



NOT BY MIGHT, NOR
BY POWER, BUT BY MY
SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS

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Lester Sumrall, who sends us this picture and information, states: "I have personally met a number of Latin American Christians who were converted solely by reading the Scriptures."

December 13th is designated as "Bible Sunday." As we thank God for the Scriptures of truth that have meant so much to us, let us help to get the Bible to our South and Central American and other neighbors. Your gifts, designated for the American Bible Society, can be sent to Noel Perkin, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

The Bible

A. G. Ward

THE Bible is God's book. It stands absolutely in a class by itself. We believe it is supernatural in its source, unerring in its truthfulness, in the words as well as subject matter. In the Pentateuch alone we have such expressions as "The Word of the Lord came," "The Lord spake," "God said," "The Lord commanded," nearly seven hundred times, and throughout the Scriptures no less than three thousand times.

What a mighty "Sword" the Word of God is. I have been using it for more than forty years. We have been through many long and fierce conflicts and believe me when I say, it is equal to any emergency. Thus far it has never been broken or blunted in the fray. We believe with Spurgeon that it would cleave the devil himself from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, and that without leaving a dent on its edge.

There is marvelous power in the Word of God. The Scriptures in their own sphere are like God in the universe *All Sufficient*. The men who would have us believe otherwise and who have undertaken to destroy the Bible seems to one like a boy of ten summers standing before the most modern battleship shooting hot beans at her, and then expressing amazement that she does not sink.

We need never fear that the Bible will be destroyed. It would be easier to stem the ocean tide with a piece of cheese-cloth, or to hold back Niagara Falls with a shingle, than to destroy the Holy Scriptures. And so we say to the would-be destroyers of God's Holy Book—hammer away ye hostile bands, your hammers will break—God's anvil will stand.

The Bible is the heritage of the common people. Webster said, "I believe the Bible is to be understood and received in the plain and obvious meaning of its passages, since I cannot persuade myself that a book intended for the instruction of the whole world should cover its true meaning in such mystery and doubt that none but critics and philosophers can discover it, and I believe that the experiments and subtleties of human wisdom are more likely to obscure than to enlighten the revealed will of God, and that he is the most accomplished scholar, who has been educated at the feet of Jesus Christ and in the college of the fisherman."

I am so thankful that I have never lost faith in my mother's Bible, nor shall I, at least not until the screaming sea gull controls the ocean-tides and tropical fruits grow on glaciers and icebergs become popular health resorts. Until then we shall not lose faith in the Book which more perfectly than any other teaches the science of right living, and provides the dying believer with the most comfortable pillow upon which to rest his weary head while he awaits the glad summons to join the Church triumphant.

I believe with all my heart that the Bible is a divine Book and that A. T. Pierson was right when he said, "It stands unique and solitary by a gulf that no bridge can cover or span." A reverent student thinks of the Word of God somewhat as the God-Man. God must smile in derision at some attempts to philosophize about the

God-Man. There never was such a Being before and never will be again. One perfectly combining Divinity and Humanity in Himself. We can only stand appalled before the mystery of His unique personality. So there never was nor will be another Book that combines the human and divine element as this Book does. When, therefore, we are told that it must be studied just as other books are, that is exactly what we deny. It must be studied as no other book is, because it constitutes a class by itself and can be classed with no other.

We've traveled together my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh.
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm;
Thy friendship unchanging my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together my Bible and I,
When life had grown weary and death e'en was nigh;
But all through the darkness of mist or of wrong
I found thee a solace, a prayer or a song.

So now who shall part us my Bible and I?
Shall "isms" or "schisms" or "new lights" who try?
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread?
Supplant thy sound wisdom give folly instead?

Ah! no my dear Bible, exponent of light,
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight;
And so through life's journey until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

Continuing Steadfastly in Prayer

The word "continuing steadfastly in prayer" means "to give oneself continually to" as in Acts 6:4. Not every one who begins continues, and how much we all need the grace of perseverance. Perseverance is necessary because of the obstacles and opposition which prayer is always encountering.

The devil knows the importance of prayer even if we do not; and he will do his utmost to keep us from it. Prayer is not only an *attitude* but it is an *act*, and for its exercise time is required, regular times and special times, and it is here that perseverance will be found so necessary. For time will not claim us; we shall have to claim it. Have you a prayer time? Do you like Daniel give yourself three times a day to prayer? Are you determined to overcome every hindrance?

Remember the words of Christ, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:6.

Prayer Punctuated by Prejudice

J. NARVER GORTNER

A LITTLE lad, son of Pastor and Sister Leland R. Keys of San Francisco, was taking his turn at family prayers the other morning. This is as it should be. Children should be given an active part in family worship. It was so in the home in which I was reared, and this fact had as much to do as any other one thing in making a Christian out of me when I was a mere child. We had family worship twice every day, every morning and every evening. My father in this respect was, to use a word coined by William E. Gladstone, a "twicer." He or Mother prayed each morning after a portion of the Word had been read, and at evening worship each of us prayed. My father prayed, then my mother, then my sister who was five years older than I was, and then I prayed. My earliest recollections of prayer date back to those days of my childhood. A good example for fathers and mothers to follow in these days. Maybe so many children of Christian parents would not go astray if parents were more faithful in the performance of these duties.

The little lad I am speaking of was praying as he is being taught to do in his own way. He prayed for his father and his mother, for all the relatives he could think of, and for a number of other people; and then, as the vision of his horizon enlarged, he said, "O Lord, bless everybody in the world except the Germans, the Italians, and the Japs!" The vision of his horizon had enlarged indeed, but it was still circumscribed by prejudices that had been engendered by the information that had filtered into his little brain from what he had heard over the radio and from other sources.

I am wondering if many of us are not being handicapped, and God hindered, by a similar circumscription on our part, and if it may not be true that our prayers are often punctuated by prejudice. If there is any time when we ought to be free from prejudice, wholly free, it is when we are devoutly kneeling in the presence of "the God of the spirits of all flesh" who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die on our behalf.

The Jews of our Lord's day had a very circumscribed view of the love of God. Because they constituted God's chosen people they seemed to think that God had little interest in, and little love for, any other nation on the face of the earth. They had the idea that all the other nations existed for them. Too often there appears to be a disposition on our part to imbibe a similar spirit and regard ourselves as God's particular favorites or pets, and to think that other people occupy in God's heart a secondary place, if indeed they occupy any place at all. This is wholly wrong. That God gave to Israel a position of particular advantage, and that the nation was favored in a very special way, there can be no doubt; but when God thus favored Israel He did so that through Israel He might extend the offer of salvation to all the nation of the earth. "Salvation is of the Jews." Our

Lord said so, but while it is *of them*, it was certainly never intended to be *exclusively* for them.

This is the church age, the dispensation of grace; our Lord is taking out from among the nations a people for His name, and "the middle wall of partition" is down between Jews and Gentiles. This is no time for any child of God to harbor prejudices. It has been distinctly stated in God's Word that our Lord when He died upon the Cross, "tasted death for every man." Every man therefore, it matters not what his color or his nationality may be, it matters not what his position in society or his environment may be,—*every man* has been redeemed and may avail himself of the redemption that has been wrought on his behalf, if he will but repent and believe the gospel, that gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile."

My brother, the late Dr. Ross Aiken Gortner, a scientist with an international reputation, a few years ago delivered a notable lecture at Cornell University on "Scientific Genealogy," in which he said: "We each had two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, and when we go back for ten generations we find that there are one thousand and twenty-four individuals, and fifteen generations thirty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty eight individuals in our *direct* line of descent. These fifteen generations would cover a span of years only back to the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock, and each descendant of that group, if he had his direct genealogy complete would have over thirty thousand names upon the record. He who proudly claims to trace his ancestry back to the battle of Hastings would need entries of more than thirty-five billion names to record those in his direct line of descent. Note that this is only the direct line, and does not include the probably more than one hundred billion additional persons in the brothers and the sisters and the cousins and the uncles and the aunts. Since the present population of the entire world is only approximately two billion, and since a hundred years ago it was less than one billion, and probably at the time of the

battle of Hastings did not exceed five-hundred million, it is obvious that within any given race there has been, perhaps unwittingly, but of necessity, an enormous amount of inbreeding. Within a given race of people living in a localized geographical environment over a period of several centuries the probability of mating with some one who is not a distant blood relative is extremely remote. The same blood lines have separated only to come together again in a later generation."

The fact set forth in this extended quotation is to me very interesting. The people I come into contact with, and may regard as strangers, may be, and many of them undoubtedly are, much more closely related to me than I have any idea of. Those of us who believe the Bible account of the creation of man believe that, so far as human relationship is concerned, the entire human race constitutes a single family; we all belong to one family group. War then it might be said consists in cousins arrayed against cousins. Paul set forth the thought when he declared that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation." It is because fallen man is not satisfied with what God has done, and with the purpose God had in view in doing it, that he goes to war with his fellowman.

Paul in his day, writing to Timothy, exhorted, "that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men." 1 Tim. 2:1. This is a message to us in our day as well as to Timothy, and the saints associated with him, in his day; and the expression "all men" is as comprehensive an expression as Paul could have used; it includes the Germans, the Italians, and the Japanese. Do we pray for them?

I think we should pray for them asking God to bless them. This does not mean that we should ask God to give success to their arms. The question arises, "What is a blessing?" It is not just a good emotional feeling, as many people seem to imagine; neither is it success in any undertaking, unless indeed that undertaking is for the glory of God and for the good of humanity. The rum seller would like to have everybody in his neighborhood drink booze; he would like to have every man who is earning wages spend the wages he is earning for liquor, and buy all of the liquor in his place of business; if each man would do it he might regard himself as being richly blessed. But is that what a blessing is? "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it." Prov. 10:22. Sometimes what an individual or a nation regards as a calamity is a blessing in disguise; it proves to be a blessing in the long run; and what many an individual or nation has regarded as a blessing has turned out to have been a curse.

Slavery was regarded in a large section of this country for many years as a blessing, but we now know that it was a curse. A man of great wealth lost all he had; it was a calamity that threatened to overwhelm him; but it turned his mind and heart toward God, and he became a real Christian. Afterwards in his poverty he thanked God for

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the blessing; through it he lost his earthly riches, but he became a partaker of the divine nature and heir to heaven. Had he been allowed to keep his worldly wealth he would have perished eternally.

