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## How to Combat Giant Doubt

*Jesus Christ, the Answer to Every Question*

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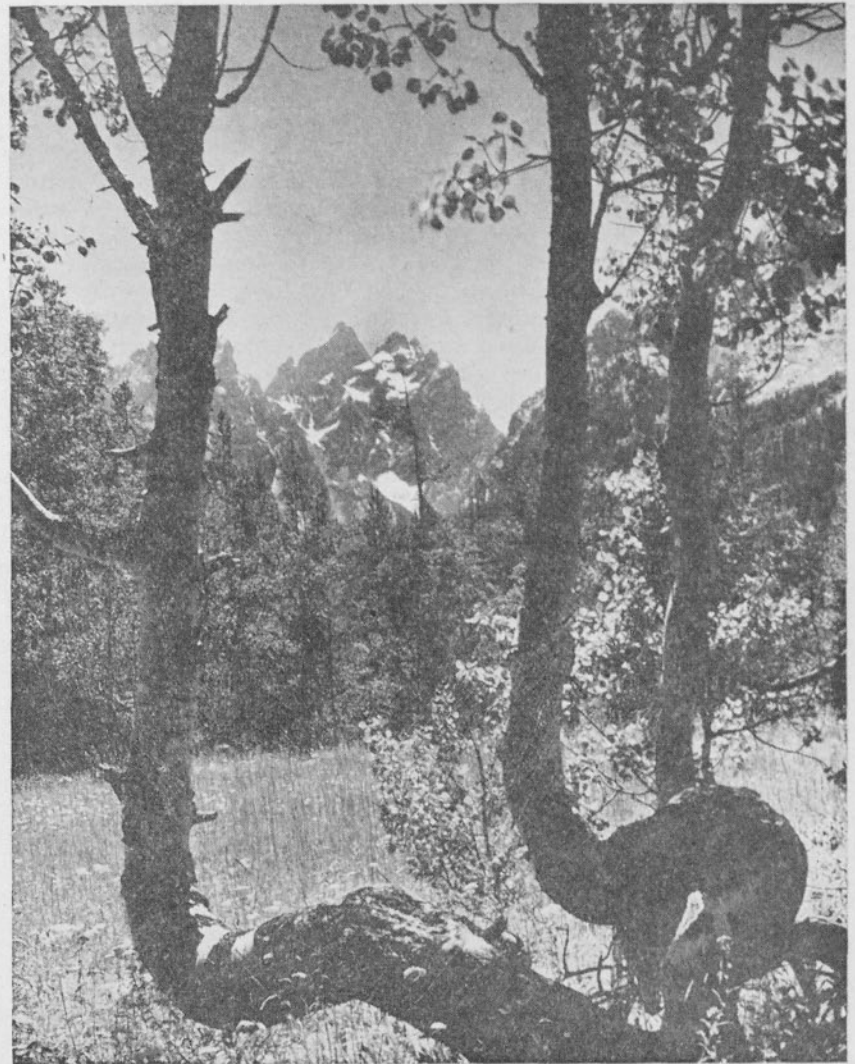
**P**AUL has told us that we are to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold on eternal life; and Peter in his epistle says that the trying, or proving of our faith is more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire. God has been pleased to base the plan of His salvation upon the basis of faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

I want now to look for a few moments into the character of John the Baptist, and in doing so will deal with the doubts and questions that come to the life of a sincere believer. I doubt not that there have been problems which have troubled you and experiences on which you had not counted, and you have asked yourself, "Why?" and sometimes you may have even said to God, "Father, why has this happened? I cannot understand." Let me remind you that all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is for our admonition; one of the best ways of teaching its truths is to take the experiences of others and glean help and inspiration therefrom.

John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth. I would judge that he never knew life as some of us have known it, for he lived continually in communion with God. He lived in the wilderness, grew up close to nature and the anointing of the Spirit of God rested upon him. It was down by the river Jordan where, under the inspiration of God, he began to announce the coming of Another, the Lamb of God, the One whose shoes he was unworthy to unlatch, who should baptize people with the Holy Ghost and fire. Jesus comes along one day, to be baptized in the Jordan, but John says, "I have need to be baptized of Thee and comest Thou to me?" We notice that as Jesus was baptized the Father was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

John had had a remarkable introduction to Jesus, a remarkable contact. The next day he beholds Him walking near by and says, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." We find two of his disciples leave him and follow Jesus from this time. A little later the announcement comes to John that the One who was baptized by him in the river Jordan is now baptizing, and John makes the answer, "He must increase but I must decrease. I am but a friend of the Bridegroom who rejoiceth in the Bridegroom's voice."

We find, in Matthew 11:2-15 that John is no longer in the open but a prisoner of Herod, because of his rebuke against sin. Being unable to leave his place of confinement he sends two of his disciples to Jesus with the great question that is troubling him, the fundamental question that is giving him great perplexity, "Art Thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" In other words, "Art Thou indeed the Christ, the one whom I have de-



### *My Choice*

*God of the heights, austere, inspiring, Thy word hath come to me. O let no selfish aims, conspiring, distract my soul from Thee. Loosen me from things of time; strengthen me for steadfast climb.*

*The temporal would bind my spirit. Father, be Thou my stay. Show me what flesh cannot inherit, stored for another day. Be transparent, things of time; looking through you, I would climb.*

*Now by Thy grace my spirit chooseth treasure that shall abide. The great unseen, I know, endureth, my footsteps shall not slide. Not for me the things of time; God of mountains, I will climb.*

—Amy Carmichael.

clared? Have I made a mistake when I declared Thee as the Lamb of God that beareth away the sin of the world?"

Now friends, if John the Baptist who had had such a revelation of Jesus, could have struggles, you need not be surprised as you go along in your Christian experience that you will be called upon to wrestle against giant Doubt. I remember a little mother who lived in the suburbs of Philadelphia and attended

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# The Power Behind World Upheaval

F. J. HUEGEL

The realism of Holy Writ is the most amazing thing on record. God apparently defeated! The crown of creation, man, a veritable cathedral, in ruins! The fallen prince, once the son of the morning, introducing himself into God's fair garden to wrest man from the hands of his Creator, and to plunge him into the night of alienation from his Father God. A darker picture could not be conceived. Why does the Spirit of the Almighty inspire the sacred writer with such an awful vision? The crown of creation snatched from God's hand and made to serve diabolical purposes! Why are such things recorded?

Because they are true. But how could Satan achieve so amazing a stroke? The story is found in the third chapter of Genesis. Man is placed in a garden. The purity of Edenic God-consciousness is something which only the inspired writer could describe. For some reason not disclosed, the evil one is permitted to enter the garden. Man is to be tempted. His loyalty to God is to be challenged. A choice is to be made. Obviously this had to be. If God had not created man free, with the power of choice, and with the capacity of utter self-determination, he could never fulfil the hopes of his Maker. Man's devotion to God, if it were to have any value, must spring from personal choice. It must be put to the severest test, one in which the possibility of disloyalty should be evident.

"That old serpent the devil" is permitted to steal into the garden. How entrancing this account of the fall of man becomes when we get to the eternal truths embodied. "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Thus spoke the Lord of life. What does it mean? It means that man's freedom and joy and privileges had but one boundary. The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" was outside the realm of *obedience* when once God had given command. So long as self should not dictate, and God should be obeyed from the heart, all would be well. Man should not pivot on self. God should be his center. God's love obviously would place no restrictions save those which man's own highest good should necessitate.

However much a father may love his child, there must be restrictions. In Eden all was beauty and pristine loveliness. Sin had not yet prepared pitfalls for innocent feet. "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat." Naturally. There was absolutely nothing to harm. But one thing was forbidden.

Now the one thing outlawed in Eden was the very thing Satan must thrust man into, if he were to get hold of his heart strings. How did he go about this task?

First of all we must bear in mind that he approached the first man as he ever ap-

proaches man. He always disguises his true motive. He comes, to use Paul's words, as an angel of light. "Now the serpent was more subtle . . ."—he began by asking a question. Bear in mind, the question, from man's viewpoint, naturally raises itself. So it seems, but back of the question is the evil one. "And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Oh, the immeasurable depths of that question! "*Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*" How queer! Am I not free? Why these limitations? Why should I not do as I please? If God really loved me, would He thus restrict me? A whole chain of questions surge in upon man. It is only after the question has done its deadly work that the serpent flatly contradicts God's command, "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die," boldly declaring, "Ye shall not surely die." "*Ye shall be as gods!*" There you have the key. The serpent begins by questioning and ends by affirming. Affirming what? That the forbidden fruit (by eating which they were to be disobedient to God's Word) will lead to greater freedom, more power, a fuller life. The tree was seemingly so good, and oh, so "pleasant to the eyes." To be as gods! To do just as one pleased. Oh, how good! How the attractiveness of personal caprice shone in that hour. Eve took the step. What step? Why, she declared her independence. She would no longer be yielded wholly to God. She enthroned self. When you get to the roots of sin, in whatever form it is expressed, you find an enthroned self—selfishness.

It takes us back to the passages concerning Satan in Ezekiel and Isaiah: "Thou hast been in Eden." "Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God." "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty." "I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God." The serpent had cunningly injected into man's lifeblood the deadly principle of an independent self-life. That was sufficient. Loving dependence upon a loving God was at an end. When we begin to eat of the tree of selfish independence, the tree of life loses its savor. I know that when I began to eat of the tree of paramount self-love, the tree of life lost its

charm and was forsaken. Furthermore, you can't serve both God and self. It is either one or the other.

Now Satan puts on the fireworks, so to speak, so that man may not discover that the drop from God-consciousness to self-consciousness is a plunge into spiritual death. For a while it is all so pleasant to the eyes, so good, so like being a veritable god. We fondle self and oh, how sweet! How good to be free! But at last Satan's fireworks give out; the flame of self-love reduces itself to the ashes of death. We are plunged into the night of separation from God. "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked." Stripped of the glory of God! The rebellion which broke out in heaven ages before, breaks out on earth. Self has challenged God's sovereignty, and cast down His rule.

How terrible the facts revealed in Holy Writ as regards the origin of evil. God does not hide the fact that the great cathedral which He had so carefully reared, has collapsed. Man, for whom earth had been so painstakingly prepared, has become God's enemy. Satan has triumphed. He is now the "god of this world," he is now supreme in the affairs of earth.

By choosing self man has unconsciously adopted the life principle which animates the prince of this world and has acknowledged his government. God will not coerce man to love Him and to obey Him. Man must abide by the consequences of his choice. Deceived by the serpent, he has preferred the false greatness of self-love; then in the unhappy realm of bloated pride, which is spiritual death, he shall live. "Because . . . thou hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; . . . in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

But God was not taken by surprise by what the enemy achieved in the garden. He had foreseen it all. He could overrule it all and bring out of it infinite good. He does not curse man. He curses the serpent, the prime agent causing the evil. Immediately comes the promise of a Redeemer. God shall not be permanently frustrated in His plans as regards man. In the fullness of time the Messiah would come, reversing the processes provoked by the serpent's lie, by constituting Himself as the last Adam, invulnerable even in the immeasurable testings of Calvary, the Federal Head of a redeemed race. To the serpent the Lord says: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

The seed of the woman at last appears. A woman had been the door for Satan. A

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woman shall be the door for Christ. How amazing are the plans of God. Satan wins in Eden. But his victory foreseen, was already being woven into the pattern of the Redemption of the Son of God. In the final consummation it would be made to serve the glorious purposes of the Most High God, out of which would come a family of redeemed men, fashioned after the likeness of Christ—a new race springing from the last Adam that should forever triumph over “that old serpent the devil,” and fully vindicate and truly glorify the God of heaven.

The “course of this world,” Paul says (Eph. 2:2) is governed by the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience. In the garden the serpent, disguised as an angel of light, promising greater power and glory than that which man possessed, was able to inject into his heart the principle of dominant self-love. It plunged man from God-consciousness into self-consciousness. It was as if you suddenly turned out the electric light. Before, the thin wires of the bulb were unseen. All you saw was light. After turning the switch, all you are able to see are the cold, dead wires. Man sinks down into “the vessel of the soul,” he becomes flesh. Gen. 6:3. This terrible devotion to self has been transmitted to all men.

Now the basic principle of Satan's existence is self. So the affinity is established. See the nations of the earth in a frantic scramble for more power. See the children of men consumed with the fires of self-love. Earth is plunging madly toward the abyss, because Satan continues to fan the flaming greed for more wealth, more power, more show, more pleasure—in a word, self. That is what the Scriptures mean by saying that men in the unregenerate state walk “according to the prince of the power of the air.” That is what Paul means by saying that Satan is “the god of this world.” That is what Christ means by saying that the devil is “the prince of this world.” That is what is meant in Holy Writ by the amazing affirmation that “the world lieth in the evil one.”

