



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

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 THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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For Such a Time As This

Frank J. Lindquist in Baccalaureate Address at Central Bible Institute



HAVE chosen for a Scripture this afternoon Esther 4:14, "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and *who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*"

The book of Esther is a book of feasts and fasts. While God is not mentioned in the whole book, yet the presence of God is very evident in the text we have read and throughout the book. God who knows all things is never caught unprepared; and we find in the book of Esther that, when a great crisis confronted the Jewish people, God had a little orphan girl whose name was Esther. Nine years before this she had in a miraculous way been elevated to become the queen of a great world empire. And as a great crisis came upon the Jewish people she was in a position to help them. Her uncle addressed these words to her, "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" God always has a man or a woman for every crisis. We see as we look into the Word of God, that He had Joseph for the famine, He had Moses at the time of the Exodus. He had Samuel, Elijah, David, John the Baptist, and I believe as we look at our seniors gathered here, and, as we consider our Bible Schools as a whole, we see that God has in these Bible Schools trail blazers, missionaries, pastors, evangelists and, who knows, He may have martyrs there also.

Friends, we find that back of almost every great man or woman there is a great mother. No doubt this was true of Queen Esther al-

though she is spoken of as having neither father nor mother. Moreover God gave her an uncle, who trained her, and gave her the Word of God; and later on when she rose to the seat of power and authority she had so much of God in her heart that she was unspoiled by the court life, untainted by the things of heathenism around her; and she was ready to make the supreme sacrifice when she said, "If I perish, I perish. I will go in to see the king."

I find a comparison in the life of Esther with that great Chinese woman, Madame Chiang Kai-shek. I read her testimony and the testimony of her husband a few weeks ago, and I found that God now has a godly man and woman directing the destinies of China and four hundred million people. These two are acknowledged Christians, ready to confess that they are followers of Christ. But back of Madame Chiang Kai-shek was a praying, godly mother, a Pentecostal mother who knew how to pray.

As Madame Chiang gave her testimony, she attributed her faith in Christ and her hope in God and her strength for the present hour to

a praying mother who trained her and led her to God early in life. God had a Madame Chiang Kai-shek for this present hour. When that little woman was going to college in this country, getting an education, she did not forget God. She learned about God in China. Isn't it marvelous and wonderful that back of all that, was the missionary to China, the missionary who went out and became a trail blazer bringing the gospel to China, so that today we have Christian leadership in China with a better testimony, sometimes, than we have here in Christian America?

Now, my friends, I am thinking of your school days. They have been preparation days, and God alone knows what is ahead of you. As you are seated here this afternoon in a baccalaureate service I repeat to you, "*And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*"

We are living in critical days, days of pressure, and days of stress and strain. If we ever needed God, if we ever needed the motto that the senior class has, "Ambassadors of Hope," surely it is right now. I trust that as you go out from this school it will be with the knowledge and with the memory that here you learned to know God better; that here you have learned to love the Lord, so that when you meet success or adversity, darkness or light, you will find yourselves rooted and grounded in God, and able to stand for principle, (Continued on Four)



At the Baccalaureate Service, Central Bible Institute

Clinging Fingers

ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

HAVE you ever heard of what well-seasoned saints in earlier days called "living the detached life"? It is a very real thing, particularly after one has had "clinging fingers" for various earthly objects; and God has tenderly but firmly loosened the grasp from those very objects however dear to the heart. Perhaps you still hold them, but more loosely now, with a heart centered in Him, remembering those words of Paul, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. . . . Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

There is a story of the tiny lad whose hand was caught in a priceless vase belonging to his mother. Anxious to preserve the vase the mother gently tugged at the little hand in an effort to release the prisoned member. All to no avail! Finally she said, "Sonny, are you holding your fingers out straight when I pull?" "No, muvver," came the answer, "I tan't, or I'll lose my free pennies." Clinging fingers and three pennies were that laddie's price of liberty. But the difficulty understood, mother soon solved the difficulty for all concerned. Do not God's children oftentimes lose the fullness of their glorious blood-bought liberty in a very similar manner?

Did you ever hold an object so tightly that you left the impress of your finger-nails in the palm of your hand? This very thing can happen to your heart also. You can hold a treasure—friend or object—so closely that you will only hurt yourself. You will become blinded to the real value of living, and the balance of true consecration to God. Pressing the natural so closely will cut the sweetness and closeness of communion with the only One who ever loved you enough to die in your stead—Jesus.