The old Roman Empire for a long time was marvelously successful in conquering other nations, grinding them beneath her iron heel, and crushing them to powder. Marvelous blessings! But they were *not* blessings. The devil offered to our Lord what he wanted our Lord to regard and to accept as a blessing, namely, the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. All our Lord was asked to give in exchange for this marvelous gift was a simple act of worship,—“If thou wilt fall down and worship me all shall be thine.” But our Lord resisted the temptation, for He knew that what was being offered was not a blessing at all.

What is a blessing? That only is a blessing which enriches us spiritually; that only is a blessing that lifts us nearer God, and

helps us upward on our way to heaven, or, if it is not of a distinctively spiritual nature, does not impoverish or give sorrow to others, while it enriches or causes our hearts to rejoice.

God is ordering all things after the counsel of His own will, and this terrible global war is going to end just as God wants it to end. He can see the end from the beginning. His judgments are in the earth, and they are going to remain in the earth until the inhabitants thereof shall have learned righteousness.

We are in the war; let us beware lest the war get into us. Let us never forget that we are Christians, and that we must bear ill will toward none, and that we are enjoined to love and pray for our enemies. And it may be that the greatest possible blessing God can bestow upon them is to let them be speedily defeated that they may know, as Nebuchadnezzar learned through his calamity which was a blessing in disguise, “that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.” Dan. 4:17.

12:12), united to the glorious Head, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Man in the Glory.

An old saint who was buffeted by winds and waves of adversity and suffering said, “Never mind, this is a rough sea but I can't be drowned while my Head is out of water.” If we determinately keep our hold on Christ the Head, from whom the Body...nourished and strengthened...grows with a divine growth” (Col. 2:19, Weymouth) we shall realize that we are one with Christ just as truly as our bodies are united to our heads.

The present war is to all of us an imperative call to arms. It has been called an “all-nations war,” “a global war,” “a planetary war,” but it is infinitely more than any or all of these. It is a gigantic struggle involving Heaven, Earth and Hell. God's saints are becoming more and more conscious of this and are manning their battle stations, fully realizing that their foes are not flesh and blood but principalities and powers, the sovereigns of this present darkness, and evil spirits in the heavenlies. The “Not I but Christ” life is the only one in which victory can be achieved. *We* are certainly not sufficient for *these things*, and our sufficiency must necessarily be of God.

Shammah manned his battle station by getting out of Shammah into God through His living Word. I don't believe he even missed the men who fled. He knew that one man with God constituted a majority on any battlefield.

Where is your battle station? It may be your own body. God has revealed His will concerning it to be that it should be preserved, along with your spirit and soul, blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Take your stand in the middle of that Word and you will need to keep your shield of faith in lively action for fiery darts will be hurled at you from every quarter. Stay in the middle of your lentil patch and you will come out victorious, for God has made His own faithfulness your guarantee. “Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.” 1 Thess. 5:24.

Let me tell you of a deaf brother with whom I prayed for seven years. He had had the trouble for fifteen years. He manned his station like a real Shammah and pleaded the promises, praising, and praising, and praising, AND praising, for *perfect* hearing. At last one day Dr. Finis Yoakum—he was a surgeon to five railroads but believed the Word of God on Healing, and everything else—came to the City. As the deaf brother was sitting in Dr. Yoakum's tent meeting his ears were opened and he said he heard with painful acuteness. He told me he felt as though he could almost hear the grass grow. The healing has proved permanent.

Two years ago last summer I contracted “flu” when holding a campaign in St. Paul. Every particle of my hair came out. *I was bald.* To me it was a tragedy. I read that if I had long hair it was a glory to me. What a disgrace to have *none!* Though I prayed and prayed it seemed too much to expect that I should grow a new crop. (I was between 80 and 81.) One day Sister Blanch M. Yerger came in and prayed most earnestly that God would give me luxuriant silver locks. But He gave me exceedingly abundant. (Continued on Page Five)

Man Your Battle Stations

LILIAN B. YEOMANS, M. D.

THE Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines... But he (Shammah) stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory.” 2 Sam. 23:11, 12.

Here we find Shammah manning his battle station. His surroundings were homely enough, a plot of ground planted with lentils, sometimes referred to as a “bean patch.” But those lentils did not produce beans but seeds, used for making pottage. The tempting meal for which Esau sold his birthright was made from the seeds of the red lentil. There are several varieties of the plant, which is still cultivated in the East.

Shammah's battle station lacked the setting we are accustomed to connect with heroic achievement. There was no blaring of trumpets, beating of drums, shouts of victory or plaudits from onlookers. “The people fled,” leaving Shammah to face the foe alone. For doing this he was accorded a place, a high one at that, on David's roster of almighty men.

What a thoroughgoing God we have! The names of these worthies, often their fathers' names also, and in some instances the marvels God accomplished through them, are carefully recorded. I am convinced that we shall hear from these heroes again, perhaps have the privilege of meeting them personally and listening to them tell how wonderfully the Lord moved upon and through them, while they did nothing but “let God.” Since Divine Wisdom deemed this incident important enough to be recorded “for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come,” I think it behooves us to study it carefully that we may get the full value of the precious lessons it contains.

We find Shammah, with other Israelites, at work in the field, probably harvesting the

crop. The Philistines gathered in a troop to attack them, whereupon the people took to their heels. But Shammah stood in the middle of the field, defended it, and slew the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great victory.

“An Israelite indeed,” Shammah believed that the God of Israel meant what He said when He told Joshua that He had given to His people the land of Canaan, that every place that the soles of their feet rested upon was theirs also, that no man would be able to stand before them, and that He would be with them and never fail nor forsake them. Joshua 1:1-9.

So Shammah stood in the *middle* of the field. *Claimed every square foot of it.* Would not surrender the smallest corner, or allow the enemy to gather so much as a single grain of the crop. “No compromise with Philistines,” was his slogan.

He defended it. He had to. The moment you take a definite stand on a promise of God, “the fight is on.” You have found your battle station and you have to man it or brand yourself as a deserter.

If you should plant your foot on a little plot of ground,

And say, “Jesus says this plot is mine,”
You'll find that you have reached the battle front, every single time.

You may say, “I see God's will, and some day He'll do the work.”

The enemy'll agree to that,
But say, “The deed is signed, and *I own this little plot;*”

The reply will come at once, “*No you do not.*”

He slew the Philistines. The devil will never give up until he has to. It is a fight to the finish. But thank God, it is finished. Satan was defeated on Calvary. We must never think of ourselves apart from Christ, and His finished work for and in us through His death and resurrection. The Church *Militant*, to which we belong, is the part of Christ's body which is on earth (1 Cor.

Pentecostal Fruitage

It is written, "In Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Col. 2:9. It is the joy of Christ to share with His own all the fulness that He has received from the Father. The apostle John could write, "Of His fulness have all we received." John 1:16. He who poured the last drop of His lifeblood for us at Calvary, now delights to pour into all His own the fulness that He has received from the Father.

Do we realize the unspeakable riches that are ours in Christ? With the prophet we can say, "In the Lord have I righteousness and strength." Isa. 45:24. In the Lord we have everything that pertains to life and godliness. For it is written, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32. As Uncle Sam provides for all his servicemen according to their needs, so the Lord provides all His soldiers with all needed equipment. And He gives more—the righteousness and strength wherewith to fight the good fight of faith.

When Christ sent out His own in ministry He asked them on their return, "Lacked ye anything?" They answered, "Nothing." His provision was not limited to food and raiment and shelter. They were spiritually equipped so that they were able to say, "Even the demons are subject unto us."

The apostle Paul could say, "I have all, and abound." Phil. 4:18. And when he said this he was not merely speaking in appreciation of the material gifts sent from Philippi; he abounded in spiritual blessings also, in grace, in hope, in faith and in love. And in all these things every child of God can abound.

In the picture that is given us of the trees of Paradise we see that every month there is new fruit. Christ is the tree of life, abounding in fruitage. His saints are all "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." Isa. 61:3. Since they are "His seed" (Isa. 53:10), they are like unto Him, trees of life, partaking of His life, His eternal life, for "he that hath the Son hath life." 1 John 5:12.

Because the roots of these trees go deep into the wondrous river of the Spirit, the river that makes glad the city of God, they can bring forth fresh fruitage every month. But all the credit must be given to Him. Of ourselves we can produce nothing, but He gives us assurance that "From Me is thy fruit found."

In Heb. 13:15 we are exhorted, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips." This is the kind of fruit that will bring joy to our Beloved, as He comes into His garden to partake of His "pleasant fruit."

There is another kind of fruit that is important. From 2 Cor. 9:1-15 we learn that God counts our financial offerings as the "fruits of righteousness." Paul rejoiced in the gifts the saints in Philippi sent him, as fruit abounding to their account. We shall glorify the Father if we bring forth much fruit.

But does the patient Husbandman always find fruit on His trees? We read that He waited for the precious fruit of the earth, and had long patience for it until it received the early and latter rain. The Pentecostal rains are essential to renewal, to refreshing, to reviving of the trees of the Lord's planting. If you are not bringing forth fruit, "ask ye of the Lord rain." Zech. 10:1.—S. H. F.

A General's Testimony

GENERAL Sir William Dobbie, the defender of Malta, the most bombed spot in Europe, recently spoke at several conferences in London. In his testimony he declares: "The Lord's return is the hope which has meant so much to us. This is the wonderful hope which has been before us in Malta. I was constantly thinking of it. Although there are many things in connection with Christ's coming which may be difficult to understand, and about which I would not dare to dogmatize, we have His definite promise that He will come again to reign on the earth, and to put all things right which cannot be put right in any other way. That is something which has meant a tremendous lot in the rough and tumble of the life which we have had to live.

"I want to say that I owe everything to the Lord Jesus Christ, who has saved me from the guilt of sin. He has kept me from its power. He has helped me in a very practical and real way through these many years of army life. It is really a practical thing to put one's trust in the living Christ, and to come to God by Him. I commend that Saviour to you, and especially to my comrades in the service, so that they may find in Him, as I know they will, if they will give Him a chance, exactly what I have found.