If there are those who feel that in the picture I have painted there is an overdue prevalence of the darker hues, I am so glad now to literally splash the canvas with flaming colors. Terrible as it all is, it is but a moment in God's great clock. Satan's rebellion will be put down and wiped out forever. Then in the light of eternity we shall discern the true meaning of the momentary process, opened with the fall of Lucifer, son of the morning, and closed when he is cast forever into the lake of fire. *The cloud which for a brief day appeared in God's spotless sky disappears, never to return.*

### A Secret

Someone asked Francis of Assisi how he could accomplish so much. “This may be why,” he said. “The Lord looked down from heaven and said, ‘Where can I find the weakest, littlest, meanest man on earth?’ Then He saw me and said, ‘I've found him. I will work through him; he won't be proud of it. He'll see I am only using him because of his insignificance.’”

# Still the Same Jesus

A TRUE STORY BY AMY CARMICHAEL, DOHNAVUR, S. INDIA

We were awakened in the middle of a stifling night by a fresh burst of the thumping of the tomtoms, and the various noises of the demon worship that goes on all over this district on Tuesdays and Fridays, from late evening till just before dawn.

Presently a cry pierced through the mad racket. At first we thought it was the cry of the one who has received the afflatus—a baptism from below—but soon we distinguished a different note. There was a terror in it like that of a tormented animal, and this cry lost itself in distracting wails.

We could not listen and do nothing. So we got up and went to the village, passing the group round the fire with its gyrating worshipers and its tomtom players, till, following that other sound, we found ourselves outside a barred door. We knocked and after a minute's hesitation—for everyone knows that bad spirits can knock at doors at night—someone let us in.

On the ground in the middle of the courtyard lay a young man tied with rope. A big man with a polished stick in his hands stood over him, thrashing him vigorously, while all round men and women stood awestruck and silent. They burst into speech now. They told us that the pig demon had seized the young man when he was a child. It often became violent, and now it was being beaten out of him. We told the big man (he was the boy's grandfather) to untie him, and he did so. Then we called upon the name of the Lord, and our Saviour set the poor lad free. We left the household in peace.

On the other side of the mountains lived a Hindu priest, a seeker after God. A Guru had told him that if he would gaze with the eyes of the mind very steadily on a great light, like the manifold lights which surround the image of the god in the inner shrine in the temple, he would see the world in its proper relation to eternal things, and thus he would receive a vision of God. This sounded a possible way to find Him, and so he sought to follow these directions, but was constantly pulled back by thoughts of the world and the things that are in the world, and he gave up, disheartened; he could not find God.

About this time—it was early October, —a man called Pilgrim, then an ardent

young convert, was staying with him. One day a crowd of people in great excitement came to the door of the priest's house crying to him to hasten, for a demon had seized one of their clan, and he was needed to cast it out.

He was an exorcist by profession, and often cast out demons, or attempted to do so, and he rose at once to go with them. The Pilgrim stopped him, told him of the true God and of Christ His Son, and of how He had cast out demons, and had empowered His servants to do the same. He was much struck by this, and he came to Dohnavur to hear more.

It happened that just then the man from whom the demon had been cast out came to give thanks. He laid the big polished stick which his grandfather had used to beat the demon out of him on the low table at the end of the room which we then used as a prayer room, and beside the stick he put the coil of stout rope that had been used to bind him. His grandfather had sent them, he said. And he raised his hands above his head, “The Lord Jesus cast out the pig demon. To Him be praise!”

The exorcist heard him, and was greatly impressed; he returned soon afterwards to his own country, and told what he had seen, and we heard, too, that he had confessed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

After that many people came, hearing that there was help for them. Some who were tormented by evil spirits came (we are telling a simple tale, and are not careful to guard it even by such words as “or imagined themselves to be so”—for though we know there can be deceptions and hysterical conditions which simulate the other, we believe that there is that other too). Many sick came—pitifully suffering people. They came at the time the children assembled for prayers, and we were all blessed and drawn into a new tenderness, a new awareness of Christ's Presence in our midst.

### Without Eyes

One day Bramwell Booth went to his aged father, then groping for sight, and told the old General that the doctors said they could do no more for his eyes. “Do you mean that I am blind and must remain blind?” “I fear it is so,” said Bramwell. “Shall I never see your face again?” asked the old man. “No, probably not in this world.” The General moved out his hand until he felt and clasped the hand of his son. He said, “God must know best. Bramwell, I have done what I could for God and the people with my eyes. Now I shall do what I can for God and the people without my eyes.”

When our spiritual ears are attuned to hear the voice of God, the jarring noises of the world do not mislead us or disturb our peace.—Robert Murray McCheyne.



Give Thy servant  
an understanding  
heart

1 Kings 3:9

## How to Combat Giant Doubt

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our church. Her son attended school and one day on his way home with other children, he ran across the railroad tracks. A train was being switched and he was caught under the wheels, his two feet being taken off by the train. There was opportunity for that mother to raise the question, "Father, why hast Thou permitted it to be thus? Have I not dedicated my home to Thee and yet here is my little son left a cripple for life." I cannot answer the question; I know not why it came but it came.

I remember a man who, as far as I know, devoted his life to the service of the Lord. For years he and his wife had sought to bring men and women to Jesus. Their son, leaving for his occupation one morning, came to his mother and said, "Mother I hate to leave at this time. I don't know why it is so hard." He kissed her good-bye and started to leave but came back, took her in his arms and again kissed her farewell. Finally he tore himself away and left the house. He went out with others with whom he worked, to drive a truck. As they were crossing the New York Central tracks one of the fast trains came along; the truck was smashed and he was hurled into eternity.

I cannot explain why these things come but I am glad that God is upon His throne and He doeth all things well. We must remember that you and I live in mortal bodies; a veil hangs between us and the great hereafter and sometimes it hides from us the plan and purpose of the living God in regard to our future. There are different changes that will come into our lives and as we go forth there will be opportunities for Satan to raise questions within our hearts. How I wish I could speak so that when the hour of test and trial comes, my words will come back to your heart and mind and cause you to turn in your need, not to the world, but to the living God. There are individuals with whom we will come in contact and in whom we will build great hopes, only to be met with bitter disappointment in them. There are a thousand different things which can enter into our lives in these times to make up question, but let us fight unbelief by faith and put our trust in the Lord.

God has blessed us as Pentecostal people with a very rich experience. How blessed it was when the Lord filled us with the Holy Ghost! There are those among us who expected that when once they were filled with the Spirit of the Lord their tests and trials would all be over. But let me remind you that conflicts begin largely in the heavenlies when we have been filled with the Spirit of God. Conflicts come most markedly to those whose lives have been dedicated wholly unto Him. Those who have not consecrated their lives to God and spend their time in their own pursuits know nothing about the spiritual conflicts with the powers of darkness. Only those whose lives are wholly placed upon His altar understand the battles in the spiritual sphere.

John was altogether on the altar of God; he was a Nazarite from his birth. The Nazarites, you will recall, were not to come near any dead body or to drink of the fruit of the vine and they were to live separate from a great many different pursuits. God

is looking for a separated people who will not defile themselves with the pollution of this present world but will live wholly unto God to do His will.

John was a prophet. He was more than an ordinary prophet; he was a prophet of whom other prophets have spoken, for if we turn over to the Book of Isaiah we find him declaring concerning John, that he would be the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Jesus speaks of John as coming in the spirit and in the power of Elias and says, "There has not arisen among men a greater than John the Baptist." He was blessed with divine inspiration, yet inspiration could not keep him from test and trial nor from the assaults of the adversary. There are some people who have gotten their eyes upon the blessing which comes to them in the impartation of the Holy Spirit. Inspiration and blessing, though helpful, cannot keep us from the assaults of the enemy. He may raise questions which might be called fundamental questions—questions concerning our relationship with Christ, in regard to the hereafter, our soul's salvation and His will concerning our lives—these mean much to us. But when these fundamental questions arise within our hearts may God help us to look up into His face and remember that though the Lord may have anointed us this does not make us immune to the adversary.

John was a godly man. We mentioned his separation and his dedication unto the Lord, but godliness does not put us into a place where we cannot be opposed by our adversary in a way which at times would seem to get at the very recesses of our hearts, when almost everything about us may be shaken, and when the only thing we can do is to turn our backs on all that we can see and even our ideas concerning the Lord and say, "Oh God, my plan and thought concerning Thee may not be what they ought to have been but Thou art still my Lord! Help me and see me through in victory." He will see us through.

John the Baptist was a man of sorrows. He saw his disciples leaving and following Jesus. He saw that his ministry must decrease and be swallowed up in that of the Lamb of God. No doubt his heart had many a conflict over the turn of affairs,

but his was a great soul, as we see by the tribute Jesus paid him, when He said, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist."

I recall a Scotch lad whom I met in the city of San Francisco. He had heard the Gospel preached on the streets of Toronto and there asked for an interest in their prayers. He left his position and worked his way across the fields of Western Canada and came to spend a winter in San Francisco. One night while attending our mission he came to me, and looking into my countenance, he said, "Mr. Williams, all of the world's great benefactors have been men of sorrows." I thought of his statement many times since then and although I have not been able to thoroughly investigate it to see whether or not it was true, I believe it is largely the truth. This is a world of sorrow and sorrow has entered into the hearts of men. Men have wrestled with a thousand different problems but it has not been to their injury but rather to the betterment of themselves and all around them. If you feel yourself steeped in sorrow, if you have had the experience of having your heart torn, thank God, for it may be the means in the hands of the Lord of putting you in a place where you can be of greater service for your Heavenly Father. Well do I recall a song we often sang when I was but a lad and had just given my heart to Jesus, called "The Refiner's Fire." As I sang I would pray, "Help me, Jesus. I want you to have your way and that all the dross be removed so that your image may be reflected in my being." The chorus runs like this:

He knew He had ore that could stand the test,  
For He wanted the finest gold  
To mold in the crown for the King to wear,  
Set with gems of a price untold.

Years have come and gone; changes have come and questions have arisen in heart and mind, but God has been faithful and as He has helped me to keep my trust in Him nothing has been lost. I trust that God may preserve until He brings us to the consummation of our race and we can hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

I am thankful that in all the vicissitudes that can come to us, He will see us through into glorious victory. I remember reading a short account of David Livingstone. It told of his body lying at rest in Westminster Abbey and then of how along a riverside in the jungles of Africa lies the body of his wife. And someone has raised the question, Which will stand in the greater splendor in eternity, Mr. Livingstone, whose body lies in the hall of fame, or his faithful wife whose body is buried along the malaria-infested river in the heart of Africa? I cannot answer the question. Who knows but what her exhortations to press on have been his inspiration that caused him to become the man he was. Who knows but what many a preacher has continued to proclaim the message of life because some faithful servant of the Lord encouraged him by saying, "Brother, go and preach and we will pray for you. We will send you forth and stand by you." I am glad we can have a sphere of service in His appointed place for us.

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A faithful mother in the city of Erie, Pennsylvania, used to pay the expenses of my wife and self to travel to her city and hold cottage meetings. A lovely group of people would come to the services and then they became desirous that God would establish a work in that city. This poor woman who had a large family, was praying one time, weeping before God and saying, "Oh God, we are just a poor family, my husband is only a night watchman and we are so poor. We would like to do something big for You but are unable," and while she was lamenting their inability, God flashed to her this verse, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love." As you minister to others His eye is upon you.

This life has its changes and vicissitudes and they came in the life of John. What made him doubt? A change had come. John had been accustomed to freedom and moving multitudes, but now he is thrown into prison; his public ministry is taken from him. His associates, how different from those he had as a prophet! And as he languishes there in the prison he begins to meditate and thinks of Jesus of whom he had spoken as the One who should baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire; and then looking through his Jewish eyes and Jewish promises he says, "I cannot understand it; this Man whom I have announced has now been in the ministry for some time; we had thought He would be our King but our nation is still under Roman power; we had suspected that when our Messiah would come He would take over the form of government and rule, but it has not seemed to be so." And so he is sorely perplexed.

