, crumple it up in his hand, fling it on the floor, spit on it, and grind it under his heel." Countless millions do this intellectually. A leading religious journal (*Christian World*, May 14, 1936) says: "The 'Advent' view of prophecy is entirely false. The people who tell you that 'God will show His terrible judgments and that there will be a fearful change of the earth's surface' are at the mercy of an old-fashioned idea of what history is. This view has long since been discarded. For the most part prophecy was not fulfilled and cannot now be fulfilled. Prophecy has proved to be an illusion." Thus the whole of the prophecies, foretelling the judgments coming on both the Church and world, are cast bodily into the burning brazier.

Now it is revealed why to destroy God's Word is to sign our own death-warrant. The danger is so great that the Holy Spirit at once adds—"And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments." What is the peril of destroying the Book? The announcement of doom had this marvelous quality of excellence; it carried a pardon in the heart of it—"that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin." Jer. 36:3. Hell is revealed in order that none may enter. Prophecy is not a proclamation of certain death, but a remedy to cure the dying. All that God has to do to end the world's ruin is to be silent, and to suffer the noiseless and automatic approach of the judgments of sin.

But the word of judgment is given by a God of love; and coming wrath is foretold to bring us to repentance. *The most appalling prophecies are sent to save.* Nineveh's repentance brought the reversal of her decree of death. They who destroy the prophecies think to destroy the judgments.

But what happened? Jehovah says, "Take thee again another roll." In the teeth of the burning God multiplies the Book. No copy had been kept, no human memory could reproduce it, but Jehovah Himself issued a second and enlarged edition. This He did by reinditing the whole to Jeremiah, without the loss of a single word. To burn the prophecies is for a murderer to tear up his pardon, for a shipwrecked crew to sink their lifeboat. Ten days after came this message to the King from Jehovah—"His body shall be cast out



in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost." Jer. 36:30.

A beautiful and exceedingly helpful lesson for us lies in the character of Jeremiah. Such work, one would have imagined, required a man of iron, unbending, unemotional, and unsympathetic. It is wonderfully encouraging to the most timid among us that God's choice was utterly different. By nature Jeremiah's was a mild and timid disposition, that shrank inexpressibly from being a prophet of woe. "Woe is me, my mother," he cries, "that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth!" Jer. 15:10.

The role of censor to the people of God pained him deeply; and his sympathy was so intense that he felt their sins and sufferings as his own. "Oh, that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" Jer. 9:1. The utter pessimist, the man of the black outlook, the constant prophet of judgment which the very word 'Jeremiah' has come to mean is the man who—more than any other Old Testament prophet—embodies the New Covenant of Grace.

The Joy of the Lord

A flash of ill temper, a cloud of despondency, an impure thought or desire, will poison your blood, inflame your tissues, disturb your nerves and interrupt the whole process of God's life in your body. On the other hand, the spirit of cheerfulness, freedom from anxious care and worry, a generous and loving heart, the stimulus of joy, the sedative of peace, the uplifting influence of hope and confidence—these are better than all tonics, stimulants and sedatives, and in the very nature of things will exercise the most benignant influence over your physical functions and make it true in a literal as well as spiritual sense, "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The writer remembers in his early ministry a man who was given up by physicians to die and was expected to die that night, but who was converted to God in his illness and was filled with such an ecstatic joy that for several hours, while he was supposed to be dying, he just poured his heart out in the rapturous expressions of love and devotion. To the surprise of everybody next morning, when we went back to condole with his family on his death, which we had no doubt had come in the night, we found him almost well, and he lived for many years afterwards as a happy Christian. The physician could only explain it as the result of an extraordinary stimulant that his new happiness brought into the system, which acted as no medicine could have done, and lifted him above the ordinary laws of physiology. Solomon said, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," and there is no joy like the joy of the Lord.—A. B. Simpson

"If one sheep break the hedge, a dozen will follow." This proverb is true of men also. One who was forty years a shepherd of sheep, and then forty years a shepherd of men, declared that his second flock was the more sheepish and more apt to wander of the two. Hence the importance of the divine admonition, "Be thou an example of the believers." 1 Tim. 4:12.

Answered Prayer

Much that perplexes us in our Christian experience is but the answer to our prayers.

We pray for patience, and God sends tribulation; for "tribulation worketh patience." Romans 5:3-5.

We pray for submission, and God sends suffering; for we learn obedience by the things which we suffer. Hebrews 5:8.

We pray for unselfishness, and God gives us opportunities to sacrifice ourselves by thinking on the things of others, and by laying down our lives for our brethren. Philippians 2:4; Matthew 27:42; 1 John 3:16.

We pray for victory, and the things of the world swoop down upon us in a storm of temptation; for "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

We pray for strength and humility, and some messenger of Satan torments us until we lie in the dust crying for its removal. 2 Corinthians 12:7.

We pray for union with Jesus, and God severs natural ties, and lets our best friends misunderstand us and seem indifferent to us,

and calls on us to walk "alone." Isaiah 51:2; 63:4.

We pray for love, and God sends peculiar suffering and puts us with apparently unlovely people, and lets them say things which rasp the nerves and lacerate the heart, for "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

We pray for likeness to Jesus, and the answer is, "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." Can thine heart endure or can thine hands be strong? Are ye able? Isaiah 48:10; Ezekiel 22:14; Matthew 20:22.

And in the furnace He melts us into something of His own tenderness and gentleness, and teaches us how to bear one another's burdens and how to live to make intercession for others. Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 7:25; Ephesians 6:18.

But this is only the transitory side. There is an everlasting recompense of praise and honor and glory at the revealing of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:17. "For the momentary lightness of our tribulation, in a manner yet more and more excelling, is working out for us an age-abiding weight of glory; so long as we are not looking out for the visible things but for the invisible; for the visible things are for a season, whereas the invisible are age-abiding." 2 Corinthians 4:17, 18.

When the Priest Was Saved

A Roman priest was called to administer the last sacraments to a dying man; but the man no sooner saw him than he cursed him in the most awful manner. The priest thought to himself—for he was an honest man—"I cannot administer any sacrament to him in such a state of mind." So he said to the man: "I can tell you that even such as you can be saved. Did you never hear of the dying thief on the Cross who looked to Christ and lived?"

While the priest was telling the man the story he converted himself. The Saviour's love went right to his heart, and he began, with tears in his eyes, to tell the man of the crucified Jesus. And as he did so the man said, "That is the very thing for me! I am dying. Go back to my comrades and tell them that they can be saved, as you have told me, by looking at the Saviour." The priest sat by him till he died in peace with God, and became a Christian man himself.—C. H. Spurgeon.

All clouds do not rain.

THE DAY OF PRAYER

"But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Acts 10:35.



The President of our Nation has set Sunday, September eighth, as a day for prayer for a just peace among the nations. We urge that all our churches remember this appeal and make earnest petition on that day that God will turn the hearts of men toward Him and that peace might be restored. Let it be more than a brief prayer from the pulpit. Let it be a time of earnest seeking.

Recently it was pointed out in the Pentecostal Evangel that God requires self-humbling and repentance as well as prayer. For people to draw nigh to God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him will not bring answer. Selfish prayers will go unrewarded for "Ye ask and receive not that ye might consume it upon your own lusts." At the same time God honors those who honor Him. May we fervently pray that heart conditions may be made such as will prompt God to answer. See God's promise to King Josiah. "Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord . . . and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord." 2 Kings 22:19.

—Ernest S. Williams

Marvelous Results of Preaching the Old-Fashioned Gospel

Mattie Brann

A man named Djang was led to Christ in 1903, and is one of the oldest pastors in North China. This man had a desire for the true God. He was married, as most of the well-to-do boys are, before he had his tenth birthday. His wife was nearly seven years older than he, but that is the custom in our section of China. She persecuted him for several years, and how he fasted and prayed for her! He often prayed, "Lord, You see my wife *must* be saved, and I will not cease to pray until she is. My house *must* follow You." Such prayer prevailed and she turned to the Lord.

When the Holy Spirit was so wonderfully outpoured in 1921 to 1923 in our station, he was away. He came back to set us right. He said, "How strange that my home church should go off in this heresy of speaking in tongues." The second night he was there he spoke in tongues all night. He had been working in another mission but after that night he gave it up and took eight dollars a month less in order to come to us. He has been our pastor ever since.

After he was saved he would call on his foster mother, but as often as he came she would revile him and would have nothing to do with the gospel, because when her husband, who was a rich man, died, Djang had refused to worship the departed spirit, and she said that no dutiful son would refuse such a duty. She said, "You need not put your face in our premises because you refused to worship for my husband when he died." So she persecuted him, but each time he came he would speak to her about the gospel. In their home for several hundred years one room had been set apart as a shrine. They were demon worshipers, felt the demons and saw them, as they were often revealed in visible form; and there are hundreds and thousands of such cases in China.

One time after a number of years this young man came home. It was wheat-harvest time and this old mother was walking up and down the court raving with the toothache. She said, "Now you have come, too. I don't want you." He said, "What is the matter, mother?" She replied, "I have had this toothache day and night. I have gone from one temple to another, called several priests; have done penance and gone through all the incantations, and haven't gotten cured."

With a cry in his heart for help, he said, "Mother, I have a God that will cure your toothache." She said, "Son, if your God will cure this toothache, I will serve Him and let all mine go. And if He is the true God, He *can* do it. All mine have failed." With his heart fixed on God, he laid his hand on that old mother and asked God to heal her, and the toothache was gone.

She said, "Son, sit down and tell me about this God, because the minute you put your hand on my head the toothache was gone." All night long she listened to the story. The next day she came into the city

and wanted the missionaries to come out and clean house.

Notice how the Lord links one chain after another. Her two sons and their wives were all in a demon cult, the deepest dyed spiritism. As they were going to clean house it meant to tear down all the idols that had been there for hundreds of years; incense had never ceased to burn there in all that time. In one room you could hear the noises of the spirits. The young woman said, "I used to make shoes for the old lady spirits and they would carry them off."

The daughter-in-law said, "Mother, don't you think we had better hide some of these gods in case this new doctrine doesn't work?"

"No," she said, "I have tried them long enough, and now we will try the real God to the uttermost." So they had a great bonfire, and smashed up those which would not burn. This old grandmother ruled the homestead. There were several compounds of them, and she made her sons and daughters-in-law come to church.

We have one young man, a Mr. Wang. I wish you could see the transformation in his face. As a young man he tried to follow the true God. He went to the depths in Buddhism and other demon cults. These other cults led him to torment his body, putting it through all sorts of abuses before he was sixteen years old. One of the abuses was, he was never to take a bath or change his clothes. No matter how soiled his clothing, he was to keep it on until it dropped off, though he was quite well-to-do. By the time he was eighteen he was so alive with vermin that his wife refused to live with him. One of the doctrines of Buddhism is that you dare not take the life of anything, so when these creatures dropped off he had to pick them up and put them on again. His wife sued for divorce and when she could not get it she committed suicide. Then her people took all his property, and all he could do was to become a soldier. After years of service, he returned home.

In 1921 we opened a station in his city. As our preachers were giving forth the gospel, day by day, this young man heard it. He was intelligent and had quite a good education. One evening his nephew fell under the power of God. He was overwhelmed with his sins and confessed his crimes in public. He said, "It was I who poisoned that man's horse. It was I that cut down that man's fruit tree." Then he said, "Uncle, forgive me. It was I who poisoned your horse, and people think I am such a good

man." "I forgive you, my nephew," he said.

Then the uncle started out to confess *his* sin, telling how he had gone through all the stages of Buddhism and Taoism trying to find something to take away this load of sin, but when he heard the precious story of Jesus he said, "I have found something that put out all these and now I am a child of God." His face shone as he did it. He stands today in a large city near the Peking-Hankow Railway, and tells them that he went to the depths but never found satisfaction until he found it in Christ. He has received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and he and his little wife stand alone in that large city, giving their testimony to many people as they come in hundreds of thousands. He says to them, "Yes, you come to worship a shrine. I used to go there, too. It is only when you go to the cross of Calvary that you will get rid of your sins."

When I was home I asked the assemblies to pray for the grandmothers of China. We wanted the Lord to prepare the workers as the Christians were giving the money to build a girls' school. We needed first of all an old lady who would be true. She was to be the gate-keeper. The Lord sent in funds to save many thousands of souls physically during the famine, as well as hundreds of souls spiritually, and we have a large company of grandmothers that the Lord has saved in answer to the prayers of God's people.

The first one was dear old Mrs. Wang, who came to us during the famine. Her heart was open to the gospel and she is one of the dear old saints who has been our stand-by in the Girls' School all these years. Another we were obliged to have was an old man teacher. You cannot have a Girls' School without an old gentleman, and to find one that is a Christian and filled with the Holy Spirit is difficult.

We continued to pray that God would give us an elderly man teacher. When the Holy Spirit was poured out and the power of God was so manifest in our meeting, one night an old man came who had been a teacher in the government school. As he came into the room he felt a strange power there. He had seen many under demon power, and at first thought this was the same thing. The Chinese are very familiar with demon power. This night three arose, and, under the power of the Holy Spirit, pointed a finger at him, saying, "Old gentleman, repent! repent!! repent!!! Your days are numbered unless you repent!" He came and threw himself at my feet and said, "I have been a bad man, I have smoked." "No, no," they cried, "repent of your sins! Repent of your sins!" He went out of the room, and after three days and nights he wept and cried to God for forgiveness for making fun of the Bible. "It was the Holy Ghost that convicted me," he said. "It was the Holy Ghost that pointed the finger at me and told me I must repent." So he gave his heart to God and was filled with the

Jesus said:

**YE MUST BE
BORN AGAIN.**

John 3:7

Spirit. All these years he has been standing at the head of our Girls' School.

He had five sons and, before his conversion, he gave his oldest son to become a Buddhist priest. If they once become that, they must continue for life. When the old man was converted he got a burden for his family. We took three of the youngest into the orphanage; one boy was living with his mother, who was in their village home. He had sold the soul of his eldest son, and had no idea where he was; he hadn't heard from him for two or three years, for when they once give a boy to the priesthood they are taken off to some secluded spot.

We started to pray that God would send him home, and it wasn't three months until this sturdy chap came to his mother's home. He said to his mother, "Where is father? What is the matter?" His mother said, "He has become a Christian and is teaching school up at Wei Hsien."

"A Christian? What is that?" he asked. She explained to him and he said, "Oh, those foreign devils! I have heard about them. I must go and see my father."

His father was glad to see him. He praised the Lord and asked him what made him come home. He replied, "I do not know. I had to steal away in the night. I was so miserable and homesick I had to come."

In two months he was converted, and today he is one of our evangelists. It is the power of God that works in China as well as elsewhere.

