

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



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"Nevertheless David Took the Castle"

Zelma Argue

"And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither.

"Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion. . . .

"And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David. . . .

"For the Lord of hosts was with him."

1 Chronicles 11:4-9

STATE the news communiques, "North Africa Capitulates!" Or, "Our objective was achieved."

This, despite the opponent's cry, "Thou shalt not come hither!"

Such words stir memories of an age-old cry,

"Who will take the city?"

"Who will enter into the strong city!"

How we long for a Victor! And He will yet come! For not in vain do the Scriptures proclaim, "I have laid help upon One that is Mighty!" Yes, One is coming, who will put down wrong, violence and every usurper, causing righteousness to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. "The signs are to me so encouraging," cried Talmage, "that I would not be unbelieving if I saw the wing of the apocalyptic angel spread for its last triumphal flight in this day's sunset."

Fasting alone in the desert, . . . tasting of the bitter cup in the arduous advance, enduring as seeing Him who is invisible, He "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him . . . that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow." Assailed by the tempter, betrayed from within his own circle, yet he "went a little farther," and the

everlasting victory was won. And for us who follow, we each in our own appointed path, like Christian in *Pilgrim's Progress*, though mocked in the dark valley by pursuing hordes of infernal torments and doubts, may yet pursue a confident way, shall find ourselves at last above the shadows, standing upon a tableland, looking back in adoring wonder at all the way the Lord has led us, and brought us through.

Therefore, faint not, nor fail. "For the

Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." Isa. 50:7.

The choice is an age-old choice. At the crisis it faces every warrior. In every battle it arises again. Just when the situation seems most futile. . . .

The comfortable retreat, or the difficult advance.

When our objective is forbidding and arduous . . . when myriad voices clamor "Thou shalt not come hither!" . . . then is the test. From then on there will either be a dwindling of faith and vision, or it shall be said . . . "David took the castle . . . for the Lord of hosts was with him."

Here is a timely lesson in the art of perseverance . . . sticking to the job, no matter how useless it appears, going on doing it and finishing it, as is surely possible if the Lord of hosts is with us.

David's Secrets

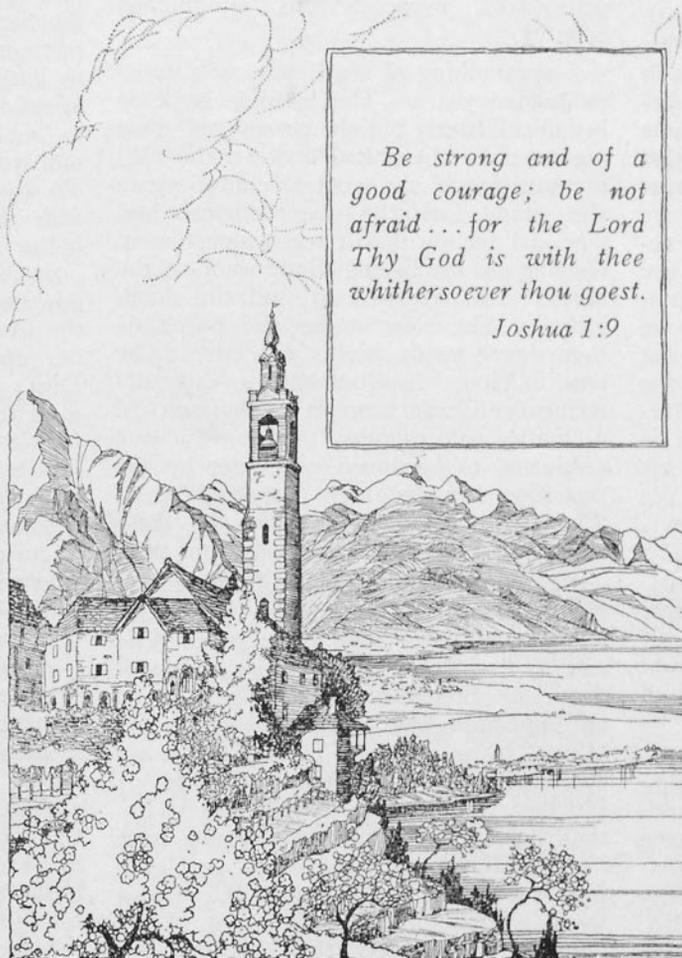
David had some great secrets. One was, he surrounded himself with mighty men.

"Valiant men. . . ."

"Mighty men, helpers of the war . . . armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows."

"Men of might, men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were swift as roes upon the mountains." 1 Chronicles 11 and 12.

We who are in a spiritual warfare are in a very real warfare. (Continued on Page Eight)



Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid . . . for the Lord Thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9

Spiritual Life Stimulated and Enriched by Persecution

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And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matt. 10:22.

A NAME is very significant. There are certain business institutions today in our country that are not generally well thought of, and if in business circles you would say you were associated with such a concern, immediately it would bring a stigma upon your character because of the sentiment of business men toward that institution. On the other hand, to some one with a different viewpoint the mentioning of that name will add prestige.

This is particularly true of the name "Christian." You may enter into conversation with one who is a stranger but in the course of a few moments you ascertain that you are conversing with a Christian. Up until that time you have been conversing with no small degree of reserve, but the moment you become conscious he is Christ's there is real fellowship, and the barrier you at first felt is broken down.

Then again you may be speaking with one who is not a Christian and this name (to you dearer than all) arises in your conversation. Immediately a barrier is raised for that person. His Name is despised. This Name, the sweetest name we know, is despised by a great majority today in word and deed, and we who bear His name also bear the reproach His name carries. While we are not persecuted as were the early Christians, nevertheless, if we live godly we shall suffer persecution. I am not speaking now of being persecuted for foolishness or fanaticism, but of suffering for Jesus' sake, for He said, "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his Lord." We shall all eventually rejoice because of persecution, for great blessing follows in its path. It has always brought large and lasting benefit to the church of Jesus Christ. Recently I heard a business man of our city say, "We thrive on persecution," and this has assuredly been true of the church of Christ.

The lack of persecution and stern opposition are two of the contributing causes of lukewarmness in the church today. The attitude today is, "We have need of nothing." It is significant, that out of the seven churches of Asia only two are wholly commended: Philadelphia, typical we believe of the true church for

which Christ is coming, and the church of Smyrna, the church that was so sorely persecuted. Persecution makes for godliness and Christ-likeness. It is decidedly healthful to the church although we naturally shrink from it. Church history will bear out this truth.

Jesus was persecuted most bitterly throughout His earthly ministry, and since the servant is not greater than his Lord it is reasonable to suppose we shall not escape. A rather strange fact about persecution is that it comes from the most unexpected sources. I am reminded of the mother of a large family, whose husband was saved in middle life. He was naturally very anxious to bring his entire family under the influence of the Gospel. His wife was very wicked and refused to get the children ready for Sunday school. How true to the Word, "And the brother shall deliver up the brother unto death, and the father the child, and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death." Children have actually been put out of their homes for the Gospel's sake, even in this enlightened country.

I am thinking of a girl who was saved in tender years. Her mother opposed her most bitterly but she persevered. One night her mother handed down the ultimatum, that if she went to church again she would lock the doors against her. The girl feeling that it was a question of obeying or disobeying God, went to the service and returned to find the doors locked. She slept under the porch of their home many nights in order to be true to God. And, as always, this suffering for Christ brought forth fruit. In a matter of months the mother was awakened to her need of Christ by the fact that her daughter possessed something so real, that regardless of these adverse circumstances she was kept true.

Being true in the hour of persecution not only helps us but it also has a tremendous influence upon the unsaved. Who can say that Saul's viewing the triumphant death of Stephen may not have been an important factor in his conversion? When Jesus was on earth His worst enemies were the religious leaders of His day. They so thoroughly hated Him that on one occasion they would have hurled Him headlong over a precipice. You remember too the time He drove those who bought and sold out of the temple. Immediately they became His

enemies. Why? Because light and darkness have no fellowship; sin and righteousness have nothing in common. This same warfare exists today and this is the true basis of Christian persecution.

Among the direct benefits that persecution brings to God's children, the line of separation and distinction which it draws is worthy of mention. God has commanded that we be "separate" and He uses persecution as a means to this end. The young Christian who is wise enough and true enough, upon being converted, to make known at once his stand for Christ, will be saved from many worldly temptations and snares. Worldly friends, as a rule when they know of our definite stand for God, immediately begin to criticize and belittle and in so doing they drive us to our closets of prayer and to God. In other words, their opposition, which they had hoped would turn us from God, only serves as a means of driving us closer to Him, and farther from their worldly influence.

In the fourth chapter of Acts we are told that the disciples were forbidden by the Sanhedrin to preach any more in the name of Jesus. This did not cause them to backslide but it drove them to their knees and in prayer they asked for power to boldly preach Christ, and that signs and wonders might be done in His name. To a consecrated life persecution merely fans the flame into still a brighter and hotter blaze.