How often we get perplexed when the promises of God are delayed in fulfillment! We face opposition until it would seem we were in a den of lions, and at other times we are like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and we say, "Lord, I never thought it would come to this." But no matter what the changes, I am confident that He will see us through to victory if we commit the matter wholly to Him. I speak this with fear and trembling; I know it takes the Lord to see us through when the testing hour comes our way and I am not coveting trials for you or for myself but I say, May God help us whatever may come, that His will may be done in our lives. May none of us be like Demas of whom Paul wrote, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

Though you may be perplexed at times and doubts may arise, let us do as John the Baptist did. Out of the earnestness of his heart he sent two of his disciples to Jesus to ask, "Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another?" As we take all our perplexities to Jesus He will solve our problems. He may not change our circumstances but He can change our relationship to our circumstances and as He does that, then all will be well. Until the Lord changed John's relationship to his circumstances John chafed in prison.

On the other hand we find that Mr. Buyan wrote that masterpiece, *Pilgrim's Progress*, while shut away in prison. The difference all lies in our relationship to God. We do not always get into a place of submission in a moment, but as we yield He will bring us into a place where we



can say, "A tent or a cottage, why should I care?" Or, with the Apostle Paul we can write, "A prisoner of Jesus Christ."

When John sent his disciples to Jesus, He solved all his questions and said, "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed . . . and the poor have the Gospel preached to them, and blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me."

Though we may not always see the way the Lord is working, He is working; though we may not always understand His workings, He does work. I do not want you to think that in order to be a success you must first be a failure, but though you may fail, I can assure you that God will bring good out of it. There are lessons gained that prove of inestimable value to our hearts and lives and so in all the way that we take He doeth all things well. He knows the end from the beginning. He knows your disposition and He knows your circumstances. He is over all and will overrule all for His glory. We see through a glass darkly; we see with limited vision—Jesus sees with the eyes of eternity; He sees the end from the beginning.

### George Muller's Counsel

George Muller of Bristol has left on record a striking account of his dealings with God. We see him building his Orphan Homes, maintaining hundreds of homeless waifs, helping forward the work of foreign missions, and disseminating the Scriptures. He is always engaged in some work of faith, or labor of love. But the most striking thing about his life is his humble dependence upon God. How carefully he waits to prove the will of God in every undertaking, small or great! He takes nothing for granted. It is God's work and he is only the servant entrusted with his Lord's commands day by day. How truly his works abide. Two brief passages from his pen show us the secret of his spiritual fertility:

"I never remember in all my Christian course, a period now of sixty-nine years and four months, that I ever sincerely and patiently sought to know the will of God by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, through the instrumentality of the Word of God, but I have been *always* directed rightly. But if honestly of heart and uprightness before God were lacking, or if I did not patiently wait upon God for instruction, or if I preferred the counsel of my fellow men to the declarations of the Word of the Living God, I made great mistakes."

"Once or twice all means were expended, and I had to stand still and to wait upon God for further supplies. The servant of Christ, who knows that he is not occupied about *his own work*, but about that of his Master, can, however be quiet, and ought to be quiet; and if in the restlessness of nature he *will* work and take steps when he ought to stand still and wait upon God, then let him suspect himself, and let him see well to it, whether the work in which he is engaged is God's work or not: and whether if it be God's work, it is done for the honor of the Master or the honor of the servant."

### Persistent Praying

W. F. P. Burton, Congo Belge

He came to me after the morning service, with big tears trickling down his face. Had he been an unbeliever, or even a half-hearted Christian, I should not have been surprised, but he was among the first to be at the Lord's Table, and always took part in the prayer meetings, in spite of the fact that some of the big fellows in the village teased him unmercifully for it.

We had had the front of the platform thronged with those who had stepped forward for a talk and a time of prayer, an indication of the fact that they were seeking salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel meeting had been a grand success, and the native evangelists had spoken with the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in their messages. Thus we felt more like shouting "Hallelujah" than crying.

After dealing with those who sought salvation, I turned to our little friend of the tear-marked face, and asked him what it was all about. "Bwana," he said, "all the week I have prayed for four of them, and they all came to service, but only three of them have come out for salvation. Why hasn't God saved the fourth, too?" I think he would have liked me to run out after the fourth, and drag him back by force, but I was glad to show him a better way.

"Go on praying," I said, "and you see. God is bound to answer."

He had need of the lesson that it is through *faith and patience* that we inherit the promises. Some of us who have been on the way considerably longer than this little fellow still need to be reminded of the same lesson.

Next Sunday's Gospel service did not seem to be quite such a success. The babies squalled and the children fidgeted, while the native evangelists' discourses seemed somewhat dry; and at the end, when the time came to "draw in the net" only two little children came forward for salvation. It was now our turn to feel gloomy, but our little friend came forward after the meeting, with face of black almost eclipsed by the two rows of smiling white teeth, for one of the two was the fourth of those for whom he had prayed. He had not fainted, and therefore he had reaped.

In due season we shall reap if we faint not.

The gift of silence, when one is tempted to speak foolishly, is as important as the gift of speech when one has something to say that is worth saying.

# The Praise Cure

HENRY PROCTOR

*Bless the Eternal, O my soul, let all my being bless His sacred Name: bless the Eternal, O my soul, remember all His benefits; He pardons all your sins, and all your sicknesses He heals. He saves your life from death, He crowns you with His love and pity, He gives you all your heart's desire; renewing your youth like an eagle's.—Psalm 103:1-5. Moffatt's translation.*

THE Psalms are full of praise for healing and salvation. Where prayer will not avail, praise is triumphant. We see it in the case of Jonah. Chapter 2:2-10. He begins in a low key: "Out of the belly of hell, cried I, and Thou heardest my voice." But he rises to praise in verse nine: "But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving: I will sacrifice to Thee with loud thanksgiving. What I have vowed I will perform, for 'tis the Eternal who delivers. Then the Eternal spoke to the fish, and it threw up Jonah on the dry land." Moffatt's translation.

Paul and Silas praised their way out of the Philippian prison. Stripped of their clothing, severely beaten with rods, and their feet made fast in the stocks: "about midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and while the prisoners were listening to them, suddenly there was an earthquake of such violence, that the gaol was shaken to its foundations, all the doors flew open, and all the prisoners' chains were loosed." Acts 16:23-26.

Jehoshaphat praised his way to victory over three nations allied against him, Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites. He appointed singers unto the Lord, that should praise the beauty of holiness. When they began to sing and to praise, their enemies destroyed one another. They did not need to fight. The message of the Lord to them was: "Fear not, falter not before this vast army; it is for God, not for you, to fight them; take up your position, stand still, and watch the victory of the Eternal." (Moffatt's translation). They had nothing to do but to take the spoil, which was so enormous that it took them three days to remove it.

Dr. Yeomans describes two cases of smallpox, which were healed by praise. A missionary from China nursed another one through smallpox, but took it herself in a virulent form. The Lord told her to praise her way out; which she did, and received gracious healing.

In another case the smallpox eruption disappeared instantaneously. A man came to the hall where she was speaking, and told that his wife had broken out all over with smallpox. "So right on the spot we applied the praise cure, and the brother ran home to find his wife without a single trace of the disease, to the amazement of the doctors."

She personally knew a man who was dying of acute tuberculosis of the lungs, who praised God until he received perfect, rugged health which lasted a lifetime. Begin then, O sufferer, at once to praise Him.

Do not postpone it for a moment. Thanksgiving and praise are the only real proof of faith. If we believe we receive we say, "I thank Thee, Lord," as we do give thanks to anyone who promises us anything, say a book. We say, "Oh, thank you," before we feel it in our hands; but if we delayed our thanks till we saw it, probably we should never see it. But we treat God differently. Believing is not enough. We must appropriate God's promise in each case, and receive it—that is, we must receive Jesus and His life into our bodies. "Lay hold on eternal life" (1 Tim. 6:12) for spirit, soul, and body.

A missionary in China was living a defeated life. Everything seemed to be touched with sadness, and although he prayed for months for victory over depression and discouragement, his life remained the same. He determined to leave his work and go to an interior station, and pray till victory came. When he reached the place, he found hung on the wall a motto: "Try thanksgiving." The words gripped his heart, and he thought within himself, "Have I been praying all this time, and not praising? He stopped, and began to praise, and was so uplifted that instead of hiding away to pray, and agonize for days, he immediately returned to his flock to tell them that praise changes things. Wonderful blessing attended this simple testimony, and the chains of many other prisoners fell off.

Those who have been waiting for months or years in prayer, until their supplications are piled up, as it were, before the Throne, if they will begin to wait in praise, God will begin to answer exceeding abundantly above all that they can ask or think.

The possession of this secret of victory will transform their lives from sadness to gladness, and from gloom to glory. "By Him therefore let us offer up the sacrifice of praise continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name." Heb. 13:15. "For whosoever offereth up the sacrifice of praise glorifieth Me, and openeth a way wherein I may shew My salvation." Psalm 50:23.

## Waiting

I was very ill. They brought me word that my wife was dying. A thousand times I had been tempted with the thought that



Giving thanks always  
for all things unto God

Eph. 5:20

she rather trail, might sicken and die while I was across oceans and seas. Now she was near, and I was not able to go to her. Why? Did not God care for my heart-break? If I had judged by appearance, I should have said, God doesn't care. But I knew God did care. I got to her just as she was passing away. I saw her slip out of my sight through the gates. But as she slipped through the veil where I could not follow, it seemed as if some of the blessing and glory into which she was entering came through. God has never told me why He took her away, but He gave me blessing that enabled me to bear it. If God were to say, "You may have her back just as she was before she was stricken, but I shall have to take away the blessing," I should say, "Then I'll not have her back. I shall wait to see my loved one in some better land." Any blessing that has come to me through the trials and bereavements of life more than outweighs any loss I may have sustained.—Commissioner S. E. Brengle.

## Holy Scripture

My conviction deepens that the Bible is the most modern book. It is the newest book, just published, just out from heaven and from God's heart. Our biography is in it. I have thought of taking this as a permanent text: "Is it not written in the Book of Chronicles?" The modern newspaper is nothing but Moses and the Prophets reproduced. The Book is not a mere record of things that have been, but of things that are happening and must always happen. It was written before the world began. It is the anticipation of events. The Bible is mysteriously divine, because it is mysteriously human. I see all kinds of people reading it, and every man finds it was written for him alone. Show me one phase of life that the Bible has not anticipated and addressed. It puts our thoughts into words; it fills our needs; and it teaches us the prayers that God can answer.—Joseph Parker.

## The Enabler

Do you think that Christ is like the Roman Emperor, Caligula, who wrote his statutes so high up that the people could not read them, and then punished them for disobedience to them? No, "His commandments are not grievous."

You must not make Him out a hard Master. It was the "slothful and wicked servant" that said his master was "hard, reaping where he had not sown, and gathering where he had not strawed." You say, "I cannot do it." I know you cannot, but Christ in you can. Say with the apostle, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

## Brokenness and Blessing

Discipline first, then blessing. We said to a physician friend one day, "Doctor, what is the exact significance of God's touching Jacob upon the sinew of his thigh?" He replied, "The sinew of the thigh is the strongest in the human body. A horse could scarcely tear away the limb, pulling it straight. Only as he twisted it could he tear it apart." Ah, I see; God has to break us down at the strongest part of our self-life before He can have His own way of blessing with us.—J. H. McConkey.



# THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

## SOLDIERS IN AUSTRALIA

Any of our soldiers in Australia who desire to get in touch with Pentecostal assemblies should write to W. A. Buchanan, Wolseley Street, Clayfield, N. 2, Brisbane.

## PALESTINE

The *New Republic* thinks that our worries would be over if we would mandate Germany to Palestine when hostilities cease. And yet the Bible teaches that there will be no peace until all the world is under mandate to Palestine, when "the Lord shall be king over all the earth." Zech. 14:9.

## PESTILENCE

The Nazi authorities in Lithuania have forbidden outsiders to attend weddings, baptisms, and funeral services in churches to prevent the spread of the typhus epidemic which is sweeping across Eastern Europe. According to *Religious Digest*, only the people nearest concerned may attend these services.

## HE GAVE WHAT HE COULD

The report of the British and Foreign Bible Society tells a touching story about the death of an old Chinese leper. The passing of the old man was remarkable because of his will: "Three cattles of peanuts to Jonas Lee, and fifty cents"—all the money he had in the world—"to the British and Foreign Bible Society." The old Chinese leper longed to do all he could to help spread the Word of God, through which he had been saved. His deed, like that of the widow and her mites, puts many richer Christians to shame!

