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Why Does Not God Intervene and Stop This War?

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WHEN the World War of a quarter of a century ago was raging, the faith of many of the people seemed to be shaken. They had been told that the world was getting better, that the millennial age had already dawned, or was about to dawn, and that the era of universal peace had come. Just the other day I read a sermon preached by a prominent preacher fifty years ago. It was designed to prove that civilization had reached such an advanced stage, and Christianity had made such wonderful progress, that it was not at all likely that any major nation could ever again be induced to undertake war. He argued that the principles of Christianity were at variance with the war spirit, and that those principles had regenerated the heart of modern civilization so that it could now be truly said that our civilization, if not distinctively Christian, had at least been "leavened" by the spirit of Christianity. I have used the term "leavened" in the sense in which this preacher used it, and in the sense in which I was accustomed to use it before I learned that in the Scriptures leaven is invariably used to represent that which is evil or corrupt.

Not only, he asserted, had Christianity made such marvelous progress that there was little likelihood that another great war would break out, but instruments of warfare that had been invented were now so deadly that no nation could afford to

By every shining token,
 We're in the blaze of day."

This preacher was only one among many. Such sermons were quite common. The arguments seemed quite conclusive, and

and many among us who were not familiar with the plain teachings of the Word of God, or who did not understand or properly interpret those teachings, came to believe that the time was at hand, or had already come, when the nations would "learn war no more."

But we have learned a lot during the past few years. And some among us have had a distinct shock. I remember a good friend of mine who had been sitting under my ministry, who, when the first World War

broke out, and men were falling by the thousands upon the battle fields of Europe, the very foundations of modern civilization apparently crumbling, came to me, and inquired, "Is God good?" When I answered his question in the affirmative, he asked, "Is God *almighty*?" And when I told him that He was, he shook his head and said that he could

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go to war, knowing that if war should be waged the destruction of property and the loss of life would be so frightful as to more than counterbalance any advantage that might accrue as a result of victory. Then, with an apparent air of triumph, he quoted these lines:

"The morning light has broken,
 The darkness flees away;

The Great Physician

FRED LOHMANN AT THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

IS THERE no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? Jer. 8:20, 22.

The balm of Gilead was the principal remedy in the days of Jeremiah. This was taken from a tree in a way similar to the way sap is taken from the maple. A chemist told me that the tree was very similar to the maple or perhaps looked more like one of the poplars. They tapped the tree, and from the sap that ran out this balm was made. It had great commercial value. It was the remedy of that day. This balm and the way it was provided, are a striking type of God's balm for the healing of the guilty, sin-sick souls of men.

Israel was sick from head to foot. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." Isa. 1:6. Yet God through His prophet was speaking, and He said: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

"Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?" Has not God given us the Great Physician who knows every man's need? Why then is not the health of the daughter of God's people recovered? Why are we still sick? As I look at the hospitals and insane asylums and penitentiaries, and then at the crippled thousands in their homes with broken bodies, often sin-sick, without God, I am persuaded that we have failed to grasp the truth that God has provided a balm.

Now that remedy is within the reach of every man or woman who has heard the gospel. No matter what your condition in body or soul, Jesus Christ is the balm in Gilead. From His riven side, from His five wounds have been poured out God's remedy for the sins of this lost and dying world. On Him were laid your sins and your sicknesses, and by His stripes we are healed. Healing is provided for.

If I come into sick rooms where they are passing out into eternity, sometimes without God and without hope, it is a sad thing. I shall never forget one night, eighteen years ago, I was preaching in a tabernacle in St. Louis. A taxi-cab drove up and stopped at the side

entrance. A lady came in, all excited, with one of the members of our church, and she sent a message up, "Brother Lohmann, a friend of mine, the mother of five little children, is dying in the hospital. She does not know God. I told her about your work and about your ministry, how you visited and prayed with the sick and suffering and dying, and she wants you to come."

I turned the altar service over to a worker, slipped out and raced five miles across the city to one of the great hospitals. It was a Catholic institution. We went into this dying woman's room.

As I looked in her face, I said, "You sent for me?" She said, "I did." She said, "I don't know God. I am not saved. I am in a desperate condition. I am scheduled to be operated on tomorrow at break of day, and I fear I will not come out from under the anesthetic. And there is no peace in my soul; I am afraid to die. I cannot die like this. Can you do something to help me?"

I never felt more helpless in my life. What could I do? I took out the Word of God and I said, "My sister, let me give you God's remedy, and God's plan." I read to her the blessed old passage, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16, 17.

I explained to her that "whosoever" simply means anyone of us. I said, "Sister, it means you." And she looked at me with all the earnestness of her soul, and she said, "Does it really mean that God will save me because Jesus died, if I believe in Him?" I said, "Yes."

Then I turned to 1 John 1:9, where he said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I said, "God is anxious to do that the very minute that you confess your sins. If you confess, and call upon Him, He has promised to save you. God is under obligation to hear your cry if you throw your soul upon His mercy and trust Him." I said, "While we pray, you pray." As I tried to lift my heart to God in my helplessness, the woman broke and she said, "O Jesus, I

come to You, and I accept the atonement which You made for me."

When I went out of the building that night I left the woman with a tear-stained face that was shining like the face of an angel from heaven. The next morning she passed into eternity. But she knew God.

No matter how sinful you are, no matter how deeply you have gone into iniquity, God loves you. If you will turn to Him, there is a balm and there is a great Physician.

Jesus Christ is still the great Physician. In forty-one years I have seen healings, not only a few healings but multiplied thousands of them. They have occurred in my own meetings and in the meetings of others. Most of you know Brandon Atwood, who runs a linotype machine at the Publishing House. Brother Atwood's father, Wilson Atwood, a little older than I, had a cancer on his shoulder. The thing was as big as your fist and was so offensive that for perhaps a year and a half he would not go inside the door where a service was held.

We were holding a revival. Wilson had been converted just a little while before that. He had listened to the gospel message, he had heard of Divine healing. He knew that God had saved him, but he was not sure he could be healed.

Someone came and said, "They want you to come and pray for a child that is not very well." I did not know what was the matter with the youngster. All I knew was that he was sick and I was sent for. The child was just as red as a beet and he had a burning fever. Wilson stood by and said, "I don't know so much about this healing business, but one thing I do know here is where we have it tried. If this child gets healed I shall know there is no fake about this."

And believe it or not, we put our hands on that boy and prayed, and while we prayed he just stopped all his crying, and went to sleep. His fever left him, and all the redness went away. Wilson said, "Well, nobody can laugh that off." No, when we believe, God hears and God answers.

That night, after midnight, the last Sunday in August, 1909—there has been plenty of time to test and prove that the healing was a true one—Wilson came into the tent and said, "Brother Fred, I want you to pray for me and anoint me with oil that I may be healed." And the enemy stood right by my side and whispered in my ear—I don't know how he got there—"Listen, you know what condition Wilson Atwood is in. Don't you know that you might just as well pray for a dead man as to pray for him?" I told that old tempter, "I

am not going to heal him. Wilson doesn't expect me to heal him. He is not asking me to heal him. All he is asking me to do is to pray for him and trust God, and I am going to pray for him if he dies." So I said to another preacher, "Come and let us pray for Wilson." We prayed just a little prayer and said, "Here is Your servant. Your Word says that Jesus carried our sins and bore our sicknesses in His body on the tree, and by His stripes we are healed."

Wilson dried his tears, walked out of the tent, and said, "I am healed." That night Mrs. Atwood said, "How is the shoulder?" He said, "It is healed." The next morning he got up before daylight. Mrs. Atwood said to him, "What are you getting up for? How is your shoulder?" He said, "It is healed." "How does it feel?" He said again, "It is healed." She said, "I want to see it," and he said, "I told you, it is healed." He pulled back his shirt, and later she told me, "Brother Fred, it was as dry as a piece of wood." Today, after all these years, Wilson is as sound as a dollar. I have had him take off his shirt before three hundred men, when I spoke to men only, and state, "That is what God did for this man when he was at the place of death."

Has God provided salvation and healing for men? Yes, He has, and so it is possible for us to get it. We can have it.

On the 5th day of January, 1915, at 12 o'clock at night, I took the train from Fort Smith to Malvern, Ark. That afternoon a call came to Brother Charles E. Ray—now in glory—he was a lay preacher. I was in his home when they sent for him. A lady was dying of tumor. She looked like a skeleton with skin stretched over it. She had been given up to die.

Her husband was opposed to Divine healing; he hated religion, he hated all full-gospel people. Yet to satisfy his wife's dying request he sent for us to come and pray for her.

Brother Ray, Mrs. Ray, a lady worker and I went into the room. I felt decidedly uncomfortable, knowing her husband's attitude, and I said to her as she lay on the bed, "Did you send for us to come and pray for you and anoint you according to the 5th chapter of James?" She said, "I did." I said, "Do you realize that it is just like asking God to raise you from the dead? From every human standpoint, you are just as good as dead. Are you willing that God shall take you if He does not see fit to heal you?" She said, "I am." I said, "If He heals you, are you willing to give the world your testimony?" She said, "I will." And so we anointed

Paper Rationing

As we mentioned in the last *Evangel*, the War Production Board has limited our supply of paper in 1943 to ninety per cent of that received in 1942. Because of this we have to reduce the size of the *Evangel*. In order to make more room for copy of general interest it has been deemed wise to eliminate the report of missionary offerings and notices of local meetings of the different Assemblies.

her with oil and prayed a little prayer and said, "Lord, here is this good woman in this hour of extreme need, relying upon your promise as a last resort. Heal her for Jesus' sake. Amen."

Within thirty minutes from the time we anointed her, that woman was delivered of a tumor that weighed more than fourteen pounds. Don't tell me there is no remedy. There is a balm, and there is a Great Physician.

I have seen God heal cancers, tumors, St. Vitus' dance—when the sick could not stand up or walk, God healed them. I preach to a man every Sunday that God delivered out of a lunatic asylum. His old face shines like a full moon. Don't tell me God does not heal.

