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## A Great Opportunity

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We have to date printed 3,245,000 copies of *Reveille*, our special paper for the servicemen, at a cost of approximately \$24,000. In addition, millions of Red, White and Blue tracts have been distributed. Eighteen hundred copies of *Christ's Ambassadors Herald* are being sent each month to chaplains for reading rooms and libraries. Five hundred chaplains are co-operating in the distribution of *Reveille*, one receiving 10,000 copies of each issue.

We have just sent the sum of \$600 to Harry Jaeger, representative of the American Bible Society, for printing and shipping 50,000 copies of a special Easter edition of the Gospel of John to be distributed in the Hawaiian Islands. A number of our Districts

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But we have a large proposition to lay before our constituency now, and that is to help provide 250,000 copies of the New Testament for the Armed forces of the different nations in South and Central America. The

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**OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY**

# God's Need of Spiritual Mothers

ALICE E. LUCE AT CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

A FEW days ago I was in a bus in my home town of Englewood and two soldiers came in. They were drunk to the stage of talkativeness and they were talking loudly one to another. A girl in front began to ask questions of one of the soldiers. She asked where he lived and what his work had been and what family he had, and he told her. Then he remarked, "Oh, I should be ashamed for my mother to see me tonight."

Those words, beloved, have been ringing in my heart ever since. "I should be ashamed for my mother to see me tonight." That boy wasn't ashamed for the citizens of Englewood to see him. He wasn't ashamed to go staggering back into his barracks and let his officers see him. But the moment he thought of his mother there was a felling of restraint. That was the one restraining power in that boy's life.

I want to talk to you about that very influence. I don't need to describe the conditions in this whole world. It is like a poor, drunken soldier. It is staggering down the broad road that leads to perdition. It hardly knows where it is going, but it is going farther and farther away from God. And God needs *mothers* these days. I want to draw your attention to the thought that the one person in the Bible who speaks of his ministry as the ministry of a mother and as a mother's love, is not a woman but a man—the apostle Paul. Let me quote what he says in 1 Thess. 2:7: "We were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." Not as a hired nurse, but as a nursing mother—that is what this means—a nursing mother who holds her baby to her breast and loves it and cherishes it and cares for it; that is the way Paul and his fellow workers took care of the converts, the young Christians.

Now there are two thoughts in motherhood; first, the desire for children, and second, the care of the children. As an illustration of the desire for children, think of what Rachel said to Jacob: "Give me children or else I die." Then think of Hannah who had a good, kind husband who thought he was worth more to her than ten sons; but Hannah poured out her heart to the Lord. She was not satisfied; she wanted children. That is the spirit that sends God's workers out to the field: "Give me spiritual children or else I die." And it is true—my spiritual life dies if I don't have

children; if I don't go out and carry the water of life to others, my life becomes as a stagnant pool that is not only worthless but a menace.

We have to have the desire for children. And then when God brings us to that glorious experience of bringing forth spiritual children for Him, beloved, there is no job in the world like it, especially when the souls you win are those who have been sitting in heathen darkness and have never heard of the Saviour's love. Yes, it means travail, suffering, the going down into death that new life might be brought forth. Paul wrote, "Death worketh in us, but life in you." We have to be willing to go down to death.

In the Godhead is every type of love—mother love, father love, brother love—every kind of pure love comes from God, for God is love. And it always seems to me that the blessed Holy Spirit manifests the mother love of God. We see Him in the beginning brooding over the chaos that had come to God's fair creation. The Spirit was brooding, brooding, brooding—like a hen brooding. What for? That life might be brought forth.

Not only must there be the desire to be successful as soul winners, in the bringing forth of spiritual children, but we must care for them. I was looking at some precious little children who were traveling with us in the train the other day. This mother had a little baby and I had the joy of talking to her about the Lord and saying how that little one had come from God and been given to her. And I thought to myself, when that mother received that precious little one she didn't throw him out in the street to take care of himself. No, and yet, alas, there have been some evangelists who have gone to a place and raised up a family of spiritual children, as it were, and then have gone away and left them to shift for themselves. God doesn't want us to do that. He wants us to care for our spiritual children just as a mother cares for her natural children.

And He who calls us to bring forth spiritual children for Him is the One who will supply our every need for the task. He is El Shaddai. That is one of His glorious names by which He has manifested Himself to us. The Hebrew word "shad" means *breast*. El Shaddai means "The Breasted One," the all-sufficient One. He provides the

mother's milk for the nourishment of the little babe, and it is the perfect and complete food. All the food the babe needs is supplied in the mother's milk. And the Lord said to me, "As you go forth to bring spiritual children into the kingdom for Me and to care for them, I will give you all you need."

The devil would say, "You may be able to get souls saved, but you will never be able to care for them." Well, it is true, we can't care for them, but God is enough. Take El Shaddai as your all-sufficient Helper, and He will give you all you need to supply this "sincere milk of the Word" by which these babes in Christ may grow.

I am going to remind you of three women in the Old Testament.

The first is Miriam. Now the Israelites had just come across the Red Sea, and Moses under the inspiration of the Spirit began to sing that wonderful song that is recorded in Exodus 15. "I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." The men gathered around, and Moses taught the song to them, and in Oriental style they sang it after him. If you ever go to the Orient the Bible will become a new Book to you. You will understand it better. You will see these storytellers, songsters, minstrels singing in just this way and teaching their song to the people who sing it after them. Moses sang unto the Lord and then the others began to join in. As they learned it they taught it to others until all the people were singing it. And they all learned it from Moses like that, by word of mouth.

Miriam, the sister of Moses, is called "the prophetess," one through whom the Lord spoke. A prophet isn't complete if he only has a mouth; he has to have an ear first of all. Miriam not only heard her brother's song but she heard the Lord's voice saying, "Now, Miriam, teach that song to the women." I suppose the women were timid and shy, but Miriam took a timbrel or tambourine, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. Some speak of Miriam as an agile young woman when she sang and danced, but actually she was a woman of ninety-three; however, she was not too old to teach the women the song of Moses. She sang, "Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." And all the women joined in and sang in unison; not only that but they danced before the Lord.

Miriam was a mother in praise. Praise is one of the secrets of successful missionary work. Keep on the level of praise. Pray and pray until you have

prayed through the clouds and got up on the level of praise, and then keep praising. If you haven't yet received the Baptism that is the way to receive. Keep praising. If we want to have this mother love, if we want to be among that glorious company that the Lord is calling for in these days who will be the restraining power in this world that is fast plunging toward destruction, let us ask the Lord to help us be mothers in praise, to get to the plane of praise ourselves and help others to get there. Let us help our spiritual children to praise the Lord. Hallelujah.

Then another one I will bring before you and suggest you should study, is Deborah. The story is in Judges 4 and 5. She is another of these Jewish women whom the Lord used so mightily. He used her in an exceptional way. It wasn't common for a woman to be at the heart of the nation in those days. You wouldn't expect in the day of the Judges to find a woman leading them out to battle, but there she is.

Do you know what "Deborah" means? It means "a bee." She certainly was as busy as a bee. A bee is always going around gathering honey. Not only that, but the bee has a sting also. Notice that in Deborah's life. There was the honey for God's children but the sting for God's enemies. I thank God for every spanking I ever had from my mother. My father spared the rod but not my mother, for which I thank God. Now the Lord wants us to have this beautiful combination of goodness and severity in the care of our spiritual children; love and tenderness mixed with discipline.

I believe that Deborah brought up her children so well that the neighbors began coming in and asking, "How is it that your children always behave nicely and mine are so naughty at church?" And she told them of the need of discipline. Then other mothers came, and Deborah had to put a chair out under an oak tree where she could sit and listen to their troubles. And her job grew and grew until she was judge of the troubles of all the nation. Don't think God can't use you because you are a woman. He can if you are yielded to Him. It isn't all dance and praise. We thank God for those blessed times, but after you have been up on the mount of transfiguration there comes a time when you have to descend into the valley where the disciples found the poor demented boy and were in conflict with the powers of darkness. Let us be mothers not only in praise but in warfare and conflict.

Deborah was a mother in warfare. Barak, who was called to be general, said to Deborah, "Will you go out with me against the host that have been oppress-

ing Israel these twenty years?" Barak said, "If you don't go I won't go." Why did he say that? I don't suppose Deborah ever had had a bow and arrow in her hand. Why then? Because he knew she could touch God, and Barak knew that the victory could come only from God. "The Lord saveth not with sword and spear," but "salvation is of the Lord." Barak wanted Deborah with him because she could touch God. Just as Moses on the mount was holding up holy hands of intercession while Joshua and the army were fighting the Amalekites on the plain, so Deborah was to intercede before God for Barak's army, and God gave a glorious victory. God wants mothers who are not afraid to fight, who will take care of the spiritual children and fight for them and with them against the hosts of darkness.

Dear ones, as I look upon this blessed group of young people who are going out into the conflict, my heart trembles. I think you will have conflict such as we older ones have never known. But I know of a certainty that the God who has brought us through can bring you through. Satan may be (and I believe is) reinforcing his army, bringing up his reserves for a last great onslaught against the hosts of God, but God also is bringing up His reinforcements. I believe God has brought this Pentecostal Movement into existence in order to be as His reserves, brought in to fight in these last days before Jesus comes again. Oh, that we may not fail Him but may be faithful. "Let not your hearts be troubled." "Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

The third woman is Huldah, who is mentioned in 2 Chronicles 34. She was in the "college" at Jerusalem. This college must have been somewhat like a Bible School. My heart is thrilled as I find so many allusions to Bible schools all through the Bible, for I see how greatly the Lord must have appreciated and loved the Bible Schools. You know, Elijah worked two wonderful miracles at a Bible School.