Jesus said, "If they persecute you in one city, flee to the next," and so carry the fire there also. Persecution enlarges our opportunities to witness for Christ. Paul's persecutions gave him opportunity to witness before governors and kings. If we would maintain our witness in Pentecostal power we cannot do so on the stage of popularity. Our danger lies in endeavoring to escape persecution which in turn leads to compromise. If we fail, God will raise up others who will be true and suffer for Him.

Persecution too stimulates spiritual life. We need but to review our own Christian experiences to verify this. How many of us can testify that in the midst of the moments of heated persecution and tribulation, we have found the fullest and richest blessings of our entire lives? Christian experience is always enriched by hardships, whereas smooth sailing oft leads to self-complacency and backsliding. May not the instability that is so common today be the result of the lack of

persecution and hardships in general? These things make us dig down, and *down* we need to go, to the Rock that cannot move.

Persecution to the Christian is not a great insurmountable difficulty, but it is a signboard that assures us that we are on the King's highway. We are told that during the gold rush of nearly a century ago the gold seekers blazed a trail to the West Coast, in spite of the most adverse circumstances. They did not post signs as we have today on the highways stating the number of miles to the next town but with their axes they made markings on the trees which were very significant to the travelers of their day. So Christ has not left us as a ship without a compass but He has left us markings to guide us on our way. So dear brother, sister, if persecution beset your pathway take courage for through it God is saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." "For all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

We now shall consider the latter part of the text, "But he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Spurgeon said, "Godliness is a life-time job." We are to endure, not as victims, but as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, with real loyalty and courage, and with a determination to be true, taking our place with the apostles of old who counted it all joy to suffer for His Name. We cannot help but wonder what kind of young men and women we shall have for the preachers and missionaries of tomorrow. Will they have the depth of consecration to be true in the hours of approaching calamity, when national strife is on every hand and when the powers of darkness are concentrating for the last great conflict between sin and righteousness? Have our young people today enough of the pilgrim and martyr spirit to stand the strain and weather the storm?

Let us press on with the standard high, remembering that the reward is to him that endures, not just for tomorrow, but to the end; and that is not far away, whether it be at Christ's coming or by the way of death. "If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him." Not all the seed that was planted grew; nor did all that grew mature and bring forth fruit—"But some fell by the wayside, and some was choked out by thorns," the cares of life. And not all who say, "Lord, Lord," nor all who prophesy in His name endure to the end. Endurance is more than having a shout and a "hal-lalujah."

It is persevering when the fires of persecution wax hot, and by faith seeing Him who is invisible.

Not even all of the twelve disciples whom Jesus called endured; one failed. The Scriptures warn us to "Hold that

fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown."

The story is told of forty men who suffered martyrdom because of their unwavering faith in Christ. When the Emperor Licinius was persecuting the Christians in Armenia the Thundering Legion was stationed at Sebaste. Forty men in that Legion declared themselves Christians and were sentenced to be exposed naked all night on a frozen pool—for it was winter and bitterly cold. In a house on the edge of the water a large fire was kindled, and food and wine and warm bath were prepared under the charge of Sempronius a centurion, and a guard of soldiers. It was announced to the forty that if any would renounce the Christian faith they could leave the frozen pool and enter the house.

Night came on and the keen wind from Mt. Caucasus made the citizens close their windows and doors more tightly and heap up the fuel on their hearths. And out on the frozen pool were the forty warriors, some standing lost in prayer, some walking quickly to and fro, some already sleeping that sleep which only ends in death. And as the hours went slowly by they chanted, "O Lord, forty wrestlers have come forth to fight for Thee. Grant that forty wrestlers may receive the crown of victory."

As the cold became more intense one of the forty could endure no longer and he left the pool, coming to the house where Sempronius and his men were keeping guard. Still the martyrs' prayer went up to heaven, "O God forty wrestlers have come forth to fight for Thee. Grant that forty wrestlers may receive the crown of victory." As the centurion looked out over the frozen pool he saw crowns placed on the heads of the thirty-nine martyrs, and declaring himself a Christian he took the place of the one who recanted. And when the cold had done its work and forty lay upon the ice, forty glorious spirits, with Sempronius among them, entered into the presence of the King.

Dear ones, if we would share Christ's glory there, we must bear His reproach here. To identify ourselves with Christ is to identify ourselves with His Cross; so let us take up our cross daily, remembering that He said, "Be faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

The World's Only Hope

"There are some of you who are weary of this world's din and clamor," said Charles H. Spurgeon, "and with its iniquity and vice. **You have been striving** all your life long to put an end to this reign of sin, and it seems as if your efforts have been fruitless. The pillars of hell seem to stand as **fast as ever.**

"You have brought against it all the battering rams of prayer and all the might of God, as you thought, and yet the world's rivers still roll with blood. Its plains are still defiled with the lascivious dance. Its ear is still polluted with the filthy song and profane oath.

"God is not honored. Man is still vile. Perhaps you are saying: 'It is vain to fight on. The kingdoms of this world can never become the kingdom of our Lord.' But Christian, look to Him and be lightened. Lo, He cometh! What we cannot do in six thousand years He can and will do in an instant.

"Lo, He comes; He comes to reign. We may try to build His throne, but we shall not accomplish it. But when He comes, He shall build His throne Himself on solid pillars of light. In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. I will not lie down in despair for the trump is soon to sound. Oh, glorious hope!"

A Remarkable Mother

Four out of five of her own children were led into the missionary ministry by the prayers of Jacob Chamberlain's mother. On the day her son Jacob was to sail for India she told him what she had never told him before, that her first act on rising from her bed after his birth was to carry him to her secret place of prayer and consecrate him to God as a foreign missionary. Each year she had renewed the gift as he grew. At her funeral, the President of Oberlin College said she had led to Christ and put into the ministry forty young men, most of whom became home or foreign missionaries.

The Inspiration of Scriptures

Jesus before that eminent scholar, Thomas Newberry (the editor of the Newberry Bible), departed to be with Christ he was asked by Mr. Henry Varley if he had ever been tormented with doubts as to the inspiration of the Scriptures. He replied, "I have spent sixty-four years in the study of the Scriptures in the original tongues, marking carefully every tense and preposition, and the impression left on my mind is not the difficulty of believing but the impossibility of doubting the inspiration of the Scriptures."

A Quiet Spirit

Wherever I see one or a thousand men running into hell, in Europe, Asia, Africa or America—I will stop them if I can. But though I am always in haste I am never in a hurry; because I never undertake any more work than I can go through with in perfect calmness of spirit. —John Wesley.

Abundance for All

IT IS written, "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Yes, the strongest animal of the forest, the king of beasts, with all its energy and confidence may lack; but the Lord will see to it that those who seek His face shall lack nothing.

There were those of old who left all to follow the Lord, and one day He said to them, "Lacked ye any thing?" And they answered, "Nothing." At one time there were some, a vast multitude, who were three days pressing after the Lord to hear the gracious words that fell from His lips, and they had nothing to eat. His heart went out in compassion toward them, and He did not want to send them away fasting to homes, lest they faint by the way. The only provision available was seven loaves and a few small fishes, but the Master commanded the people to sit down. He blessed the bread and brake the same, giving thanks to His Father, and with the little provided, He supplied abundance for them all.

The Lord will abundantly supply your every need. He watches. He has compassion. He has intense love. And though He may try and test, and perhaps for three days put you through a test that you may know what it is to be abased, know that He is watching and that at the right moment He will abundantly supply. You shall have enough and to spare, and basketfuls over to give to those who need.

In the days of the prophet Elisha, the Syrians besieged Samaria and there was great lack there. The people needed meat and they were disturbed, tried and tested. But the prophet knew his God. He told them, "Thus saith the Lord, Tomorrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel." And the man on whom the king leaned sneered and said, "If the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be?" But that night the Lord worked miraculously. He caused the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots and they rushed away in fear, leaving their camp with all its food. And on the morrow the fine flour was sold at the price the prophet named. But the man who sneered was trampled on in the rush of the people for food. Unbelief will always meet with heavy judgment.

Be strong in the Lord and full of faith, certain and sure that He knows your poverty and will supply all your

need, and that you shall have all you desire. He delights to give the "exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think." He will give you enough to share with others. As you seek His face, you shall never, never lack. He will give largely, for He delights to give, and He says to you, "Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over."

Covenants of Bread and Salt

"And every oblation of thy meal offering shalt thou season with salt." Lev. 2:13. Why? Salt preserves from corruption. It is an element of purity and permanency, and its action is just the opposite to leaven. Salt is a covenant binder, and this can be made clearer by using an illustration from the East. In imagination we are traveling in the east of Jordan. In the distance we see a Bedouin encampment, and as the sheik sees us approaching he gives commandment for the fatted calf to be killed, and he entertains us with Eastern hospitality. And as we sit around his table on the ground, with his hand he takes out of the dish what he thinks is the choicest portion and makes a little ball of it in the palm of his hand and gives it to the chief guest.