## FISH FARMING

One of the most recent industrial enterprises to be introduced in Palestine is the breeding of fish. According to *Christian Herald* (London), Palestine's first fish farm is being run by a Jew from Yugoslavia. Most of the fish are carp. Large female fish are taken alive and put into a pool, where each mother fish spawns 100,000 eggs a year. The fish multiply rapidly. They grow to weigh over 1½ pounds in a year, and make fine eating. Since over 60 per cent of the fish consumed at present in Palestine have to be imported, there is a large market. The authorities have become interested and are taking steps to place the enterprise on a much larger scale. The report reminds us of Ezek. 47:9, which says, "There shall be a very great multitude of fish." It seems that when Christ returns to reign there shall be a river flowing through the desert regions of the Promised Land that shall teem with fish.

## BRITAIN'S KING AND QUEEN

The paper *Living Links* gives two striking testimonies concerning King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain.

The King, having heard of the illness of Mr. G. Goodman, who for several years has edited the Scripture Union Notes, sent him a message of sympathy, in which he said that his wife and daughters read his notes on the Scripture Portions daily, and found great help from doing so.

During the visit of the royal couple to Washington, D. C. in June, 1939, the Indian Bureau summoned Chief Whitefeather to sing for them. He sang, "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the King" and "I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold." Then, knowing that Queen Elizabeth was a religious woman, he said, "Your Majesty, I would like to ask you, do you know Jesus as your personal Saviour?" She looked at him and said, "Some people know about God, some know about Christ, but the Lord Jesus is the Possessor of my heart. My husband is also a believer." Then, with a smile on his face, the King of England said, "I'd rather have Jesus too."

## THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

"I am not a fanatic on the liquor question, but I continue to regard liquor as Public Enemy No. 1," declared Clyde R. Hoey in his inaugural address as Governor of North Carolina. "I do not believe any solution has been found for this vexing problem. Personally, I cannot subscribe to the doctrine that the way to advance temperance and decrease drinking is to provide all the liquor you want and make it easily obtainable and readily accessible. You will never build a great State or country on profits derived from sale of liquor."

## FOR A NEW BEGINNING

Bishop Golding-Bird visited a hospital in Surrey, England, and talked to a poor woman who had been badly bombed in her home. She had a broken pelvis, with head and other parts of her body badly cut. She said, "Minister, I've lost everything. I've lost my man. I've lost my bits of sticks, I've lost my home—I've lost everything." Then, after a pause, she added, "Minister, I told you a lie," and from under her pillow she pulled a faded linen parcel from which she produced a well-thumbed Bible. "I told you a lie. I've got this to begin my new 'ome with," she said. The Bible is the book with which every life, no matter how badly defeated, may make a new beginning.

## A TESTIMONY FROM DUNKIRK

Capt. H. E. Beresford Mash, a dentist in the B. E. F., writes from his experience at the Dunkirk evacuation, as follows:

"The full story of the Dunkirk beaches reveals that life came to Dunkirk as well as death—spiritual life. There were men who were definitely converted where they stood or lay on those beaches. The testimony of not a few of them is that even in that unlikely place and amid all the confusion of warfare they heard the voice of Christ appealing for their personal surrender to Him; they are with us today and bear this testimony gladly.

"It happened frequently that, as men were attacked, they lay on the sand and some prayed almost for the first time; when they got up again and saw that the machine-gun bullets had traced a pattern round their impression in the sand, the conclusion that God answers prayer was inevitable."

Does the Bible not say, "He shall redeem thee . . . in war from the power of the sword"? Job 5:20.

## THE TIME IS AT HAND

to bring the need of our older ministers to your attention once more. Only twice a year is this need mentioned—in the Spring of the year, near Memorial Day, and in the Fall, near Thanksgiving Day. And so again we ask you to remember the need of our older ministers on

### Sunday, May 31.

You responded to this need in a splendid way when the appeal was made last November, but that was six months ago. The older ministers are still with us and their need is just as great now as it was last Fall. This will be your opportunity to show you have not forgotten, and that you are still concerned that our older ministers be supplied with the means of sustenance and physical comfort for another six months' period. So plan now to give to this need and send your offering to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

## TIRES FOR MINISTERS

When the rules for rationing automobile tires were first issued, ministers were given no special consideration. The Government hastened to remedy this, and Mr. Leon Henderson, Price Administrator, made the following statement:

"Clergymen in many communities, particularly where the population is scattered, are compelled to depend upon their cars to reach the bedside of the sick or dying, or to conduct services that are essential to the spiritual welfare of the public.

"As amended, the tire order will place the needs of clergymen on a par with those of doctors, nurses and other occupations and professions whose services are essential to public health and safety."

## COMPLACENCY

The fall of Singapore has been blamed on British complacency. Lady Brooke-Popham, wife of the former British Far Eastern Commander, says of the people of Singapore, "They simply refused to believe war would come to Singapore. It was just parties, bridge, and dancing."

Complacency is a common charge these days—Washington accuses the country of being complacent, and the country accuses Washington of the same thing. The war effort is not the only place where complacency is seen. It is very much in evidence in spiritual matters. Both sinners and Christians do not seem to realize that divine judgment is imminent. Such complacency is a sign of the times. Jesus said it would be so. "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:38, 39.

## THE WORST IS YET TO COME!

Said a recent issue of *Time*: "The world has not yet seen, felt nor imagined the full and awful might of air power. When the Nazi flattened Warsaw with his bombers while his Stukas were ripping the bewildered 1918-model Polish Army to bloody shreds, the world thought it was hearing air power's last word. When the air-powered blitzkrieg snatched Norway and plowed through the low countries and France, laymen and many ground soldiers thought they had seen the military Apocalypse. Airmen who looked ahead knew better. They knew that Hitler's terrifying show, well-done as it was, could be nothing more than a foretaste of the greater power to come. Some, who knew what designers were busy with on their drawing boards, knew that the future was close at hand. . . ."

For the world at large, the worst is yet to come. But for the Blood-washed saints the best is yet to come, for before the awful judgments of God are poured upon the wicked His saints will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, to be forever with Him.

## A JEWISH TESTIMONY

Louis Golding is an English Jew. His experience during the blitzkrieg is a testimony to God's readiness to answer prayer. When bombs were falling around him he used to open up the Bible at Isaiah or the Psalms. Of one occasion he writes:

"I was alone in my house. A bomb fell not many yards away. The door of the room I was in came slowly forward. I had a queer feeling that Hitler himself was pushing the door open and that he was seeking to oust me from my house as he had ousted by brothers from many tens of thousands of houses. The whole house was swaying but I said to myself, 'If that door slips back into the doorframe, it will mean that it has kept Hitler out. The house will return to its foundations, and remain steady, and will give me shelter, please the Lord, till all this is over.' And it was so. The door pressed back and the house settled. I turned to the Book of Esther to refresh myself regarding the fate of that earlier Hitler." "For thou, Lord art . . . plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." Psalm 86:5.

# THE REGIONS BEYOND

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## New Territory to Possess

After years of faithful labor in the northeastern part of Brazil, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Boyer recently transferred to Santa Catarina, one of the southernmost of the twenty-one States in the Republic. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kolenda are ministering in the central part of this State, working out from the capital, Florianopolis. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil F. Smith are establishing the work in the north, and now the Boyers have located in the southern section. Before settling there permanently, they made a trip to the new field in company with Brother Kolenda, and Brother Boyer has described this visit in some detail.

### Viewing the Land

"Instead of traveling over the cactus-and-brush-covered cattle plains, we followed a narrow automobile road which wound in hairpin curves and almost complete circles through the mountains and then continued over straight stretches of fertile valley land. It was interesting to note the mixture of tropical and temperate zone fruit trees, among which were orange, apple, lemon, pear, guava, coffee, plum and banana. Many other unusual sights caught our eye as we traveled along—sawmills run by high, overshot waterwheels; hundreds of men, women and children on bicycles; scores of covered wagons, some pulled by as many as six horses; oxen pulling cultivators in checked corn; roofed-over bridges; fields of broom-corn, manioc, potatoes, sugarcane, peanuts and rice.

"At the port city of Laguna we dropped in at the meeting of Andre Bernandino, a worker whom Brother Kolenda had placed there a few weeks before. In this important center there is but one other evangelical work, and that very small. The only Pentecostal believer there had passed on to be with the Lord just a few days before, leaving behind a wonderful testimony. We have rejoiced to learn that two others have since stepped out for the Lord.

### Caught in the Quicksand

"On our return trip, at a place where the automobile road follows for many miles along the beach, with the high waves of the Atlantic threatening on one side, and the fine sand drifting like a blizzard from the great, white sandhills on the other, our car suddenly came to a standstill, up to the runningboards in quicksand. Not many months before Brother Kolenda had almost lost his car in a similar way.

"A passer-by informed us of a house about a mile distant, for which we set out in haste, praying as we ran. Before long we were on our way back to the scene of the trouble, equipped with hoe, shovel, and two-by-ten planks snatched from the floor of the fisherman's house; but as we approached the car, what a sight met our eyes! The Lord had sent us a whole truckload of 'Marianos' (Sons of Mary) who were on the way to a 'fiesta.' These men literally surrounded the car and with a Portuguese 'heave-ho' lifted it up, placing the plank underneath. In a few minutes we were on our way, praising the Lord.

### Warm Welcome

"This being Sunday, we had planned to reach Imbetuba for afternoon service, and as we

drove up to the little church building we found the meeting still in progress. The work there was started and is carried on by a man of the town who was converted at a far distant assembly. This brother cannot even read, but how the Lord has used him! The brethren gave us a warm welcome indeed, even though we had never met before. Still more was there joy manifest when Brother Kolenda promised to return and baptize a number who are waiting to follow the Lord in this step.

"Without further incident we arrived back in Florianopolis in time for the night meeting. During our absence three had stepped out for salvation at an afternoon service in one of the suburbs, and seven more came that night.

### The Need Beckons

"As we look back over the trip, our hearts go out for the central city of the southern part of the State, the beautiful city of Tubarao, with some 12,000 inhabitants. It is inland a few miles from Laguna, with railroads and bus lines radiating to all parts. Though the city

is so blessed in natural advantages, how sad to find it without any evangelical work!

"It has been difficult to tear ourselves from our former field in the northeast, but we feel that others will carry on the work there whereas there is no one to take up ministry in southern Santa Catarina. We covet your prayers that God may keep us faithful and give fruit in this portion of the vineyard."

### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Philip Shabaz with her three children has arrived safely in this country. Brother Shabaz is remaining in Ceylon to assist Brother Graves in the work there.

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Frank Nicodem, son of Mrs. Ruby Nicodem, of North India, also has returned to the United States and is at present working in Chicago, Illinois.

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Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holleman, returned missionaries from South India, will be happy to share in their glad announcement of the arrival of a son. Little Carl David was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 31, 1942.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Kensinger have transferred to Nicaragua, where they may be reached at the following address: Mission Evangelica, Frente de Estacion Ferrocarriles, Leon, Nicaragua, Central America. They write, "We are praising God for a safe journey by sea from Guatemala down here. Though we traveled by blackout there was no sign of danger on the way."

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkie also have left Guatemala and are locating in El Salvador; their address, Apartado 99, Santa Ana, El Salvador, Central America.

### "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES"

John Hall, Mossiland

In a town where there had been so much opposition to the gospel, one middle-aged man was nursing a grievance and looking for an excuse to vent his accumulating discontent. His own son and another boy of the same age, both Christians, were a trial to him in his heathen ways.

One evening they came from the field early as a storm was brewing, and Somteda sat down to read his Mossi Testament. The man told him to go to the other side of the town on an errand, but the boy, not realizing that he meant right away, thought it would be all right to wait till the storm abated and so continued reading. Pent-up hatred blazed into fury. The man struck the boy to the ground with his fist and struck him again at the base of the skull with a "dore," knocking him unconscious. When his own son sprang upon him to resist, the father hurled his son to the ground, striking him with the "dore" in like manner. He raved and cursed the boys, declaring that they should never enter his yard again. When the two regained consciousness, they were obliged to go to the yard of our evangelist, and for over a week they suffered severely as a result of the cruel treatment.

God's grace operated in their hearts so that they did not take the case to the government. When next we visited that town I sent a gift to our enemy, saying that Christ had told us to do good to our enemies and pray for those



(1) A group of the believers at Imbetuba, Santa Catarina. (2) Funeral procession in Brazil. (3) Some of our Brazil missionaries. This picture was taken while they were visiting together in Florianopolis.



who despitefully use us. That evening at the open air gospel service he was among the group of town elders who came to listen. If we had jailed him for attempted murder, we should have had a lifelong enemy of the gospel. In a few weeks he relented, sending word that these same two boys might return home again. We trust that eventually he will find Christ as his Saviour and become a testimony to the grace of God.