"Why, then, is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?" It is because we do not apply the remedy. Someone has said, "Brother Lohmann, I know some of the finest people in the world who have not been healed." I know that. Don't ask me to explain it. I cannot explain it. But one thing I do know, that when your faith reaches out and touches God, you get results. So there is a balm in Gilead, and there is a Physician there. Hallelujah! The blood of Jesus Christ is all the remedy we need.

I had a deacon in my church some years ago who used to say, "Why don't we heal the sick? Why don't we cast out demons? Why cannot we raise the dead?" One day I called him by his first name, and I said, "Brother, listen! If God heard every prayer you made and did all the things that you wanted Him to do, your head would swell up until you could not put a half-bushel on it. You would be so full of pride that God could not do a thing in the world with you." I said, "It occurs to me that

the greatest miracles I have seen have happened when I wasn't looking for them." See the point? Whenever you and I can humble ourselves, and walk humbly, and want God to have His way, then God can do some things that He otherwise cannot do. We used to sing a song, "Humble thyself to walk with God."

I was preaching in Indianapolis in 1931, and Sunday evening, at the last meeting, I was speaking on the subject, "The Life-giving Word." A little Methodist woman was sitting way back in the audience, suffering from cancer, in a terrible condition. They brought her in. While I was preaching the blessing of God was coming down. That little woman somehow touched Jesus, and then the fireworks started. Oh, how she shouted, and how folks around her shouted! She said, "While you preached I got a vision of the Great Physician, and I touched Him by faith, and instantly I felt that I was healed."

There is a little Catholic woman in St. Louis this morning. I have known her for twenty-one years. She was healed of cancer. I never touched her and no other individual touched her. I was holding a tent meeting and we had everything in the world to contend with. I had to call out the police force to keep hoodlums from tearing down the tent. We stayed and God gave us a great revival, and today our tabernacle stands on the site.

This little Catholic woman was passing by. She said later, "I never knew why I walked down that way." She had her little daughter with her. They heard the singing and they stopped on the sidewalk and listened. The little girl said, "Mamma, let's go in." The mother answered, "We don't know these people. That is not our church. We don't know whether these people are right or not. We cannot go in there." But the girl said, "I like the singing." The next evening when they took a walk they went the same way, stopped on the sidewalk and listened again. Again the youngster tugged at the mother's coat and said, "Let's go in. I like the singing, and I like the preacher." She used all kinds of excuses. The third night she heard me announce that on the 15th of the month I was going to speak on "Why we pray for the sick," and that we were going to offer prayer for those who wanted to be prayed for for healing.

Something said to her, "There you are, in this condition, and the doctor has said it is only a question of time until the cancer will put you in your grave. Your only chance was an operation, and it is too far gone." That woman said,

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In the Days of World Unrest

God had an entirely different attitude toward the two classes that were found in Israel. To the ungodly rebels He declared, "Ye shall fall by the sword." Ezek. 11:10. But concerning the little flock, the believing remnant who feared Him, He said, "Yet will I be to them as a *little sanctuary* in the countries where they shall come." Ezek. 11:16.

The Psalmist-prophet lamented the ruin and desolation that had come to the land of Israel after Nebuchadnezzar's invasion. The ungodly Babylonians broke down the carved work of the temple with axes and hammers; they cast fire into the sanctuary; they defiled the dwelling place of Jehovah's presence. They burned up all the synagogues of God in the land. Psalm 74:7, 8. But the prophet went to prayer. As he prayed he was reminded that God was sovereign, and he declared, "God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth." Psalm 74:12.

He doubtless remembered the words uttered in the prayer of Moses, "Lord, Thou hast been our *dwelling place* in all generations." Psalm 90:1. Even though the beautiful temple Solomon had erected was destroyed, the true Israel still had an eternal dwelling place.

The prophet was greatly disturbed as he looked around and saw the prosperity of the wicked. They were not in trouble. Their eyes stood out with fatness, they had more than heart could wish. Psalm 73:7. These ungodly ones prospered in this world, and increased in riches; but as for himself, his was a life of chastening. He thought surely all his seeking God was in vain. He tells us that all this was painful to him, "until I went into the sanctuary of God." Psalm 73:17.

There, abiding in that eternal dwelling

place, the Psalmist had light on the destiny of the wicked. He said: "Surely Thou didst set them in slippery places: Thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors." Psalm 73:18, 19. And he doubtless remembered the word of the Lord concerning His enemies, "To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time." Deut. 32:35. They will slide right down into the pit and into the lake of fire.

The Psalmist saw that the wicked were to be utterly separated from God forever, and he confessed how foolish and ignorant he had been in envying them. But he could say to the Lord, "Nevertheless I am continually with Thee: Thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Psalm 73:23, 24. What mattered the temporary trials in view of the eternal triumph of God's righteous ones?

In the last of the last days the saints may expect to see the temporal triumph of the wicked. It is written concerning the "wild beast" who shall rise, "It was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them." Rev. 13:7. But there will be a "little sanctuary" to which they can continually resort. And there in the quietness they will hear the word of Him who will make wars to cease, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10.

The crucified One who was despised and rejected of men will be exalted to be King over all the earth, and it will be His joy to share His kingdom with His redeemed ones, whom He will exalt to reign with Him. As said the apostle, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." 2 Tim. 2:12.

Resort often to the "little sanctuary." There the Lord will prepare your heart for the day of sharing His enthronement, as He prepared the heart of David in days gone by. Though he was in exile, David's longing was to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple. Psalm 27:4.

Listen to David as he tells us what he had learned in the "little sanctuary" to which he so often resorted: "Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in

great matters, or in things too high for me. (He did not want to be like the haughty, lofty and presumptuous Saul.) Surely I have behaved and quieted myself (literally, I have stilled and quieted my soul), as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child (a child that has learned to do without)." Psalm 131:1, 2.

We may have to learn to do without many things in days of war. But in these days of world unrest and travail there is always a "little sanctuary" to which we may resort, where we can learn to be quiet and still, and where the Lord will fill our hearts with a living hope, and a joyful assurance that He in His own good time will deal with the situation. "For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be." Psalm 37:10. The meek and lowly One who died on Calvary, who is now alive forevermore, will inherit the earth, and He will share the inheritance with those who in their quiet hours of waiting on Him have learned to be meek and lowly too.

When Christ returns He will reward those who have been faithful, but judgment will come upon all who are rebellious. Listen to these solemn words that came from Christ's lips as He spoke prophetically, "But those Mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before Me." Luke 19:27.—S. H. F.

The Great Physician

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"No matter whose church it is, and whose people they are, I am going to hear that message on why Christian people pray for the sick."

That night she sat down in about the fourth row of chairs from the pulpit; and while I preached and held up the Great Physician, the compassionate Saviour, who said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," the One who became the scapegoat for all the world, on whom God laid your sins and mine, and our diseases—thank God, they are taken away forever—she got a glimpse of Him, and she said afterwards: "Brother Lohmann, as I sat there something came on me, just flowed down through me like a life-giving stream, and my cancer went." That woman is still living.

Listen to me, friends. There is a fountain, there is a Physician, there is a remedy. If you have faith to believe God you can have the victory today.

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not believe it. "If God is almighty," he said, "He *could* stop this war, and if He is good, He *would* stop it." And then he added, "I would certainly stop it if I could; am I better than God is?" The conclusion he had reached was that God did not possess the power, or, if He possessed the power, that He was not taking any interest at all in the affairs of men. His faith was visibly shaken. He could not reconcile what he had been taught concerning God with what God was allowing to go on in the world. He had a conviction that we were going to have to revise our creed concerning the character of God.

And, since what was taking place was so contrary to what the preachers had said would take place, there were many of the clergy who were bewildered; they were at a loss to explain the situation that had so suddenly developed; they could not reconcile it with what they had so ardently accepted and so confidently and enthusiastically preached.

Many people were like men in a boat that had broken away from its moorings and had been swept out to sea. They seemed to be drifting about; they had no anchor, and were at the mercy of the elements. It is to be feared that many were swept into infidelity or agnosticism. There were some who had imbibed false notions, and who had been resting in a false security, who were led to carefully examine their former faith, with an open Bible before them, at the same time seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and these were led to see that the conclusions to which they had so hastily come were not founded upon the Word of God but upon their own notions or a faulty interpretation of the Bible. These were led to readjust their theological thinking and to bring it into harmony with God's revealed truth.

We are now again in the midst of a great world conflict. A new generation has come upon the stage of action, and many who are now living know concerning the other World War only what they have been told or have read in the pages of history. It was said before this struggle began that if the nations should plunge into another war it would be so much more terrible than the struggle of a generation ago that those familiar with both wars would describe the first war as only a skirmish compared with the second world conflict.

How far we have proceeded into this terrible world catastrophe none of us know. It has been suggested that if we have not reached the beginning of the end we have at least reached the end of the beginning; but we cannot be sure of that. We can be reasonably certain that

the end is not in sight. And already millions have fallen. We read almost every day of a battle in which thousands have been killed, and some among us are scarcely moved. Will conditions, bad as they now are, get worse? Who knows? God knows. We are sure of that. And why does He not intervene? Is it true, as we have been taught, that He is working all things after the counsel of His own will? It must be true, for that is the teaching of the Word. *It must be the will of the Lord then that this war rage.* Is that possible? Some among us shrink from that conclusion.

Our ideas of God have been of such a character that we cannot bring ourselves to believe that He could possibly *will* such carnage, such destruction of human lives, such misery, such wretchedness, as we are seeing today in the wake of this devastating war. Maybe our ideas of what God is have been wrong, or at least have been somewhat warped. Possibly we have emphasized the fact that "God is love" to such an extent that we have lost sight of the fact that, while He is a God of love, He is also a God who is *infinitely righteous*, that justice is a characteristic of righteousness, and that *justice requires that sin be punished*. The only way the sinner can escape is through the mediatorial sacrifice and ministry of the Lord Jesus. He who rejects the proffered mercy of God through Christ must face the penalty of his sin. And God deals with nations as well as with individuals. He has dealt with nations in the past.