Huldah is a mother in teaching. (See Titus 2:4.) How we need teaching in these days. I notice in the reports of some of our missionary brethren that so many fields seem to be calling for teachers. We need those who can take the Word and not merely preach it but teach it, getting it into the hearts and lives and minds of the converts. You will remember that when Jesus gave the Great Commission He not only said, "Go ye into all the world, and *preach* the gospel to every creature," but He also said, "Go ye therefore, and *teach* all nations, baptizing them in the name

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Jesus is the great Teacher. Wherever He went He not only preached and healed but He also taught, and He has promised to be with us to help us teach. Oh, it is a blessed ministry. The world is going far away from the Lord because it is going far away from His Word. Many have turned the Bible out of their lives and then turned God out of their lives entirely, and the Word is what is needed. I thank God when I hear there is an increasing demand for the Word of God. Only the other day I heard over the radio that the demand for Bibles is so great that they can't meet it, all over the world, even in Axis-dominated countries. We are to go to the ends of the earth and not only to preach but to teach.

When they were cleaning out the rubbish in God's house, the temple, they found an old scroll containing the law of the Lord given to Moses. God's Word had been hidden. Yes, it has been hidden in this country too from a large number of the people and from many of the families. As a result, there are many in our high schools and colleges who don't understand the plainest reference to the Bible. When older men who were taught the Bible refer to some Old Testament character, the students don't know whom they are talking about.

Hilkiah the priest, so anxious to obey the word of the Lord, wanted to find out someone who could explain and teach the Word, but he didn't find a man who could do it. I have wondered where the priests were all this time. In one age after another the priests who were set apart from birth to be God's messengers to the people and to be mediators and to represent God's claims and teach the people, failed in their task. Where were they in those ages when God's Word was forgotten? God had to look around and find a humble shepherd boy like Amos and make him a prophet. Or He had to go down to a humble "college" in Jerusalem and find the prophetess Huldah and use her to bring God's message to a King.

Beloved, there is no joy in the world like the joy of a mother who sees her son successful. Think of a mother who sees her son become President of the United States, for example. She is the proudest mother in the world. She doesn't know enough to fill such a position herself but she is so proud because her son has the job. You will have a similar joy when you see some

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## Because of Covetousness

**K**NOW ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators . . . nor covetous shall inherit the kingdom of God." I Cor. 6:9, 10.

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Eph. 5:5.

The apostle Paul thus warns us that if we are covetous we shall have no inheritance in the kingdom of God. But it was Christ Himself who gave us the strongest warning against this cardinal sin. A man came to Him who was troubled about being cheated out of part of his inheritance. He wanted Christ to speak a word on his behalf to his brother, that he might get his full share of the property. Christ's answer was a rebuke: "Man, who made Me a judge or a divider over you?" Then He added this word for all of us, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:14, 15. For it is written, "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked." Psalm 37:16.

Then Christ went on to tell of one whom the world would call an astute business man. He had made his farm a success and had abundant crops. He consulted with himself—not with the Lord—as to what it would be wise to do. He made the resolve to pull down his barns and build greater. Then with all his abundant resources he would say to himself, "Soul, thou hast goods laid up for many years. You have at last reached financial security. Now you can have a good time. You can take it easy, you can eat, drink, and be merry."

But that night a visitor knocked at his door. It was not a friend who called to see him, but an enemy—the angel of death. The word spoken by the visitor was not one of congratulation on his wonderful business ability. The angel did not say to him, "Thou astute and clever business man!" No, the title given to him was not complimentary. The angel said to him, "Thou fool!" and he added, "this night thy soul shall be required of thee." The question came, "Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" We have brought nothing into the world and it is certain that we cannot take anything away with us.

And lest we should think the message did not have any reference to us, the Master made a broad application that takes us all in: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

These are days when much money is being made, and many will be tempted to the sin of covetousness. Said Evangelist Raymond T. Richey to the writer; "It is well nigh impossible to get any civilians out to meeting in those big centers where the government has erected camps. Everybody has only one concern, and that is to make all the money he can."

Some years ago one of our ministers left his calling to go into secular work. Daddy Welch knew his gift of ministry and was troubled. He went to the place where this minister was working and said to him, "Son, what are you doing here?" "I have to make a living, Brother Welch; and as you know, there's mighty poor picking in the ministry." Brother Welch answered him on this wise: "Son, God has called you to minister His Word. Consecrate and yield your whole life and talents to the Lord, and you will find He will not fail to provide you with what you need. In the Word you read, 'Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure!' Isa. 33:16. Be content with what He provides. Do not look for adequate payment for your services in this life, but you can be sure you will get great reward if you are faithful to the Lord. You will remember His word, 'Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with me.'" Rev. 22:12.

Daddy Welch was always a practical

man. He reached down into his pocket, got out a five-dollar bill and said, "Son, take this. It is an earnest of more the Lord will supply when you return to the ministry into which He has called you." That preacher gave up his secular occupation and returned to the ministry, and has been preaching the gospel ever since. And God has not failed to provide for all his needs and those of his family.

Gehazi thought Elisha extremely foolish in not receiving from Naaman some material gifts, and declared, "I will run after him, and take somewhat of him." He received what he coveted, and he got in addition something he did not covet—the leprosy of Naaman. So it is with the covetous ones on the earth today. They covet what they see of the temporal, and they receive it; and after they have received it they find it to be but vanity and vexation of spirit. And in addition they receive an inward corruption more terrible than Gehazi's outward corruption.

But there is a legitimate covetousness. It is written, "Covet earnestly the best gifts." 1 Cor. 12:31. Elisha coveted the best. It was not the outward mantle of Elijah he desired, but that of which it was a symbol—the mighty power of God. He was asking a great thing when he desired that the mantle of the mighty prophet might fall upon him, and that a great prophetic ministry might be his. But God gave him the desire of his heart. There are but few coveting the mighty power of God and a prophet's life and ministry. There are some who would love to have what they think are a prophet's emoluments, a prophet's name. But they shun the cross, the separation, the life of holiness, the life of prayer which is indispensable to the true prophet of Jehovah.

Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." But a greater than Joshua, the One who bears nailprints in His hands and in His feet, and in whose side there is a wound, puts the question to each of us: "Will you crave the earthly, will you choose the temporal; or will you choose the heavenly, will you choose the eternal?" Whom will you follow—the god of this world who offers you the temporal, or the Christ of Calvary who offers you the eternal? He awaits your answer.—S. H. F.

### "Be Careful for Nothing"

What does your anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow, brother, of its sorrow; but ah, it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape the evil, it makes you unfit to cope with it if it comes.—Ian Maclaren.

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# "By My Spirit, Saith the Lord"

WILFRED A. BROWN

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. 4:6.

THE pride and glory of the Jewish Nation was the magnificent temple which Solomon had constructed. For centuries it had been the rallying point in the religious and civic life of the children of Israel. But one day, because of the sinfulness of the people of God, Nebuchadnezzar, the Chaldean, wrought savage destruction upon it, and took its beautiful furnishings with him back to Babylon. Thereafter, for seventy years God's house lay waste.

In due time, and in strict fulfillment of the prophecies of Jeremiah, God spoke through Cyrus, King of Persia, with a message of hope and cheer. This monarch acknowledged God's good hand upon him and authorized a Jewish remnant, under the leadership of Zerubbabel, to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.

For awhile work on the edifice continued apace and there was every indication that the building would be restored speedily. Unfortunately, however, contrary elements hindered the growth of the work and the servants of God were forced to desist because of the force and power of their adversaries. For sixteen years nothing more was done on the structure.

Then God raised up the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to stir the people to renewed activity. This mightily encouraged Zerubbabel and the people and they resumed their labors with might and main. Material and workers were gathered in abundance and Zerubbabel thoroughly organized them for the task. Everything, on the surface at least, was just what it ought to have been.

Theirs, however, was a spiritual work and it was not long before they again realized the deep and sinister opposition to their holy purposes. The enemy reared his ugly head again and tried to stop the work of God. At this juncture when fear and discouragement were about to paralyze His workers, God spoke, and this was His message: "Not by might, nor by power, but My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

It was as though He had said: "Zerubbabel, I know you have sufficient laborers and supplies. I know you have perfected the machinery of your organization. But, you must remember that all this will be futile to overcome oppo-

sition unless you have the help of My Spirit. Depend on Him and you will succeed. Leave Him out and all human help will fail, even though it should be the might of a powerful army. Do not fear. Trust in Me and the work will be finished."

In the present dispensation the church is likened unto the temple of God, and individual Christians represent the stones which go into its construction. This is set forth in the following words of Peter, "Ye also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house." 1 Peter 2:5.

This work was started on the day of Pentecost and has been continuing with varying degrees of success ever since. There have been times of great revival and ingathering and there have been times when God's true church has been obscure and hidden and well nigh overcome.

Within the past two generations there has arisen a Spirit-filled movement which has swept around the world with its glory and power. God has been honored and multitudes of souls have found refuge in Christ. More than that—a deep spirituality has been built into the lives of countless Christians. It thrills one to witness the transformed lives and godly characters which have come out of the present day Pentecostal outpouring. They are living stones indeed in the house of God.

The heritage of this mighty movement has been tremendous. Numerically, we have grown by leaps and bounds. Financially, we are more able than ever before. When it comes to talent and potentialities for Christian service, the outlook is overwhelming in its brightness and prospects.

With all this there has developed a need of more machinery so that all things may be in order and proceed more efficiently. Our church services, Sunday Schools and Christian activities are fast becoming models of precision and correctness. And so it should be, for dignity, order and capability become God's house and nothing is gained by the lack of these values.

Nevertheless, in spite of all this wonderful inheritance, we are face to face with deeply rooted spiritual opposition to all our undertakings for God. The enemy is strong and is a past master in the use of the various natural values at our disposal. With them, and *nothing more*, we cannot hope to succeed in this great enterprise of building up God's house.

And once again God speaks to us: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." The power of the Spirit alone will give us the full victory over our enemy. The power of the Spirit alone will give our talents and capabilities success. The power of the Spirit alone will continue this great revival in ever increasing power until Jesus comes.

Believers prayed and sought God and Pentecost came. By the same token, God will continue His mighty operations among us and throughout the world as this mighty ministry of prevailing intercession becomes in a still greater way the habit of His people. The resulting power of the Spirit is the all-important essential to the Pentecostal movement. By this God's house will be surely built up.

## At Hand!

I do not know how it may be with others, but I feel that when I can say that the coming of the Lord draweth near, I have a weapon in my hand of no common edge and temper.

