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# "FOUR DAYS AGO I WAS FASTING

by  
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...and, behold, a man  
stood before me  
in bright clothing"

"Thy prayer  
is heard"



"Four days ago—!"

Have we any recent red-letter days in the Lord?

Does our conversation begin, "Thirty years ago," "Twenty years ago," "Ten years ago," in relating our spiritual experience, or can we, like Cornelius, say, "Four days ago—!"

The element of surprise and wonder is never far away when we read the book of Acts. This is years after the day of Pentecost. Far away, in a distant city, Peter alone and hungry on a house-top, is lost in prayer. Cornelius is not a preacher. Yet in his hands he holds a key—to the conversion of his household, and to an outpouring of the Spirit, "as at the beginning." In fasting and prayer, that key is put to use. Not leaving it to the minister, he himself fasted and prayed.

How up-to-date is our secret prayer life?

Can we honestly say it is, "—as at the beginning?" If not, why not?

Peter was not resting in the marvelous experiences already related in earlier chapters of the Book of Acts, though they were many, and unparalleled. Neither was Cor-

nelius resting on prayers of days gone by, though he "prayed to God alway." Very humbly he commences his story this way, "Four days ago I was fasting."

"AS AT THE BEGINNING—" is the outcome. "As at the beginning" is the cry and plea heard everywhere today. "Lord, visit again as at the beginning!"

Is there waiting on God, "as at the beginning?"

Do we hear intercession in the Spirit, "as at the beginning?"

Do we give ourselves to seasons of fasting, in these troubled, dark, war-torn days, "as at the beginning?"

We cannot fool the Lord. We are the losers—those we desire to see saved are the losers, and the whole cause of Christ is loser, if we let down at this point.

"I was fasting." Hannah was fasting, when Samuel was promised, to bring a revival to Israel.

Here in Winnipeg, the Spirit of God has been moving in a remarkable manner among some young boys. The fire of God has been resting upon them. One after another of these youths, has been coming through to

an infilling of the Holy Ghost. The influence from the praying of these lads has been a quickening force among the whole assembly. "My boy will not think of missing a service," one of the mothers remarked to me at her home, as the boy was dashing off, alone, to service. Speaking about receiving his Baptism, these are the boy's own words, showing the intense earnestness with which he has been seeking the Lord: "The night I came through, I surely worked in prayer. Three times I got up to go home, but each time was drawn back again to my knees, and went to praying again."

"I was fasting!"

Speaking to the mother, I inquired, "When did your son get saved?" Here is her reply. "About a year ago, my son was very hard and indifferent to spiritual things. It burdened my heart. One day, setting the table at noon, I just set for two, my young son and his father.

"Mealtime came. My boy said, 'Mother, aren't you going to eat?' I replied, 'No.' The boy began to question. I decided to answer him.

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# Choosing God's Best

Wesley R. Steelberg at the National Young People's Conference

YOU have heard the expression, "Good, better, best." It conveys the impression that in the realm of satisfaction there are those things which are good, satisfying, and which meet with our approval. But there may be better things. Then there is that which we may consider the acme of all desire.

Now I do not wish to convey to you the impression that there are grades of salvation. God's salvation is all one grade. It is glorious, it is pure, it is wholesome, it is delightful, and it satisfies the heart of old and young. It reaches the illiterate and the highly educated; it touches the life of the person who lives in poverty, and the life of him who lives in luxury. But there are in God, wonderful places of fellowship and communion which will be attained only by persevering, determined effort, sacrifice and struggle.

In 1 Kings 3:9-12 we have the record of the choice of King Solomon. The Lord came to him and said, "Ask what I shall give thee." Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom to govern so great a nation as Israel, that he might know how to go in and out among them, and that he might be a wise sovereign. God commended his choice and said, "Because you did not ask for mere material benefits I will add those also."

The lesson for us is this: If we will make God and His purpose the delight of our heart, the aim of our life, the goal of our striving, He will give us of His glorious best, and then He will add to it material benefits of every kind as well. The Lord, as Brother Wigglesworth used to say, is always a "surprise-party God." He proceeded to explain that God was always surprising him by giving him more than he asked for, giving him in abundance, and certainly that is true.

The apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 12:31 seems to indicate that he was not content to be an ordinary Christian if he could be more than that. God is looking for people today who are not content just to be saved, just to be filled with the Holy Spirit. You say, "Brother Steelberg, you speak of those things as if they did not amount to much." Oh, no. They are very wonderful; but I dare to say, there are heights and depths and lengths and breadths in God that the finest of us have never yet known anything about.

How much time do you spend exclusively upon spiritual things? You say, "I have my morning time of prayer." Yes, but probably it does not exceed from thirty minutes to an hour, if that long. You read a little portion of Scripture, and you drop on your knees and ask the Lord to keep you through the day, and that the Holy Spirit shall exercise discipline over you, keeping your tongue from speaking evil and keeping your thoughts in the straight path, and helping you to work for Him in the opportunities that are afforded. Then you go to work. During the day the Spirit may come to you in sweet touches. You sing or hum behind the counter, or a little scripture is dropped into your heart, a sweet, mellow, glorious

morsel of blessing, and you meditate upon it for a little while, and so the day passes swiftly. Evening comes and you go home, and perhaps if there is not a service at the church or some interest of that kind that occupies your attention, you may sit down for a time of rest and recreation or take the car and go for a drive. Before you go to bed you may take time to read the Bible again. I hope you do. Or possibly after dinner is concluded in the evening, you will sit down for a time of family worship. And you enjoy that. Certainly. Comparatively speaking, we get great returns for the little effort we make in spiritual matters don't we?

But we find some men devoting their whole life to certain things. Thomas Edison said no one needed more than four hours sleep a day; and he proceeded to prove it by rising early and working well into the night. He spent hours poring over formulas, thinking out plans, and doing research work. He applied himself to his task so unreservedly, so wholeheartedly, that it practically excluded everything else.

I am not asking any of you, necessarily, to cast aside all social contact, to dismiss all ordinary occupations and interests of life. I know there are necessary obligations that fall to your lot. I am confident neither your family, your friends, nor your employer would appreciate it if you did not give each of them his proper due. But there is a possibility of redeeming many wasted minutes and many wasted hours, and spending those wasted minutes and hours striving for spiritual attainments.

Now the Apostle Paul, in 1 Cor. 12:31 says: "Covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way." Isn't that an inspiration? He as much as says, "Now you just covet the very finest that you can, spiritually speaking. Get the very best, the choicy."

It is inspiring to find folk who strive for spiritual things. I have met some fine Christian characters in my lifetime. It has been my privilege to associate with them, and I have admired them from the depth of my heart. I have said, "Lord, help me to make a choice such as they have made." I met a very godly man a little while back. After we had become quite intimately acquainted, he began to tell me some of the secret things of his life. He told me that frequently he spends one entire day exclusively for God. And then we talked about marriage and home and things of that kind, and very reverently, he said to me: "Brother Steelberg, I had the opportunity one time to marry one of the finest young ladies, a wonderful character, a beautiful girl." And he said, "We really loved each other." And then he was quiet for a little while, and I saw that he was having a time to control his emotion. He said, "That was many years ago," and he mentioned a number of things that had taken place in the interim. "She has married, and she and her husband are in Africa as missionaries." He said, "I could have had a home and possibly, if God had been good to me, have had little children."

He was very fond of little children. He would take my baby girl in his arms and look at her with the most eager admiration I think I have ever seen in the face of a man. Then he would lay the little one down and walk away as though to say, "No, I have given that all up."

Now I do not say that God is going to require that of you, but I am illustrating the fact that when we are willing to put first things first, when we have a desire for God's very best, even to the exclusion of those things that are perfectly legitimate and which occupy a deep place of affection in our heart, God is going to give us something in return for it. I do not think I have ever met a man who had, seemingly, a more profound communion with God than that man. He could talk to God in a way that I never could. It seemed to me he could walk right up and whisper secrets in the ear of God, and God would turn around and whisper in his ear. That is a simple way of illustrating it, but that is about the best I can do.

God is always ready to bless those who will seek His best, and who will even pay the highest price of self-denial—because that is what it is going to take: self-denial, self-discipline, self-crucifixion, self-humiliation. You are the one who will have to do it. God is not going to compel you. God draws you, invites you, pulls aside the curtain for a sweet glimpse of glorious things, so that for a brief moment it seems as if your heart will leap out of you for the glorious things that seem suddenly to have been revealed. Then the curtain drops again and you are surrounded with the same humdrum things you knew yesterday, the day before, and the day before that.

Somehow, there is a yearning, a longing, an aspiration, a desire. You say, "I have an appetite for something. I have had my Baptism and the Lord has blessed me. But somehow, all I can say is, I want God. I just feel that nothing else will satisfy me but the touch of God."

"If I had the opportunity to spend a whole week on my knees in prayer, I think I could pray through and possibly reach the place that my heart is desiring to reach. But I never can have a whole week to pray through."

No, and you possibly never will. You say, "Then I am doomed to discouragement?" No. I tell you what you must do. Every time you get a chance, a minute, or five minutes, or ten minutes, or half an hour, take that time to seek the Lord with all your heart and soul, with all your desires surrendered and consecrated to God. By the grace of God it will not be long until you have begun to pierce through to something that no one else can be included in. It is just God and you. You must go into that place with God alone. But, oh, how wonderful it is!

Sometimes God permits life to actually go into reverse to get us to see that He has those things in store for us. We are so surrounded with natural benefits that sometimes it is really hard for us to become interested in spiritual things. When you can see so many nice things around you, why should you try for something that seems intangible and beyond your ability to reach? But it will be worth your while.

When mother and I were younger, and our children were very small, we were engaged in pioneer home missionary work in

the Northern California and Nevada District. We had volunteered our services for missionary work in Nicaragua, but the door had closed and we were not permitted to go. So we gave ourselves unreservedly to the brethren of the District as missionaries. We said, "We will do anything you wish us to do. We will put up a tent, we will preach in a log house. Wherever you say, we will go." For five months our income was less than eight dollars a week. We had our boy and our girl sleep on each end of an army cot behind the piano, with a little curtain stretched up in front of it, and some people did not even know we had children. We had to trust the Lord for shoes and for food. Many times we sat down at the table and asked the blessing upon what was not there, trusting the Lord to bring it in; and here would come someone and knock at the door and walk in with food. Sometimes it was from friends we did not know, people of other denominations. We had some wonderful experiences.

During those days we had the privilege, after quite a hard summer in the natural, to go home from the far northern part of California to southern California to be with my parents and my wife's mother for Christmas. My father very kindly had my car repaired for me.

Friends had been very kind to us, had come up and said, "God bless you, Brother Steelberg, glad to see you are in such lovely work," and had left a dollar bill in my hand. I had said, "Thank You, Jesus." By the time we left there we had about twenty-five dollars extra in our pockets, and a tankful of gas in the car. We had been given gifts for Christmas, and had some new clothes. We started out quite hopefully.

I was feeling good as we were going down the road into Bakersfield, singing a song and my wife was humming with me. I turned to her and said, "You know, Mother, I feel like telling God I will do better than I have ever done before. I will live a more consecrated life. I am going to spend more time on my knees. I am going to walk with God more closely."

I was really making a public consecration—not public in the sense that everyone heard me, only my wife was listening to me and God was listening to me. And I meant it—as all of us do. I intended to do it for the glory of God, that I might be at my best, and might have His best for myself; and that God might be satisfied with my humble service. Just about that time there was a sudden bang, bang, bang, and I knew that one of the bearings had gone in the car. I was so amazed! The car had just been overhauled and everything was in perfect order.

We saw a garage a little distance down the road when we first heard the bang. I coasted into the garage and said, "Do you have a connecting rod for this car?" The man said, "Yes. We'll go to work on it."

That was at eleven o'clock in the morning. We still were sixteen miles out of Bakersfield and quite a ways from my evening appointment. I thought, "It will not cost so very much to have this repaired, and we can be on our way. We can praise the Lord it was not any worse."