Those of us who are familiar with what the Word tells us about the dealings of God with Israel can clearly see that when Israel did the will of God the nation was blessed with that "blessing of the Lord that maketh rich," but that, when the nation forgot God, divine judgment was meted out to the disobedient and rebellious people. Sometimes it came in the form of famine, sometimes in the form of internal dissension, and sometimes the invader was allowed to come from without.

Had not God said that it would be so? Had not Israel been duly warned in advance? Read what is written in Leviticus, the twenty-sixth chapter, and in Deuteronomy, the twenty-eighth chapter. Read what is recorded in Judges 2:14 where we are told that "the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies."

Job was certainly right when he said that "wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know that there is a judgment." Job 19:29.

Many would be helped a lot if they would read Isa. 5:22-30. And let us not

THE TWO PRAYERS

Last night my boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And, kneeling at my knee,
He prayed with tears:
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy—wise and strong:
I know you can."
Then, while he slept,
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head,
"O God, make me a child
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

forget that God has not changed since the days of Isaiah. God is the unchangeable God. The sins that He hated then He hates now. We like to think that Israel was more guilty than is this nation, or the other nations of the earth. But is it true?

That this is the dispensation of grace we are assured, but what is the dispensation of grace? Is it a dispensation in which sin is winked at? Paul said, in preaching to the Athenians on Mars' Hill, "the times of this ignorance God winked at; but *now* commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead."

It was after this dispensation of grace had begun that Paul said that. He made it clear that this is a time in which God, instead of requiring less of the people, requires more. If after all these centuries of preaching, all these centuries of light and privilege, men will not repent, and nations will persist in grinding the faces of the poor, and tolerating, even legalizing for the sake of gain, the sale of strong drink, and doing a multitude of other things that are directly contrary to the Word and the will of God, is it surprising that judgment comes, and comes in the very form in which it came in other ages, and in which God said away back in the days of Moses it would come?

God is chastizing the nations of the earth today. He could have stopped the Assyrians when they came against Samaria at the time the northern kingdom fell, *but He did not do it*. He let them come, and the Word of God distinctly tells us that it was because His people had sinned. He could have stopped the Chaldeans in the days of Zedekiah and Jeremiah when Nebuchadnezzar came against Jerusalem, and the city fell, and

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The Kiss That Heals

A TRUE STORY

REMEMBER one morning when the sky was getting very gray, I stood outside the large iron gates of a local police court and temporary prison," says Eva Booth. "There were people who stood waiting there, some out of curiosity, and some because they had a relative there.

"I waited expectantly for the opening of the gate. I heard the shuffling of heavy feet. They came closer and heavier, then I heard sounds of loud voices, and one especially that got louder and more shrill. It was the voice of a woman. The gates opened wider and then a sight which if eternity can wash away from my mind, time never could. It was a woman. Two policemen walked in front, two behind. One stalwart man held firmly the arm on the right, another the arm on the left. Her hair was uncombed and matted and disheveled. Her temple on the right was blackened with bruises, clots of dry blood stood upon the temple on the left. Her clothes were torn, and bloodstained. She tried to wrench her arms from the grasp of the police. The very atmosphere of the morning was laden with her curses and her oaths. She tossed her head wildly as the six policemen dragged her down the passageway and through the gates.

"What could I do? One more moment and the golden opportunity would not remain, it would spread its wings and go back to eternity, used or unused. What could I do? Could I offer prayer? No, there was not time. Could I sing? It would have been absurd. Could I give a check? She could not take it. Could I quote a verse of Scripture? Whether it was an angel's suggestion or not, I never stopped to find out, but the impulse of a burning desire, which filled my heart as she passed, made me step quickly forward, and kiss her upon her cheek. Whether the police were taken off their guard by my extraordinary action, and had relaxed their grasp I do not know, but with one wrench she freed her arms, and clasping her hands, as the wind spread her matted and disheveled hair, she looked toward the gray skies and said, 'My God,' looking wildly around for a moment, and then up again, and said, 'My God, who kissed me? Nobody has ever kissed me since my mother died,' and lifting up her tattered apron, she buried her face in her hands, and like a little lamb she was led to the vehicle—which took her to prison—saying, 'No one has ever kissed me since my mother died.'

"Later I went to see her and at the door stood the jailkeeper.

"'Oh, yes,' as she swung her keys around and around, 'we have had her here many times before, many times, poor thing. We think her mind is gone. She does nothing but pace up and down her cell asking me every time I go in, if I know who kissed her.'

"I said, 'Would you let me go in and speak to her? I know her, too. I am her best and only friend. Would you let me go in and speak to her right inside her cell?'

"'Yes, yes!' They opened the door and I crept in.

"I saw her face was cleansed, her eyes were large and beautiful, and she said, 'Do you know who kissed me? When the policemen were bringing me in here the other morning somebody in the crowd stepped up and put a kiss upon my face. Do you know who it was?' And then she told me her story. She said:

"'When I was a little girl, seven years old, the only child of my widowed mother, my mother died; she died very poor, although she was of gentle birth. She died in a rear basement in the dark, and when she was dying she called me to her, and took my little face in both her hands, and kissed it, and she said, 'My poor little girl; my defenseless little girl,' and then said, 'O God, have pity on my little girl, and when I am gone, protect and take care of her,' and from that day to this nobody has ever put a kiss upon my face.'

"And then again she said, 'Who kissed me?' I said, 'I kissed you, it was I who kissed you,' and then I reminded her and told her of Him whose love was so much more tender than mine could ever be, and how He came and took the Cross and

Better On Before!

"The Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6.

He it is who doth go with thee,
He who hitherto hath led,
Step by step go forth with Jesus,
It is brighter on ahead!

Seems thy cup so full of blessing?
He can make it overflow;
He can make your pilgrim journey
Brighter every step you go.

Let it be a year for Jesus!
Trust Him, serve Him, love Him more!
Leave the things that are behind thee—
It is better on before!

—E. May Grimes

bore our sins upon Him, and was wounded for our transgressions that He might put the kiss of pardon upon our brow, and I can see now the little pool of tears on the stone floor; hers and mine together. She found light, and joy, and comfort, and healing, and love, and salvation, and before she came out of the prison the officials testified, not only to the change in her life, but to its beauty. And when she came out she was made, through God, the means of salvation to numbers of others who were down as low as she herself had gone, and who were bound with as heavy fetters as she herself had been bound."—From *Life and Light*.

Why Does Not God Intervene and Stop This War?

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a multitude perished, and the most of those who did not perish were carried away into captivity. *But He did not do it.* And the Word of God tells us why He did not intervene. Read 2 Kings 17:1-23 and 2 Chron. 36:11-21. The fall of the northern kingdom, and about a hundred and fifty years later, of the southern kingdom, was brought about as a result of sin.

If Israel had lived righteously, God's chosen people would have been preserved in the midst of a warring world, and the nation would be intact in the land of Palestine today. Every nation that has fallen **has fallen as a result of sin.** War is a divine judgment. It does not always lead to the fall of a nation, but it is always a divine chastisement. The eyes of God are upon the nations today. He is working all things after the counsel of His own will. He has not abdicated His throne. He was seated upon it at the time of the great deluge which was a judgment that overthrew the inhabitants of the antediluvian world. "The Lord sat as king at the Flood; yea, the Lord sitteth as king forever." Psalm 20:29, R. V. *That* was a time of divine retribution, and Noah, or one of his sons, might have inquired, "Could not God have prevented this terrible loss of life, this fearful devastation, this indescribable catastrophe? And, if He could have prevented it, and He is good, why did He not prevent it? How are we going to reconcile our ideas of the omnipotence and goodness of God with what our eyes behold?"

If there is a reason to question God *now*, there was certainly a reason to question Him *then*. But we know why God allowed the Flood to come; we know why He sent it. The wickedness of man was great; man by his persistent evil doing had brought the Flood upon himself. And in these days the wickedness of the nations has called down the wrath of the

Almighty in *this* form of divine retribution.

It is time for the nations to repent. Repentance was what saved Nineveh from destruction in the days of Jonah. It is the only thing that will save the nations today. And *our* nation is one of the nations of the earth. America should repent, should turn from every evil way, and should seek the face of God.

If our nation can be persuaded to do it, it will not be long until she will emerge from this struggle, not weakened by it, but stronger than ever before.

Would that we had a John the Baptist in these days to cry, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"! Maybe God wants every one who preaches the gospel to be a John the Baptist. There are enough Spirit-filled preachers, and people, in the world at the present time, to defeat through prayer the powers of darkness, and to arouse the masses and summon the multitudes to repentance.

To Isaiah God said, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sin." Isa. 58:1. Was there a greater need then than there is now?

Why has God filled us with the Spirit? That we may be witnesses and prayer warriors. God knew what was just ahead in this warring world when He began to pour out His Spirit forty years ago. He knew that the devil was going to make a supreme effort to overthrow Christianity and plunge humanity into chaos and destruction. He knew that the shadows of the approaching tribulation period would soon be enveloping the earth. He knew that the iniquity of the nations was almost full (Read Gen. 15:16), and that the time of national judgments was at hand.

And may it not be true that God raised up the Pentecostal people for such a time as this? Let us not fail Him. Daniel did not fail Him at a time of great crisis, but rose in the majesty of his ennobled manhood, and, identifying himself with his sinning people, prayed a prayer that moved the arm of God and has influenced world conditions from that time to this and will continue to influence them until "the times of the Gentiles" shall have run their course and the glorious age of deliverance shall have come. Read the 9th chapter of Daniel. Let us do likewise.