### "GIVE US . . . OUR DAILY BREAD"

How many times those words are glibly uttered here in this land where to many the "daily bread" is a thing almost assured. Perhaps the prayer has a deeper meaning to our Nile Mother and those who share with her the responsibility of the Assiout Orphanage. With the increased war prices, one day's bread alone for our nine hundred orphans costs about \$25.00.

A young people's group at Miami, Florida, desiring to help our orphanage work in this special time of need, decided to supply one day's bread and accordingly sent us an offering of \$25.00 for that purpose. We thought that was a very commendable idea—does it appeal to you?

## Blessings and Revilings in El Salvador

Earl Wilkie

In two recent fellowship meetings God graciously manifested His presence and at least thirty-five were converted. At one of these services it was suggested that my wife should hold a separate meeting for the children. This she gladly consented to do, although somewhat in fear and trembling in view of her inability to speak Spanish fluently. But we thank God that "wisdom of words and excellency of speech" are not essential to the moving of God's Spirit. In her group of more than a hundred children, eleven made their stand for Christ.

The other fellowship meeting was much smaller, the attendance being only about two hundred, but in this service as in the other God graciously moved in the salvation of souls.

### The Unexpected

The following morning after we had rolled up our hammocks, breakfasted, and prepared to start off for our next meeting, a number of the saints gathered around, begging us to go into the church and have a little music before we left. So Brother Williams, Brother Arbizu and I returned to the church to sing a few songs, and I wish you could have seen the group that gathered, about one hundred in number. Their faces, tanned by a Central America sun, stood out in sharp contrast to the whitewashed mud brick walls of the little church. A great number were barefoot; many were clad in rags—but most of them possessed the all-important thing, the love of Christ in their hearts.

After we had sung three or four hymns, to our great surprise a young man rose to his feet and said, "I want to accept the Lord as my Saviour." We imagined our feeling might have been somewhat akin to that of Jacob at Bethel when he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not." Of course we knew God was there, but it must be admitted that we were surprised at the way He moved in our midst that morning. After the young man had taken his stand, we thought there might be others desiring to follow the Lord, and praise God, there were! Three more stepped out, one of them an old man who had lived next door to the church for a number of years.

### A Contrast

One other service, a pioneer effort, though as eventful, was in considerable contrast in most respects. Since there was no satisfactory building available, we obtained the necessary permission from the mayor and police to hold a street service. Attracted by our bright gas lantern as well as the music of the accordion and guitars, a crowd soon gathered. For the first ten minutes all went well; then we heard the most hideous sounds of screaming, yelling and beating on cans—in the distance at first, but gradually growing louder. As a newcomer to this field, I could not imagine what it was all about, but we were soon enlightened for in just a few minutes a procession rounded the corner about a hundred yards away and proceeded down the street toward us. In the light

## News From the War Areas

A cable message just received from Martin Kvamme, relayed through Sweden and forwarded to us by the courtesy of the Church of Filadelfia in Stockholm, advises: "North China Council missionaries well. Notify relatives."

We rejoice in this good news which implies that the following missionaries are all right: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baltau, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hindle, G. K. Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kvamme, Mr. and Mrs. George Slager, Marie Stephany, Alice Stewart, Henrietta Tieleman and Anna Ziese.

A further word of encouragement comes to us through the published list of interned missionaries in Manila, in which we are happy to report that the names of our missionaries do not appear. Since they were located at Baguio and no information has been received to the effect that this area has been definitely occupied by the Japanese, there is good ground to believe that our missionaries are still at liberty. The fact that Baguio is located in the mountains and in a fruitful area would indicate that for the time being at least they may not be suffering any serious hardship.

Last-minute cable message states that the following Ceylon missionaries are safe in South India: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves, Kathryn Long, Rosa Reineker and Philip Shabaz.

of flickering torches it presented a weird and spooky sight to say the least, and a cold, clammy feeling came over me as I beheld that mob of hooting, yelling, screaming people coming toward us, led by the priest of that town. But whatever our feelings may have been, we continued to play and sing. The procession halted about thirty feet from our little band. Needless to say, by this time our first crowd had deserted us, most of them having joined with the priest's group. After a few minutes some who were more bold began picking up rocks, a few of which were aimed at the back of our car.

### A Welcome Sight

Just at this time a very welcome sight met our eyes for the police together with the national guard stationed in that town appeared on the scene. Passing by the half crazed crowd, they stopped just to one side, between the two groups. We thanked the Lord for this protection since one never knows what a crowd like that led by a fanatical priest is likely to do. Nothing more of importance happened, except that they continued their yelling, screaming and beating on cans until we finally closed our service—if you could call it service as it consisted only of singing and playing for perhaps an hour and a half.

As to results, it is hard to say just what was accomplished, but I do know that there are two dents in the trunk of my car which reminds

me each time I see them that there is a town some seventy miles from here that needs God. Pray with us that in our future efforts a work may be established there.

## Echoes of Victory From Chile

H. C. Ball

After more than six months in Chile we can still report victory in our souls and, thanks unto God, we can even report some little fruit for our weak efforts.

When we left the United States we were forced to leave our new Ford station wagon in New York until a permit could be obtained to bring it into Chile. This took weeks of effort, and it was October 23 before the car actually arrived in Valparaiso, which gave me one day to get it through customs, and drive back to Santiago in order to catch a plane for Buenos Aires the following morning. Things here as a rule move slowly, but we did some exercising of faith, the Lord wrought a miracle, and at 5:30 p. m. they delivered the car. Thankfully I drove across the three mountain ranges to Santiago.

### Brazil Conference

Next morning I boarded the plane for Buenos Aires; thence by train, a four-day trip to Porto Alegre, Brazil, to attend the South American Conference. The great church building in that city surprised me. It seats more than a thousand, as well it should since the membership is twenty-four hundred. They tell me that Pernambuco has forty-five hundred members. What a responsive field Brazil has been!

For eight days we met three times a day in conference. Thirty-nine were baptized in water during the meetings and some one hundred and fifty were converted. The spiritual uplift was wonderful. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

### Visiting Argentina

On the return trip from Porto Alegre, I spent over a month in Argentina, visiting the workers and ministering in the various assemblies. The Argentine assemblies are small, very small in comparison to the Brazilian churches, but a foundation work is being laid upon which God some day will build a mighty church.

In Mendoza I spent two weeks with the Dunbars. During some four years of labor they have built a nice little chapel and have gathered around them a group of dear people, washed in the blood of the Lamb. Dunbars are longing for an outpouring of the Spirit in their midst. As we ministered from day to day, the attendance at morning prayer meetings increased and we could sense a deepening in spiritual life. Praise and pray with these missionaries for a Pentecost in Mendoza.

### Back to Chile

On the way from Mendoza to Santiago I had quite an experience. The weather was none too good for plane travel. Soon we ran into choppy air and as we neared the high pass in the Andes I began to wonder if we would make it. The plane was whipped around so by the wind that everything loose fell into the aisle in a jumbled mess. I did think several times that Mrs. Ball might be a widow that day but remembering the promise I had taken for the day in Isaiah 41:10 ". . . yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness," I felt the Lord would keep me. Soon we were over the highest part, with the green valleys of Chile visible in the distance.

We have continued our ministry in the churches of Santiago, both Pentecostal and others. We have greatly enjoyed this ministry in spite of the fact that according to Chilean custom the evening services start around 9:00 p. m. Such late hours are hard on us, but God gives grace.

## "In Prison, and Ye Came Unto Me"

In a recent issue of the *District Messenger*, the official organ of the Assemblies of God in the Northwest, we read the following interesting stories.

Arvid Ohrnell writes: "Five years ago I contacted a man in a county jail, who, whenever he saw me would walk away from me, and never come closer than about 20 feet. I tried to get near to him, but he always avoided me. In the same jail was a poor colored boy from Texas; he was dressed in rags, and through his worn clothing you could see his body. I gave the colored boy a complete change of clothing, a suit, underwear, socks, shoes, and necktie. After a bath, haircut, and shave, he looked like another person. After this act of kindness to this colored prisoner, the man who was always so afraid of me became friendly. One day he stepped up to me and said, 'I am a Catholic, but I admire your religion. You must have a wonderful religion. Look at that colored boy from Texas. I have never seen a priest do anything like that for any man. I am 38 years of age, and have been sentenced as an habitual criminal. I have spent 21 years in prison; my last term was in Canada where I served 11 years. I committed a crime in this city and now having been convicted as an habitual criminal, I will never get out again.'

"This man was also poorly dressed, and I said to him, 'Why not ask your priest to bring you some better clothing.' He answered, 'It is not worth the effort, for he would not do so.' That same day one of the friends interested in my prison work sent me some used clothing, four suits and two overcoats, which had belonged to an old man who had died. I gave one of these suits and an overcoat to this Catholic prisoner.

"A few days after this, three precious brethren came to this city to conduct evangelistic meetings. These asked me if I could arrange for them to conduct a meeting in the jail the next Tuesday morning. I made arrangements, and after the service was ended, three men came forward and asked me to pray for them, as they wanted to become Christians. Among these three was that habitual criminal.

"He took an open and public stand for Christ. After coming to the State Penitentiary he told me that Christ had given him power to confess His name among the other prisoners. Then he told me, 'I am a sick man, and cannot live more than four or five years. But I am seeking now to live such a life that I will have something better to look for in the future.' He became a worthy Christian, an honorable inmate, always obedient and co-operative. Just a few days ago he became suddenly ill, and left this life to be with his Lord whom he had learned to love."

Brother C. T. Walberg tells the following story: "Arvid Ohrnell recently walked to the gallows with a condemned man who had been an ardent believer in the teachings of Judge Rutherford, and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses. At one time he had known the Lord in a real way, having been a member of a Methodist church. Being acquainted with the Scriptures, he took pleasure in seeking to be obedient to their teachings, but testified that when he interested himself in the interpretations of Judge Rutherford he lost this desire. Prior to this he apparently had lived a victorious life, but accepting this false doctrine he turned from the truth of the Scriptures, and error pointed the way to sin and darkness.

"His conscience gradually became darkened, until in yielding to sin he eventually became a thief. He made his home in transient camps, among tramps, in the woods, any place to lay his head. In his greed for money, he committed a crime, for which the State demanded that he forfeit his life. Sitting in the death cell with Brother Ohrnell, he revealed the story of his life in all its gruesome detail.

"For hours he talked about firearms, from the 22 caliber to the 375 HH Magnum. He talked about all the prize fighters from Fitzsimmons to Joe Louis. He could repeat the history of China as far back as it could be traced; he preached a sermon regarding Noah's Ark and Mt. Ararat; and seemed to have real concern as to where Cain got his wife. What things to occupy a man's mind when he expects to walk to the scaffold! He took Brother Ohrnell's Bible and sought to argue the doctrine of Jehovah's Witnesses, as these followers always seek to do, for he was well rooted and grounded in their teachings.

"He expressed such concern for us, stating he was sure we would eventually be under the rule of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin. He felt no concern for his own condition for he was going into an unconscious sleep until the 'Millennial Dawn' at which time he was sure he would find his place in that kingdom with the faithful followers of these teachings. Brother Ohrnell accepted his invitation to share his last meal with him in the death cell just two hours before he was to die. His only response to any interest in his spiritual welfare, was that a prayer should be offered for his soul as he died.

"As he stood on the trap door of the scaffold about to be plunged into eternity, blindfolded, the noose being slipped around his neck, your prison evangelist prayed. A moment later he looked at that motionless body hanging there with a broken neck.

"Here was a man who had once known the blessing of God, but because of false doctrine his life had been brought to a shameful ending. 'Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!' Matt. 18:7. The same day a simple funeral was held for this man who had once been a living testimony of the grace of God, but had turned from the Rock of Ages to follow the cunningly devised fables of men, and had died as a lawbreaker."

### THEN—NOW

When Ezra read the Word, all the people lifted their hands in worship to God. Often he would

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be hindered somewhat in reading, as the people praised the Lord.

There have been similar scenes in the evening services of the National Young People's Conferences. Many times volumes of praise ascend as the Spirit of the Lord moves upon the hearts of the young people.

The Conference committee prepares the program, but room is allowed for the Lord to "put in the punctuation marks," as someone expressed it.

Join us in these times of refreshing at the Third Annual National Young People's Conference this year. The date is June 30 to July 10. Total expense is \$12.50.