The afternoon wore on and it got to be two o'clock. This man was puttering around. He would not answer questions, he would not say anything. About three o'clock in the afternoon, when it should

have been repaired over an hour before that, he came to a young fellow sitting and whittling, and said, "Did you say you were going to Bakersfield this evening?" He said, "Yes, I will go in." The garage man said, "If you go in, will you see if you can find a connecting rod for such-and-such a car?"

That was my car! I said, "I thought you said you had one." He said, "I thought I had it. I cannot keep stock for all cars that are made." Well, that man was not finished with that task until between five and six o'clock in the evening. And when I asked him what the bill was he told me something between eleven and fifteen dollars. The exact amount I do not remember now, but it was so exorbitant it really took my breath away. I said, "Isn't that a little bit steep, Mister?" He said, "Take it or leave it. If you like, you can leave the car here." I pulled out the twenty-five dollars and gave him half or more, as nearly as I can remember.

I felt it was too late to keep my appointment, I knew the audience would wonder why I did not come. I felt so bad when I climbed into the car, I could scarcely talk. I could not see how God could let those things happen to me. I thought, "Here I am a missionary. I have given up everything." I was just recalling all the things I had gone through. I was feeling so badly the tears were running down my face. And then it was just as though a thunder clap sounded in my ears and a voice said to me, "You stop this car." I tell you, it was tantamount to a command from the Almighty. I cannot say it was an audible voice, I cannot exactly remember, but I knew it was God.

My wife said, "What's the matter?" She saw me sobbing, she knew I was having a struggle and so she wisely said nothing. She started to pray for me.

It seemed that the Lord was speaking to me. He said: "You said you were going to live for Me. You are going to do this, and that, and the other, and here you are murmuring and complaining because of some little incident that happened in your life. You said you would be willing to sacrifice your money, and to live on less than you have heretofore. And now you are complaining because only half of the twenty-five dollars which I gave you in the first place, is gone. How about it?"

And then it seemed to me that God became very severe. He said to me, "I will let your house burn, I will let your car be wrecked, I will let the children die, I will let all these things come upon you if thereby I can teach you to value the eternal things."

I had a sermon that afternoon from God Himself. Did you ever have one like that? I felt that God was preaching to my soul, and I tell you I sobbed in the presence of the living God that day, and the Lord seemed to show me that the things which are really worth while are not measured by the comparisons we make. We think people are successful because of certain amounts of property they possess, or the popularity they have, but God said, "Don't make any comparison with these things. My judgments are according to the eternal things, and if I can teach you patience and faithfulness, if I can teach you to fear God, these things are of ten thousand times greater value than all the earthly possessions you can have." I thank God for the lesson I had that afternoon.

I value most the experiences which seemed to rob me of all that was natural, more than I can possibly compute in dollars and cents or by any other means of computation.

God's best is not always indicated by outward popularity. When God was about to choose a king for Israel, the prophet Samuel came to the house of Jesse. And here came the firstborn, a young man who was every inch a king in his bearing. And one by one the sons passed before the prophet, and God said, "No, no, no, no," until there were no more left. And then the prophet asked, "Are here all thy children?" And Jesse said, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep." And Samuel said, "Send and fetch him." And when he came, God said, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." Man looks to the outward appearance, but God looks to the heart. He is looking at your heart; He sees you, brother; He is looking at your heart, my precious sister. He is talking to us and inviting us to seek to excel in spiritual things, and to lay aside natural things which seem to be so all-absorbing these days.

I remember when God was dealing with some people in Los Angeles, a good many years ago. God began to deal with some of the young people, began to lay a burden of prayer on their hearts; and it became so heavy that we would leave work in the evening and run as hard as we could to the house of God. We would rush to the mission hall, get back in a corner, and get on our faces. We had no other interests.

Some of the young people said, "Look at those goody-goodyies! They don't want to talk to us any more. Where are you going?" Sometimes people become convicted because of your desire for spiritual things. They will laugh at you, but they will become convicted. But the seekers were determined to know nothing but Jesus; they stayed on their faces before the Lord night after night. The glory of the Lord came down, and people began to get saved. Sometimes the general services would stop right in the middle of the preaching, and there would be such a crying before God, such mighty intercession, that people came running in right from the street, as if drawn by some irresistible force, to find God. God laid His hand on many young people at that time, and many of them are now out in the ministry for Christ and doing things for God.

But if you want God's best you have to pay the price by the sacrifice of things that are earthly and perfectly legitimate that absorb your interest. But if you seek God's best, and if you determine not to take the course of least resistance, there will come a day when you will be able to say, "God's way is the best way." You will be able to say, "I have never tasted anything so sweet, so rich, so wonderful! I have never know a fellowship so profound, so glorious as this!"

I believe the way to victory for us in the crisis that we are facing today is to choose God's best, and determine that no matter how spiritually we may have lived, how close to God we have been able to come, there is yet a greater height for us to aspire to; and by God's grace, we will dedicate ourselves to seek a higher height and a deeper depth in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# "How Shall I Curse, Whom God Hath Not Cursed?"

A Message of Encouragement to Those Exercised as to Divine Healing

Lilian B. Yeomans, M.D.

This startling question is asked by one of the most awful and mysterious personages in Holy Writ, Balaam the son of Beor, brought from the mountains of the east by Balak, king of Moab, to curse Jacob and defy Israel.

That Balaam was possessed of extraordinary powers is evident from the absolute confidence reposed in him by his fellow-men as represented by Balak, who said to him: "I wot that he whom thou bleesest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed." Num. 22:6.

The wonderful testimony to God's faithfulness which he uttered, "God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent" (Num. 23:19), and the sublime prophecy of the Messiah as the Star and Sceptre that issued from His lips, when for the third time Satan vainly tried to use his tool to the destruction of Israel, mark him as one singularly gifted of God.

What a tragedy that such splendid powers should have been prostituted to earn the "wages of unrighteousness"! But it is with his confession of absolute inability to accomplish that for which, with great care and effort, he was brought from the mountains of the east to do, that we are concerned.

Three times he tried, no expense was spared, money was poured out like water. No effort was too great. To the high places of Baal, seats of Satan, they betook themselves. Seven altars smoked with sacrifices of bullocks and rams. Balak, and the princes of Moab with him, stood by the burnt offering. Expectantly the king and his train waited for the awful word that should curse the people of God. At last the seer, prostrated by the prophetic impulse, with wide-open eyes, staring, yet blind to things of earth, speaks in solemn accents:

"Hath God said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken and shall He not make it good? Behold I have received commandment to bless and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. . . . Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel." Num. 23:19-21, 23.

In despair Balak implores—"Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all." But his plea is in vain. Balaam says: "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind, but what the Lord saith, that will I speak."

Then from his controlled lips pour sublimely glorious prophecies of the coming Messianic kingdom: "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel. . . . Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have dominion."

Note that in every instance increased effort to curse only results in augmented blessing. Had there been iniquity in Israel? Alas, the Bible makes it clear that they had repeatedly failed God. Did God condone it? Never. He condemned and punished them, but when Satan rose against them to curse them by means of his tool Balaam, He stood like a lion and defended His people. For the Rock had been smitten and abundant life-giving water (type of salvation by grace) had reached the need of the people.

The Brazen Serpent, type of the Cross of Christ, had been lifted up in their midst and they had received life for a look. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." Rom. 8:33.

We read that these things "happened to them for ensamples: and are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." The curse for disobedience to God's commands includes every disease to which humanity is liable. This is explicitly stated in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, verses 58-62. Satan comes with all his power, exhausts his resources, to curse us with some blighting disease, but if we will look to the One who was made a curse in our stead, in simple faith, the enemy is inevitably defeated.

He cannot curse whom God has not cursed: nay more, his very efforts to do this only results in increased blessing for us. On his own confession we learn this, "Behold I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed and I cannot reverse it." Num. 23:20.

Beloved, who are threatened with alarming symptoms in your bodies, *have no fear!* The Israelites were abiding in their tents, "according to their tribes," when God wrought this mighty deliverance for them. See to it that you are "in the circle of His arms, in the center of His will." If the Holy Spirit shows you that you have strayed, come home to *your tent* by the appointed

path of repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Then rest securely in the knowledge that Satan cannot put disease (part of the curse) upon you.

Does someone ask, "But Dr. Yeomans, what about Sister So-and-So, or Brother This or That, who is suffering at this moment from an awful ailment, and how can you explain the case of a saint who died of a deadly disease?"

There is an answer to every legitimate question in the Bible, a solution to every problem, and I find it in this case in the 29th Chapter of Deuteronomy and the 29th verse: "The secret things belong unto the Lord, our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

It is clearly *revealed* that Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, including every sickness to which humanity is liable. This truth belongs to us, and our children, and *we are responsible before God for the use which we make of it.* Things which God has not seen fit to reveal to us at this time *are not our property*, and we do well to remember this and refrain from touching them even in thought.

The fact that the prophet Elisha, who raised the dead in his ministry, fell sick "of his sickness whereof he died," does not exonerate us from our responsibility in regard to God's provision for our healing and health; neither does it justify us in judging the prophet. If we feel any inclination to do this it would be well for us to note that when a dead man was put into Elisha's tomb he was revived and rose to his feet the moment he touched Elisha's bones. Just so we are healed the moment our faith *really touches* the sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary.

When I was on the very brink of the grave, the holiest person I ever met nearly rolled me in by the fact that she was so ailing and frail. The enemy would ask, "How can you hope to be healed when Mrs. So-and-So always has one foot in the grave and the other on the brink? You know you are not holy as she is, and have no hope of ever being her equal spiritually. Explain her condition before you expect restoration to health."

How much precious time I wasted trying to explain Mrs. So-and-So's case! But one day I got desperate and said, "I don't care if every saint on earth dies of disease, the Word of God promises *me* healing, and I take it, and I have it!"

I have had it ever since.

I may say that years after, I met this lovely saint, who had almost consigned me to my grave, and found her (I had not seen her for years and did not know if she was on earth or in the glory) in a great department store purchasing a new black silk dress. That didn't look as though she contemplated casting off these earthly ceremonies. I took courage and approached her,

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and a fresh surprise awaited me. Her terrible illness had caused her to lose all her hair, but now her beautiful, abundant silvery locks were a halo of glory around her face.

I stared at them until she said sweetly, "Were you looking at my hair, Lilian?" "Is it real?" I stammered, forgetting my manners in my astonishment. "Quite real. God gave it to me in answer to prayer. Do you like it?" "Like is a feeble word; I love it, I never saw anything more heavenly in the way of hair."

The Bible says, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness," so perhaps I was not far wrong in calling her hair "heavenly." And while that dear woman was going on from faith to faith until she was able to pray the hair back on her head even in old age, I, at the enemy's behest, was beholding lying vanities and forsaking my own mercy until it nearly cost me my life.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

### "Four Days Ago I Was Fasting—"

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"If you really want to know. I cannot eat until you become concerned about your soul. I do not mean a shallow concern, but a deep one."

"The boy was going downtown. He said, 'You will eat while I am downtown,' I replied, 'No, my son. It is not you I have to deal with. It is God, who sees in secret.'

"Later, the boy came to me and said, 'It is all right, Mother. You can eat now!' Ever since, the boy has earnestly gone on with God. It was a true work of God!" From one to another of the boys of his age, the fire has spread.

"I was fasting!"

It was with much fasting and prayer that the Latter Rain showers began to fall, about a generation ago. There is no easier way today, no short cut, to have again what rested upon the people then.

"I WAS FASTING!"

Many will remember an article that appeared in the *Evangel*, during January of this year, entitled, "What it Means to Pray Through," which later appeared in tract form, concerning a colored sister whom God especially led out along the lines of fasting and prayer, and the results that followed, first in her husband's colored church in Philadelphia, and later in a church to which she was called, in Norfolk, Va.