I can go to the struggling saint, against whom the battle seems to go hardily, and say, "Faint not, the Lord is at hand, and He will bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

To the saint, wearied with a vexing world, fretted with its vanities, and troubled with the thickening darkness of its midnight, I can say, "Be of good cheer; the Lord is at hand; but a little, and the world shall cease to vex; sooner than you think, the morn will break."

To the suffering saint, I can say, "Weep not, the Lord is at hand; the torn heart shall be bound up, and the bitterness of bereavement forgotten in the joy of union forever."

To the flagging saint, heavy and slothful in his walk, I can say, "Up, for the Lord is at hand; work while it is day; look at a dying world, all unready for its Judge; cast off your selfishness and love of ease."

To the covetous saint, I can say, "The Lord is coming. This is no time for hoarding. Heap not up treasure for the last days."—Horatius Bonar.

## The Secret of Success

"Study universal holiness of life. Your whole usefulness depends on this, for your sermons last but an hour or two. Your life preaches all the week. If Satan can only make a covetous minister, a lover of praise, of pleasure, of good eating, he has ruined your ministry. Give yourself to prayer, and get your texts, your thoughts, your words from God.—Robert Murry McCheyne.

If you are too busy to pray, you are busier than God wants you to be.

# Recollections of a Pioneer Pentecostal Preacher

WALTER J. HIGGINS

Walter J. Higgins, pastor of the Russellville, Ark., Assembly, recently dropped into the Publishing House and told us a few of his experiences. Brother Higgins is one of the charter members of the Assemblies of God fellowship. He told us:

"I began my ministry in 1911, three months after I was converted. My first evangelistic tour was on the banks of the Ohio river, in Shawneetown, Ill. John Brown and I worked together. We worked with our hands in the daytime and preached at night. God gave us 81 souls in that meeting.

"Then we came to Missouri, and from 1912 to 1920 I helped establish thirteen churches in Missouri. Among them was the one at Canalou, Mo., where my wife and I were alone, and Brother Childers helped me. God gave us something over 100 souls in this place. It was at this place that I received a terrible beating. Because the Methodist church could not get a crowd, a man from that church hired a man to whip me, but God sent a revival into the Pentecostal church the following week, and 18 adults received the Baptism.

"On this certain morning when I received this beating, I was seven miles from where I lived, at Morehouse. I did not have time to wash after they beat me, and I was the only one in the back coach of the train. The conductor came and got my ticket, and left. As he left the train, angels came in. And as they came in they were singing. I sang bass with them, and the seven-mile distance was too short—we did not get through with the song, but I had to get off the train anyhow. As I got off the train the people were staring. My face was beaten into a pulp.

"I went to the house of a sister who had recently received the Baptism in Morehouse. On this particular morning I did not knock at the door, I turned the knob and went in. She was washing dishes, about ten o'clock in the morning, and she said, 'My God, what has happened?' I said, 'I received a few stripes for Jesus Christ's sake.' She laid her hands upon my face and prayed for me, weeping, and the Lord healed me excepting for a few marks. From this church at Canalou went out fifteen ministers, who labored in various places.

"Between Salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost in those days they preached a Second Work of Grace. I was saved on Monday night. Tuesday night I was sanctified by a second definite

work of grace, and on Wednesday night I received the Baptism. And between these times the Lord miraculously healed me of tuberculosis. He showed me my lungs like an old frozen turnip that He had thawed out with sunshine. In the Spirit I saw a large hand that touched my chest, and the healing virtue flowed from my head to my feet. And in these thirty-three years I have never been bothered with my lungs. I sing on the streets, in large buildings, under the trees. At present I have a building 70 x 90 ft. and they can hear me in any corner of it.

"After I left Canalou we did evangelistic work for a number of years, and I pastored churches in Illinois and Missouri, spent about eighteen years in Oklahoma, where I pastored some of the best churches. This is my third time of pastoring in Arkansas. I was pastor in Malvern in 1920, pastored at Yellville in 1918. And I have ministered in eighteen States.

"In the Alton, Illinois, pastorate I preached Healing and the people practiced it. They called me at all hours of the night. There was a new family converted, the whole family—I judge, eight—and there was a baby about three years of age, who was sick. They had the doctor come, and the doctor was there when it died. The father and mother asked us to pray for the child, and we did. And it opened its eyes and coughed, and the doctor said he had never seen a person survive after being dead. He attributed it to prayer.

"I have seen a limb shorter than the other made as long as the other. One man totally blind was made to see in just a few minutes at Hot Springs, in 1914. One man was healed of pellagra. He was not allowed to come in, but somehow he slipped in and was prayed for.

"Two interesting things happened in my ministry. One in Granite City, when I was starting in the ministry. I had but one suit of clothes; it got dirty. I had taken it to the cleaners by faith. I put on a pair of overalls and a jumper, and tried to find work. There was no work in the barber shop. I was a barber by trade. A farmer said to me that on the river I might get a job cutting corn. I had gone to this place, nearly three miles out of town, and they were through with their corn cutting. And when I started back home it was too late to earn a dollar that day. I got to praying, and I reminded the Lord that the ravens fed

Elijah and He gave him water to drink, and He kept him. And now would He do something for me? With this, I found a new silver dollar in the path three miles from the town. I do not know how it got there. A man asked me, 'Who do you think put it there?' I said, 'Gabriel.' It was the Lord's supply.

"In my first pastorate at Morehouse, we had spent all of our money to get set up in the pastorate, and in those days we did not take offerings—we preached the gospel and trusted God to send in something. We had run out of everything except potatoes and molasses. We had no salt, no shortening, no bread, no flour. We boiled the potatoes in water, peeled them and soaked them in the molasses, for three days. I said, we will ask the Lord for butter, bread, shortening, pepper and salt. We kept the doors barred because of the hatred toward the Pentecostal movement. One evening as I went to build a fire in the stove—the doors barred and blocked—there was a new market basket on the platform. I had a feeling that this basket was mine. In this basket was flour, butter, bacon, sugar, salt, pepper, and some other articles that I had not asked the Lord for. And where this came from I do not know.

"We have had twelve children born to us, and from the least to the eldest they have known to trust the Lord. One was healed of acute pneumonia. The Lord has always met us in every disease. Our children had diseases like other children, but in all our afflictions He has heard us and healed us of our afflictions.

"I believe it was in 1914 we attended a camp meeting in Essex, Mo. At that time three deaf-and-dumb people were healed; they spoke out clearly.

"Shortly after I was saved I had a vision of the coming of the Lord. I saw the blue sky blaze, and split from one side of the heavens to the other, and roll back like a curtain; and when it did there was an innumerable host that came toward me. I heard the most beautiful music I have ever heard in my life, and leading the procession was Jesus. I could see His golden hair. There was no hurry; they came peaceably. They were a long time getting down to where I was. They were all dressed in white, beautifully attired, and their trumpets were ten to eighteen feet long. And leading the procession was Jesus.

"I never noticed Him particularly until He got close to me. And He did not say anything to me until I had looked

over all this beautiful procession and heard the music. Just above them were big crowns, and in these crowns were stars, and they were so glittering I could only just glance at them—the light hurt my eyes. Underneath were white doves and they were soaring.

"When Jesus came within talking distance He spoke with me. I was in the Spirit, so I did not know whether I was in the body or out of the body. And He said to me, 'Follow Me.' And He showed me the mountains and the valleys, and when I would look at these mountains and valleys I would weep. I would look at the valleys and the mountains and the high places, and it seemed He would give me these diamonds when I had gone through the valleys.

"I can say today that He has been more than precious in recent years. If there is any scripture outstanding this morning, it is this: 'The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.' Prov. 4:18.

"God has blessed me all these years with the gift of interpretation and the gift of tongues. When Pentecost was new, I wept before the Lord and said, 'Lord, I want to obey Thee, and I want to be true. When I speak in tongues, give me the interpretation in my own language.' I backed it with the Scriptures. And when I receive the interpretation, it will come—first, the tongues like a flash of lightning out of the sky, and then the interpretation. That has been a blessing to me in my ministry.

"We had one outstanding case of deliverance from demonic power. It was in a meeting in 1920. There were about 115 converted in four weeks. Among them was a young man who was a porter at the roundhouse, and he wanted the Baptism. We had the altar call early that night, and when we got to the altar this young man crawled without using his hands and feet, crawled on his stomach and hissed just like a snake, with his head partly up. I said, "This is demon power." Two women and I prayed for the man, and the Lord delivered him, and he received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. He was a beautiful boy but he was demon possessed; but when we laid our hands on him, God delivered him and he received the Baptism.

If a wren can cling  
To a spray a-swing  
In a mad May wind  
And sing and sing  
As if she'd burst for joy;  
Why cannot I  
Contented lie  
In His quiet arms,  
Beneath His sky,  
Unmoved by earth's annoy?

## God Given Faith

L. F. BOES, INDIA

The Evangelist had been baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, and had gone forth to the heathen. She was called to preach the gospel, yet did not deem herself sufficiently holy for a ministry of healing! Those who prayed for the sick she put on a pinnacle of sanctity, and *thought them most wonderful people.* Acts 3:12 and 16 dispelled her exalted idea of others. "Why look ye so earnestly on us as though by our own power and holiness we had made this man to walk? His Name through faith in His Name hath made this man strong." Her inferiority complex, however, remained and hindered her in the work of the Lord.

The sixteenth chapter of Mark presented no difficulties. She expected the Lord to confirm the word according to the twentieth verse, but for all her expectations nothing happened. She preached the Gospel, but only half of it, and the Lord said, "I cannot confirm what you do not preach," for never had the heathen been told by her that Jesus would heal their bodies as well as save their souls.

As to sick saints, when asked to pray for them, she joined in the petitions of those gathered around, standing well in the background, depending on the faith of others, not putting God to the test for herself.

At last she wrote a letter to England, to one greatly used in Divine Healing. She asked him to pray that the Lord would be pleased to grant healings as an attestation to the truth of the gospel.