There Is a Price to Pay

"The law of God is unchangeable: as on earth, so in our traffic with heaven, we only get as we give. Unless we are willing to pay the price, and sacrifice time and attention and what appear legitimate or necessary duties, for the sake of the heavenly gifts, we need not look for a large experience of the power of the heavenly world in our work."—Andrew Murray.

Divine Shoulders

G. F. WHITEHEAD

In three striking passages God speaks to us of His grace under the metaphor of His shoulders. We read first in Luke 15:5 of *the shoulder of His salvation*. "He layeth it upon his shoulders." An interesting fact regarding this parable of the lost sheep is that it appears to have been twice told by our Lord, in different connections.

In Matthew 18 it occurs in a passage specially relating to children: "one of these little ones" (vv. 12, 14), while in Luke 15 it is used with reference to publicans and sinners (v. 1). As to the first of these, how beautiful are His words in v. 6, "one of these little ones *which believe in Me*." Here we have faith in the Saviour in the case of a child. Thank God there are many such. Who does not know of them?

And when the sheep is found, He "layeth it upon His shoulders." What a blessed place to be! Those shoulders uphold the universe. Col. 1:16, 17. And when the sheep is safely there it may cease from all struggles to save itself, and rest secure. And there are besides mighty hands to keep it there, should there be any danger of its falling off. John 20:28, 29. So He brings it safely home, to His own exceeding joy (Luke 15:6) and that of the saved one.

Then we read in Ex. 28:9 of *the shoulders of His priesthood*. On the shoulderpieces of Aaron's priestly garments of "glory and beauty" were to be fixed two onyx stones, and upon them were to be graven the names of the twelve tribes of Israel—six names on each stone. These were to be for "stones of memorial," to be borne before the Lord upon Aaron's shoulders for a memorial." v. 12. Thus, when Aaron came before God as the representative of the people, God beheld in him the whole of Israel. Just as in the case of Aaron's mitre (Ex. 28:38), it is said "It shall be always upon his forehead that they may be accepted," so here their names were to be upon his shoulders that they might be remembered.

Christ, our great high priest, is ever before God, who in beholding Him beholds His saints in Him (Eph. 1:6), never to be for a moment forgotten, nor to fail of His love and care; never to be for a moment out of His sight. We may be forgetful of Him, but never He forgetful of us. We are forever loved. Not only all the saints collectively, but each saint individually has the love of the Father for the sake of His dear Son.

John 16:27. He who marks the fall of one sparrow, and would know if one star failed (Isa. 40:26), can well undertake the care of each of His children, much more precious to Him than the sparrows and the stars.

Finally, we read in Isa. 9:6 of *the shoulder of His government*. Oh for the time when the government of this poor world shall be placed upon His shoulder; when from the throne of David He shall "order it and establish it with judgment and with justice and increasing peace." v. 7. No such government has yet been known, nor will be until He comes whose name shall be called "Wonderful." Then shall a time of unimagined blessedness come upon this earth.

How can it come to pass? "The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this." Meantime what of our individual lives? Shall not their government be upon His shoulder? Then shall lives be ordered and established, and hearts be in peace. May the "increase in His government and peace" be our happy portion, to His praise and glory.

Reconciled

"God Himself has nothing against any sinner who puts his trust in Jesus." This was a statement that we printed in the Evangel of November 7, but unfortunately we gave the wrong reference. The correct reference is 2 Cor. 5:18, 19, and not 1 Cor. 5:18, 19. "God . . . hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ . . . God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." The message of God's ambassadors to men everywhere is, "Be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him (Jesus Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

Recreation

I take no pleasure which does not tend to the glory of God; thanking God every moment for all I do take, and therefore rejecting every sort and degree of it which I feel I cannot so thank Him in and for.—John Wesley.

Praying Through

"Answers to our prayers have to come through an enemy's country." "Think of Daniel," says one, "praying three weeks—there were no 'results' that he could see, but all the time the angel was gaining victory."

Homemade Children

DR. WALTER L. WILSON

The child is a reflection of the home in many respects. It is not always so. Sometimes the worst child comes from the best home. Sometimes the best child comes from the worst home. Godliness does not run in the blood, neither does wickedness. Nevertheless, it is quite true that in most cases the child represents the feelings and the attitudes of the parents.

Have you noticed in the Scriptures that the teaching and the instruction of the children is placed in the hands of the father? We do not read that the mothers are to teach their children. It is the fathers who are to do this important work. The mothers train children, feed them, clothe them, counsel with them, but the things of God should come from the father's lips particularly and principally.

How many of you fathers have ever kneeled with your children and pleaded with God for them and pleaded with them for God?

Do your children respect and honor the God that you know? Do they love the God who has been so wonderful to their parents? Do they see in your life a love for the Scriptures, a reverence for God? Do they see you walking with God?

It is well to notice that David in his closing days called Solomon to his bedside and said to him, "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever." 1 Chron. 28:9.

David had a God who was so real and personal and so precious that he could recommend Him to Solomon, the young man. David had enjoyed such a blessed walk with God and had seen such miracles from God that he could commend this same God to his son. How many of you fathers can do this? Our children will take their impressions of God, of Christ and of the Bible from us, their parents, as they watch us in the home, in society, and in business. These impressions will affect their faith.

Our children will think more of their father's teaching than of the teaching of anyone else. If we do not teach them the truth of God in the home, they will believe the false teachings of their teachers in school and elsewhere. Unless we have filled their hearts with the truth of God, they will let false teachers fill their hearts with the lies of Satan. We are

the channels through which their faith will be fed. When their faith is rooted and grounded by our ministry, then all the sophistries of educational institutions will fall unheeded upon their ears.

The child's feelings in regard to etiquette, politeness, and other such graces will be deeply affected by what he sees and hears in the home. Children are very quick to notice the attitude of the father to the mother and to other relatives. They are keen to catch up the gossip at the table, the severe criticisms of others. Children are like sponges. They absorb all that comes near them. When squeezed in public, they let out what they took in. This is to be expected. How godly the home should be! Someone has said that whatever is in the well comes up in the bucket. Whatever is in the spring comes forth in the stream. If a cow grazes on smart weed it will be tasted in the milk. So it is with the lives of children. You who are parents

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are filling the hearts and minds of your children with that which they see and hear from you in the home.

It is for this reason that God said so specifically in Deut. 6:7, "Thou shalt teach them (the Word of God) diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." What splendid young people we should have in our schools and colleges if these instructions were appropriated and practiced. How blessed would be the conversation and the conduct of our children if they came out of such an atmosphere. Handkerchiefs in the leather case will partake of the perfume that is hidden there. Butter in the ice box will partake of the odor of onions. Children partake of the atmosphere in which they live and move from day to day in the home.

The Sunday School teacher cannot be expected to undo in forty minutes the damage that has been suffered during the rest of the week. The Sunday School teacher by a brief contact cannot offset the evil influences of bad contacts throughout the seven days. The preacher by his message on Sunday cannot controvert nor remove the effects of the things the child has had at home for the remainder of the week. Child Evangelism depends largely for its good results upon the co-operation of the home folks.

Sarah gave to the world a godly Isaac. Hannah, because she prayed and wept before God, gave to Israel that godly prophet, Samuel. Ruth left the wicked associations of Moab to follow the God of Israel and because of this, had the honor of being the grandmother of King David, the singing seer of Israel. These were godly mothers but the fathers in most cases were godly too.

God represents Himself to us as being our Father, not our mother. As our Father, He provides sufficiently; as our Father, He meets the need adequately; as the Father, He gave us His Son. As our Father, He knows that we have need of all these things. A saved father is in this relationship to his children. The Scripture tells us that the father is to make known to the children the wonderful works of God. The son asks the father, "What mean ye by this . . . ?" How blessed it is when the child comes to the father about Christian things, asks for counsel and information, and shows an interest in God's purposes and plans. How necessary then it is that the father be able to answer. The father is supposed to be under the protection of the blood of the Lamb. He should be able to guide aright the inquiring child as he seeks the right.

Fathers usually have a deep interest in the physical welfare of their children as well as in their educational program. The

father would like to see his child become a useful citizen, the leader of the class, the victor in the game. The father should go further than this and have a very deep interest in the *character* of his boy. He should want him to be a godly business man, a Christian scholar.

The life of a child is wrecked by sin. God gives him the father and the mother in order to guard against this and to preserve the child as much as possible from evil influences.

A little lad came to Bible class one evening and asked at the door if he might attend. He said he had never been in a Sunday School though he was ten years old. Every Sunday his father and mother attended the picture show and took the children with them. The lad found the Saviour in that first class he attended and two weeks later died of pneumonia. He came just in time. His tragic death as well as his sweet simple faith during those two weeks stirred the parents deeply and well it should. As far as they were concerned, they were rearing their children for God's judgment and eternal wrath. They made no effort in a spiritual way to help their children but reared them even worse than heathen because heathen do have gods that they worship, false gods, of course. Heathen do teach their children to reverence the gods of their parents even though they be only wood and stone. But in America, many parents live as though there were no God at all and rear their children with no knowledge whatever of God, of the Bible, nor of eternity. What a tragedy this is! Surely there is a need for Child Evangelism. Surely we should gather these precious children together in every neighborhood and tell them the story which many of them have never heard and never will hear in their own homes.

As these little ones attend the classes in Child Evangelism, they will return to their homes quoting the verses, singing the choruses, and telling the stories they have heard. Thus the message will enter homes which otherwise would never know God, nor His Christ.

The most important person in the world is a child. When the question was asked our Lord, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" the Scripture says, "He took a little child." We would never go into an assembly of people and say, "I shall now invite the greatest person in this room to come and sit with me on the platform," then send an usher to bring a little child and place beside you. Yet the Saviour did so. It must be so. Since the child is so great in God's sight and so precious, should we not value his soul? If the soul is saved, the body is preserved and the life also is protected from evil influences. The whole person gets saved when the Lord

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The child very readily accepts a message that is given in the right spirit. In most homes, fathers and mothers continually scold their children and seek to make them behave by very crude methods. In many homes, the father and mother never pray with the children but only abuse them. They do not make the home bright, attractive, sweet, and cheery but rather a home of contention and strife. What a blessed thing it is when we can send into the home a precious child, well taught in the child evangelism classes and with a sweet faith that will win the hearts of the parents! These possibilities have hardly been touched in our great country.