From time to time, in personal letters from the south, inspiring word has reached us of this outpouring, especially through a Swedish friend who, as much as possible, has slipped over to participate in a recent meeting in Los Angeles. Just within the past few days from another source, a friend who traveled some distance to be an eye witness, has written us as follows:

"I have been away attending a prayer revival in Los Angeles. It was in a colored church on 33rd and Compton and in charge of Sister Dabney of Philadelphia. They have a prayer service each morning at 6:00, another at 9:00, and another at 12:00. They meet for prayer at 5:00 at night, and pray on until 7:30, when the regular service begins. On Tuesday and Friday they spend the whole night in prayer. One week when I was there they had four all nights of prayer. I have never been in prayer services

where there has been so much of what I would call symphonizing in prayer. Often during the night it seems as though they are all singing out their prayers together, in perfect harmony. And the keynote of their prayer is for the blessing of God 'everywhere . . . everywhere . . . everywhere.' All through the night you hear that plea for God to pour out His Spirit 'everywhere,' and turning to Mark 16:20 you see the scripturalness of such a prayer.

"With so much prayer, it is no wonder that 800 souls have been saved and 600 have been filled with the Spirit in this one assembly in this present year, and I do not think there has been any special evangelistic effort; but a great many of the saints are praying, and a large number of them are fasting every week from Tuesday noon to Friday noon, not taking a bite to eat nor a drop to drink. During the night seasons many are in deep agony of soul travail. The power of the Lord is present to heal and folk have been delivered from every form of disease. People have come to these people with physical blindness and have gone out seeing.

"I have never been in such an atmosphere of love and loyalty. There is a sense of holy solemnity and sobriety the like of which I have never seen before. In the presence of God which is realized there, you would not think of joking or being light any more than Peter and John would have felt like joking in Gethsemane or making light remarks at Calvary. You seem to sense why the Son of God was a Man of sorrows, for the deep burden of the Lord seems to be upon everyone—a godly sorrow because the world is so sinful, and the consciousness that souls need to be prayed out of bondage into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

A mother who has a son in Colombia, South America, working as a missionary with the World-Wide Evangelization group founded by C. T. Studd, told me she sent her copy of "What It Means to Pray Through," to South America, to her son. It moved him so deeply that he had started arising at a very early hour, waiting daily upon God, and was beginning to see God answer.

"I was fasting."

Dr. R. A. Torrey said, "If we would pray aright, we must look to the Spirit of God to teach us to pray. It is in this connection that fasting comes. In Daniel 9:3 we read that Daniel set his face 'unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.' There are those who think that fasting belongs to the old dispensation; but when we look at Acts 14:23 and Acts 13:2, 3, we find that it was practiced by the earnest men of the apostolic day. If we would pray with power, we should pray with fasting. This of course does not mean that we should fast every time we pray; but there are times of emergency or special crises in work or in our individual lives, when men of downright earnestness will withdraw themselves even from the gratification of natural appetites that would be perfectly proper under other circumstances, that they may give themselves wholly up to prayer. Every great crisis in life and work should be met in that way."

"I was fasting!"

Saul of Tarsus might have said it of

the three days and nights in Damascus, leading up to the moment when Ananias laid his hands upon him, to receive the Holy Ghost, and when the scales fell from his eyes.

"I was fasting!"

The aged Anna, a prophetess, might have said it when she, coming in, saw the infant Jesus in the Temple, and gave thanks. For she "departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day."

"Fasted!"

It is a scriptural word, connected with times of great solemnity, responsibility, unutterable concern: or with desire for enlightenment, as in Daniel's case.

"And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Away on a missionary venture, into hostile territory. Away into an uncertain future, their lives at hazard, and in jeopardy. But away with fasting and prayer. Acts 13:3. Away into a fruitful and miraculous ministry for God.

"He had fasted forty days and nights. . . . Jesus went about all Galilee. . . . healing all manner of sickness." Matthew 4:2, 23. Both before, and also after, many of His greatest works, we find Christ in special intercession, alone.

Scriptural accounts appear repeatedly where the burdened heart expresses itself through fasting as well as prayer. Not to be seen of men, for that would steal away its worth, but to be known and heard of God.

Times of extremity that threaten to engulf and overwhelm—times when we are at the end of our resources—times we feel we can go no farther until God steps in upon the scene, laying bare His mighty arm; these are times that we feel we can do no more than bring our burden and lay it before the Lord. The prostrate one at His feet expresses in attitude what his lips cannot frame.

Says Cruden, "Fasting has, in all ages, and among all nations, been an exercise much in use in times of mourning, sorrow, and afflictions. The sense of it is in some sort inspired by nature, which, in these circumstances, denies itself nourishment, and takes the edge off hunger."

The world now is in such a time. Joel 2 describes this day. . . . "a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness. . . . a fire devoureth before them: and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness." Then comes the call: "Sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly: gather the people: let the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar." Joel 2:2, 3, 15-17.

When the prophet Zephaniah describes this day, he exhorts: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth. . . . seek righteousness, seek meekness." Zephaniah 2:3. This follows his vivid description of our day: of air-raid sirens; of wasteness; of black-outs, and smoke screens; of bringing down the high steeples; of "frozen assets" when "neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath." Zephaniah 1:14-18.

Repeatedly throughout this year we have seen God answer. In Belleville, Ontario,

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# THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

## MILK AND ALCOHOL

According to *The Gospel Minister*, last year the average American spent \$12.87 for milk and \$25.44 for alcoholic liquor.

## THE DOOR REOPENS

*The Herald of Holiness* reports that the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church has been invited to resume full missionary work in Ethiopia.

## HEALED THROUGH FAITH

It is unusual for a secular magazine to publish such a story, but *Newsweek* recently stated as follows: "At Fort Jackson, S. C., Chaplain Roy Reynolds visited a man dying of surgical shock, read him the Bible, and got him to pray. The patient next day asked for a Bible, and eventually recovered. Army doctors agreed that religious faith had saved him." Praying in faith *does* bring divine healing today. James 5:15.

## THE BIBLE IN THE ARMY

The Gideons, meeting recently in Grand Rapids, Mich. for their annual convention, reported that since March 11 they had distributed more than 210,000 Testaments to members of the nation's armed forces. Nearly 141,000 whole Bibles have been given out.

In addition to this, the American Bible Society has supplied to the men in the U. S. Army and Navy, through Army and Navy Chaplains, 142,218 Testaments, 99,017 Gospels, and 2,408 Bibles. This was up to June 30, 1941.

## REPEAL AND BOOTLEGGING

Twenty to twenty-five per cent of the liquor consumed in the United States is bootleg, says Robert Barry of the National Distillers Products, Inc. This statement is repeated by Theodore and Alfred Sinks in an article in *Liberty*, and they add: "Treasury agents are kept on the jump in pursuit of evaders. Year after year since repeal they have 'knocked over' 800 to 1,100 stills a month. Last year they made over 25,638 bootleg arrests." The repeal of prohibition has failed to do away with bootlegging. It has only resulted in putting liquor within easier reach of young men and young women.

## BEER IN ARMY CAMPS

"One of the finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence of high-ranking officers to make beer available at Army camps," said the *Brewer's Digest* in May, 1941. "The opportunity presented to the brewing industry by this measure is so obvious that it is superfluous to go into it in detail. Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer-consuming section of our population." It may be a fine thing for the brewers, but how fine is it for the souls of 1,500,000 of America's young men?

## IN EUROPEAN CHURCHES

Protestant and Catholic churches alike in Germany are fuller than they have been for years, according to the June 20 issue of *The Spectator* (London). In Russia, too, *The Daily Telegraph* (London) reports, the few remaining churches and the lone cathedral are crowded with Russians praying for divine help. Our hearts should go out to our fellow Christians in both these lands. Caught in a war for which they are not responsible, and which they would like to see ended, they are undoubtedly suffering greatly. Let us not forget to pray much for them. Pray for God's people in Britain, Italy, China, Japan, and every other land as well, that God will comfort their hearts and keep them true to Himself in spite of hardship and war conditions.

## DAYS OF BABYLON

The meaning of the word *Babylon* is *confusion*. Surely the use of this word several times in the Book of Revelation to describe the time of the end is highly significant. Spiritual, moral, and social issues have never been more confused than they are today. A recent cartoon in a Phoenix, Arizona, newspaper illustrates one angle of this confusion in a humorous way. Seven men, dressed in identifying costumes, stand in a circle. Each one points to the man next to him, and the title is, "He's My Friend." Uncle Sam is pointing to England, saying that England is our friend. John Bull points to Turkey as his friend. Turkey points to Hitler as his friend. Hitler points to Japan as his friend. Japan points to Russia. Russia points to China. And China points to Uncle Sam as his friend. Thus the circle is completed!

How confusing it is to find France on Germany's side and Russia allied with Britain! No doubt the confusion will yet increase more and more. It is comforting to lift our eyes from the scenes of Babylon and see that still "the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men." Dan. 4:17. God is still on the throne, and is still working out His purposes.

## "BOLSHEVISM PREFERABLE"

*The Presbyterian* laments the attitude taken toward Russia on the part of the Archbishop of York. The English Church Archbishop said recently: "There is a great deal in the present order in Russia which no Christian can approve. Personally, I always thought Bolshevism preferable to Nazism, because its goal of universal fellowship is part of the Christian hope, though its method of trying to reach its goal is in my judgment bound to frustrate its own object; the goal of Nazism is itself flatly un-Christian." And he goes on to endorse the peace-loving policy which Russia has pursued! Comments *The Presbyterian*: "It is revealing to discover this partiality for Russia and her peculiar system of 'universal fellowship.' We find that religious liberals are quite generally pro-Communist. . . . Possibly that is why so little is being done in this country, comparatively, to stem the Russian propaganda."

Dr. E. J. Pace gives a striking comparison in the *Sunday School Times*, as follows:

### COMMUNISM—A. D. 1941

is from below;

is pagan;

based upon class hatred;

BLOWS UP.

The objective to be attained is through

REVOLUTION

and is the dictatorship of the Proletariat.

All that is yours belongs to the state, and the state is supreme.

### COMMUNISM—A. D. 31

was from above;

was Christian;

based upon unselfish love;

BUILDS UP.

The objective to be attained is through

REGENERATION

and is the Lordship of the only Potentate.

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." Acts 4:32.

"Truly our fellowship (*communism—koinania*, the root of which is *koine*, translated *common* in Acts 4:32) is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3.

It is difficult to see how godless Bolshevism, which has shed the blood of countless Christians and banned the Bible from the country, is *preferable* to *anything*. Certainly it has nothing in common with Bible Christianity.

## "HOME" TO THE JEWS

The cry uttered by all devout Jews at Passover is, "le Shanah habaah birushalayim"—next year may we be in Jerusalem. They long to be there. In Palestine they do not speak of German refugees, but of "those who come up to the Land." Jews from Germany and other countries are considered part of an "Aliya," a home-coming. Gathering His chosen people back in the promised land is the first step in God's program of bringing them back to Himself.

## ASTROLOGY IN AMERICA

Interest in astrology has increased so much among supposedly intelligent sections of the public that some prominent Harvard university astronomers are greatly concerned. According to *Christian Action*, these scholars have drawn up a report assailing astrology as harmful both to true scientific progress and to healthy social psychology, and proposing that lawmakers do something about the situation. Astronomy and astrology should not be confused. The first is merely the science of observing the stars. The second is the practice of predicting events by the stars. The Bible illustrates the inability of astrologers to forecast the future. Dan. 2:27, 28. Only Daniel's God can reveal the secrets of the future. That so many are departing from the faith and giving heed to such things as astrology is a certain sign of the times. 2 Tim. 4:3.

## A SOLEMN WARNING

History, as well as God's Word, holds many solemn warnings to all who would persecute the Jews. Pharaoh oppressed them in Egypt, and was drowned following dreadful judgment upon the land. Haman planned for a massacre of all the Jews in Shushan, and was himself put to death on a scaffold instead. At the start of the Great War in 1914, states D. M. Panton, three million Jews in the Ukraine were handed over by the Tzar to murder and indescribable atrocities. What happened to the Tzar? He was shot in a cellar, and the governing classes of Russia were put through identical atrocities.

Listen to the solemn words spoken by God to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah: "All that devour thee shall be devoured; and they that despoil thee shall be a spoil, and that prey upon thee shall be a prey." Jer. 30:16.

"God gives the Christ-crucifying Jews to the Gentile tigers, but the Gentile tigers must be butchered in their turn."