"We have seen God's delivering hand at work many times over during this war. We saw it in a very marked way also in the last war. It was a very remarkable thing to see the way that God, in the four years of that

war, withheld success from us. On many occasions we were within an ace of success, but we did not get it until the end. It looked as though He were withholding success until we as a nation approached Him in the right way, and acknowledged our need of Him; and we did that, for the first time, by order of the government, on August 4, 1918; and after that, everything went successfully. Things were far more successful than most of us even dared to think, or dared to hope for at that time. God did intervene, and God did deliver us, when we acknowledged our need of Him, as we did on that date. History is full of instances which are recorded for our encouragement and learning, that God can and does deliver those who put their trust in Him.

"The thing that matters more than anything else is the realization of the fact that victory is a gift of Almighty God, who alone is the arbiter in human affairs. God is seeking from us, that we should alter our attitude towards Him, as a nation, and put Him in His rightful place. It is not enough, as some people might think, that on special days of prayer we should turn to God and to implore Him to help us because of our great need and perplexity. This is a sort of 'emergency religion.' That is not what God is looking for. He is looking for a change of heart, a change of mind towards Him, so that He may be able to give us the blessing He is longing to give. It is not a case of turning to God in a patronizing way to ask Him to come and help us. The burden of our prayer ought to be not so much that God will give us the victory, but that rather He will enable us as a people to remove the obstacles which are in the way of His granting us the blessing which He longs to give. It rests with us; it rests with our nation to turn to Him and acknowledge its need of Him—to acknowledge that we cannot succeed apart from His help.

"And even if we did win this war, we should make an awful mess of the peace if our attitude towards Him was not right. We need to acknowledge not only our national sins, but our personal sins, and turn from them in repentance. If we do that, I believe God will, in a most wonderful and striking way, intervene and grant us His blessing. May God help our nation at this solemn time to hear His voice speaking to us, and to obey and do the task which He has committed unto us."

While Sir William Dobbie was speaking to the people of Great Britain, all that he says applies equally to all the people of the United Nations.

Praying to Change Things

Chas. E. Robinson

When David Talmage, the father of the famous preacher T. De Witt Talmage, was an eighteen-year-old boy still living at home with his brother Jacob and his sister, one night the three of them were going to a party. Their mother, who was an invalid, just before they left called them to her bedside and said, "You are going out to a gay party; but I want you to know that I shall be on my knees praying for you until you return."

They went, and on their return passed their mother's door at two o'clock, catching a glimpse of her still kneeling by her bed. Early the next morning Mother Talmage

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waked her husband and asked him to get up and see what was the matter, for she heard someone weeping.

Going hastily down to the living room Father Talmage found his daughter on her knees weeping, but when he undertook to speak to her she said, "Go to the barn, father, for David is in worse need of you than I am. I shall be all right."

Going to the barn the old gentleman found David weeping his heart out from the mighty conviction that had seized him. However, when Mr. Talmage had prayed a short time with him, David said, "Go to Jacob. He needs you more than I do now, I presume. He's in the wagon shed."

So it turned out that the Lord saved all three of the Talmage children that morning, in answer to the determined and definite praying of their mother.

David had a sweetheart living down the lane, and, rising from his knees, he went right down to her home and told her the wonderful news about himself and his brother and sister being saved, urging her to give her heart to God. In the prayer they there had together she too was added to the host of the redeemed. The news reaching the church produced a tremendous sensation, and a gracious and widespread revival followed.

This sweetheart of David's later became the mother of T. DeWitt Talmage. Some years afterwards she made a solemn covenant with four other women to meet with them every Wednesday afternoon and pray for their children, until every child in the five homes was saved. The covenant was kept until every child in the five families was converted.—From the book "Praying to Change Things, obtainable from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., 50 cents postpaid.

The Health-Giving Word

By George Muller

For the first twenty years of my life I was not a lover of the Word of God. I neglected the Word of God. From the time when I was fourteen and a half years old until I was twenty years and five weeks old, I never read the Word of God.

Then it pleased God to show me that I was a sinner, and needed a Saviour, and I saw how to put my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Then I took to reading the Word of God, and I read it every day.

In July, 1829, four years after my conversion, I became a lover of the Word of God. I cannot tell you what a blessing it is to my soul.

Blessed as I have been for 58 years with work, my habit is first of all to have a good meal for my soul. I come to the Word of God. I read it, I pray over it, I meditate on it, and I apply it to myself. How does this comfort you? How does it exhort you? How does it warn you? How does it reprove you? Thus I read the Scriptures, and get a blessing to my soul, and then I go to work with all my might, and with earnestness, but I do not go to my work until I first have a good meal for my soul.

And what has been the consequence? I am a healthy man—day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year. I have now entered on my eighty-ninth year. I am not cold, and dull, and lifeless,

spiritually; I am a healthy man spiritually, and the great instrument that has been used by God for this is the Word of God, which I read with delight and joy, and which I would my beloved brethren and sisters in Christ do the same. They would find the healthfulness I have had, and the continued happiness I have had year after year, and which I have now had for sixty-eight years. There is nothing to hinder you from being happy children of God, when carefully, habitually, diligently, you read the Word of God.

Our Father

A Roman emperor, after a successful military campaign, was returning in triumph to Rome. Kings were chained to his chariot wheels as trophies of his triumph. He did not enter through the gates of the city. That was too common: all men did that. A breach was made in the walls for him to pass. Great throngs filled the city to welcome the mighty hero. While passing through one of the crowded thoroughfares, a little girl, wild with joy, dashed toward his chariot. The police stopped her and said, "That is the chariot of the emperor, and you must not attempt to reach him." The little one replied, "He may be your emperor, but he is my father"; and in a moment she was not only in the chariot, but also in the arms of her father. Even so is it with us. While God is the Emperor of all men, He is that, and infinitely more, to us who believe in Christ; *He is our Father.*

God Stands By the Tither

When I came to California in 1904, I bought a run-down Bartlett Pear orchard, badly infected with pear blight. Many of the trees were dead. I was advised to pull the trees out and plant to something else. I said, "No, I am going to give it a trial."

I cut out every indication of blight. When the growing season came on, the trees started new limbs, and at the end of the third year the blight had disappeared and the trees had new tops on them. My first crop sold for three hundred dollars. The trees became more vigorous and the crop increased in quality until the sales prices reached five thousand dollars per crop. This increase I consider due to my tithing.

In 1934 my trees were loaded with fruit. On the night of April 22nd, the temperature dropped to the freezing point. Every pear was frozen hard. At this time the pears were the size of small bird eggs. When the sun came out, I went through the orchard

Evangel Boxes

Will every Evangel Box Secretary please send in his renewal at once, so that all who take their Evangel from the boxes can get them without fail on Sunday, January 3.

Remember that the mails this holiday season will be congested, and it is a specially busy season with us at the Gospel Publishing House. Your early renewal will be greatly appreciated.

How glad we should be if every assembly could take 50 percent more Evangel than formerly during 1943, and would use them in Home Missionary work.

to see results. I could take the pears between my three fingers and squeeze them and the skins would slip off of them like the skin would slip off a grape pulp. Every core was black from the freeze.

I decided my crop was gone. But these pears stayed on the trees and started to grow and when they were the size of small hen eggs, every pear had a frost ring around it, which would keep it from developing into a perfect pear. (Previous to this I had been healed of an incurable disease.) Passing through the orchard one day, I was reminded of my healing. So I dropped to my knees and told the Lord how He had healed me, and that I knew He could heal these pears, and that if He did, I would give one fourth of the crop to His cause. As time went on, the frost rings began to disappear, and the pears began to develop and at harvest time the frost rings were gone and they were perfectly developed.—C. E. Range, San Miguel, California.

Ed. Note—This testimony was sent in by Thomas M. Ming, our pastor at San Miguel who vouches for its truth.

Christ's Answer

A man once said to a servant of the Lord, "I am such a helpless, miserable sinner, there is no hope for me. I have prayed, and resolved, and tried, and vowed until I am sick of my unavailing efforts." "Do you believe that Christ died for our sins, and rose again?" was the reply. "Of course I do." "If He were here on earth in bodily and visible form, what would you do?" "I would go to Him at once." "What would you say to Him?" "I would tell Him that I am a lost sinner." "What would you ask Him?" "I would ask Him to forgive and save me." "What would He answer?" The man was silent. "What would He answer?" At last the light came into his eyes, and a smile of peace stole over his face as he whispered, "He would answer, 'I will.'" And the man went away believing and rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory; and since that time has been working faithfully for the Christ who saved him in grace.

Man Your Battle Stations

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dantly above what I could ask or think—a luxuriant growth of dark hair now about ten inches long.

"Do you see the battle front; Let us forward to the fight.

Our every step the Body moves,
The victory is ours, the afflictions all are light,
And we'll sing the song of triumph up above."

Sunday School Aids

The Sunday School lessons for the first quarter of 1943 will be in Genesis. Sunday School teachers will find much to aid them in our three quarterlies for the Adult, Intermediate and Junior teachers.

As supplementary material we can heartily commend the following books: the volume on Genesis in the Notes of the Pentateuch, by C. H. McIntosh, price \$1.00; Genesis, by A. B. Simpson, price \$1.00; Gleanings in Genesis, by Arthur Pink, \$2.00.

Servicing the Service Men

Pentecost On A Battleship

Mrs. Nellie Norton, Otway, Ohio, writes: "I visited the grandmother of Russell Obenchain, one of the sailors aboard the U. S. Wasp, which has been reported to have been sunk about September 15, and spent several pleasant hours listening to her as she told of her grandson.

"It seems that the young man had a remarkable conversion on board the ship, under the leadership of a young minister named Reed, or Read. After his conversion the Lord blessed him with a ministry among the other sailors. They had Pentecostal services aboard the Wasp regularly each week, and there were many conversions among the other sailors. They had Bible study each night, often becoming so interested that they prayed and studied until two a. m.

"This young man received the Baptism in the Holy spirit. I heard read some of the letters to a younger brother, and they were real Holy Ghost sermons instead of mere letters. We began praying at our little church for this young man. I told Brother Nash about my visit, and they prayed also. And Russell Obenchain is one of the survivors of the torpedoed vessel. Surely our God is faithful!"

Fifty Soldiers Won

Mrs. Beulah Greer writes from Leesville, La.: "We have given all the Reveilles out, so please send some more. God is blessing our street work. Wednesday evening a soldier asked to say a few words. He told the group standing around that he had been a Christian but since he had been in the Army he had backslid; but while we were singing he surrendered his heart again to God and was going to live for Him regardless of the cost.