The home training is needed particularly in order to preserve the children from the ungodly teachings in our public schools, colleges, and universities. Much effort is being made everywhere to turn the children away from God and from godly living, while very little effort is made to hold the child to his faith and to teach him the logical truths of the Scripture. May our hearts be deeply stirred to accomplish this. May we offer every co-operation possible to those who are at it and may we receive grace from heaven to care greatly and constantly for the souls of boys and girls.

One Way of Winning Souls

Since many of Christ's most searching messages were uttered while He "sat at meat" with Pharisees and others, Paul H. Graef wondered, many years ago, how he might present the claims of Christ to a business friend, and was led to make a luncheon engagement with the man. The result was the friend's conversion.

This convinced Graef that a fruitful way had been opened to him for reaching hearts with the Gospel, and for fifteen

years scarcely a week has passed without his having invited one or more persons to lunch, and spoken to them about Christ's claims. Care has always been taken to choose a place where the environment is correct, and the food and service good. No controversy was ever indulged in. The guest was made to feel that Mr. Graef's interest was solely to establish a personal faith in Christ. Some had never confessed Christ; others were professing Christians and church members.

He declares: "It never failed to astound me that so great a number of professing Christians have so little real understanding of the Gospel. In one period of nine months I could recall by name twenty-five men whom I found to be members of Protestant churches, and who, when asked, 'Do you know yourself saved?' were unable, with one exception, to answer in the affirmative. Of the twenty-four, one and all professed to rejoice in the assurance of salvation before leaving the table.

"One man had been an active churchman for years, an elder, superintendent of the Sunday School, and treasurer of the church. When asked in a most tactful way if he knew himself to be a 'saved' man, he was evidently puzzled. When the question was repeated he answered, 'I do not know what you mean.' It did not take long to show him from God's Word that every believer can and should have full assurance of being saved, and he rejoicingly accepted this wondrous and peace-bestowing truth. On parting he said, on his own accord, 'I shall make it the great purpose of my life, from this time on, to help others to know the truth.'"

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The **GOSPEL** in FOREIGN LANDS

"V-Mail" From Brazil

In a letter written on Christmas Day, Lawrence Olson reviews activities and progress at Lavras, Brazil, during recent months. At the time of writing he had just returned from the annual Sunday School program which proved to be the best thus far. In spite of a heavy rain, the church was well filled. "Our hearts were just thrilled to see the children," writes Brother Olson, "blacks, whites, and browns—all happy in Jesus, some taking part in a program of this kind for the first time in their lives. At the close we prayed with three for salvation.

"We have seen a steady progress here in Lavras, in spite of several families having moved away. A number of the many who have knelt at the altar for salvation are standing true—among these a fine young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Campagnolli,

from Sao Paulo, who came to town to open a sewing school. Through a sister's carrying her Bible on the street, a conversation ensued which led to their attending our meeting that night. At the altar call both came forward. This couple had been steeped in Esoterism (a secret magic cult which is widespread here in Brazil), but now they have left their books of magic and are earnestly studying the Bible, feeling that God wants to use their young lives in His blessed service.

"On November 8 I baptized four in water, and on December 6 two more followed the Lord in the same way.

Receives Baptism While Asleep

"From Nepomuceno we can report added blessings. On December 5 we baptized five believers, with an audience of perhaps 250 onlookers. The work has grown so that

the hall recently rented is too small and we have to find a larger place. The whole town is being stirred; people who never would go near a Protestant church before are attending services regularly and seeking the Lord. The leader of the meetings, Paulo Lobo, not long ago received the Baptism in the Spirit. Strange as it may seem, he was baptized while asleep, shortly after a meeting. He told us afterward that in his dream he was speaking in tongues and seemed to be transported to the heavenly world. He was in reality speaking in tongues, and awakened the whole household. It was a glorious night for Paulo, as he had sought earnestly for some time. Since then he has had many refillings. In spite of long hours at manual work to support his large family, he gets up early to study God's Word and the Bible study notes we have placed in his hands.

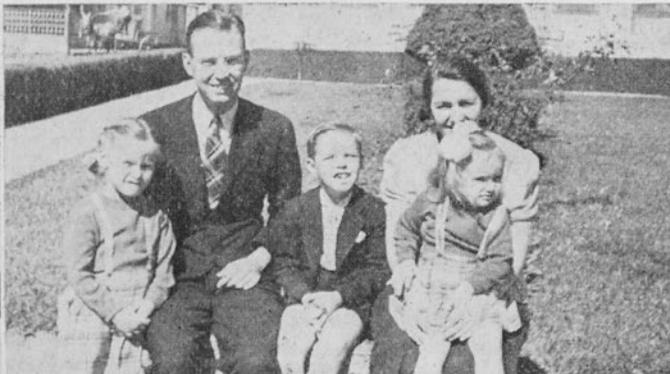


This boy, living in Nepomuceno — suffering with lockjaw, given up by the doctors — was marvelously healed in answer to prayer by the believers. Today he is in perfect health.

Was It a Good Investment?

"I must recount some victories in our newest field, which has been opened through a donation of \$100.00 sent to us for a worker: One of the new converts at Perdoes, where our worker Paulo Sales was laboring, began testifying to a number of farmers at a town called Cana Verde (Green Cane). Disappointed in their own religious leaders, these farmers showed great interest in the gospel. They began buying Bibles in order to examine the truth for themselves. Soon they wanted meetings, so Paulo went out there. In the first meetings people began to get saved, as many as forty, and even more, at a time. A revival was on!

"Paulo continued these services which were well attended both by farmers and servants. In October I went to Cana Verde to baptize the first fruits, eight happy believers, the first of whom was an old negress over seventy years of age. Afterwards our enemies made up a false story that she had taken pneumonia as a result of the baptism, but she did not suffer even a cold from it. Glory to God!



(1) Lawrence Olson and Antonio Souza Pinto, visiting the believers in the country near Nepomuceno. Antonio disposed of a liquor business to follow Jesus. (2) Brother and Sister Olson and family. (3) Group of believers recently baptized at Nepomuceno. (4) Two sisters in the flesh and in the Lord. Ozilina, on the right, was a tobacco-chewing, hardened sinner, until Jesus found her; now she is a real Christian, brightly shining for the Lord in her corner of the town.

"An ungodly man in this town had blasphemed when a friend of his said he was going to be baptized. 'You!' he exclaimed, 'I'll baptize you with an armadillo's tail.' But he, too, was present at the baptismal service and maintained an attitude of utmost respect throughout the proceedings. Since then Paulo has been well received in the home of this man.

"The work is going on, the number of believers already having increased to more than one hundred. Among those who have been saved is a child medium who formerly would be aroused in the dead of night to lead a 'spirit procession' through the fields. At least five have been baptized with the Holy Spirit, and Paulo writes for me to come as soon as possible to baptize another fifteen to twenty in water. He and his family have now moved to Cana Verde since the work demands so much time. The believers already are assuming most of his support, besides having donated land for a church building which they hope to erect after the rains are over (about March). I am sure that friends who have remembered our work in prayer will be glad to hear of this great victory which must be the result of your prayers."

HEALTHY GROWTH IN VENEZUELA

"The work here is moving forward nicely," report Mr. and Mrs. Yngve Olson. "New people are coming to the services continually, and almost every week someone steps forward for salvation. The Lord has blessed also in the healing of the sick.

"Last month I went to Maracay and there baptized 19 converts. It was a wonderful day of refreshing—the blessing really started Saturday night in a service which lasted until 10:30, some continuing in prayer until midnight. The candidates all gave splendid testimonies at this service. One was especially interesting, that of a man who had been quite a bad character but was wonderfully saved. He had been baptized by sprinkling but now was convinced of his need of immersion, as well as of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

"Sunday morning the baptismal service was held at a river outside the city. In the afternoon we had communion and in the evening an evangelistic service. The hall, which had been enlarged to almost double its former capacity, was full, with many standing outside."



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"Do those natives have horses?"

is a very frequent question. Our reply, of course, applies only to Mossi Land and environs where horse-breeding is so extensive. The tsetse fly, carrier of sleeping sickness and death to horses and cattle, is not so prevalent in this area, and horses are plentiful. They are unimproved stock and do not exhibit the fine characteristics of the Arabian thoroughbreds.

The natives never work their horses but use them for riding only—both travel and racing. Africans love to race horses for money, just as worldly Americans! They do not turn their horses out to graze much, but the horseboy cuts grass and brings in bundles which he chops up fine with an ax for the horse to eat. Each day the horse is taken to a well, stream, or puddle, where it is watered and given a splash bath. Usually a man is much more concerned over caring for his horse than he is for his wife. We have known a heathen to cry when his horse died, but not shed a tear when his wife passed away. It would be cheaper and easier to get another wife than another horse!

Elaborate Leatherwork

is provided for the horses of the royalty and well-to-do natives. Leatherworkers make the saddles, bridles and fancy accoutrement, which bring a high price. They also make brightly embroidered riding boots such as the writer has exhibited in many meetings to the astonishment of people who

do not know how clever the Africans are. On Mohamemdan holidays the Moslems appear in full regalia, each one on some sort of horse. It seems as though every Moslem must have a horse to ride. It makes quite an impressive display to see the flowing garments, the bright trimmings on the saddles, bridles and riding boots, and the brandishing of spears as four abreast the horsemen charge up before the chief and rein in their horses brutally till their four feet slide in the dust, while hunters with muzzle-loading muskets fire blank charges under their horses' feet.

It was probably such a display of horse power that led a missionary of the Middle East to surmise that the army of 200,000,000 horsemen mentioned in the Revelation will be composed of Moslems.