Mrs. Djang, had been converted for two years, and her only son made fun of her. Finally she was instrumental in her daughter-in-law's becoming a Christian, and then she became very ill. Our people went and prayed for her and she became better. In a few weeks they came and told us that she had been lying in a state of coma; didn't recognize anybody or didn't speak. Before she went into this state she made her son promise that he would give her a Christian burial, and not take the heathen way of trying to call the spirit back, telling him, "When my spirit leaves this body it goes to my Saviour."

The next day her son called the pastor and elder, saying that his mother would very likely be in her coffin before they reached the city, because everything was ready. He asked them what a Christian funeral would be like, as he had no idea. These two men walked back with him, telling him how a Christian funeral would be conducted. Two Bible women also went. When the men reached there the yard and the house were full of relatives. The old lady was lying, seemingly in death. The pastor went in and spoke to her. He laid his hand on her head and spoke, saying, "Grandma, do you know me?" She opened her eyes, very much to the surprise of the relatives. Then he saw a bottle of sesame oil, which is used for food, on a table beside the bed, and he was impressed to anoint her. As he put the oil on her head and prayed, she suddenly jumped to her feet, praising the Lord.

She told of a vision she had had of heaven, giving the picture as it is in Revelation, of the beautiful city and the place God has prepared for us. She preached for two hours on Scriptures that she did not understand because she was very deaf and had very little Scriptural knowledge. Our Bible

women waited for a few hours, wondering, whether after the excitement had subsided, if she would die, but at sunset she was eating heartily. She has been coming to the church ever since, and that has been two years ago.

One of our outstanding characters is one of our deacons, Dr. Wang. As a boy he was in a mission school. Then he went to Africa as a young man, to make his fortune in the gold mines, and while there he found the Saviour in a Pentecostal Mission. On returning to China he went to work for an American missionary doctor, and was under

HOW TO PRAY

When we undertake to obey the President in praying the Lord "to grant to this land and to the troubled world a righteous and enduring peace," how shall we begin?

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime," Paul tells us, "were written for our learning." In a time of great national crisis Daniel prayed, and "for our learning," the way he prayed is set down. Shall we learn from him and pray as he did? Hear him praying:

"We have sinned and committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments; neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, which spake in Thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither Thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against Thee. O Lord to us belong confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee."

Does not the Bible teach us to start our praying in this way?

her, first as cook in the home and then as her assistant in the hospital for several years.

When he saw others in that mission not living like Christians, he fell into sin and went to cheating when he did her buying. He assisted her in her operations, and she permitted him to perform minor ones, but when they registered doctors and nurses at the hospitals he came to our city and opened a drug store with a clinic, attending our meetings. After he had been there a few months and had seen the changed lives of our Christians and the consecration of our missionaries, the Spirit came upon him in mighty conviction and he was reclaimed from his backslidden condition. He saw he had to make restitution of several hundred dollars to the doctor whom he had cheated, although she had left China. After that he and his wife both received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, and he is now one of our deacons and a great blessing to the church.

When the army was stationed in Wei Hsien, one of their officers was severely wounded. The army surgeon failed to locate the bullet and hearing that this Dr. Wang prayed to the true God, they sent for him. He went and told them that he was

a servant of the Most High God; that he had no ability of his own, but when he prayed to God, God answered. So in the presence of a yard full of soldiers and the superior officer of this wounded soldier, he asked God to guide him to the bullet. Immediately after the prayer he put his finger right over the bullet, put in a probe and it shot out like magic. They all exclaimed, "See how his God answers prayer!"

At another time he was called to a village to the home of a very rich and influential old gentleman. He was told all Chinese doctors had tried and failed; none could heal him, nor diagnose his case. They said, "So we have sent for you as we understand you have a miraculous power." Dr. Wang got on a donkey, and as he rode along he said to the Lord, "I am truly a servant of Thine, Lord Jesus. They say I am a man of miraculous power. If I can only have that power and *your name* be glorified, it will be enough." Then it came to him how, when Jesus went into a room He took Peter's wife's mother by the hand and bade her get up, and the fever left her.

On his arrival at the home the yard was full of relatives and friends. The sick man was propped up, apparently drawing his last breath. The relatives rushed to his side saying, "Whatever you do, do quickly." He answered, "I cannot do anything quickly. I cannot do anything of myself. I must first tell you of Him whom I serve," and he preached a good, gospel sermon of some length. Then he felt the power of God come over him and said, "Lord, I do not know what is the matter with him, nor what to give him, but You are here." And taking the man by the hand, said, "Lord, You raise him up for Your glory." The man arose and has been well ever since.

One of our evangelist's cousins had a cancer on her breast for years. She had been under treatments with Chinese doctors and witches and had steadily grown worse. But this evangelist and his mother finally prevailed on her to send for Dr. Wang. When he arrived the medicine that the Chinese had put on the cancer had so eaten in that she was bleeding profusely. He tried to stanch the flow of blood with cotton, but it seemed that she was going. These three cried mightily to God to stop the blood, as she wasn't saved.

The flowing of blood ceased. The doctor came by and told me of the incident, and he said, "Now we are praying, and the evangelist and his mother asked me to come by and ask you to pray." I confess I didn't have faith to pray for her healing, but I did pray that she might live long enough to hear the gospel and be saved, for from his report it looked to me as though she would be dead within twenty-four hours.

But, to my amazement, in less than a week she walked three miles to my compound. Her breast was healed over as smoothly as my hand, but she still had one great sore on her forehead. She came in and took me by the hand, thanking me for praying for her. I had prayed for the Lord to be glorified, but I was surprised to find her as well as she was. Then she asked me if I would kneel down and pray for this wound on her forehead to be healed. We all prayed most earnestly for that, and it formed a scab and dropped off. She has remained healed ever since.

THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

SWITZERLAND'S THANKSGIVING

General Guisan, commander-in-chief of the Swiss Army, recently declared that the spiritual preparedness of a nation is more important than its material preparedness. "If, among all the small countries of Europe," he said, "Switzerland up to now has been spared the ravages of an invasion, we are indebted for this in the first place to the protection of the Lord."

PREPARING FOR ARMAGEDDON

According to Louis S. Bauman, not less than \$22,546,300,000 was spent on war preparations in 1939. Compare this with the sum of \$1,300,285,334 which the nations are reported to have spent in 1914 for the destruction of civilization! Surely a dreadful conflict lies ahead! Is this the answer of the nations to God's call to prepare for Armageddon, given in Joel 3:9?

A JEW FOR EACH DEAD GERMAN

According to *Jewish Chronicle*, a threat that the Germans will avenge those killed during the war by killing one Jew after the war for each dead soldier, was contained in a recent broadcast from Vienna. This is a threat that the Nazis may not be able to carry out. What God has written about the Jews will be carried out. Let the Nazis hear it and tremble: "I will punish all that oppress them." Jer. 30:20.

THE MARTYR SPIRIT

In many lands our missionaries are showing the spirit of martyrs, refusing to flee from their posts of duty in spite of bombs, bullets, and bloodshed. Their consecration reminds us of those of old who died rather than fail their Lord. One of this company was John Huss, the "morning star" of down-trodden Czechoslovakia. Before his martyrdom Huss wrote: "Pray for me also that I too may write and preach in fuller measure against the malice of Antichrist, and that God may put me in the forefront of the battle, if needs be, to defend His truth. For be assured I shrink not from yielding up this poor body to peril or death for the sake of God's truth, though I know that God's Word hath no need of us. But I desire to live for the sake of those who suffer violence and need the preaching of God's Word, that the malice of Antichrist be exposed and the godly escape it." These are days when every Christian should ask God for the same spirit of self-sacrifice, that we may be prepared for whatever lies ahead and that we may do our utmost for Christ's kingdom while opportunity remains.

A "SIXTH COLUMN" OF PRAYER

Said Lord Halifax in his recent radio speech voicing the British reply to Hitler's reichstag address: "Those of us who cannot serve in the armed forces must all do our best in other ways to help them. I'm sure we shall, and there is one thing we all can do, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians—men, women, and children—all together, which may be much more powerful than we know—and that is to pray!"

In continuing his address, Lord Halifax said: "I heard the other day of a Yorkshire village where, after all the talk about a fifth column, the people had agreed to form a sixth column, in which they pledged themselves to try and give a few minutes each day to prayer. We shall naturally ask God to take care of those we love and to bless the cause for which our country is at war. We can ask this with confidence, because we know that we are trying to resist things that cannot be according to God's will."

In such a "sixth column" lies Britain's surest source of strength and victory. Do we not need a "sixth column" of prayer in America, too? "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

GIVING GOD THE GLORY

When the Day of Prayer was followed immediately by the successful evacuation of Dunkirk, at least some of the British gave God the glory. Said Sir Albert Seward, President of the British Association: "I have spent most of my life in doing work in certain branches of science. I should not speak of miracles, but this evacuation is something beyond the physical. It is, in my opinion, miraculous."

ROMAN CATHOLIC NEGROES

Said Dr. J. W. Shephard of Baptist Bible Institute in *Religious Herald* recently: "The Catholic Church looks upon the fifteen millions of Negroes in the U. S., a large per cent of whom are Baptists and Methodists, as prospects for conversion by their mission schools and missionaries." He reports that there is a seminary at Bay St. Louis, Miss., for training Negro missionaries; that a third of all the Negro Catholic priests in America are found in Louisiana; and that there are 75,000 Catholic Negroes out of a total of about 750,000 Catholics in Louisiana. He cites these figures as a challenge to Protestant bodies to do more toward winning our Negro friends for Christ.

FRANCE AT PRAYER

During the recent Battle for France, that Roman Catholic nation prayed. A generation ago that land was swept with atheism and it was claimed that "the lights of heaven" would "never again be relit." But religion is not easily extinguished from mankind, as was proved in the crisis. Reported the *Roman Catholic Universe*: "Prayers have been and are continuing to be offered in every church throughout the country and the French Empire. The solemn ceremony in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, at which the Government officially took part for the first time for more than fifty years, has been imitated in every big town and city of the nation."

However, the paper went on to say: "Continually the cry went up: 'Our Lady of Lourdes, save France! St. Genevieve, save France! St. Joan of Arc, save France!'" Their cries were to the saints rather than to the Lord Himself! God did not see fit to answer those prayers.

Perhaps in the midst of the praying there was an absence of national repentance. A possible indication of this is the fact that, since surrendering to Germany, France has expunged the word "God" from all her Government documents.

FRENCH JEWS IN TRAVAIL

Himmler's paper *Schwarze Korps* declared a few weeks ago: "Many of those German, Polish, and Czech Jews who managed to escape from Germany and thus avoided punishment for their crimes will be discovered when our victorious armies enter Paris. We found hundreds of them in Holland and Belgium; we shall find tens of thousands of them in France. We have forgotten neither their names nor their faces." But there were about three hundred Jews from Germany and Poland who did not wait for the Nazi threat to materialize, says *Jewish Chronicle*. They were among the 800 people who committed suicide in Paris in the twenty-four hours after the first German troops had entered the Paris suburbs.

One of these Jewish refugees was just expecting to leave France for the United States. In his last letter to the U. S. Consulate he wrote: "I have fled four times from Nazism to escape the Gestapo which persecuted me for racial and political reasons. I went from Austria to Czechoslovakia, from there to Holland, then to Belgium, and finally came to France. Now I am throwing up the sponge. My heart is broken." Will you not pray that in the hour of their "crucifixion" these suffering refugees will turn to Him who was crucified for their sins at Calvary?

AMERICANISM VS. ANTI-SEMITISM

We hope our country will ever be a champion of religious freedom and a friend to God's chosen people. In a press conference last month President Roosevelt again expressed his position in the matter. Denouncing totalitarianism, Mr. Roosevelt said that one of the preconditions for permanent peace was freedom of religion. The Republican candidate for the Presidency, Mr. Willkie, takes a similar stand. Denouncing anti-Semitism as a menace to America, in an interview with the *New York Jewish Day*, he said: "Anti-Semitism is a possible criminal movement and every anti-Semite is a possible traitor to America."

BEFORE TRAFALGAR

Reports of Britain's days of national prayer and repeated expressions of trust in God by her leaders are hopeful signs, for God has delivered her in past times of crisis. One such incident was at Trafalgar, when her sea power triumphed and the invasion of Britain by the 120,000 soldiers Napoleon had poised on the Channel coast for the attack was prevented. According to *Dawn*, a few hours before the battle Nelson's Flag Lieutenant found the Admiral at his desk on his knees. Nelson wrote: "May the great God, whom I worship, grant to my country, and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory; and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it; and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet. For myself, individually, I commit my life to Him who made me, and may His blessing light upon my endeavors to serve my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. Amen." God granted victory in that battle, though it meant Nelson's own death, and the God-defying Napoleon finally died a British prisoner. For the sake of religious liberty and the continuance of Christian missionary work throughout the world, let us pray that God will again turn back the anti-Christian invader.

RELIGION AMONG THE REDS

Much prayer has gone up to God on behalf of the people of Russia, who have been robbed of liberty and taught to be atheists, but news about their condition is very scarce. Therefore the following is interesting and encouraging. It is a letter from a Russian residing in England who received the information from a lady only recently from the Baltic states. The letter, quoted in an exchange, reads:

"As you know, the Red Army last October occupied several fortresses and towns in the Baltic states. The population with the memories of the terrible excesses committed by the Reds in 1918-20 still fresh in their mind, were greatly disturbed about the Red occupation.

"However, their fears proved to be groundless. The Red soldiers are well disciplined and behaved correctly towards the natives. The majority of them are of peasant stock and profess Christianity. They go to the churches whenever it is possible for them to do so, wear the crosses and the ikons about their necks as the Russian peasants did formerly.

"For the Christmas festival the Orthodox churches in the towns where the Reds are stationed were filled by the soldiers. Even high officers sometimes are seen in church. The soldiers, whose homes are in cities or towns, are frequently without religion, but they respect it in others.

"The type of blaspheming, aggressively godless soldier, so common during the Russian civil war, has disappeared. The Red soldiers lack enthusiasm for the Soviet regime and prefer the free and prosperous democracy of the Baltic republics. It is wonderful that, after twenty years of bloody persecution of the Church and despite the godless schools, the Soviet Government is obliged to tolerate churchgoing on the part of the members of the Red Army."

Let us continue to pray for Russia's millions. God has not been unmindful of the prayers of the past.

You too Can Have A GOOD Sunday School



But they are not on sale at bargain counters! Like Pastor Ferguson and his faithful helpers, you'll have to Pray, Plan, Push, and Study—Then you'll have A First Class Sunday School. Try it—It's worth the effort!



Question? Quick now! What is the first thing you see in this picture? Not the pastor, handsome though he may be; not the children, numerous though they are. I'll tell you what caught my eye *first*—it was the background!

The first thing I saw in this Sunday School picture was the large number of men. Count them. I did, and to my extreme satisfaction I counted over fifty. Look at the fathers with babies in their arms. God bless those men. I'd rather see a Sunday School group picturing fathers with babies in their arms than to see a similar group with babies in their *mothers'* arms and the fathers out of the picture—probably fishing, playing golf, or working on Sunday.