"Many of the soldiers who hear the gospel in our street services come to the church and get saved. We received a letter last week from a boy who is in training at Fort Knox, thanking us for helping him find the Saviour and praying for him in our services. Another letter comes from California, from an Assemblies of God boy from Dallas, Texas, telling us he appreciated our encouragement and prayers. He was cold and indifferent but now he is on fire for God.

"Fifty soldiers have knelt at this altar since we came here in April."

Encouraging Testimonies

The following stories were sent us by Brother and Sister Anderson of Mineral Wells, Texas.

It was at an old-time street meeting that this private found the Lord. After having handed out service tracts (red, white, and blue) and Reveilles from Springfield, we held a street meeting. It was down in the main part of town (Mineral Wells, Texas), and the soldiers gathered around to hear the Word of God. Lots of soldiers like to know that all is well with their souls before going up to the front for combat, and this soldier was one of

those. He came forward and told us that he wanted to be saved. We went around back of a store building, and knelt down before the Lord. He confessed his sins and met Jesus with the tears flowing. He should never forget the time nor the place.

Three soldiers out for a good time, "But God." That would be the testimony of those three. One from Kentucky, another from West Virginia, and the other from Colorado. They came into Gospel Hall (Door of Hope) back of the Crazy Hotel in Mineral Wells, Texas. The Lord was there that night, and started something in their hearts. West Virginia was saved first. He came back Sunday morning, and during a testimony meeting arose to his feet and asked for prayer.



Howard S. Bush and Harry A. Jaeger distributing Merchant Marine Testaments in St. Petersburg, Fla. Brother Jaeger writes, "The 1,200 Testaments that have already been distributed at this station have been eagerly received by men who earnestly desire to know God and His Word. On several occasions as Testaments were offered, three or four hundred would rise en masse to lay claim to the 100 or 200 Testaments that were provided. Every supply has been exhausted immediately."

He knelt at the old mourner's bench and found Jesus precious to his soul. He has two brothers who have given their lives for their country. Colorado was next. A few days later, after receiving a letter from a young woman who had written him about his soul, he came in and wept his way to Jesus. Kentucky was last. He came just a few nights ago, and was worried about himself. He was wondering whether or not he had put it off too long, but after repenting of his sins and calling upon the Name of the Lord, he was satisfied that he had not, and that the Lord in His grace and mercy had forgiven him his sins. Kentucky went back to the camp, broke into the middle of a dice game, and gave his testimony. He is a changed soldier. A new creature in Christ Jesus.

He is a Mexican, a citizen of the United States, and wears the uniform of the United States Army. A fine young man who had been reared in a Catholic home. Several of the boys were going some place with "Nick." They did not realize they were going to a GOSPEL HALL, but there they were, and they would have to make the best of it. The preacher brought the message, and the in-

itation was given. He was down on his knees with the rest of the boys in just a few minutes. He confessed his sins to Jesus, and they were all washed away. He testifies now to the saving power of the Lord Jesus, and reads his New Testament. He is, also, not ashamed to pray in his barracks.

These were two soldiers and their wives. They came down to the services a night or two, and then one night the Lord moved mightily. The altars were filled and God was doing something to hearts. These two soldiers now have good Christian wives who are studying the Word of God and praying, and above all they have Jesus in their own hearts. It is truly wonderful to know that there is a good woman back home praying, and that Jesus is dwelling within.

It was a beautiful Sunday morning to those who were trusting in Jesus, but to the Colonel's son it was a dreary world with no hope for the morrow. He had determined to ride the elevator to the top of a near-by hotel and leap from the terrace or roof. Nobody cared for him. His mother died when he was born, and the Colonel had always hated him for it. There wasn't any use in his living. No friends, no home, no hope. He passed by the door of GOSPEL HALL on his way to the hotel.

There was singing going on in the hall. He stopped and went in. The Word of God gave him hope. There were friends there, and after some prayer meetings together everything was different. He had found a different world. He testified, and asked prayer for his father who is a Colonel. When you pray remember the Colonel and his son.

M. P. Receives Baptism

Sister Mayme E. Williams sends us the following story: "A broad-shouldered soldier, a military policeman, stood one day by a water faucet with orders to allow no one to turn on the water. Something had gone wrong with the water supply, and some hours would elapse before it could be used again. Coming in, another military policeman turned the water on, but the one in charge turned it off, saying, 'No water yet.'

"Suddenly the offender, an ex-prize fighter, began pounding the face of the military policeman who was in charge. Turning to shield his face, he gave his back to the blows and refused to defend himself against his fellow officer. Soon it was whispered about. 'Why didn't he defend himself,' the question was asked. Someone answered, 'Because he is a Christian.' 'Well, he must have real religion to have taken that!'

"Soon the officer in charge heard of the incident. Calling both men before him, he demanded an explanation. Simply and truthfully, though swollen and bruised in the face, this soldier told his story, then added, 'But,

sir, I forgive him.' Wrathfully the officer replied, 'You might forgive him, but that doesn't go for me.' After being dismissed, the injured soldier went apart and prayed for both his officer and the offender.

"Being recalled, he smilingly appeared and was informed that he would be permitted to say what punishment should be meted out to the guilty one. Sparing the young man all he could, he asked for the lightest sentence possible, then shook hands with him and departed.

"Thus he unwittingly came to the notice of the group of Christian soldiers who attended our assembly in that city. He gladly accepted the invitation to attend church with them, and found himself in the midst of a happy, rejoicing group of people, where a real Holy Ghost revival was in progress. 'Where were you saved?' he was asked. 'I was saved in another State, in a United Brethren church,' he replied, 'but I like the way you worship here.'

"One night the Lord led the evangelist to speak to him concerning the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Explaining this wonderful 'promise of the Father' and quoting Scripture to him, showing him that God is no respecter of persons and that all may receive, and reminding him of his own need of power to witness for God, the evangelist asked him if he would return the next night and tarry for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Smilingly, he answered, 'Thank you, sister, for telling me. And God bless you! I'll be here tomorrow night.'

"True to his word, he came. When the altar call was made, he was the first one at the altar. Soon he was slain by the mighty power of God, and with the glory of heaven on his countenance he was filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Now he is lifting his voice in testimony, speaking boldly in the Young People's services, and while on duty witnessing for God. His daily life echoes the words he spoke that night, 'Thank you, sister, for telling me.'

Doing What She Could

Sister Violet Tallentire, 833 Daugherty St., New Smyrna, Fla., writes: "Some weeks ago you sent me 25 Reveilles and a number of new tracts for the men in the service. I am not able to be out in active service for my Lord, having been an invalid for the past ten years, but on the days when my strength permits me to be out of bed, I get in our car and go down to the main street of the city.

"While my sister parks the car and goes into the stores to shop, I beckon to the many Coast Guard men as they pass by and give them a Reveille and a tract. I am happy to report victory in my efforts thus far, the men have so graciously received the papers. They seem so eager to read them and always promise me that they will give them to another comrade. Before I give out the papers I pray earnestly that God will make alive the printed word on each page, and through the power of the Holy Spirit cause salvation to come to many of these hearts as the boys read these inspired articles.

"Then, after I give the papers out, I say a few words of encouragement to each boy, and

again pray and covet their precious souls for Jesus. I am happy in this work. It may not seem much to those who are well and in active service, but I rejoice that in spite of intense physical suffering and helplessness, I am enabled to reach some souls in this way. I am sure these papers are winning many souls that perhaps may never otherwise have been reached."

A Sacred Offering

Mrs. Iola Slagel writes from Madison, S. Dak.: "My husband, the late Adam H. Slagel, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Madison, S. Dak., made a plea for New Testaments for the Merchant Marines on his last Sunday on earth, when he preached his last sermon. We received \$4.00 and sent that in.

"My daughter Betty and I felt led to ask for contributions for New Testaments in place of flowers. He loved flowers, but loved Jesus more. Now friends and relatives contributed to this fund (the enclosed Money Order for \$55.00). If it is too late for the New Testaments, use it for work among the soldiers. Our hearts are deeply burdened for

town for the barracks. In that way they carry them back to the camp and others get to read them.

"I heard of one paper that went to Australia and that seventeen others read it and no telling how many more.

"They shipped out a large number of soldiers from here last Saturday and I gave out 500 Reveilles and about 1,000 soldiers' tracts. What an opportunity I would have missed if it had not been for the Reveilles and the tracts.

"I commenced giving out tracts thirty-five years ago on the same streets and still enjoy it."

The Paper Enjoyed

A private in a Parachute Training School in California writes:

"I received a copy of your paper, the REVEILLE, and believe me when I say it was just right. It had a little of everything and not too much of anything. I read the whole thing in twenty minutes and it was the most restful twenty minutes I've had since I entered the Marines, 7½ weeks ago. I'm enclosing a slight contribution for your excellent effort in spreading the Word of God."

Building Faith

A marine writes: "The other day as I was walking down the streets of San Diego, I was greeted by an elderly lady who smiled and handed me a red white and blue paper called REVEILLE. Upon returning to my squad room I read the paper. Since then I have reread it several times, each time gaining new meaning.

"In it is found the type of help that we servicemen need. Many people think that they help our morale by buying us beer, throwing parties and giving shows. We need something more. We need something which we can take into the fox holes with us, as we shove across, besides merely the memory of a gay time. We need a lasting faith in a living God who will not let us down in a foreign fox hole. Through your fine paper you have shown the way to obtain that faith.

"I am thankful to God for that elderly lady who found me on the street. I thank God that you made it possible for her to help me build a lasting faith in a living God. I shall pass your paper on to other boys.

"God bless you for your service to the men in arms."

NEW PUPILS' QUARTERLIES

Loine C. Honderick, Director of the Better Sunday School Department, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, writes:

"We certainly are thrilled with the new PUPILS' WORKBOOK QUARTERLIES. Every one to whom I have shown this material has been very enthusiastic about it. I feel they will meet a very urgent need in our ranks. We have placed a notice in the Pentecostal Testimony announcing the new material, and have also circularized our fellowship."

The price of both the Intermediate and Junior Pupils' Workbook Quarterlies is 10 cents each.

The church of the future is founded on the same Rock as the church of the past: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."