Not long after, when preaching in the open air, and without premeditation, she boldly proclaimed to the heathen that Jesus would heal them. They were too apathetic to be incredulous. "If you say so it must be true" was the attitude, and no one stirred even an eyelid. The band was leaving the village by way of the Outcastes' Quarters when a *group of pitiful old people* came hobbling toward them. Their backs were bent with age

and rheumatism, their legs were bandaged with dirty rags covering ancient sores, their bodies were shaking with asthmatical wheezings, and their poor dim eyes were bleared and blinded with long years and neglected ophthalmia. "Pray for us," they said. She was terrified. *They were so old.* She prayed for them, and was glad the band was moving on that afternoon to the next village. She never dared to enquire whether they were healed, and *never in her after ministry did she see healings on a collective scale.* The Lord, however, was very gracious and granted healing in many individual cases.

The first to be healed was Anoosaya. She dragged herself into the shelter where the band was encamped.

"My name is Anoosaya," she said, and from the detailed symptoms they gathered she had dysentery.

"Give me medicine," she demanded. They had none. They had something better. *They had the name of Jesus.* Then the aforesaid diffident one laid hands on her and simply said: "Anoosaya, Jesus Christ makes you whole." The verse in mind was Mark 11:23, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he saith." Then she said, "Anoosaya, go home and eat bhaker" (native bread). As her authority for this she remembered Mr. Wigglesworth commanding a man to go home and eat a beefsteak—a man who has a sinus in his stomach! Now Anoosaya had dysentery, so she replied "I can't eat bhaker." She was enjoined the second time, "Go home, and eat bhaker."

The next morning Anoosaya came dancing into the shelter crying, "I did as you told me, I went home and ate bhaker, and I'm perfectly well! Now put some fat on my bones."

This was the beginning of healings which Jesus did, and the required faith He dropped into the heart of the one through whom He ministered.—*Redemption Tidings.*

### CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

Frank J. Lindquist, Superintendent of the North Central District and President of the North Central Bible Institute, will be the baccalaureate speaker at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., May 23rd, at 2:00 p. m. Commencement exercises will be held May 24, at 7:30 p. m. Services in large auditorium seating 3,000 people.

### The Stars of Heaven

The Assistant Director of Mount Wilson Observatory has counted the stars which are bright enough to impress photographic plates, in 130 selected areas in the sky. Then applying the average to the remaining regions, he finds that our galaxy contains not less than thirty billion distinct stars.

# A Jew, a Book, and a Miracle

JACOB GARTENHAUS

HOW I had looked forward to the hour when I would be on a ship bound for that wonderful land, America! For years my ambition was to seek my fortune in that land flowing with milk and honey and I was determined that no obstacle would be powerful enough to keep me from obtaining that goal. And thus, when the way was finally opened for me to go, in vain did my parents plead with me to abandon the idea, making all sorts of tempting offers. Nothing could deter me; I was on the threshold of a new and successful life and could not let the opportunity go by.

Soon final arrangements were made for my departure. Realizing that I would perhaps never see my loved ones again, I stopped off for a visit with my grandparents, and then proceeded to Vienna to see my brother. He was then a brilliant teacher in one of the Jewish schools of learning there, and was regarded as a celebrity among the people of his own home town, and held in no less esteem in the larger city of his residence. He met me at the station and what a delightful reunion we had after several years of separation!

But there was something different about him that did not escape me. Nothing was said, however, until we reached his room. Then, upon learning that my stay there was a question of hours, he lost no time in relating to me the following story:

Some time before, the word had gone around that section of the city that there was a man from England who was stopping at the hotel. He was a *meshumed* (apostate), and had sinful literature with him; and the purpose of his coming was to mislead the Jews. The entire section of Jews began to seethe at this information. Soon the question was raised by various young men: "Why doesn't Jehovah strike him dead if he is engaged in the work of destroying faith in God and in leading God's people astray?" This question seemed reasonable, and many expected just that to happen. The rabbis warned the people that this man had some occult power and that harm would come to anyone who might get too close to him.

The chief point for discussion in the synagogue was this stranger and his awful work. Warnings were sounded and every attempt was made to fortify the faith of all. Such dreadful things were

said about this stranger and his little books that the curiosity of the young men was stimulated to see this fearful character. If only one of his books might fall into their hands—but they dared not go near the hotel in which he lived! In the restaurants and on the streets they talked about the affair but only when they were sure their elders were nowhere near. So much as hinting an interest other than hatred in this renegade Jew would bring upon them the displeasure of the leaders of their people, not only religiously, but in a business and social way.

And my brother shared this deep interest along with the other young men. If the little books were so terrible, he thought, they surely could not influence intelligent people. And another thing, why was this man spending so much money without hoping to get any returns? So puzzled was he over it all that he was determined to find out for himself.

One day as he was passing down the street a man came up to him. Both knew as they looked into each other's eyes that each wanted to know the other. The man proffered a little book to my brother. After glancing in all directions to see that no one was in sight, he hastily seized the book, put it beneath his jacket, and hurried back to his room. At last he had gotten one of the books.

Once in his room he locked the door and opened the Book to the first page. It was the New Testament written in the Hebrew. He began to read, and was startled to see the names of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other Jewish names so familiar to him (he was reading the first page of Matthew giving the genealogy of Jesus Christ). A leaf falling past his window startled him and drove terror into him. Then he returned to his reading. Before he had finished a page or two he was already comparing it with the Old Testament prophecies and seeing how marvelously they were fulfilled. He was utterly captivated and could not lay it aside!

When he came to the Sermon on the Mount he asked himself: How could such a Book be considered so sinful as not even to be touched, when it contained such remarkable teachings which were far superior to anything found in Jewish books of learning? How could this Jesus, from whose lips these wonderful words had fallen, be such a villain as depicted by Jewish tradition?

With such questions in his mind he continued reading, his interest growing steadily with each page. Perhaps this Jesus is not as vile as we have been led to believe, he thought. What surprised him more than anything else was that throughout the pages the teachings of Jesus were those of his own Bible! For, when he came to an assertion, "And thus it is written in the prophets," he immediately looked up the reference for himself and discovered that they harmonized. The rabbis had said that Christians were idolaters, but this Book said nothing at all in favor of images. There was not the slightest hint of image worship in its pages. The God of the Book was our Father, the Jehovah of the Jews. Belief and trust in Him were ringing through every utterance of the Jesus of this Book.

After completing the Gospels he read on into the book of Acts. What kind of power did this man have, thought my brother, which He imparted to others? Cowards became brave, men from ordinary walks of life became giants among men, once they accepted His leadership in their lives! And then he came to the conversion of Paul. He discovered that Paul was a young, brilliant, well-educated Jew as he was. Paul's argument on the Law and its relation to life was not only clever, he thought, but it was true. He read the "Song of Love" in 1 Corinthians 13. It was the most beautiful thing he had ever read! He read it again, and immediately the ideal for his life became Saul of Tarsus.

He was simply entranced, he told me, with the wonderful knowledge contained in this Book, and before he realized it he discovered that he had been reading all night long!

Thus, as he read, without anyone saying a word to him, he became convinced beyond any shadow of doubt that the Christ of the New Testament, and the promised Messiah of the Old Testament, were one and the same Person; that He was the One of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write. And he at once accepted Him as his own Messiah and Saviour!

This whole story, as he related it, was like a dream to me. Is it possible, thought I, that my own brother has gone so far as to believe on that "hanged one"? But I could not deny that a strange and wonderful thing had happened in his life. His face was suffused by a glow which I had never seen before. The whole room was filled with a spiritual presence as he recounted these unbelievable words. Nevertheless I was determined to have nothing to do with Jesus, and told my brother that I would rather die than believe on Him.

About this time we went out for lunch, after which we returned to the room, and my brother resumed his story:

Since he had been convinced that the Messiah of the Old Testament was the Jesus Christ of the New Testament, he felt a release in his soul. He knew for a fact that what had happened to Saul of Tarsus had happened to him. There was a peace, a calmness, a holy wonder that filled him. The rabbis, he said, had kept him in ignorance about the most wonderful book, and the Greatest Person, of all our people. He still thrilled over the new experience. The answer to all the questions of the centuries had come to him, and every doubt which he had ever felt was gone. All of this left me dumb for a while . . . I did not know what to say.

The time for my departure drew nigh, and broken-hearted, I bade my brother good-bye. I boarded the train for Hamburg, Germany, and from thence took the steamer for the "land of the free."

The shores I had left behind were rapidly passing out of view; they were almost forgotten. As I looked out upon the ocean, I felt that I was bound for an entirely different planet. My dream of years would soon be realized! I would see money strewn along the streets, mine for picking up!

Upon my arrival in America I received a welcome from my uncle and his family fit for a prince. Two things one must do, advised my uncle, in order to be a success: learn the language; and work hard. And resolving not to allow a minute to be wasted, I immediately set out to follow that good advice with all my heart and soul.

But, though everything appeared to be running smoothly, nevertheless I failed to get peace of mind. I was restless, unhappy, and—worse—I did not know the cause of this unrest. Any thought that my brother was possibly right in his thinking was immediately dismissed from my mind.

Meanwhile I received my first letter from across the sea. It was from my brother. From beginning to end it was a most passionate appeal to me to search the Scriptures, to think over our conversation, to see "if these things be so or not." Riches and glory, he wrote, would not bring peace to me.

I was so angry when I finished reading the letter that I tore it to pieces and made up my mind not to answer it. But in my calmer moments I decided to write. After all, I reasoned, he is my brother. In my letter to him I did not even refer to his appeal.

Time went by, and another letter came from him. This time he was

not only urging me to search the Scriptures, but he quoted them for me. First prophecy, and then its corresponding fulfillment. This, too, I tore to pieces. I tried to put my brother and his letters from my mind, but somehow thoughts would spring up within me that caused me many restless days and sleepless nights. I had the utmost faith in my brother's sincerity and could not impugn his motives. Surely no shrewd man could have misled him who was so thoroughly grounded in the history and beliefs of his people. Could he have lost his mind? But that, too, could not be possible since he gave every evidence to the contrary. What strange power had taken possession of him? It was a baffling mystery to me.