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### A TESTIMONY

"I welcome this furnace; Christ's wisdom made choice of it for me, and it must be best because it was His choice. It is my aim and hearty desire that my furnace which is of the Lord's kindling may sparkle fire upon standers-by to the warming of their hearts of His love. Why should I start at the plough of my Lord, that maketh deep furrows on my soul? I know that He is no idle husbandman. He purposeth a crop."—Samuel Rutherford, from his prison (which he called the King's palace) in Aberdeen.

### GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the months of February and March, 1942.

Allen, Asa A., Clifton, Colo.  
Antes, Samuel S., Cortez, Colo.  
Banning, Mrs. Alice M., Woodward, Tex.  
Brandt, William W., Douglas, Wyo.  
Carlson, Neville E., Alma, Colo.  
Chapman, Darrell M., Rifle, Colo.  
Dickinson, Newton E., Laurel Hill, Fla.  
Eldridge, Orville E., Loveland, Colo.  
Ennis, Paul E., Gonzales, Tex. (reinstated)  
Fulford, James H., Milliken, Colo.  
Frazee, James, Chandler, Ariz.  
Gibbons, Herman M., Dove Creek, Colo.  
Gibbons, Rachel E. (Mrs. Herman), Dove Creek, Colo.  
Harris, Vere A., Loveland, Colo.  
Hockelman, Anna M., St. Louis, Mo.  
Lawrence, Lloyd A., Littleton, Colo.  
Lewen, John D., Chicago, Ill. (reinstated)  
Lewen, Susanna M., Chicago, Ill. (reinstated)  
Miller, Mrs. Lon E., Rock River, Wyo.  
Moskis, John X., Littleton, Colo.  
Richardson, Carolyn W. (Mrs.), Los Angeles, Calif.  
Ridge, Isaac H., Woodward, Tex.  
Stout, Floyd A., Buena Vista, Colo.  
Young, Helen R. (Mrs. Wm.), Brush, Colo.

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the months of February and March, 1942.

Burchett, William F., Morland, Kansas (deceased)  
Christensen, Anskov D., Onalaska, Wash. (withdrew)  
Ferguson, Clarence A., Mattoon, Ill. (dropped)  
Hale, Felix A., San Antonio, Tex. (deceased)  
Hazlewood, Mrs. Betty, Temple, Okla. (deceased)  
Johnson, Emery A., Oshkosh, Wis. (dropped)  
McBride, John T., Tyler, Tex. (deceased)  
Miller, Jesse I., Shawnee, Okla. (deceased)  
Murrell, Edith (Mrs. Roy), Springdale, Ark. (deceased)  
Park, Nimrod, Little Neck, N. Y., (deceased)  
Rahneff, Paul S., Minneapolis, Minn. (withdrew)  
Spell, J. Earl, Crowley, La. (withdrew)  
Stearman, Read W., San Diego, Calif. (deceased)  
Ward, Charles M., Grand Prairie, Tex. (deceased)



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## The Hearer's Responsibility

Lesson for May 3. Lesson Text: Matthew 13:1-23.

In the parable of the Sower, Jesus tells of the sower who sows seed which falls on four different kinds of ground. The Sower represents those who give forth God's Word. The four kinds of ground represent various kinds of hearers of God's Word and the way in which each kind reacts to the hearing of the Word. The parable emphasizes the solemn admonition of Jesus to all men—"Take heed *how* ye hear!"

### I. THE INDIFFERENT HEARER.

Jesus likened the seed sown by the wayside to those people who hear God's Word but do not understand it. Why is it that some understand the Word while others do not? Is it simply because some are more intellectual than others? Not at all! Those who do not understand do not *want* to understand! This does not mean that all the truths of the Bible will be clearly understood by all sincere hearers; but it does mean that all the truths necessary to salvation and victorious Christian living, will be understood.

We may wonder why it is that many people do not seem able to understand and believe God's Word. Jesus explains why in verse 15—"this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see," etc. In other words, people fail to understand because their hearts and minds are not open and receptive to God's truth. They are prejudiced, indifferent, or else too engrossed in their sins to want to hear.

Wayside ground is ground that has not been opened for the reception of seed. That is why Jesus used it to illustrate the people who do not understand. They do not understand because their hearts are not open to the truth. Those who sincerely seek to know the Truth may find it. This applies to the sinner, the skeptic, or to the saint seeking further revelation or guidance. The way to more light is to obediently walk in all the light we have. To refuse the light we have and to sacrifice one's love for the Truth and obedience to revealed Truth is to open the way to spiritual darkness and damnation. 2 Thess. 2:10, 11.

### II. THE EMOTIONAL OR SUPERFICIAL HEARER.

"He that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the Word, and anon (at once) with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." Here we have the superficial hearer, the emotional hearer, the man who readily receives and believes the truth, who shouts amen while the preacher preaches but who fails to practice what he has heard when the test and trials come.

The soil was thin on the stony ground. There was no depth in which the roots could secure themselves. We must allow God's Word to go further down than the mind and the emotions which constitute the soulish nature. The Word must penetrate to the spirit, to the depths of the inner man; for only as it reaches the inner life can it transform our lives and natures and produce Christlikeness.

Many people today seek *blessing* and *feeling* rather than truth. Emotion is made an end in itself—a fatal mistake: The person who is more

concerned with listening to preaching in order to feel good than to living and practicing the truth is well on the way to unreality, self-deception, and error. Such people become inconsistent in their living, spoil their testimony, and are directly responsible for much of the criticism that is leveled against the Pentecostal movement.

That we should receive joy and blessing from hearing the Word is normal and right and proper, but let us remember that glowing moments of inspiration and blessing on the mountain top are all in vain if we do not live out the Word when we get down again to the valley of everyday living!

If the best fruit is to come from the seed, the seed must be fertilized and cultivated. Persecutions and trials are God's way of fertilizing



and cultivating the divine seed that has been planted in our hearts. The trouble is, we don't like the fertilizer! But if we will apply the Word of God and obey it when tests come, that Word will be quickened by the Holy Ghost, will change our natures until Christ is formed within. 1 Peter 1:4.

### III. THE DISTRACTED HEARER.

"He also that received seed among thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." The seed spoken of here was well planted but not well kept. Thorns and weeds have been allowed to grow which finally choked the plant. Here we see the need of keeping our hearts and minds occupied with God's Word and deliberately refusing the thousand and one cares of this life which clamor for a place in our thoughts, and which, if they gain admission, will rob us of peace of heart, of victory in the time of testing, and will stunt our spiritual growth and arrest the development of Christlikeness in character.

Jesus spoke of the "deceitfulness of riches" as one of the factors which prevent the Word from bearing fruit in our lives. What did He mean by this expression? Note that He did

not say the "possession of riches," for one may be wealthy and still be a good Christian. The deceitfulness of riches is the idea that wealth is to be sought as the way to happiness. Thus the lure of wealth causes a man to so give himself to its acquisition that he does not give sufficient thought and time to the care of his soul. This applies equally to a poor man, for he often is deceived into putting his work before the care of his soul. These are days, when, as never before, God's people must be diligent in reading the Word, in pondering it in their hearts, in deliberately disciplining their thinking so that they think as Christians ought to think. See Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 36, 97, 133; Phil. 4:6-8; Matt. 6:25-34.

### IV. THE FRUITFUL HEARER.

"He that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Oh, that we might realize the power of God's Word and the part it plays in our spiritual life and development!

We are saved by the Word (1 Peter 1:23), healed by the Word (Psalm 107:20 cf. Matt. 8:8), sanctified by the Word (Psalm 119:9; John 17:17; Eph. 5:26, 27), guided by the Word (Psalm 119:105); we overcome temptation by the Word (Luke 4:1-13); and it is through the Word that we are made partakers of the divine nature of our Lord! 2 Peter 1:4. Is this Wonderful Word bearing its glorious fruit in our lives? Are we taking heed how we listen to it?

Two sisters, greatly devoted to each other sat in class in college. One was an excellent swimmer; the other could not swim. Their teacher was carefully telling them what to do to save a person from drowning. She explained how to give artificial respiration. One sister listened intently to the lecture; the other let it go in one ear and out the other. The following day the two sisters were in a small boat on the campus lake when a storm arose and overturned their boat. The good swimmer succeeded in getting her sister to the shore, but then had to face the fact that she could do nothing further to help her sister—for she was the one who had not heeded the lesson of the day before. She screamed for help but no one answered. She called to heaven to tell her the things she had not previously listened to. There was only silence. And before her eyes the death angel came and took her sister. Thus she lost her beloved sister all because she had failed to give proper heed to words which had a value which she failed, at the time, to appreciate.

How much more tragic is it that human beings fall into the habit of failing to give proper heed to the immutable, eternal Word of the living God which is the only source of spiritual life and sustenance for the immortal soul! By our treatment of the Word we are settling our eternal destiny. Let us take heed how we hear!—J. Bashford Bishop.

### COPYING PHILIP

A man in Los Angeles is copying Philip in his witnessing for Christ. His orders are, "Join thyself to this chariot." Acts 8:29. He never asks for rides but starts walking along the highway and is picked up by all types of people, whom he tries to win for Christ. One day he contacted a minister, a Mexican, an atheist, three proprietors of a failing cafe, a tired woman in a stalled car, a mining engineer and a mill superintendent. It was a typical day. Often he follows up his contacts by correspondence. From Jan. 1 to June 1, 1941, he reported 82 decisions for Christ.



## MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Brakpan, Africa—Please pray for all the missionaries here.—Edgar D. Pettenger.

Johannesburg, Africa—Pray that a native worker for Orlando will receive support. Also pray for a new Sunday School which has been started in another place.—Irene L. Dietrich.

Johannesburg, Africa—Pray that souls will be saved as the gospel is given forth in the hospitals. Pray that Christians will realize the need of evangelization and that native workers will be called into the harvest field. We praise the Lord for healing a girl who had tuberculosis.—Mrs. Daniel Wilcox.

Hardoi, India—Please pray that the students who have finished their training and are out working for the Lord will win souls and have the Lord's guidance.—Edna Wagenknecht.

Lakhimpur, India—Pray for two young

Christians and for their families who have backslidden. Also remember the special meetings which are to be held here and pray for a Holy Ghost revival.—Fred Merian.

25 de Mayo, Argentina—Please pray that souls will come to know Christ as their Saviour and that Christians will become established in their experience of salvation and the Baptism. Pray for the salvation of a woman who is suffering from cancer. Her husband and daughter are also in need of salvation. We praise the Lord for His blessings upon the work.—Alice C. Wood.

Catanduva, Brazil—Please pray that God will confirm His Word with signs following as we begin public work in this region and that His blessing will be upon the sale of Scriptures. Pray that converts will receive the Holy Spirit.—Mabel Bax de Garcia.

Lavras, Brazil—Please pray for the com-

plete healing of two people who are partially paralyzed. Pray that all needs for the construction of our new building will be met and that God will help us to open two new fields.—Lawrence N. Olson.

Guatemala City, Guatemala—Pray for the native workers in Nicaragua. Some have not received the Baptism. We thank God for His blessing upon the work and for His protection over us as we traveled here.—David L. Kensing.

(Near) La Habana, Cuba—Pray that we soon may be able to start a church building in San Jose de Las Lajas and that more men and women will surrender their lives to Christ.—Louie W. Stokes.

Ketchikan, Alaska—Please pray for the soldiers stationed near here. Pray that we will be able to contact more of them for the Lord.—Charles C. Personous.

## REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

LEBANON, ORE.—The Lord has blessed in a 3-weeks meeting with Evangelist Kathleen Belknap ministering the Word. Everybody enjoyed her ministry. A number were saved or reclaimed, while several sought God for a deeper experience and for a life of inward purity and victory. Some of the saints continue to seek for a place of victory they have never had.—H. Ivan Ryan, Pastor.