Draftees at Houston, Texas. The Gideons gave a new Testament to each one of these draftees, and the workers from the Evangelistic Temple gave a copy of Reveille to each one. Max Adams can be seen in the forefront with a copy of Reveille in his hand.

them, especially since our only boy is in the service."

How God Provides

From Chelan, Wash., comes an offering of \$17.26 for New Testaments for the Merchant Marines. In sending this offering, Miss Enid L. Stocker writes: "I took the Evangel of October 17 down to the packing shed where I am working, so as to read it during the morning hour. I read the front page aloud. To my girl friend about the Assemblies of God helping to supply Testaments to the Merchant Marines. I remarked that I would send in the week's tithe for this cause.

"Soon after that a lady came to me and inquired about the paper. After explaining to her, she said, 'Why don't you take up a collection among the sorters and packers, they would be glad to help.' The first thing that flashed through my mind was, there's a chance to do something for the Lord. Practically every one I asked was in favor of giving an offering. Working in the apples that day was really glorious."

Distributing Reveilles

R. B. Beall in writing for 500 Reveilles from Oklahoma City, says: "I give the papers to the soldiers at the bus depot as they are leaving

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FOREIGN LANDS

Our Neighbor--Latin America

M. L. Hodges, Nicaragua, Central America

A new concept of our relation with the Latin-American countries has given birth in recent years to what is termed the "Good Neighbor Policy." Through friendliness and co-operation our government leaders have endeavored to create and strengthen the social, economic and political bonds between the United States and the countries to the south, whose people are so far removed from our own in religion, race, language and psychology.

Since the outbreak of the present conflict, these efforts have been redoubled. Today is Latin America's day. It is the day of awakening and progress. Millions of U. S. dollars are pouring into Latin-American countries to develop natural resources, to create new industries, to increase exportation of products essential to our war effort, and to build roads and communications.

Spiritual Responsibility to Our Neighbor

This Good Neighbor Policy toward Latin America should extend beyond the economic and political spheres. It is incumbent on the church to assume the spiritual responsibility involved. The proximity of Latin America makes her our special charge. Jesus commanded the disciples to preach first at home, Jerusalem and Judea, then to the neighboring province, Samaria, and finally to the uttermost parts of the earth. Formerly missionary interest was focused largely upon the far-off lands beyond the seas, while our Samaria, Latin America, lying close at hand, was comparatively neglected. This attitude is changing. War has made it difficult, if not impossible, to advance in many other fields, so that Latin America may come into her spiritual heritage. The eyes of missions are looking south.

Latin America is our neighbor because of her geographical proximity, but even more so because of her great need. Jesus gave the parable of the Good Samaritan to teach us that love makes us a neighbor to the man in need. The Samaritan, though far removed from the unfortunate victim of the thieves by race, religion, and custom, was nevertheless a good neighbor to him. Aptly indeed does the condition of the wounded man in the parable portray the condition of our Latin-American neighbor!

The Spanish arrived first to conquer and enslave, robbing the inhabitants of their fabulous wealth. They introduced Catholicism by the might of the sword. The priests stayed on and established an empty form of religion, building temples and acquiring wealth while the people remained in poverty, ignorance, and spiritual darkness. These lands have suffered too under the harsh rule of adventurers and military men who time and again have seized the scepter of power in order to fill their coffers at the expense of the poverty-ridden populace. Yes, the thieves left Latin America stripped, wounded and naked, robbed of her economic, intellectual and religious heritage.

The Cry of Latin America's Need

The inarticulate cry of Latin America's spiritual need comes to us from the naked savages of the Amazonas, from tribes of wild men untouched by civilization. Danger faces the man who dares to answer that call. Jungle, rivers, fever and poisoned arrows have stopped the explorer's advance and silenced the martyr's voice. Doubtless these tribes present one of the greatest missionary challenges of the present day.

The call comes from the primitive Indian tribes of Peru and Guatemala. Scarcely touched by civilization, their religion is a weird mixture of superstition, witchcraft and Catholicism.

Again, the cry comes from the masses, the great laboring class, the "peons." These are a mixture of Spanish and Indian bloods. As to standards of living, they are mostly Indian. Some own small tracts of land. Many work on the coffee plantations and "haciendas" of the land owners. Oppressed and poverty-stricken, slaves to drink, often living in fornication, held by the chains of error in the dark, hopeless dungeon of a false religion, this is the picture of the vast majority of Latin America's population. Among these lowly classes the gospel has had some of its greatest triumphs.

Then, finally, the aristocracy, the rich and educated who enjoy high social standing, present their claims to us. Often bound by social position to the priesthood, yet with a heart hunger that Romanism cannot satisfy, they long for Living Bread. Not finding it, large numbers are turning secretly to Theosophy, Spiritism, and other false cults.

What Do You Answer?

I present to you, my brethren at home, the cry of Latin America's one hundred and twenty millions. You ask, "Will they respond to the gospel?" We can answer, "Yes." When the gospel is preached in simplicity and power, hundreds have been converted. Whole communities have been transformed. The Pentecostal message has a tremendous attraction for their hungry spiritual nature. Yet so much is left to be done. In some of these countries there is one Protestant for each three or four hundred inhabitants; in others, only one church member to six or seven hundred inhabitants. We are convinced that in many sections there is not even one born again Christian for each thousand of the population.

SEND ALL OFFERINGS TO:

Foreign Missions Department

336 West Pacific St.
Springfield, Missouri

You, my Christian brother, who have the oil of the Spirit and the wine of the joy of salvation, who have it in your power to bind up their wounds and revive them, what do you answer to that cry?

The priest will say, "Let them alone." The Levite will pass by on the other side, declaring that they have their own religion, that we should not bother them with new ideas. But you who see their wounds and know the remedy for their ills, you are their neighbor. What will you do?

A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF CHRIST FOR CHINA



Luke Ma and family

We are sorry to report the passing away of another loyal witness for the Lord in the land of China. This time it is not one of our missionaries, but a faithful Chinese brother in Christ. We refer to Luke Ma who for many years labored with W. W. Simpson.

Luke Ma, though left fatherless at an early date, was blessed in having a mother who knew the power of the

Spirit of God and sought to bring him up in the fear of the Lord. There were three children in the family, all of whom were filled with the Spirit and became preachers of the gospel.

As early as 1919 the entire family associated with the Assemblies of God work, largely through a remarkable healing which the mother experienced after our Brother Simpson had prayed for her.

Luke Ma showed considerable intelligence in his studies. He rapidly learned English and equipped himself for secretarial work as well as for the preaching of the gospel. For some considerable time he acted as secretary for the Kapsu assemblies. Our brother was instrumental also in translating and publishing a number of books, tracts and hymns which are now in use in many parts of China. Frequently he suffered from ill health, and in order to accomplish the work that he wished to do for God it meant a struggle against natural weakness.

Having received considerable inspiration from our Central Bible Institute correspondence course, Luke Ma finally decided to translate this into Chinese so that others too might benefit by it. He finished the translation in 1940, just before Brother Simpson left the field, and the completed course was published the end of that year. The last report he sent to the United States was to the effect that some three hundred students, located in nearly all the provinces of China and Manchuria, were using this correspondence course.

We do thank God for the gracious work that was accomplished through this consecrated servant of the Lord. He has left behind him a widow, four daughters and one son. We deeply regret that because of their present location it is impossible to get financial aid to

them, but we ask the prayers of God's people that the Lord may provide for this little Chinese Christian widow and her family in their time of need.

NEWS ITEMS

Paul Kitch and son, Paul Jr., returning from French West Africa, are at present in Barbados, British West Indies, where they await passage for the remainder of their journey to the States. In the meantime Brother Kitch writes that they are both well and comfortably located with a Church of God missionary couple

who have a number of churches in Barbados as well as several in Trinidad. Brother Kitch has offered to assist these missionaries in any way possible until arrangement can be made for his return to the homeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wagner, forced to leave Southwest China because of war conditions, have transferred to our North India field where Brother Wagner has accepted the pastorate of the "House of Prayer," our English-speaking work in Calcutta.

The Need of India's Little Ones

HOW CAN WE REFUSE?

Anna Tomaseck, who is in her eighth year on the field without furlough, is facing a problem in regard to the nursery at Rupaidiha, North India. "I had asked the Lord not to send any more babies," she writes, "but when they are brought to the doorstep, how can we refuse? The Lord knows all about it, and surely He would not send them to us if it were not in His will.

"The past month four were sent in—one a year-old baby whose mother died from snake bite. One of our preachers, finding the child in a village with no one to care for it, took it into his own family. They kept the baby for a month but found they could not manage with another mouth to feed, so brought the child to the nursery.

"Two little sisters also were sent to us. When their mother died at the birth of the younger, they were taken by the grandmother. The grandfather is blind, and the grandmother who works for their living decided she could not keep the children, so simply left them at a mission. Having no provision there for babies, they sent them to us.

"Then a month ago some hill men brought in wee baby girl. During the winter months many groups of Nepalis come into the Indian forest to work. Often a woman will accompany them, to look after their huts. In this particular group there was one woman who gave birth to a child and died fifteen days later through utter lack of care. For two weeks the men took care of the baby, feeding it through cotton any milk they could get—cow's, buffalo's or goat's milk. When the time came for them to return to their village in the mountains,



Anna Tomaseck with the Nepali baby girl, three weeks after it was taken into the nursery. In that time the child had doubled in weight—imagine what its condition must have been on arrival at Rupaidiha!

about eighteen days' walk from Rupaidiha, they decided it was impossible to take the baby with them, so brought it to the mission. The baby, though a month old, weighed just one ounce over two pounds—the marvel is that it lived so long under such conditions. When I insisted that we could not take the child as it was in a critical condition, the men said they would have to leave it under a tree. So we decided we would have to take the baby in—at least we could give it a decent burial.

"We fully expected the child to die in a day or so, but the Lord had other plans. She began to pick up right away and has doubled her weight in three weeks. This is nothing but our great God's mercy, for the little one was beyond human help.

"Well," I thought, "I asked the Lord in His will not to send more babies, and behold, this last month four have come in. What should you have done? I feel you would have taken them also!"

"WE JUST CANNOT SAY NO"

From our Girls' School and Orphanage at Bettiah, North India, Grace Walther sends an encouraging report: "The school has reached the one hundred mark, and though in days such as these one hesitates to take on further responsibilities, there are some cases where one just cannot say no! And so we still have some new girlies for whom support is needed.

