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Burden of the Valley of Vision

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The vision is of Jerusalem. The writer is Isaiah. The chapter is twenty-two. The circumstance is the invasion of Sennacherib.

The prophet sees the calamity that is coming on his people. His eyes are filled with tears as he warns the people, "I will weep bitterly, labor not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people."

With the invasion upon them, the people yet showed lack of repentance and seriousness. The city was "full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city." Thus it is described "in a day of trouble, and of treading down and of perplexity." No wonder the prophet weeps.

There is something about the pressure of great sorrows and calamities that often causes the people to think and act lightly. It may be the forces of human nature trying to throw off the depression and gloom which such serious hours naturally bring. If it is this it ought not to be reproved too harshly unless its superficiality sweeps the people away from God. Unhappily this is what it tends to do. In times of crisis the heart finds either an anchor in God or it drifts with the tides of shallowness.

The prophet saw that the inhabitants of Jerusalem were taking the shallow, destructive way instead of the deepening and spiritual way which might be their portion if they sought it from their Lord Jehovah. Beholding how they were being swept by the tides of nature instead of finding an anchorage in the Lord grieved the prophet greatly.

God had called "to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth," but instead of humbling themselves under the mighty hand of God "behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine." Frugality was thrown to the wind. Knowing their straitened state brought only

recklessness. Instead of saving sheep and oxen for food as the siege should be prolonged they indulged to the full while food remained.

And in what spirit? "Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die." The fact that "after death the judgment" had lost its significance to them. All was swallowed up in the spirit of, "Let us enjoy life while we can and what do we care for the future here or hereafter." No wonder the prophet mourned.

We do not wish to draw a gloomy picture unnecessarily, but the world at present is in a somewhat similar condition. The days are tragic. One cannot but be depressed as one contemplates the days in which we live. Recently at a fellowship meeting a minister said he felt the pressure of the hour keenly and he believed the entire Church was to a great extent under the weight of it. Because of this he felt

the spontaneous joy of the Lord was not manifest as in days gone by; but that with a desire to entertain or please the natural man rather than to find a deep place in God, a lightness of ministry and worship were being substituted. Was the minister wholly incorrect? Is there not more conformity to the world than would have been allowed a few years ago? Are there not being introduced substitutes for that spiritual worship which once was so zealously coveted? These days will either drive the church into God or divest her of her power through superficial substitutes.

The church has an apostolic commission. It is God's means of checking the tides of lawlessness and sin. It is to be a steadying influence in the midst of a superficial world. If the Wesleyan revival, granted of God to a few saintly and consecrated young men in the midst of an apostate clergy and a careless people, saved the British Isles from a revolution, cannot the church today wield an influence that will be a check on the shallow lightness of a careless and thoughtless people?

But it cannot do this by going the way of that people. If in religious worship it is to introduce the jazz, the blues, and the crooning because it hears such demoralizing music from shallow lips on the streets or over the radio, it then puts the religion of Christ on the world's shallow basis. It may have adapted religious words, but it has given the church the worldly spirit instead of being a force to counteract that spirit and put in its place the Spirit of God.

The church cannot expect the natural man to change the spirit of the times. Not knowing God it is natural that he should adopt the means provided by nature as a safety valve to raise him above the waves of depression of spirit that weigh down the world. We may expect the unregenerate to (Cont'd on Page Seven)



Then Shall We Know

By CARRIE JUDD MONTGOMERY

"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning." Hosea 6:3.

"Then shall we know," if we but press
Close in the steps Christ trod,
For He alone reveals the path,
And is the way to God;
We hear His sweet voice, "Follow Me,"
We may not then delay,
But heed the call of our Beloved
Into the narrow way.

"Then shall we know," oh, blessed word
To those who follow on,
His "going forth" is all "prepared"
Alike the sun that shone
On misty clouds of early gloom
And chased them all away,
Until the dawning morning light
Had come to perfect day.

"Then shall we know," no mist of doubt
Shall cloud our perfect faith
As we but will to do His will,
And follow where He saith,
Through winding paths He leads His own,
Mid thorns, or rose-bowered way,—
It matters not, His rod and staff
Are still my strength and stay.

"Then shall we know," oh, footprints blest
Of that dear suffering Guide!
The way is marked with sorrow-drops
From out His riven side.
Then let my soul press ever on
In steps of Love Divine,
Until the mercy of my God
In cloudless day doth shine.

"And Hezekiah Prayed"

LEE KRUPNICK

"And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord."
2 Kings 19:15.

Not often do you hear of a king's being a praying man, for piety does not usually thrive in the pomp and luxury of a palace. We expect prophets and patriarchs to live in an atmosphere of devotion, but we do not look for deep consecrated Christian living on the part of men of royal lineage. Living in regal grandeur and exercising unlimited power and authority is not conducive to consecrated lives. We find that those who lived for the cause of God were more numerous in dens and caves of the earth than in princely mansions.

Hezekiah was an exception, although he was the son of wicked Ahaz. Hezekiah was one of the mighty men of prayer in the divine record. He began his reign well. A good start counts for much in the race. Hezekiah's purpose and desire was to bring his erring people back to God, and anyone with a burden like that will have to depend on praying, much praying. Hezekiah relied solely upon God, and he knew the value of prayer. Through much praying he was able to stir the souls of lukewarm followers and quicken the courage of cowardly saints. To be able to do that a leader must be a praying man.

There is a wonderful sentence about Hezekiah in 2 Kings 18:5, 6: "He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave to the Lord, and departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments which the Lord commanded Moses." "He trusted . . . he clave . . . and departed not . . . but kept his commandments"—these are big words, far bigger than they look in print. They tell of tenacity of purpose, and determination to live for God.

A king who forsakes the pleasures, the ease, the comforts of a palace and lives for God must be a man of prayer. A religious awakening which will lead the people from idolatry back to God is produced in soul agony, through long hours of intercessory prayer.

Hezekiah boldly put down idolatry, cleansed the temple, and restored the worship which had been neglected and corrupted. He sent his proclamation all over the land, calling the people back to the worship of Jehovah. Out through all Judah and among the remnant left in the devastated land of Israel, the influence and work of Hezekiah was felt. The people responded with enthusiasm, and the result was a great national revival. Those who had forsaken the Lord God Jehovah were inspired by Hezekiah, because of his intercession in prayer in their behalf.

But the work Hezekiah did was not all smooth sailing. Just when it looked as if everything was going well, the enemy came in like a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8), the cruel Assyrian invader from the east cast his shadow over the land. There were no armies on earth like those of Assyria. No

foe had been able to stand before them, and no walled city had been strong enough to protect its inhabitants from them. Ruin and desolation marked their progress, while famine and pestilence followed where the Assyrian king's armies trod. Hezekiah saw all this, and once he had bought them off; but the Assyrian king was not content with tribute. The Assyrians came to the land with loud threats and boasts. Jehovah was flouted and the people of Jerusalem laughed at and ridiculed for trusting in Jehovah. It was an hour of darkness. The worship of Jehovah seemed as though it would be blotted out.

Imagine Hezekiah as he called his counselors together and read them the blasphemous letter of the haughty invader. No doubt there were shakings of heads, and expressions of fear, while the timid and cowardly were secretly making plans for the saving of their own skins. Often we make the mistake of taking our troubles to our friends for counsel instead of taking them to the Lord who cares for us and bids us to bring them to Him.

The counsel closed with nothing accomplished. They had nothing to offer in this hour of black despair. Imagine!! Young Hezekiah must have had a heavy heart as he sat among them. He had been doing his best for Jehovah. His greatest longing and desire, his loftiest aim had been to bring the nation back to serving the Lord. He longed to see the design and plan of God being worked out through the nation, and he was heartbroken at the thought of seeing his work undone, his beloved city given over to the enemies of God, and the holy temple plundered and desecrated. He thought of his people who had followed him with such single-hearted devotion, until his soul was shaken to its depths.

I would to God I could through the anointing of the Holy Ghost enable you to see Hezekiah with the hateful letter crackling in his hand! In this hour of dire extremity he did what God's real men and women have always done, he fell back upon the promise and power of Jehovah. Hezekiah knew the promise of Jehovah was to defend His people when they were faithful, and he knew he had been loyal. He

served God, lived for God with all his heart and soul and he was going to ask God to fulfill His promise. He was going to ask for the biggest thing he could think of God's doing, because he knew God was able. Eph. 3:20. He knew the strength, the might, the power of Jehovah, and he could say, in the face of this invading army, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee." Psalm 56:3. He went even farther and said, "I will trust (in Thee), and not be afraid." Isa. 12:2.

Man's extremity is God's opportunity, and so—when all earthly hopes had failed, Hezekiah put his trust in God, and because he *was* living for God Hezekiah was demanding God to keep His promise, because God had said, "Command ye Me." Isaiah 45:11.

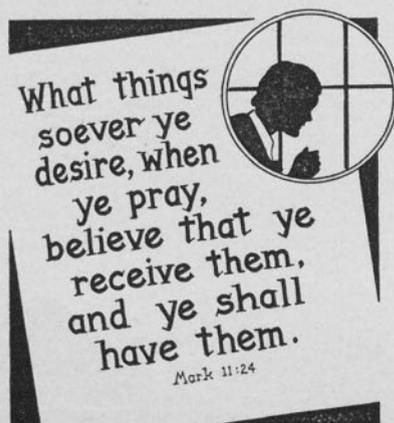
O let us look at this scene! The temple was silent. The priests had gone. Hezekiah was alone. Not even Isaiah the statesman-prophet was there. Just Hezekiah and God. One man who was trying to do the will of God; one man with the burden of the nation upon his shoulders; one man with the cause of God upon his heart—just one man—O hallelujah!—God's man, coming in the last dark hour to claim God's promise.

Think of it! Picture that scene! Hezekiah alone with God Almighty—kneeling—praying—with the scoffing letter rustling in his hand as he spread it out before God. I can almost hear him as he is praying. I can almost see him as with uplifted hands he holds that blasphemous letter before God in that silent temple. There was never I believe, a more sincere, childlike, trusting prayer in all the history of supplication than that which went up from that heart. Primarily it was not Hezekiah but Jehovah who had been defied. The Assyrian king declared that Jehovah was like "other gods" and dared to make the statement that *he* was mightier than the Jehovah of Israel.

Let us listen to Hezekiah's prayer in that silent temple. Hezekiah believed Jehovah was alive—a living—a mighty God—a God who hears prayers—a God who answers prayers. *Alive!* O thank God! Hear that prayer.

"And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord (something is bound to happen when you pray before the Lord), and said, O Lord God of Israel . . . Thou art the God, even Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; Thou hast made heaven and earth. Lord, bow down Thine ear, and hear: open, Lord, Thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech Thee, save Thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord God, even Thou only."

Isn't that a wonderful prayer? Hezekiah had firmly fixed in his mind the great central truth of Israel's world message, the fact of the one true, eternal, invisible, omnipotent Jehovah, Creator of the heavens and the earth. Here was no puny tribal god like those that were being worshiped as gods, made of wood and stone, who Hezekiah knew couldn't hear, see, or feel. Heze-



kiah exalted Jehovah to His rightful place as the Creator, Director and Preserver of all things.