The first sentence of my brother's next letter left me speechless. I had to read it a number of times before I could grasp it. He disclosed to me his intention of coming to this country. How foolish of him, I thought, to abandon his whole career! But, as I was to learn later, he had a definite mission to fulfill here.

Within a few weeks he arrived in this country. It was then I learned that his sole object in coming was to try to win me to Israel's Messiah. I wasted no time in informing him that under

## Born at Daybreak

By **Bertha M. Peterson**

Lucius Metullus, a young soldier of the Roman guard serving under Gaius, the Centurion, had the reputation of being the most hardened, coarse soldier in the entire guard. He it was who placed the crown of thorns on the brow of Christ. He hated Jesus because of all that He represented and was—righteousness, goodness and love, yea God's own Son.

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no condition would I consider giving up Judaism, and there and then I made him promise never to discuss the subject again. And he kept his promise.

However he did something better than preaching the gospel. His life spoke for him. He seemed to possess a calm and a peace that the world could neither give nor take away. It was his transformed life which broke down all prejudice in me and led me to accept Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour.

This is the story of how one copy of the New Testament, given to my brother, transformed his own life; then the lives of a number of others to whom it was secretly passed; and then caused him to travel 5,000 miles to another continent for the purpose of winning me to the Saviour.—From a booklet published by The Million Testaments Campaign (price 5 cents per copy) obtainable from them at 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## God's Need of Spiritual Mothers

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of your converts going out and doing far greater things than ruling the United States—things that in God's sight are greater. We don't read much about the great success that Andrew had, but he brought Peter to Jesus, and can't you imagine Andrew's joy when three thousand were brought to the Lord on the day of Pentecost through Peter's ministry? Oh, then, let us be faithful in the corner God has given us.

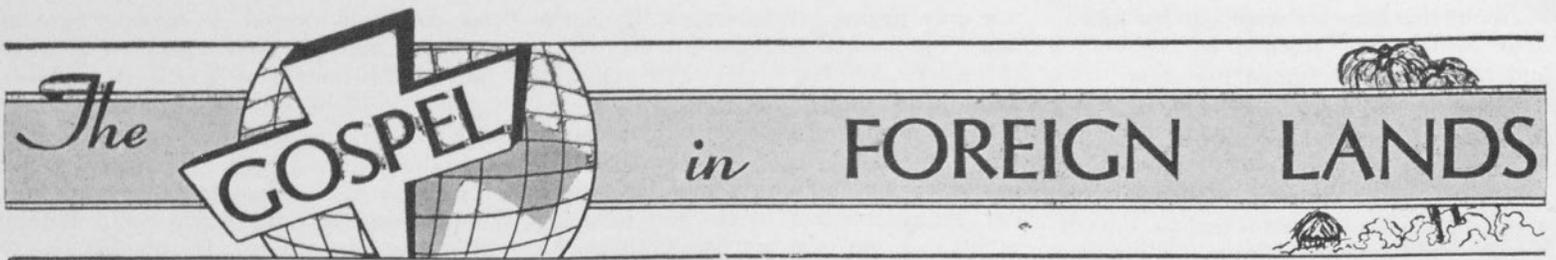
## A Great Opportunity

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colporteurs of the American Bible Society will eagerly co-operate in the distribution of these. In addition to this, Brother John L. Franklin of Guatemala is asking for 50,000 copies of the New Testament in Spanish for distribution among civilians in Central American lands.

What will the cost be? Approximately \$45,000. Let us pray about this great opportunity. Let us definitely ask the Lord that He will open hearts to receive His Word, and that as a result of this distribution there will be many souls in heaven who otherwise might not be there. And in addition to praying, "Whatsoever He stith unto you, do it." Offerings should be sent to our Home Missions Department, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri, designated for "SPANISH SERVICE TESTAMENT FUND."

Do thy little, though it be  
Dreariness and drudgery:  
They whom Christ apostles made  
"Gathered fragments" when He bade.



## Brief Notes

### From Far and Near

LAKHIMPUR, NORTH INDIA—"We had a fine convention in Lakhimpur, starting January 28 and continuing for 10 days. All the Christians from Kheri District had been invited, but since the weather had turned very cold, those who attended were mostly local people. We had 38 meetings in those 10 days, so it kept us busy. We all ate together, seated on the floor on the front verandah, partaking of the food Hindustani style. Forks and spoons were provided if we wanted them, but I used my fingers as much as I did a fork—Hindustani khana tastes better that way!

"Most of the services were held in a tent on the compound. We enjoyed the ministry of our missionary, John Johnson, and Professor Reuben Das also gave some marvelous messages. We thank the Lord for the souls that were saved during these meetings; four received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and four were baptized in water.

"At the close of the convention we organized a Pentecostal Church in Lakhimpur with 20 members. The people themselves are very enthusiastic, and the work is more encouraging than I have ever seen it. We shall have to watch the folk learn to walk like new babies, but they can do it. I am so glad it has been my privilege to witness the start of the Indian church here. This one convention has been worth all the meetings since I came to Lakhimpur; I wouldn't have missed it for anything."—Kathryn Vogler.

JERUSALEM, PALESTINE—"While the work goes forward under conditions that make it very difficult to say the least, we are praising God for His protection and blessings so wonderfully granted us. Looking back over the past months, we can truly say with Samuel of old, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us,' and raise our EBENEZER with grateful hearts. Many souls have been saved during times of real danger in all the places for which we are responsible. There has been advancement in our two schools, two new teachers having been added to the staff. In the town of Lydda our venture though small is already yielding fruit. There are many more open doors than we can enter.

MEXICO, D. F.—"Brother Ayres went to preach in one of the smaller works, and God so set His approval that our brother had not talked more than ten minutes when

people came to the altar. One man began to cry aloud, consecrating his life to God, and before the service was over the Lord baptized five believers with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name! We have witnessed some wonderful healings. Last Sunday evening a man testified that he was deaf, blind and paralyzed but God completely healed him. When he spoke, I remembered the time he was carried into the service and placed on one of the benches. Now he looks as other young men do. What a wonderful Lord we have! To Him be honor and glory forever."—Anna Sanders.

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS, CUBA—"This work, started by Dolores Redman and Hilda Reffke only a year ago, has made wonderful progress. Two weeks ago 82 were in attendance at Sunday School; however, the average attendance is around 60. The chapel is well filled at practically every service. The cry from San Antonio is for a bigger building. We have far too little room to accommodate all the Sunday School children. Will you pray that God will make us a blessing as we labor with Sister Reffke in this place, and that the work shall continue to go forward?"—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McIntyre.

HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA—"High in the green mountains of Honduras, close to the border of Salvador, we held a fellowship meeting last month. It was the first held there, and the village had never seen such a number of believers gather together. The weather, which had been nice, turned cold the day of the fellowship meeting; it began to rain and the wind blew almost a hurricane. It was cold enough to have tempted many to stay home, for sleeping on the ground was impossible; but in spite of the weather nearly two hundred faithful believers came together, some from Honduras, some from Salvador. The unbelievers were moved, many of them also attending the services. Our last day of meetings was under a clear sky. We had a splendid time in the Lord, souls were won to Christ, and the effect upon that vicinity was profound."—Perry Dymond.

JAMAICA—"Pray specially for an island-wide revival. In every town where this wonderful message is going forth, souls are being saved and believers baptized, but the persecution is great. . . . Not long ago we visited Haining, a field recently opened,

and held a well-attended service in the thatched community hall. Truly the power of the Holy Ghost was upon us. Fifteen responded to our invitation that evening, and others since then have come forward for salvation. The following night we were at Rowland Field. On the way home after the open-air service there we got thoroughly soaked, but thank the dear Lord, we had a blessed service. Many answered God's call that evening, kneeling in the roadway, on the dirt and stones. . . . Next we visited Port Antonio, where services were held over the week end. After the Sunday night meeting we were asked to visit and pray for a man who had been suffering for years with fits. As we knelt in that little room, God was very near to us. The room appeared to be electrified, illuminated with a light so bright as to dim the quiet glow of the kerosene lamp in the corner. We laid hands on the young man, commanding the devil to come out of his tortured body in the Name of Jesus. Instantly he leaped to his feet, rejoicing and praising God. A friend passing by at that late hour came to the door and was invited in. Seeing the glory of the power of God, and having known the bed-ridden man, he knelt and gave his heart to the Lord. Others, too including the sick man's sister and mother, yielded to Christ."—Cyril Huckerby.

THE BAHAMAS—Last summer Earl Weech, in company with Willard Deal, made a visit to Cherokee Sound on the Island of Abaco. During the special meetings they held in that town thirty-nine professed to have found the Lord and a real revival spirit was manifest. Brother Deal remained there to carry on the work which has made splendid progress. Already a church building has been erected, and the last letter received from Brother Weech tells of its dedication. "After the dedication service," he writes, "we continued in special meetings each night for the following two weeks. Nine were brought to the Lord, including one or two men who had not been to any church for a number of years. One man claimed to have given up the idea of ever attending church again until he was taken suddenly ill and was led to the Lord and healed. At the close of the services we baptized nine in water. Twenty in all identified themselves with our church fellowship. Many more are attending regularly and we desire prayer that the Lord will bless the ministry of our Brother Deal."

#### ARRIVAL

Katherine Cooke has arrived from North India. Her home address will be 1801 Hibbard, Detroit, Michigan.

We have heard also indirectly that Anna Tomaseck, returning from the same field, has reached home safely.

### DIRECT WORD FROM OCCUPIED CHINA

We are glad to pass on encouraging news from Martin Kvamme contained in a letter received by Frank Gray, Superintendent of the Northwest District. While the letter took several months to get through, it assures us that at least up to the end of last year these missionaries were in good health and enjoying a considerable measure of freedom in ministry. Looking back over 1942, Brother Kvamme writes, "It has been a year so much different from former years, but we have seen the hand of the Lord and He has helped us in a way never before experienced. His leading and guidance for the preservation of His own work has been marvelous to behold. You will be happy to know that I am able to keep in active service for the Lord. God knew what was coming and in His mercy He undertook in time to meet the need. Besides keeping in touch with our own people, doing everything possible for their preservation and encouragement, I have taken services for a number of months in a Russian church every Sunday evening. This has proven a wonderful outlet for me, as well as a blessing to the poor people who were fairly 'on the rocks' instead of being on the Rock. "You will be happy to know also that both my wife and myself are kept in good health. The past two years have been for me the best years in China as far as health is concerned, and for this you will understand that I am very thankful. You may wonder how we are faring financially. We are getting along very well, and none of our missionaries have been or are suffering. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the future, and when the struggle is over we hope to be enabled to settle with all concerned."