"One of our missionaries wrote asking us to take in two little girls who were being dragged around the streets of their city, vilely treated, running wild and learning all the evil they could assimilate. The letter ended, 'If you do not take them, there is little hope for them!' And because we are here to help the hopeless and unloved, we had to reply, 'Send them along.' They came—pathetic-looking little things, yet lovable.

"Already the older one had learned to steal and lie. One day she slipped out of church, knowing that at such a time no one would be around, and took some money from one of our drawers. When the theft was discovered, she first lied, then confessed. Oh, how the others all prayed for her, and we believe it is not too late (though almost) to teach this little one the way of truth—even more, to bring her to know and love Him who is THE TRUTH.

"Another came to us from the closed land of Nepal. Her father who was 'almost persuaded' to become a Christian, on his deathbed expressed the wish that all his children be sent to a Christian school. We are thankful for each life it is our privilege to contact from this dark land.

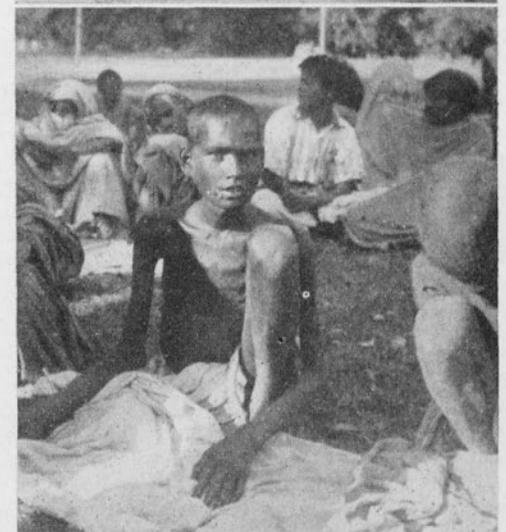
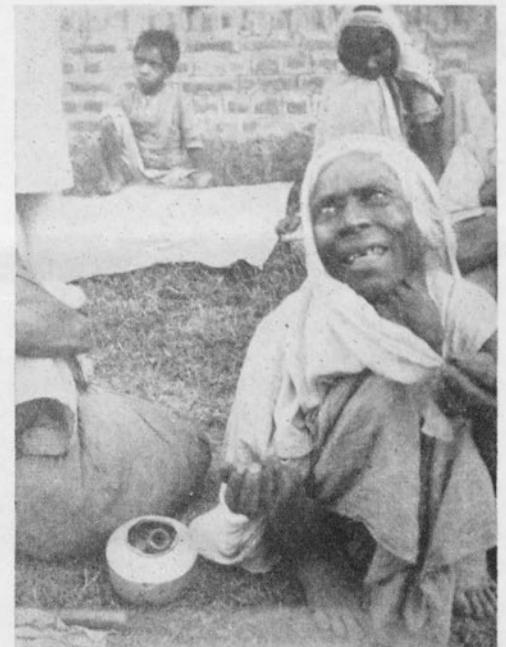
"As we see our girls grow up into useful



Group of Nepali Girls in Bettiah School

and spiritual characters, being used of the Lord and a means of blessing not only here, but wherever they go, we do thank God for the opportunity of ministering in this way.

"We are not disturbed with the disturbances or 'black future,' but know that our times, the work in India, and all of us, are in His hands—and there could not be a safer place. Praise God!"



Some of India's poor who gather at Bettiah at Christmas time to hear the gospel message and receive grain which the Christians purchase for them from a special offering taken for that purpose.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Whole Bible Sunday School Course

Mary's Song of Praise

Lesson for December 20. Lesson Text:

Luke 1:26-56.

As far back as Eden God had promised a Deliverer, one who should redeem man from the low estate to which he fell through sin. See Gen. 3:15. And from that time forward there were always those who looked for the fulfilment of that promise. Eve herself seems to have thought her own firstborn would be the Promised One. Gen. 4:1. Centuries later, David was promised that this Deliverer should come through his own family line. Isaiah and other prophets kept this promise before Israel. We are told that it was the highest ambition of Jewish women to be the mother of the Messiah. Now, the "fulness of time had come." The promise of centuries was to be realized.

I. MARY AND THE ANGEL.

1:26-38.

1. Salutation. vv. 26-28. To an obscure maiden of humble estate there appears the angel Gabriel with the strange greeting, "Hail, highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

2. Indetermination. v. 29. Mary was quite naturally puzzled at such a greeting. Why should she, a young woman with nothing in the natural to commend her, be thus singled out?

3. Annunciation. vv. 30-33. "And the angel said... thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS (Jehovah is Saviour)." Imagine the effect this must have had upon Mary! She had been taught to look for Messiah. She was acquainted with God's promise to David (2 Sam. 7:13-16), with the prophetic song of the Psalmist (Psalm 132:11), with Isaiah's words which now the angel applies to her. She was not surprised that Messiah should come, but that He should come through her!

"He shall be great." Meditate on these words! **Jesus is great from many points of view:** (1) In the perfection of His nature—God, peerless, incomparable, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, all-knowing, all-seeing, everywhere-present, all-powerful; yet, man, "made in the likeness of men," touched with the feeling of our infirmities, approachable. (2) In the magnitude of His offices—our Redeemer, Substitute, Baptizer, Healer, Advocate, Shepherd, Guide, High Priest, King. (3) In the glory of His achievements—Conqueror over death, sin, disease, demons, nature! (4) In the excellence of His merits—He alone is perfect in holiness, love and righteousness. And as such He is full of mercy and grace, able to save to the uttermost. (5) In the number He has redeemed. Not just a few shall be saved. His is not a losing battle. (6) In the estimation of His people. His worth and worthiness defy description—"O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise."

Jesus is great in that He deals with great things. (1) We were in great ruin, had great sins; but He has great pardon. (2) We have great needs; but He has inexhaustible supplies. (3) Once our destiny was awful to consider;

but He is even now making great preparation for us on High.

The greatness of this Jesus shall soon appear. The trumpet shall sound. The resurrection of His own shall take place as an open manifestation to the world of His greatness. Then Judgment—at which time every mouth shall be stopped, every knee shall bow. Finally—He shall gather His own round Him to share His glory throughout eternity!

4. Interrogation. v. 34. Then said Mary, "How shall this be?" Compare Mary's question with that of Zacharias in 1:18. At first sight these replies to angelic announcement seem alike. In reality they are very different. The reply of Zacharias was one of unbelief and doubt; the reply of Mary was one of inquiring faith. She as much as said, "I believe it. How shall it then be brought about?" Even if both re-

SONGS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

My soul doth magnify the LORD,
My spirit hath rejoiced in GOD—
HE . . . hath done . . . great things . . .
Holy is **HIS** name . . .
HIS mercy is on them that fear **HIM** . . .
HE hath shewed strength with **HIS** arm;
HE hath scattered the proud . . .
HE hath put down the mighty . . .
HE hath filled the hungry . . .
The rich **HE** hath sent empty away.
HE hath holpen . . . Israel
in remembrance of **HIS** mercy.



Now I'M happy-happy-happy.
Now I'M happy-now I'M free.
I have something-something-something
That is bringing joy to ME.
I'VE got it! I'VE got it!
Deep inside of ME.
It makes ME shout
It makes ME jump
It takes away MY grouch
and grump
I'VE got it! Yes, I'VE got it!
Deep inside of ME.

When He, the Spirit of truth, is come
He shall glorify me. (Christ) John 16:13-14

plies had been unbelief Zacharias would have been more blameworthy. Why? (1) He was a priest; Mary, a humble village maid. (2) He was a man of years; Mary was "young in the way." (3) He had prayed for a child and ought to have expected an answer; the privilege granted Mary was unsought. (4) Zacharias showed his unbelief by asking for a sign; Mary revealed her faith in the wonderful words, "Be it unto me according to thy word." Whose example do we follow?

5. Explanation. vv. 35-37. "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee." Comments Dr. A. B. Simpson, "The human mind cannot fathom this mystery—a holy Christ conceived and born of one who was herself the daughter of a sinful race. The very fact that she was an imperfect woman adds to the glory of the mystery and makes the birth of Christ the more perfect type of the experience through which we come into fellowship with Christ."

For, just as Jesus was born into the natural world by the Holy Spirit, so, we are born into the spiritual world by the same Spirit. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Every time a soul is saved, within the imperfect human being there is planted an "incorruptible seed," the Word of God, which is quickened by the Holy Spirit and thus becomes, "Christ in you the hope of glory!"

6. Acceptation. Mary said, "Be it unto me according to thy word." What a wonderful attitude! There was faith, submission to God's will, humility, and courage. For, though she was highly favored, remember the suspicion, the shame, and the misunderstanding which Mary would surely suffer from a skeptical, unbelieving world!

II. MARY AND ELISABETH. 1:39-56.

Immediately following the angelic announcement, Mary hastened to the home of her cousin Elisabeth. Her heart must have been full of conflicting emotions. She felt deeply the honor that had come, was humbled by it all. Yet people would misunderstand. Joseph, whom she loved more than life and to whom she was engaged, would misunderstand. (And that he did misunderstand until he, too, had an angelic visitor, is quite evident. Matt. 1:19-25). So Mary went for sympathy and strength to her cousin Elisabeth.

1. Elisabeth's prophetic salutation. vv. 41-45. As soon as Mary appeared, Elisabeth was moved upon by the Holy Spirit and gave a prophetic utterance and salutation. What a comfort and source of strength, these words must have been to Mary! Elisabeth's words came as a confirmation of the promise made to Mary for her encouragement.

2. Mary's song in the Spirit. vv. 46-55. In reply to Elisabeth's greeting, Mary herself bursts forth in pure Spirit-inspired prophetic song. This song is one of the most wonderful, well-beloved, and universally known portions of Scripture. It may be divided into four sections, the first of which (vv. 46-48a) is the expression of devout emotion; the second, the great fact from which these emotions rise, namely, the coming birth of Messiah (vv. 48b-50); third, the consequences of this fact—and here Mary prophetically anticipates the ministry of Christ and the reactions of those who accept and reject Him (vv. 51-53); fourth, the fact in its aspect to Israel as the fulfilment of promise made to the fathers.