## HITLERISM AS A RELIGION

Writing in *The Living Age*, Stanley High says that if Hitler is not actually endeavoring to copy the Antichrist of the Bible, he is unconsciously imitating him. He says that newer portraits of Hitler have his head bathed in a mystic light. Underneath them are prayers inscribed such as, "To Thee, O My Leader, belongs everything we possess, our goods and our lives, our hearts and our souls." Hitlerism is being made a religion—Germany is its god, Hitler is its Christ, and *Mein Kampf* is its Bible. It has its own creed, hymns, prayers, sacraments, and ceremonies. One of their slogans is, "More and Better Bodies," he declares. Marriage has been reduced to a war industry, for the production of war material; they are encouraging the birth of babies outside of wedlock. Mothers are forbidden to give their children Bible names.

"Of course, millions of pre-Hitler Germans had a deep-seated regard for the decencies and a solid religious faith which cannot have been wholly uprooted by the neopaganism. But the Nazis count upon the day when the younger generation, knowing no other morality, will have grown to maturity," writes Stanley High.

What will be the end of these things? Will it lead soon into the Great Tribulation, when Antichrist shall indeed be worshiped by all the world? We don't know. Only one thing is sure: we are living in tremendous days and Christ's coming is drawing nearer and nearer. It behooves us to be ready for that event at all times.

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## Seven-Year Whole-Bible Course

### Contention and Its Causes

Lesson for September 21. Lesson Text: Prov. 3:30; 10:12; 13:10; 14:17, 29; 15:1, 18; 16:28, 32; 17:1, 19; 18:6, 19; 19:11; 20:2, 3; 22:10; 25:8; 26:17, 20, 21; 27:4; 28:25; 29:22; 30:33.

Our lesson today is a very practical one. We are living in an age that is characteristically contentious. Half of the world is engaged in war. In our own country we are faced with economic, political, and spiritual strife and discord which is constantly increasing in intensity. This spirit which is certainly the Antichrist spirit unceasingly seeks to invade and occupy the heart of every member of the church of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

Instead of contending with one another let us take sides against ourselves and everything in us which would prevent us from ministering Christ's peace wherever and with whomever we are.

#### I. CAUSES OF CONTENTION.

There are times when it behooves us to stop and inquire of ourselves as to why we feel and say and do certain things. Just what is that something in me that rises up to oppose a certain person? Why am I so insistently contending for a certain thing and refusing to give up my opinion? Human nature is subtle and the human heart deceitful. Very often what we think is a righteous standing up for our convictions is nothing but Satanic pride, envy, self-assertiveness, or personal antipathy! Note the causes of contention as Solomon gives them.

1. *Hatred.* See Prov. 10:12 (first clause). That hatred is the cruel monster back of wars, murders, and crimes without number, we all know full well. But what is hatred after all in its beginning but lack of love? And what is back of every family quarrel, church quarrel, or any other quarrel but lack of love? When I find myself quite ready to oppose another, to argue or bicker with him, to contend against him, is it not usually a sure sign that I do not love him and that I am allowing a Satanic disposition to rule in my heart?

2. *Pride.* See Prov. 13:10; 28:25. "Only by pride cometh contention." Here is a solemn sweeping statement! Back of all contention whether great or small is subtle pride! Says one writer, "Pride is an exaggerated estimate of our own superiority." Says another, "Pride takes for its motto great I and little you." How the disciples of Jesus illustrated this truth on one occasion! They were eating the last supper with their Lord. Yet we are told they were arguing among themselves! And what was the cause of the argument? Nothing but pride! "There was a strife among themselves, which of them should be accounted the greatest"! We today, perhaps, are not so open in our pride as they. Yet the truth of the matter is that many arguments, differences of opinion, and many occasions of so-called "standing for God-given convictions," are due to stubborn pride. Self does not wish to admit it is wrong or to give in to the wishes of another self.

3. *Anger.* See Prov. 15:1 (last clause), 18 (first clause); 25:8; 29:22. The carnal Christian adds fuel to the fire of contention instead of putting it out. He refuses to exercise self-control, allows angry emotions which lead to angry words and hasty deeds. When his anger has cooled off, he is sorry. But the damage is

done. The words and deeds cannot be recalled. Instead of promoting the peace of Christ, he has, for the time being, lent himself as a tool in the hands of the devil to aggravate contention.

4. *Gossip.* See Prov. 26:20. The gossiping tongue not only creates strife and contention; it maintains and increases it. Two people have some little trouble between themselves. The gossip hears about it. Before long the whole church knows about it. But in getting around to the church the trouble has been exaggerated and magnified a thousandfold. Having heard about it, the people of the church take sides. Before long a church split has occurred. Thus has the gossip fanned into flame the spark of con-



tention—and with what tragic consequences! O the terrible judgment that awaits the gossip!

#### II. THE CURE OF CONTENTION.

1. *Love.* See Prov. 10:12 (last clause). "Love covereth all sins." Just as hatred is the great mischief-maker, so love is the great peacemaker. The reference does not have to do with the covering of our sins before God. The thought is, that if we have the love of Christ in our hearts toward our fellow man we will overlook his faults. The disagreements which "hatred stirreth up," love allays; and the offences which are usually the causes of quarrels, it takes no notice of and excuses them. Love gives to others the forgiveness which it daily craves from God for itself. Compare 1 Cor. 13:4-7.

2. *The soft answer for harsh words and kind deeds for injustices.* See Prov. 15:1 (first clause). "A soft answer turneth away wrath." This verse implies: (1) the existence of anger against you; (2) the importance of turning away this anger; (3) that there is an effective way of turning away that anger. What is it? "A soft answer," that is, a gracious reply, kindly spoken, free from excitement and resentment. A soft answer, like a lightning rod, can carry the lightning of the enemy into the ground and bury it in silence.

Notice how this is illustrated in the reply of Gideon to the angry men of Ephraim (Judges 8:1-3), and in Abigail's conciliatory words to an indignant David. 1 Sam. 25:1-33.

3. *Self-control.* Prov. 16:32; 14:29 (first clause); 19:11. Compare 25:28. It always takes two to make a quarrel and where one person will exercise Christian self-control there can be no contention. The controlling of one's self is (1) the most necessary of conquests. It is necessary to the freedom of man, for the man with an uncontrolled spirit is the worst of slaves. It is necessary to the peace of man, for the uncontrolled man is in eternal conflict with himself. It is necessary to the progress of man, for he cannot advance unless he has command of his own mind and powers. We can do without taking cities. We cannot do without ruling ourselves. (2) It is the most righteous of all conquests. Taking cities are matters of questionable morality to say the least. But to conquer one's self is the command of God, a righteous campaign in which we have His enabling power. (3) It is the most

difficult of conquests. Many a man who has conquered nations has been unable to conquer himself. Conquest of self is difficult because it is opposed by that self and by the enemy as well. (4) It is the most blessed of all conquests. Why? First, because victory is certain to all who truly seek it. Said Paul, conscious of his own weakness, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death (this self-life)?" Then he discovered the answer "I thank God (it is) through Jesus Christ our Lord." Second, because it wins the greatest reward. The applause of the worldly conqueror is the empty clamor of an unthinking mob. But the man who through the Spirit puts to death the deeds of the flesh wins the approval of his own conscience, of fellow Christians, and of His God.

4. *Refusal to resist evil.* See Matt. 5:38-48. Many Christians do not take seriously the teachings of Jesus. We speak of "standing up for our rights." If we are true disciples we realize that we have no rights! This is where the humiliation of the Christian life comes in. Some will say it is cowardly not to contend for one's rights. If that is so, then Jesus was the biggest coward that ever lived. When we are cheated, wronged, insulted, we are not only to keep from being resentful, but to make it an occasion for revealing to the world the incredible sweetness of Jesus. Whenever we insist upon our rights we are hurting the Lord.

Read Isa. 50:6; 53:7; Luke 23:34. Jesus refused to fight back, to contend for justice, or to vindicate Himself. He expects us to have His same Spirit and to demonstrate it to the world. 1 Peter 2:21-23; 2 Cor. 12:9, 10. If more of us would fully obey Him and yield to His Spirit, multitudes would see Him as He is and be saved.—J. Bashford Bishop.

#### COMING SOON!

"Reinforcements . . . for the Young People's Department" is the title of a most unusual article which will appear in the October issue of *Our Sunday School Counsellor*. Don't miss it, for it deals with a condition which seriously affects youth, ages 13 to 20. Evangelists, pastors, parents, and leaders of youth *must* read this message. It offers a helpful solution of young people's problems.

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# God's Farm By Ernest S. Williams

"Ye are God's farm." 1 Cor. 3:9, Rotherham's translation

**I**N DIFFERENT places in Scripture the people of God have been likened to God's husbandry. Beautifully has the prophet likened Israel to a carefully prepared vineyard, planted with the choicest vines. Jesus also, in speaking of Israel, gave the parable of the householder which planted a vineyard and let it out to husbandmen. In this world of sinful wilderness God has His farm, the Christian Church.

On some farms there is diversity of plants, vineyards and olive yards, gardens and grain. On God's farm there is endless variety. Some of God's people are fragrant as a rose, others inviting as a peach, and is it not true that there are a few who are as thorny as a berry patch or as puckery as a quince? At the same time they are all God's people because they are all fruitful. They love God and want to do His will.

We are God's farm because He is the owner. "Ye are bought with a price." "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." "Ye are not your own." There is joy in feeling that we belong to God. This should give one a sense of security. To know that He holds title to our lives and has planted us to the glory of Himself is cause for comfort and rejoicing. The farm being His, we become plants rooted and grounded on that farm. We have been put into our place by the great Husbandman.

On a visit to California I was taken to see some orchards. High on the hillside were groves of lemons, below these were groves of oranges, and lower still were groves of walnuts. The reason was because of frost. There was less likelihood of frost at the higher altitudes, a little more likelihood where the oranges grew, and there was likelihood of heavier frost where the walnuts were planted. Some of God's people are more easily frostbitten than others, and some can stand considerable cold. What do we mean? Some are very sensitive, they are easily hurt and hurried into themselves. Others can stand a little more unfriendliness while some seem even to thrive on opposition. God knows the temperament of all and includes all on His farm.

Planted by God we are protected by Him. When He chose Israel from the rest of the world and made it to be His farm He built a fence about and gathered out the stones. Is it not comforting to feel that we are protected by God? When Satan made his accusation against Job, he said, "You have put a hedge about him and about all that he possesses." It was surely so. Both Job and his possessions were protected by God. When God would reveal to Israel how safely they might trust in God, He had the prophet to say, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem so is the Lord about His people," and, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him to deliver them."

When the servant of Elisha rushed to his master in fear to warn him that the hosts of Syria were encamped about his refuge Elisha said, "Lord open the young man's eyes" and he saw divinely appointed hosts

set about to protect the prophet. We do not sufficiently realize how fully the trusting heart is protected by God. Wolves may howl, lions may roar, enemies may threaten destruction to our souls, but we are safe so long as we remain planted on God's farm.

But God is looking for fruit from His farm. He has not planted us as ornaments alone, He wishes fruitfulness. He has filled us with the Spirit that we might bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Have you studied carefully and prayerfully what they are? Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, or self-control."

This last fruit of the Spirit is very essential. How many lack self-control. They cannot control their temper. They do not control their tongues. If they feel blue or unhappy they show it to everyone around. Self-mastery is of the highest accomplishment and never will be realized except one bring oneself under rigid discipline. And discipline is not a resolution, or self-control for a day. It requires life time military exactness on ourselves. How many who dislike unpleasant qualities in others fail to exact submission of such qualities in themselves. God wishes the fruit of the Spirit—all the fruit of the Spirit.