### AMONG THE OUTCASTES OF SOUTH INDIA

Constance S. Eady

Since our work among the outcaste people was opened three and a half years ago, churches have been built in nine villages, and a building is rented for services in a tenth. When we started this work, the people had never heard the name of Jesus, and all were illiterate. Lately between 80 and 90 men have gone into military service, many of these saved by the blood of the Lamb, and all able to read and write.

So many have been saved in our villages. If you could all come with me into the churches, you would find a Bible-study class in progress early each morning, a school for children in the day-time, and a night school for men. In every church we have prayer meetings, and many have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Let me tell you a little about the individual churches. At a meeting in Krishnagiri not long ago a Hindu woman began to cry out, confessing her sins. On the other side of the church a Hindu man also began to call on the Lord. Then the power of God was manifested, both were

baptized in the Holy Spirit and were so full of joy.

In one of the villages where 29 people lately were baptized in water, one old lady who had been saved six months before arrived too late for the ceremony. She was so disappointed, after having come seven miles to take this step, that we felt we should baptize her. As she was in the water, the power of the Lord came mightily on her and she was baptized in the Holy Ghost, praising the Lord in a new language.

Some may remember my having spoken of a mad woman who used to go about the streets of Krishnagiri, and who found her way into the church. She had run away from her husband, the head man in one of the villages. Today she is clothed and in her right mind—beautifully saved—and through her testimony the husband also has come to the Lord. It is meaning so much in that village; the woman herself goes out preaching Jesus to the people.

In another village there is a constable who for several years had suffered from some internal trouble. The pastor talked to the man, telling him of Jesus' power to save and heal, but he only argued and argued. At last he broke down, confessed his sins, was gloriously saved and healed, and now his wife and children all have given themselves to the Lord.

In yet another village an elderly couple, the man over 90 and his wife 85, have given their hearts to the Lord. Both are very feeble, unable to walk. One day the man said, "Oh, that the head pastor would put his hand on me." That night Pastor Lamech laid his hand on the head of the old man who at once began to pray and to

rejoice in the Lord. Then he got to his feet—this old man who was too feeble to walk—and danced in the Spirit.

A good work is going on among the Mohammedans as the outcome of a splendid class of children taken by our head Bible woman. The children go home and tell their parents what they have been learning about Jesus, and as a result the Mohammedan women have been coming to the Bible woman to ask the "way." Several of them are now believing in Jesus.

### SAVED AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR Rosa Reineker, Jaffna, Ceylon

In one of the villages a few miles from here lived an old, old Hindu woman. When I first met her she was lying on a mat and some rags on the floor, not able to walk about any more. One of our Christians who lived near by visited this woman several times after she became bedfast and witnessed to her about the Lord Jesus who died to give us eternal life. The message was like balm to that weary soul. She was eager to know more about Jesus, and so the sister began to visit her regularly. Whenever I was in that village I would also go to have prayer with her. Finally she confessed Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

On one occasion this woman, feeling that she must do something for Jesus, sent Rs. 1/- (about 30 cents in American money) with request that we use it in the Lord's work. Though we prayed for her healing, God saw best to take her home. The relatives who are all strict Hindus gave her a Hindu burial, but though her body was burned according to Hindu rites, her spirit went to be with the Lord.

## Sixty-five Baptized in Lima, Peru

"On March 8 the first baptismal service was held in the outside font on the campus of our Bible Institute at Lima. Sixty-five were baptized, and between 450 and 500 people were in attendance at an all-day meeting. Separate services were held for children, young people and adults, all simul-

taneously, in different places on the institute, and then we had a picnic lunch together. It was a blessed time, we believe, and one of the most sacred baptismal services ever held in Peru. Believers came from two distant towns, as well as from the local churches."—Herbert Felton.



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## Whole Bible Sunday School Course

### Joseph a Ruler in Egypt

Lesson for May 9. Lesson Text: Genesis 41.

The life of Joseph is of tremendous value, showing us how every true child of God ought to conduct Himself in these hectic days when the souls of men are being weighed in the balances and tried in the fire. Joseph's God is our God. As Joseph overcame, so may we. As he was rewarded, so shall we be. Let us observe him, first, in obscurity, then in exaltation.

#### I. IN OBSCURITY. 40:1 to 41:13.

Because of false accusations, Joseph had been cast into prison. He spent the time there in three ways:

**1. Working. 40:1-4.** Two notable prisoners, Pharaoh's chief baker and chief butler, became his fellow prisoners and Joseph was appointed to serve them. Little did Joseph realize what hinged upon his relationship to these men and his faithfulness in serving them! Notice the faithfulness to duty characteristic of Joseph on all occasions.

**2. Watching. 40:5-7.** That Joseph served well while in prison is evident from the fact that his eye was ever open to the needs of his fellow prisoners. He possessed a priceless gift—"a heart at leisure from itself, to soothe and sympathize." Instead of being sorry for himself and so wrapped up in his own troubles that he was blind to those about him, he had a heart that was sensitive to the unspoken needs of other souls. (How we need that gift today!) Consequently, when his prison mates appeared one morning with woebegone countenances and depressed spirits, he at once inquired about it and found that both men had dreamed dreams which they did not understand. Thus, Joseph's unselfish interest in the well-being of others paved the way for his eventual liberation and exaltation.

**3. Witnessing. 40:8-19.** At the mention of dreams, Joseph might easily have been disdainful. Of what value were dreams? His own dreams had never amounted to anything! Not so! There was nothing cynical about Joseph; no pessimism or unbelief in his heart! God was still real to him and he lost no time in suggesting that his God could solve the problems of his perplexed companions. The child of God who really lives in touch with Jesus cannot possibly be cynical but will always have a word of faith and hope for a needy world about him.

Note further Joseph's courage in telling both men the truth, though to one man the

truth must be hurtful. We do well to follow his example.

**4. Waiting. 40:20-23.** Imagine the scene when the chief butler left the prison. Think of the encouraging words he must have spoken to Joseph, the fervent promises he must have made. "Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph." True to human nature, in time of restored prosperity he forgot the promise made to the one to whom he was indebted. Think of Joseph waiting, wondering, hoping, and finally realizing with the passing of the days that he had been forgotten. Any bitterness in his heart? Oh no! Joseph had learned that there was something far more satisfying than recognition by man—the consciousness of doing God's

#### WHY NOT CONSULT THE MASTER INTERPRETER?



will and meeting with His approval! He did not regret that he had put God first in all things and had trusted Him with his interests. If we take care of our relationship to God, God will take care of our interests. As the years of waiting in the desert were the making of Moses, so the years of waiting were shaping Joseph into a vessel unto the salvation of his people. From this portion of Joseph's experience we learn that—

**(1) God's way is wisest.** The prison was fitting Joseph for the throne. He was not experiencing "tough luck," but the providence

of God. Many today would have sympathized with "poor Joseph" and thus would have interfered with God's training. Our sympathy is often unwise and can seem to be an inference that God is harsh in His dealings. God knows how to deal with His children. Let us leave the job to Him.

**(2) God's time is best.** After his dreams, Joseph was taken from home, sold into slavery, cast into prison, forgotten by the man he had helped, yet he remained true to God and does not seem to have lost faith. And when God needed a man He found one ready. He is never late. Joseph, on looking back, could see that God's time was best.

**(3) God's grace is sufficient.** In spite of everything that was against him, Joseph was "more than conqueror." The secret? "The Lord was with Him." In all his afflictions Joseph maintained his fellowship with God and found that fellowship which is the source of all needed strength and grace.

#### II. IN EXALTATION. 41:14-57.

After he had been forgotten for two years, events occurred in Joseph's life which brought about a radical change in his situation. Observe—

**1. The Dreams of the King. 1-7.**

**2. The Failure of the Magicians. 8.**

**3. The Recollections of the Butler. 9-13.**

**4. The Summoning of the Prisoner. 14-16.**

Picture the scene—the mighty monarch and the unknown slave! Notice Joseph's humility—"It is not in me (to interpret the dreams): God shall give Pharaoh an answer." Note his self-forgetfulness. He had no desire to court the approval of man nor obtain personal credit.

**5. The Interpretation of the Dreams. 17-36.** In all his speech, Joseph had no word about self, no hint that he considered himself the man for the job. With frankness, quiet dignity, and perfect poise, he simply stated what God had revealed to him.

**6. The Reward of the Interpreter. 41:37-57.** From prison cell to second place in the kingdom, from prisoner to prime minister—what a promotion! But mind you, for twelve years Joseph had been qualifying for that position by a life of unswerving allegiance to God. Success is not always a matter of a man's finding a big job, but of the big job finding the right man. Joseph wasn't looking for such a position; the position was looking for a qualified man and God knew where to find him! Are we so living that God can use us in any way to meet situations in a desperately needy world today?—J. Bashford Bishop.

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# The Lord's Healing

## A REMARKABLE HEALING

God has done great things for me, whereof I am glad. In the eight and one half years since I was saved God has healed me of goiter, neuritis, sciatic rheumatism, cancer of the breast and enlargement of the liver. Now that He has added another healing I must tell it.

In November 1941, I was very weak and went to Doctor Burns for a check up. He said I had sugar diabetes and might expect at any time to go into a coma. He advised a strict diet and insulin. I told him however that I had not come for treatment but merely for a diagnosis; that I was going to trust the Lord. He said prayer wouldn't help me. His last words as I left him were, "Woman, don't flirt with death."

I was prayed for that night and helped so I could work again (I am a practical nurse) but I was not healed. In January, 1942 I became very weak and sick, and suffered much pain. I went to Dr. Brassett this time at Kalispell, Montana. He put me on a diet and insulin. I got worse. To locate the cause of the intense pain an X-ray was taken revealing arthritis of the spine, breast bones and ribs. The picture showed vertebrae grown together with bunches grown on the spine. He gave me codeine for a couple of weeks to ease the terrible pain, but refused to prescribe again, saying nothing could do me any good.