Notice that Mary's rejoicing is entirely "in the Lord." There is no trace of self-exaltation. Simplicity and beautiful humility characterize the song. Note how the personal element fades from her thoughts. First she marvels and adores because such an honor has come to her. Then, self is entirely lost sight of as she considers what Messiah's coming shall mean to the world, to her own people.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord"—this is the theme and keynote of the song. Here is an occupation for all people, for all sorts of people, an occupation which can be accomplished anywhere, in solitude, in the throng, in occupation which requires no money or talent, an occupation which is the greatest business man can do. It is a good remedy for self-magnification, a God-pleasing expression for holy feelings, a sure cure for "blues," a blessed means of edifying others. It is an occupation to which the Spirit will always respond.—J. Bashford Bishop.

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

NEW NAZI BIBLE

According to *International News Service*, the Nazis have prepared for Christmas sale in Germany a Nazified version of the Bible. The only illustration in the new Bible will be contained in the frontispiece—a portrait of Hitler.

MORE DOGS THAN BABIES

The dog population of this country is 15,341,336, according to a recent census reported in *Watchman-Examiner*. Two and one half times as many people have dogs as have infants under four.

REPATRIATED FROM JAPAN

We rejoice to learn that two missionaries of the British Assemblies of God (Mr. and Mrs. D. Elwyn Davies) have been repatriated from Japan. According to *Redemption Tidings*, they sailed from Japan to Portuguese East Africa, where they transferred to a ship bound for England.

AMERICA'S BIGGEST MISTAKE

Murray D. Van Wagoner, Governor of Michigan, said recently: "American education at the outset correctly placed the first emphasis on religion. Later we got away from that, neglecting the most important part of education, the building of character. This was the biggest mistake America ever made."

"JESUS" IN SIGN LANGUAGE

To say "Jesus" a mute will place the middle finger of the right hand in the palm of the left, then the middle finger of the left hand in the palm of the right, signifying the nailing to the cross. This is a unique way indeed of reminding themselves, each time they use the Saviour's name that He was nailed to the cross for their sins.—*Now*.

WOMEN AND WAR

A church paper in England expresses the fear that "when war ends the moral and religious standards of the women of Britain may be below what were found before." The reason is that about 500,000 young women are in uniform in England. They have been taken away from home restraints and refinements and subjected to that hardening process which regimentation usually brings. The number of women in uniform in America, too, is constantly increasing. We fear that this will lower the proportion of God-fearing mothers in our land in the coming generation, if Jesus tarries. No other war has dislocated so many women from their God-appointed place in the home.

JUSTICE FOR THE JEWS

According to *New Palestine*, the Jews are assured of post-war justice so far as the American Government is concerned. "Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a statement reiterating the sympathy of the American people with the efforts of American Jewry for the rebuilding of Palestine, last week gave assurance that after the victory of the United Nations the Jewish people will enjoy 'equality and justice.'...Replying to representations by the heads of all the Rabbinical Associations of the United States, Secretary Hull declared that the Balfour Declaration had aroused wide attention in the United States and that this country had followed with interest and sympathy the work which had been done under it."

And so Isaiah 61:4 shall yet more fully come to pass—"They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."

FAMINE IN GREECE

The Greek Minister of Information reports that more than 350,000 persons have perished by starvation, malnutrition, disease, execution, and massacre in Greece. The Greek ambassador has expressed fear that unless a more effective means is found to feed the population, half of Greece's population of eight millions may be dead before the war is over. "There shall be famines," said Jesus, speaking of the signs of the end time. Matt. 24:7.

JEWS IN FRENCH TERRITORY

With the Nazi occupation of all of France, the Jews there undoubtedly will feel more severely the cruel force of anti-Jewish laws, including many Jews who had fled from the Nazis in times past. However, the Jews living in African territory that was recently occupied by the Allies must be greatly relieved. A delegation from the synagogues of Algeria petitioned General Eisenhower on the Jews' behalf. The American commander assured them that the anti-Jewish measures formerly imposed on Algeria by the Vichy Government would be lifted at once.

SOLDIERS CHOOSE THE BIBLE

According to *Time*, a poll was conducted by the *Department Store Economist* to determine what Christmas gifts would be most acceptable among servicemen. One thousand men rated fifty-one potential gifts as "swell," "fair," or "junk," but "over 49 per cent of the soldiers and 58 per cent of the sailors rated Bibles swell—would rather have the whole thing than just the New Testament."

The Gospel Publishing House has for sale a number of beautiful Bibles suitable for servicemen. If they do not have a complete Bible, by all means give them "the Sword of the Spirit" this Christmas.

MORE LAWLESSNESS

On September 21 the Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a semiannual crime report, which showed a decided increase in crime, particularly violent crimes. Negligent manslaughters were up 9.4%. Rapes had increased 9.9%. Robbery, aggravated assaults and larcenies also have increased over the 1941 figures. J. Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. Director, said in an address to the International Association of Chiefs of Police: "Compromise with indecency is the greatest crime of our age"—which rather puts responsibility on the law enforcers. He went on to say that weaknesses in law enforcement agencies need to be corrected; tomorrow may be too late.

THE PLIGHT OF POLISH WOMEN

One of the most heart-rending appeals ever uttered is this cry from the women of Poland, which was printed in the *United Presbyterian*. "The world has witnessed many atrocities and crimes; the history of mankind has been saturated with blood and tears; but history tells of no tragedy equal to ours. We are seized on the streets; our homes are entered at night. We are housed with fallen women; we are deported to German brothels. Our daughters are outraged. We mothers have shed tears until we have no more to shed. We have prayed that our daughters might die. Poland has forgotten laughter. Before God Almighty we swear that our words are true. We are living in hell. We are smothering in it. Our condition grows worse day by day. We plead for help."

If we could actually realize, even in part, the awfulness of the tragedy that has fallen upon much of the world, surely our hearts would agonize with intercession such as we have never yet known. "How long, O Lord?"

AMERICA'S DEBT TO THE BIBLE

President Roosevelt says: "The young must be taught, and they must be taught truly if the spring-waters of democracy are to be kept untainted.... The influence of the Scriptures in the early days of our Republic is plainly revealed in the writing and thinking of the men who made the nation possible.... They found in the Scriptures that which shaped their course and determined their action."

"TODAY, NOT TOMORROW"

The British Minister of Production, Oliver Lyttelton, has given a new and inspiring slogan for the war effort. It is "T. N. T." Addressing Sheffield war workers recently he said, "A day lost in production may mean the difference between winning or losing a battle, and a day lost in a factory may mean many times that delay if the spare parts or weapons miss a convoy and it has to wait for the next. So I want to give you a slogan. It is 'T. N. T.' It means 'Today, Not Tomorrow.' I want this particular explosive to burst in every factory."

T. N. T., of course, stands for Trinitrotoluene, a high explosive. (It also stands for "The New Testament.") But in applying it to the words, "Today, Not Tomorrow," a slogan has been phrased which Christians can use as well as war workers.

"Today, Not Tomorrow"—pray for sinners everywhere. A day's delay may make it too late to pray for their neighbor, or that soldier boy, before he is ushered into eternity.

"Today, Not Tomorrow"—enter into the task to which God is calling you, and support His work in the way He asks. A day's delay may be too late.

"Today, Not Tomorrow"—make that complete consecration to the Lord that you are hoping to make before His coming. Tomorrow may be too late, for then He may have come and you will be eternally the poorer for the delay.

A CHALLENGE FROM CHINA

"When missionaries ask for help, people make excuses—but when American bottles ask for money you give two billions every year; when American theaters ask for money, one billion every year; when American cigarettes ask for money, another billion; pleasure and travel, several hundred million; cosmetics, five hundred million; and silk hosiery, four hundred millions." Thus writes Andrew Gih of China in his book, *The Power of the Gospel in War-torn China*. He continues, "But when the churches ask (I mean the churches right in America, which will teach your men and train your children in the ways of the Lord) you give only five hundred millions a year. This is not for missions; this is for your churches. So nine times as much goes to sinful, worldly causes as goes to the worthy cause of the gospel."

"I have traveled quite extensively in four of the five continents. I can say this: the United States of America is the best country in the world. The average home is better. The average worker is better paid. There is abundance of everything. But America is also the most wasteful country in the world. If I were given the power to gather the waste in America, millions of starving children and people in China could be rescued. God has blessed America abundantly but what is America doing while people in other parts of the world are starving? America has taken carloads and trainloads of potatoes and destroyed them in the sea in order to keep prices up.... Oh, the waste in America. May God help us to realize that the Saviour we love and worship once said to His disciples, 'Gather all the fragments. Let nothing be lost.'"

Evidently America has forgotten the adage, "Waste not, want not." We may be wanting many of the things we have wasted before this war is over.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Witwatersrand Mining Area, Transvaal, South Africa—Over a year ago a man and his wife came to the Lord, and since then they have been two of our happiest Christians. The husband came to the native pastor and of his own volition gave up his tobacco. It was our joy to see them, along with three others, recently follow the Lord in water baptism; the wife had previously received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Pray for several teachers in the Teachers' Training Class as well as several of the older scholars who attend this class. It seems that there is a time of seed sowing here. Pray that the Word of God will bear fruit.—E. D. Pettenger.

Mexico City, Mexico—Brother and Sister Orriza feel the call of God to go to Yucatan, the outmost part of Mexico. A work was started there but left without anyone to carry on, and these good young people have offered themselves to go if their fare can be supplied. They have more than half. Please do pray much for them. Pray that the needs of two Bible women may be supplied.—Anna Sanders.

Havana, Cuba—Pray that the revival spirit that we are now experiencing may spread throughout the island. We thank God for the eighteen who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in and around Havana in the past two months. Pray that the Lord will be

with our Bible School students as they go out to put into practice what they have learned here in the Institute. Pray that the Lord will raise up scores of Spirit-filled workers to enter the hundreds of fields in Cuba where the full gospel in unknown.—Hugh P. Jeter.

Several of the students and children have had high fever; pray that this sickness will be taken away from our midst. Pray that more will receive the Holy Ghost baptism.—L. W. Stokes.

San Antonio de Los Banos, Cuba—Continue to pray with us for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the believers here.—Hilda Reffke.

25 de Mayo, Argentina, South America—Pray for the complete healing of Pedro Morales, native worker. The Balderrama family is threatened with the loss of nearly all their property. They ask prayer, for only God can save the situation. Three more of our Christian workers have recently been filled with the Spirit. God has been blessing, but quite a number of our members have not yet received the Baptism so that we feel the need of your earnest prayers. Please pray for Saladillo, and Brother Vicente Scarponi as he seeks to establish the work there.—Alice C. Wood.