Often during the fete days of Islam we have seen horses' sides bloody from the raking by wicked spurs. Often have we seen the animals frothing blood at the mouth, rearing up, dancing on the hind feet and pawing the air with the forelegs, in pain from the spade bit. Surrounding throngs cheer at such display of horsemanship.

Man Rides, Woman Walks

That is the order among the heathen. How common it is to see a man riding along complacently with naught but spear in his hand, while his wife trudges along

behind, carrying a heavily loaded basket on her head and baby on her back. Only in the event of sickness and in the case of one woman chief have we seen women on horseback.

Do Africans Eat Horsemeat?

Yes, and Americans are beginning to do likewise! We knew personally one middle-aged man who was so hungry for meat that he ate too much horsehide and it swelled up until he died in terrible agony.

Pacers Are Trained

when they are colts, a length of rope being tied between the forelegs and hind legs. These are used for long journeys and are far less tiring to ride than an untrained horse.

Horses and Hebrews 6:19

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast. . . ." Since there is no word for "anchor" in the Mossi language, the missionaries were faced with the problem in translating this passage. But the same Holy Spirit who inspired the original is with us today, and as they waited on the Lord, Brother Wilson was led to use the figure of a picketing-peg which cannot be rocked loose nor broken. That conveys the thought to the Mossi mind, because they set a mushroom-topped peg in the ground and tie a horse's foreleg to this by a short rope. No matter how much the horse rears and snorts, he cannot break loose. So what to us is "an anchor sure and steadfast" is to the Mossi "a picketing peg which cannot be rocked loose nor broken." Hallelujah! Jesus Christ has bound us with cords of love to the horns of the altar.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Whole Bible Sunday School Course

The Tower of Babel and the Call of Abraham

Lesson for February 14.

Lesson Text: Genesis 10:1 to 12:9.

I. THE REBELLION OF MANKIND.

1. Human Life. 11:1-3. In the years that followed the Flood, the people of the earth multiplied and apparently lived a nomadic life, journeying from place to place, bound together by unity of language. They at last reached the land of Shinar, the plain in which Babylon was afterward situated (10:10). Due to the fertility of the plain, the people conceived the idea of permanently settling there, for they began to make brick and build a city and a tower.

2. Human Sin. 11:4. Before long, their ambitions became definitely sinful and contrary to the revealed will of God, for they said: (1) "Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." Nimrod (10:8-10), founder of the kingdom of Babylon, was evidently leader of this move. There existed in Mesopotamia temple towers called "ziggurats," which rose to an immense height as if intended to scale heaven. And since "the highest stage in an Assyrian or Babylonian ziggurat was surmounted by a shrine of deity," there is some possibility that the motive of men in building the tower was to storm heaven and wage war against God. At any rate, out of this city grew the Empire of Babylon which afterward became the most terrible of all strongholds of idolatry and the center of every false cult and religion.

(2) "Let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad." This godless ambition was an organized rebellion against God's will that they should scatter and colonize the whole "earth" and not merely a section of it. 9:1,7. In this entire account there is no mention of God or consideration of His will. Man by his own statements betrays himself as being a self-seeking, self-exalting, God-excluding creature. He has not changed! Today we see men and nations organized just as definitely against God. But man's schemes shall be frustrated; Christ shall come to reign on the earth, fulfilling in every detail of His righteous kingdom the will of the Eternal God!

II. THE SCATTERING OF MANKIND.

1. How they were scattered. 11:5-9. "And the Lord came down to see." Nothing is hid from His eyes which "run to and fro

throughout the whole earth." To rebel against God in matters great or small is to court certain defeat and judgment. God saw that if man were left to himself, there would be no limit to his sin and lawlessness. He did the only merciful thing—intervened by confusing the language of the people so they could not understand one another. Thus they scattered over the earth.

2. Where They Were Scattered. Chap. 10.

Because of the confusion of tongues recorded in 11:1-9, mankind was scattered over the earth according to language and race as recorded in chapter 10. In point of time, therefore, 11:1-9 should really precede chapter 10. All races originally sprang from three sons of Noah: from Ham came

spread the knowledge of the true God and of Christ who became the Redeemer of mankind.

The purpose of the genealogy in 11:10-26 is to show the descent of Abraham who was to become the father of the chosen nation and the spiritual father of all believers.

1. Abraham's Early Life. 11:27-32. Abraham's first call from God came to him while in Ur of the Chaldees. See Acts 7:2-4. His father Terah was an idolater (Joshua 24:2,15), and his three sons undoubtedly followed his example. Did God call Abraham because of any native worthiness? We think not. The grace of God alone can account for his call. However, Abraham's life and conduct justified his call.

From the ancient rabbis has come a legend concerning Abraham's action at home after receiving divine light. "In his father's house there stood one great idol and a large number of smaller ones. Abraham broke the smaller ones and then placed the hammer in the hand of the big idol. 'They quarreled among themselves,' he later explained to his dumbfounded father, 'and the big one took the hammer and shattered them all. Behold, it is still in his hands!' 'But there is no life and power in them to do such things,' his father answered in a rage. 'Why then dost thou serve them? Can they hear thy prayers when thou callest upon them?' said Abraham." This story may seem fanciful, and yet something of that nature may easily have occurred when Abraham received the revelation of the true God. At any rate, the time came when Terah and his family left Ur for the land of Canaan.

2. Abraham's Call and Commission.

"Now the Lord had said unto Abraham, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." Note the following aspects of this call and apply them to the life of every Christian, for all are called to walk in the faith of Abraham:

(1) The call meant separation from home ties, loved ones, country, many things held dear. Compare Matt. 10:36-39; Col. 3:1,2; Phil. 3:7-11.

(2) The call involved the hardships of travel, of changing environment, of venturing the unknown, of loneliness, etc. Compare 2 Cor. 4:8-18; 11:24-28; Rom. 8:18.

(3) The call was wise. Faith must be developed. As long as the bird lingers in the comfort of the nest it cannot know the luxury of flight. As long as the trembling youngster holds to the bank, he will not know the thrill of diving into the deep and swimming. As long as men cling to that which is natural and temporary, they cannot know the reality and blessedness of things spiritual and eternal.

BABEL VS. PENTECOST

(TWO MIRACLES OF TONGUES)



- ① Rebellion
- ② Building against God
- ③ Confusion
- ④ Curse
- ⑤ Man-honoring
- ⑥ Division



- ① Obedience
- ② Building for God
- ③ Harmony
- ④ Blessing
- ⑤ Christ-honoring
- ⑥ Unity

the Africans; from Shem the Semitic peoples—Arabs, Assyrians, Israelites, etc.; Japheth the Indian peoples, the Europeans, the Indo-Germanic or Aryan race.

III. THE CALL OF ABRAHAM.

Gen. 11:10 marks a new division of the Book. The previous chapters form an introduction to the history of the Hebrews, covering a period of about 2,000 years, giving us the history of the entire human race, and explaining why a plan of redemption became necessary. From 11:10 onward we discover how God began to work out His plan of redemption through individuals who became ancestors of the nation chosen to

(4) The call was merciful. Abraham was not called for his own sake only, but that he might become the father of a separated nation which should be a blessing to all nations, and that he might set an example of living by faith which should inspire men until the end of time.

3. Abraham's Response. "And he went out not knowing whither he went." See Heb. 11:8-10. How inspiring and heart-stirring are these simple words. At the very outset Abraham manifested the faith which afterward characterized his entire life. Consider the following aspects of his faith: (1) The confidence of faith. "So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken unto him." He took God at His word. (2) The obedience of faith (4-6). The obedience that was at first partial is now complete. To obey often requires faith, is a condition of faith, and is an inseparable part of faith! (3) The influence of faith. "And Lot went with him." When we take a stand of faith we inspire others. (4) The confession of faith (6-7). Abraham pitched his tent and built an altar of sacrifice. In so doing he showed he was a pilgrim and stranger in the land and testified to the heathen around him of his faith in the true God. "The tent and the altar sum up the life of the true believer." (5) The endurance of faith (8-9). Abraham had to wait for the fulfillment of the promises of God. He had no children,

though a nation was to descend from him; he had only a tent dwelling, though a great land was promised. Yet "he endured as seeing Him who is invisible." Let us follow his example.—J. Bashford Bishop.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Walawale, Gold Coast, West Africa—Please pray that God will raise up young men to take the leadership in the native church.—Arnold C. Weston.

Witbank, South Africa—Pray that the Lord will make it possible to open a Bible School for native workers in South Africa. Pray that as Bible conferences are held from place to place the Lord will give the native workers the vision of lost souls and set them aflame to preach the gospel to their own people. Pray that revival fires may be started in every part of the mission field as we go from one place to another. Africa can only be evangelized by a Holy Ghost revival.—Fred Burke.

Ajmer, North India—Praise God for the souls that have been saved. We trust there may be many more, and also we want an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.—N. C. Moffat.

Jubbulpore—We have recently started English meetings among the soldiers from South India who do not understand the native language here. God has blessed the few meetings we have had thus far. We covet your prayers.—J. M. Lewis.

Jaffna, Ceylon—Please pray earnestly for five people who are looking to the Lord to heal them for His glory—(1) a young man to be healed of insanity, (2) a woman from deafness, (3) another from diabetes, partial blindness and great weakness, (4) one from trouble in her foot from which she has suffered for years, and (5) still another who has paralysis. Please pray that the Lord may lead and guide in the matter of opening a much needed Bible School for the training of Ceylonese workers. This is our greatest need at present, and we earnestly covet your prayers.—Rosa Reineker.

Mexico City, Mexico—Please pray that God will bless the simple message of salvation given in the new homes we visit, and that those who do personal work may be given favor with the people. Pray that funds may be sent in to complete a number of church buildings which have been started. Please pray for some of our faithful workers who have been sorely tried, and for some who need healing.—H. W. Ayers.