I went to an Assembly of God prayer meeting at the church parsonage the same day where Brother and Sister H. R. Carlblom with other saints had been fasting and praying for me all day. That was March 27. I had to be helped out of the car and into the house. I could not walk alone, raise my arms above my head or kneel to pray. They prayed, and God took away that horrible pain and all fear of falling when I walked alone. I quit the codeine and the insulin that day. April 10 when Brother Carlblom called at my home, while we were just talking and praising God the power came down, loosened the vertebrae, straightened the spine and enabled me to stand straight once more.

But the end was not yet. I took the flu and had a dreadful time. Much prayer was offered for me but I was not healed. In May I was impressed with the need for confessing myself guilty of the sin of jealousy but it seemed impossible. But finally I was brought to it, and when I did confess, God undertook.

July 17 I washed the breakfast dishes while the tears of joy flowed down. Up to then I had been unable to work. I have gained steadily since then in weight and strength each week. Now I am well (November 14), do all my own work, attend church regularly, am not crippled in any way and when I walk my feet keep step with the bells of joy.—Jessie King, 136 West 4th Street, Kalispell, Montana.

## HEALED OF COMPLICATIONS

For five years I had serious kidney trouble, and had to refrain from certain foods because of the after effects when I would eat them. I suffered greatly. I had had four serious operations and consequently was told by the

doctor that I was too weak to work much. However I was not bedfast, though after working a little too much I would have to spend the day in bed. I had high blood pressure and defective vision, making it difficult for me to thread a needle.

I had never had any Christian experience until a neighbor lady told me about Jesus and induced me to go to the Pentecostal church. That night I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and was prayed for and anointed with oil. I was healed at once.

On the way home I noticed that the stars were much more distinct than they had been before. That week I started eating the things I had formerly had to let alone, and had no trouble. My kidney trouble all disappeared as well as my dizzy spells and my high blood pressure. My health is better now than ever before. I work hard every day and see as well as I did the night I was prayed for.—Mrs. Katherine Ostreyko, 6 South 20th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

## WHEN LINCOLN PRAYED

A visitor at the White House during the Civil War left this record of Abraham Lincoln: "I had been spending three weeks in the White House with Mr. Lincoln, as his guest. One night—it was just after the battle of Bull Run—I was restless and could not sleep. It was coming near to the dawn of the day when I heard low tones proceeding from a private room where the President slept. The door was partly open. Instinctively I walked in, and there I saw a sight which I shall never forget. It was the President kneeling before an open Bible. The light was turned low in the room. His back was toward me. I shall never forget his tones, so piteous and so sorrowful:—'O Thou God, who heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me! I cannot lead this people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation, without Thy help. I am poor and weak and sinful. O God, Thou didst hear Solomon when he cried for wisdom—hear me and save this nation!'"

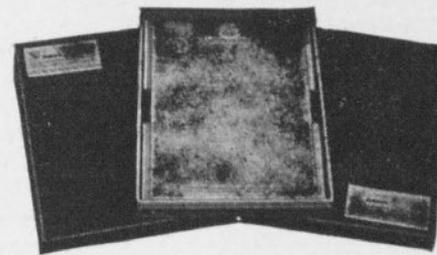
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## THE MEDIATOR

Robert Chapman once visited an infidel who had said he would shoot any man who spoke to him about his soul. Perfectly aware of it, Mr. Chapman went. The man got down his rifle, and as Mr. Chapman spoke, he levelled it again and again, but each time lowered it. After the interview a friend asked the infidel why he had gone helplessly through such odd manoeuvres. "Because of the man," he replied. "What man?" his friend asked. "Why," he said, "all the time I was trying to shoot, a Man in white came between him and me, and I couldn't get a fair shot." We know the Man in white. "There is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all." 1 Tim. 2:5.

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Nigeria, West Africa—Pray that the Lord will supply competent native workers and that God will fill those we have now with the Holy Spirit.—Rex Jackson.

Santa Ana, El Salvador—We have a special need for a general outpouring of the Spirit upon the native work as a whole. Not more than one out of three has the Baptism of the Spirit.—Oren E. Munger.

25 de Mayo, Argentina—Narcisa Rio, my Bible woman, is a Godsend to the work but needs prayer for the healing of her body. Also pray for the healing of a brother who is in poor health.—Alice C. Wood.

Mendoza, Argentina—Ask God to help us open up San Carlos and Maipu, cities where we now have believers, to send us missionaries and to grant us a Pentecostal outpouring.—W. F. Dunbar.

Catanduva, Brazil—We recently married a Brazilian sister to a Japanese believer, a doctor, who was converted in Japan over eight years

ago in a Methodist mission. He now is a member of the Assembly in Rio Preto. Pray for them in their new life together and in their influence in the life of the Assembly. We ask prayer also for those who are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Catanduva.—Rafael and Mabel Garcia.

Lima, Peru—Please pray for the approximately 55,000 Chinese in Peru, that they may be reached with the Gospel. Pray for a Chinese boy whom I have contacted in the hospital and to whom I have given a Chinese Bible.—Pansy D. Blossom.

Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.—Please pray that the Lord may help my nerves which are very bad and for a gall bladder condition which is quite serious. I am looking to the Lord for leading and guidance. Truly the call of God is upon me and I know He is coming soon and there is much to be done in this great city of New York. I am looking to the Lord for He alone can understand the desire of my heart and will supply my every need.—Emma Daechert.

Havana, Cuba—We have a young lady who gave her heart to the Lord but because of her lack of will power to say no to the things of the world she has backslidden. Pray that God will bring her back to Himself and give her power to live the Christian life.—Kenneth McIntyre.

Mexico City, Mexico—Please pray that God will bless our Spring Conferences and that in each district we will be able to plan for really effective evangelistic campaigns. Pray for the success of our two Bible Institutes, ELIM and ALBA, that the students may receive a real vision for the millions who do not know Jesus as their Saviour.—Henry W. Ayers.

Jerusalem, Palestine—I was privileged on a recent trip to preach Christ to a Hindu young man in the armed forces from Ceylon. Pray for his salvation as his father is a Christian but his mother a Hindu and he has followed his mother's god.—Saul Benjamin.

**GOD'S PROVISION**

The children of Israel asked, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" Psalm 78:19. The same old story! Unbelief in the hearts and throats of blood-redeemed people! Can God provide a meal in the wilderness? He brought them into the wilderness, and they thought He could not provide for them.

There was no meat to be seen or to be found in the wilderness, but God caused the wind to blow. They felt the wind. They heard it. They saw nothing. "Where is the table? Where are the supplies?" The wind kept on blowing. The whole wilderness became a table. The ground was covered with quails.

The unseen wind brought the unseen reserves of God. And today the mighty wind of the Holy Ghost in answer not to the cry of unbelief, but to the prayer of faith, will bring the hidden, unseen resources of God to the saint.

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crowd at a distant point. God has hungry people today, and He wants those who cry to have faith that He shall supply their need. It is a great privilege to pray the quails in.

Can God provide a table in the wilderness, in the sandy waste? Yes, He can. He did, and He will again. Don't say, "Can God provide a table in the wilderness?" Say, "God will provide a table in the wilderness, and so ample will be His provision that it will be weighted down to the breaking point. Amen!"

**They Are Glad They Received**

We have received a number of letters from pastors who have written thanking us for the gift of our newest book, "The Minister's Service Book." Hundreds of these books have been given to pastors who with their Sunday School secretaries were prompt in sending in their 1943 Sunday School report. Other books are still available for pastors over Schools which are to be reported within the next few weeks.

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Refer everything to God, the hour of drudgery as well as the hour of death.—C. H. Surgeon.

**Reports from the Reapers**

**MATADOR, TEXAS**—We have just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. W. T. Stallings. One prayed through to salvation, 9 were reclaimed, and 11 were added to the church. Everyone was revived by the wonderful old-time Pentecostal messages given under the anointing and without compromise, and all enjoyed the special singing by Sister Stallings.—N. L. Locke, Pastor; by Ola Gwinn, Secretary.

**SOUTHERN IDAHO CONVENTION**

With the approval of the Northwest District Council and the brethren at Springfield, the brethren of Southern Idaho met at Gooding, March 10—11, to form the Southern Idaho District Council of the Assemblies of God. A fine representation of ministers and delegates was present, and the blessing of the Lord made the gathering a successful and happy one. Frank Gray, Superintendent of the Northwest District, ably presided at each session. His wise counsel and helpful ministry were appreciated.

The Convention adopted a constitution and by-laws for the new District, and elected its officers for the coming year, as follows: Wesley F. Morton, Caldwell, District Superintendent; Homer M. Doyle, Nampa, District Secretary; John E. Shaw, Weiser, District Treasurer. Presbyters: L. C. Hodges, Blackfoot, Eastern Section; E. R. Radford, Buhl, Central Section; J. O. Ekstedt, Boise, Western Section. O. C. Arnesen, Sweet, and G. L. Coleman, Gooding, were elected General Presbyters.—Homer M. Doyle, District Secretary.

**Coming Meetings**

**CHITWOOD, MO.**—Fellowship Meeting, Joplin Section, May 10. Services 10:30, 2:30 and 8:00. Ward Popejo, afternoon speaker.—S. K. Biffle, Sectional Presbyter.

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Panhandle, Woodward, May 10-12; Northeast, Tulsa, Capitol Hill Assembly, May 26-28.—W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

**DENTON, MO.**—Fellowship Meeting, Kennett Section, in conjunction with Sunday School Convention and C. A. Rally, May 3. All-day services, beginning 10:00 a. m., with C. A. service at night. Basket lunch. E. L. Hance is Presbyter; C. E. Garner, Secretary.—Ira M. Bryce, Pastor.