He specially wants to give a mark of honor to the guest. He dare not say "no" to that tasty morsel, for in so doing he enters into covenant of bread, which no Easterner would dream of breaking, for he swears friendship with those with whom he feasts or gives hospitality. The next day we may be traveling further

east, and another tribe is approaching us, this time a hostile tribe, and immediately we claim protection as we mention the one with whom we have entered into the covenant of salt, and all traces of hostility immediately cease, for the name mentioned is an honorable name, and they place themselves at our disposal and help us on our way. "The name of Jehovah is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe." And every time we pray, we come to the court of heaven in the Name of Jesus with whom we have entered into the covenant of bread or salt, and whenever that Name is mentioned in the court of heaven, all heaven's resources are at our disposal. "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name I will give it you." The Name of Jesus is the salt of the covenant.

Prayer for Revival

When sinners are stupid and careless and sinking into hell unconcerned, it is time the church should bestir itself. It is as much the duty of the church to awake as it is of the firemen to awake when a fire breaks out in the night in a great city. The church ought to put out the fires of hell which are laying hold of the wicked. Sleep! Should the fireman sleep and let the whole city burn down? What would the city think of such firemen? And yet, their guilt will not compare to saints who sleep while sinners all around them are sinking stupidly into hell.—Finney.

Who Are the Rich?

"He is not rich who lays up much; but he is rich who lays OUT much. God's treasury is man's opportunity." May it not be that the best system of education which can be devised is that of training Christians to set apart one tenth of their income to the Lord?—A. J. Gordon.

When?

"The time to consecrate your purse is when you have a little one; if you wait until it is a big one, you will never do it. And if you fail to consecrate that, you will miss one of the holiest blessings of your life. The man or woman who has learned to give, has entered upon a path of ever-widening pleasure."

"Every flock bears the mark of its owner; so the sheep of Christ have their mark, even poverty of spirit; each one is a poor, needy sinner, self-judged and self-condemned, according to the justice of God."

"If bees could know that it would kill them to sting people, the stinging business would stop in short order in self-defence. Think!"



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The Cure for Pride

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"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

The remedy for your pride is the humility of Christ. It was on account of this vice, on account of this great sin, that the humble Son of God came into the world.

This cause, this great sin of pride, that attacks the greatest saints as long as they remain on earth, tempts one to engage in vain complacency in the good and great things he has done, another to glory in his learning, a third to consider himself better than his fellow. Thus it appears under countless heads lifting men from the place that belongs to them in the sight of God.

Now the unalterable counsel in the way of humbling ourselves is to accept the call of the humblest Son of man. "Come unto Me . . . and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart."

Is there anything more glorious than the virtue of humility, which, while it stoops to the lowest depths, is united to the most High, its Creator? "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isa. 57:15.

Do you not know that our Redeemer humbled Himself to become man? As man He humbled Himself to the death of the cross. As "the Lamb of God" He denied Himself with a heavenly meekness that surpasses all our thoughts.

Verily it may be said that He alone in reality humbles and abases Himself, and that we when we seem to humiliate ourselves, do not lower ourselves at all, but simply take the place which we know belongs to us. For being vile creatures, guilty perhaps of a thousand misdeeds, we can lay claim to no other right than nothingness and punishment, but our Saviour Jesus Christ lowered Himself infinitely below that lofty height which belongs to Him. Therefore, the cause of our redemption was the humility of the Son of God who left the ivory palaces and came to snatch you from the claws of that horrible enemy of God and of mankind,—the "king over all the children of pride," the devil.

Jesus, who in heaven constitutes the joy and beatitude of the angels and the saints, willed to become the "Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief," bruised and bearing our iniquities. He the

mighty God, the infinite and immortal Being, the supreme Arbiter of all things! He whom the countless hosts of heaven adore willed to die a disgraceful death upon a cross with the iniquities of all the human race. He became man, weak, mortal, subject to suffering, obedient unto death.

Bernard of Clairveaux remarks, "Therefore, what pride is that which the humility of this divine Master cannot extinguish?"

This poison of Satan in our blood must die, or nothing of heaven can live in us. "Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and arose again." 2 Cor. 5:15. Therefore, He must bring about a death to self, to pride, to the self-life, and lead us again to live for God so that we may "live no more to ourselves. In this way God can again take up His rightful place and become our All in all, as we walk in newness of life—the life He provides.

This is the reason why the Lord Jesus had come into the world as the "Lamb of God." A lamb is surely a true symbol of lowliness. Christ had to bring back again to earth the meekness and the lowliness of heart in which true submission to God is manifested. It was no longer to be found on earth. He brought it from heaven.

This was the disposition which inspired Him and constituted the true nature of His sufferings, which made Him a complete victor over sin. This is what bestows such virtue upon His blood. He inflicted a deadly wound on sin—pride—gaining the victory in His own person. He did this all as the "Lamb of God."

He shed His blood as the "Lamb of God" for the reconciliation of sin and for the cleansing of our souls. This is why praise is offered in heaven for His blood as the blood of the "Lamb of God." This is why the Father had placed Him "in the midst of the throne" as the "Lamb that had been slain." This is why believers, in tender astonishment and love, glorying in the "blood of the Lamb," praise His meekness and lowliness as their greatest joy and their one desire. As the "blood of the Lamb" it possesses virtue and power for complete redemption.

This frightful malady of souls—pride—brought down from heaven a mighty Physician, reduced Him even to the form of a servant, loaded Him with reproaches, and nailed Him to a cross so that by the

efficacy of such a remedy this swelling of pride might be cured.

The humility of God came as medicine to the wounds which the proud devil had inflicted. It is the goodness of God to restore to good what the devil has corrupted.

Therefore, "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation (could you say this of yourself) and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth: and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Bernard has said, "O humility of Christ, how dost thou confound the pride of my vanity!"

A Warning

A flower that stops short at its flowering misses its purpose. We were created for more than our own spiritual development. Reproduction, not merely development, is the goal of a matured being—reproduction in other lives. There is a tendency in some characters that may be likened to the high cultivation that spends its whole energy on the production of bloom at the expense of seed. The flowers that are bent on becoming double end in barrenness, and a like barrenness comes to the soul whose interests are all concentrated upon its own spiritual well-being.

A Life of Joy

"When the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets." 2 Chron. 29:27. From the moment when we begin to live sacrificially for God and for other people, our natures, which have been self-indulgent and marked by failure, begin to be jubilant with music."—*Phillips Brooks*.

Coming Destruction

It is in the path of obedience and self-denying service that God reveals Himself most intimately to His children.—Hudson Taylor.

Starting upon his first great journey, Livingstone said: "I will open a path to the interior or perish. If I should never return, perhaps my life may be as profitably spent as a forerunner as in any other way."

The Plight of the Christian in the Present World War

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THE true Christian who has been caught in the surge of the present world conflict is indeed in a difficult plight. His conception of his divine calling, his training as a follower of Christ, his convictions and his feelings are all out of harmony with the war spirit, and it is with difficulty he is able to adjust himself to the necessities and demands of the hour. He has been taught to believe that as a follower of Christ he is commissioned to save lives and not to destroy them. It is therefore with abhorrence he contemplates the prospect of being required to deprive men of life in armed conflict.

It was because of these convictions the resolution was passed by the General Council many years ago, which expressed the unwillingness of the members of the Assemblies of God, as followers of Christ, to participate in armed conflict which involves the actual taking of human life. Caught between a sincere desire to be loyal to the country of his birth and at the same time to be faithful to the teachings of his Saviour and Lord, the Christian is beset with perplexities which are exceedingly disturbing to his spirit.

Fortunately, for his peace of mind, the United States government foresaw this eventuality at the time of the writing of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, and made provision therein for the men, who because of belief or training, find themselves unable to submit themselves to military combat training. Under the terms of the act, the conscientious objector may be employed in noncombatant service in the armed forces, or in the event of extreme objection to all participation in the war, may be assigned to public service of a distinctly civilian nature.

Our pastors and church officers have been called upon again and again to aid the young men of the Assemblies of God in arriving at decisions which must be made as they have come under the jurisdiction of the local draft boards. Quite a large number of our young men have appealed for and obtained classification as noncombatants, and have been inducted into the armed forces to serve in units devoted to necessary services which can be classified as noncombatant. Not more than twenty of our young men have taken the extreme conscientious objector view so far, and this is not a large number, only a small percentage of the total membership of 222,000. This minute company of objectors has been

assigned to Civilian Public Service camps, well scattered over the country, so that not more than three of them are together in any one camp at the present time to our knowledge.

By far the larger number of the young men who are members of the Assemblies of God have permitted themselves to be inducted, waiving all claims for exemption on the grounds of conscience. Many of these have weighed carefully their conscientious scruples against war with the right of the government to exercise authority over them, and have gained consent of conscience to yield themselves unreservedly to their government for armed conflict. Others have not been able to do this, but the decision has been left with the individual in every case.