When the Lord looked for grapes in Israel His vineyard, it brought forth wild, or bad, loathsome grapes. Because grapes so opposite to the kind that He had labored for were brought forth He said, "I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down." And what may we expect if we permit the works of the flesh to rule instead of cultivating the fruit of the Spirit? "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

We cannot perfect spiritual fruit in ourselves. We must have the help of the Holy Spirit. But we can put ourselves on God's side determined to "keep our bodies under and bring them in subjection." We can "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us." We can "make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof." We can "present our bodies a living sacrifice." That which we can do God expects us to do, and not until we have done our part can we expect God to do the divine part. Those who "with one consent began to make excuses" received nothing from the Lord. If we excuse our shortcomings, looking for sympathy, which is nothing more than encouragement to continue in our shortcomings, we will receive nothing. It is when we "quit ourselves like men" taking a position by faith on the side of God and victory that we find His "grace is sufficient." Happy is he who sees himself to be divinely planted, a part of God's farm.

### All Have Sinned

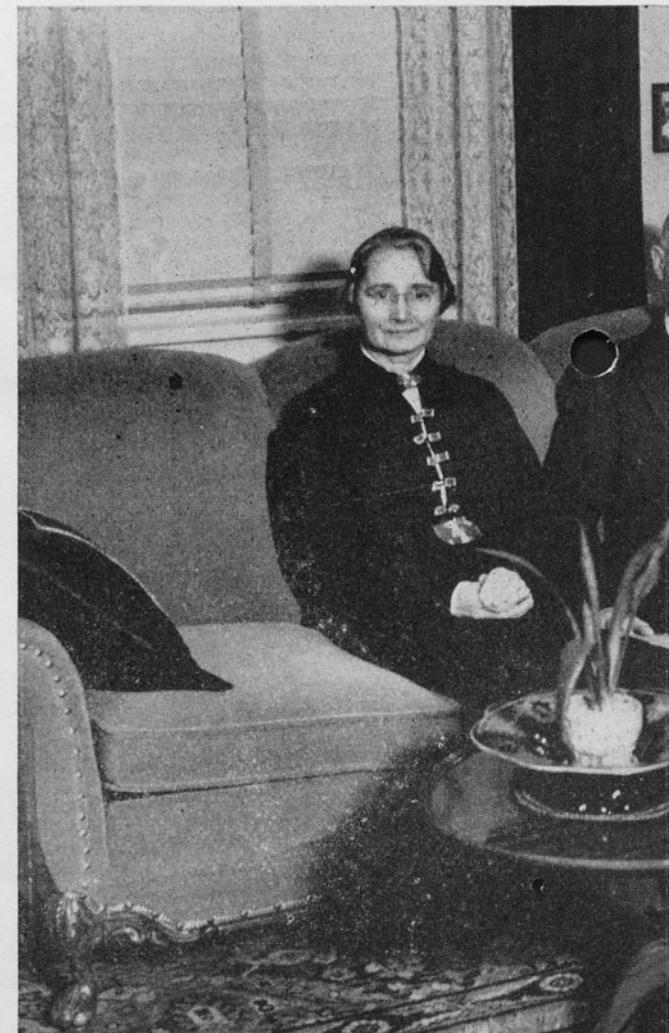
I find a difficulty in the hearts of many in taking their place as guilty sinners before God. Some time ago a woman said

to me, "I cannot see that one who has broken one of the commandments can be as bad as another who has broken five, or another who has broken the whole ten." But I told her that God never gave five or ten laws; He gave only one, which consists of ten commandments. "Just look at that watch. If you counted the wheels you would find perhaps ten or more, yet it is a broken watch, and will not go. Yet if you break only one wheel, it is still a broken watch and will not go."

Still the woman could not see it, so I said: "Suppose you were hanging by a chain over a precipice. The chain consists of ten links. If a man took a hammer and smashed every link, where would you go?" "To the bottom, of course." "But suppose only one link were broken, where would you go?" "That would be just as bad; I would fall." It takes just as much grace to save the best people in the world as to save the vilest.—Henry Moorhouse.

### Learning by Trial

William Carey, whose assistant was a printer by trade, spent many years learning the Indian language and wrote grammars and dictionaries for the use of his successors. One day while Carey was away from his station, a disastrous fire broke out and completely destroyed the building, the presses, many printed Bibles and, worst of all, the manuscripts, grammars and dictionaries on which Carey had spent so much time. When Carey returned, his servant told him of the loss. Without a word of despair or anger he knelt down and thanked God that he had the strength to do the work all over again. He started immediately, not wasting a moment in idle despair, and before his death he duplicated his first achievements and produced far better work than he had done formerly. The ability to face failure is one of the requisites of a true Christian.



Our General Superintendent, Ernest S. Williams

### Burial in Baptism

I recall the story of A. B. Simpson in describing the inner revelation that came over him that bleak Sunday afternoon in a little frame mission-house in the poorest district in New York City when he was baptized by an unnamed evangelist in a loaned baptistry. After it was all over and the evangelist had hurried off, leaving Dr. Simpson to dress alone in that cheerless, empty place, he threw himself on his knees to thank his Lord for permitting him this inexpressible privilege of following Him in full obedience unto death. "No language," he says, "can ever express, and no subsequent experience can ever obliterate the unutterable joy that came sweeping into every sense of my soul and spirit, making even my body thrill with the strange warmth and ecstatic delight as the Master seemed to say, 'You have gone with Me into death, now you shall come with Me into resurrection.'" This word was most remarkably fulfilled at the threshold of his world-wide ministry.—R. W. Kilgour.

### The Way to the Cross

Some years ago a well-known Unitarian college professor, Professor Hale, rose in a Methodist church. "I am a New Englander," he said, "and a New Englander is not apt to be carried away by anything emotional. I am a man of books, of an intellectual life, associated constantly with students, and such men do not take such steps under enthusiasm. Most of you are aware of the fact that I was a Unitarian, and that they are known as a sect which lay more stress on reason and intellect than on the heart. But I have found the way to the cross through prayer. I had no expectation that the call of Christ would come to me; but I prayed that God would give me the best He had for me, and kept praying it; and now I know that Christ is the sacrifice for the salvation of the world."



ams, together with Sister Williams, at home

## Concerning Fruit Bearing

J. Narver Gortner

It is the plan and purpose of God that His children be "trees of righteousness," and all "trees of righteousness" are fruit-bearing trees. Our Lord said to His disciples, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." In order that a tree may produce fruit it is necessary that the tree be a tree of a fruit-bearing nature, and that it possess life. The conditions too must be favorable; otherwise there will be no fruit, or the fruit will be meagre in quantity and inferior in quality. But if the tree is a fruit-bearing tree, and the conditions are favorable, there will be fruit, good fruit, and an abundance of it.

A missionary was visiting our home, and saw in the dining room a container that was filled with artificial fruit. There were three or four bananas, an apple, a pear, a peach or two, and a couple very fine bunches of grapes—all artificial, but very tempting to the eye. The fruit was not intended to be eaten; it was there to look at; it had been put there for ornamental purposes. It is not fashionable to have fruit like that on exhibition now, but it was fashionable then. The missionary reached out and took hold of one of the grapes, and pulled, but it refused to relinquish its grip on the stem. It looked so very ripe that he was surprised; he had never tried before to pick a grape that seemed to refuse to be picked. Examining the fruit dish a little more carefully he discovered that the fruit was not fruit at all; it had just been made to resemble fruit; it was there for ornamental purposes; it was designed to delight the eye, and not the palate.

I have been thinking about it lately. It seems to me that many of us are trying so hard to produce fruit, and we seem to be succeeding in a measure. But the fruit that is produced as a result of human effort is artificial fruit. It may delight the eye of man, and it may fool a lot of people; but certainly it is not pleasing to the Lord. And we cannot deceive Him.

Instead of trying to bear fruit, it would be a lot better if we would live in the sunshine of God's love, and bask under the heavens of His grace, and drink the living water, and partake of that nourishment He has provided for us; and let the matter of fruit-bearing take care of itself.

It will be impossible for us to be healthy "trees of righteousness" and not bear fruit. So many appear to be worrying because they are not bearing fruit; and the more they worry the less likely they are to see their hopes realized. Fruit is not produced by worrying; favorable conditions produce it; where the fruit trees exist, and the conditions are favorable, the trees blossom, the fruit makes its appearance, and, as the conditions continue to be favorable, it develops into maturity, and then ripens. The fruit that thus grows pleases the eye, but it does more than that: it pleases the palate, and nourishes the body.

Let us cease our trying to bear fruit, and let us get into that place spiritually that our Lord would have us get into and the fruit-bearing will be the natural result.

Then when the fruit appears it will be real fruit, and not artificial fruit, which, in reality, is not fruit at all.

### "Four Days Ago I Was Fasting—"

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early this year, we decided to start out Sunday evening services with a tarrying meeting. We would start gathering in for this as early as 3 or 4 o'clock, and fast and pray right through into the night meeting. Wonderful scenes were witnessed, one of the most touching of these being two young men coming through to the Baptism together, one who expected to be in the army uniform of his country within a few days, prostrate on the floor, and the other seated near by, expecting to be in the aviation uniform the coming week, coming through with great joy. This section is the leading aviation section, and we were burdened for these boys. A little later we were in Oshawa, Ontario, in the same section, where similar scenes were witnessed. Our regular night meetings started about six o'clock each night with a tarrying meeting. After we had gone on, the pastor wrote that numbers were constantly still coming through to the Baptism, for the mighty anointing was still resting down, as the saints had requested to keep the prayer services going.

In Detroit, in June of this year, our meeting had reached a stage where we felt a break must come. My room was just around the corner from the parsonage. "Dinner will be ready at ——— o'clock," said the kind housekeeper, as I left for my room. I went to my room. The weight of the meetings settled down upon me in an unbearable burden. When "—— o'clock" came it found me flat on the floor, so burdened with an intensity of travail, and agony, that I was unable to get up and go. That night the break came. The power fell. It continued falling, many holy scenes being witnessed.

We may take heart. God still hears when we approach Him as saints in days gone by have approached Him, and answers in the same holy way.

### The Best Medicine

Dr. Hyslop, one of Britain's greatest physicians, said to the British Medical Association: "The best medicine which my practice has discovered is prayer. As one whose whole life has been concerned with the sufferings of the mind, I would state that of all hygienic measures to counteract disturbed sleep, depression of spirits, and all the miserable sequels of a distressed mind, I would undoubtedly give first place to the simple habit of prayer. It is of the highest importance, merely from a physical point of view, to teach children to hold daily communion with God. Such a habit does more to quiet the spirit and strengthen the soul to overcome mere incidental emotionalism than any other therapeutic agency known to man."

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## The Assemblies of God in Cuba

Hugh Jeter

After visiting all the Assemblies of God work in Cuba, we see no reason for discouragement. The outlook for the work is good, and the people are responsive to the gospel.

Our brief visit to this field was made in response to a "Macedonian call" for help. A twelve hour journey by boat from Miami, Florida brought us to Havana, Cuba where we were warmly received by Brother Stokes and family who, besides May Kelty and Hilda Reffke, are our only Assemblies of God missionaries in the island.

Cuba is not as small as one might imagine. Although it has an average width of only 60 miles, it is more than 700 miles long and has a population of some 4,500,000. How the people do need Christ! Sin surely abounds, but men and women are receptive to the gospel when they have opportunity to hear and understand it.

On arrival in Havana we spoke one night to a small crowd from the village gathered at the Bible Institute farm; then at 11:45 p. m. took a bus for the other end of the island where (by faith) they had announced us for the following night. All night and all the next day we rode that Cuban bus, which must needs be seen and felt to be appreciated, arriving in Santiago de Cuba just in time to prepare for the evening service.

### A Diligent Worker

Brother Donato who has charge of the work in that city is a hard worker for the Lord. Every week end they visit systematically 17 different places, holding short services and preaching the Word through picture rolls, songs, talks and tracts. The Saturday and Sunday we were there, they had a total of over 1,400 people who had attended these services. Pray that God will bless the diligent efforts of this brother.

After visiting two other works and attending a fellowship meeting in this section, we returned to the other end of the island where two weeks of special services had been ar-

ranged in the capital city of Havana. These meetings were well attended and splendid interest was shown. Numbers of strangers who attended the services sought the Lord for salvation and some of them are still going on with God.

It was our privilege also to visit other Pentecostal works in the island where we saw the blessing of the Lord manifest.

Our visit to Cuba was climaxed with a fellowship meeting in which the different Pentecostal churches co-operated. The Lord was present in this service in a very real way and all felt encouraged to press forward for the evangelization of Cuba.