**NORTH CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE**

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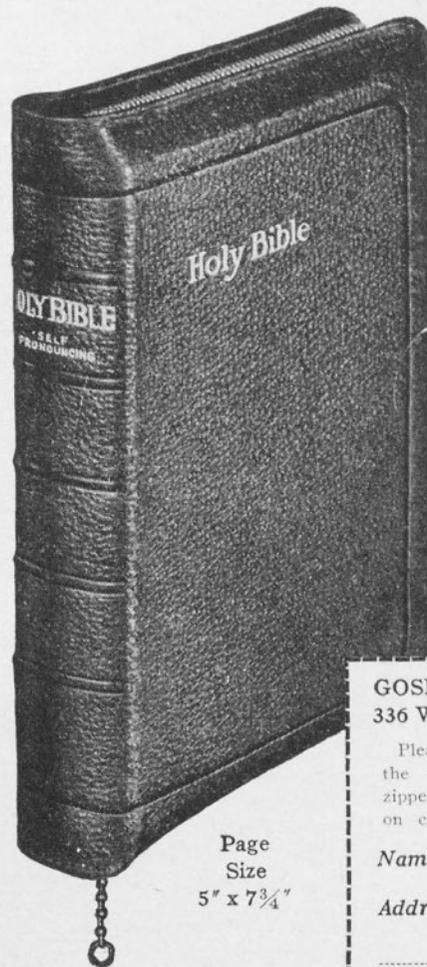
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Graduation exercises, Northwest Bible Institute of Seattle, Wash., Roosevelt High School, night, May 12. Baccalaureate sermon, Hollywood Temple, night, May 9. Class service at School, night May 11.—Heary H. Ness, Principal.

**EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The 27th Annual Conference of the Eastern District Council will convene at Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa., May 11-13. The Credentials Committee will meet for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination. For application blanks write Wilfred A. Brown, District Secretary, 445 Main St., Pennsburg, Pa.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Central District Council will convene in Lima, Ohio, April 27-29. Services will be held in Trinity Methodist Church, Market and West Sts. A. G. Ward, evening speaker. For additional information write Pastor L. A. Sappington, 766 Holly St., Lima, Ohio.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, Box 244, Port Huron, Mich.

**ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Illinois District Council will convene at Springfield, Ill., April 27-29. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, principal speaker. Credentials Committee will meet April 26, 2:30 p. m., to consider applicants for ordination. Bert Talcott is the local pastor.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, 7131 Norman Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

**INDEPENDENCE, MO.**—Kansas City Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Logan at Alton, May 3. J. A. Conley is pastor. C. A. election of officers.—W. J. George, Sectional Secretary-Treasurer.

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J. Vernon Ruth, 540 N. Duke St., Lancaster, Pa.—"Am a member of the Eastern District and have had pastoral experience. Can give references."

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J. C. Braddock, West Bay, Fla.—"We have resigned the pastorate at Brooksville, and are open for evangelistic or pastoral calls. My wife and I are young ministers. Best of references."

**NEW ADDRESS**—321 Wallace Ave., Frankfort, Ky. "We are now pastoring the church here."—A. A. Terry.

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# The PASSING and the PERMANENT

## THE BOOMERANG

Dr. V. C. Oltroggee says that the Christian should ever beware of anti-Jewish propaganda because it is "the camel's nose to anti-Christianity. Judaism and Christianity are the only two religions of earth divinely established. The devil hates them both. The hatred of one leads to the hatred of the other.

## NAZIS FEAR RELIGION

"It is incredible! The fourth year of the war, and a German dares to praise the Old Testament!" So says the Berlin magazine *Die Weltliteratur*, according to an R. N. S. report from Stockholm. "The influence of religion on the life of the German people is becoming extraordinary. It is a growing danger to Nazism."

## BERLIN JEWS STILL SUFFERING

One can now recognize a Jew in Berlin not only by the yellow insignia which he must wear, but also by his very pale face. The several thousand Jews who are still permitted to reside in Berlin are "walking corpses"—mostly old women, whose husbands and sons have been deported eastward, states a J. T. A. report from Switzerland. "How long, O Lord?"

## THAILAND CHRISTIANS EXECUTED

A clergyman and several women, all native Christians, have been executed in Thailand by the Japanese on charges of communicating with the enemy and spying against Japan, according to a report prepared for the Danish Missionary Society. Prior to their execution, the report declared, the accused were urged to abjure the Christian faith. They all refused and died "with God's name on their lips."

## RELIGION IN FLORIDA SCHOOLS

Florida's State Board of Education has adopted resolutions urging public schools to devote twenty minutes a day to the development, along broad religious lines, of "those ideas and ideals promulgated by the founders of this country." The Board has requested that "Scriptures, prayers and songs be selected which will develop attitudes and habits of honesty, loyalty, courage, confidence, industry, tolerance and other virtues commensurate with the loftiest views of democracy and the Four Freedoms."

## PRAY FOR FRANCE

Don't forget to pray for the Pentecostal saints in France. M. Pierre Nicolle, chairman of the Assemblies of God in France, stated a short while before the war: "When I first went to the great city of Rouen five years ago, in all the city there were not more than five Christians, and it is a town of 200,000 inhabitants. We began by hiring a small room that would hold about fifty people. We began in poverty. Before that I was a Baptist minister, and my wife was a professor of music. We had had good positions but we arrived in the city like adventurers. God gave us some marvelous healings and has given us souls for our hire, and now I have a church of 430 baptized believers. We have three outstations and we are seeing many souls saved."

## THE ABSENTEE PROBLEM

We read that absenteeism of workers from war plants is growing serious and curtailing production. Before the House Naval Committee, a Representative pointed out the fact that 40% of absenteeism occurred on week-ends and asked the Navy Secretary if he knew the causes. According to the *New York Herald-Tribune*, Mr. Knox replied: "Dissipation is one. More money than they can spend is another. The real major cause is that men go out Saturday and Sunday and indulge and don't feel so well on Monday."

Wouldn't it be a sensible and patriotic thing, then, to close the taverns and keep the workers sober, by returning to wartime prohibition? It would certainly speed the day of victory. As someone has said, it is impossible to spell V-I-C-T-O-R-Y with an absent "T."

## GENERAL GIRAUD'S EXPLANATION

In a 17,000-word memorandum to Marshal Petain, written after his escape from the German prison, General Henri Giraud explained the situation that led to the fall of France. Among other things he mentioned two items that Americans should note:

(1) "What did the school teach these youngsters and these men?" The General wrote. "First, egoism, personal interest and the cult of envy. After that, negation of everything spiritual, of everything divine, of everything ideal. Atheism, if not proclaimed, was at least encouraged."

"(2) At the same time, it was forgotten that throughout the centuries the Church had ordered Sunday as a day of rest and that the observance of this was the surest method of giving to each the necessary weekly relaxation."

## THE WAGES OF SIN . . .

The indictment of the owner of Cocoanut Grove Night Club on manslaughter charges brings back to mind Boston's horrible holocaust in all its gruesomeness. Nearly five hundred persons perished, scores of others from among the thousand merry-makers were burned beyond recognition, and many of the injured died from pneumonia and other complications.

Writing in *The Watchman-Examiner*, Chaplain Frank C. Rideout says: "What was intended as a night of merriment turned out to be a night of dripping death and destruction amid scenes of indescribable horror. Cocoanut Grove, the scene of this outrageous holocaust, has a history about as unsavory as any den of iniquity in America."

"Religious papers may perhaps be accused of 'preaching' if they mention something which the daily newspapers did not fail to mention . . . four college girls from exclusive Wellesley who, disregarding rules, sneaked out of dormitories unknown to the authorities; faithful partners remained at home in care of small children while the 'sporting' mates were overtaken in sudden death, thus exposing their deceitfulness and double living; young couples 'blind dating' were in the process of merry-making, having never met until the fatal evening."

"America is paying an awful price for its sin!"

## SOBERING THE SOLDIERS

A campaign has been launched to check drunkenness among troops in Perth, Fremantle, and other West Australian towns. According to *Australian Temperance Advocate*, the Western Command has imposed a complete prohibition on the sale of bottled liquor to Australian soldiers in uniform in West Australia, as part of the campaign.

## THE PROMISE OF PROSPERITY

Elaborate plans and promises are being made regarding man's "prosperity" following the war, but let us not be illusioned. Nothing but the coming of the Lord will bring general prosperity—as is pointed out in the following quotation from *Elim Evangel*:

"Prosperity is a pleasing word, for we all want to be prosperous. The tragedy is that hitherto the few have prospered to the detriment of the many. The wealth of the world has been so unequally divided that universal prosperity has never really existed. What about the reign of Christ? Here is a significant verse in Micah 4: 'But they shall sit every man under his own vine and under his fig tree: and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.' The economics of the Kingdom of God provide adequate sustenance for everybody."

"It is freely admitted that there is more than enough wealth in the world to make everyone comfortable; selfishness prohibits its just distribution: but when the King comes His power will break all that; the economic problems of the world will automatically vanish, and the prosperity of the King will find its highest expression in the prosperity of His subjects."

## CAN GOOD COME OUT OF WAR?

Yes, for God can make the wrath of man to praise Him and He often works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. An editorial in *Christian Victory* states:

"One outcome of World War No. 1, that shows the working of God, was the famous Balfour Declaration, followed by the Allied victory and the return of the Jews to Palestine. Eventually God will regather all Jews back to Palestine! And there, at the second coming of Christ, they will be converted to Christ! World War No. 1 greatly hastened the work of World Zionism, and vastly expedited the movement of the return of the Jews to their ancient Homeland."

"World War No. 2 will undoubtedly do this: It will unlock vast reaches of hitherto unreached territory for the gospel—if the church is awake to its opportunities! The need for rubber is opening up the great Amazon valley. Towns and communication systems are springing up in wild jungle areas. Air bases will be established all over the world, making the most remote corners of the earth readily accessible. Will God's people be ready and willing to go to those new, opened fields, with His Word? Let us remember that our Lord has promised that 'this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end (end of the age) come.'" Matt. 24:14.

"God is using the war in other ways, too. Tens of thousands of men, facing death and uncertainty, have turned and will turn to Christ. If it takes desperate measures to win the lost to our blessed Redeemer, let us see in those desperate measures the eternal good of many, many souls won to eternal salvation."