More power to pastors and superintendents who speak of the Sunday School not only in terms of children and young people, but in terms of a *whole family*, Schools which include mothers, dads, and children.

Think of it—a Sunday School group on a very hot morning, 189 present, and of that number about fifty-two were men. It reads more like Sunday School reports (?) in New Testament days when men were numbered "beside women and children."

It Hasn't Always Been Thus.

The success of this School is no mere accident. Its success has been born of

prayer, constructive planning, study, and *hard work*. It takes all four to succeed. Two years ago when Pastor Ferguson saw other Schools succeeding and his merely marking time, it bothered him. He wrote Headquarters for a bundle of free Sunday School helps. We loaded him down. Probably he was like a five-year-old boy before his Christmas tree, bewildered because of so many toys and presents. He does not know which one to take up first. But this pastor was not bewildered long. He waded

have proper administration." Here is the plan they adopted:

1. A children's choir to sing choruses and songs.
2. To properly departmentalize; divide several classes for better age groupings, and allow room for growth.
3. To provide prospect cards; to ask each member of the School to supply names and mailing addresses of two or more persons not in Sunday School, thus providing prospects.

4. To train our teachers, using Gospel Publishing House teacher-training textbooks.

5. To make ours a First Class Sunday School.

Remarkable Results

Something happened—figures give forth heartening facts. The records show a 47 per cent attendance gain; teachers present 91 per cent of the time; regular offerings increased 37 per cent; and in addition to the regular missionary offerings, an average of two dollars per month was received for missions from the Penny March.

The Banner on Display

Note the Sunday School committee in the right foreground of the picture, proudly displaying the First Class Sunday School banner. This School has achieved 95 per cent of the possible 100 points of the Sunday School Goal. Pastor Ferguson (Continued on Page Fourteen)



Full Gospel Sunday School, Longmont, Colorado. Paul Ferguson, Pastor; Everett Johnson, Supt.

through the assortment of helps, and by careful sorting and planning selected what he could use in *his* School.

Workers' Conferences Held.

Like wise executives, he and his superintendent decided upon a five-point program. With their souls enthused and energized by the Holy Spirit, workers' conferences were called. Hearts were melted together by the moving of the Holy Spirit. God was working. In reporting to us, Pastor Ferguson said: "We realized a good School must

cent of the time; regular offerings increased 37 per cent; and in addition to the regular missionary offerings, an average of two dollars per month was received for missions from the Penny March.

Recent Additions to Our First Class Sunday School Honor Roll

Montgomery Assembly of God

Montgomery, Ala.
Pastor: T. H. Spence
Supt.: T. C. Bradford

Trinity Tabernacle

Coolidge, Ariz.
Pastor: Mrs. Lina O'Donnell

Assembly of God

Stellwell, Ark.
Pastor: Ethel Hook
Supt.: Walter Hook

Assembly of God

Monticello, Ark.
Pastor: H. E. Simms
Supt.: Clyde E. Cruce

Glad Tidings Assembly of God

Fullerton, Calif.
Pastor: George Carmichael
Supt.: Mrs. Elmer Bell

Fillmore Assembly

Fillmore, Calif.
Pastor: G. W. Perkins
Supt.: Glen Cox

Full Gospel

Longmont, Colo.
Pastor: Paul L. Ferguson
Supt.: Everett Johnson

Full Gospel Tabernacle

Augusta, Georgia
Pastor: C. Milford Hicks
Supt.: Russell Reeves

Ashes Creek Sunday School

Taylorville, Ky.
Pastor: C. L. Strom
Supt.: C. L. Strom

Bethel Assembly of God

Louisville, Ky.
Pastor: T. E. Gannon
Supt.: Arthur Parsons

Bethel Assembly of God

Benton Harbor, Mich.
Pastor: P. J. Emery
Supt.: Mrs. A. C. Kosbar

Aurora Gospel Tabernacle

Aurora, Nebr.
Pastor: Fred Stading
Supt.: Aaron Steert

Assembly of God

Waynoka, Okla.
Pastor: J. S. Murrell
Supt.: Mrs. Rosa Hutchison

Assembly of God

Okmulgee, Okla.
Pastor: G. E. Millard
Supt.: Orval F. Kiddy

Assembly of God

Sand Springs, Okla.
Pastor: J. W. Drush
Supt.: W. A. Martindale

Tulsa Gospel Center

Tulsa, Okla.
Pastor: F. C. Cornell
Supt.: Ray B. Stilwell

Home Gardens Sunday School

Tulsa, Okla.
Pastor: John R. Waldron
Supt.: Arthur L. White

Assembly of God S. S.

Springfield, Oreg.
Pastor: W. G. Hunter
Supt.: Charles Barden

Assembly of God

Nevarra, Texas
Pastor: J. T. Davis
Supt.: J. W. Dodson

Assembly of God

Fairfield, Texas
Pastor: D. D. Lewis
Supt.: J. B. Daniel

Norhill Assembly of God

Houston, Texas
Pastor: W. J. Bateman
Supt.: N. J. Roccaforte

Assembly of God

Goldendale, Wash.
Pastor: Velmer J. Gardner
Supt.: Kenneth R. Oldham

Downtown Tabernacle

Cheyenne, Wyoming
Pastor: Omar S. Johnson
Supt.: T. C. Williams

Assembly of God

Grand Junction, Colo.
Pastor: C. F. Ferguson
Supt.: V. A. Sutton

Planning for A Growing Sunday School

We show below the proper arrangement of Sunday School officers, classes, and departments. This chart will be of assistance to workers in both small and large Schools.

We notice in the top division the office of pastor as rightful head of the church and Sunday School. Very close to him is the superintendent, with his subordinate officers—the assistant superintendent, the secretary, treasurer, and librarian. In Schools with an enrollment of less than fifty it may not be necessary to have an assistant superintendent or a librarian. Likewise in the small School, the offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.

Classification of Pupils.

The next nine divisions indicate the proper grouping of pupils. This is a difficult problem, and one where many Schools fail to function properly. Almost any School is large enough to have a Cradle Roll or Nursery Department, ministering to babes from birth to three years of age. If there are less than twenty babes, one worker is sufficient to superintend the Cradle Roll Department, unless the homes are widely scattered. When necessary the Cradle Roll superintendent should have three or four assistants to help in visitation.

The Starred Brackets

Please note carefully the three starred brackets. These groupings are suggested for the small School where both pupils and teachers are scarce. They are not recommended except under these conditions. In the small School (Schools of 75 or less) where there is a scarcity of pupils the Beginners—ages 3, 4, and 5, and the Primaries—ages 6, 7, and 8, may be placed in one

class. If there are more than nine pupils of these ages combined, and if two teachers are available, by all means there should be two classes; with the Beginners in one class and the Primaries in another. Pupils nine years of age and over should never be placed with these two groups.

Sunday School literature for Beginners and Primaries is as follows: the Children's Teachers' Quarterly, the Primary Quarterly, the Primary Story paper, the Picture Lesson

the Juniors in one class and the Intermediates in another. Note the Junior Eye-gate figures pictured on page 13.

The next grouping for the small School will be that of the Seniors and Young People. In this case, Seniors 15, 16, and 17, and Young People 18 to 24 may be placed in one class with one teacher.

The Adult group in the small School may include those above 24 and, in extreme cases, both men and women. The better plan, however, would be to have two classes, with a teacher for the men and a teacher for the women.

The Home Department, like the Cradle Roll Department, is an extension department of the School. For particulars concerning these two departments, you may ask for folders, "How to Conduct a Cradle Roll Department" and "The Home Department."

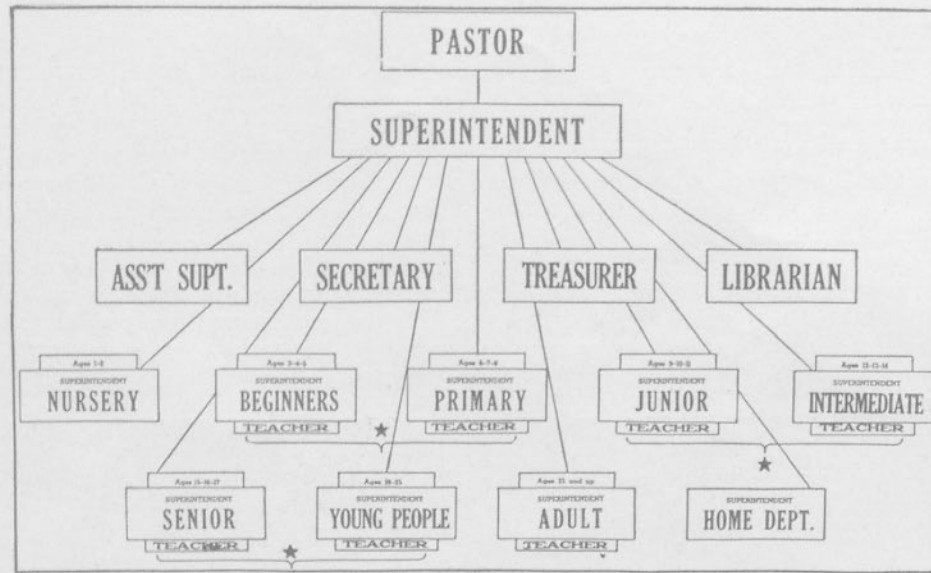
Thus, in the small Schools we find that the officers may be limited to that of pastor, superintendent, secretary-treasurer, Beginner-Primary teacher, Junior-Intermediate teacher, Senior-

Young People teacher, and Adult teacher, making seven workers in all. Almost every School, regardless of how small, should be able to have at least seven qualified workers.

For the larger Schools.

In Schools of 75 or more we recommend the grouping of pupils in single classes, following closely the divisions shown in the cut. With the exception of the Young People's and Adult classes there should never be more than thirteen pupils in any one class. If there are more than that number, the class should be divided.

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Roll, Picture Lesson Cards, and Picture Story Board Figures. Known as the Three-Year Beginner-Primary Course, this literature is pictured on the center spread page of this issue.

Juniors—Intermediates

Our next grouping for the small School may be the placing together of Junior pupils—ages 9, 10, and 11, and Intermediate pupils—12, 13, and 14. This should never be done unless there is a scarcity of teachers, and unless there are fewer than eleven pupils. If there are as many as eleven, by all means try to have two classes, placing

WHAT IF . . . YOUR BOY WERE BROUGHT UP IN COURT?

If you will display 8, 20, or 40 copies of our new Sunday School poster in your community, you undoubtedly will help create interest in Sunday School. Parents and youth alike should realize that "Children Brought Up in Sunday School Are Seldom Brought Up in Court." Children need Jesus. They should be won before they are 13 years old or there is grave danger of never winning them.

These posters are printed on heavy card stock of assorted tints; size 9¾x12¾ inches. Space is provided for you to write in the name and location of your Sunday School. Price of Poster No. EW 40, 8 copies 50c; 20 copies 75c; 40 copies \$1.00.

CHILDREN BROUGHT UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL—



are seldom

BROUGHT UP IN COURT



Keep Them in Sunday School Somewhere

A \$16.80 S. S. LIBRARY without cost to you!

How?

Let your Sunday School Class order and sell 100 Scripture Text Calendars—\$13.00 profit. For this amount we will send you a \$16.80 Library in choice books. \$13.50 of it will be in Full Gospel books of our own; \$3.30 books by other publishers. Write today, saying, "Send me your folder concerning the sale of Scripture Text Calendars."

Gospel Publishing House
Springfield, Missouri

Ask for descriptive literature and confidential price list of Christmas Greeting Folders. Use profits from the sales to equip your Sunday School. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

Let's Have A Library . . . Mary Desh Thomas

Most every one loves to read. To those who do not love to read, or have not

learned the great value of reading good literature, I would say, you don't know what you are missing. I am sure I am not making it too strong when I say it is absolutely necessary to a well rounded life to spend a portion of our time in reading good literature. We are careful to feed the body three times a day if we expect to keep well and strong. We also know it is necessary to feed our spiritual nature if we would progress and grow strong in the Lord, but so often we fail to feed our mind and give it food for thought. Our mind plays such an important part in our lives. We can not keep ourselves from thinking any more than we can keep things from growing in our garden. If we do not plant anything in our garden it will produce a crop anyway—a crop of weeds. Just so with our mind. If you do not plant the right seed in your mind, it will grow something anyway, but what? How much more is that true in the lives of our children. They are learning to live, learning to think for themselves, and forming habits, but are

A LIBRARY for every Christian every Sunday School

we helping them by filling their minds with good seed through the printed page? Some will say, "Oh, I read my Bible and that is all I have time for." That is grand, and by all means do not neglect it as a daily part of your life. Some will say, "I read the Pentecostal Evangel." That is splendid. I know of no better gospel publication. Still if we wedge in a little more time, if only a few minutes, to read the lives and experiences of others, how it will enrich and encourage us along life's way. Even gospel fiction is uplifting and very beneficial, especially for our young folk and children. For several years the young folk of our church have enjoyed gathering at our home two, three, or perhaps a group to spend the evening. We have read aloud the Gospel Gleaners or some good book while the listeners enjoyed a pan of popcorn or a plate of fudge. What a splendid way to spend the evening. We enjoyed the fellowship, we were feeding our minds with something good, and the parents did not worry over where their young folk were or what

children, but I just can't afford it." So that brings us to the subject of our little discussion: Let's Have a Library.

About three years ago I felt burdened about the matter for I know the value of good reading and had observed its influence in the lives of my children, myself, and those we were able to contact in our home. But there were a lot of others we could not reach. Then too, I could not afford all the books I should love to have, so I thought of a library in our church. I discussed it with our pastor and received his hearty co-operation. You see a library is something in which everyone can help and from which everyone can benefit. Someone will say, "It takes money to start a library, and we don't have any funds to draw from." We did not either. But I will tell you how we started. I had some books I could donate from my personal library. Then our pastor announced we were going to start a library and if anyone had some books to donate toward it we should appreciate them.

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Building A Bible School the Bible Way

In our new folder, "From Every Vocation Men Answer the Call," we have tried to picture the way Jesus led men to salvation and into the work of the (Sunday School) ? church.

Thoughtful pastors are doing as Jesus did, in that they are sweeping their communities with the gospel. Pastor E. L. Hance, Kennett, Missouri, knows the wisdom of following Jesus' plan. In a recent Evangel issue, we told in picture and story how Pastor Hance is using two busses in his Sunday School work. The high school, the Lion's Club, and the city paper all are endorsing Mr. Hance's work.

As a proof of this, Mr. Hance was made this offer by one of the most successful business men of Kennett, a member of another church.

We quote what he said in substance, "Mr. Hance, you are doing a great work here. If you have need for another bus, purchase it and send me the bill. I'll pay for it."