Hezekiah's prayer was not a prayer of doubt or fear or cowardice, but a prayer of simple faith—believing, trusting, and knowing that God wanted to help and would help. He was so confident of the protection of God Almighty that he could say like Ezra (8:22) when the king wanted to protect Ezra and his people from the dangers of attack from robbers, "I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him." Hezekiah could say like Paul, "Sirs . . . I believe God." Acts 27:25. There was no wavering in that prayer. He knew he could not expect anything from God if he wavered. James 1:6, 7.

Get the scene! One man who believed God. God's man, an anointed leader of his people. The one king among all nations, trusting and believing and standing up for Jehovah. If we will stand up, preach up, pray up, look up—never back up, never let up, never give up, never shut up in the cause of Christ, the church will be built up, the saints will grow up, some day they will go up—and bless God! the devil will blow up.

Hezekiah prayed through, declared his confidence, his trust in the Almighty, and left the matter in God's hands. Believing God, trusting God, confident in God (as you have confidence in Uncle Sam when you mail a letter), Hezekiah had confidence in God.

Hezekiah appealed his case to the Supreme Court of heaven. He took the last step a man of God can take. In this wonderful prayer he raised his voice to the Almighty for the protection of the helpless, and the vindication of the righteous.

The lonely Hezekiah went down from the temple after that prayer with the living God by his side, (it thrills my soul when I think of it) with all the embattled hosts of the unseen escorting him with banners of victory.

What an hour! What a victory! That Assyrian king and his army were whipped when Hezekiah arose from his knees after praying through. The alliance with heaven was complete. Every angel, every seraph, every flaming archangel of the unconquerable hosts of heaven, was encamped about Hezekiah and Jerusalem. After that prayer the kingdom was safe, the temple was protected, the worship of Jehovah would not perish from the earth. Thank God! God Almighty never has been and never will be defeated by the enemy. He is omnipotent, all-powerful, all-sufficient, almighty.

The armies of the enemy had been put to flight by the prayer of faith. Faith is the hand that moves God. Jesus said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove." Matt. 17:20.

We find in the midst of Hezekiah's plans and activities, this praying man was suddenly smitten down by disease. I don't know why. Perhaps he may have become a bit exalted. You know, after the great victory against the Assyrian king we find people bringing gifts and presents to Hezekiah and magnifying or exalting Hezekiah.



Paul, because of his wonderful "revelations" was given a thorn in the flesh, as Paul himself said, "Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations." Maybe this sickness was to show Hezekiah that he should not forget the source of his strength.

Death was staring Hezekiah in the face. The prophet Isaiah said, "Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live." That was a shock to Hezekiah. His life had been a life of service to God, and a life of prayer. And Hezekiah turned to God.

It is wonderful when you know which way to turn! Like a hurt child seeking its mother's arms. Hezekiah may have become a bit exalted when God delivered him from the hosts of Assyria. He might possibly have come to feel himself proof against whatever might assail him. Poor, weak human nature will become proud even of its saintship sometimes, and Hezekiah was no exception.

But Hezekiah's life work was unfinished. Of course he wanted to live, but life to Hezekiah meant service for Jehovah. Hezekiah longed to complete the work which he had begun. He wanted to work for God, to serve God. As in Acts 9:6 Paul said, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" as Isaiah said in Isaiah 6:8, "Here am I; send me," and as Christ Himself came to minister and not to be ministered unto—so Hezekiah longed to live so that he might finish the work he had begun.

"And Hezekiah prayed." He wanted to finish his work so that he might say as Paul, "I have finished my course" (2 Tim. 4:7), and as the Lord Himself, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do"—so in this prayer we find him praying for more time to work for Jehovah. The unfinished task was staring him in the face.

There is wondrous simplicity in the prayer. In it he pleads his honest loyalty to Jehovah, and declares that he has been sincere in all his efforts. There is no direct plea for longer life, but a thread of pathetic appeal runs through it and the desire to finish his work is clearly to be seen all the way.

"And Hezekiah prayed" in faith believing with his face to the wall, and because of that prayer he was able to drive back the angel of death, because he prayed through to God who holds the issues of life in His hands.

We are commanded to pray for the sick, but in praying for the sick we have no right to ask God to spare life to no purpose. That would not be for the glory of God. A life that has its place in furthering the

gospel work, a life with its task unfinished, may well be an object of earnest prayer. We have no right to expect an answer if the prayer is prompted simply by the fear of death, or the desire to enjoy longer days in which to live for the world and the devil. God must be first. He must come first in our lives. When you pray to God for healing it should be to live for Him, serve Him, witness for Him. We should not live unto ourselves but for Him who died for us.

It is our reasonable service to present our bodies a living sacrifice for His glory. O that it might be said of us, "Because of the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life." May this message instill in your hearts a desire to dedicate your hearts and lives for the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no place or condition of life where the child of God may not pray. When mighty obstacles loom in the way, pray till the path opens through the waves, or the mountains are cast into the sea. Pray when the enemies of righteousness seem to triumph. Pray until the unseen helpers from Jehovah camp about us. Pray when death threatens, and the skeleton hand seems to claim lives that belong to God and His cause.

When Hezekiah prayed the mighty Assyrian king and his great powerful armies were swept away by the breath of Jehovah's power. He prayed again and the monster Death sheathed his sword and did not come back for fifteen years. No man can do his best without prayer. Remember this! True prayer is laborious. "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers." The idler, the compromiser, the coward cannot pray in that way. True prayer does not think of personal interests, but is willing to risk all and dare all for God.

The company to which the Hezekiahs belong have the key to the inner chamber of God's presence, but it is not cheaply bought. They have thrown away all other trust and have looked to the Lamb of God, trusting and leaning on the everlasting arms. And because of this they have been able to win victories that were humanly impossible.

Notice this! Hezekiah was not a man of outstanding ability. He did not lead his armies to victory, as other kings of his line had done. Nor did he extend the borders of his kingdom and magnify its position among the nations. His chief contribution to the life of his people was his desire to serve and worship the living God. He was a consecrated saint, and his chief desire and ambition was to be instrumental in leading his people to serve God. He knew how to honor and serve God and persuade his people to worship the living God.

Naturally he was not able to stand up before the mighty conquerors of his day, but thank God, he knew how to ally himself with the Conqueror of conquerors. Hezekiah was in tune and communion with the living God, and because of his childlike faith the unseen might of the Omnipotent was commanded, until he could truly say to his people, "For there be more with us than with him."

Alone he could not stay the poised dart of the great enemy, but he could turn his face to the wall, and pray and talk to the
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As It Was in the Days of Lot

"Where is the promise of His coming?" is the question asked by many. It is pigeon-holed by some, discounted by others, and contradicted by many. God has backed up the promises of His Son's coming by many infallible prophecies. Two prominent ones are, "As it was in the days of Noe. . . Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot. . . Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30.

Moses informs us that the iniquity was great in the days of Noah, that the heart of man was only evil continually, and Moses was taught by God. But Christ tells what Moses never declares—the nature of the iniquitous condition of those who lived just before the flood. "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage." Eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage has been practiced all down the ages. Adam and Eve were commanded to eat. God provided a helpmeet for Adam. But the eating and drinking, the marrying and giving in marriage referred to by Christ indicate the abnormal and the excessive. It was the aim of life: "Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die." They thought more of the joys of the table than of the joys of heaven.

Marriage is honorable, but it was made dishonorable in those times. It was gluttony all around. Gluttony in marital relations. Drunkenness was so rampant that even the stain of it was left upon Noah after the flood. They were drowning themselves in drink and later they were drowned. They knew not until the flood came and took them all away.

The warnings of Noah fell upon deaf ears. They preferred the banqueting hall to what they considered a madman's folly. The ark was a byword. The banqueting hall was the constant place of resort. The latter was a trap; the other was the ark of safety.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded." Commercialism running rampant. They bought, they sold, they planted, they builded. And Christ says, "As it was, . . . even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

Buying and selling is being carried to excess in our day. Not the purchase of necessities, but buying for the sake of buying, selling for the sake of selling—stocks and shares changing hands over and over again like a weaver's shuttle. Pages of the press devoted to recording the sales and prices, huge staffs employed, printing, telegraphing, brokering, clerking, recording, editing. To what end? Buying and selling. Gambling on the Stock Exchange becoming a passion! What is the profit? What is the advantage? One man loses and another gains. One man gains and another loses. You say that it is the perfection of commercialism. God points out that it is leading to the consummation of destruction.

There is no harm in planting; but when planting is made the chief end of life, there is. "They builded." The aim is to excel in building records. "Our advance in civilization is commensurate with our advance

in building." "A high building is a standard." These are the maxims of the world. The Son of man had not where to lay His head. He who was heir to the promises dwelt in tents. He was looking for a city whose builder and maker is God.

"But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all." Abraham's tent was better than Lot's palace. Abraham's flocks were better than Lot's sumptuous furniture. Lot lost all. Abraham's flocks increased. Abraham put God first. Lot put himself first. God blessed Abraham and He stripped Lot.

It is wrong for a Christian to buy or build? Not when he buys as though he possessed not. 1 Cor. 7:30. Do not hold your house down with an anchor but fasten it with pegs.

"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." It will be total destruction for some, it will be deliverance for the Noahs, and the Lots will be saved so as by fire. The Son of man is coming in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel. To some, the warnings of Christ are mere words; to some, they are as fairy tales; but some will take them to heart. The majority will know not until they begin to realize the truth of the words of Him who spoke nothing but truth.

Boastings of civilization, interpreted in the light of Scripture, are but the excesses that prevailed in the time of Noah and Lot. And that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Have You a Family Altar?

I know two men who lived in a country home in their boyhood, and they became rich men, says a writer in the *Elim Evangel*. They went occasionally to visit their father and mother living in the old home. Finally the father and mother went to heaven. The sons did not know what to do with this old home. One of them said to the other, "If you'll sell out your interest to me, I'll tear

down the house and I'll build a summer home there, and let you come out to it when you want to." Accordingly, they took a trip out to the old homestead to tear it down. Around that spot there swept many sacred memories.

Then these two brothers, past middle life and rich, went into the house and looked around through it. One walked up and down in front of the old fireplace, and the other sat down. Finally one said to the other.

"You know, Bob, what I'm thinking about? I've changed my mind since I've been here. We're not going to tear down the old house. This house is going to stand here; it's not going to be torn down."

"That is a strange thing," the other brother said, "because when I was walking up and down in front of the fireplace, that is the same thing I was thinking about." He looked over at the chair in which his father used to sit. "Here is the old chair that father sat in when he read the Bible when we had family worship—the chair around which we knelt as father lifted our hearts to God."

They stayed there two hours to talk things over. They both got down on their knees by the old chair, repented, and wept their hearts out before God. They went back, saved men, and gave their money to God.

And the old house stands. Not a single thing was moved out. It was too sacred to touch, because the family altar had stood there. It is a great thing to go back to the old house. If you cannot go back any way but in memory, go back.

I can make such a journey tonight. I am back there now, in that old farmhouse, in that old kitchen, around that great fireplace—father, mother, twelve children, twice a day, the old family Bible, and the wonderful prayer lifted to God! I am remembering that old house, that old center, that marvelous influence.

Do not be surprised when I tell you that every one of those children was saved by the grace of God. Four of them became ministers of Jesus Christ, all the rest of them Sunday school teachers, and God's chosen men and women. And they all found that inspiration and life at the family altar when father opened the Bible and then lifted his heart to God. That is the greatest heritage in this world.