WITH THE LORD

Brother Ole Andreas Seversen, who had served as pastor and evangelist for many years, passed on to his heavenly home November 23, 1942. Our tender sympathy is extended to his wife and children in their great loss.

Reports from the Reapers

WILDER, IDAHO—We have just closed a 5-week revival with Paul Nickens of Tulsa, Okla., as the evangelist. Thirty-five were saved and 4 received the Holy Ghost Baptism according to Acts 2:4. All the saints were revived. Our assembly is growing and the record attendance of our Sunday School is 124.—Ollen W. Fish, Pastor.

WILDHORSE, OKLA.—Evangelist O. P. Cunningham of Texas conducted a 2-week meeting here, one of the best since our coming here 2½ years ago. Ten were saved, one was filled with the Spirit, and 7 were added to the church. At times the blessing of the Lord was so great that our brother could not minister. Several were healed. Our church is located 16 miles east of Hominy.—C. H. Miller, Pastor.

STERLING, COLO.—God has wonderfully blessed us here, making it possible for us to buy a church and parsonage. The church was dedicated November 24. December 1 we began a 3-week revival with Evangelist Thelma Dotta. The doors and windows of heaven were opened through prayer and we witnessed a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Fourteen were saved, 15 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and several testified to marvelous healings. Sister Dotta's ministry proved a blessing and was greatly appreciated.—Pastor and Mrs. E. H. Kauffman.

RICHMOND, CALIF.—In July, 1942, we were called to pastor the Richmond Full Gospel Assembly. Since then God has graciously poured out His Spirit, giving us many souls and fulfilling His promises according to the Word in many other ways. In order to accommodate the increased attendance it was necessary to enlarge our auditorium and purchase many more seats. Many from other States have come to worship with us and we praise God for their testimony. Richmond is a great ship-building center. If you have any friends or loved ones living here, we should be glad to contact them.—Pastor and Mrs. C. Ely Persing, 222 13th St., Richmond, Calif.

TAMPA, FLA.—On October 27, 1942, we began a revival at the Mount Zion Assembly with Evangelist June Newbold of Indianapolis, Ind. During the weeks which followed, God gave us a gracious outpouring of His Spirit, and souls were saved. As we were at that time without a pastor, Sister Newbold acted as supply pastor and evangelist. At the close of the revival she was elected pastor, with Mrs. Oren Donovan of Orlando as her coworker. Since then God has enabled us to have the parsonage repainted within, and to purchase some new furniture. Many have been saved and new members have been added, among them being G. M. Willis Jr., who was

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united in marriage with Miss Newbold on December 26, at the Sanford Assembly.

We are working to finish ceiling our church, and to paint it within and without.—Ruby Miner, Church Secretary-Treasurer.

CHICAGO, ILL.—One year ago Bethel Temple, 1901 Washington Blvd., extended a call to Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Ralstin to become our pastors. They assumed their duties the first of February. We praise God

for evidences of His divine approval upon their ministry. Many have sought the Lord for salvation, some have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and most remarkable healings have been experienced in answer to the prayer of faith.

During the eleven months of Pastor and Mrs. Ralstin's ministry among us, we have spent \$1,600.00 improving our main auditorium, laying new carpet, refinishing the pews, cleaning the cushions, finishing the floors, etc. We installed a stoker for

our furnace at a cost of \$600.00, and paid the last \$3,800.00 on our mortgage. So at our watch-night service we had cause for rejoicing. We thank God for sending Brother and Sister Ralstin to be our pastors.—Earl T. Carmichael, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS—The year 1942 has been by far the greatest of our three years as pastors here. Every department of the church has increased in every way. Our Sunday School attendance averaged over 100 for every Sunday in the year, and reached an all-time high of 145. The Lord has wonderfully supplied work in the defense effort for 50 per cent of our men and women. We have been able, by the Lord's help, to get an old debt straightened out. In the past year the Lord opened up a way for us to have a radio work which has increased until at present we have in addition to the home church, a nice building in the heart of town, where we broadcast each Saturday night and each Sunday at 5 p. m. We have named this radio work "The Downtown Church of the Air," and have been on the air almost nine months. Our programs are broadcast over Station KAND, 1340 kilos.

We have had several good revivals this past year. Our evangelists have been Brother Strain of Ft. Worth, Sister Heath of Dallas, and Audine Stognor of Ft. Worth. We have recently called Cecil Pugh to be our Assistant Pastor.—Herbie E. Darnell, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—After laboring in the Rocky Mountain District for more than seven years as evangelist and home missionary and the last year and a half as District C. A. President, we accepted the pastorate of this fine assembly. This is the harbor area of Los Angeles, the center of the shipping industry. Thousands of people are moving in from all over the States to work in the shipyards and airplane factories.

God began to bless from the first Sunday service. The second Sunday morning we encouraged the folk to buy a parsonage and they gave \$857.00. God so blessed that morning that we could not bring the message. Up to date we have paid \$2,500.00 on the purchase price of \$4,000.00. This has been made possible in less than six months. The church has been redecorated inside and out. Souls are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. We have had two revivals since we have been here, R. A. McClure of Pueblo, Colo., and Paul A. Fleming of Laramie, Wyo., being the evangelists. Their ministry was a great blessing to the church and community. We will gladly contact your friends and loved ones in this area upon receiving information concerning their address.—Paul S. Boyer, Pastor.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—I arrived in Moorhead August 16, 1942 for my first service as evangelist. From the first God graciously met with us, and the presence and power of the Spirit of God continued with us.

Bartlett Peterson, our Field Secretary, was invited on the field, and on October 29, at a business meeting, we voted to incorporate and become affiliated with the General Council. We purchased a two-story brick building, with an upper and lower auditorium. We gave a mortgage of \$2,500.00 carried by one of our own people. Since that day miracles have been wrought. Large donations have been received. We have painted and furnished a lovely room for the pastor's headquarters. Now we are redecorating the interior of the lower auditorium. A lady phoned and said she was making out a check to pay for the chairs. Another lady called and said, "I am giving my piano to Calvary Temple." This piano is worth \$150.00. At our evening service we had a wonderful time praising God for marvelous answers to prayer. Monday afternoon a brother handed me \$300.00 in cash. We had another wonderful time of praising God the rest of the day.

It has never before been my privilege to meet and labor with a more consecrated band of Christians than I have met here from Fargo and Moorhead. These saints know how to pray, shout, and give, and when it comes to work there is none better. Surely it has been a wonderful privilege to labor here in the Red River Valley.—Ernest L. Powlesland, Pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—November 22, 1942, a Home Coming and Jubilee was held at Bethel Temple. Extra chairs lined the aisles and many stood during the service which lasted two and a half hours.

E. P. Cooper, one of the first pillars of the church, told of the struggles of those formative years, mentioning the sacrifices which Brother Cox made in order to pay the rent of \$80.00 per month for the first storeroom in which they conducted meetings. Audrey Elikor, pastor of the Ridgeway Heights branch church, spoke words of commendation for the fatherly spirit of their pastor.

Leonard Norris, pastor at Johnsville, spoke of the spirit of tolerance and patience Brother Cox had always shown toward the sheep of his flock. Lulu Bell Hough, recently returned missionary from China, a Bethel Temple missionary, spoke briefly in commendation of the faithful leadership of the pastor.

L. H. Ruppert, church secretary and master of ceremonies, presented Brother and Sister Cox with a gorgeous basket of flowers in commemoration of their twenty-four years of untiring labor in Dayton. Brother Cox endeavored to respond by thanking his people for their thoughtfulness and expression of appreciation,



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but was overwhelmed by emotion. Sister Cox was also presented with a beautiful corsage of red carnations in appreciation of her faithfulness.

Then followed the mortgage burning. The last of the indebtedness on their church property as well as that of the branch church at Ridgeway Heights had been fully paid. It was a happy occasion indeed as Brother Cox, surrounded by his board of deacons, lighted the mortgages. As the flames commenced their work of destruction he lifted his hands and closed his eyes in an attitude of prayer.

J. D. Menzie of Gary, Indiana, brought the afternoon message, speaking on the subject of "Faithfulness." He stated that the history of Bethel Temple was in itself a record of God's faithfulness. He spoke of the faithfulness of the God-called leader and his faithful wife. He also spoke of the faithfulness of the people. He spoke of the evident rewards of their faithful efforts, in the hundreds of souls saved. More than 50 workers have been sent out into the harvest field. A number of churches have been established as a result of these efforts.

Musical numbers were furnished by the Bethel Temple orchestra, the church choir, and the Bethel trio. Warren Bailey, a First Lieutenant in the Air Corps, sang with much expression "The Lord's Prayer."—Condensed from report by James Menzie.

Coming Meetings

WAYNOKA, OKLA.—Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 9. Dewey Heath is pastor. Three services. Basket dinner.—W. C. Crowder, Sectional Fellowship Secretary.

LEAVENWORTH, WASH.—Sectional mid-winter Bible and Prayer Conference, Feb. 2-4. First service, Tuesday, 2:30 p. m. Frank Gray, District Superintendent, will be present.—R. A. Gripp, Pastor.

FLINT, MICH.—Ministers' Institute, Riverside Tabernacle, 2215 Lewis St., Feb. 15-17. Gale Lewis, District Superintendent, in charge; A. G. Ward, main speaker. Churches of Flint will furnish rooms for visiting ministers and workers.—A. L. Parker, Pastor.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Burning of Church Mortgage, Riverside Full Gospel Tabernacle, 688 Tonawanda St., at all-day Western New York Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 12. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Flem Van Meter, speaker.—Gordon R. Bender, Pastor.

YATES CENTER, KANSAS—Southeast Kansas Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 12. Basket lunch at noon. I am new in the Kansas District and earnestly desire to get acquainted with the brethren. A warm and hearty welcome awaits you at our friendly little church.—T. T. Stephens, Pastor, 407 N. Prairie St.