Again the success of Mr. Hance's work is proved by the picture of his six-months-old Men's Bible Class of more than sixty-five members. This pastor probably agrees with the writer who has been saying that you can not build permanently and successfully without men. Win them and a large percentage of the time you will win the

entire household, their Christian leadership, and their tithes and offerings. It all is needed to build a strong Sunday School and church.

For instance we know of a most ideal location for a thriving Sunday School and church. There are at least six nominal churches in this location. Only one, the Baptist, is even scratching the surface. The others are worse than dead for they haven't been buried. It is a college town. The school



is nationally known. The college professors are modern through and through. Hundreds of students are without fundamental religious instructions. We ought to be going over the top for God in that community. Speak of the Assembly of God in that city and they'll point you to a tumble down shack and turn from you in disgust. This ought not to be.

It is better to start right and win the friendship and kindly respect of the leaders of any community. In many places our

work is defeated, because we started without the backing and support of the people. The work is dragged into the mire, bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ. Every Christian leader recognizes the difficulty of reviving where a work has been brought into reproach.

We have the most wonderful message of salvation; ours is a full gospel message of salvation, the enduement of the Spirit for power, the healing of the body and the glorious hope of the exalted, ruling, reigning Christ in individual lives and in world affairs. Our neglect to forcefully present and propagate this gospel in the best way possible may bring condemnation upon those who carelessly and shiftlessly present it. Let us use wisdom in establishing our assemblies, in presenting the message to the people, in the selection of our workers, and in the organization of our Sunday School. *It is important to start right.*

From all indications Pastor Hance has been led and blessed of the Lord in the type of work he is doing. He has let his friends know that his Assembly is connected with the world-wide organization of the Assemblies of God—perhaps the fastest growing Christ-exalting force in the world today.

There's No Substitute for

"They are they who"

As the blood stream is life, health, and strength,
 inspired Word of God



FOR BEGINNERS-PRIMARIES, AGES 3, 4, 5 and 6, 7, 8

Sunday School Publications

Children's Teachers' Quarterly—For Teachers in the Beginner's and Primary Departments. 3 or more copies to one address, each **10c**; single copy, per quarter **.15**
 (Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 2 quarterlies to cover extra postage)

Primary Quarterly—For Ages 6, 7, and 8. Per year, **20c**, or per quarter **\$.05**
 (Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 5 quarterlies to cover extra postage)

Primary Story Paper—Bears upon the Lesson. For Primaries, Ages 6, 7, 8. To Sunday Schools, 5 or more copies to one address, per quarter **7c** each. In less quantities **8c** per quarter, or **30c** per year. Canada or foreign, 5 or more copies to one address, per quarter **7c**, each. In less quantities **9c** each.

Binder Cover for Primary Story Paper—The 4th cut from the top, left, shows the front of our Binder Cover for the Primary Story Papers. Let the children save their papers and bind them together in the Cover, and they will have what they may proudly call "My Own Bible Story Book," price per dozen **35c**; each **\$.05**

Bible Picture Lesson Roll, per quarter **1.00**
 (For Canada add 4c for extra postage)

Little Picture Lesson Cards, Order 1 set per pupil. Per set per quarter **.04**
 (Canada and Foreign, add 2c for each 10 sets to cover extra postage)

Story Picture Board Figures. In keeping with lessons. Teachers using Children's Teachers' Quarterlies are guided in the use of the figures. Lessons are made extremely interesting. Enough for one class. **Price per set per quarter** **.25**

OTHER PUBLICATIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Daily Devotional Quarterly—For Teachers, Class Members (above 16 years), and parents' use at home prayer time. Themes for each day are in keeping with regular Sunday School lessons; a daily portion from the Word, memory verse, missionary prayer request, and Scriptural prayer. Per year **40c**, or per quarter **.10**
 3 copies to one address **20c**; 5 copies **30c**; 8 copies **45c**; in larger quantities **5c** each.
 (Canada and Foreign, each per year **50c**; per quarter **15c**. 10 or more to one address **7c** each.)

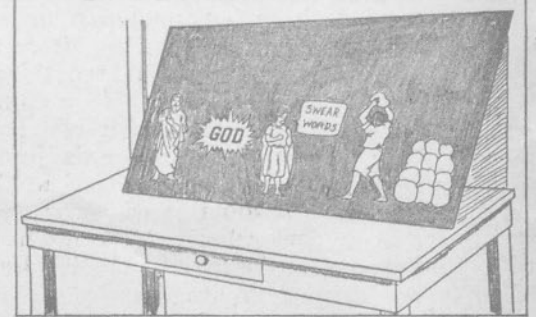
The Pentecostal Evangel—For older folks. To Sunday Schools, 10 or more copies to one address, **2c** per copy, per week. Canadian Rolls, 10 or more copies to one address, **3c** per copy each week.

The Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri, presents for your consideration these Full Gospel publications, as helps in your Sunday School. We have purposely pictured and listed all the helps for Primary-Beginners together, all the helps for Juniors together, and the same for Intermediates and Seniors, and for Young People and Adults.

Workers may wish to study this page to be sure they are using all available helps. It is false economy to stint on Sunday School supplies. Those opening new schools may have this literature at half price for two quarters. Established Schools which have never used our literature may take advantage of our Get Acquainted Offer of two quarters at fifty per cent discount. This applies to all literature listed on our regular order blank except the Pentecostal Evangel and the Daily Devotional Quarterly.

Something new!

A STORY PICTURE BOARD
 for BEGINNERS and PRIMARIES



We show above the visual-aid board sitting on the table. Teachers of Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors may prepare such a board of beaver board (suggested size, 24x36 inches) over which black outing flannel is stretched and fastened on the back.

At the left, seventh item listed, you will find

Pictured here is a reduced cut of the new Daily Devotional Quarterly which you may have the first Sunday in October. It is a 96-page quarterly, containing spiritual messages for family



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Our Full Gospel Sunday

If you wish to create interest in your Sunday School and help deepen the spiritual life of your pupils, give each of them a story paper each Sunday.

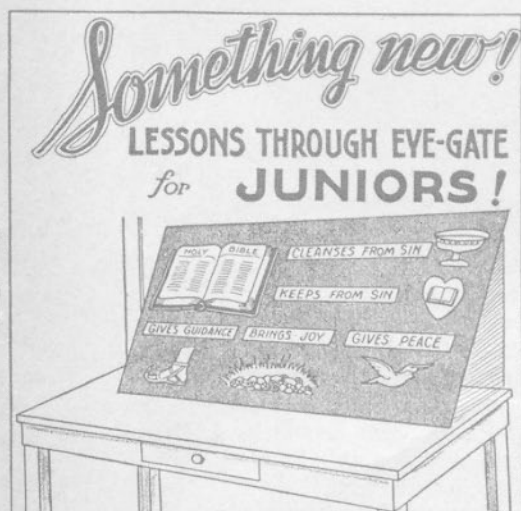
Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls is a four-page paper for Juniors and is 8½x11½ inches in size; Intermediate Young People is a four-page paper, size 9¾x12¾ inches; Gospel Gleaners is a four-page paper for young people and adults, and is 10½x14¼ inches in size.



Full Gospel Publications

which testify of me"

strength to the body, so is the teaching of the
 d to the Sunday School



Story Picture Board Figures which the teacher may color, cut out, and use when telling the lesson story.

At the right, third item from the top, we list Junior Eye-Gate Figures to be used for Juniors.

These figures are very important and should be used by every teacher in the three children's departments mentioned above.



or private worship. The daily messages follow the Seven-Year Whole-Bible S. S. Course. Price, 40c per year; 10c per quarter. Quantity prices are listed at the left, the eighth item from the top.

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Sunday School Papers

If you have not heretofore used these papers, try them for the next six months in your School. Send cash with your order for the amount of papers you can use during October, November, and December, and we will send you the same number of papers during the first quarter of the year—January, February, and March—without charge, two quarters for the price of one. This is our "Get Acquainted" offer for introducing papers in our Schools.



FOR JUNIORS, AGES 9, 10, 11

Sunday School Publications

Junior Teachers' Quarterly—3 or more copies to one address, each 10c; single copy per quarter .15

(Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 2 quarterlies to cover extra postage)

Junior Quarterly—Ages 9, 10, 11. Per year 20c, or per quarter .05

(Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 5 quarterlies to cover extra postage)

Junior Eye-Gate Figures. In keeping with lessons. Cut-out figures to be used by teachers of Juniors, ages 9, 10, 11. With directions for use; price per set per quarter .25

Pentecostal Boys and Girls—For Juniors. Ages 9, 10, 11. To Sunday Schools, 5 or more copies to one address, per year 40c each; per quarter 10c each. In less quantities, 50c per year, or 12c per quarter. Canadian rolls, 5 or more copies to one address, per quarter 11c each. In less quantities per quarter 13c each.

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FOR INTERMEDIATES, AGES 12, 13, 14

Senior and Intermediate Teachers' Quarterly—3 or more copies to one address, each 10c; single copy, per quarter .15

(Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 2 quarterlies to cover extra postage)

Senior and Intermediate Quarterly—Ages 12 to 17. Per year 20c, or per quarter .05

(Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 5 quarterlies to cover extra postage)

Intermediate Young People—Ages 12, 13, 14, 15. To Sunday Schools, 5 or more copies to one address, per year 50c each, per quarter 13c each. In less quantities, 60c per year, or 15c per quarter. Canadian rolls, 5 or more copies to one address, per quarter 14c each. In less quantities per quarter 16c each.

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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

Adult & Young People's Teachers' Quarterly. 3 or more copies to one address, each 15c; single copy per quarter .20

(Canada and Foreign add 1c for each quarterly to cover extra postage)

Adult and Young People's Quarterly—Ages 18 and up. Per year 20c, or per quarter .05

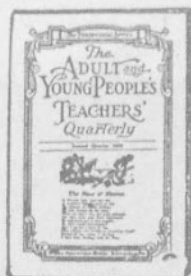
(Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 5 quarterlies to cover extra postage)

Sunday School Lesson Leaves—Contains Scripture text of Lesson, Golden Text, and comments on Lesson. Order one set per pupil. Per set per quarter .04

(Not intended for pupils under 12 years of age)

(Canada and Foreign add 1c for each 7 sets to cover extra postage)

Gospel Gleaners—Ages 16 and up. To Sunday Schools, 5 or more copies to one address, per year 60c each, per quarter 15c each. In less quantities, 75c per year, or 20c per quarter. Canadian rolls, 5 or more copies to one address, per quarter 16c each. In less quantities per quarter 20c each.



When the Kansas Thermometer Registers 100

Pastor P. D. Pittman's School Registers 358!



Much as we should like to do so, it is impossible to show all the pictures of Sunday Schools which we receive at Headquarters. Although not shown in the *Pentecostal Evangel* they are on permanent display for visiting friends.

The Sunday School Department is charged at the rate of 40 dollars a page for space in the *Evangel*, to say nothing of costs of labor and cuts. We therefore hesitate about using any more precious *Evangel* space than is absolutely necessary.

Youth for Christ

High schools and colleges are filled with young people who ought to be in your Sunday School. Help them to know Jesus and the Christian life, and they will help you teach your Bible classes, man your Sunday School, and make your Young People's societies hives of industry in the business of the Lord.

Place our large Youth Posters, size 20½x28 inches, in prominent places where young people will read the invitation to attend your Sunday School. Printed in bright colors on white card stock, it is most attractive and thought provoking.

We appreciate receiving pictures of vacation schools, children's groups, men's Bible classes, women's Bible classes, young people's groups, and Sunday School pictures in general. Just a hint: for the best pictures, we suggest you have your camera man take close-up views. Do not have him attempt to get your building in the picture. Folk are more interested in boys and girls, men and women—and close-up pictures are much better. The Sunday School Man masks side walks, the tops of buildings, etc.

This is an unusual Sunday School picture, telling the story of how Pastors Pittman and Evangelists Mayo were successful in making Sunday School friends during a recent evangelistic campaign. On this day 358 were in attendance in spite of the thermometer's registering above the hundred mark. Evangelists Mayo are very successful in building up the Sunday School and getting souls saved.

As District Sunday School Superintendent for Kansas, Pastor Paul D. Pittman, has a fruitful ministry. The Sunday School

You Too Can Have a Good Sunday School

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writes "We feel amply repaid for all our efforts. Church attendance has been far better than ever before."

A First Class Sunday School

If you have not already done so, you may do as Pastor Ferguson did, ask for a free bundle of our Sunday School helps. You may wish to frame the two-colored chart and display it in your School and at your workers' conferences. Referring to it in this way will help you discover the deficiencies in your School and direct you in correcting the weaker points. You may wish to do as some Sunday School secretaries are doing—purchase a three-ring, looseleaf binder from your local book store. To the looseleaf sheets you may paste the many different folders you receive free from headquarters. This will preserve these helps for future reference by your officers and teachers. You may ask for them if you have need.—Sunday School Department Gospel Publishing House.

Man has had much to say about *men* making good superintendents—they do! This picture, however, proves that women are very acceptable for the office. Miss Gladys Walker, the Lawrence, Kansas superintendent, is shown in the center foreground between the Pastors and Evangelists. These friends have succeeded in putting old man Summer-Slump on the run.

Tell us of your achievements along this line.

NEW PUPILS for your Sunday School

This picture shows the front cover of Invitation Folder J39, four pages and 3½x5½ inches in size, with space for the

You MUST come with us, for we are having the best time!



name and location of your church and the name of your pastor. Let your boys and girls use it to invite their friends to your Sunday School. Printed in colors on white paper stock it is **only 15c per hundred.**

This picture shows the front cover of



our No. A 39 Invitation Folder. It is the same size as the one above, and printed in colors. Use it to win young people and adults to your Sunday School; **price 15c per hundred.**

Gospel Publishing House

THEY MUST CHOOSE!
Help them make the right choice

We teach THE WHOLE BIBLE!

Church _____
Location _____

Price—25c each, 5 for \$1.00.

THE GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Suggestions to Sunday School Workers

Workers whose lives are undergirded with prayer, anointed with the Holy Spirit, and dominated with a passion for soul-winning, may wish to consider these suggestions.

10 Suggestions for the Pastor and Superintendent

1. Study the Sunday School program. You are the spiritual leaders and heads of the School. Be able at all times to give wise Sunday School counsel and direction to those under you.
2. Watch for capable leaders through whom you can work for the advancement of your School. Moody said, "I would rather get ten men to work than do ten men's work."
3. Don't put all your eggs in one basket; have dealings with different business men. Take a friendly interest in their business so they'll take a friendly interest in yours.
4. Let the leaders of your community know that your School is associated with the world-wide movement of the Assemblies of God. Let them know how we have prospered in Bible training schools, missionary activities, and in the opening of new Sunday Schools and assemblies.
5. Remember, your School is for the salvation of men, as well as women and boys and girls. Win the men and they'll help you build your Sunday School.
6. Have a definite standard to guide you in building your School, and to help you discover the weaker points so you can set about strengthening them.
7. Group your children properly according to ages for more effective teaching, and to allow room for growth.
8. Stop the leaks in your Sunday School—use the best methods of records.
9. Arrange for the proper training of your regular and prospective workers. Make your Sunday School a bee hive of industry. Eliminate the drones by making live workers of them, each one having his part and doing it.
10. Teach the gospel in the most effective manner by word of mouth and by the printed page. Fill your community with your doctrine. Above all, let a passion for souls rest upon every member of your School.