The greatest inheritance is the influence of Christian blood and life, moral character, and spiritual uplifting power. Now if your old home gave you that, you do not need to have anything else. My father and mother did not leave me a dollar, but they left me the greatest riches in the world.

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"Ye turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from Heaven." 1 Thess. 1:9-10.

To turn people from dead and lying idols to serve the living and true God, from having no hope in the world to having the all glorious hope of the Coming of the Lord Jesus again from heaven, is the message and goal of every gospel missionary in heathen lands.

Such was the conversion of Mutembo, a dour, sourfaced, cantankerous, unlovely black man, who, only when alone, reckoned himself in good company. He lived entirely alone with his family away on the game plains, for above all things he was a mighty hunter. His hunting camp was frequently visited by black traders who traveled far and wide to buy "blood meat" (as they called it in contradistinction to the insipid fish meat). For this meat they found a ready sale and big profits from the natives employed along the railway and about the mining camps.

These Kasai traders saw in Mutembo a profitable source of cheap meat as he was a 100 per cent. credulous heathen, and they could play on his heathen beliefs in idols, fetishes and charms. The wily traders told him that they liked him above any other black man outside their own tribe, and because they liked him they would initiate him into their witchcraft and supply him with one of their wonderful gods, that would be stronger than any other idol or charm in the whole territory and would protect him from all harm from any man, animal or demon and would deflect any witchcraft set against him.

This was just the idol god that Mutembo had looked for all his life but in vain, so he let these men help themselves freely to all he had. In turn they told him to catch a mongoose and to bring them the skin. Being a skilled hunter he soon caught the mongoose, and presented the skin to the Kasi traders. They retired to a secret retreat and returned with the most hideous and grotesque animal that anyone had ever seen. The skin they had stretched packed with charms, heathen filth, and had sewed it up as lifelike as they could. Mutembo was delighted with such a fearsome creature, and reverently placed it in an honored place outside his hut. It was so villainously ugly that even the local witch-doctors were afraid, and passed by in silent awe. Mutembo daily put before his god the choicest food and drink he could find, better than he allowed his family. Of course he ate the food himself after it had been laid before his idol god for a whole day, believing that the idol had partaken of the spiritual food and drink, and that he only ate up the material substance that was left.

One day afterwards Mutembo fell sick and quickly got worse; indeed he became so ill that his life was depaired of. At his request his idol god was set up before his bed. The relatives were called in from the village to see him before he died. Among his relations that came was a newly con-

verted Christian man who, when he saw the condition of the dying man urged him to get right with God, and to get his soul saved before his wretched body dropped into the grave. Mutembo's reply was to point to his ugly idol god, saying that it was his saviour and god. The Christian relative justly replied that the repulsive thing had made a very poor show at being either. That day Mutembo called his son to carry the idol reverently out into the sun, to warm it up into more activity. The boy took it up carefully to do so, but the whole thing collapsed in dust in his hands, it was just riddled with white ants. It came as such a shock to Mutembo that he roused himself to curse it as a vile fraud before he died, saying that even a helpless baby will cry if bitten by an ant and this super-idol could not save itself or cry out against the meanest insect that brought its destruction.

There and then he vowed that if he ever did get better he would seek the God of his Christian cousin. Mutembo did get better and when strong enough went off to hunt buffalo. When he had shot a buffalo a stranger turned up and helped him to cut up the meat. In return Mutembo gave him a nice load of meat as a present. The stranger was very pleased and grateful, and said, "I like you very much, so now I will give you the very best I have." Mutembo thought of a similar statement when he received his vile and useless idol, but this man was a Christian, so he showed Mutembo the way of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus, and added to it his own testimony of having turned to a living and true God from dead and lying idols. Mutembo was convinced and pleased, saying he would get saved, so he asked the man where he had got saved. The man replied that an evangelist called Petelo had led him to Christ. Mutembo decided to go to the same Petelo to get the same salvation. The Christian man gladly took him to the evangelist's village, but Petelo was away, so the Church elders urged him to get saved there and then. He replied, "I don't know you lot by sight or repute; I must have the head man and get saved properly." The man went home followed by the prayers of the Church and later by Petelo himself, who gladly sought out and led Mutembo into life, peace and joy in the Lord Jesus.

Mutembo got baptised in water, taking the name of Joshua, and went all around the village with a new joy and felt in love

with the world. He only wanted to pray to his Lord and God and often shut himself away to pray alone. His wife was in long labor so all the villagers and family pressed Joshua to call in the witch doctors to save his wife's life and that of the child. He refused them all, shutting himself in a hut alone to pray. As he prayed the child was born, but apparently dead. The family cursed him and others began to wail the death of the child. Joshua shouted through the closed door, telling them to bring the evangelist from the next village so that he could give the child a Christian burial, but that they must leave him alone to pray, for he must pray or die, and pray he did while they wailed. Soon the child moved and then cried, and then all the village was in an acstasy of joy; they had seen a miracle. The mother and child both did well.

Joshua loves his Lord and gives Him all the glory. Now he has built a church and is busy leading souls to Christ. Being an evangelist by profession, now he just hunts animals when necessary. To all he meets he has this testimony of how he turned from a dead ugly idol to a living and loving God.—*Redemption Tidings.*

"And Hezekiah Prayed"

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One who was not only able but yearning and eager to help in time of need. "The prayer of the upright is His delight" (Prov. 15:8), and the Lord "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

God is before us—Deut. 1:30,
 God is behind us—Isa. 52:12,
 God is above us—Psalm 18:16,
 God is underneath us—Deut. 33:27,
 God is in us—John 14:17,
 God is around us—Psalm 125:2,
 God is in the midst of us—Psalm 46:5,
 God is for us—Psalm 56:9,
 God is with us—Isa. 41:10.

A Special Path

If a million people stood on the shore of the ocean, and the moon were shining in the sky, each of those million people would think that the moonbeam path came only to where his feet were washed by the water. Each would think that the moon were shining only for him or for her, and that he or she stood alone in that moonbeam path. Think, the whole world might stand along the shore of time and every sinner in it say that he or she had a share, yet I have my special path right from the heart of Christ to where I stand. He loved *me*, He gave Himself for *me*, though He bore the sin of the race.—F. B. Meyer.

Filled

Let every one who longs for the blessing of the Spirit take these four little words as steps—I must be filled, I may be filled, I would be filled, I shall be filled.—Andrew Murray.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Col. 3:1

Be Encouraged, Ye Jews

Ernest S. Williams

Dark Days Before the Jew

Now we see the world of Europe returning to the persecution of the Jews, and on a scale probably never known before. And in our own free country there are those, some of whom profess the Christian ministry, who would like to inflame the people against the Jews. With conditions such as they are, it would look as though the Jew would be exterminated. But this will not be. Before the Jews lie a noble future. This future we wish to look at as it is revealed in the holy Scriptures. But before doing so we must point out that the darkest days for this afflicted race lie ahead of them.

As our Lord Jesus drew near the end of His ministry in Palestine He cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, 'Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.'" Matt. 23:37-39. This prediction that their "house should be left unto them desolate" was fulfilled when the Romans conquered the City of Jerusalem and destroyed the temple. Since then Israel has abode "without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim." Hosea 3:4. The curses pronounced against all the tribes of Israel, and not Judah only, referred to in Leviticus 26, have fallen upon the disobedient nation.

Scripture indicates that in the end of the present age the Jews enter into a covenant with a Roman prince, "the prince of the people" which destroyed Jerusalem, which covenant this prince will break after three and a half years. Dan. 9:27. It is believed that this covenant will provide the Jews a place of worship at Jerusalem—a thing denied them since Jerusalem was destroyed, where they can again offer their sacrifices and worship according to the Levitical order, for, when the prince breaks the covenant he shall "cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." Then will come "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7), or the Great Tribulation spoken of in Matthew 24. This time of trouble will end with the nations being gathered together against Jerusalem. "For, behold, in those days, and in that time, When I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." See Joel 3. This will be what is often spoken of as "The battle of Armageddon."

Divine Deliverance to the Jews

It will be at this time, in the darkest hour of Jewish history, that our Lord Jesus will return to this earth to fulfill His prophecy

to Israel, "Ye shall not see me henceforth till ye shall say, 'Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.'" "Behold the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations together against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives—and the Lord my God shall come and all the saints with thee." Zech. 14:1-5. The Scriptures indicate that this battle of Palestine which is brought to its end by the personal return of the Lord is the same as that described in Revelation nineteen where our Lord Jesus as "King of kings and Lord of lords" descends to destroy the Roman prince, known as the beast or Antichrist, and to cast him into the Lake of fire.

Conversion of the Jews

The Jews who have rejected Christ will yet be converted to Him. When He descends from heaven to become their Deliverer, which He will do in fulfillment of the promise, "In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem and . . . seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." The Jews "shall look upon Him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourneth for his only son. . . . In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Zech. 12:8 to 13:1. The Jews will then see that that same Jesus who "would have gathered their children together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings," is their long desired Messiah. They do not at present grasp the truth of the sonship of Christ, yet the Scriptures say, "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and ye perish from the way." Psalm 2:12. They will grasp it when He comes again.

Ezekiel tells us of the cleansing of Israel, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean," and Joel promises, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall

prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. . . . And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." Joel 2:28-32.

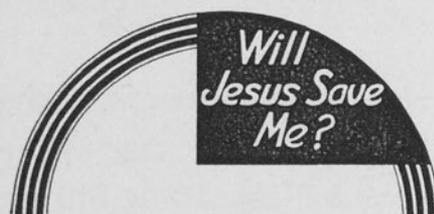
Follow the writings of Joel and Zechariah, and many other passages of the Old Testament, and you will find that the warnings of suffering for Israel are followed by promises of great blessing. "So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain. Then shall Jerusalem be holy . . . and it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim." Joel 3:17, 18.

Jerusalem the Coming World Center

When we visited Palestine there was a Jewish business man with his wife and two children on the ship. He had given up his business to make his home in Palestine. Speaking with him I said, "The time is coming when Jerusalem will be the capital of the world." His face beamed as he replied, "I believe it will become the religious center." Both statements are correct. That Jerusalem will become the religious center is learned from Zechariah fourteen, where, after the siege mentioned in the first verses, it is stated that "every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of Tabernacles." Zech. 14:16. The same chapter shows that Jerusalem will also be the capital of the world for "The Lord shall be King over all the earth" (v. 9). Government and religion will then go hand in hand. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Isa. 2:2-4.

Be Encouraged, Ye Jews

Because of affliction Zion will say, and perhaps has been saying in times of bitter suffering, "The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me." But God assures them that His covenant made with the fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has not been forgotten. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. . . . For thy



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants." "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. The kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth. . . . And thou shalt know that I am the Lord." Isa. 49:15-23.

Burden of the Valley of Vision

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be light and careless. They have nothing outside themselves by which to secure peace. Not long ago a secular writer explained the reason for jazz, crooning, etc. He said it was the expression of uncertainty and instability. Wars and depressions had robbed the people of a sense of security and this sense of lack of security was expressed in the giddy, flippant, unmusical and superficial.