Some of those who have been inducted into the armed forces have weighed the problem in the light of personal responsibility versus responsibility to the State, and have reached the conclusion that upon induction into the armed forces personal responsibility ceases. They are aware of the law of God which prohibits the taking of life by the individual, but they are also aware that government is ordained of God (Rom. 13:1) and the appointed authority is intrusted with the responsibility of inflicting the supreme penalty of death upon the murderer (Gen. 9:5, 6), which authority was given in the very beginning of civilization, and has never been abrogated.

It has been reasoned by some that the command to the individual, "Thou shalt not kill," must be reconciled with the command given by the same Lord, to "destroy utterly." 1 Sam. 15:3. And it is recalled that Saul brought upon his own head a severe penalty because he failed to obey God's commission to him. 1 Sam. 15:18-23. The distinction is found in the difference between murder and execution, the one the act of the individual, and the other the prerogative of the State. Samuel, the prophet of God, was justified therefore, when he fell upon Agag and hewed him to pieces. 1 Sam. 15:33. So also was Elijah the prophet when he slew the prophets of Baal. 1 Kings 18:40.

Each Christian is also faced with the argument that what was permitted in the Old Testament days by the Lord was contrary to the teaching and example of the Lord Jesus during the days of His earthly ministry. It is true that He said, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then

would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews." John 18:36. Every follower of the Lord Jesus recognizes this truth—every commissioned disciple is a messenger of peace. God does not send us forth to destroy lives but to save them. The government of the United States also recognizes that the minister of Christ has a divine calling and therefore grants him exemption from military service, to enable him to pursue his calling without interference.

While the Lord Jesus taught nonresistance to His disciples (Matt. 5:39-42) it is conceded this was purely a personal matter. He also recognized responsibility to the State and when asked to pay His taxes, He did so without protest. See Matt. 17:24-27. It is reasonable to conclude that He was perfectly aware that the tribute money would go for the support of the Roman forces of occupation, nevertheless He paid the tax without protest.

Some have also noted that when the Roman soldiers sought spiritual help from John the Baptist he did not condemn them for being soldiers, but admonished them to "do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages." Luke 3:14. They have also noted that when Peter was sent of God to the house of Cornelius he did not demand of him that he resign from his commission as a Roman centurion. He was well aware that Cornelius was a soldier and a commander of men, and that he had in his hand the power of life and death. Nevertheless, though he had that power and no doubt exercised it on occasion, he was recognized as "a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report." He was a man who prayed and gave of his means and God took note of it, for He heard his prayers and opened to him the door of salvation. Although he was a soldier, yet God gave to him the Holy Spirit even as He did to the disciples in the beginning. Acts 11:15.

Some who are acquainted with history have noted that every liberty now enjoyed by man has been purchased at the price of blood. The very liberties we enjoy in the United States of America were purchased by the blood of our forefathers. They believe that the present war is a conflict between Christ and paganism, that we are not merely fighting against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked

spirits incarnate. Should the forces arrayed against us be triumphant, it would mean not only the closing of the doors of the world to missionary endeavor, but might also mean the suppression of all evangelical Christianity in all the world, including America. To prevent this calamity, they believe, is a cause worth dying for.

Many of the men who have entered the armed forces have weighed these matters carefully and have fought the battle with their conscience with realism. When they gained the consent of their minds to the thought that they were doing the right thing, they gave themselves to the task assigned to them with-

out reservation. Once in the army, and being determined to be true to God and to their testimony, they have found many opportunities to witness for the Lord. Their companions in training are looking at life more seriously than at any time in their lives, and when they see consistent Christian living they are ready to listen to the message of salvation. Some stories of remarkable conversions are coming out of the training camps. Often, men who have never know anything about the Assemblies of God, have been led to our altars to seek the Lord for salvation. God is making even the wrath of man to praise Him, and the work among the soldiers is bearing much fruit for eternity. This is a cause for rejoicing to all.

God Answers Prayer

ROSALIND GOFORTH

"I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplication."—Psalm 116:1.

WHEN a very little child, so young I can remember nothing earlier, a severe thunderstorm passed over our home. Terrified, I ran to my mother, who placed my hands together, and pointing upward repeated over and over again the one word "Jesus."

More than fifty years have passed since that day, but the impression left upon my child-mind, of a Being invisible but able to hear and help, has never been effaced.

The most precious recollections of early childhood are associated with stories told us by our mother, many of which illustrated the power of prayer.

One that made a specially deep impression upon me was about our grandfather, who as a little boy went to visit cousins in the south of England, their home being situated close to a dense forest. One day the children, lured by the beautiful wild flowers, became hopelessly lost in the woods. After trying in vain to find a way out, the eldest, a young girl, called the frightened, crying little ones around her and said: "When mother died she told us to always tell Jesus if we were in any trouble. Let us kneel down and ask Him to take us home."

They knelt, and as she prayed one of the little ones opened his eyes, to find a bird so close to his hand that he reached out for it. The bird hopped away, but kept so close to the child as to lead him on. Soon all were joining in the chase after the bird, which flew or hopped in front or just above, and sometimes on the ground almost within reach. Then suddenly it flew into the air and away. The children looked up to find them-

selves on the edge of the woods and in sight of home.

With such influences bearing upon one at an impressionable age, it is not surprising that I came even as a very little child to just "tell Jesus" when in trouble.

Through the mists of memory one incident comes out clearly, which occurred when I was six or seven years of age. While playing one day in the garden, I was seized with what we then called "jumping" toothache. I ran to my mother for comfort, but nothing she could do seemed to ease the pain.

The nerve must have become exposed, for the pain was acute. Suddenly I thought, "Jesus can help me," and just as I was, with my face pressed against my mother's breast, I said in my heart:

"Lord Jesus, if you will take away this toothache right now, *now*, I will be your little girl for three years."

Before the prayer was well uttered the pain was entirely gone. I believe that Jesus had taken it away; and the result was that for years, when tempted to be naughty, I was afraid to do what I knew was wrong lest, if I broke my side of what I felt to be a compact, the toothache would return. This little incident had a real influence over my early life, gave me a constant sense of the reality of a divine presence, and so helped to prepare me for the public confession of Christ as my Saviour a few years later, at the age of eleven.

About a year after my confession of Christ an incident occurred which greatly strengthened my faith, and led me to look to God as a Father in a new way.

When Easter Sunday morning came it was so warm only spring clothes could be worn. My sister and I de-

cidated at breakfast that we would not go to church, as we had only our old winter dresses. Going to my room, I turned to my Bible to study it, when it opened at the sixth chapter of Matthew, and my eye rested on these words: "Why take ye thought for raiment? . . . Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you."

It was as if God spoke the words directly to me. I determined to go to church, even if I had to humiliate myself by going in my old winter dress. The Lord was true to His promise; I can still feel the power the resurrection messages had upon my heart that day so long ago. And further, on the following day a box came from a distant aunt, containing not only new dresses but much else that might well be included in the "all these things."

An unforgettable proof of God's loving care came to us as a family about this time, when my parents were face to face with a serious financial crisis. Isaiah 65:24 was literally fulfilled: "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

At that time, it is necessary to state, we depended on a quarterly income, which came through my mother's lawyer in England. Unusual circumstances had so drained our resources that we found ourselves, in the middle of the quarter, with barely sufficient to meet a week's needs. My dear mother assured us that the Lord would provide; that he would not forsake those who put their trust in him. That very day a letter came from the lawyer in England, enclosing a draft for a sum ample to meet our needs till the regular remittance should arrive. This unexpected and timely draft proved to be a bonus, which did not happen again.

Some years later, having moved to a strange city, a great longing came to do some definite service for my Master. One day there came to the Bible class I attended a call for teachers, to aid in a Sunday School near by. When I presented myself before the superintendent of this Sunday School the following Sunday, and offered my services, it is not much wonder I received a rebuff, for I was young and quite unknown. I was told that if I wished a class, it would be well for me to find my own scholars. I can remember how a lump seemed choking me all the way home that day.

At last, determining not to be baffled, I prayed the Lord to help me get some scholars. I went forth praying every step of the way, the following Saturday afternoon; and canvassing just one short street near our home, I received the promise of nineteen children for Sunday School. The next day a rather victorious young woman walked up to the Sunday School superintendent with

seventeen children following. Needless to say I was given a class.

In the autumn of 1885 the Toronto Mission Union, a faith mission, decided to establish a branch mission in the East End slums of that city. Three others with myself were deputed to open this work. Everything connected with it was entirely new to me; but most helpful and inspiring I found it. For in face of tremendous difficulties that seemed to my inexperienced eyes insurmountable, I learned that prayer was the secret which overcame every obstacle, the key that unlocked every closed door.

I felt like a child learning a new and wonderful lesson—as I saw benches, tables, chairs, stove, fuel, lamps, oil, even an organ, coming in answer to definite prayer for these things. But best sight of all was when men and women, deep in sin, were converted and changed into workers for God, in answer to prayer. Praise God for the lessons then learned, which were invaluable later when facing the heathen.