### IN THE HIGHWAYS AND THE BYWAYS

"The Lord is blessing in our midst," writes Constance Eady from South India. "The other day while the gospel was being preached in a place called Thandakupam four men came under conviction of sin and were saved; others followed, and later some children also gave their hearts to Jesus. In another place one of our workers spoke to two women who were sitting under a tamarind tree and after some time they both gave themselves to the Lord. Again, two of our evangelists, while walking together along the road, encountered two blind beggars who listened eagerly to the simple story of the gospel, got down on their knees and received salvation. Some farmers were working in a field, and as our workers stopped to talk with them they listened intently, finally accepting Christ.

"Our workers are zealous for the Lord. They go out into the fields to help the people with their work, and then preach the gospel to them. As they walk along the country roads and see people carrying heavy burdens, they offer to carry some of the bundles. Then they tell them of our wonderful Saviour, the great Burden Bearer who bore all our sins on Calvary's Cross. Other workers preach and distribute tracts in

the weekly markets, and in this way also many are converted.

"We have such lovely little prayer meetings in our churches. These people who a comparatively short time ago had never heard the gospel now love to gather for prayer.

"Demons are being cast out and so many are being healed of various diseases—fevers, scorpion bites, etc.

"We do thank you for holding us up in prayer, for we know it is in answer to the prayer at home that the Lord is able to bless so graciously in our midst."

### WELCOMING THE NEW MISSIONARY

Rex Jackson, Nigeria

I arrived in Port Harcourt on a Saturday night, and the following day the local church had the first welcome service. To my surprise they were expecting me to preach in both services. Not having even heard anyone preach using an interpreter, I was rather doubtful as to the results of my effort, but the Lord was faithful in helping me. On that first Sunday night at the close of my first evangelistic message in Africa, the Lord was pleased to save a fine young man. Of course that brought a joy that nothing else could have done and was the best welcome one could have hoped for.

After a few days of rest Brother Phillips and I started on a tour of the churches up country. Everywhere we went the native people would express their thanks to God for sending another missionary in answer to their prayers. I could hardly refrain from weeping but tried to keep back the tears lest the people should think I was sorry I had come, while just the opposite was true for the joy of the Lord filled my heart.

### A Real Thrill

So many people at home are constantly looking for a new thrill. The greatest thrill of my life was when I looked at those people whose black faces were literally shining with the glory of God.

Each service seemed to get better. Instead of feeling strange and out of place as might have been expected, for a while at least, I was somewhat surprised to find myself feeling absolutely at home. But the moving of the Spirit is the same the world over, and though unable to understand the language I certainly could feel the presence of God. How these people can sing! They are typically Pentecostal in their love for choruses. As the people would praise the Lord, one word was very outstanding, perhaps because it was practically the only one I could understand—HALLELUJAH!

Usually at the close of the service a welcoming committee would come up bringing a chicken or two and some eggs as tokens of their appreciation. Realizing the offerings were the expression of grateful hearts, I felt a great love fill my heart for these people, many of whom but a short time ago were bound in heathen darkness.

### It Pays

One visit to these services surely would have convinced every Christian at home that missionary effort certainly pays. There is still a need for missionaries as we are laboring in a tribe of three or four million people, and other tribes on both sides of us are calling for someone to come and teach them. Let me assure you that your gifts and prayers are bringing wonderful results, and I believe as you continue faithfully God will move in even greater ways.



Brother Donato with Sunday School group at one of the 17 places reached through the assembly at Santiago de Cuba.

## In Nicaragua Again!

Melvin Hodges

Exactly one month from the time we left Fort Collins, Colorado, we arrived once more in Matagalpa. It proved to be a month of intense activity. The days spent in New Orleans were busy with final arrangements for sailing. Then on May 28 we embarked on the SS Toloa, bade our friends good-by, and began to move down the Mississippi River toward the Gulf of Mexico. Out on the open sea we found ourselves due for a rough time because of high winds.

Reaching Guatemala, we went by train to the capital where a very pleasant and profitable week was spent in conference with the missionaries who represent our work throughout Central America.

From Guatemala to El Salvador we traveled by bus, arriving in Santa Ana just at service time. It was a joy to renew our acquaintance with the brethren there.

The journey from El Salvador to Nicaragua was made by airplane, which, strangely enough, costs less than by boat. It was a great moment for us when the plane came to rest on the landing field and we could see Sister Crews with some of the native workers waiting to receive us. WE WERE IN NICARAGUA AGAIN!

### A Hard Field

God has been blessing here in Matagalpa since our return. This has always been one of the hardest fields in Nicaragua. We have been holding early morning prayer meetings with the Christians and a few days ago one sister received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which greatly encouraged our hearts.

Yesterday the Lord performed a wonderful healing. A woman who had backslidden was seriously injured: She was in great pain for a couple of days and finally had to be confined to her bed. She sought the Lord diligently and yesterday God healed her, instantly and completely, so that she was able to get up immediately and walk to the church where she gave thanks to God. At the evening service she gave a public testimony. Her heart is filled with great joy because of what God has done for her.

Last night three souls sought God for salvation. We trust these are the firstfruits of an outpouring of God's Spirit and an ingathering of souls in Matagalpa.

### THE UPWARD LOOK

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor, Yunnan, West China

As we look out upon the world of today we naturally wonder: What will the world of tomorrow be like? The spirit of destruction permeates the nations; the forces of evil are increasing—but the message comes to our hearts as to the disciples of old, "When these things begin to come to pass, LOOK UP, and lift up your heads, because your redemption draweth nigh."

It is the upward look that vitalizes our lives, enabling us to overcome the power of the enemy of our souls. Wave upon wave of trouble may come—wars, sorrows, disappointments, misunderstandings, doubts and fears, yet to the soul that is "stayed upon Jehovah" these various vicissitudes of life only cause him to mount higher, thus proving to be stepping stones to our desired haven.

So it has been in our experience as we continue to labor in China. Only as we wait upon God in prayer can we hope to receive and maintain the strength and grace of those comforting words, LOOK UP.

### A New Work

It is now eight months since we opened our little chapel in Tali. During this time we have experienced the many changes that come with

the opening of a new work. There are the crowds, those that come and go, then the small, settled group that becomes the nucleus of the church.

Last month we had our first baptismal service in a millstream outside the city followed by a communion service in our home. The first to receive baptism was a young carpenter who helped to make our furniture. We believe his conversion began with Bible study and morning prayers which we held in our home each morning before the carpenters started to work. It has been inspiring to see the change in the life of this young man. His name, "Wu Yong Seng" (meaning "Eternal Life") is appropriate, for he was the first to receive such among our group. Already he is taking an active part in the services, and since his term of apprenticeship is soon to be finished we are hoping to encourage him in Bible study for we believe he can become a valuable worker.

### Buddhist Healed

Not long ago while we were visiting in the home of one of our young girls she took us upstairs to see the three small idols which her Buddhist mother worships. Some time later the mother became ill and sent a request that we pray for her at the Saturday night service. The following day we called at the home to find her all bundled up in bed in a dark room—which is so typical of the Chinese in the case of illness. After talking with her we prayed again. Two days later we learned that God had answered prayer and raised her up. Now we are trusting the Lord to do a real work of grace in her heart and life. Will you join us in prayer for this soul and for others with whom the enemy is working hard to keep them in his grasp, that they may be fully liberated from the powers of darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son.

Regarding the war, repeated bombings have caused considerable damage at Kunming, but so far Tali has experienced nothing more than alarms. The rainy season has begun which will lessen the danger temporarily—but do not cease to pray for us since one never knows what will develop.

### MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Feloka, Liberia—Please pray that our Bible School students may be filled with the Spirit. Fifteen are tarrying and praying daily.—Anna B. Stafholt.

Bweebo, Liberia—Pray for the salvation of several people who are very much interested in the gospel. Also pray for an outpouring of the Spirit upon the believers.—Louise Hackert.

Calcutta, India—Pray for the amalgamation of the two Pentecostal Anglo-Indian works in Calcutta. Remember in prayer the Bengali people who are beginning to open their hearts to the gospel.—Nelson J. Miller.

Mendoza, Argentina—Please pray for a woman who is demon possessed. Her mother is one of our faithful believers. Pray for the healing of a little girl and for the conversion of her parents. Also pray that God will send a Pentecostal revival and baptize our believers in His Spirit.—W. F. Dunbar.

Sao Carlos, Brazil—We praise the Lord for saving musicians. We need instruments. Pray that funds will be provided for this purpose.—Lillian Flessing.

Barquisimeto, Venezuela—Pray that God will comfort us in the loss of our son. Pray for the convention which is to be held in September. Pray that souls will be saved.—E. Yngve Olson.

Jewish Work, Chicago, Illinois—Please pray for the healing of a young woman who has accepted Christ and has been baptized in water. She has been afflicted with epilepsy for many years. Also pray that she may have grace to go on with the Lord in spite of home differences.—Jeanette Fox.

## Congo Missionaries in Conference

Grace Lindholm



The gospel is reaching these poor sufferers as our Congo missionaries minister in the leper colony.

From May 12 to 15 inclusive the Congo missionaries gathered in conference at Andudu. There were, of course, business matters which required attention, but as these were quickly taken care of we had much time for devotional services. During this conference we were privileged to enjoy a visit from H. Wakelin Coxil, General Secretary of the Protestant Council of Congo, and George Van Dusen, field director of the African Inland Mission.

On Friday, May 16 the native meetings began. The happy group from Betongwe came with a song and their joy increased daily as the meetings continued. Those from Nobe were perhaps more serious; the majority had just given their hearts to the Lord and they seemed to be reaching out in faith for the needed strength to stand true.

Brother Udd had a tabernacle erected to accommodate the expected crowds. With its bamboo walls and thatched roof it reminded one of an open air tabernacle in the homeland.

In the Sunday afternoon service nine followed the Lord through the waters of baptism. As we review the happenings of the May conference we all feel enriched in Christ Jesus and determined to follow on as He leads.

In regard to news from America, we feel very much cut off, but we urge our fellow laborers in the homeland not to cease praying for us in these days when your prayers are more needed than ever before.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ball and family arrived in Valparaiso, Chile, August 6, and are now settled in Santiago ready to take up ministry in their new field of labor.

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Alexander Marks, who has spent a number of years in ministry to the Jewish people, is at present in Chicago where he expects to remain for some months working among the Jews of that great city in co-operation with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gregg.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Hall who together with Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Smith have just arrived from French West Africa, report that all is well with our missionaries in that field. "There has been no mail service to French West Africa for many months," says Brother Hall, "and we missionaries could not know that our outgoing letters ever reached their destination. There are doubtless many friends and relatives of the various Mossiland missionaries who are concerned about them and would appreciate a little information as to their welfare. Anyone desiring such information may write to us or to Vivan Smith in care of the Foreign Missions Department. Mail sent to Mossiland via Gold Coast has not been allowed to cross the French frontier, and Brother Shirer, Superintendent of the Gold Coast field, is holding it under lock and key pending the opening of the frontier."

## THE HOUSE OF HERMES

In Paul's salutation to his Christian friends at Rome, he includes one, Hermes. Romans 16:14. Recently, a monk in a monastery on the old Appian Way, about three miles south of Rome, was digging a grave for a brother monk beneath the St. Sebastian Church adjoining it, when the bottom of the grave fell through, and he disappeared into darkness. A writer, Edward A. Annett, tells the story in detail in *The Christian Advocate*. Briefly, when the monk was rescued, the remains of an early building was discovered below the present church—a church of St. Sebastian of the fourth century. Further investigation disclosed an ancient stairway which led down thirty feet to a still lower level. Excavation revealed that they had stumbled onto the remains of a grand mansion of the first century. Family graves were uncovered; roof and wall paintings still wonderfully fresh though two thousand years old, were discovered—mostly pagan gods painted over with Christian subjects, as the Vine, the Virgins, and the Sower; then an inscription that told that

this was the house of Hermes, who at an advanced age had become a Christian and freed his slaves. Further indications showed that the house had become a meeting place for the Christians of Rome. Among a large number of memorial tablets in a gallery behind the house, is one "In memory of Rufus"—evidently the Rufus of Romans 16:13 and Mark 15:21. Indications show that the Christian frescoes cannot be later than A. D. 58, less than thirty years after the utterance of the parables.