Is the church of Christ like the poor world? Does it have no anchor? Where are the songs "Jesus, lover of my soul," "Rock of ages, cleft for me," "Oh, worship the King all glorious Above," "I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest"? Surely the church has an anchor. Surely it is not drifting over life's sea like the anchorless world. Let God's people be as a lighthouse. Let them be a demonstration of, "We have an anchor that keeps the soul." Let the minister declare the unsearchable riches of Christ and let the whole atmosphere of worship be an evidence that we look for a city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

God calls His people to throw off the appearance of shallowness. He calls "to weeping and to mourning." Does He not say in Joel, "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, saying, Spare thy people oh Lord and give not thine heritage to reproach"? How dry are the eyes of many. How few weep with spiritual weeping over the lost and over the conditions round about. There is need of genuine revival—not mere protracted meetings—not memorized evangelistic sermons—not catchy ways of attracting and holding people—but real Biblical revival where the pastor and his people pray God's blessing down, where the air becomes filled with a spirit entirely different from the light spirit that is in the world. Shall we not unite for God's visitation in a world that seems to be going into the throes of woeful God-forgetting tribulation?

Childish Giving

It is a trick with little children, in a spasm of generosity, to give to those whom they love some dear possession, and to take it back again; or at least to use it without reference to the ownership they had conferred. And it is thus that too many Christians act towards Christ. They ask Him to consider all their possessions as His; but within an hour they are spending them as if they were as much their own as ever. They determine how much to give to a collection without once asking Him what He desires.—F. B. Meyer.

"Eegeene" (Hygiene)

W. F. P. Burton, Mwanza, Congo Belge

We are very near the equator, and the weather is stifling; six months of rain and six months without rain, but hot all the time.

There is a natural tendency to let down, and take the line of least resistance. We have to pull ourselves together constantly.

The Government insists that the natives maintain well-hoed villages, neat houses, whitewashed walls, thatches in good repair and so on.

First they allow a few weeds to flourish. Then the whitewash gets dirty and is not renewed. The thatch rots and begins to leak, which attracts the white ants to it, and before long the natives are back, living in pig-like squalor. It is not that they fail to appreciate the clean, neat villages, and sound dry roads, but simply that they can't be bothered.

I recently met a government sanitary official in a village near here. He was shocked to find a man living with a wife and five children (to say nothing of a sitting hen and pots of food) in a hut 7 ft. by 8 ft., while only six behind was a goat-house with eight goats.

The official was furious, and asked the man's name, probably that he might fine him for living in such squalor. The man gave his name as "Idjieni," pronounced as in the title to this page.

While in our school this man had attended my talks on hygiene and sanitation, and was so impressed that for a time he had washed his body and clothes, had the drinking water boiled, kept his surroundings clean, and maintained simple though efficient arrangements. However, bit by bit he became less careful. His wife could not be bothered to boil the drinking water, so probably the children were infested with intestinal worms. Most of them had mattery eyes, which their mother cleaned with her fingers, wiping them on her scanty skirt.

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Pastors, Sunday School Officers and Teachers, YOU are urged to be in attendance both days in the Regional Conference nearest you. These regional conferences will be held instead of one Nation-wide Conference as of last year.

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They were dirty, lousy, and in rags, while on the thatch of the hut were some dried fish, three or four days old, covered with flies, left there to get a flavor before they were eaten!

There was worse, far worse around that foul hut, which I dare not describe, and this despite the government's splendid medical and sanitary service. The natives simply could not be bothered.

Paul wrote to Titus, "Let ours learn to maintain good works." Titus 3:14. Not merely to do them, but to go on doing good works.

There is the man who "thinks he stands" but must be careful lest he fall (1 Cor. 10:12), those who have a name for being alive, but are dead (Rev. 3:1), and some who say they are rich, but are on the verge of bankruptcy. Rev. 3:17.

There is all too sad a tendency to think that Christianity is an experience only, but NO! After that blessed experience which we talk of as "being born again," comes a whole life. What's the use of a child just being born if it does not live?—*Redemption Tidings*.

We Give Thanks

God has so blessedly answered prayer here at Headquarters during all the years since 1914, when the Gospel Publishing House was established, that it is fit that we publicly give thanks to God. Our publications have increased in number, and the circulation of each publication has increased. Through all the lean years since 1929 everything has increased every year. Even the money sent in for missions in these years when so many denominations have been compelled to retrench, has increased so that we have constantly added to our number of foreign missionaries. The story of the prosperity of missions is itself thrilling and wonderful.

Here follows a list of our periodicals, in each case giving the number being published at the date of this *Evangel*:

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This makes a grand total of 829,500. This may not seem much to people used to reading astronomical figures in the newspapers; but it gives us deep and heartfelt satisfaction to know that God has so blessed our efforts that more than three quarters of a million issues of our seventeen publications go out on the wings of the mail to all parts of the globe, bringing spiritual uplift and Christian blessing to multitudes of people. To God alone belongs the praise.

How much we will appreciate your daily prayers for the editorial and other workers who prepare these publications.—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

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Our 1940 Missionaries

Twenty New Recruits



Mr. and Mrs. Murray N. Brown
French West Africa



Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tangen
North China



Gladys Knowles Doris Carlson
North China



Mr. and Mrs. James N. Miller
North India



Paul Schoonmaker Ruth Schoonmaker
North India

The past year has seen the world in the throes of war, the results of which either directly or indirectly have affected most of our mission fields. Travel has become dangerous and uncertain, and it has been almost impossible to make plans ahead of time since we scarcely have known what a day might bring forth. We feel, therefore, that it is indeed a cause for thanksgiving to God that in face of these obstacles, during 1940 twenty new recruits have been sent out to swell the ranks of our missionary force—an increase of one over the total for 1938.

This number consists of only those who have been granted new appointment during the year. While several had spent a previous term on the field, they have now gone out for the first time under Council appointment. In our report we are not including the many missionaries who have returned to their various fields after a furlough period.

Ivory Coast, West Africa

Early in the year Mr. and Mrs. Murray N. Brown sailed for Ivory Coast, West Africa. They were delayed for several months in Gold Coast awaiting necessary visas to enter Ivory Coast, but permission was finally obtained for entry and they are now located at Yako where they expect to spend some time in language study. As new missionaries Brother and Sister Brown have not faced an easy situation. As a result of the war our Ivory Coast field has for the past several months been cut off from all communication with the homeland except by cable and possible indirect contact through our Gold Coast mission.

North China

Among our first missionaries to go out in 1940 also were Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tangen, members of the Northwest District and graduates of Northwest Bible Institute. They went almost immediately to the College of Studies in Peking, to start upon the difficult task of mastering the Chinese language.

In the fall they were joined by Gladys Knowles and Doris Carlson who traveled to China as it were in face of war.

While some of the missionaries have found it necessary to leave the North China field, we are glad that thus far these four young people have been able to remain at Peking, studying and preparing themselves for ministry among the Chinese. We trust that God may surround their lives with His protecting care giving grace to meet every need.

North India

On October 5, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Miller, Ruth and Paul Schoonmaker left with a party of missionaries for North India. Since they were delayed for some weeks in Japan, awaiting steamship accommodation, we have not yet received word of their arrival in India.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are well known to friends in the Montana, Oregon and Northwest Districts where they have in the past engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work. They expect to locate in Calcutta, giving Brother and Sister Hillary much needed help in the Bible school.

Ruth and Paul Schoonmaker join their mother and three sisters who are already engaged in missionary work in North India. Both these young people attended Central Bible Institute. After graduation Ruth was engaged

in home missionary work in Louisiana, and Paul in pastoral work in Delaware. Their permanent location on the field has not been decided but for a time they will remain with Mrs. Schoonmaker at Chapra.

Cuba

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Stokes while ministering on the faculty of Central Bible Institute answered to the call of God to Cuba. They received appointment and in September sailed for the field. Most of the time there necessarily has been spent in language study, though they have had opportunity for some ministry in English through the medium of radio work.

Brazil

This year there were five workers added to our mission in Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil F. Smith first went to Brazil in 1927 where they spent two terms of service without the backing of any mission board. On the recommendation of our mission in Brazil with which they had worked in close association, they were granted appointment this year while home on furlough. In August they returned to the field where God has blessed their ministry to the salvation of souls and upbuilding of the work.

On September 21 Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stohr and Elsie Strahl left for the same field. The Stohrs have had two years' previous missionary experience in Brazil but are now going out for the first time under Council appointment, taking over the work at Ribeirao Preto. Their letters give good report of the ministry Erma Miller and Lillian Flessing have had there and tell of God's continued blessing as they have taken up the threads of the work not only in the local church but also in outstations.

Elsie Strahl has remained with the Stohrs at Ribeirao Preto, thus having opportunity of working with more experienced missionaries while devoting most of her time to language study.

Venezuela

Early in the year Mr. and Mrs. E. Yngve Olson sailed for South America to join the Benders at Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Brother Olson made such splendid progress with the language that before many months he was able to preach in the native tongue. The departure of the Benders for furlough this fall left Brother and Sister Olson in charge of the station which was quite a heavy responsibility for them to assume after having spent only a few months on the field. We are thankful for encouraging word received from them and pray that they may be guided and helped in carrying on the work at Barquisimeto.

Peru

Herbert Felton went out to Peru in the spring under Council appointment but not as a new worker to that field where he had spent some years working independently though at the same time in co-operation with our mission. Soon after arrival he was united in marriage to Olga Pitt, one of our appointed missionaries, who has been in Peru since 1927. From Lima they have sent word of real revival attending their ministry, with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the believers, souls added to the kingdom, and the work advancing for God.

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Our Outlook for 1941

Noel Perkin

Times of difficulty are quite frequently times of opportunity, particularly in the service of God. It has been when the faith of God's people has been most severely tried that the arm of the Lord has been revealed in the most remarkable manner. If the three Hebrew children had never been faced with the fiery-furnace test we should not have known the power of the Lord to protect His children in the midst of the fire. If Paul and Silas and Peter had not been thrown into prison we should not have the encouragement and inspiration which comes to us from their deliverance. The history of the church abounds with similar incidents of the manifestation of God's power to His people in time of need.

Today we face a world situation in which there are forces rampant that seemingly would destroy the Christian faith if this were possible. We are not discouraged, for we know that the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. His kingdom will come. We must be careful not to take an attitude of defeatism, but remember we are following a leader who has never lost a battle. Our task still remains to preach the gospel to every creature, and as long as there are unreached souls our work must continue until He shall come or until it is impossible for us to do any more.

Many doors already are closed to gospel effort because of the opposition of prevailing governments, or leaders of predominant religions. In other sections of the world where for many years the Word of the Lord has gone forth, restrictions are now being increased against foreign missionary effort. This is particularly true of lands under the control of the modern anti-Christian systems of thought.

The Open Doors

Most of China is still open. While at present it might be unwise to consider sending any number of new missionaries to that field, we are trusting that the majority of our workers there, particularly those in free China, may be able to remain and to continue their ministry.

India, with the next largest population among the countries of Asia, is also open to the gospel. Ninety per cent of the Christian community in that land has been drawn from the depressed classes. Not so many from the higher castes have been affected, yet there are enough that we believe if foreign missionary work should cease the church of Jesus Christ would continue to function among the Indian people under its own national leadership. There are obstacles in obtaining transportation for new missionaries to India, and lady workers on the whole are discouraged from going out.

Japan, which has caused us considerable concern, has not taken any action thus far to expel the foreign missionary but rather to instruct all church organizations that the church in Japan shall be under Japanese leadership. This, of course, is our objective. The possibility of withdrawing missionaries from Japan is under consideration by all missions working in that section but for the time being our missionaries are remaining.