ODIN, ILL.—We praise the Lord for the recent 12-nights revival conducted here by Fannie McCall of Oklahoma City, Okla. Several were saved and several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were several healings. One Brother Overton, deaf from an oil-field explosion eighteen months ago, was healed completely. The town is stirred. Pray for us as this is a new work.—Mrs. Florence Boucher, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—In January we began an old-fashioned revival with Evangelist George Hayes doing the preaching. Brother Hayes' ministry was very much appreciated by our assembly. The manner in which he declares the whole counsel of God reaches many and stirs hearts. Although he was with us only two weeks, the revival has continued in the regular services, a goodly number having been saved and some filled with the Holy Spirit since the evangelist left. Coming to Corpus Christi six months ago, we found a fine church which had been established by Brother and Sister Oscar Jones, the former pastors. We are happy indeed to work for God in such a fine, growing city, and with such a wonderful group of people. Every effort is being blessed of God. God willing, we plan to have our next revival meeting in June with Phinis A. Lewis of Denison as the evangelist.—Pastor and Mrs. Leonard Norville.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

We, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Ironwood Gospel Tabernacle, Hurley, Wis., started out with 13 members a year ago last January, and by the end of the first year had taken in \$52.00, of which we pledged \$1.00 per month to Evelyn Althers; made 3 comforts, 2 of which went to Kentucky Mountain missionaries; and sent 3 or 4 large boxes of clothing and Christmas gifts to same places. We visited hospitals, and the sick, handed out tracts and papers, also made and placed tract boxes in two depots, and placed gospel literature in bus depots. We pay our pastor's telephone bill, and send the balance to Noel Perkin for World Missions. We have grown in number to 20 members, and have added another pledge, a Liberian child, to our list. We also write letters to missionaries on the foreign fields.—Mrs. George Prosser, President of Woman's Missionary Council.

(Near) RIPLEY, TENN.—March 9 we began a 3-weeks revival at the Coal Creek Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd

Taylor of Big Flat, Ark., in charge of services. The blessings of the Lord followed. Several were saved and one received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. The church as a whole was built up in the Christian faith. Large crowds attended the services and everyone seemed to enjoy the good gospel singing and preaching.

Since our being elected as pastor the Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. We have been able not only to ceil the building but also to buy a piano for the church. We do feel that we have as good a Sunday School attendance according to the size of our church as can be found anywhere in this section. An attendance of 80 or more was recorded before the revival began; the last Sunday during the revival we had 101 in Sunday School. Our church building is really too small to accommodate the crowds, as it is only 24x40 ft. in size. Visiting ministers will find a hearty welcome at our services.—J. D. Bartlett, Pastor.

MARION, ALA.—January 18, O. K. Stephenson came here to pastor the Pineview Assembly. We had been without a pastor for about three months, but the saints were praying for God to send someone here. Brother Stephenson began a revival which continued for three weeks. The Christians were encouraged to go on with the Lord, 8 were wonderfully saved, and the revival spirit continues. Brother Stephenson is a real man of God and preaches the old-time gospel. Sister Stephenson is our C. A. president. She gave out a little over 20 pennies in talents to our C. A. Class to help raise money to pay on our church. The C. A.'s worked hard adding to their talents, and when the two weeks were up we had \$50.35. Only \$7.50 was paid in on pledges, the balance was made on the pennies. One family made up over \$20.00 on about three pennies. The Lord blesses in every service in some special way. Three weeks ago one was saved, while a girl eleven years old received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Sunday night two more young ladies were saved and also received the Baptism. There are a number of men and some boys seeking the Baptism. The Lord has also proved Himself by healing the sick. Several have been healed.—Mrs. Robert W. Colburn, Church Secretary.

SARASOTA, FLA.—We have been spending the winter in Florida, and during that time have been ministering at the Assemblies of God Tabernacle, of which J. W. Holland is pastor. We found a needy people here three years ago, and the Lord gave us the privilege of preaching the full gospel to them. Later on some of us met in the park by the Bay at ten o'clock for an hour of Bible study. Since that time other evangelists have had meetings in the city, and now there is a fine group of saints under the leadership of Brother Holland. They have bought a tabernacle and the church was set in order. A nice apartment for the pastor has been built in the rear of the tabernacle. They have a nice band of young people. We praise God for a real outpouring of the Spirit the

last Sunday we were there. At least one hungry heart got through to God and was blessedly filled with the Spirit. Many were at the altar seeking the Lord, among them a soldier who met the Lord in a real way.

The town is filled with soldiers. Miss Young and Miss Allen who were with us, gave out a large number of Reveilles to the soldiers. They seemed very eager to get them and wanted more. God bless these boys; let us pray earnestly for them.—Mae Eleanor Frey.

COLUMBUS, GA.—God has just visited us here at the East Highland Assembly with one of the greatest revivals we have ever had, with Arthur S. Arnold of Oklahoma City, Okla., as evangelist. About 50 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and around 30 were saved in the 2½-weeks meeting. Among the number to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was a Nazarene preacher, also several other fine Nazarene people. Brother Arnold is the greatest preacher on the Baptism with the Holy Spirit that we have ever heard.

We are also praising God for the way He is working among the soldiers. A great number attend our church regularly and are a great blessing to us. Quite a number have been saved and filled with the Spirit recently. The Richey Evangelistic party are to begin here on March 29th, and we are expecting to reach scores of the boys. God has also helped us to establish another church in Columbus, which is the nearest down town church we have, and is only a little over a block from a new two-hundred-thousand-dollar U. S. O. building, and we believe will be the means of scores of soldiers being saved; in fact, numbers have already been saved there. Last Sunday night a soldier kept passing by the church and looking in. Someone insisted on his coming in, so he got saved. He then told how he had started out to get drunk, but passed by the church and was led to enter. We are distributing several thousand of the Reveille and Gospel portions through our eight churches here, but can use thousands more than we can buy. We are trusting that God will lay it on the hearts of those not so near an Army camp to help in supplying this literature.—Jimmie Mayo, Pastor.

DELPHOS, OHIO—In a recent revival held at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, around 30 were at the altar seeking salvation, and about 13 received the Pentecostal experience according to Acts 2:4. One lady was saved, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and healed of heart trouble. She had been subject to severe heart attacks and the night she came to church to be prayed for the doctor had requested her to go to bed for a rest cure. That night in church she had three serious attacks. After she had been prayed for several times that night, God healed her. Last night, 3 weeks after God healed her, she told me she had forgotten about the affliction, only remembering it when someone asked her about it. The last night of the revival we took pledges for a building fund to remodel our church, and in about 15 minutes received pledges amounting to \$1,000.00. We have already begun our building. Basil E. Hillman of Byesville was the evangelist.—V. L. Wells, Pastor.

## 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.

### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

PURCELLVILLE, VA.—Silcott Springs Pentecostal Church; April 26, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. V. M. Dullabaum.—W. T. Norman, Pastor.

PAWNEE CITY, NEBR.—April 19, for 2 weeks or longer; Paul Marler, Evangelist.—Eva Miller and Martha Daniels, Pastors.

CARTHAGE, N. Y.—Calvary Tabernacle, S. Mechanic St., April 30—May 10; Kelley Wigfield of Alton, Evangelist.—Robert T. McGlasson, Pastor.

HURON, S. DAK.—April 19, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelists M. W. Moore, Sioux Indian, and C. E. Frederick, Artist.—C. L. Conklin, Pastor.

MENDIN, LA.—Fellowship Meeting, night, May 4; Warren Dement, Presbyterian of Northwest Section, in charge. May 5, all day Sunday School Rally, A. N. Burns, Sectional S. S. Supervisor, in charge. R. C. Ayers is pastor.—A. N. Burns.

DEVILS LAKE, N. DAK.—April 19, for 2 weeks or longer; Christine and Ruth Johnson, Evangelists.—Ida Sande, Pastor.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—68 Althea St., May 6—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Malrough, Seattle, Wash.—Edwin Anderson, Pastor.

MIDLOTHIAN, MD.—April 15—; Mal Kerr, Evangelist. H. B. Kelchner is pastor.—By Evangelist.

KARNES CITY, TEXAS—May 3, for 2 weeks or longer; R. A. Bryan of Houston, Evangelist.—Woodrow Dikes, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Illinois Christian Women's Fellowship, Ebenezer Church, Mozart and Wabansia Ave., April 28. A. Anderson is pastor. Services 3:30 and 7:45. Special speakers at both services.—Mrs. L. G. Creamer, Secretary, 900 Wrightwood Ave.

### NORTHWEST BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

SEATTLE, WASH.—Northwest Bible Institute Commencement: Baccalaureate Services at Institute, May 10, 8:00 p. m. Class night at School, Tuesday, 8:00 p. m. Commencement Exercises at Roosevelt High School Auditorium, May 13, 7:30 p. m. Noel Perkin will be main speaker during these commencement exercises.—Henry H. Ness, Principal.

VALLEY PARK, MO.—May 10—; Anna Pinkston, Wirt, Okla., Evangelist.—N. Cleo Tapp, Pastor.

BEDFORD, PA.—Chamberlain and Pitt St., May 6—24; H. A. Christopher, Evangelist.—J. E. Kistler, Pastor.

CUT BANK, MONT.—Full Gospel Assembly, May 3—24; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. J. R. Edgar is pastor.—By Evangelist.

CANEY, KANSAS—817 N. Wood St., April 12—; Gladys Lutke, Evangelist.—Velma Davis, Pastor.

SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.—13th St., near So. Phillips Ave., April 19—May 3; Evangelist and Mrs. Milton Barfoot.—Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

SAYRE, OKLA.—May 3—24; Paul Riggs, Evangelist.—Arthur A. Price, Pastor.

APPLETON, WIS.—Durkee and Harris Sts., May 3—; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist.—C. D. Goudie, Pastor.

PUYALLUP, WASH.—May 3—31; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—A. B. Crabb, Pastor.

WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.—South Second St., April 26—May 17; Gay Benson, Evangelist.—Frederick D. Eide, Pastor.



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ENGLEWOOD, COLO.—4101 So. Lincoln, April 12—; S. W. Thomas, Phoenix, Ariz., Evangelist.—M. W. Roll, Pastor.

EAGLE LAKE, FLA.—April 7—; W. F. Duncan, Evangelist.—J. B. Bauldree, Pastor.

LAKE ARIEL, PA.—April 26—May 10; Ida Shuss of Ohio, Evangelist.—Thomas Twiss, Pastor.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—205 Atlantic Ave., April 26—May 10; I. J. Bolton, Evangelist.—Wm. F. Voodre, Pastor.

VAN BUREN, ARK.—Sunnyside Assembly, April 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. F. W. Patterson of Texas.—By Evangelist.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—3238 Pasco Blvd., April 26—May 10; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—L. R. Sturgis, Pastor.

WINFIELD, KANSAS—April 20—; Wesley Goodwin, Evangelist.—Earl Ayres, Pastor.

MILLVILLE, FLA.—April 28—; Bert L. Todd, Evangelist.—H. D. Ferrell, Pastor.

TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.—Assembly of God, May 3—; Evangelist and Mrs. F. W. Patterson of Texas.—By Evangelist.

AURORA, COLO.—17th and Alton; May 6, for 3 weeks; Irl J. Walker, Portland, Ore., Evangelist.—C. L. Walker, Pastor.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS—May 3—24; E. C. Lagmay, Filipino Evangelist.—George W. Flattery, Pastor.

CUT BANK, MONT.—May 3—; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists.—J. R. Edgar, Pastor.

PARSONS, KANSAS—Meeting in progress; Dorothy Hoppie and Marion Meegan, Evangelists.—Geo. L. Hanley, Pastor.

IRVINGTON, ALA.—May 3, for 3 weeks or longer; L. W. Pitts, Evangelist. Irvington is located on Highway 90, 18 miles south of Mobile.—D. G. Hutto, Pastor.

TALOGA, OKLA.—Sunday School Revival, May 4—8; Earl E. Davis of Oklahoma City, Speaker. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—E. Saxelid, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle, 2114 Miller St.; May 3, for 3 weeks or longer; Harvey McAlister, Evangelist.—Thos. Paino, Pastor.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—519 13th Ave.; April 12, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie Nash, Chariton, Iowa.—H. C. Noah, Pastor.

WATONGA, OKLA.—April 26, for 2 weeks or longer; A. E. Leggett, Evangelist.—C. C. Comer, Pastor; by Mrs. Jerry Oyster, Secretary.

YAKIMA, WASH.—8th Ave. at Summit View, April 5—; Arthur M. Otteson, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Mrs. H. L. Stenberg, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—35th St. and Old York Road; April 26—May 10, or longer; Beatrice Wells, Girl Evangelist.—Enoch C. Wood, Jr., Pastor.

DECATUR, ILL.—Meeting in progress to May 3, or longer; Allan and Rhoda Snider, Evangelists.—A. H. Ferguson, Pastor.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Pikes Peak and Walnut, April 14—May 3; Irl J. Walker, Portland, Ore., Evangelist.—Oral J. Burns, Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—27th and Olive St.; meeting in progress for 2 weeks or longer; Myrtle Daniel, Evangelist. J. Lon Hale is pastor.—By Evangelist.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.—917 Franklin Ave., April 19—May 10; Mary Joe Barnett, Martindale, Texas, Evangelist.—F. A. Mitchell, Pastor.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.—Warren Terrace and W. Beacon St.; April 26—May 10; C. S. Tubby, Stevensville, Canada, Evangelist.—David Leigh, Pastor.