If you really give Him first place, hold precious the trusting time with Him in prayer and His Word and honor His claim on time or strength above any other—you will find yourself more perfectly adjusted to the other relationships of life. You will be a better friend, employee, daughter, sister, lover. Like discovering the key to a puzzle, perplexing combinations will be simplified and adjusted when He is considered first. The very fact that you are seeking His glory will make you self-forgetful and conscious of others' welfare.

Some have clung tenaciously only to find the treasure wither in their clasp and one day the clinging fingers relaxed to reveal only ashes. We often doom the very idol or treasure by clinging too closely to it. It has been said, "What we hold we lose; what we give we keep." It sounds strange, but it is true. Do you cherish that friendship, that alabaster box? Loosen from it your feverish, over-eager fingers. Ask God to hold the treasure at His own wise disposal; then rest in His love and find how beautifully He keeps that which you have committed unto Him against that day.

No more worry lest you lose the treasure, for it is in His keeping; no more divided heart and double vision, for He is first; no more grieving over idols torn from your clinging fingers, for

whatever comes is His appointment and there is no disappointment in His precious will. This is "the detached life"—good for old and young.

When fingers cling, they sorrow bring
Upon the loving heart;
Crown Jesus King in ev'rything,
From all thine idols part.

He whispers low to let them go,
Love's idols I have known;
How sweet to know He loves me so.
He wants me all His own.

He purchased me His own to be;
With His redeeming blood;
He set me free that He might see
In me a child of God.

His right it is to make me His,
My body, spirit, soul.
His pard'ning kiss gives perfect bliss
To those in His control.

God Proved His Power to Doctor and His Nurse

MAYME E. WILLIAMS

KNOWING that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever," I am constrained to write this testimony, as it was given to me both by letter, and by the Doctor and nurse's own words. I believe that it will encourage the faith of those who are afflicted.

It happened in the year of 1927, in Atlanta, Georgia, in the office of Dr. W. H. Holbrook. For years Dr. Holbrook had been a steward in the Methodist Church and had given thousands of dollars to the work of the Lord; yet during that time he had seen very little of what he calls "true religion." Speaking of his church affiliations during those years he says:

"There were fourteen hundred members in that church of which I was a steward. We had to have nice suppers at the church in order to get the society folk out at all. Then too, we were trying to raise twenty-six thousand dollars a year, and often the stewards had to pay a large part of that. I began supporting a missionary to Korea, and have kept it up for several years.

"Sunday mornings I would sit and weep at church, wanting to find God, but not knowing how. This indicated my condition spiritually. I did not believe in miracles."

Dr. Holbrook's nurse, Mrs. Katherine Jones, in adding her part to this amazing testimony said that both she and the Doctor were full of unbelief and did not tolerate people who brought religious literature to the office and resented anyone's trying to talk religion in the office. She says:

"About this time we came in contact with a Holiness minister, Jack Wright of Louisville, Ky., who had been marvelously delivered from prison and from death. He was in prison for some crime he had committed, when he became ill, peritonitis set in and they put drainage tubes in his abdomen. Somehow he got possession of a Bible and got saved. When the Lord saved him, he pulled the tubes out of his abdomen and threw them away. They said he was insane and put him on the third floor to die, but instead of dying he was healed. They turned him out of prison, and he came to Atlanta, preaching the gospel. While there his wife developed a severe cancer of the breast, and he brought her to Dr. Holbrook for treatment."

I give the story in Dr. Holbrook's own words: "It was a large cancer. The epidermis and the corium (both layers of the skin) were eaten off and the place was as raw as a piece of beef. I did not want to have anything to do with it, so sent her to a cancer clinic, and they did not even use radium or X-rays on it, probably because they thought it would be of no benefit. So her husband brought her back to me, asking me to operate and remove the cancer.

"I placed her on my operating table, with the intention of removing the entire breast. Knowing it to be a very serious and bloody operation, I prepared it for removal; then went and got a large supply of sutures, probably fifty yards, so I would have enough to tie up all the blood vessels. I was going to use a local anesthetic.

"All ready for the operation I removed the towels, etc., with which I had sterilized the entire field for the operation, and to my surprise as I looked, THE CANCER WAS GONE. Before my startled gaze, God removed that cancer, and in my excitement, I asked, 'Does it move about?'

"You see when God began to heal and remove the cancer, there was a fluttering movement. The Lord closed up that place where the cancer had been, and the skin grew back over the wound, just exactly as though it never had been. There was not even the sign of a scar left to show where it had been. I was so startled that I was dumbfounded, and Mrs. Katherine Jones, my nurse, was trembling like a leaf, not knowing what to say. I did not know God was able to do anything like that, and when He proved Himself to us right there, it opened my eyes and brought me into the light. That is the reason I am in Pentecost today. Praise His name!