Looking toward the Near East, we find our workers in Palestine, Syria and Iraq remaining at their post, able to continue ministry, although it is practically impossible for us to get any out or to send others back. Encouraging reports reaching us by air mail and cable indicate that God's blessing continues on the work.

In Africa, with its one hundred and fifty million people, there are still vast areas open to evangelical work, perhaps the greatest being French West Africa. While it is almost impossible to send workers out to this field, those already there have not been ordered to leave. We are arranging for them if possible to prolong their terms of service, trusting that a brighter day may be before us. Liberia can still be reached, and we have about ten missionaries ready to leave for that field just as soon as sailing can be secured.

We should like to get in touch with young men who would be willing to go to West Africa. Two could be used in Nigeria if those with the right qualifications and the call of God upon their lives can be contacted.

Our Field of Greatest Opportunity

Our greatest field of opportunity for the moment is in South and Central America and the West Indies.

Encouraging reports come to us from Argentina, Brazil, Peru, and Venezuela, and we are expecting to make some advance moves, strengthening our work in these sections. We are hoping this year to establish a center in Chile. Columbia, which until a few years ago was considered eighty-five per cent unevangelized, may be one our newest fields of opportunity.

The West Indies present a field of great promise. There is a growing work in Cuba, and in Puerto Rico our work has gone ahead by leaps and bounds, operating now entirely under Puerto Rican administration. We need to strengthen our force in Santo Domingo. If a young couple with a knowledge of the Spanish language could be secured who have had some experience in the ministry, we should like to get in touch with them as prospective laborers for that section.

Central America presents a special opportunity at this time. We have under appointment only about one missionary couple to each of the four Central American republics, yet the work has developed in a remarkable manner. Practically all the native preachers are self-supporting. Two Bible schools have been established, one in El Salvador and one in Nicaragua. In El Salvador there are between forty and fifty assemblies and nearly one hundred additional preaching points.

It is inspiring to read the accounts of the pioneer efforts of our native brethren in these Central American republics many of whom have suffered extreme persecution and imprisonment for their faith. Here also we need to strengthen our missionary staff and are looking for young people who have proved their ministry at home and who have a definite call to service in this section.

Our entire missionary force for all fields includes some four hundred under regular appointment and about fourteen hundred native ministers in the various countries where our missionaries are laboring.

The door of service is still open. While it is true that there are needs here at home, in practically all the lands abroad the needs are from ten to one hundred times as great. If we were merely building for ourselves we should keep our workers and funds at home, but since we are building for God our field must be the world. Let us make 1941 a banner year in advances for God so that if some of the doors now open should close we may have the satisfaction of feeling that we have done what we could.



Mr. and Mrs. Louie W. Stokes
Cuba



Mr. and Mrs. E. Yngve Olson
Venezuela



Mr. and Mrs. Virgil F. Smith
Brazil



Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Stohr
Brazil

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37, 38.



Elsie Strahl
Brazil

THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

WITHOUT GOD

A visitor to Russia said to one of his guides: "So you young people think you can live without God?" To which the confident reply came: "We do live without God." I ventured to say: "But do you think you can die without God?" She made no reply.

BRITISH GIVING TO GERMAN MISSIONS

Reports from England show a total, says an International Missionary Council bulletin, of \$21,000 received to date from the aid of the continental missions, of which \$2500 has been specifically designed for German missions. Is not this showing the love of God in a practical way?

A CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS

The report of the Findings Committee of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, which Brother Perkin attended in New York City on December 4, 1940, states that "in a world where anti-Christian ideas are being extensively circulated, we call on the Christian forces of America to match such subversive activities with the propaganda of the Prince of Peace through a greatly increased circulation of the Word of God."

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

A German writer states that he believes that there are today 30,000 organized Christian groups in the Soviet Republics, in addition to many secret groups. Ministers are ordained secretly, have no definite parish, and travel about unrecognized by the enemies of religion, but known to believers. Many of the ministers are artisans or small tradespeople, and gather groups of believers in unfrequented woods and ravines.

AMONG GERMAN SOLDIERS

A correspondent writes: "On December 6 I was privileged to talk to a lady (a Quaker) who had just come from England, and she told me there was a deep religious feeling there but no outward sign of revival or anything unusual spiritually. She said: 'The German Government made many preachers go into the army. These earnest ministers are preaching in the army camps, and the soldiers are having prayer meetings, singing hymns, and reading the Word of God. This is on no small scale.'"

AMERICA HELPS "ORPHANED" MISSIONS

The International Missionary Council reports that up to December 1, 1940, \$263,400 had been given to support the European missions in heathen lands that have been cut off from their source of supply. "Many denominations have sent gifts to provide the emergency needs of Danish, Norwegian, Dutch, German, Belgian, and French missions without discrimination of nationality or creed. These gifts—not for the missions of their own denomination but for the missions of the universal church—are convincing evidence of the world-wide fellowship of Christians."

GREECE, A LAND OF TOLERATION

"Greece, which has only 100,000 Jews, has earned the reputation of a land of toleration" reports the *Jewish Chronicle*. Up to August, 1936, when General Metaxas came to power, there had been a number of minor anti-Semitic disturbances, but when the General became the head of the government he assured the Jews of his sympathy. "Only recently, General Metaxas expressed, through the Government General of Macedonia, his deep gratitude to the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki for its initiative in opening a subscription for national aviation."

God promised to Abraham: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee." And He is carrying that promise out, even today, as is evident in the way the Greek army has triumphed over the Italians.

"NOW IS THE TIME TO RETURN"

A significant signboard says *Moody Monthly* was seen in Indianapolis. The sign is in front of a monument in the very heart of the city, and in large letters it reads,

"American Democracy is
Founded on Belief in God.

Now is the time to return to His worship." The sign was placed there by the American Legion.

MANY TROOPS IN JERUSALEM

Of late, many troops from England, Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia, South Africa, and India have been pouring into Palestine. There are also Polish, a few French troops, as well as Czechs who recently crossed over the border from Syria. These troops are all taken to Jerusalem where they are shown the various sights, the ancient walls, the temple area, the places of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Special guides have been set apart to conduct the men around the city where our Lord spent His last earthly days. Jerusalem now has a population of 125,000 and is perhaps the most cosmopolitan city on the globe. It has its own broadcasting station and messages are broadcasted in English, Hebrew, Arabic, Italian, German and French.

THE ONLY POWER TO LIFT

One of New York's wealthiest churches, which conducts a large social settlement in a needy part of the city, had issued its annual report, says *The Presbyterian*. It was extremely pessimistic. A vast expenditure of effort and money had been made, and while much good had doubtless been done, not a single conversion had been made. Referring to this fact, the editor made this significant statement: "The modern scheme for raising the masses by education and improved environment has failed. Not a soul has been saved by the great outlay of money and effort furnished by this wealthy church. But in the same locality there is a strange band of men and women who parade the streets each night with drum and tambourine to collect fallen men and women to hear them preach, and though they preach but one thing, salvation through the blood of Christ, there is not a single night that souls are not saved. Say what you will, that old despised doctrine of blood is the only power that can lift the masses."

HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED TO GOD?

The *St. Louis Globe Democrat* has an editorial with the above heading. It tells of the impromptu prayer of a refugee child, "Dear God, please take care of Yourself, for if anything happens to You, we're sunk!" This editorial states:

"The very fact that faith in God persisted through all the trials of the past is assurance that it will endure through this present period of world-wide affliction. Nothing has happened to God. Nothing can happen to God. From 'everlasting to everlasting' He reigns over all. Man in general is responsible and accountable for what is occurring in these days of multiplied horrors, of apparently increasing wrongs, and increasing evil in the world.

"God is, and He is not indifferent, and sooner or later His will will prevail over any combinations or action of evil men to drive Him from the universe or to defeat His purposes. All human history is proof of that.

"At the foot of every page in the annals of nations," says Bancroft, the historian, 'may be written GOD REIGNS.' We may also carry this a little farther and say at the beginning of every day as well as its close "God is still on His throne therefore 'why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God.'"

RICHNESS OF PALESTINIAN SOIL

The *Palestine Review* speaks of the restoration of flat lands near the Dead Sea. They contained 17 per cent salt minerals, and experts declared that nothing could grow upon them; but there was abundant water and the soil was "rinsed" several times and then planted. The returns were astonishing. Clover was harvested three times in three months, alfalfa fourteen times in ten months. The explanation? The soil has, besides its salt, a 35 per cent lime content. "The wilderness of the Dead, Sea, with water plentiful, may yet be twice and thrice blessed and sustain settlements of many workers."

This report reminds us of the words of Isaiah "the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as a rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing." Such shall be the blessings during the Millennium when the Son of God will be King of kings and Lord of lords.

THE TORPEDOED "ATHENIA"

Eva M. Blair tells of the torpedoing of the liner "Athenia" in *The Evangelical Christian*. After the ship had been struck confusion reigned. Cries, screams and loud voices came from the passengers and crew as they sought to bring the life boats into position. "I was gripped by the thought," she wrote: 'How many of these people are prepared to meet God?' The need was never more desperate. To first one person and then another, I proffered the question—"Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour?" People stared at me in a strange, numb way. I received only one positive reply. 'Don't talk to us now!' a young woman retorted, hysterically. 'This isn't the time to discuss such things!'

"I stood aside, finally, crushed by the realization that the majority of the passengers were too shocked to bring their mental faculties to bear upon any other subject but the all-absorbing one of how to escape from the doomed vessel. It was too late to tell them about the One who died that they might have life! Like an arrow, the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Cor. 6:2, sped to my heart: 'Now is the accepted time; Now is the day of salvation.'"

Many people, like these passengers, have said "I'll get saved just before I die," but when the eleventh hour comes their mental faculties are so impaired that they cannot think upon the all-important subject of personal salvation. "Now is the accepted time; Now is the day of salvation."

AMERICA! AMERICA! WAKE UP!

According to a report by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union America has paid \$21,503,048,000 for the various liquors she has consumed since the repeal of Prohibition seven years ago. This amount was spent for 9,565,920 barrels of 100-proof alcohol, 270,000,000 barrels of beer and 450,000,000 gallons of wine.

But this is not the end of the liquor question! Other facts which the WCTU has given are as follows: (1) Arrests for drunkenness have nearly doubled—the ratio per 100,000 population increased 82.1 percent in 1939 over 1932. (2) Death due to alcoholism was 41 percent higher than the first seven years of prohibition. (3) Arrests for drunken driving, in ratio of 100,000 population, increased 61.3 percent in 1939 over 1932. Traffic deaths increased 80 percent during the repeal period over the first seven years of prohibition. (4) The nation's retailers of liquor had grown to 420,000 by July 1, 1940. (5) Brewers have spent nearly \$300,000,000 in advertising, propaganda, and sales appeal to entice millions of non-drinking youths and women. (6) Factories producing distilled spirits have sold \$5,106,296,342 worth of merchandise, the beer producers three times that amount or \$14,882,048,342, and the wine makers \$1,605,000,000 of wine with 14 to 21 per cent alcoholic content.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Thus spoke the wisest of all men, Solomon, long before our present era. How can God bless a nation that is living so far below His standard?

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Translation of Elijah

Lesson for January 26. Lesson Text:
2 Kings 2:1-12.