10 Suggestions for the Sunday School Secretary

1. Accept your office as a sacred, spiritual trust.
2. Perform your duties with zeal, efficiency, and enthusiasm.
3. Watch all your correspondence, and see that the information is given to the ones to whom it will be most beneficial. Do not overlook anything. A little neglect may deprive some of your workers of material they will need most.
4. Watch for articles and suggestions on Sunday School work, and pass them on to your pastor or superintendent. They are busy with many duties and may overlook something valuable to the School.
5. Before ordering Sunday School literature faithfully confer with your pastor, superintendent, and teachers, ascertaining their needs.
6. Be familiar with all Sunday School publications and helps available at your Publishing House, in order that your teachers may know of available equipment.
7. Be most careful and accurate in compiling records for your School. The good Shepherd went out after the one sheep that was lost. Do not overlook the one.
8. Be faithful in making reports and supplying statistics which might seem unnecessary to you, but which may be a vital matter concerning your entire movement.
9. Use care in assigning pupils to classes; it's easier to make proper assignments than it is to make adjustments when a wrong classification has been made.
10. Prayer and spiritual guidance for faithfulness in work and regular attendance at all

special and regular sessions of your School is needed on your part as much as on that of the pastor or superintendent.

10 Suggestions for the Sunday School Teacher

1. Accept your task as one of greatest trust, determining to display the highest faithfulness during your period of service.
2. Seek to know and skillfully impart the Word, remembering that your success depends upon a knowledge of the Word, a knowledge of the needs of your pupils, and a knowledge of the principles and methods of teaching.
3. Complete at least two teacher-training textbooks each year.
4. Have a passion for the soul of each one entrusted to your care.
5. Regardless of what ages you teach, know the names of each of your pupils, telephone number, age, and condition of his home.
6. Make it a point to visit each pupil in his home as soon after your appointment to the class as possible, enlisting the support and interest of the parents.
7. Remember you are not only to teach the Word and win your pupil to Jesus but, if you are a successful teacher, you will help him develop Christian character and form good habits of being faithful in attendance, punctuality, bringing Bible and offerings, studying the lesson, and staying for church.
8. Enlist your class members in personal evangelism, and help them to be fruitful Christians, thereby building up your Sunday School.
9. Enter into the social life of your pupils, remembering that your teaching is woefully incomplete if it is confined to the Sunday School session alone.
10. Remember Paul's instructions to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God . . . rightly dividing the word of truth."

Planning for A Growing Sunday School

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In the larger Schools, each of the seven regular departments (not counting the extension departments) will have from five to ten classes. In this case, the classes should be arranged both according to sex and age. For instance, nine-year-old Junior boys would be in one class, and nine-year-old girls in another class; ten-year-old Junior boys in one class and ten-year-old girls in another class, etc.

Grouping Is Important

The first Sunday of October is recognized the world over as the beginning of the new Sunday School year. May we therefore recommend that pastors and superintendents take immediate steps for Promotion Day on this Sunday, arranging teachers, officers, pupils, and classes as suggested above.

In extreme cases there has been opposition to this plan and, rather than do anything about it, leaders merely let children gather in classes according to their own choosing. But Schools do not succeed following this plan. Those having departmentalized Schools have experienced definite increases in interest and attendance, and an effective teaching ministry. Detailed information on how to properly departmentalize the Sunday School may be had in our textbook, "A Successful Sunday School," by Ralph M. Riggs, price, 50c.

Taking the Sunday School into the By-Ways

Many Sunday Schools are showing a large enrollment increase, and there are those that in addition, are taking the Sunday School to folk unable to attend regular sessions. This is being



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If it is true that

65 per cent of the success of the Sunday School depends upon the teachers, how important it is that we have



TRAINED TEACHERS

How fortunate we are, as Sunday School workers, to have Spirit-filled, competent Sunday School leaders to help us in our leadership training. Two of them, Myer Pearlman and Ralph M. Riggs, are pictured. Pictures of Frank M. Boyd and Helen Atkinson, who also have helped in this training, are not available.

Their Help Is Available

The ministry of these leaders is sought for in camp meetings, training schools, and conventions all over the nation. It is humanly impossible for them to minister in person to every Sunday School group. Yet, every worker and every School may enjoy and profit by the study of their writings.

Trained Teachers

Because trained workers are so vitally essential to the success of the Sunday School, we are devoting this page of this issue to the interesting, helpful textbooks prepared by these four writers. Read below the testimony of one who is enjoying the study of these books. Note the two books in the center of the display which we recommend for immediate study.

The Time Is at Hand

There is no better time of the year to start this course of study than September and October. Individual Study.

Some will purchase one book at a time at the regular price. Others will wish to purchase the

entire set at reduced price of \$6.75 cash; or pay for them in six months at no extra cost.

Collective Study.

A pastor and superintendent may organize a training class for teachers, prospective teachers, and interested Christians, with the pastor as teacher. Conducting such a class should be valuable experience for any pastor; every young person and adult should enjoy and profit by the training.

Textbooks may be had in quantities on cash orders at reduced prices: 10% discount for ten or more textbooks, 25% discount for twenty-seven or more. When ordering textbooks for a class, ask for instructions, questions, and answers for examination—they are free. Names and mailing addresses of all pupils making grades of 70% or over should be sent to the Gospel Publishing House. Free certificates then will be sent.

Don't delay; make immediate preparation for your individual study, or for an organized Teacher Training Class.—Sunday School Department.

books were donated by different ones. It is important that all books be censored before they are accepted for a Sunday School Library. The Christ's Ambassadors took up a special offering for the library.

For fifty cents an inexpensive system of filing may be had at notion stores. It consists of a metal filing box, ruled cards, and alphabetical index.

Every church should have a library. You will be surprised how the young folk will get interested in it as well as the older folk. It may take a little time to create interest in some places, but it will be well worth the effort for, remember, it is one way of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and occupying until He comes.

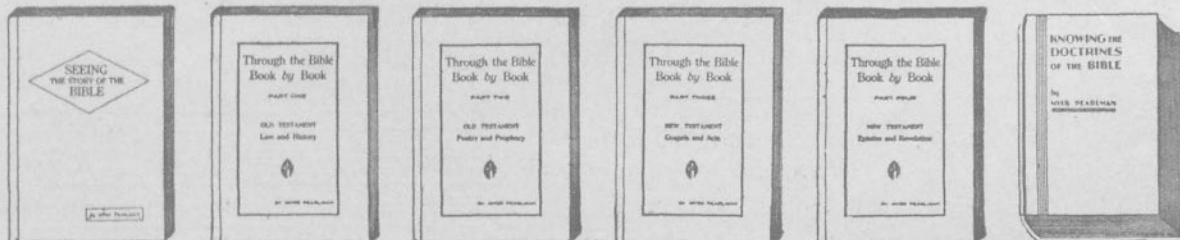
We have two departments in our library. The circulation department in which books may be taken home on a borrower's card and kept for two weeks. The registration fee of ten cents entitles one to a borrower's card. Then we have a reference department containing large volumes, such as concordance, commentary by Jamison, Faucett, and Brown etc. which may be used at the church but not taken home.

We file the Pentecostal Boys and Girls and the Gospel Gleaners for the library. We sew one month's papers together and put on a cover of bright colored cover paper or thin cardboard. We also file the Evangelists. We have a brother in the church here who understands book-binding and is foreman in a large printing office. So he is binding the Pentecostal Evangelists for us, six months in one volume. Many folk like to keep their Evangelists to refer to. But by having one copy of each issue filed in the library we can all take our old copies to the church where a sticker is pasted in one corner with the announcement of our church on it. Then they are used for house-to-house visitation, jail, hospital, or county farm work, or used in our outdoor evangelistic campaigns.

Let's Have a Library

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Some brought Dr. Price's Golden Grain and other books they had purchased at camp meeting. They had read them and were willing for someone else to read them and have the benefit too. Other



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What Another Says:

"I consider it a privilege to be able to secure such Bible training in a correspondence course. Full Gospel folk need this form of study, and I hope many will use it. What I study, I pass on to the class of young women who have chosen me as their teacher. We must be more thorough and efficient than we have been in the past."—A Teacher.



For You:

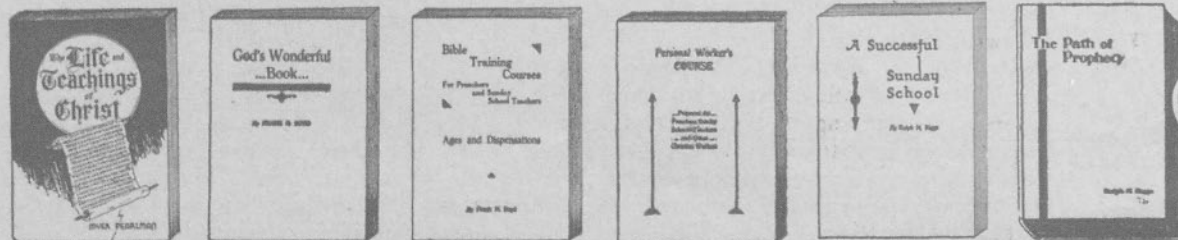
It is a privilege for a teacher to study any one of the textbooks pictured here, especially the two in the center. It is most essential that teachers have the information contained in "Successful Sunday School Teaching" and "Studying the Pupil."

If you have not already done so, start with these two books and see how interesting and helpful they are. Complete these, and you may wish then to continue the full course of study.

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God bless you in all you are doing for His name and the gospel, but let us do a little more and start a library.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

A Picture of the Cross

Lesson for September 15. Lesson Text: Psalm 22.

Psalm 22 is one of the most amazing in the entire collection. It portrays the experiences of an unnamed sufferer surrounded by his enemies. Though enduring agonies of body and soul, though temporarily forsaken by God, he is assured of final victory and sings of the results of that victory. The Psalm is in two parts: (1) the sufferer's cry of distress (vv. 1-21); (2) the sufferer's song of triumph (vv. 22-31).

Who is the sufferer? Certainly not David, for neither he nor any other ordinary human experienced what we see in these verses. There can be but one answer to the question—the sufferer is Jesus! David, the writer of this psalm, was writing pure prophecy, under the inspiration of the Spirit, predicting events which were not fulfilled for a thousand years. Yet after that thousand years when Jesus was crucified, every detail of the Crucifixion as described in this psalm was fulfilled to the dotting of the i's and the crossing of the t's. What an irresistible proof that the Bible is the divinely inspired and infallible word of God!

THE DESERTION. Verse 1.

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" This was not the cry of rebellion, or doubtful questioning, but rather the cry of a lost child who cannot understand why his father has left him, and who longs to see the father's face again. Yet this cry need not puzzle us. These are the words of Christ on the cross. Matt. 27:46. Why was He forsaken? Because He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him! 2 Cor. 5:21; Isa. 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24. Therefore, for the time being, God who cannot look upon sin had to turn His back on His own Son! And who of us can fathom Christ's agony in that hour!

THE REPROACH. Verse 6.

"But I am a worm, and no man." How could the Son of God be brought so low! As He hung on the cross, bleeding, quivering, writhing in agony, He felt Himself comparable to one of the most helpless of all His own creations—a powerless, boneless, down-trodden worm.

"A reproach of men." The word means "disgrace." Jesus did not die as a martyr but as a criminal. Gal. 3:13.

"And despised of the people." How this whole verse recalls Isa. 52:14; 53:2—God's own Son, His body butchered beyond recognition, so despised by the people that they preferred a criminal before Him! Acts 3:14.

THE RIDICULE. Verses 7, 8, 13.

Read verses 7, 8, 13. Then compare them with Matt. 27:27-30, 39-44. Picture the fiendish action of the mob. They made all sorts of gestures of contempt, stuck their tongues out at Him, spit upon Him, made faces at Him before whom angels veil their faces and worship. They made fun of His prayers and joked about His sufferings. Remember that Jesus loved these very people. Recall how terribly you would have been hurt by mistreatment from those you love. In the light of all this can you begin to imagine the anguish of the heart of Jesus? No other man has ever felt the pangs of wounded love with the intensity that Jesus felt it, for no other

man has ever loved as Jesus loves, nor been as sensitive to evil. O despised Nazarene! How can we ever grieve Thee by being unwilling to suffer ridicule after this?

THE SUFFERING. Verses 14, 15.

After speaking of the violent attitude of His enemies, our Lord describes His own physical condition in language that should bring tears into every loving eye. "I am poured out like water." What a picture of weakness! Just as poured-out water has no power to stay itself or to return to its place, just as its particles separate farther and farther from each other, so Jesus felt Himself to be when hanging on the cross. He was utterly spent. His body felt as if it were disintegrating. "All my bones are out of joint." How terrible must have been the suffering of Jesus, since it is probable that due to the stretching of

sharpest pangs shoot through every part of His body. That piercing left scars which remained in His glorious body after His resurrection. Are we willing to be pierced and scarred for Him?

"Hast thou no scar?"

No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?
I hear thee sung as mighty in the land,
I hear them hail thy bright ascendant star,
Hast thou no scar?"

"Hast thou no wound?"

Yet I was wounded by the archers, spent,
Leaned me against a tree to die; and rent
By ravening beasts that compassed me, I
swooned:

Hast thou no wound?"

"No wound? no scar?"

Yet, as the Master shall the servant be,
And pierced are the feet that follow Me;
But thine are whole: can he have followed far
Who has nor wound nor scar?"

THE HUMILIATION. Verses 17, 18.

In addition to the physical suffering was the unspeakable humiliation of soul of Christ. He was stripped of all His clothes, for which the soldiers gambled. John 19:23, 24. "Unholy eyes gazed insultingly upon His nakedness and shocked the sacred modesty of His holy soul." The first Adam made us all naked. But the second Adam became naked that He might clothe the nakedness of our souls. And as He hung naked on the cross, His posture was such that it stretched His skin and flesh and distorted His bones so that they might be counted.

All this our Lord suffered at the hands of men, yet He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. What shall be our attitude as hearts bow before this scene?

Over in India not many years ago a famous outlaw chief accepted Christ as his Saviour. Many times he was cruelly mistreated, falsely accused, and betrayed, by those he trusted as friends. Many urged him to take revenge, but Raj, the Brigand Chief, had caught the true meaning of Calvary, and always his answer was—"I have been forgiven; must I not forgive?"