The time came when two diverse paths lay before me—one to England, as an artist; one to China, as a missionary. Circumstances made a definite decision most difficult. I thought I had tried every means to find out God's will for me, and no light had come.

But in a day of great trouble, when my precious mother's very life seemed to hang in the balance, I shut myself up with God's Word praying definitely for Him to guide me to some passage by which I might know His will for my life. My Bible opening at the fifteenth chapter of John's Gospel, the sixteenth verse seemed to come as a message to me: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." Going to my dear mother and telling her of the message God had given me, she said: "I dare not fight against God."

From that time the last hindrance from going to China was removed. Surely the wonderful way God has kept His child for more than thirty years in China is proof that this "call" was not a mistaken one. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will make plain thy paths" (Prov. 3:6, marg.).

During the summer of 1887 a book written by Dr. Hudson Taylor came into my hands. In "China's Spiritual Needs and Claims" the writer told many instances of God's gracious provision in answer to prayer. The incidents related impressed me deeply. A little later, a few weeks before my marriage, when I found I was short fifty dollars of what I would need to be married free of debt, I resolved not to let others know of my need, but just to trust God to send it to me. The thought came—if you cannot trust God for this, when Hudson Tay-

lor could trust for so much more, are you worthy to be a missionary?

It was my first experience of trusting quite alone for money. I was sorely tempted to give others just a hint of my need. But I was kept back from doing so; and though I had a week or more of severe testing, peace of mind and the assurance that God would supply my need, came at length. The answer, however, did not come till the very last night before the wedding.

That evening a number of my fellow-workers from the East End Mission called, and presented me with a beautifully illuminated address and a purse. After these friends had left I returned to my home circle assembled in the back parlor, and showed them the address and the purse unopened! Not for a moment did I think there was anything in the purse till my brother said: "You foolish girl, why don't you open it?" I opened the purse, and found it contained a check for fifty dollars!

This incident has ever remained peculiarly precious; for it seemed to us a seal of God upon the new life opening before us.—From *How I Know God Answers Prayer*, by Rosalind Goforth. Copyright owned by Zondervan Publishing House. Reprinted by permission. Can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. Paper 65 cents, Cloth \$1.00.



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"Nevertheless David Took the Castle"

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We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world. Does not our warfare demand the valiant heart, the unshrinking and unwavering spirit?

Another of David's Secrets . . .

"Talk ye of all His wondrous works!" He did not hide nor conceal victories wrought by his wonder-working God. The result we might term "morale!" Is this a new idea? Far from it. It is age-old.

"I have not refrained my lips O Lord, Thou knowest! I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart. I have declared thy faithfulness . . . I have not concealed Thy loving kindness . . . from the great congregation." Psalm 40:9, 10.

Propaganda may seem comparatively a modern idea, but David had his own distinct views on the subject. Talk? David knew what to talk about. He knew what topics to avoid.

Words that would weaken the spirit and discourage the heart he knew must be left unsaid. Did David seem boastful? Perhaps he was oft accused of being boastful. But if we walk softly here, we shall observe that while David did boast, he made his boast in the Lord. In fact David was astounded, over-



The Hope Of a Nation

The Stars and Stripes, "Old Glory," is acclaimed the world's most beautiful flag. We hope that it shall never be replaced by another. That hope is based upon the unchanging Word of God, the cross and the unending stream of life.

This careless generation must learn to appreciate America and the Christian principles upon which she was founded; otherwise our servicemen will die in vain. Let us begin now to more fully appreciate the meaning of Christian democracy.

Artist James M. Haines has done a commendable work with his most beautiful, striking picture shown at left. The flag is in true colors, the window, drapes and table in deep walnut brown. The landscape is in

whelmed, quite taken aback. Where can we find so tender a passage as this: "And David the king came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine house, that Thou hast brought me hitherto?" Like a little child approaching one who will unquestionably understand, he continues, "What can David speak more to thee... for Thou knowest Thy servant. 1 Chronicles 17:16-20. "Lord, there is none like Thee."

What then did David talk of?

How did he strengthen his own soul?

How did he fire the hearts of his mighty men?

Morale? He surely built it, but how...?

David built his faith by talking about God.

David fired faith in his warriors by rehearsing the marvelous acts of God.

"Talk Ye of All His Wondrous Works"

Every victory where David had proven the Lord from his youth on, he would rehearse to rouse his faith when confronted with a new conflict, not because of his part in it, but because he had personally found that when the situation appeared against him, while he was not big enough for it, the God whom he trusted was able.

This is what gave birth to his great Psalms, the handbook, the prayerbook, the song treasury of believers of all subsequent ages. We see that explicitly in such a verse as this: "When, on that day David delivered first this Psalm (1 Chron. 16:7-36) to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph" (the song leader) see v. 37. Then follows a song from which comes several of our Psalms, as we can find by comparing the marginal references. And on what day was that? It was the day on which he had brought the ark of the Lord of hosts back into Jerusalem, with cymbals, with dancing and rejoicing. It was the day on which he had been ridiculed by his wife, a royal princess, daughter of Saul. She had scorned his dancing and made light of his joy and worship. David had replied, "It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father... I will yet be more vile than this."

"R-e-m-e-m-b-e-r..." Here was another of David's secrets.

"Remember Pearl Harbor," is a song that stirs uncounted hearts today. David knew of the power in remembering. How it would fire the imagination, and arouse action, as the unleashing of a tremendous force.

"Remember!"

"Remember His Marvelous Works . . . His Wonders . . ."

Why should David's heart be downcast by Michal's disdain and lack of appreciation? He had lots to remember.



Of Whom the World Is not Worthy

By Mollie Baird

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What he had to remember were the *marvelous works...* and the *"wonders"* of One who said, "I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep... and I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked." 1 Chron. 17:7, 8. Yes, David, successor to the deposed Saul, had lots to remember. It was not until he failed by sinning against God, that he had sorrow to remember, and there came into his home and family a train of sad events, among his own children. But of God's part it was all, "His wonders... His marvelous works... for His mercy endureth forever!"

Today I was at the railroad station, together with the pastor and his wife (Pastor and Mrs. Chas. C. Eyles, Johnstown, Pa), bidding farewell to two more young men out of the heart of the assembly families, young men dearly, dearly cherished and relied upon. In the crowded, crowded station, we bade our farewells with many, many others, and gave our words of strength and trust and comfort. Our hearts shared every wrench. The eyes of the mother upon her tall son, her consolation and reward for years of toil. The father, in his oft repeated, "My son! I would I could go for you!" A few days before we had sat around the family table participating in the farewell banquet.

There came the moment when the young men had gone through the gates. When, with no further demand to keep up for their sons' sake, the mothers' tears could freely flow upon someone's comforting shoulder... of one who in turn needed all the consolation to be found. The

young sisters, the betrothed... the young wife with tiny infant in arms... who can look upon those faces, marked with the tears of great renunciation, and not share their farewells?

May God strengthen our hearts to comfort others!

"Wake up the mighty men"

"Let the weak say I am strong."

Are you awakened? Am I? To the spiritual challenge and need of this hour. Are our eyes upon our weakness, or upon the strength of the Lord, and upon His wondrous and miraculous works?

"Faint not, nor fear!"

His arms are near!

He fights for thee,

And thou art dear.

Only believe, and thou shalt see,

That Christ is all in all to thee!"

In the architecture of great cathedrals, one finds grimacing gargoyls, or imps wrought out in stone, that seem to be meant to depict the discouragements sent by the adversary to say, "Thou shalt not come hither." These are placed on some of the high points, but not on the chief tower, or steeple. Beloved, saints of every age have found themselves withstood as they have ventured out to take new territory for God. Yet they have found Christ is Victor. In Him we too are victorious. Do we shrink? Do we waver? Said David Livingstone, "... suffering or danger... may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink, but let this only be for a moment." How he exemplified his own valiant standard! Said David to his son Solomon, "Now set your heart and your soul..." 1 Chron. 22:19. That is what it requires. The set heart and soul. David said that what he had done, he did with all his might... "with all my might!" 1 Chron. 29:2. We too may enter the battle under our great Captain's orders, loving Him not only with, as the first commandment of all puts it, "... all thine heart, and with all thy soul," but also "with all thy might!"

The Victor? Christ is Victor. He will take the strong city. And He is our personal victory as we yield to Him. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord." 1 Chron. 29:11.

"O Christ, descend!"

Scarred temple, take the crown!

Bruised hand, take the scepter!

Wounded foot, step the throne!

Thine is the kingdom."

Livingstone's Motto

"Anywhere—provided it be forward."

The GOSPEL in FOREIGN LANDS

A Brazilian Camp Meeting

John Kolenda, Florianopolis, Brazil

During the month of February I was occupied in the neighboring State of Rio Grande do Sul conducting Bible studies and special meetings in Porto Alegre, the capital, and in Itacurubi, which is near the Argentinian border. At this latter place the saints and workers gather annually for something similar to a camp meeting. They travel as far as 100 to 150 miles on horseback and in oxcarts to spend the ten days camping near the church, enjoying the blessing of the Lord.