The eventful time had arrived, when after a life of intense devotion and service to God, the pilgrim prophet is to be carried to his heavenly rest by a whirlwind. Elijah knows what is coming, but betrays no apparent emotion. He might have gathered all Israel to the heights of the Jordan valley, to witness the glorious spectacle of his departure. Instead, with the humility that always accompanies true greatness, he keeps the secret locked in his bosom. And we meet him on the way from Gilgal, quietly walking with his servant Elisha, whose devotion to His master in the closing hour of his earthly sojourn seems, in our opinion, to be the outstanding matter of the lesson.

ELISHA'S DEVOTION TO ELIJAH.

Elijah's request. "And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel." Why did Elijah speak thus? Was it not for the purpose of testing Elisha's fidelity and attachment to himself? In like manner, Naomi tested Ruth to see whether she would choose comfort in Moab or follow her to Judah. See Ruth 1:6-13. Even so Christ "made as though he would have gone farther" in order to elicit an invitation from the two on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:28.

Elisha's reply. "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." Elisha stood the test. His devotion to Elijah was no fickle emotion. He had followed too long and loved too deeply to turn aside now in the crucial hour. His words are reminiscent of those of Ruth to her mother-in-law, "The Lord do so to me and more also if ought but death part me and thee." But by contrast we think of the sad words of Paul concerning one whose devotion had waned—"Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." 2 Tim. 4:10. By the peculiar difficulties of the day in which we live, by privations, afflictions, and persecutions, by opportunities to do humble service—in these and other ways, Christ daily tests our devotion to Him. Is our devotion equal to the test? Do we rise to the occasion?

ELISHA'S DEVOTION BRINGS OPPOSITION.

"And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head today?" At Bethel and Jericho were "Bible Schools," institutions which had been opened in Samuel's day, where young men who were called to the ministry received their training.

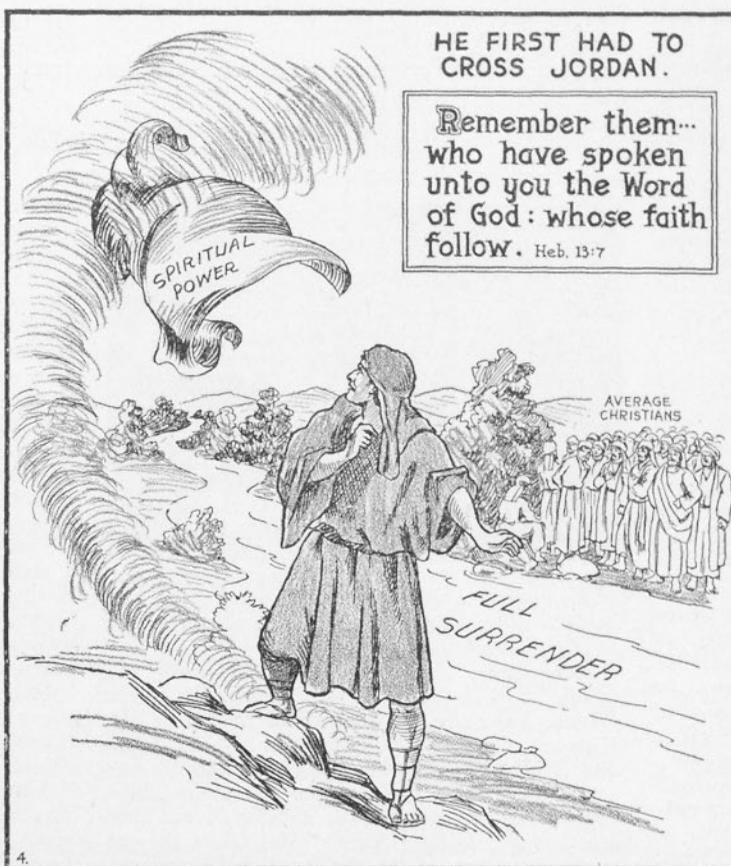
The remarks of the sons of the prophets to Elisha, who probably had no scholastic training, seem to indicate resentment, criticism, and perhaps ridicule. They may have begrudged Elisha his position. At any rate we may draw this lesson—the man who is bent on following Christ wholeheartedly is bound to encounter misunderstanding and opposition—often from those closest to him! He may be accused of having a "holier-than-thou" attitude, of being "too narrow and strait-laced," etc. And why is this the case? For one thing, it may be because the consecrated life of the one criticized is a rebuke to lives of his critics with their love of comfort and lack of self-sacrifice.

This is where the cross often comes in the spiritual pilgrimage of the soul. The great question is—are we willing to be misunderstood, ridiculed, and persecuted if need be, even by those

closest to us, in order to live the kind of a life we feel our Lord wants us to live? If the opinions of others about us mean more to us than what Jesus thinks of us, then we are not worthy of Him. Matt. 10:34-37.

ELISHA'S DEVOTION IS NOT QUENCHED BY OPPOSITION.

Not once, but twice Elisha had to meet with the remarks of the sons of the prophets. But their words did not alter his purpose. He gave them a brief answer and continued to follow his master. While it is true that youth is often somewhat impractical and too idealistic, yet there is a danger, as we grow older in the spiritual way, of allowing the opinions of others to become wet blankets which cause us to lower ideals and give up objectives that might have been attained. If inventors, scientists, explorers and navigators had allowed ridicule and opposition to dim their



visions, we should still be living in a primitive world! If we feel that an objective or vision is God-given, let us not allow the finest saint to cause us to give it up! Notice the idealism of Paul, his determined clinging to what he considered his God-given vision, and his unquenchable devotion to Jesus! See Acts 20:22-24; 21:11-13; 2 Cor. 11:23-29; Phil. 3:10-14.

ELISHA'S DEVOTION IS REWARDED.

The closing scene is at hand. Elisha has followed Elijah even across Jordan. Afar off stand fifty sons of the prophets waiting to see what will transpire. Elijah, recognizing the devotion of his servant, wishes to give him a token of gratitude. Compare John 14:12-16.

The offer. "As what I shall do for thee, before I am taken away from thee." Elisha, like Solomon (1 Kings 3:5), is on trial. He must choose between the temporal and the eternal, between earthly ambition and the unselfish promptings of disinterested service. What should he choose? What are we choosing?

The desire. "And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." Elisha asks that he might receive, not twice as much power as his master, but, as the Hebrew

term implies, the double portion of an eldest son. Deut. 21:17.

The motive. Was Elisha's motive pure? Let us remember that the spiritual tide in Israel was at a very low ebb. Now that Elijah was leaving it seemed the end of hope for the nation. Who would uphold the truth, withstand the powerful influence of idolatry, and encourage and strengthen the hearts that had failed? This was Elisha's concern. He desired the prophetic spirit that he might do something for others, not that he might exalt himself. We are told to "tarry until endued with power from on high," to "covet spiritual gifts." For what purpose? In order that Christ may be glorified, His church edified, and His kingdom extended! God encourages us to ask largely. Only let us be sure our motives are pure.

The condition. "Thou hast asked a hard thing." It was not within Elijah's power to grant the request. "Nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so." Spiritual gifts are only given by God, and only given to those who are spiritually qualified. Elijah as much as said, "Spiritual power is dependent upon spiritual vision and spiritual vision is dependent upon character. It is the 'pure in heart' who 'see God.' Therefore, if you are able to see me when I am taken, it will indicate that you are spiritually fit to receive the power which you seek."

The condition met. Vv. 11, 12. Can we not imagine how closely Elisha followed his master, with what great concentration he watched Elisha in these closing moments of his life? And when Elijah was caught up to heaven, Elisha saw him go and was assured of the double portion of power for which he had asked! But had Elisha followed his master so closely just for the sake of reward? Far from it! For, immediately his master is gone, Elisha forgets all about his reward, utters a cry of grief, and rends his clothes expressing his sorrow over the departure of the man to whom he had been so devoted. Elisha in his devotion to Elijah is a picture of God's ideal saint devoted, not to a cause or a creed, but passionately and wholeheartedly devoted to Jesus Christ Himself! Such a saint will have true spiritual power, will receive great reward, will be of inestimable service to God; yet these things are not the motive or object of his devotion; for constraining love is his motive; and Christ HIMSELF, his goal!—J. Bashford Bishop.

CHURCH FINANCES

The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have made this important declaration:

"The motive and method of church finance must be radically reformed, and the whole problem lifted to a spiritual plane. We must not, however, interpret stewardship as a shrewd financial device to increase our church budgets, but rather as the basic principle of the life of God in us to increase our spiritual life. Stewardship includes the investment of personality, of prayer, and of possessions. We summon our people to remind themselves that stewardship involves not only the administration of income after it is acquired, but it likewise involves the method by which it is acquired. We must acquire our income like sons of God, and administer it like stewards of God.

GONE ON BEFORE

Word has come to us of the home going of Sister Katherine M. Tacker, the wife of Pastor P. C. Tacker of Santa Cruz, California, who passed away on December 14, 1940. Besides her husband she is survived by six daughters and two sons. May the Lord sustain the bereaved ones at this time of sorrow.

GOOD NEWS

"LET MY LAST END BE LIKE HIS"

Bishop Philip William Otterbein, founder of the United Brethren church, ended a ministry of sixty-two years in great peace. Doctor Kurtz of the Lutheran church, for many years a devoted personal friend of the distinguished preacher, offered at his bedside the last audible prayer, at the close of which the bishop responded, "Amen, amen, it is finished." Like good old Simeon who was spared to take the Babe of Bethlehem in his arms, Bishop Otterbein could say, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation."

His grief-stricken friends thinking he was dying, had gathered about him to take the last look ere he smote with his sandals the waters of Death's river, but, rallying again for a moment, as if to finish his testimony, and to give still greater assurance of victory, he said, "Jesus, Jesus, I die, but Thou livest, and soon I shall live with Thee." Then turning to his friends, he continued, "The conflict is over and past. I begin to feel an unspeakable fullness of love and peace divine." All was quiet. He awaited the approach of heaven's chariot; nor did he wait in vain. "A smile, a fresh glow, lighted up his countenance, and, behold, it was death."

Why were the last words of Bishop Otterbein so different from those of Queen Elizabeth of England who died saying, "All my possessions for moment of time"? Why were they not like those of Voltaire, the noted French infidel who cried: "O Christ! O Lord Jesus!" Then turning his face to the wall, cried out, "I must die—abandoned of God and of men."

Here is the reason: Bishop Otterbein had given himself soul, body, time, talents, and possessions to the Lord Jesus. They who died in soul agony had refused to do this wise thing. Bishop Otterbein knew whom he had believed, and was persuaded that He was able to keep that which the Bishop had committed unto Him, against that day. For Queen Elizabeth and Infidel Voltaire this was impossible.

The final count of the good things Bishop Otterbein accomplished for which he will receive an eternal and an infinitely great reward, cannot as yet be made, because the things he said and the lives he helped to transform are still doing good in the world. He being dead yet speaketh. So it is with the others. People are still reading Voltaire's blasphemous words, and having their souls polluted thereby. The depth of his woe in an endless horrible hell cannot yet be determined, for he being dead also continues to speak hurtful things.

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Will you heed its deceptions and continue in sin and go on to hell; or will you hear Jesus saying to you, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest"? Turn from your sins, believe in Christ, and be saved.—C. E. R.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

25 de Mayo, Argentina—Please pray for souls to be saved and filled with the Spirit. We praise the Lord for the conversion of Hilda Garcia, young school teacher who has attended our services since a little girl.—Alice C. Wood.