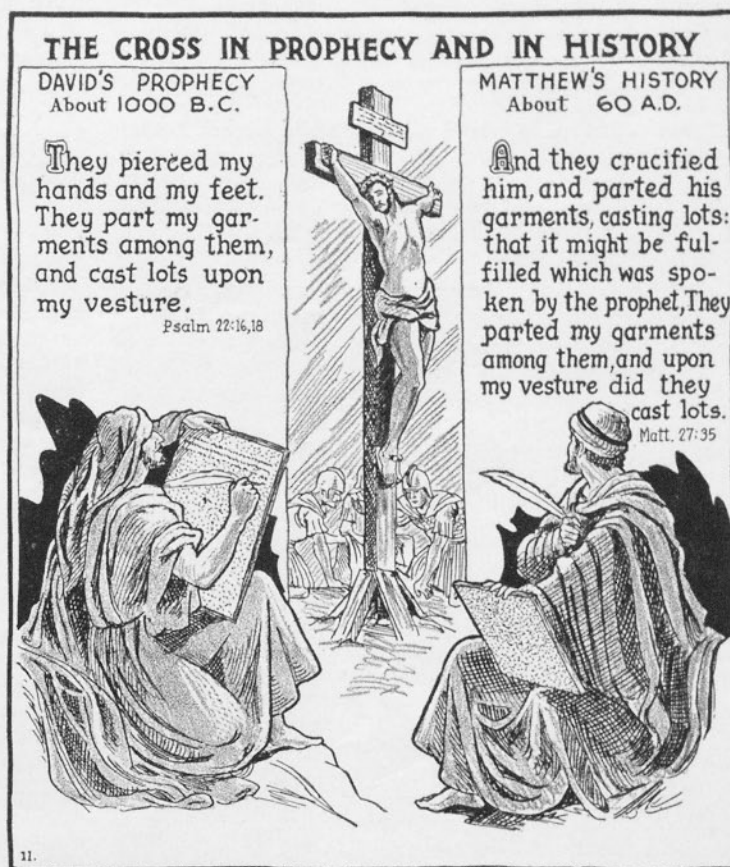
Over in England one of that country's greatest athletes (Chas. T. Studd), the son of a very rich man, found Christ. He, too, saw the meaning of the Cross. Said he, "If Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for me,

then no sacrifice is too great for me to make for Him." And so saying, he gave up fame and popularity in England, gave to the cause of missions over one hundred thousand dollars, the entire inheritance he received from his father, and plunged into the heart of three great lands—China, India, and Africa—and spent his life winning lost heathen to Christ.

May the Spirit of Calvary likewise control and constrain our living!—J. Bashford Bishop.

UNDYING LOVE

In the French revolution, a young man was condemned to the guillotine, and shut up in one of the prisons. He was greatly loved by many, but there was one who loved him more than all put together. How know we this? It was his own father, and the love he bore his son was proved in this way: When the lists were called, the father, whose name was exactly the same as the son's, answered to the name, and the father rode in the gloomy tumbril out to the place of execution, and his head rolled beneath the axe instead of his son's, a victim to mighty love. See here an image of the love of Christ to sinners; for thus Jesus died for the unduly.



THE CROSS IN PROPHECY AND IN HISTORY

DAVID'S PROPHECY About 1000 B.C.

They pierced my hands and my feet. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Psalm 22:16,18

MATTHEW'S HISTORY About 60 A.D.

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

Matt. 27:35

His body as He hung by the nails, the bones of His body became dislocated from their joints! "My heart is like wax." The strain upon the heart caused by the suffering was terrific, and in ordinary cases sometimes produced heart failure.

"My strength is dried up like a potsherd." Like an earthenware pot baked in the fire till the last particle of moisture is driven out of the clay, so the fever, produced by inflammation of His wounds, the heat of the sun, and the loss of blood, would consume the moisture in the body of Jesus and produce intolerable thirst which would cause His tongue to swell and cleave to the roof of His mouth. John 19:28.

THE PIERCING. Verse 16.

In verse 13 Jesus has described His enemies as bulls and lions; now He likens them to a pack of ferocious dogs. "They pierced my hands and my feet." Here is reference to the actual crucifixion. Matt. 27:25. The nerves of the hands and feet are intimately connected, through the arm and leg, with the nerves of the whole body. When, therefore, the hands and feet of Jesus were transfixed with nails, He must have felt the

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A Village Baptism

GLENN HORST TELLS OF HIS FIRST BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN A SOUTHWEST CHINA VILLAGE.

One lovely morning Mr. Wang, a Chinese worker, and I climbed on our bikes and started up the road to a village thirty-five miles from our home station at Lo Ping. Our hearts were happy at the prospect of holding a baptismal service in the distant village, and witnessing to the villagers of the saving grace of God.

Nevertheless, we were not so happy as those who awaited us there for they had been looking forward to this time when the foreign pastor would come and baptize them. We were joyfully received and shown to our room in an old mud hut—dark, smoky, and dirty. The bed was only a few boards on a frame but even that seemed good to me for I was very weary and sick with malarial fever.

The next day we settled down to business for the Lord, holding three services a day. The mud hut was always filled with inquisitive villagers for very few had ever seen a foreigner before, and none had ever seen a bicycle. We were busy from morning to night answering their hundreds of questions, and occasionally throwing in a demonstration of the bicycles. All this gave us many chances to witness to the Lord. Praise His Name.

God's Sunshine

The day set for the baptismal service turned out to be rainy and cold. I was having at-



Above: Glenn Horst and Mr. Wang set off on their bicycles for the village thirty-five miles from Lo Ping.

Below: This man used to be an opium smoker. Then the Lord found him and this is now a family happy in Jesus. The old lady is the man's mother.

tacks of malaria and thought perhaps Mr. Wang might conduct the service—but no, he considered it more fitting that the foreign pastor do this, so I set myself to face the cold and dampness.

I shall never forget that day. The spirits of the people we led down to the water were certainly not dampened! They were happy in the Lord. First we gave a short message, witnessing to the people concerning the meaning of water baptism.

As the service continued the glory of the Lord came down and filled our souls, warming our bodies so we did not realize how cold it was. Those dear children of God were truly praising the Saviour as they came out of the water. Even the rain clouds cleared away and the sun shone as though in benediction.

The next day we said farewell to a happy group of Christians and a large number of villagers to whom we had testified. Our hearts rejoiced at God's goodness in permitting us to share in the great work of turning men's hearts to Him; and we cycled rapidly down the road to tell those at the home station of His blessings during our days in the little village.

HARVESTING IN LIBERIA

A letter from Ada Gollan sounds a note of praise for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst, and for hungry hearts, receptive to the gospel:

"Truly as we lift our eyes unto the fields we find them already white to harvest. The Lord is working in various tribes and towns. In one near-by town called Kaka, ten natives have accepted Christ and have given their jujus to be burned. In this town a church is now being erected.

"A devil doctor in another tribe has been saved, also several other men. These men are suffering persecution, having to leave homes and loved ones for the gospel's sake, yet we hear them say, 'We will never turn back again to devil fashion.' How these need our prayers that they may stand steadfast in the faith!

"The Lord is doing a real work among the women of Liberia. A few years ago our women were backward, even afraid to give a testimony, much less lead a meeting. Now they are giving powerful messages which are an uplift and inspiration to their own people.

"Each day we feel it is good to be here about our Father's business. Pray for us as we go from town to town, that the Lord will give us the hidden treasures of darkness."

BRIEF NOTES

Word has been received from J. W. Nilsen that he has arrived at his new field of labor and can now be reached at Igali Mission, P. O. Mbeya, Tanganyika, East Africa. Brother Nilsen was formerly stationed in the Belgian Congo.

Sailing

Elsie LuElla Strahl, having received missionary appointment, will be sailing, September 21, on the "Delmundo" of the Delta Steamship Line from New Orleans to Santos, Brazil. Miss Strahl



Elsie Strahl

truth of God.

studied one year at Berean Bible School in San Diego, California, and has been faithful in working for the Lord wherever opportunity arose. For several years she has felt the call of God upon her heart for the mission field. May He guard her way as she travels toward the field of her calling, and bless her labors for Him with souls saved and hearts filled with the

HAVE YOU FORMED THE HABIT?

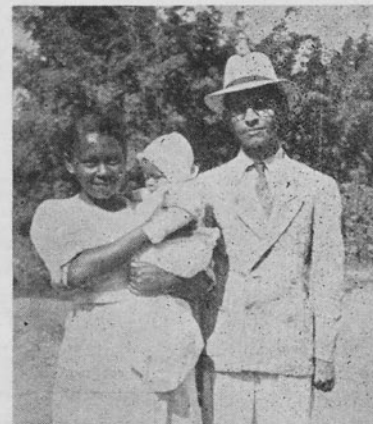
A word of appreciation concerning the "Prayer Corner" comes to us from Mae Eleanor Frey, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, who suggests that it not only encourages more definite prayer by acquainting us with our missionaries and their needs, but it also helps us to form a HABIT of praying for our fellow workers in far off lands. "While we object to so-called 'religious habits,' yet it is a blessed thing to form a habit of prayer. In these days of war, unrest, and uncertainty the dear missionaries need our definite earnest prayers in the Holy Spirit.

"Before leaving my room in the morning, I take my Evangel, look up the Scripture references, then read the needs presented by the missionaries, and bring them to the Lord. It has encouraged my heart from time to time to note from the reports of the workers that prayers have been answered and the needs met."

NEW WORK SHOWING RESULTS

Word received from Lawrence Olson indicates steady progress on the Brazilian field. "Souls are continually coming to Christ," he rejoices, "and some have been baptized in water recently. At Nepomuceno, where we opened a work a short time ago, we now have baptized three happy believers, the first fruits of this town. Many more are preparing to take the same step; the whole community is hearing about the work and many are the inquiries about 'this way.'

"We drove over there with a group of believers from Lavras to help in a special serv-



Mr. and Mrs. Oswaldo Campolina and baby, workers stationed at Nepomuceno, Brazil.

ice. We used our public address system in an open air meeting. Afterward we learned that the Catholic priest was greatly angered because so many of his 'faithful' flock left their prayers in the Catholic church to attend our street meeting.

"The public address system has been of good use both in street meetings and in broadcasting the Sunday evening services to many eager listeners up and down the street. As many as five or seven hundred have been in our street audiences. We always take advantage of the occasion to sell Gospel portions, Testaments, Bibles, and to distribute tracts.

"Only eternity will reveal how many souls have found their way through heaven's gates by the reading of the life-giving Word. We thank God that we can give forth His precious Truth, and know that it will not fail to produce fruit for the glory of God."

BUSY DAYS IN MUKDEN

Busy and blessed days have filled the past month according to our latest news from the Ahlbergs in Mukden, Manchuria. "For three weeks," they report, "we had the big tent pitched in a large village east of Mukden—a new place to us. We were thankful to see good interest manifested there, and the tent was filled to overflowing at each of the two meetings a day.

"The native workers are all faithfully laboring each day, pressing on to win souls for Jesus. The H. E. Hansens from North China visited this field recently. They spoke each day in different meetings and were a real blessing to us all. We were very happy to have this opportunity of fellowship with workers from our neighboring field.

Baptismal Services

"Early in the month we had a baptismal service on the Main Station where eight believers followed the Lord in this step. A few days later we went to Fushun outstation for three days. While we were there, seventeen precious souls were immersed in obedience to the Lord's command. A communion service was also held, and the two-months-old baby son of the workers there was dedicated to the Lord. About twenty more are ready to receive baptism but could not be present on that day. Most of these people get only one day off work each month.

"Still later in the month we visited Ch'ing Yuan, a city where two Finnish Pentecostal missionary sisters are laboring. During our week end there we held two services, and rejoiced in baptizing seven more new-born children of the Lord.

"Our hearts are full of joy for the blessing our Lord has given us in His work; and we ask that you remember us in prayer during the months of intense heat that we may be upheld and strengthened for the work."

MOSLEM BOY HEALED

John Hall in French West Africa sends the following testimony received from one of his outstation workers:

"A Filani man came to our worker asking him to pray for his boy who had been terribly afflicted for two years. The Filani, a Moslem, had paid a good deal of money for various charms, Arabic writings and portions, and had tried heathen witchcraft as well, but all to no avail. Then like many others, as a last resort he turned for help to the Christian. Dabanaga witnessed to the Moslem, explaining the way of salvation and making plain that this was not just another thing to be tried out and discarded. Dabanaga did not want to pray for the boy, but the Filani insisted with such importunity that finally he anointed the boy and prayed.

"Several days later the Filani sought out Dabanaga to tell him the boy was entirely well and to offer his thanks. This was a further opportunity to make plain the way of salvation.

"Among these Filani, a numerous tribe of

herds people, we do not know of one who has been born again. Our hearts are burdened for them. Will you pray with us?"

TSINAN WORK STEADILY GROWING

"We continue busy for the Master," reports Helen Gustavson from Tsinan, North China. "We have enjoyed visitation work among the Christians of our east suburb mission. At the same time we had opportunity to witness to others with whom we came in contact. The attendance at meetings in this mission is quite encouraging, and we trust you will continue your prayers for it, and for Mr. and Mrs. Kung, the workers there.

"We have added another worker to our band, and have placed him in the country west of Tsinan where there are a number of villages yet unevangelized. At Yen Ch'ien Hu Chwang we have held meetings weekly for about two years. The Lord has given us souls, and we recently opened a Sunday School. A number of the children have been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost.

"Now we are taking another step forward and have rented a building in another village where meetings will be held regularly. The return of our Bible school students from Peking will

service he presented us with a sheet of choruses he had compiled from the most popular ones that we sing.

"At this same meeting, we had special joy and victory in the return of a business man who lived a backslidden life for several months. He came back to the Lord, giving an open confession before the congregation of his sin and failure, and of God's grace in restoring him. He and his wife are now on fire for God. Praise the Lord!

"A number of converts from both city and country work will soon be baptized. They have been attending a class in preparation to give them a better understanding of the Christian doctrine as well as their own hearts' experience. We thank the Lord for these fruits, and trust Him to continue the work."

"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT—

Homeless, their parents lost somewhere on the long refugee trail, these little ones watch their familiar world crumble about them. The dazed hopelessness in their eyes mirrors the anguish and suffering of millions in China and Europe today—old and young alike driven before the storm of war, faced with cold and famine.

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see them doing evangelistic work in the country villages. We pray God will lay this country work upon your hearts and that you will pray much for a great harvest of souls.

God Blessing Main Station

"Praise the Lord, we are having fine meetings at our main station. On Sunday we enjoyed two good services and also Sunday School. In the morning service we have our greatest attendance. The Christians are free in testifying and give requests for prayer for needy cases.

"A street meeting is held in the evening before time for the service. We seek to sow the seed of the Word in every possible way. We have a young worker who is a great help to us. He loves to preach the Word, and reads and studies in every spare time. In one

Through our missionary force we can reach many in similar distress. Can we who are more fortunate, who still have homes and clothing and food, refuse to respond to their desperate need? Or will we answer their cry, glorifying our Lord as we do so?

Help is needed **now** for Scandinavian missionaries who are cut off from their support.