## WONDERFULLY HEALED

In June, 1938 I had a severe case of Flu which settled in the adhesions in my right side resulting from an operation for appendicitis. This affliction persisted until in the fall of 1940 it became so bad I could barely be up. When I felt that my condition had become desperate my sister asked the Sunday School class in East St. Louis, that I had taught for five years before coming to the farm to rear four orphan grandchildren, to pray

for me. They fasted and prayed. Brother Trotter anointed a handkerchief and my sister sent it. I laid it on, the night of October 2, 1940. The next morning my side was well and has been ever since. This is written February 3, 1941.—Mrs. C. F. Gibson, Route 2, Louisville, Illinois.

Ed. note—We held this testimony for some time and then wrote to Sister Gibson. In June she replied telling of the long sickness and death of her husband and how she cared for and lifted him, getting from two to six hours sleep a day without any recurrence of the pains in her side. She enclosed a letter from her son Vernal D. Gibson, pastor of Calvary Full Gospel Church at Collinsville, Illinois verifying her testimony of healing and saying she is enjoying what a person of her age (she is sixty-three) calls good health. She also sent a letter written by her niece, D. Gould Paschal, a registered nurse, who gives it as her opinion based on the odor of the discharge, the color, and the other symptoms about Sister Gibson that her affliction was carcinoma (cancer) in its last stages.

## REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

HARRISBURG, ARK.—Highway Valley Assembly. About 21 souls prayed through to victory, 3 received the baptism, 11 baptized in water, and several names were added to the Assembly Roll during the three weeks revival just closed. Drucilla and Lunda Hall were the evangelists.—Jasper Whitt, Pastor.

HARDIN, MO.—Clifford Hamilton, Oak Grove, Mo., has just closed a two weeks revival with us that stirred this community. Souls were at the altar seeking more of God in their lives. We came to this new field in June with a gospel tent. We are planning to buy a building for a church.—W. G. Spurgeon, Pastor, and T. W. Hook, Coworker.

NORMAN, OKLA.—Nine were saved and six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the two weeks revival just closed. Sisters Christine Carmichael, Duncan, and Louise Stillwell of Tulsa conducted the meetings. The Spirit of the Lord was on the services in every way and we feel very much repaid for efforts put forth.—Pastor W. G. Higgins; by Amy Belle Smyth, Reporter.

ST. JAMES, MINN.—The Gospel Tabernacle has enjoyed a good meeting and prospered under the blessed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. A. Knudson, Los Angeles, Calif., who have been with us for 6 weeks. Souls have been saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. New people who had never before been inside our tabernacle have become interested in the full gospel.—C. W. Hart, Pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—We are glad to report a three weeks revival which began July 6th at the First Assembly of God Church. It was conducted by Charles O. and Mrs. Neece of Tampa, Florida. The church was greatly benefited by the old-time gospel messages of Brother Neece and the words of encouragement from a number of visiting ministers. It was a time of real moving up to God together with a general upbuild in fellowship that will long be appreciated.—George E. Toles, Sr., Secretary.

LEACH, OKLA.—We are thankful to God and rejoicing in His goodness and the outpouring of His Spirit in the three weeks revival just closed. Brother and Sister Ben F. Ray of Rogers, Ark. conducted the revival. Seven were saved or reclaimed, six received water baptism, two the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Among those saved was a brother 79 years old and a youth of about 10. God is still saving all ages. The anointed messages delivered by Brother Ray was food for our souls as we have been without a pastor since May 25th.—Lena Wallace, Sec.

## APPALACHIAN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

We are rejoicing and praising the Lord for the good Camp Meeting held at North Tazewell, Va., August 1—10, in connection

with our District Council. A. C. Bates was the main speaker, and the Lord mightily anointed him to preach His Word both to Christians and to sinners. We are glad for the hunger for the gospel that prevails among our Pentecostal people. Brother Bates was kept busy from morning until late at night, and we wondered when he rested.

Also we truly praise the Lord for Brother Barrick and his daughter, Miriam, returned missionaries from India. We feel they have stirred our people into a realization of the need in other lands. Brother Barrick will make a tour of our District soon.

We are thankful too for other workers in the camp, and for the good fellowship. Many sought God. This was the most largely attended camp we have had in the Appalachian District for years. We seemed to be getting right back to the wonderful days of Pentecost when God poured out His Spirit on hungry souls.—Mrs. M. B. Hampton.

## TEXAS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

We had a fine program at the annual meeting of the Texas Woman's Missionary Council, held June 12, at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, in connection with the Texas District Council. There were about 250 women present from the different churches, members of the W. M. C. The following is the annual report:

Distribution of Bibles and religious papers, 46,371; tracts given, 157,247; Bibles given, 410; Testaments given, 726; Gospels given, 1,629; Bible storybooks given, 158; sick calls, 36,554; hospital calls, 9,411; prison services, 417; jail services, 967; prayer meetings, 3,732; meals given, 6,200; garments given, 21,965; pairs of shoes given, 1,395; house-to-house calls, 17,507; quilts quilted, 365; quilt tops made, 139; quilts given, 554; sandwiches given, 1,958; foreign missionary boxes sent, 6; boxes given to Red Cross, 6; home missionary boxes given, 30; bouquets given, 2,920. Number of members of Woman's Missionary Council, 2,421; average attendance, 1,582. About 12 New Councils were organized during the year.

## Financial Report

Foreign missionary offerings, \$3,076.22; home missionary offerings, \$2,548.61; estimate of groceries given, \$5,173.09; cash on local churches, \$3,951.20; cash on local parsonages, \$2,366.50; cash on flowers, \$796.09; cash on Bible schools, \$108.39; cash on miscellaneous items, \$950.25. Total, \$18,970.35.

The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. F. D. Davis, President; Mrs. J. C. Wilder, Vice President; and Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer.—Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer, 2132 Ave. K, Wichita Falls, Texas.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—We had a blessed commencement at the South Central Bible Institute, during which the presence of God was very evident. Just prior to the exercises there was a flag presentation which was very impressive. It is indeed

a beautiful banner. Its red and white stripes and starry field of blue remind us of the righteousness of Christ, made possible to us through the crimson stream of Calvary where the blue of heavenly and eternal truth may be clearly seen by every eye of faith.

On leaving school behind us, we journeyed to El Dorado, Ark., for a period and thence to several other places of preaching and teaching on prophetic themes. The crowds were all that a true minister could ask for.

Keetah Jones has done a wonderful work in El Dorado, and he has the confidence of the business men of the town. He has a large congregation of saints who love him and his message. The Sunday School attendance is high, and a spiritual atmosphere pervades the church in all its branches. The pastor is very active. He is here and there and everywhere in the service of his church and his Lord. God blesses him and his good wife, who also is energetic in the work of the Lord.

Garland N. Robbins, pastor at Helena, Ark., and presbyter of his section, is faithfully carrying on for God. He needs the prayers of the brethren, for he is laboring under a tremendous burden in that field. Sister Robbins is standing faithfully by his side. Some of the best anointings this preacher has had in many years were given him as he preached the Word in Brother Robbins' church.

From the Texas District Council at Abilene, Texas, we went to Faith Tabernacle in Dallas, where R. L. Davis is pastor. Our D. V. B. S. conducted by Mrs. McCafferty was a splendid success for God. Brother Davis is a man who has the work of God at heart, and who is definitely interested in missions.

In Seminole, Okla., God blessed us, and others were blessed by our ministry there. Each year for a number of years we have been privileged to minister in that church. There was never a more faithful pastor than Berl Dodd of the Seminole church.

Shortly after our Seminole meeting we preached in the splendid church at Phoenix, Ariz., of which Normal D. Davidson, the District Superintendent, is the pastor.

At Prescott, Ariz., at the Arizona State camp meeting it was our privilege to be the principal day speaker. God was with us in a wonderful way. Some were saved, and about 15 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our soul was lifted high in the ecstasies of joy, and powerful were the anointings of the Holy Ghost. The C. A.'s are a splendid group. They took deep interest in our message, and took us into their hearts, even as we did them. Brother Davidson has the work of the District on his heart, and the work is growing. There is a blessed spirit of fellowship and a hearty co-operation one with another in the work.

At Maud, Okla., we had a good time with the Lord. The altar services were blessed, continuing sometimes into the early morning hours. Brother and Sister Geo. Clements are doing good work as pastors of the church in Maud.

While in this little town we were notified that due to the merger of the Southwestern Bible School of Enid, Okla., with the South Central Bible Institute of Ft. Worth, Texas, we would not be with the school any longer, our places being taken by teachers from the Enid school.

After five years in Southwestern at Enid and four years of service at the Ft. Worth school, Mrs. McCafferty and I will now be definitely on the field until God leads otherwise. Those wishing to contact us for any reason will please note change of address: 2122 Northwest 23rd St., Ft. Worth, Texas.—W. B. McCafferty.

## THE LIFE THAT COUNTS

The life that counts must toil and fight; Must hate the wrong and love the right; Must stand by truth by day and night. This is the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked with God, And turns not from the cross, the rod, But walks with joy where Jesus trod— This is the life that counts.

## A PRESENT OPPORTUNITY

A missionary was summoned before a magistrate. The following dialogue developed:

Official—"We hear you have been inviting Moslems to become Christians."  
Missionary—"It is true."  
Official—"Whom do you invite?"  
Missionary—"I invite you, sir."

## NEVER ALONE

The thought of the Holy Spirit being a personal friend always at hand, is a cure for all loneliness. If the thought of the Holy Spirit as an ever-present friend once enters your heart and stays there, you will never have another lonely moment as long as you live.—R. A. Torrey.

## 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.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—Sept. 14—Chas. O. Neece, Tampa, Fla., Evangelist.—A. T. Hickman, Pastor.

GREELEY, COLO.—13th Ave. and 15th St., Sept. 14—J. E. Neely, Evangelist.—K. L. Godbey, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—N. Howard and York, Sept. 14—28; Willa J. Short, Evangelist.—J. O. Savell, Pastor.

FLINT, MICH.—2215 Lewis St., Sept. 2—21; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McDowell, Texas Gospel Singers.—Charles Scott.

MILES CITY, MONT.—Leighton Blvd. at Center Ave. N., Sept. 14—Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa, Evangelist.—Leonard and Frieda Palmer, Pastors.

EVNA, MD.—Full Gospel Church; Sept. 14, for 3 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil M. Dullabaum of Cumberland, Evangelists.—T. B. Pierce, Pastor, Glencoe, Md.

DES MOINES, IOWA—Ingersoll Ave. at 31st St., Sept. 14—Otto J. Klink, Miami, Fla., Evangelist.—William E. Long, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—1665 N. Mozart St.; Sept. 16, for 3 weeks; Ettie E. Reckley, Cumberland, Md., Evangelist.—August A. Anderson, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Lincoln and South Main Sts.; Sept. 14, for 3 weeks; William F. McPherson, Sanford, Fla., Evangelist.—Chas. Sheall, Pastor.

GRIDLEY, CALIF.—Park and Cedar St.; Sept. 14, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perryman. W. T. Scott is pastor.—By Evangelists.

ROYAL OAK, MICH.—907 E. First St., Sept. 7—; Ernest Manley, Evangelist.—Ruby Haley, Pastor.

CORNING, N. Y.—Annual Missionary Convention, Sept. 18—21. Neighboring assemblies urged to attend.—Samuel Y. Weidler, Pastor.

CAMDEN, N. J.—570 Walnut St., Sept. 21—Oct. 12; Evangelist and Mrs. Edwin Argue, Winnipeg, Canada.—Edwin C. Sikes, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—908 West St.; Sept. 21, for 3 weeks or longer; Genevieve Booth-Clibborn, Evangelist.—R. P. Hughey, Pastor.

CANALOU, MO.—Aug. 31, for 3 weeks; Evangelist Letha Like and coworker, Mildred Snook, of Kansas.—Clarence Wiegand, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—70th St. and Stewart Ave., Sept. 14—; Sanders Brothers, Jefferson City, Mo., Evangelists.—Ernest C. Small, Pastor.