When Mr. Nordlund and I got off the train at the town which besides the railroad station boasted three houses, a number of workers dressed in "gaucho" (cowboy) fashion awaited us to travel together the forty miles to the meeting place, they on horseback and we in a two-wheel cart. After traveling three hours, we stopped at a ranch for supper. The old rancher who has had half of one ear cut off and bears many other scars on his face and body, used to be one of the terrors of that country. "The first time I stopped here to stay overnight," said Brother Nordlund, "This old rancher had decided to kill me. He sent his boys with guns to waylay us in the woods by the roadside. Being warned by his wife, we left during the night by another route. See that church?" pointing to a white brick building on a hill near by, "Brother Erminio (the old rancher) has built that all himself and he practically supports the native minister. Oh, yes, the gospel has wrought miracles here." When

I looked at the scarred old rancher and the little white church, and met the many Christians there, I agreed with Brother Nordlund.

Unexplainable, Except for God

Continuing our journey, we arrived at midnight at the ranch of Alvino de Silva, whose wife is a cousin of our honored President of Brazil. It was on his ranch that the camp meeting was held. Here, too, I witnessed what the grace of God had wrought. For instance, while we were washing in a near-by creek, Brother Nordlund said, "Here I held the first baptismal service. About 500 were present. We were warned that a number of armed bandits were going to break up the meeting with gun fire. We knew they meant business for only a short while before one of our workers had been shot while preaching in Brother Alvino's home. The bullet was aimed at his heart, but fortunately the preacher in making a gesture raised his hand and the bullet entered his arm.

While I was conducting the baptismal service, about thirty armed men rode up on horseback. They stopped for a moment, and then the unexpected happened. Their ringleader, who had burned one of our churches and who was a brother of the man that shot our worker, rode forward with his automatic raised to heaven and said to his gang, 'If any one of you moves to harm this meeting, he is a dead man.' He sat there on his horse with his gun drawn until the meeting was over. They then

rode away. This action is unexplainable, except for God." Many are the miracles of God's grace for which we praise Him.

Our Work Goes On

In this State, too, we see the work of God progressing in every place. At our outstation in Conqueiros where we live (about five miles from Florianopolis) we were conducting services in a double garage, but the attendance had outgrown the meeting place and at the beginning of the year the Lord made it possible to build a little church here. It was, therefore, a time of great rejoicing on March 13 when we could dedicate to the Lord a brick church seating 200.

Recently, we added a new worker to our ranks, Isaac Kolenda Lemos, a man of 25 years, consecrated to God and called to the ministry, as also his wife Delilah. Isaac will assist in the work at Florianopolis, taking charge when I am absent, which is very often.

We praise God that although this country is in a state of war, yet the progress of God's work is not hindered. The work goes on in the same manner as always, and we are trying to double our efforts, knowing that the time is short and that soon we may be called to lay our armor down.

Kurebhar, India—Please pray for a young Mohammedan man who is so under conviction that he says he cannot eat nor sleep properly, yet he hesitates to take an open stand for Christ because he feels he cannot stand the persecution which he knows would follow. Pray that God will give him the needed courage and that he may become a true disciple of Jesus Christ.—Mr. and Mrs. Emery Snyder.

Hardoi, India—Please pray that nothing may hinder our carrying on our ministry for Him in this land. Also please pray for our remaining four students who have not been filled with the Spirit.—Edna Wagenknecht.



(1) Six gaucho (cowboy) preachers in native costume. Mr. Kolenda is in the center, wearing one of their broad-brimmed hats. (2) Evangelist Alberto Kolenda Lemos (Mr. Kolenda's nephew), ready to start on one of his usual circuits. (3) Group at Itacurubi church, taken during the camp meeting.

San Rafael Hears the Gospel

Oren E. Munger, El Salvador

San Rafael is an average town. It is not much better nor much worse than a hundred more like it in El Salvador. Some one thousand people live within its boundaries, and probably another thousand within a radius of a mile or so. And they live like most everyone else—in adobe houses, with grass roofs, dirt floors, myriads of fleas and lice, to say nothing of the dogs, cats and hogs. Of course, there is always the added feature of children, scores of them! Some are clad, others have nothing but a generous coat of dirt to cover their little brown bodies.

Our First Evening Service

held under the branches of a mango tree was well attended. In spite of the opposition "fiesta" in progress three miles away, we had a crowd of some five hundred. The gas lantern, the "cheles" (white foreigners) and the music attracted people of all classes and ages, from little tots on up to the town's ancients. It was rather hard to preach, for the folk did not know how to behave in a gospel service. They talked and laughed, and crowded around whenever we played our musical instruments. But some of them listened. Although we could not see below the mask of apparent indifference, God was touching lives. The gospel was going forth, and its power was beginning to tear down the strongholds of Satan.

We invited the children for a special service of chorus singing, Bible stories, and memorizing of verses. So the following afternoon some 75 or more gathered in the shade of a mango tree and there heard in a manner especially for them, the story of Jesus. The next afternoon we promised to take a picture of all who came, and the group had increased to 85 or 90. The glorious part of it was that some accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour.

The Opening Wedge

We continued evening services, with the crowds growing nightly. There was no definite break until the last night. As one of our native brethren brought the message, God gave special anointing, for the words were beyond the natural ability of man. In a manner well fashioned and convincing he explained why he did not believe in the religion of "saints" and idols. He preached that Jesus is what they need. At the close of his message, six adults and five children publicly accepted Jesus as their Saviour. The opening wedge had been driven into the ranks of darkness!

The following morning we got up before daybreak and traveled, some on horseback, others in wooden-wheeled oxcarts, and still others afoot, to a small stream some six

miles away. A lady and her two sons, both paralytics, were to be baptized. They had been saved about nine months earlier as a result of the testimony of a converted carpenter living some three miles from San Rafael. During the nine months since their conversion, they had eagerly looked forward to this day, but according to the custom here, the candidate must give proof of his experience before he is eligible for baptism. As the two boys could not walk, they were carried into the water. What a testimony it was to all present!

We have since heard from San Rafael that they are having services once a week, with fifty or more attending regularly, and others have been saved. A deacon from the closest church, twenty-five miles away, is making the sacrifice to continue the work begun during our three-day visit.

San Rafael Is an Average Town



Andres Ramirez, prospective Bible School student.

There are scores of others just like it—just waiting for the gospel message. What is the hope of these who are still waiting? Is it the missionaries? We would need several hundred of them, were that the case. The solution lies in the preparing and sending out of dozens of young men like Andres Ramirez, who feel the call of God to preach the Word. We believe the best way to meet the crying need of Central America lies in the Bible School. Will you not take this need upon your heart? Pray with us that God will give us a hundred young men—young men who are willing to leave all, and go out to evangelize other towns like San Rafael.

THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW

John F. Hall

Furlough French West Africa

DO THOSE NATIVES SHAVE AND CUT THEIR HAIR?

The African proverb goes, "Whoever accepts a leper's money must shave him." Yes, there are regular barbers who ply their trade in the market places along with the sellers of all kinds of native and European



merchandise. As you see here, the customer squats before the sitting barber. Most men (and some women) keep their heads shaved, except in cooler weather. They cherish the chin whiskers and fondly coax a scraggly goatee, though the face and upper lip are shaven, except in the case of Catholic adherents who try to be like full-bearded Catholic priests.

The barbers use native-made razors which open out straight like a jackknife. They use only plain water to soften the whiskers—evidently the texture of African beard is very different from ours.

Look closely at the picture and you see two small cow horns which are used for the

Blood Letting Process

to relieve sprains, bruises and aches. A tiny hole is bored in the tip. The barber moistens the affected part of the body, applies the horn and sucks the tip to make a vacuum. Then with a chewed up bit of meat he plugs the hole. Several horns are thus applied. In a few minutes he releases them and a mushroom-shaped place remains. This he scores deftly with his razor, replaces the horns one by one, sucks violently and again plugs the tips. In about fifteen minutes he releases each horn and removes from them the clots of blood. Thus the African recovers more quickly than we from sprains and bruises.

Tribal Face Cuts

and body cuts are made by the barbers under unsanitary conditions. They also cut off the uvula for children of the Filani tribe, and as a result this tribe has a throatal click that we cannot acquire.

Talkative? Yes

just like American barbers. For this reason we choose to visit them regularly for the purpose of learning an African language. The time was well spent; not only was language acquired, but the barbers and clients too heard the gospel as a result of the friendships established.

Santiago, Chile—Please pray that the door may be opened for missionaries to enter Chile and that our small band of believers may be encouraged until recruits arrive.—Mrs. H. C. Ball.

Santa Ana, El Salvador—Pray for the opening up of new works in the east of the Republic as we have very little there at present and the need is great.—Earl L. Wilkie.

Send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Whole Bible Sunday School Course

Crossing the Red Sea

Lesson for June 20. Lesson Text: Exodus 13:17 to 15:21.