GRATON, W. VA.—Ministerial Fellowship and C. A. Rally, Western Section of Potomac District, Feb. 22. Morning service 11:00. Frank Sharp in charge; 2:00, ministers' fellowship and discussions; 7:30, C. A. Rally. Please bring basket lunch.—Russell W. Harvey, Sectional Vice President, Bridgeport, W. Va.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 26th annual Rocky Mountain District Council will convene at People's Tabernacle, 20th and Lawrence Sts., Denver, Colo., Feb. 8-11; General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, guest speaker. Convention will open with District Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 7, 8:00 p. m.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Southwest, Lawton, 5th and G Sts., Feb. 8-10; South Central, Ada, Feb. 22-24; East Central, Henryetta, March 8-10; Southeast, Hugo, March 15-17; Central, Oklahoma City, March 22-24; Northwest, Enid, April 12-14; North Central, Fairfax, April 26-28; Panhandle, Woodward, May 10-12; Northeast, Tulsa, Capitol Hill Assembly, May 24-26.—W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

ARIZONA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The fourth Arizona District Council will convene at First Assembly of God, 11th St. at Garfield, Phoenix, Arizona, Feb. 2-7. The Credentials Committee will meet with all applicants at 10:00 a. m., Feb. 2. First service Tuesday evening, General Superintendent E. S. Williams, special speaker. The District Council will continue through Friday. The Christ's Ambassadors Convention will convene Friday evening and continue through Sunday, Feb. 7, with Klaud Kendrick, Ft. Worth, Texas, as special speaker. Ministers, their wives, and delegates will be cared for as far as possible by the Salt River Valley Assemblies.—N. D. Davidson, District Superintendent, 1225 E. Fillmore St., Phoenix, Arizona.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—C. A. Rally, St. Louis Section, Welleston Assembly of God, 5506 Easton Ave., Feb. 14, 2:30 p. m. Mozie Hart is pastor.—Lester Shockley, President; by E. J. Boettcher, Secretary, 5608 Highland Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

WINNIPEG, CANADA—Manitoba Mid-winter Convention, Calvary Temple, Feb. 16-19. Lee Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla., will be with us Feb. 14-21. Broadcast, Sunday, 10:00 p. m., Stations CJRC, Winnipeg; CJGX, Yorkton, Sask., and short wave CJRX, 11,720 kilos on 25 meter band.—Watson Argue, Pastor.

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Elm and Union Sts., Waterbury, Conn. Send me names and addresses of friends or loved ones and I will contact them immediately.—Pastor C. E. Greenaway, Box 21, Waterbury, Conn.

NOTICE—Send us names and addresses of friends or loved ones at Ellington Field or Camp Wallace, and we shall be glad to contact them. We extend a warm welcome to all defense workers and service men to worship with us, at the Little Log Church, Courtlandt and Aurora Sts., Houston, Texas. Gospel program, Station KXYZ, first Thursday of each month, 2:00 p. m.—Pastor O. L. Davidson, 226 E. 25th, Houston, Texas. Phone T 3214.

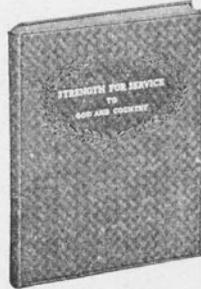
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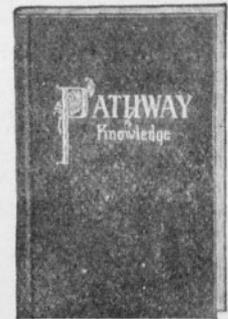
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BIBLELESS HOMES

A recent Gallup poll, taken in 7,600 average middle-class homes, showed that 40 per cent do not even possess a Bible.

THE GOSPEL IN ETHIOPIA

Twenty-five Swedish missionaries are reported en route to Abyssinia in response to an invitation by Emperor Haile Selassie.

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HOPE

General MacArthur says: "It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battle, but in the home, repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'"

AMERICA'S WORST SABOTEUR

During 1941 the liquor industry in the U.S.A. "sank" the equivalent of 213 boatloads of grain, 207 boatloads of fruit, and 13 boatloads of sugar in the making of alcoholic beverages, the *Herald of Holiness* states.

REFUGEES IN NORTH AFRICA

As a result of the occupation of North Africa by American and British forces, one thousand Jewish refugees who had escaped from France to North Africa will be able to go to Palestine, *Jewish Missionary Magazine* reports.

RELIGIOUS IGNORANCE

"Religious illiteracy" is so widespread and shocking at Columbia College that a department of religion is being considered. "References to the most dramatic and thought-provoking incidents in the Bible fall dead with most student groups," Dean Hawkes declared.

"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Tim. 3:7.

HOW NICOTINE ACTS

The University of California has been conducting some experiments to find out how nicotine acts on rats. Nicotine poisoning was found to derange the sexual cycles of the females, to reduce the birth rate as much as 30 per cent, and to increase infant mortality as much as 42 per cent in the first generation, 13 per cent in the second. It looks as though nicotine is a good thing for rats—but how about men and women? Or is there any really good use for nicotine?

A "FALLING AWAY"

There was a time when every respectable American family attended church at least once a week. But today, according to Harry H. McArthur, ninety per cent of our people attend no church regularly. Sixty per cent attend the movies, but only fifteen per cent attend Sunday School. Only eight per cent go to church on Sunday morning and two per cent on Sunday night. Surely there has been a great "falling away"—and God's Word said this should come prior to the "day of Christ." "That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." 2 Thess. 2:3.

AMONG HIGH-SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE

Startling figures were released recently by the New York City department of health. They show that in the high-school age group (ages 15 to 19) there has been a 30 per cent rise in reported cases of gonorrhoea and 22 per cent in syphilis in the first ten months of 1942, as compared with the corresponding period of 1941.

HOW MONEY IS SPENT

According to Bruce S. Wright in *The Arkansas Baptist*, the American dollar before the war was divided as follows: 24 cents is spent for living costs, 21 cents for luxuries, 12 cents for waste, 11 cents for miscellaneous, 10 cents for investments, 10 cents for government, 9 cents for crime, 2 cents for education, and 1 cent for church purposes.

SATAN'S STRATEGY

"This war is a spiritual war"—a statement we hear repeated in essence from many men of differing outlook. "No clearer evidence of this fact is needed," says *The Reaper* (N. Zea.), "than a survey of the mission fields which have been affected by the entry of Japan into the war. Which have been the most fruitful fields of missionary endeavor? Korea, China, Dutch East Indies, Borneo, Siam, Philippines, Solomons? With unerring accuracy the enemy has directed the armies of Japan to these strategic fields, and has paralyzed missionary endeavor. The weapon in the hands of the Church with which to arrest this advance is the weapon of all-prayer. Let us use it."

THE SUBMARINE MENACE

Submarines have taken a terrific toll of Allied shipping to date, and early in January, Admiral Harold R. Stark, commander of U. S. naval forces in European waters, said that the enemy submarine is still our No. 1 naval problem. Until the submarine menace is removed he said that hopes for an early end to the war are "wishful thinking."

Can we not pray that divine intervention will remove this menace that is so costly in human lives and equipment? God intervened in this respect twenty-five years ago. In November 1917, the German submarine strength was at its peak. Night and day for ten months they had been turning them out. They had enough submarines now to sweep the seas of American ships and soldiers. Germany was confident. The Berlin papers of those weeks gloated over the immediate prospect of winning the war by the submarine; when, lo, the seas rolled and raged and would not cease. The submarines, unable to return to their bases because of the fury of the seas, were forced to come to the surface and were captured or sunk—199 of them, with 3,000 members of their crews, and the back of the German submarine warfare was broken.

"O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee? or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea." Psalm 98:8,9. Let us put more trust in Him and less in man.

WILLKIE'S WORDS ON ZIONISM

When the Jews met in Carnegie Hall in November to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, they received the following message from Wendell L. Willkie: "Your case for a national home has always rested upon historic rights and international law. Hitler's program of extermination of the Jewish people has made a case for the conscience of mankind. The doors of Palestine will have to be opened for the homeless Jews of Central and Eastern Europe who will survive this war. The extent of that immigration must be measured by the needs of the Jewish people."

LESS BEER, MORE LIQUOR

The foes of legislation for "dry" military areas argue that by providing beer in army camps our young men are kept from drinking stronger beverages. The truth is that beer drinking leads to liquor drinking, instead of preventing it. This is borne out by the following report from the Nebraska Liquor Commission, published in "Gospel Messenger." The consumption of beer in Nebraska has fallen off, during the past twelve months, by nearly a million gallons, and the consumption of hard liquor has increased by 120,667 gallons. Most young people will never cultivate a desire for alcoholic liquor if they don't take their first glass of beer.

A VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy in World War I, was responsible for banishing liquor from the American Navy twenty-five years ago before national prohibition was enacted, and he thinks liquor should be banned in and around our camps today.

In 1917 he said: "There lies upon us morally, to a degree far outreaching any technical responsibility, the duty of leaving nothing undone to protect these young men from that contamination of their bodies which will not only impair their military efficiency, but will blast their lives for the future and return them to their homes a source of danger to their families and to the community at large." The then Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, made a somewhat similar statement, and there was general approval of these utterances, with the result that the best environment was provided around camps and posts and depots where the young men of both arms of the service were being trained for war.

On Nov. 2, 1942, in an open letter to Senator Reynolds, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, Mr. Daniels said: "The same laws and regulations should be put into effect in this greater war. My experience in 1917-18 justifies me in urging that the Congress act favorably upon a like measure which worked well in that war."

Secretary of War Stimson and others try to tell us that "alcoholism is not a problem in this present war." But many open-eyed observers hold quite the opposite view. And official Army records show that alcoholism in the Army from 1900 to 1940 was at the lowest point in the years 1917-19; namely, only 1.30 per thousand enlisted men. Can Mr. Stimson dispute this testimony? Why not listen to the experienced voice of ex-Secretary Daniels? Our youthful draftees need protection.