Lapa, Brazil—Pray for a number of sick people in our assembly whose faith is weak; also pray that our Christians will receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.—F. J. Stalter.

Pernambuco, Brazil—Pray that a worker may soon be placed in Crato, Ceara; also pray for the support of our present native workers. We praise the Lord for saving and baptizing several.—Virgil F. Smith.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—We are happy to report the salvation of several souls. Pray for these new converts and for a man who attends the services and wants to live a Christian life but is hindered.—Theodore Stohr.

Villa Salles, Brazil—Pray for a revival in this assembly and district, for funds for the support of a native evangelist, and to purchase three horses so that we can visit our scattered congregation. We praise the Lord for meeting all our needs up to the present time.—Mabel L. Bax de Garcia.

Callao, Peru—Pray that the native workers will be supported and pray that we may be able to build a church here.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Perkins.

Lima, Peru—Pray for one of the boys of the Lima Bible School who, without help, has opened a new meeting hall; also pray for some of the other boys who are in need of work.—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Felton.

Juncos, Puerto Rico—Please pray for our Bible School which has been opened recently.—Louis C. Otero.

Galle, Ceylon—We praise the Lord for saving souls. Pray that they may be kept true to God and grow in Him.—Carl F. Graves.

Ranchi, Bihar, India—Pray for a young man and his wife who have been suffering from fever for some time. Pray for Brother and Sister Willard Waggoner as they carry the burden of the work at Chutupaloo, and pray for our Indian workers and Christians. Pray that we may regain our strength.—Robert McClay.

Peking, North China—Please pray that wisdom will be given the missionaries at this time and that confidence may again be restored. Special prayer is needed for the native church throughout the Far East.—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hansen.

Shantung, North China—Please pray earnestly for the Christians here that they may be sustained by our heavenly Father in these days of testing, and also pray that God will lay the burden for the unsaved on their hearts. We praise the Lord for healing a merchant recently.—Grace P. Nicholson.

Freetown, Sierra Leone—Pray for five different groups where I minister that God may send a mighty revival, saving souls and baptizing believers in the Holy Spirit; also pray for the Sunday Schools in these places.—Axel A. Oman.

Johannesburg, South Africa—Pray for a number of souls who are hungry for the gospel.—Mrs. Daniel Wilcox.

Athens, Greece—Please continue to pray for the "orthodox" people here and for an outpouring of God's Spirit in Greece.—Harry Mamalis.

Tracts will win souls for Him! Do you distribute them? Send for an assorted package of tracts, 25c—The Gospel Publishing House.

Mother and Child



Note: The Superintendent's Guide offers this suggestion as a feature for observance in the Sunday School, January 26.

This picture shows part of the mothers and babies of the Cradle Roll Department at the Central Assembly Sunday School in Springfield, Missouri. The picture was taken last fall when this School had as their special guests in the Adult Department the mothers and their babies. (We see no reason why the dads could not have been included in the picture.) Mrs. Nora Stevens is superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, assisted by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Bert Webb.

Perhaps you will wish to observe the Cradle Roll feature in your School, January 26, or any other convenient date. By having mothers and babies before the entire School, you will be able to create further interest in that department. There may be many scholars in your School who scarcely realize that you have a Cradle Roll Department. This means that your workers in that department do not have the cooperation of

the entire School for making that department a success.

Every member of your School should be on the lookout for new families moving into the community, and if there are babies in the family, to get permission from the parents to enroll the babies on the Cradle Roll. Or, at least, the name and residence of that family should be given to Cradle Roll workers so that the family can be visited by them. In this day of crime and worldliness there may be many homes which have been ruined spiritually, merely because the church was not alert in contacting that home, at a time when there were babies in the home, and the parents needed spiritual guidance. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The Cradle Roll Department provides an early start for training the child, through winning the parents' hearts for the Lord.

Having the entire group assemble, as pictured above, will help parents appreciate the membership in your active Cradle Roll Department. There should be a time in the opening service of your School for an experienced, Spirit-filled mother who has been a home builder to give a talk to the entire Sunday School concerning the Christian home and training of the child in the way he should go.

Observing this feature in the opening service of your School need not take so long that it will trespass upon the study period. Merely lay aside some of the nonessentials of the usual opening service, and there will be time to greet these special guests and acquaint the entire School with the work of the Cradle Roll Department.—M. L. G.

For further information, ask for free folder, "How to Conduct a Cradle Roll Department."

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SEED THOUGHTS

ALICE E. LUCE

There is much to be gained by taking a *wider view*. Travelers in the Alps sometimes miss the majestic beauty of the mountains while they are worrying over their trunks.

Martha concentrated her gaze on the merely human necessities of a good dinner; while Mary took the wider view and lived for eternity.

In the Pilgrim's Progress the man with a muck-rake was getting nowhere, while all the time an angel was holding a golden crown over his bowed head; but *he never saw it*.

Someone has said, "The things that really count in life are very few; but we cannot afford to miss any of them."

Where is your gaze centered? Do the trials and problems of life loom so large to you that they blot out everything eternal?

Take the wider view. Look off unto Jesus, and you will soon find that HE can solve every problem for you and give you victory at every step.

This wider outlook will also give us a greater missionary vision, and we shall have *largeness of heart* like Solomon. 1 Kings 4:29.

It will also take away our fear of death. "Death is but a horizon; and a horizon is only the limit of our power to see."

Praise God that though the *natural* power to see is thus limited, faith (the eye of the soul) can pierce through the veil and see the eternal glories prepared for those who love God.

A DOCTOR WRITES OFF BILLS

Dr. E. Thomas Brand has been a practicing physician for 32 years—20 years on the north side of Chicago and the last 12 in Woodstock. In that period, his record books have listed hundreds of needy patients who still owe him for his services.

The other day the doctor gave these people

a Christmas present. He wiped clean the slate. He inserted a large advertisement in the Woodstock Daily Sentinel, reading:

"To my patients: Every man or woman who owes me for medical or surgical services, who has a mortgage on his home or is paying rent due to the inability of owning a home because of lack of finances, will be given a receipt by me, showing his accounts with me paid in full. This is my Christmas donation to deserving humanity."

Dr. Brand has not even tabulated the amounts these patients owe him. He estimates the total at more than \$15,000.

"I know that some of my patients who haven't paid their bills, are wealthy people," Dr. Brand said. "I'm not canceling their accounts. I want them to know they still owe me money."

What Dr. Brand has done is a reminder of what the Lord does for those who are in debt to Him because of their sins. He wipes the slate clean by virtue of the precious blood of Christ which was shed for the remission of sins.

All that was necessary to secure Dr. Brand's receipt of cancellation of debt was faith in his message appearing in the newspaper—and all that is required to secure the remission of sins is faith in the Lord's message appearing in the Scriptures.

Imagine a patient who has a mortgage on his home and is heavily indebted to the doctor for both medical and surgical services saying: "I don't believe that Dr. Brand's cancellation of debt can be so easily received. There is a catch in it somewhere—why should Dr. Brand do such a thing?"

When informed that Dr. Brand definitely stated that it was his "Christmas donation to deserving humanity" the skeptical patient says: "Ah, there's the catch, 'deserving humanity!' I knew it was not as simple as it sounded. I am not deserving of the cancellation of such a heavy debt!"

It is explained that Dr. Brand gave his own definition of "deserving humanity" by saying he meant a patient who has "a mortgage on his home or is paying rent due to the inability of owning a home because of lack of finances."

If the patient continued to disbelieve Dr. Brand's

message, his friends would doubtless say to him: "You are foolish for not taking the doctor at his word."

There are many, we are sorry to say, who hear God's message: "To Him give all the prophets witness that through His name *whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins*" (Acts 10: 43) who say: "I don't believe it—it isn't as simple as all that—why should God forgive me my many sins in such an easy manner?"

They are told that is because God loves us and has given Christ to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, and He wishes to show the riches of His grace in the forgiveness of sins.

They argue that they are not worthy and are assured that that is correct for the Lord Jesus said: "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:32.

If they still remain skeptical, they should be warned that unbelief deprives one of the proffered forgiveness, and merits the righteous judgment of God.

Hear and believe the royal proclamation: "Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him *all that believe* are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38-39.—Tom Olsen in *Now*.

"STOPPING" THE TRAIN

Whatever form persecution will take, it will be no more effective than were the efforts of the Western Indians who, when the first railroad was laid over the plains, decided to capture the first train and put an end to the working of the road. An early settler tells of it. "The Indians stretched a lariat across the track, breast high. Each end was held by thirty braves. When the engineer saw it, he didn't know what it was, but in a minute he caught hold of the throttle and opened her out. He struck that lariat, going about forty miles an hour, and he just piled those braves up on each side of the track."—*From Youth's Companion*.

REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

HAMILTON, MO.—We have just closed a 2-weeks revival with W. L. Willis as the evangelist. Five came to the altar for salvation and the church was helped by the presence of God.—Merle J. White, Pastor.

MELCHER, IOWA—I recently conducted a meeting here and God met us in a wonderful way. Seven were saved or reclaimed, and 6 were filled with the Holy Ghost. W. L. Selby is pastor here.—Pearl Benz, 1320 Douglas, Knoxville, Iowa.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—December 22, Evangelist Guy Shields closed a 3-weeks meeting at Trinity Tabernacle, Page Blvd. and Marcus Ave. There were a number of conversions, some were reclaimed, and 25 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Twenty-four were received into the fellowship of the church.—Fred Lohmann, Pastor.

MELCHER, IOWA—December 16 we closed a 3-weeks revival with Pearl Benz of Knoxville, Iowa, as the evangelist. God's blessing was upon the meeting each night, and 7 were saved or reclaimed. Sister Benz is new in evangelistic work, but God blessed her labors. She had a real message for the people, and was loved by all.—W. L. Selby, Pastor.

PAWHUSKA, OKLA.—We have just closed a revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur S. Arnold of Oklahoma City. The glory of God was present in every service. Night after night extra seats had to be brought in to seat the people. Between 35 and 40 were saved, many of them church members. Seven received the Holy Ghost Baptism. Brother Arnold is vitally interested in Sunday Schools and during the revival the Sunday School attendance increased to 265. Our school is now averaging 100 a Sunday above last year. Many of the older members of the church say that this has

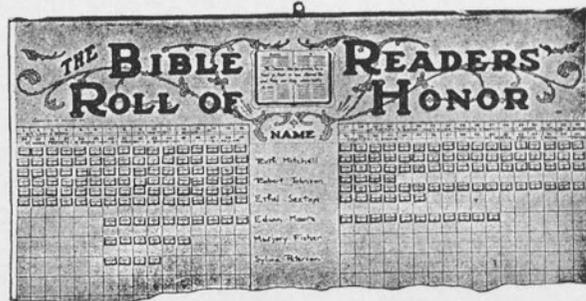
been the greatest revival they have had here in years.—R. A. Work, Pastor.

ALEDO, TEXAS—We have enjoyed a 2½-weeks revival with Brother and Sister Kenzy Savage of Ft. Worth as the evangelists. Brother and Sister Savage are

Spanish missionaries and Brother Savage is a Spanish teacher in South Central Bible Institute. God blessed in the salvation of souls and in Baptisms with the Holy Ghost. It was a good, steady, upbuilding campaign in every respect, with the local church seeking God for a deeper experience. Everyone enjoyed the ministry of Brother and Sister Savage and their two little girls, with our pastor, Claude Rossignol. They gave the message in song, music, and sermon.—Mrs. George Pearce, Sunday School Secretary.

GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS—The Lord has blessed in a very precious way in a revival conducted here by Evangelist Wm. F. McPherson. Our people say that this was one of the best revivals the church has witnessed in a number of years. A notorious sinner was gloriously saved and is a regular attendant at church services. A Jew and his wife, while kneeling at the altar, were saved at the same time, and both received the Baptism at the very same moment. Our church was greatly revived and is growing in every department.

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The Bible Readers' Roll of Honor

This chart is a good item to introduce in the Sunday School at the beginning of the New Year. It is 24x36 inches in size, brass bound at top and bottom. The heading is printed in red and blue. The Chart is ruled for 36 names, with 66 spaces opposite each name. These spaces represent the sixty-six books of the Bible, and are to be covered, one at a time, with a gummed seal as each separate book is read, reviewed, or studied.

The sixty-six books are listed at the top

of the Chart and for convenience are numbered consecutively, and are divided into History, Law, Prophecy, etc. Each seal is a representation of an open Bible, and has the name of the book and its serial number. Stamps are furnished in sheets of 66, one for each book of the Bible.

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We praise the Lord that our monthly offering for missions has not gone below a hundred dollars, and during the Christmas holidays our quota was raised more easily than ever before. The revival fires are still burning.—Troy B. Helms, Pastor.

MIAMI, OKLA.—We are praising the Lord for a gracious revival just closed with Evangelist and Mrs. S. M. Padgett of Tulsa. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and some were reclaimed. One woman received the Holy Ghost Baptism as she was testifying during a praise meeting. In a Sunday morning service a man was saved as he sat in the congregation.

Our Sunday School was blessed financially during the month of December, too. We were able to set a new record offering for one Sunday, and it has been the best month for offerings our school has ever had.

Visiting ministers are always welcome to meet with us, on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday nights. Noel Dagenett is our pastor.—Mack Webb, Church Secretary.

DETROIT, MICH.—The Fox Evangelistic campaign conducted at Berea Tabernacle during October and part of November proved very profitable spiritually and materially. Scores of people came to the altar seeking salvation, a number received the Baptism in the Spirit, and many others reconsecrated their lives to the Lord. The inspired singing and playing by the Fox Party was a means of drawing many new people to the church. The campaign was followed by the celebration of the 27th anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. J. R. Kline's ministry in Detroit with many of the neighboring pastors attending. The splendid ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Boyd, dealing with unique Sunday School and Junior Church methods and Bible Studies, which followed the anniversary celebration, was very beneficial. An additional avenue for spreading the Pentecostal message has opened up through the medium of our weekly Sunday afternoon gospel broadcast, known as the "Old-fashioned Church of the Air," at 1:30 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, over Station WCAR, 1100 kilos. In less than three months over 100 cities, towns, and villages have been heard from, covering a 200-mile radius from Detroit. We covet the prayers of all God's children for this broadcast of the Old-fashioned gospel.—J. M. Panda, Church Secretary.

SAN AUGUSTINE, TEXAS—In 1939 the Lord impressed the people of the Lufkin Section of the need of a home missionary work, since the eastern half of the section is a needy field. There are towns in this part of the section with a population of 500 to 2,500, that have no Assembly of God work. An offering was taken at one of our fellowship meetings, and a committee was appointed consisting of R. L. Bennett of Frankston, Sectional Presbyter, A. J. Richey of Palestine, and D. M. Rice of Cayuga. These three men began to pray and to work, and through their untiring efforts God gave the Lufkin Section an almost new tent, 40x60 ft., for the home missionary work. They secured benches and a new acrosonic piano to go with the tent. The tent was pitched in San Augustine.

We began a revival on October 26, and closed on December 22, having good-sized crowds in spite of the cold, rainy weather. After the third week a storm blew the tent down, but only one light globe was broken and only two small holes were torn in the side walls; the tent itself was unharmed. Then tent was put up again on the same spot without our having missed a service. Then God began to bless. Sixty-five people were saved, some were filled with the Spirit, and there were many miraculous healings.

We are going to launch right into the regular church services and Sunday School in the tent until a building is erected. A lot has already been secured.

We had assisting us in the revival, Edna Freeman as pianist and special singer, and she preached for us the closing week of the revival. God blessed her ministry with us both in message and song. Pray for this new work. All Council ministers and friends passing this way are invited to stop with us.—Evangelist and Mrs. Harlen J. Pate.

COMING MEETINGS

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

COLUMBIA, PA.—Jan 5, for 2 weeks; Nimrod Park, Little Neck, L. L. N. Y., Evangelist.—Earl W. Winand, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—Jan. 5—; Sanders Brothers, Jefferson City, Mo., Evangelists.—H. B. Garlock, Pastor.

GALENA, KANSAS—Jan. 20, for 2 weeks or longer; V. Lenzy Hertweck, Evangelist.—G. P. Hertwick, Pastor.

MANASAS, VA.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. William A. Ward, Washington, D. C.—Howard Salter, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Jan. 15—; Richard and Annette Yunker, Evangelists. J. C. McPhail is pastor.—By Evangelists.

GALVESTON, TEXAS—Jan. 19—; Evangelist and Mrs. William A. Ward, Washington, D. C.—Williem E. Kirschke, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—439 West Anaheim, Dec. 31—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bird H. Campbell.—E. W. Mincey, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—10th and Linden, Jan. 23—; George Hayes, Evangelist.—E. B. and Emma Taylor, Pastors.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—Jan. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Verne J. Crews of Denver.—J. L. Schaffer, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Levi A. Larson, Everett, Wash.—C. Muirhead, Pastor.

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO—Revival in progress; L. K. Dodge and Robert Hancock, Evangelists.—Tice Snider Pastor, 909 Foster Ave.

LONDON, KY.—Jan. 21, for 3 weeks or longer; Jean and Angel Benefiel, Colorado Evangelists and Musicians.—M. A. Jollay, Pastor.

EAST AURORA, N. Y.—Jan. 5, for 3 weeks; H. E. Hardt and Son, Falling Waters, Va., Evangelists.—John T. Grantor, Pastor.

CORSICANA, TEXAS—Month of Jan.; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists. U. S. Grant is pastor.—By Evangelists.

COMPTON, CALIF.—Jan. 5—26; Carl and Edna Goodwin of Los Angeles, Evangelists. Frank Smith is pastor.—By Evangelists.

MODESTO, CALIF.—Jan. 5, for 2 or 3 weeks; Theodore E. Ness, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Donald G. Weston, Pastor.

CHANUTE, KANSAS—Jan. 26—; Karlene Burt and Miss Crouse, La Crecenta, Calif., Evangelists.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaddis, Pastors.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—Meeting in progress to Jan. 19; Roland and Mary Hummel, Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelists.—Emory Andrews, Pastor.

PARAGOULD, ARK.—Jan. 19, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelists Jack and Elta Pope, Dallas, Texas.—Alfred A. Bradley, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Carpenter and Klein Sts.; Jan. 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence Ferguson.—W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Polish Pentecostal Church, 12138 Conant Ave., Jan. 19—26; A. Jashinsky, Milwaukee, Wis., Speaker.—N. Stecewicz, Pastor.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Ebenezer Church, Jan. 19—; Evangelists Vernon and Malva Cardiff, Oakland, Md., Sepecial Speakers.—William Gundersen, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—North Capitol and K Sts., Jan. 14—26; W. F. Duncan, Atlantic City, N. J., Evangelists. C. A. night, Jan. 20, 7:45 p. m.—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

CRESAPTOWN, MD.—Dedication Service, Winchester Road, Jan. 19, 2:30 p. m. Coley H. Jacobs, Presbyter, will officiate, and Brother Barrie of Scotland will bring the message.—E. S. Stevenson, Pastor.

UNION CITY, TENN.—Bible Conference, Jan. 28—30; 3 services daily. Day services, Bible teaching; night services evangelistic. Rooms and meals furnished as far as possible. Sponsored by presbyters of Tennessee District.—H. E. Waddle, District Superintendent.

KANSAS BIBLE CONVENTIONS
Erie, Jan. 27, 2:30 and 7:30; Independence, Jan. 28; Chanute, Jan. 29; Humboldt, Jan. 30; Iola, Jan. 31; Kiowa, Feb. 3, 2:30 and

7:30; Medicine Lodge, Feb. 4; Sharon, Feb. 5; Corwin, Feb. 6; and Attica, Feb. 7. Three services at each place unless otherwise stated.—V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent.

MALVERN, ARK.—Bible Conference, Southwest Section of Arkansas District, Feb. 10—15. Stephen Vandermerwe, Host Pastor. A. W. Tanner, Sectional Presbyter, Mrs. Agnes Stokes, S. S. and C. A. President, and David Burris, Superintendent Arkansas District, will be active in sponsoring this program. All ministers urged to attend. Write A. W. Tanner, Camden, Ark.

GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

Missionary Prayer Conferences: Waycross, Ga., Hogansville, Ga., and Charleston, S. C., Jan. 20—21; Cairo, Ga., Pine Hill Assembly, R. F. D., Jan. 27—28; Lagrange, Ga., Feb. 3—4; and Moultrie, Ga., Feb. 6—7. Different ministers will help in these services, and a time of much prayer and blessing is expected. Rooms free.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent.

FOUR-DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCE

HOPE, ARK.—4th Annual Four-District Bible Conference, Jan. 13—16. First service Monday night. Program under direction of F. D. Davis, H. M. Reeves, G. W. Hardcastle, and David Burris, Superintendents of the Texas, West Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas Districts respectively. Free rooms furnished to ministers as far as possible. No business; only a time of reconsecration. Begin the New Year with a new consecration.—J. H. Hamill, Pastor, 107 W. Avenue C, Hope, Ark.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 24th Annual Rocky Mountain District Mid-Winter Convention will convene at The Peoples Tabernacle, 20th and Lawrence, Denver, Colo., Feb. 11—14. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will be guest speaker. First service a District C. A. Conference, Tuesday afternoon; Tuesday night, District Fellowship Meeting. Wednesday afternoon, District S. S. Conference. For further information write District Superintendent J. E. Austell, 5700 So. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

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ELIZABETH, N. J.—Eastern District Prayer Conference, Trinity Pentecostal Church, 417-19 Pennington St., Jan. 28-30.

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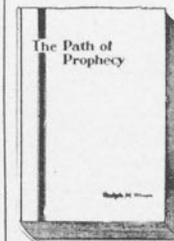
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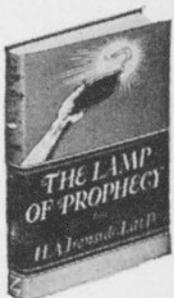


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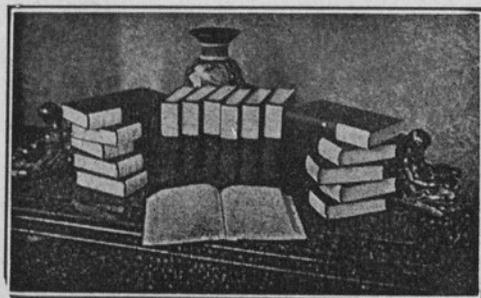
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