Our previous lesson had to do with the **Celebration of Redemption**—the Passover Feast. Our present lesson describes the **Crossing to Redemption**.

God's Divine Plan. 13:17 to 14:4. God does not always lead His children over the easiest paths but always over the best paths for them. "God led the people about . . . not through the land of the Philistines" but "through the way of the wilderness." The word "wilderness" refers not to desolate wastes of sand, but simply to uncultivated land such as we find in some of our own broad open places. Through Philistia would have been the shortest route; but the shortest way is not always God's way. Israel might have encountered serious opposition from the Philistines had they gone through that country. Thus, the guiding cloud which at first led them out of Egypt toward the southeast, suddenly took a course straight south along the western shores of the Bitter Lakes. How safe to follow the cloud, the supernatural symbol of God's presence and the leadership of the Holy Ghost!

Pharaoh's Reversed Decision. 14:5-9. After the death angel had finished his work, Pharaoh recovered from his alarm. No more deaths had followed. He set out after the Israelites with about 600 chariots and thousands of trained soldiers. Egypt is an invariable type of this evil world out of which God calls His children. Pharaoh may well represent Satan who desires to entangle us again in the yoke of bondage. But we need not fear. If we are loyal to the voice of God, to the leadership of the Spirit, though the Egyptians pursue they shall not overtake us.

Israel's faithless complaint. 14:10-12. "And when Pharaoh drew nigh . . . they said, It had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness." Mountains to the right of them, wilderness to the left of them, Red Sea in front of them, and Pharaoh coming from behind them—Israel was in a dire predicament! Instead of trusting in the God who had so recently wrought for them the mighty miracles in Egypt, they became panic-stricken and resentful toward Moses. But let us not judge them too harshly for too many of us when under pressure act a great deal as they did!

Moses' Declaration of Faith. 14:13, 14. This was probably the supreme test thus far

in Moses' life, but his faith in God was equal to the occasion. He knew full well the seriousness of the situation but maintained an untroubled composure. He knew whom he had believed; his heart was fixed, trusting in the Lord! His words are worthy of consideration: (1) "**Fear not**"—this is God's Word to all His children under all circumstances, no matter how dreadful and insurmountable they may seem. They were in the will of God. "If God be for us who can be against us?" Rom. 8:28-39. (2) "**Stand still**"—needed advice when we are under pressure and the temptation is to become frantic, to run hither and yon, seeking help from man.

SONG FOR THE OCCASION



"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." "Be still and know that I am God." (3) "**See the salvation of the Lord** which He will show you today." How blessed to rest in faith instead of resorting to futile fleshly energy and methods in attempting to extricate ourselves from difficulties. How glorious to know the supernatural intervention and grace of God in our problems and extremities! (4) "**The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.**" How much energy we waste when we try to defend ourselves and fight with carnal weapons. In all of the awful

afflictions, persecutions, humiliation, and injustices which He suffered, Jesus had the poise of committal—He knew that God knew and left matters entirely in His Father's hands. We are called to do the same. 1 Peter 2:19-23.

God's Explicit Order. "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." There is a time to pray; but there is also a time to stop praying and step out in faith. We must pray in seeking salvation; we must also step out in faith believing that God does save us. Sanctification does not come by praying, struggling, fighting against self, or resolving; but by faith! Prayer and communion with God are essential in order to maintain a sanctified state; but the starting point of sanctification, as well as of salvation, is by faith and faith alone!

Israel's Complete Deliverance. 14:19-30. Israel's miraculous deliverance suggests the following lessons:

1. It represented Israel's national baptism when they passed from the old life of bondage to Pharaoh to a new life of liberty under Moses.

2. It typifies Christian baptism which sets forth the glorious fact that we have passed from the old life of bondage to sin to a new life of victory over the guilt and power of sin by virtue of our union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. If this lesson teaches anything it declares that a life of victory over sin is the normal Christian life and the explicit will of God for all! On the far shores of the Red Sea, the Israelites saw the dead bodies of their ancient foes. Similarly, it is on the other side of the cross and the grave where we have been crucified with Christ and buried with Him, that we find our victory. See Romans 6:1-14. By faith we are to reckon the old life as dead and buried with Christ, but more than that, we are to reckon ourselves as risen with Him, alive unto God, and partakers of the victorious resurrection life of Jesus. As we firmly maintain our position and keep reckoning as God bids us reckon, then the Holy Spirit does the rest and we find that victory to be actual and experimental!

3. What is your "Egyptian"? Some besetting sin or bad habit that has bound you for years? From this moment you may have complete deliverance—not because of striving, struggling, agonizing, but because Christ has broken the power of Satan by His death on Calvary, because He lives within you to be your overcoming life, and because He lives on high making effectual intercession for you! Dare to claim your rightful position! "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."—J. Bashford Bishop.

Graduation Exercises at Central Bible Institute

Sixty-nine more trained laborers have gone forth from Central Bible Institute into the Lord's harvest. Thirty-two young ladies and thirty-seven young men, having completed a three-year course of Bible training, were awarded diplomas in the annual graduation exercises which were held at Springfield, Missouri, May 23-24.

In these days when so many young men and women are being trained to kill and destroy, how heartening it is to know that our Bible schools throughout the Assemblies of God are still training young people in the saving, healing ministry of God's Word. And how fitting it is that this Class of '43 should call themselves "Ambassadors of Hope," and should have as their motto, "Christ Our Hope." Surely their message of Christian hope is needed today as never before, for the indwelling Christ is our only hope in this hour, and the soon-coming Christ our only hope for the future.

The services were held on the campus of Central Bible Institute. The large auditorium was almost filled with out-of-town visitors and friends from Springfield.

Pastor F. J. Lindquist of Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle brought the Baccalaureate message on Sunday afternoon. His theme was, "Such a Time as This." Brother Lindquist is well qualified to give counsel to young workers, for he has had many years of experience both as pastor and as Superintendent of the North Central District Council, as well as President of the North Central Bible Institute at Minneapolis. His message was stirring and sound. We hope to publish it in a later *Evangel*.

The Baccalaureate program was outstanding for its wonderful music, as was also the Commencement program on Monday evening. Hearts could not help but be moved as the students sang and played, especially when the entire student body joined their voices in the triumphant strains of three praiseful songs: "Fling Wide the Gates and Let the King of Glory In"; "The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God"; and "Unfold, Ye Portals, and Let the King Come In."

Preceding the last-mentioned song there was a unique interpretation of Psalm 150. Richard Fulmer, Class President, read out the Psalm. Whenever he came to the mention of a musical instrument he paused while that instrument played a few bars. He read, "Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs"—and the violins and organ burst out in a melodic refrain. The harp (piano), timbrel (tambourine), and cymbals also sounded, each in its proper place. Finally he read, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord," and the entire congregation arose and thundered forth a volume of praise that must have gladdened the heart of Him who was thus being worshiped in music and in song.

Two splendid messages were given by members of the graduating class. Adeline Wichman of Appleton, Wis., represented the girls, speaking on the subject, "Benefited to Bless." The other speaker was William Bailey of

Tulsa, Okla. His message was a continuation of somewhat the same theme, his subject being, "Our Opportunity and Responsibility as Stewards."

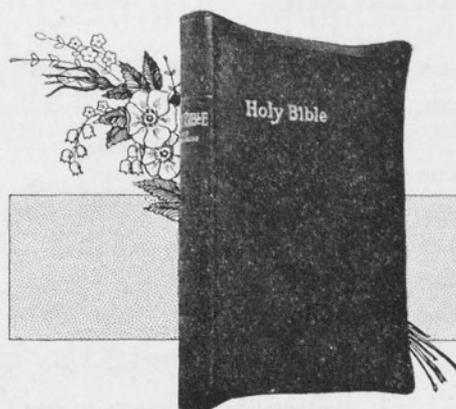
Many pastors, evangelists and district officials were present, including Brother Burris, Superintendent of Arkansas District; Brother Greisen, Superintendent of the Kansas District; Brother Steelberg, Superintendent of Eastern District; Brother Riggs, Superintendent of Southern Missouri District; and Brother Hurston, Secretary of Georgia District.

Nearly a hundred alumni were present, and these former graduates had a blessed time of fellowship together and with the 1943 graduates at an Alumni Fellowship Meeting on

Monday morning and the Alumni Dinner which followed.

The graduation exercises brought to a close a very successful year of study. Central Bible Institute had a student body of about 350 this year. God's blessing was manifest throughout, especially in the early part of March when the Holy Ghost was poured out in such a measure that classes were abandoned for nearly two weeks. Quite a number of students received the Baptism, many others were refilled, a number received calls to mission fields, and a work of grace was done in every life.

Central Bible Institute is an ideal school for the training of young men and women who desire to engage in Christian ministry of any kind. We urge all who are interested to write for information as to the courses available, the cost, etc. Address the Registrar, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. The next term will begin Friday, September 24. —R. C. C.