Help is needed **now** for missionaries where war has caused living expenses to rise tremendously.

Help is needed **now** for Christian refugees, especially those of China.

And additional help for the Missions Department expense fund which must now meet enlarged cable and postage charges would be appreciated.

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THE PRAYER CORNER

"Laboring fervently . . . in prayer"

MONDAY, September 9—Psalm 22:1-17

"Is there no other way, O God,
Except through sorrow, pain, and loss
To stamp Christ's likeness on my soul—
No other way except the cross?"

"I cannot drink this bitter cup,"
I plead with passionate protest;
"Lord, let it pass; Thy hand lies hard
Upon me; I am sore distressed."

"I bore the cross, I know its weight,
I drank the cup I hold for thee;
Canst thou not follow where I lead,
I'll give the strength; lean thou on Me."

And then with sudden shame, I fall
Low at His blessed, pierced feet:
"Lord, teach me how to follow Thee,
And make me for Thy service meet."

Mexico City, Mexico—Please pray for our coming convention, September 24-29, that God will in His mercy come among us and pour out His Holy Spirit in a real revival. Pray for our native workers that they may be strengthened to do their best for Jesus while there is liberty.—Anna Sanders.

Birthdays—Mrs. Sydney Bryant, North India; Henrietta Tieleman, North China.

TUESDAY, 10—Psalm 22:18-31

Samuel Rutherford, writing from prison in Aberdeen three centuries ago, ended one of his letters with this sentence: "Jesus Christ came into my prison cell last night, and every stone in it glowed like a ruby." A Christian can say, "I can't always prevent the visitation of pain and suffering, but I can determine what it shall do to me when it comes. I can make it a ladder up which I may climb to God."—H. O. Ritter.

Port Harcourt, Nigeria—The greatest need in Nigeria is a group of trained native workers. We have fewer workers than churches. This means that some churches must go for weeks without the help of any workers. Pray that God will help in the choice of a site for a permanent school. Previously the workers slept on the benches of the church, took their examinations sitting on the floor, and in general put up with almost impossible inconveniences to attend school.—E. L. Phillips.

Birthdays—Ruth D. Cook, Manchoukuo; A. Walker Hall, South China.

WEDNESDAY, 11—Matt. 27:29-38

"He would not drink." Thank God for that! Had Jesus taken the stupefying draught, this crude narcotic, He could not have been our conscious and full sin-bearer. All the poignant words on the cross would have been lost amid semi-delirious mutterings. Ah, No! He would go through.—Daily Communion.

Ouahigouya, Ivory Coast—The Moslem son of old Mouri, about whom we wrote, returned from Gold Coast and ruined the faith of his old father. Our hearts are burdened for him, and we ask you to pray. Pray also for Nazindegeba, who despite all counsel and entreaty, determinedly went ahead and took a second wife. He was immediately dechurched.—John Hall.

Birthdays—Mollie Baird, North India.

THURSDAY, 12—Mark 15:15-29

The greatness of Jesus stands clearly revealed by the way in which He endured suffering. When He was reviled, He reviled not

again. When He suffered, He did not scold or threaten. He simply committed Himself to God and trusted Him for ultimate justice and deliverance. To endure griefs and undeserved suffering, and not to be soured or embittered, above all not to take it out on others—this is one of the great virtues we can learn from Him who suffered for us.—Quiet Hour.

Peking, North China—Pray for new workers in Sinsiang and Siao-chi in Honan Province and in Nanking, Kiangou and Kaowong in Kiangsu Province who have just been taken on. Also pray for the Kansu work where government persecution has begun again. Pray for our publishing work and correspondence course and those in charge while I go on furlough.—W. W. Simpson.

FRIDAY, 13—Luke 23:32-46

Calvary is the hill from which you can get the best view of God. He let us see that the cross is not alone something that once happened, but something that always has been in the very heart of God. Calvary is the hill from which you can get the best view of the world. Unless the world is cross controlled, it works at cross purposes. It has long sought to save itself by force whereas it can only be saved by grace. Calvary is the hill on which you can get the best view of yourself. Worship of the cross is easy; worship on the cross—you need the God of Jesus for that. Up there on Calvary the presence of an idea (even of God) will not suffice; you need the real Presence there. Yet nowhere else can the real Presence be found.—J. M. Versteeg.

North China District—Some of our workers are located in what we would term "no man's land." They are subject to much hardship because of military operation. Their field of labor is new to the gospel and they have a struggling time to establish permanent work among the people. Kindly remember these soldiers of the Cross in special prayer to the end that they shall not have to retreat in the midst of the battle, but successfully plant the banner of the Cross.—M. Kvamme.

Tai Pa Market, South China—Please pray for the South China Bible School as plans are being made to reopen in September.—A. Walker Hall.

Birthdays—Mrs. W. F. Dunbar.

SATURDAY, 14—John 19:19-37

"Touched with a sympathy within
He knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations mean
For He has felt the same."

Wei Hsi, Southwest China—Praise God for answering prayer for Chipipa. For a time he was cold in his spirit, but now he is earnest for God and has much of God's Word hidden in his heart. Please pray for our cook, that God will really save him. He seems to have no interest in spiritual things.—L. G. Bolton.

Pray that God will somehow help the Christians to get food. They have been gathering moss from trees, digging up roots and cooking ferns for food. It is also very hard for us to get food. Pray for us.—Mary E. Lewer.

SUNDAY, 15—Psalm 22:1, 6-8, 13-18

None of us are compelled to follow Christ. That is a path we must choose for ourselves. The cross is not something laid upon us by compulsion, but something that we voluntarily take upon ourselves. The cross represents God's love for man and Christ's suffering to make that love apparent. So we who take the cross must likewise give life for life. Jesus declared that no man took His life against His will, but He laid it down freely of Himself.—F. R. Chenault.

Chin Hsien, Manchoukuo—Please pray for the young converts who recently received water

baptism, that they may become firmly established in the faith.—Pansy Blossom.

Dairen—Please pray for seventeen new converts who have recently been baptized, that they shall stay true for God's glory. Eight of these are at our Yink'ou station and nine at Dairen.—Irene Larson.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Beginning October 1 this column will no longer appear in the Evangel. We are publishing a new devotional quarterly to take its place. If you have found "The Prayer Corner" a means of blessing, we are sure you will find the new quarterly a welcome substitute, as it will provide a longer portion for each day. It will consist of 96 pages 4¾ x 6½ inches in size. On each page will be a portion from the Word, a verse to memorize, a devotional message, a missionary prayer request, and one of the many prayers contained in the Scriptures. You will find it much handier for your daily devotions, and you will be pleased with its attractive form. Orders for the first issue (Fourth Quarter, 1940) are now being received, and a new quarterly will be published for each new quarter. This new Full Gospel publication sells for only 10c per copy, 40c per year, postpaid to any address in United States (to foreign countries, 15c per copy, 50c per year). It will only cost 5 cents per copy in quantities of ten or more. When ordering, address The Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri, and ask for the new quarterly entitled "Daily Devotions."

"NOTHING KEPT BACK"

Some of you remember that beautiful scene in the life of General Gordon. He had just returned from China after the distinguished Taiping campaign. He went as a poor man, and he came back as poor—lots of honor, but nothing more substantial. When leaving China, the emperor, out of gratitude for the services he had rendered the empire, presented to him a large gold medal. When Gordon reached Plymouth and saw the first copies of the English papers, he read of the famine among the silk weavers in and around Coventry. The people were starving, some were dying, and public funds were being subscribed for the relief of the distress. Gordon had nothing but his gold medal, which was his most highly cherished possession; and yet he took the medal, erased the inscription, and then sent it anonymously to the treasurer of the Coventry relief funds; and he adds: "After all, this is the secret of bliss—to give away your medal." Nothing kept back, everything given! So it must be with you!—C. Inwood.

A GODLY DISSATISFACTION

Mr. Moody once held a "Dissatisfaction Meeting" for pastors and then flocks who were not satisfied with their spiritual condition. It was said "to be overshadowed with the presence of God as few assemblies have been since the day of Pentecost."

"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT..."

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Surely, by God's grace, we will meet these needs, bringing relief to suffering brothers in Christ, and enabling our missionaries to continue in active service.

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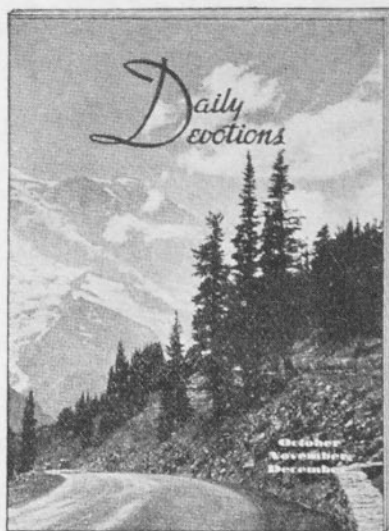
A RESCUER

On an Indian summer afternoon a steamer was floating dreamily down one of the southern rivers. A gentleman sat on deck reading a magazine. Near by stood a colored nurse holding in her arms a chubby babe, and yielding to the dreamy spirit of things she suffered the little one to leap from her arms into the river, but with a scream she caught the little cap from its head. The gentleman sprang to his feet, and speaking to a noble Newfoundland dog which lay near him, he lifted the little cap and pointed the way the little one had gone. Quick as a flash the noble brute plunged into the stream and in a moment was seen struggling to lift the little form above the water far out in the current. A boat was lowered and with a few strokes they were reached and dog and child were taken into the boat. The frantic mother had to be held to prevent her following the little one into the stream, but when the babe was brought on deck and she saw it was safe, did she clasp it to her bosom and rejoice? Not so. But falling upon the deck on her knees, with arms about the neck of the noble animal that had saved her babe, she poured out her soul in a genuine worship.

We are glad for those that are rescued and saved, but in our joy we should never forget the Saviour. He is the one to receive our adoration.

A new Italian postage stamp, says Keith L. Brooks, features the usual Fascist symbol of the bundle of rods and the axe but in the center of the stamp is the likeness of an armored warrior riding a prancing black steed. Surely Mussolini did not get the idea from Rev. 6:5, 6, for the Black Horse there is the symbol of famine with its soaring prices and severe food rationing.

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REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

BEN WHEELER, TEXAS—At Lawrence Springs we just closed a revival. The Lord blessed in a marked way. Thirty souls prayed through to salvation. Bodies were healed. This is a new work.—A. C. Derrick, Evangelist.

BROKEN BOW, OKLA.—Coy Abrego, a C. B. I. student, was with us June 8—23, and God wonderfully blessed his ministry, especially among the young people. About 30 were saved, 8 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 16 were baptized in water. Twenty-nine names were added to our roster. It was the evangelist's first meeting.—Curtis A. Price, Pastor.

BIDVILLE, ARK.—The Lord sent us a gracious revival recently. Twenty knelt at the altar for salvation and several received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The soul-stirring messages brought by Evangelist A. R. Shaffer, Twin Falls, Idaho, caused the saints to be drawn closer to the Lord. He is now in a revival at Chitwood, Mo.—Sister Ray Camp.

CHICAGO, ILL.—From the first night the blessing of the Lord was on our 2 weeks' revival with Evangelist I. J. Bolton, Tampa, Florida. Several sought the Lord for salvation and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. A Chicago doctor came to the Lord for salvation and healing. Brother and Sister Bolton's ministry was appreciated by the Barry Avenue Pentecostal Assembly. Every night the tabernacle was filled.—James A. Cardiff, Pastor.

BILOXI, MISS.—During a very successful revival with Evangelist Kenneth Erwin, Laurel, Miss., approximately 20 souls came to the altar for salvation. Ten were baptized in water, and some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Two were added to the Lee Street Assembly church roll. Most of these were young people and we are glad to report that God is still blessing among them. Our Sunday School attendance is double what it was before the revival.—Albert Bilbo, Pastor.

LAMBETH, MO.—We have just closed a 2-weeks revival with Dean Heady as the evangelist. Three were saved and there was great conviction. We feel the church has been greatly revived.—Mattie E. Duncan, Secretary.

LOS GATOS, CALIF.—At the Gospel Lighthouse we recently enjoyed a 2 weeks' meeting with Evangelists Fred and Olive Alford. The Spirit of God was present in every meeting. Especially in the altar services God met us in a marvelous way. Twelve received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Eleven of these were children 14 years old and under. Two 8-year old twin girls and their mother received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit on the same night. Our pastor is Brother L. E. Bersinger.—Milton Lapum, Sunday School Superintendent.

CRESTON, IOWA—For the past 2 years and 10 months the Creston Assembly has enjoyed the ministry of Brother and Sister H. C. Noah. Recently they resigned to re-enter the evangelistic field. In the time they labored here, the work has seen a marked increase in Sunday School attendance. A goodly number have been converted. New homes have been contacted through the work among the children. We trust that God's blessing shall continue to follow them as they labor in the evangelistic field. Their address is West Point, Iowa, care of Don Noah.—A. J. Young, Church Secretary.

JENNINGS, OKLA.—In the providence of the Lord we were called to Jennings for an Evangelistic service. The first 2 weeks or so were spent in ministering to the saints. In 5 weeks of nightly meetings 10 young people wept their way through to salvation. One young person received a glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit. A young married man who had been sick for 6 years and given up to die was miraculously healed in answer to prayer. Now the church has been deeded to the Council. The second Monday evening after the close of the revival meeting the church voted 99% for my remaining as their pastor. Any ministering brethren are encouraged to visit us when passing by.—Albert D. Pyle, Pastor.

TOMS RIVER, N. J.—A very successful 10-day revival meeting with Evangelist Lyle Butler, Jamestown, N. Y., was just closed. Five were saved and 1 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. A very precious spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. Brother Butler's messages are inspiring.—Harry and Grace Rupp, Pastors.

MODESTO, CALIF.—In December L. H. Bacheller was with us, and in April Brother and Sister William Swanson were here. Both proved themselves spiritual and constructive in their Pentecostal ministry. We very recently closed a meeting with Brother and Sister Willard Peirce, Toronto, Canada. God moved in a wonderful way. Eighteen converts have come positively into the spiritual fellowship and labors of the church. Besides, we are reaching many new children through the home Bible classes started by the Peirces, in their "Going with the Gospel Crusade." It was certainly a time of rejoicing in heaven, and their work will bear fruit in months to come.—Donald G. Weston, Pastor.

ROARING SPRING, PA.—Brother and Sister David M. Wellard, and members of the faculty of the Eastern Bible Institute, Union Springs, N. Y., came to the People's Tabernacle on July 6 for a 2 weeks' revival. As the interest grew souls were saved and believers sought the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. This resulted in the continuation of the meeting another 2 weeks, closing Aug. 4. Then Brother Wellard had to leave us. Ten received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 7 were baptized in water and 5 were received into church membership. Continuing in our regular services a number have been saved and others are seeking their Baptism in the Holy Ghost.—D. M. Nissley, Pastor.