SANTA MARIA, CALIF.—Tent Meeting, Sept. 7—; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knowles of Santa Paula, Musical Evangelists.—L. E. Halvorson, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANSAS—610 Lime St., Sept. 21—Oct. 12; A. H. and Zelma Argue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Evangelists.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—60 Gregg St. S. W., Sept. 14—; Edwin and Irma Anderson, Providence, R. I., Evangelists.—Raymond De Vito, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Sept. 21—28; Lester Sumrall, World Traveler, Lecturer and Evangelist.—C. C. Burnett, Pastor.

BENTONVILLE, ARK.—Rocky Comfort Assembly of God; Aug. 31, for 2 weeks or longer; O. M. Montgomery, Wynne, Ark., Evangelist.—Neil Sawrey, Pastor.

POTTSTOWN, PA.—Sept. 14—Oct. 5; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. Joseph R. Flower is pastor.—By Evangelists.

MASSILLON, OHIO—Fourth and Oak Sts., Sept. 14—Oct. 5; Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill., Evangelists.—Cyril E. Homer, Pastor.

GARY, IND.—Gospel Tabernacle; Sept. 14, for 3 weeks or longer; Jean and Angel Benefiel, Loveland, Colo., Evangelists.—J. D. Menzie, Pastor.

ELYRIA, OHIO—150 East Bridge St.; Sept. 14, for 3 weeks; The Quanabush Evangelists, Singers and Musicians.—I. E. Ade, Pastor.

LAUREL, MD.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Sept. 2—21; Ernest and Virginia Berquist, Youngstown, Ohio, Evangelists.—B. M. Slye, Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—Dodson Avenue Assembly; Sept. 14, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur S. Arnold, Oklahoma City, Okla.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

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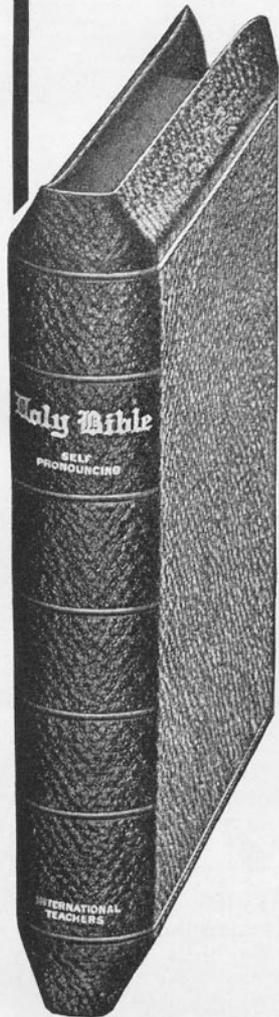
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SPRINGDALE, ARK.—Sept. 6, for 3 weeks or longer; J. D. Mahaffey, 300 W. 7th, Ada, Okla., Evangelist. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—By Evangelist.

WESTERNPORT, MD.—Special Youth Revival, Sept. 11—21; First Pentecostal Church, Maryland Ave.; Eileen E. McAlister, Youthful Evangelist.—O. P. Brann, Pastor.

NICHOLASVILLE, KY.—In County Courthouse; Sept. 7, for 3 weeks or more; Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Park, Waycross, Ga. Pioneer work.—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Modder.

MARTVILLE, N. Y.—Sept. 7, for 2 weeks or longer; The Bills Sisters, Rochester, N. Y., Evangelists. Music and singing each night.—Thelma Livergood, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Annual Fall Revival and Bible Convention, Fifth and Peoria, Sept. 14—; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roberts, Pasadena, Calif., Evangelists.—Guy Phillips, Pastor.

TUNKHANNOCK, PA.—Ninth Anniversary Revival, Sept. 7—Oct. 5; Milton R. Richards, Wilmington, Del., Evangelist. Near-by assemblies please co-operate.—J. C. Hall, Pastor; by Kennett C. Clark, Secretary.

WAYNESBORO, P. A.—Old-fashioned Tarrying Services; Sept. 21, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist Amelia Joseph, Speaker. Neighboring assemblies invited to join in fasting and prayer for showers of latter rain outpouring. Meetings every night except Monday, 7:30.—George E. Dych, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, North Capitol and K Sts. (within walking distance of Union Station), Sept. 16—; William F. Duncan, Atlantic City, N. J., Evangelist. "Back Home Hour" broadcast, Tuesdays 10:30 p. m., 1340 kilos. Rededication of main auditorium, Sept. 14; special speakers; services 11:00, 3:00, and 7:30.—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor, 412 Douglas St. N. E.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL SHAWNEE, OKLA.—The 26th annual convention of the Oklahoma District Council will convene in the Civic Auditorium, Oct. 7—10. There will be C. A. services, Oct. 6, 2:30 and 7:00.—W. S. Bragg, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

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#### FALL CONVENTIONS, WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

North Plains Section, Borger, Sept. 23—24; Central Plains Section, Plainview, Sept. 25—26; South Plains Section, Lamesa, Sept. 30—Oct. 1; Pecos Section, McCamey, Oct. 2—3.

All who desire papers to preach are required to meet a committee at these conventions. Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent, Springfield, Mo., will be with us in our Fall conventions.—H. M. Reeves, District Superintendent, Box 1404, Plainview, Texas.

#### SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Southwestern Bible Institute, consolidated by the merging of Southwestern Bible School of Enid, Okla., with South Central Bible Institute of Ft. Worth, will begin its fifteenth year September 8. On that date the High School department and Business College, now known as Southwestern High School and Southwestern Business College respectively, will open their doors. On the 6th of October the Bible School proper will open. A large enrolment is expected. Those who wish information and application blanks should write the secretary, Lorraine Wise, 2115 Belle Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.—P. C. Nelson, President.

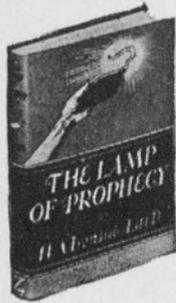
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**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
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**NEW ADDRESS**—116 E. Detroit, Broken Arrow, Okla. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—G. R. Kelly.

**NOTICE**—If desired, I could assist a little church in conducting a 9-days revival of prayer, healing, and holiness among the saints, this month or next. Correspondence welcomed.—Chas. E. Robinson at Headquarters.

**NOTICE**—Families moving to Des Moines, Iowa, to engage in defense work are invited to worship at the People's Church, Ingersol Ave. at 31st St., the only Assembly of God in the city.—William E. Long, Pastor.

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

**PARIS, ILL.**—Fellowship Meeting, Stone Church, Sept. 22. A. L. Matejka is pastor.—S. Clyde Bailey, Presbyter.

**ALVA, OKLA.**—All-day fellowship meeting, Sept. 16; C. A. rally at night. Dinner served by local church.—John Baxter, Pastor.

**FREEPORT, ILL.**—Big Fall Rally Day for Church and Sunday School, Sept. 14. Special music and singing. Inauguration of children's church. Services 9:30 and 7:30.—Carl O. Hedeon, Pastor.

**CARTHAGE, MO.**—Celebration of 15th anniversary of the church in connection with Joplin Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 15. All former pastors urged to be present. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:45.—R. B. Noland, Pastor.

**COVINGTON, IND.**—Southern Indiana Fellowship Meeting, 1105 Fifth St., Oct. 6. Three services. Annual business meeting and election of officers. All ministers urged to be present.—Howard R. Davidson, 528 S. West St., Lebanon, Ind.

**GREENWOOD, S. C.**—Sectional C. A. Rally, under tent, South Main St., Sept. 21, 3:00 p. m. J. C. Hunnicutt, Speaker. Special instrumental music and singing. You are welcome.—G. E. Wilson, Field representative, 202 Gridley St., Sans Souci, Greenville, S. C.

**SPRINGDALE, ARK.**—Ozark Annual Business and Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 19. We should like to have all our ministers in this section present, also one delegate from each church. Our District Superintendent will be in charge.—Omer Jarrell, Presbyter, Rogers, Ark.

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### MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

**NEW ADDRESS**—124 Oakland Ave., Oshkosh, Wis. "Am re-entering the evangelistic field after Sept. 30."—Philip A. Megna.

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## THE CLOUDS ARE LIFTING

By Oswald J. Smith

What lies just ahead? Whither are we bound? How soon will the terminal be reached? Are we facing peace or war, prosperity or adversity? What is to be the next act in the drama?

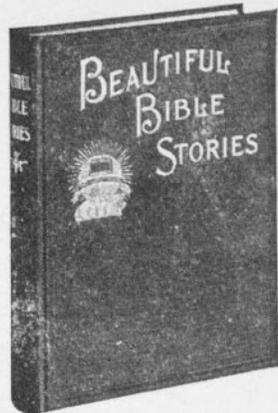
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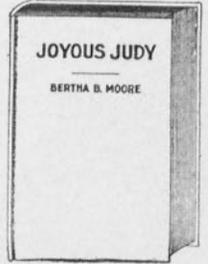
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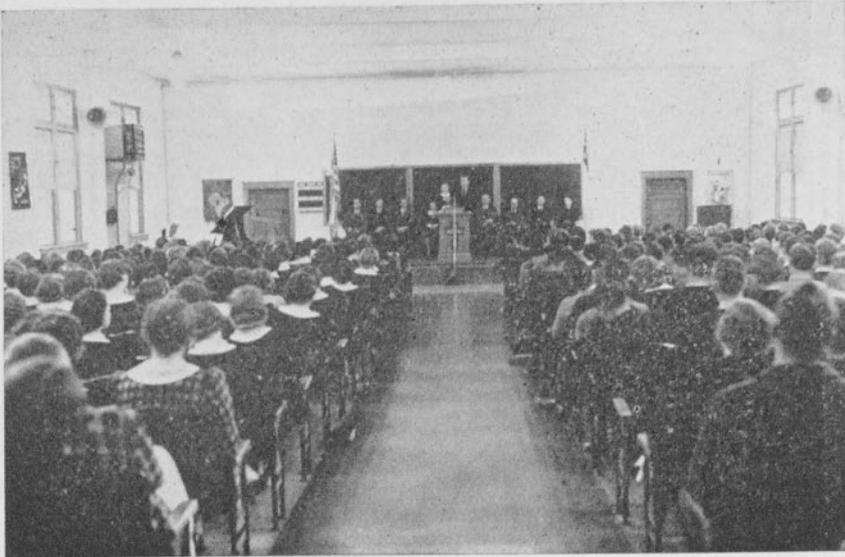
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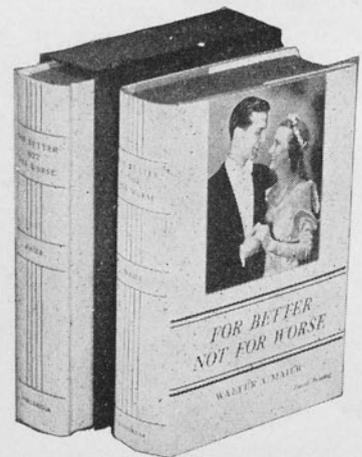
He had a Christian mother, who had long prayed for him. One day he came home from his office about noon and said, "Mother, I feel fatigued; I think I will lie down till lunch is ready;" so he lay down and fell asleep. At one o'clock she spoke to him and said, "We are ready to sit down at the table," but she could not waken him. She shook him violently, but she could not rouse him.

He was in a comatose state, and there was no perceptible pulse. He sank lower and lower until his breathing also was scarcely perceptible. They sent at once for a physician, who came in, examined his pulse, listened to his heart, made a thorough examination, but said, "I can do nothing for him; you will just be compelled to leave him as he is. He may come out of it, and he may not." He went away.

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God allowed him to come back from the other world just long enough to assure that mother who had trained him in the true faith, that he saw at the last his error and abandoned his infidelity, and then he passed away.—Arthur T. Pierson.

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Left to right: Pastor William A. Coxe Jr., Evangelist Harry A. Jaeger and Chaplain John Williamson, men of 206 Coast Artillery receiving Testaments at reveille the day before going to Alaska.