PEKIN, ILL.—1215 South 13th; April 19, for 3 weeks or longer; Olga V. Olsson, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Ralph E. Price, Pastor.

PUEBLO, COLO.—April 12, for 2 weeks or longer; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.—Alma Hodgson, Pastor.

EAST ALTON, ILL.—319 W. Main St., April 19—; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riggs, Evangelists. L. L. Ferguson is pastor.—By Evangelists.

PRINCETON, MO.—April 19, for 3 weeks or longer; Dorothea Voelker and Mary Crowder, Evangelists.—Fay Hutchinson, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Full Gospel Tabernacle; April 15, for 3 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Hiawatha, Kansas. "Johnson Musical Evangelists."—Paul O. Byerly, Pastor.

GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS—East Jack at Second, May 3—24; George Hayes of Houston, Evangelist. All neighboring assemblies invited to help us in this campaign for lost souls.—Troy B. Helms, Pastor.

DOUGLAS, WYO.—Evangelistic services; April 12, for 3 weeks. V. J. Crews, Assistant District Superintendent, evangelist, April 12—26; Paul Boyer, District C. A. President, speaker, April 27—May 3.—Wm. W. Brandt, Pastor.

NASHWAUK, MINN.—Opening a new work. Evangelistic meetings April 12, for 2 weeks or longer. Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd H. Horst, Canton, Ohio. All neighboring churches urged to co-operate.—Ruth Ferguson and Harriet Janssen.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Home Coming and Mortgage Burning, First Assembly of God, 22nd and Franklin Sts., April 26; C. A. Lasater and Superintendent David Burris, Main Speakers. Services 11:00, 2:30, and 7:30. Dinner on church lawn.—T. J. Gotcher, Pastor.

CHANGE OF DATE  
BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Dedication service announced for April 12 has been changed to May 3. G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, and W. S. Bragg, District Secretary, will be with us. W. M. Ward, Washington, D. C. will begin revival in the evening.—U. S. Grant, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Jewish Missionary Rally, Lakeview Assembly, 3142 N. Racine Ave., May 11, 8:00 p. m. Myer Pearlman, Guest Speaker. Field reports, special music, and testimonies by Jewish Christians. Sponsored by Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission of Chicago.—Alexander Marks, Supervisor. Telephone Nevada 9446.

COMMEMCENMENT  
ZION, ILL.—Great Lakes Bible Institute, baccalaureate Sunday, April 26, 7:45, at Christian Assembly; D. M. Carlson, Secretary-Treasurer Wisconsin District, Speaker. Graduation exercises, April 27, 7:45, at Grace Missionary Church.—C. E. McCarell, Dean.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Revival under big brown tent, in Woodlawn or East Lake Addition, April 17—May 10; the Martindale Sisters in charge; Ethel, the Evangelist, and Faith, the Musical Director. Under auspices of First Assembly of God Tabernacle. All near-by churches invited to co-operate.—Alva Thompson, Assistant.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS  
Southwest Section, Silver City, May 5—6; Jeff Gibbs, host pastor.  
Northwest Section, Gallup, May 7—8; B. H. Caudle, host pastor.  
Northeast Section, San Jon, May 12—13; J. W. Nash, host pastor.

Southeast Section, East Fourth Street Church, Roswell, May 14—15; J. M. Hart, host pastor.—B. H. Caudle, District Secretary, Box 587, Gallup, N. Mex.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CHILDRESS, TEXAS—West Texas District Council will convene April 28—30. We extend an invitation to the District Superintendents and their people in the adjoining Districts. All applicants for ordination urged to be present. The District Presbytery will meet April 27, 5:00 p. m. Come prepared to stay through entire Council session. For further information write H. M. Reeves, District Superintendent, 1005 Nassau, Plainview, Texas.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES  
Northeast, Miami, May 4—6; North Central, Hominy, May 11—13; Northwest, Waynoka, May 18—20. All these services begin with a rally at 7:30 p. m., on Monday.

Note: All licensed ministers and exhorters must meet the Board at a Sectional meeting in order to have their papers renewed.—W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
The Central District Council will convene at Robert Park Methodist Church, N. Delaware and E. Vermont Sts., Indianapolis, Ind., April 28—30; General Superintendent E. S. Williams, Special Speaker.—E. E. Bond, District Secretary, 1059 Grand Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
SCRANTON, PA.—The 26th Annual Conference of the Eastern District Council will convene in Asbury Methodist Church, Delaware and Monsey Avenues, April 21—23. The Credentials Committee will meet for the purpose of interviewing candidates for ordination. Application blanks may be obtained from Wilfred A. Brown, District Secretary, 445 Main St., Pennsburg, Pa. For accommodations and information concerning Conference, write Leo. S. Starnier, 825 Green Ridge St., Scranton.—Wilfred A. Brown, District Secretary-Treasurer.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL  
The 28th annual District Council of the Southern Missouri District will convene at Flat River, Mo., April 21—23. Tuesday will be C. A. Day, on which District C. A. officers will be elected. Services and speakers: Morning, Herbert Bruhn, C. A. President; afternoon, Odis Virgin, C. A. Vice President; night, Evangelist Christian Hild.

District Superintendent R. M. Riggs will speak Wednesday morning, and General Superintendent E. S. Williams will speak at night. Brother Williams will also speak at the Ministers' Fellowship dinner, 5:00 p. m.

H. E. Waddle, Superintendent of the Tennessee District will address the Council Thursday morning. Election of officers will be held Thursday afternoon. Brother Williams will preach the ordination sermon at 7:00 p. m., and A. A. Wilson will bring the closing message Thursday night.

Candidates for ordination will be examined at 10:00 a. m., April 20. For rooms and further information address the host pastor, K. H. Lawson, Box 667, Flat River, Mo.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES  
OLNEY, TEXAS—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, W. M. C. and C. A. Rally, May 4. Services 10:30, 2:00, and 7:45. Basket lunch at noon. J. E. Inlow is host pastor.—T. S. Miles, Sectional Presbyter.

MINEOLA, TEXAS—Tyler Sectional Fellowship Meeting, April 30; morning and afternoon meetings in charge of Chas. Lonsford, Presbyter. C. Harkins is pastor.—Lester P. Summers, Secretary.

SILEX, MO.—Regular C. A. Rally of St. Charles, Wentzville, Winfield, and other assemblies, April 26, 2:30 p. m. Sillex is a new representative in our midst; let us put forth every effort to make the rally a success.—Russell Eddington, Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTIONAL CONVENTION AND S. S. CONFERENCE  
Mobile, Ala., April 21—24; Assembly of God Tabernacle; Clyde C. Goree, Pastor. Ministers' Institute first day. Ministers holding license or exhorter permits must appear before Committee on second day of the Convention. This applies to new applicants also. Sunday School Conferences conducted on last two days. Rooms free. For further information write Grover Langston, Secretary, Box 108, Clanton, Ala.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile, Ala.

MINNESOTA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES  
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April 27 ..... Detroit Lakes  
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\* May 4 ..... Minneapolis  
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\* May 4 ..... Fremont Tabernacle  
\* May 6 ..... Wells  
\* May 7 ..... Granada  
\* May 8 ..... Sherburn  
\* Note: All Conferences give above with the exception of those starred, will be evening sessions only.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES  
NEW ADDRESS—516 W. Vine St., Arkansas City, Kansas. "Have accepted the pastorate here."—Paul C. Samuelson.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 164, Holt, Mo. "I have accepted the pastorate here."—Lawrence H. Clark.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 314, Columbus, Mont. "I have accepted the pastorate here."—C. L. Strom.

NEW ADDRESS—1419 Joplin St., Joplin, Mo. "We have resigned our pastorate at Greenwood, Ark., to return to the evangelistic field."—L. C. Sloan.

WANTED—Old Pentecostal Evangel, C. A. Herald, Gospel Gleaners, tracts, other full gospel papers for free distribution.—Lenward J. Reece, Box 134, Andalusia, Ala.

NOTICE—If those who have loved ones at Camp Stewart, Hinesville, Ga., will notify me, I will contact them for spiritual help and service.—I. Christa Awtry, Pastor-Evangelist, House of Prayer, 224 Davis St., Brunswick, Ga.

NOTICE—Missionaries and Christian friends coming to Southern California will find a place of rest and fellowship in prayer at Missionary Rest Home in Altadena. For information and rates write to Miss A. E. Jacobson, 2751 N. Santa Anita Ave., Altadena, Calif.

NOTICE—If you have friends or relatives stationed at the Manchester Air Base, please let me know and I shall try to contact them. Calvary Gospel Mission is located at Granite and Main Sts., Manchester, N. H.—Pastor Edwin Antin, 154 Parker St., Manchester, N. H.

NOTICE—We invite all defense workers coming to Gainesville, Texas, to worship with us at the Assembly of God, 1611 E. Broadway. If you have friends or relatives coming here, give us their names and addresses and we shall be glad to contact them.—E. R. Wilkinson, Box 30, Gainesville, Texas.

NOTICE—Defense workers coming to Longview to work will find a hearty welcome at the Assembly of God, Marshall Ave. and Fourth St. I shall be glad to answer inquiries from Assembly families seeking further information.—Pastor Lester P. Summers, Box 1022, Longview, Texas.

NOTICE—If those having friends or loved ones stationed at Fort George Wright, Geiger Field, or Felts Field, will give me their names and company numbers, I shall endeavor to contact them. Glad Tidings Temple, S. 527 Spokane St., Spokane, Wash., will give them a friendly welcome.—W. H. Boyles, Pastor.

NOTICE—Persons moving to Salt Lake City, Utah, and vicinity are invited to worship at the Assembly of God, 226 West Third North St. We shall be glad to receive names and addresses of persons whom you should like us to visit; also names of soldiers coming to Fort Douglas.—Pastor Dwight C. Ritchie, P. O. Box 2107, Salt Lake City, Utah.

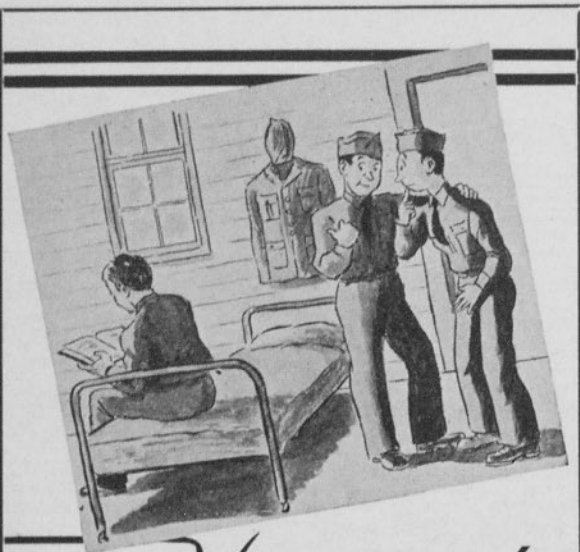
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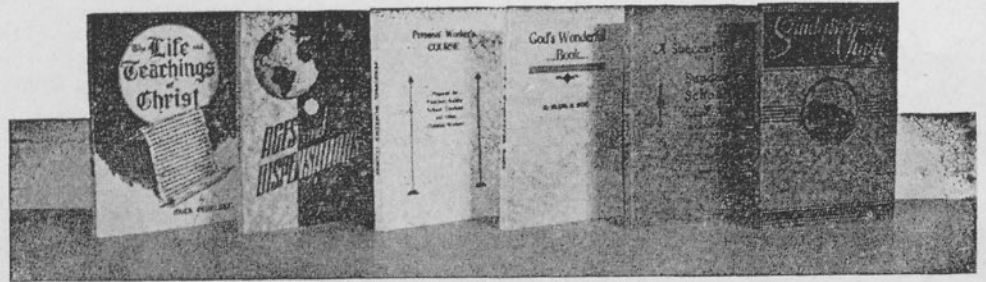
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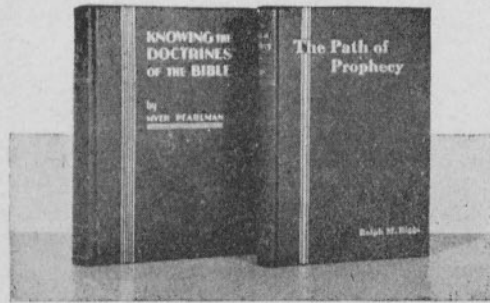
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