CEMENT, OKLA.—Just before last Easter we came here to a band of people who love God. Since we have been here the Lord has given us 3 good revivals. First, Brother Williams, Shamrock, Texas, held about a two weeks meeting in April. Twelve were saved and 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. In June, Sister Christine Carmichael, Duncan, Okla., was with us for 10 nights. The interest was good and 1 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The third meeting has just closed with Evangelist Ethel Musick, Saint Joe, Texas. Sixteen people were saved and 8 were baptized in water. Council brethren passing by are invited to stop and visit us.—Wilburn Harris, Pastor.

MANILA, ARK.—The Milligan Ridge Assembly of God has closed a 2 1/2 weeks revival with Mr. and Mrs. Louie Shultz, Evangelists. The Lord blessed abundantly. Fifteen were saved, and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Twelve followed the Lord in water baptism and 12 were united with the church.—Mrs. Elizabeth Beckett.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Louisiana District Camp Meeting and Council were held in Shreveport, July 28—Aug. 8. David Burris, Russellville, Ark., was day speaker in the camp meeting. T. J. Gotcher, North Little Rock, Ark., was night speaker. The presence of the blessed Holy Spirit was noticeable throughout the gathering. "This is the best session we have had," were general comments about the grounds. The following officers were elected: L. O. Waldon, District Superintendent; E. L. Tanner, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer; A. N. Burns, General Presbyter; B. W. Flanagan, Presbyter Northwest Section; W. C. Elmore, Presbyter Northeast Section; Z. J. Launius, Presbyter Central Section; T. Horace Clark, Presbyter Southeast Section; W. S. Ramby, Presbyter Southwest Section; Margaret Miller, Sunday School and Christ Ambassador President.—E. L. Tanner, Secretary.

FREEMPORT, PA.—The new church home of Gospel Tabernacle at 214 High Street was dedicated on April 15, District Superintendent Flem Van Meter officiating. The Tabernacle was originally built for the Moose Lodge, but has had varied uses during the twenty years since it was constructed. The heating plant has been completely repaired and changed into a vacuum system. The main auditorium, which is 28'x65', has been entirely redecorated and furnished, including a beautiful pulpit desk of mahogany which was made from the old bar.

The history of the assembly is brief, only dating back about ten years when a little group of saints, hungry for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, met together on Fifth Street, above a store. J. L. Stewart was their pastor. Since then the assembly has been pastored by A. W. Buckley, Milton Cooper, and again by Brother Stewart, whose second term was for four years. John R. Hardt, formerly pastor at Clarks Summit and a returned missionary from Africa, is the present pastor. During these years the church and Sunday School have had a steady and healthy growth.—Flem Van Meter, District Superintendent.

SHAMOKIN, PA.—From the beginning of the 3 years and 8 months ministry we have enjoyed at Shamokin, prayer was offered at various homes between the hours of 10 and 12, for 8 months. After several months the power of God fell in the meetings. One young lady received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in her seat. Soon the revival fires were burning. A large number of young people have been saved and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Just before leaving we had a picture taken of the young people. Thirty-three were present and 7 found it impossible to attend because of their work. At least 8 of these have a real ministry and lead the Tuesday night meetings in turn. It is quite common for our young people to have the ministry of intercession to which we attribute our success. Wednesday is a day of fasting and prayer. On March 25th of this year the assembly was set in order by our District Superintendent, Flem Van Meter, with 55 charter members. The same number have been baptized in water. The Sunday School enrollment numbers 110. Feeling that the Lord was calling me again to give my entire time to the evangelistic field, I will be open for calls after September 15. Mail will reach me at Falling Waters, W. Va.—H. E. Hardt, Pastor.

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—We praise God for His blessings upon a 2-weeks campaign held recently in our church. Mrs. Rahner, copastor, preached the first four nights, and 12 came forward for salvation. This was followed by a 10-day Bible teaching ministry by Evangelist William H. Nagel, in which several more were saved. The evangelist's messages were inspiring, unique, and colorful, especially his message dealing with the manners and customs of the Holy Land.

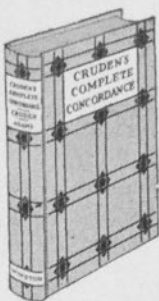
We are beginning our fifth year of ministry in this sea-coast town which ranks as the second largest on the Jersey coast. The worldly influence of this pleasure resort pervades the religious atmosphere of the churches causing a widespread religious indifference. Yet God has been moving in our midst. A number have been definitely saved and a number added to the Sunday School which seemed to be a hopeless phase of the work. Two and a half years ago we caught a greater vision of the need and since then over 100 new scholars have been added to the Sunday School department, resulting in reorganization for more effective work.

Prejudice which existed against the Pentecostal church here has largely diminished as is evidenced by the many calls we have received to minister in practically every church in the city in preaching and acting as supervisor in Vacation Bible School work. Two years ago I was asked by the City Council for Religious Education to act as supervisor for an uptown Vacation Bible School which would be sponsored and largely financed by the uptown churches, comprising the Baptist, Methodist, Reformed, and our own church. Since such a project was considered an utter impossibility here for years, it was with no little trepidation that we accepted the responsibility and challenge to enter another open door for unselfish service for the glory of God. The closing night's exercises, which was the final test and reflection of the work accomplished, proved to be such a success and blessing in this first year of the school, that we were asked to supervise the school for this second year, which we accepted. The accomplishments of the Vacation School were considered to be even better than last year. During the closing exercises many of the parents and friends were weeping as conviction rested upon them and hearts were made tender by the Word of God coming forth from the lips of those of whom Jesus said, "A little child shall lead them." The closing exercises as well as the daily sessions were held in St. Luke's Methodist church.

Splendid co-operation existed among all the teachers and helpers who worked faithfully into the late hours of the night in preparation of the school's activities. Hilda Simokat, child evangelist of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Rahner worked in close co-operation on the faculty in the leadership of the V. B. S. Much of the success and blessing of the school is to be attributed to Miss Simokat. We esteem her as one of the best Pentecostal teachers in the field of V. B. S. pedagogy.—Andrew Rahner, Pastor, First Pentecostal Church.

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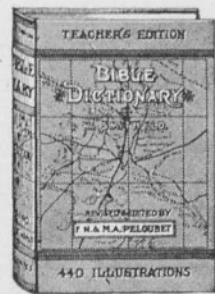


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GOLDENDALE, WASH.—Meeting in progress; R. R. Nichols, Bayard, Neb., Evangelist.—Velmer Gardner, Pastor.

FRONT ROYAL, VA.—Sept. 1-19; M. W. Richards, Wilmington, Del., Evangelist.—Irving R. Johnson, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Main at Lincoln, Sept. 8-; Roy Foster, Kansas City, Mo., Evangelist.—Chas. Sheall, Pastor.

YOAKUM, TEXAS—Sept. 4, for 2 weeks or longer; Jeff Gibbs, Evangelist.—E. R. Winter, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—1901 Washington Blvd., Sept. 8-29; Fox Evangelistic Party.—A. A. Nankivell, Secretary.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Sept. 1-; Sanders Brothers, Jefferson City, Mo., Evangelists.—J. H. Blair, Pastor.

AMES, IOWA—Sept. 15, for 3 weeks or longer; Ernest L. Powlesland, Evangelist. D. E. Skiles is pastor.—By Evangelist.

FERRIDAY, LA.—Sept. 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Z. J. Launius, Evangelist.—W. W. Hall, Pastor.

ENGLEWOOD, COLO.—4100 S. Lincoln, August 25-; V. S. Sanders Evangelistic Party.—M. W. Roll, Pastor.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—1224 Race Street, Sept. 8-29; Evangelist Harvey McAlister, and daughter, Eileen.—O. E. Nash, Pastor.

PAYNESVILLE, MINN.—Meeting in progress; Paul S. Rahneff, Evangelist.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—10th St., off S. Assembly St.; Sept. 8-; Beatrice Wells, Child Evangelist.—H. D. Ferrell, Pastor.

VALLEY PARK, MO.—Sept. 10-29; Evangelist and Mrs. C. C. Burnett, Granite City, Ill.—L. C. Ramsey, Pastor.

IRVINGTON, N. J.—60 Paine Ave.; Sept. 8-29, or longer; Charles W. Shaffer, Boy Evangelist.—Jos. R. Potter, Pastor.

SANTA PAULA, CALIF.—Aug. 30-Sept. 9; Irl J. Walker, Portland, Ore., Evangelist.—Arthur Knowles, Pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—Anniversary services, Sept. 8-15. All former pastors invited to minister.—Elwood C. Hoey, Pastor.

MARYSVILLE, OHIO—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Sept. 15-; Dorcas Blakeney, Kitchener, Ont., Evangelist.—Wesley C. Wibley, Pastor.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—Central Tabernacle, Sept. 1-22; F. Pepper, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Pastors.

ESTELLINE, TEXAS—Sept. 8, 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Givens, Wellington, Texas, Evangelists.—Arthur Price, Pastor.

MICHIGAN CITY, IND.—Up-town Theater, Sept. 15-Oct. 13; Louise Nankivell, Evangelist.—James M. Rice, Pastor.

GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS—Trinity Tabernacle, Sept. 3-22. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—Troy B. Helms, Pastor.

GALENA, KANSAS—Sept. 8, for 3 weeks or longer; G. B. McDowell, Dallas, Texas, Singing Evangelist.—G. P. Hertwick, Pastor.

POTTSVILLE, PA.—Rear, 301 S. Centre St.; Sept. 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Amelia Joseph and Verna Jones, Evangelists.—Mal Kerr, Pastor.

SIoux CITY, IOWA—723 Myrtle St., Sept. 1-; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Malrough, Seattle, Wash.—Willis E. Smith, Pastor.

TORONTO, ONT.—Stone Church, Sept. 8-29; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. Walter E. McAlester is pastor.—By Evangelists.

KITZMILLER, MD.—Sept. 1, for 2 weeks or longer, Etta Reckley, Evangelist. Surrounding churches invited to co-operate.—Ernest V. Berquist, Pastor.

COMANCHE, OKLA.—Aug. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd Poag, of Chickasha.—E. E. Fullerton, Pastor.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Sept. 1-; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists. C. O. Haymaker is pastor.—By Evangelists.

HARVEY, IOWA—Aug. 18, for 3 weeks or longer; Ernest L. Powlesland, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist. E. O. Schoonover is pastor.—By Evangelist.

ELDRED, ILL.—Sept. 5-; Beatrice Best, Springfield, Mo., and Poe Merritt, of Quincy, Evangelists.—Velma Hamilton, Pastor, Route 4, Carrollton, Ill.

LAUREL, MISS.—15th Ave., and 10 St., Sept. 3-15 or longer; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bartlett, Fort Worth, Texas Evangelists.—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cook, Pastors.

SHAWANO, WIS.—Now in progress, through Sept. 22, K. L. Godby, Denver, Colo., Evangelist.—L. Victor Peterson, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—6524 Easton Ave., Tent Revival, Sept. 1, for 3 weeks or longer; Letha Like and Mildred Snook, Evangelists.—Clarence Wiegand, Pastor.

EATON, OHIO—215 S. Franklin St., Sept. 8-29, Paul C. Long and Lee Beasley, Jr., Iowa, Evangelists.—L. H. Ruppert, Pastor.

BINGHAMTON, N. J.—Conklin Ave., and High St., Sept. 8, continuing as the Lord leads; except Monday and Saturday; Mattie Howard, Evangelist.—John Kellner, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—6th Ave. and Fir St., beginning Sept. 3; Percy and Dorothy King, "King's Musical Messengers," Niagara Falls, N. Y.—E. E. Fullerton, Pastor.

MASSAPEQUA, N. Y.—Central Park Pentecostal Church, Bethpage, L. I., N. Y.; Sept. 10, for 3 weeks, Alexander Clattenburg, Evangelist.—Clayton E. Baish, Pastor.

BUCKLEY, WASH.—1502 Cedar St., Aug. 18-; Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Fagerstrom, Springfield, Mo. Near-by assemblies invited to co-operate.—R. E. Parrish, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—2715 North Avenue, Youth Evangelistic Campaign; Sept. 15-22. Morse Ward, Evangelist. Brother Ward will speak over the Christian Business Men's Noon Hour Broadcast. Radio Station WJJD, 1130 Kil.—J. Robert Ashcroft, Pastor.

MEXICAN CONVENTION

A Convention of the Assemblies of God in Mexico will be held in Mexico City, D. F., Sept. 24-29. A great spiritual feast is expected. Plan to attend.—Ruben O. Medina, Pastor, Calle de Plomeros 81, Mexico, D. F.

CORNING, N. Y.—Missionary Convention, 129 Cutler Ave., Sept. 5-8. Missionaries to be present: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Johnson of China, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrick of North India, and Sarah R. Berman, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Samuel Y. Weidler, Pastor.

FALL CONVENTIONS, WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

North Plains Section, Sept. 4-5; South Plains Section, Sept. 17-18; Pecos Section, Sept. 19-20; Central Plains Section, Sept. 25-26.—H. M. Reeves, District Superintendent, Box 1404, Plainview, Texas.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 18th annual Council of the New England District will convene at 113 Hawthorne St., Chelsea, Mass., Oct. 8-9. J. Earle Douglass is pastor. First meeting 9:30 Tuesday. W. A. Brown, Lancaster, Pa., will be guest speaker.—H. H. Shelley, Secretary, Cumberland Mills, Me.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Sept. 1: Evangelists Guy Renfrow and Leonard Rogers, of Modesto, Calif.—Arthur Bell, Pastor.

WELLINGTON, TEXAS—Convention, North Plains Section of West Texas District, Sept. 4-5. First service 10:00 a. m.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL TULSA, OKLA.—The 25th annual Council of the Oklahoma District will convene in Convention Hall, 101 West Brady St.

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

CESTES, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 10. Dinner on the grounds.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS—San Angelo Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 9-10.

BUTLER, MO.—Kansas City Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 9. Services 10:30, 2:30, C. A. rally 7:45.

SANDUSKY, OHIO—Northwestern Ohio District Fellowship Meeting, in tent, Saddler and Farwell Sts., Sept. 9.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—Tri-State C. A. Rally, 810 E. 21st St., Sept. 23. Raymond Phillips is pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—2nd United Full Gospel Youth Rally, Sept. 13-14; at Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, Clark, Barry, and Halsted Streets.

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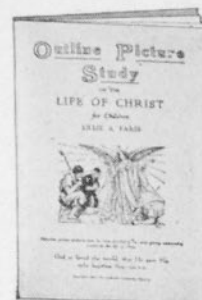
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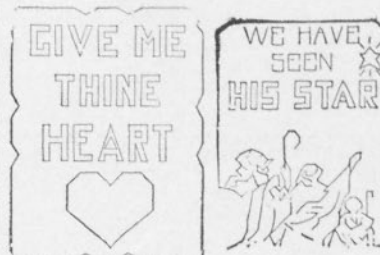
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