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was right across the street. But he said she must be kept in bed. Returning we asked the pastor of the Assembly of God, Calvin Freezeland, his wife and the evangelist Helen Earley to come and pray for her. They came and before they finished praying our little daughter was healed. We took her back to the specialist and as we walked into his office the doctor said:

"My, my, Daphne Rose! What has happened to you? You have pink in your cheeks and a spring in your walk, and such a smile on your face."

I told him what we had done and he said he had not heard of anything like it. He carefully examined her and could find nothing wrong with her. He was as happy over it as we were. We kept her out of school for a time to let her get strong after so long being in bed; but she started September 28. She has not missed a day of school, and is strong and well up to this date (April 3, 1943).—Mrs. George Sawyer, 415 South Hibbard Street, Staunton, Illinois.

Nawabganj, India—Pray for the mission boys now working in the city of Cawnpore that God may draw them to Himself. Pray for the outstations that we may see real fruit during these coming months. Pray for me, that I may have deliverance in my body.—Esther Harvey.

Sao Paulo, Brazil—We are looking to God for guidance as to going to a new field, inasmuch as our present field is in a condition where it can be continued by the native ministry here, and does not need our continual presence. Pray that we may be led of the Lord in this.—Frank J. Stalter.

Orleans, Brazil—Imbituba, one of our outstations, needs a new outpouring of the Spirit.

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The Lord's Healing

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I had had enlarged and ruptured varicose veins in their worst form with attendant fever for about fifteen years. Sister Thelma Nickel came to hold a revival at Pleasant Valley. One night she asked those who wanted prayer for their bodies to come forward. I went and Jesus wonderfully healed my varicose veins.

Whereas formerly I could hardly stand on my feet long enough to do my work, since being prayed for I am on my feet from morning

to night.—Mrs. Gladys Hardy, Route 2, Downs-ville, La.

A NOTABLE HEALING

In June 1941 our little daughter Daphne Rose took suddenly very ill. She had a high temperature and a very severe cough. By the doctor's advice we took her to the hospital to have her examined as he had not been able to find what ailed her. She was there ten days but they were unable to locate the trouble. In May, 1942 we took her to the city to a specialist. He said she was a very sick child and must be kept in bed. In August we took her out of bed and took her to the specialist again, hoping he would allow her to go to school which

At Guata and Lauro Muler souls are being saved. Please pray for the city of Cresciuma. We could not on our last visit there find a place for meetings, and we left one faithful sister in tears. Pray for the Lord to raise up workers for this field.—O. S. Boyer.

Jamaica, British West Indies—We thank God for answered prayer and we are believing Him for even greater things. Please pray especially for an island-wide revival. In every town where this wonderful message is going forth souls are being saved and filled but the persecution is great. Please pray for Jamaica.—Cyril C. Huckerby.

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Coming Meetings

ST. LOUIS, MO.—St. Louis Sectional C. A. Rally; June 13; 2:30; Assembly of God Tabernacle, 7300 Virginia Ave. Herbert Bruhn is pastor.—Lester Shockley, Pres., E. J. Boettcher, Secy.

OREGON DISTRICT CAMP MEETING
The Oregon District Camp Meeting, June 30-July 11, will be held at Bethel Gospel Park. Speakers: Alfred N. Trotter, East St. Louis, Ill., and John J. Clement, Seattle. Evangelist Kathleen Belknap will conduct children's services each day. For further information write H. Ivan Ryan, 75 N. Main, Lebanon, Oregon.—Atwood Foster, Dist. Supt.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND CAMP MEETING
The 7th Annual North Dakota District Council and Camp meeting will convene at Lakewood Park, Near Devil's Lake, June 22-July 5. Council sessions open June 22d, 10:00. Special speakers for Camp include: Fox Evangelistic Party; Fred Vogler, Ass't. Gen. Supt.; John Hall, missionary; Bruce Gibson, evangelist. Cottages, cots and pads for rent. Meals served in cafeteria. For further information write: Herman G. Johnson, 723 First Ave. N., Jamestown, N. Dak.—Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CAMP MEETING AND C. A. CONVENTION
The Northern California and Nevada District Council and Camp Meeting convenes June 22-July 4 at St. Helena, Calif. Camp Meeting Speakers: A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo. and Clarence Jenson of Minneapolis, Minn.
The C. A. Convention will be June 25-27 with Wm. E. Long, Bakersfield, Calif., as guest speaker. A missionary rally will be held July 4. A welcome is extended to all missionaries.
Reservations and further information may be obtained from R. J. Renfro, District Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 393, St. Helena, Calif.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

WAR WORKERS WELCOME—Members of Assemblies of God who have moved to Wilmington, Del. will be welcomed by the Calvary Pentecostal Church, 908 West St., Wilmington.—R. P. Hughey, pastor.

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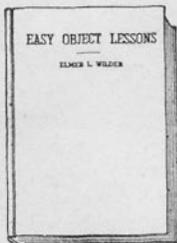
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THE REASON FOR RATIONING

PALESTINE PORTS TO BE ENLARGED

Greater harbor facilities are to be constructed at Haifa and Tel Aviv. The latter, an all-Jewish city, has adopted a twenty-million-dollar program of postwar expansion to be spread over a five-year period.

THE JEWS IN FRANCE

All Jews over six years of age in occupied France have to wear the Star of David when they go out. Made of yellow cloth and as big as the palm of the hand, it must be sewn on the clothing on the left side of the breast. To obtain this compulsory star across which is stamped in black the word "Juif" (Jew) a clothing coupon must be surrendered!

BRAZIL BARS MISSIONARIES

Foreign missionaries are barred from Brazil, the explanation being that the Government discovered that fifth column agents had used that means of gaining admission to the country. Missionaries already in Brazil may continue, but no new recruits may be sent. When the international crisis has passed we hope the doors will again be open to new missionaries.

MISTAKEN ASTROLOGERS

Another case that illustrates the impotence of astrology to correctly forecast the future is cited by *Dawn*. "Most astrologers believe that Joseph Stalin will not survive beyond the end of 1941—some aver that he will meet with a violent death; others that he will be replaced by a stronger personality." So wrote "Old More" in his *Almanac* for 1941 (circulation 3,000,000). But Stalin is alive in 1943!

INVOLUNTARY AGNOSTICS

"Half of America's youth are involuntary agnostics," says Dr. J. Campbell White. "They do not know the truth about God, because they have never been taught. Ninety-five per cent of all our criminals are developed out of their half of the population. . . . Can we afford not to give religious instruction to all boys and girls? The Church people alone could pay the cost of such instruction for all unchurched youth in America and have enough left out of what they are now compelled to spend for crime, to multiply the entire work of the church fourfold."

THE COST OF DEATH—AND LIFE

Some complain of the high cost of living, but think of the high cost of dying. There have been comparatively few casualties in this war. If the totals deaths, military and civilian, be divided into the war budgets of the various nations, it will be found that it costs almost one million dollars to kill a human being in this war. Now take the statistics of the numbers born again in foreign missionary enterprise and the number of people added to our churches on profession of faith. If only half be considered real, yet if the number be divided into the total cost of all religious work, it will be found that it takes comparatively few dollars to save a soul. A million dollars as over against a hundred or two! Think!—From *Revelation*.

FREEDOM TO DISTRIBUTE TRACTS

The Supreme Court of the United States has upheld the right of members of any religious organization to distribute religious literature on any public street in America. On March 8, in announcing a decision which made void two convictions against members of the sect of "Jehovah's Witnesses," Justice Black declared:

"We think the judgment must be reversed because the Dallas ordinance denies to the appellant the freedom of press and of religion guaranteed to her by the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Federal Constitution. . . . One who is rightfully on a street which the state has left open to the public carries with him there as elsewhere the constitutional right to express his views in an orderly fashion. This right extends to the communication of ideas by handbills and literature, as well as by the spoken word. Here the ordinance as construed and applied prohibits the dissemination of information by handbills, and as such it cannot be sustained."

The members of this sect are making good use of their liberty to disseminate their erroneous views. How many of us are taking advantage of the opportunity to propagate God's truth?

In the United States, ten million acres of growing cotton were plowed into the ground, the *Advent Herald* recalls. Five million pigs were slaughtered, but not for food. Six million dairy cattle and two million sheep, along with many other things that are given mankind for food, were destroyed in America. Chile burnt to cinders half a million sheep. Twenty-six million bags of Brazilian coffee were dumped into the Pacific, and a shipload of Spanish oranges were shoveled overboard into the Irish Sea, while the empty ship steamed into Liverpool on a sweltering summer's day among children to whom oranges were an unobtainable luxury. Fish was thrown back into the sea. Wheat was burned. Fruit was left to rot on the trees.

It was only because it was thought there was too much of everything. It was presumed the markets were in awful danger of being upset. The amount of profit on the whole would have come to be greatly diminished, so the quantities had to be reduced.

One now cannot help wondering if there is not some kind of relationship between this former wholesale destruction of food values, when multitudes were starving for lack of them, and the enforced coupon systems that are now, during this awful war, being imposed on nearly the whole world. God's good gifts cannot forever be treated thus with impunity.

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