Florianapolis, Brazil—Pray for Tijucas, our newest outstation, and for the native worker who labors there, also for the many other faithful native workers in Brazil.—J. P. Kolenda.

Sao Carlos, Brazil—Please pray that the new places that are opening may be blessed of God in the salvation of many souls. Pray for the new converts, that they may soon receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I have a very special unspoken request.—Lillian Flessing.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Pray for the healing of a Christian man who was given up to die by doctors some time ago. He is faithful in attending the services.—Elsie Strahl.

Jancos, Puerto Rico—Pray that the Lord will supply the needs of our Bible School. Food is scarce in our island.—L. C. Otero.

Nassau, Bahamas—Pray that God will enable us to preach the full gospel through these islands, and for funds to be provided for the erection of building in one settlement where we recently held a revival with encouraging results.—E. W. Weech.

Fairbanks, Alaska—We are expecting Esther Mae Cooper for a revival in December and need your prayers that God may give a real revival. There are two young men here seeking the Baptism; pray for them, please.—Charles O. Hirschy.

"Man has but one state of probation, and that of an exceedingly short continuance; and therefore, since he cannot serve God long, he should serve Him much; employ every minute of his life to the best advantage."

REPORTS from the REAPERS

PAWNEE, OKLA.—We have just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist Florence Ballard of Oklahoma City, and her co-worker, Sister Baggett. I believe this has been the best revival we have had since I came to Pawnee over four years ago. There were about 17 saved, 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and a number have applied for membership in the church. The folk are still testifying and praising God for what the revival meant to them. Sister Ballard has a good ministry that will help your church.—C. E. Leib, Pastor.

AVON, N. C.—We have been blessed of the Lord through the ministry of Elsie D. Reese, 310 Hawkins Ave. N., Braddock, Pa., a returned missionary from China. Truly we have been sitting in heavenly places with our Lord and Master; not so much shout, but the sweet presence of Him who said, "I am the bread of life," and we have been made to partake of that bread.

Some were saved and some were reclaimed, and one received the Baptism, but that which was accomplished in the hearts of His people is the outstanding thing. Should Jesus tarry, the fruits of this revival will be reaped in years to come.—P. A. Wells, Acting Pastor.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The annual Council of the Alabama District seems to have been the best enjoyed in several years. Visiting ministers came from other districts. Ralph M. Riggs was the main speaker, and his messages were enjoyed by all who heard him.

The following officers were re-elected on the nominating ballot: Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent; Grover Langston, District Secretary; and Jesse E. Smith, Home Missionary Secretary-Treasurer. The General Presbyters are Grover Langston and J. C. Thames. The District Presbyters are D. H. Browne, W. J. Hurst, O. C. Hickman, W. P. Hughes, J. C. Thames and Clyde C. Goree. Grover Langston is Editor of the Alabama Messenger; Mrs. Chas. F. Norton is President of the Women's Missionary Council, and James Standifer is President of the Christ's Ambassadors.—Executive Committee.

BEDFORD, OHIO—The Third Anniversary service of the Bedford Assembly of God was held September 21, this being the third anniversary of the organization

of the church. Three services were held, with District Secretary Earl E. Bond as guest speaker. In the afternoon service our new building was dedicated. Since organizing three years ago, in a lodge hall located on the second floor, God has wonderfully blessed and made it possible for us to erect a new church building, size 40 x 76 feet, the auditorium seating 300. There is a prayer room and study with two cloak rooms on the first floor. We have a full basement with eight Sunday School rooms, two rest rooms, and a young people's room. These, however, are not completed. When finished the building will have a valuation of \$30,000.

Our Sunday School attendance runs around 100, and we have good prospects for increasing this greatly. Our record attendance was 152. At present only \$2,200 is owing on the building, heating system, and the furniture.—Thomas Sutton, Pastor.

SANTA ANA and FILLMORE, CALIF.

—We labored in Santa Ana for a little over two years with some blessed results, a goodly number being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Also two additions to the church were built while we were there, which added a good deal to the value of the property. In August we received a call to the pastorate here in Fillmore, which we accepted. The dear Lord has given us a revival ever since the first day we preached here. We have had no special campaigns, but this is surely a praying church. The deacons come at five o'clock on Sunday mornings to pray. (Do your deacons do that?) The ladies meet once a week during the day to pray. We have a Saturday night prayer meeting. No wonder we have a continual revival. (Not program, but prayer.) Just this week two were saved and three received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, in the early-day fashion, according to Acts 2:4.

Some of our friends knew we had left Santa Ana, but did not know we were here, so shall be glad to hear from them. I am glad that God is able to give us real Pentecostal services in these modern days. I like the kind we had thirty years ago, and the Lord is giving us just that in Fillmore.—M. T. Draper, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—November 8 we celebrated our second anniversary back in Columbus by burning the mortgage on our new Church some nine years ahead of the scheduled time. This was a very impressive service, for all the former pastors

were present and had something to say on the program. Also on the program were the three deacons of the first Assembly of God organized in Columbus many years ago. They related how the work had grown since that time until now there are ten assemblies in Columbus and Phenix City, and our organization ranks third in the city in the preference of the people, as shown by a city-wide religious census.

As another venture for God, this church installed at this service J. D. Stevens, for several years Secretary of the Alabama District, as Associate Pastor. Brother Stevens will help in the local work of the church, but especially will be helping contact the soldiers in near-by Ft. Benning, as well as helping in the Home Missionary work of the church. Those having boys or friends at Ft. Benning are urged to write us, giving their names and complete addresses, and we shall be glad to contact them as far as possible.

The day of blessings closed with J. F. Sharp, the former pastor, bringing the evangelistic message to a packed house. The altar was filled and numbers prayed through to God.—Jimmie Mayo, Pastor.

A CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

What an inspiration it is to see a high school in action, where the name of Christ is honored above every name, and where the vital objective is Christian character plus high scholastic attainment!

Right from the first day of school in September we have been enjoying God's blessing and a banner season at Canyonville Bible Academy, Canyonville, Ore. In addition to a fine and consecrated teaching staff, we have an increased enrollment over last year, and facilities such as new hall floors upstairs, freshly painted woodwork, new front doors, streamlined inside entrance, new decorative woodwork in the church, etc., greatly adding to the appearance and serviceability of the school.

C. B. A. has been astir with activity. After school hours this fall many of our students helped the hard-pressed farmers of this community harvest a valuable prune crop which was threatened by labor shortage, and together with school work there has been a great deal accomplished. Our students have entered in with a co-operative and happy spirit, and we are proud of them. We should like to have every parent and friend visit the school and see what is being done. C. B. A. is confident you will feel more than rewarded for every effort and sacrifice put forth in providing a school and environment of this type for our precious young people.

It is surely a joy and an inspiration to see fortitude and nobility unfold and bloom in the lives of young people. In spite of

occasional ups and downs that come to all, we can see a constant growth of character and scholastic and spiritual life in these fine young people at C. B. A. The world needs thousands of just such young folk in these days of stress and peril. God's Word says "righteousness exalteth a nation," and this is the greatest need of our nation now. May you be rewarded for the vital part you are contributing toward their training and success! Your prayers, your co-operation and your good will merit our every appreciation.—Robert Shaffer, Secretary.

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 TO CLASSIFY

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Dec. 15—; Frank and Gladys Lummer and Eugene Bell, the Music Makers.—G. C. Millard, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—2059 S. Fort St., Dec. 1—; Zelma Argue, Winnipeg, Canada, Evangelist.—C. E. Bevier, Pastor; by M. Lee, Assistant.

DUMAS, TEXAS—Dec. 7—; J. C. McCusky, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—Brother Ridener, Pastor.

HIGHLAND PARK, MICH.—Revival in progress: Chas. Shaffer, York, Pa., Evangelist.—H. Roberson, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, IND.—Nov. 29—; Johnson Music Makers of Kansas, Evangelists.—A. R. Sorenson, Pastor.

FREEMONT, PA.—214 High St., Dec. 8—20; C. S. Tubby, Stevensville, Ontario, Evangelist.—Geo. E. Gould, Pastor.

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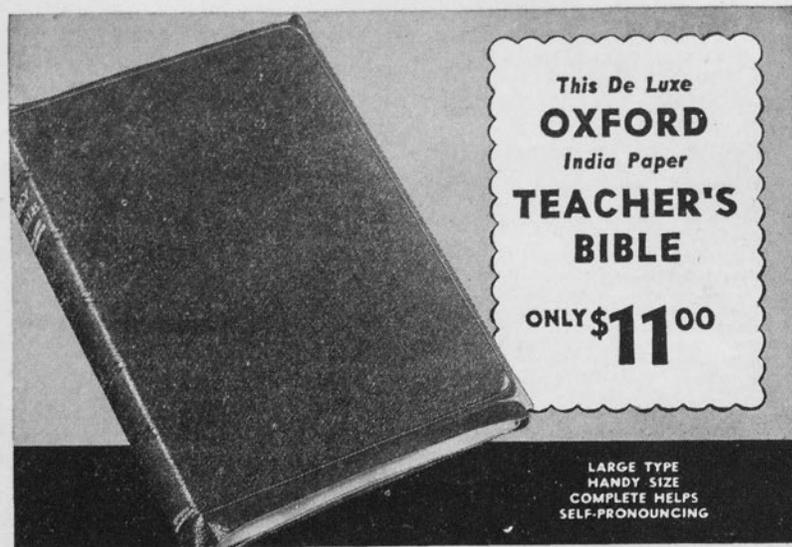
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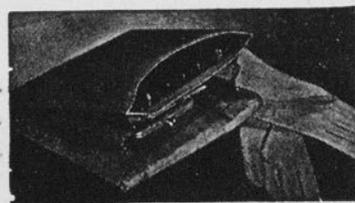
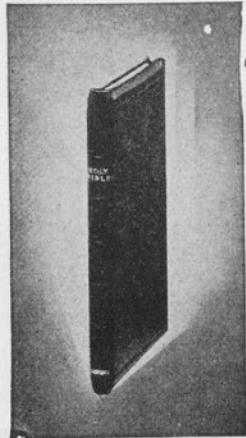
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