"I had an opportunity to examine Mrs. Wright five years later, and there was no sign of a growth of any kind." Signed, W. H. Holbrook, M. D.

Mrs. Katherine Jones, the nurse, in relating her connection with the case says:

"Mr. Wright brought his wife in one day and said, 'Dr. Holbrook, I would rather you did this operation, than the other doctors at the hospital, as she had been there for treatment.'

"Well, I prepared Mrs. Wright for the opera-

tion, and I know that she had a cancer. It was there when I put her on the table. The Doctor and her husband came in and I walked down to the head of the table with a pan of instruments. The Doctor walked up to the patient and removed the dressings, and I heard him say, 'WELL I DO SAY!' and repeated those words again, and I began to shake, so I sat down. My knees shook like old Belshazzar's. I tell you we could feel the healing power of God in that entire room. It was literally *charged* with the power of God. Then the Doctor said, 'Does it ever move?' meaning the cancer. I looked up at the woman's husband and he had his head bowed and his eyes closed. He fell at the foot of the table and began praising God for healing his wife.

"This healing caused the Doctor and me to start out to find God. We are saved today because the Lord manifested Himself in healing that cancer before our eyes. Praise His Holy Name!" Signed, Katherine Jones.

This is the story of God's dealings with a doctor and nurse, in bringing them into the glorious light of salvation, and since it has been my privilege to be personally acquainted with Dr. W. H. Holbrook, and his nurse, Mrs. Katherine Jones, for a number of years, I can vouch for the story, having heard it from both of them several times. God has used Dr. Holbrook in helping promote the work of the Lord in our churches in Georgia and other places also, and his faithful nurse gives away thousands of Gospels of John among the doctors, nurses, business people and patients who come to their office. Their tract table in the office is always loaded, and many souls have been saved through their personal work. Thus again God proves that His power is just the same today.

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THE WICKED FLEE WHEN NO MAN PURSUETH

Earl Anthony

SOME years ago, while helping some mission workers in a street meeting on Clark Street, in Chicago, two men in the crowd began to heckle the speaker. We let them alone for a while, but they continued to heckle each succeeding speaker, until at last I became provoked, and thought it best to stop this source of annoyance which was distracting the attention of the audience. I walked up to these men, who seemed to be the riffraff of society, and, using their own style of language, I said to them: "Youse guys pipe down." They answered, with a sneer, "Who said so?"

"I said so!" I countered.

"And who are you?"

"Never mind; pipe down now—right now."

They began to size me up, and presently said, disdainfully, "We will be waiting for you at the close of the meeting."

"All right," I said, feeling that the Lord would be with me, and help me out of a possible tight place, "I'll be right here." And with that they waited for the meeting to close.

I was to be the last speaker, and when it was my turn to speak, the leader of the street meeting said, "Now our next speaker is Mr. Anthony, who used to be a prize fighter." I don't believe I had talked three minutes—and I gesticulated somewhat wildly with my arms and fists—until those two men were gone!

Now this is the strange thing about it: The

A Vast Field of Opportunity

A United States Army Chaplain clasped Brother Vogler's hand tightly one day in Chicago recently and said to him, "God bless you for the work you are doing in getting out that paper 'Reveille.' You'll never know the amount of good that little messenger is doing among our armed forces."

A veteran Navy Chaplain said to him, "I highly commend what you people of the Assemblies of God are doing in the way of distributing gospel literature to our men in the service." This Chaplain spoke in Brother Vogler's presence to an Admiral of the Canadian Navy commending the work of "Reveille."

Raymond Richey said to Brother Vogler, "I know of four men who were converted through one single copy of 'Reveille.'"

A Lieutenant-Commander writes from a U. S. Naval Air Station, "Enclosed is a Postal Money Order for twenty dollars. It represents the tithe of a young sailor who consulted me as to the best place to which he might send his tithe. After seeing your tracts and reading 'Reveille' I unhesitatingly recommended your Publishing House. Use the money to help defray the costs of tracts my yeoman requested for this office."

He continues, "If there is one tremendously urgent 'must' confronting our armed forces today it is that our soldiers, sailors, and marines, officers and enlisted men make certain now that they are ready for eternity. There is no other name given under heaven whereby men may be saved but the name of Jesus. Your tracts are silent evangelists

leader of the meeting had heard me say that I had been a "bar room fighter" before I was saved, and in making the announcement, when he introduced me, he got his words and terms mixed, and said I had been a "prize fighter." Perhaps the Lord allowed it! At least, the men disappeared, and we had no trouble with them.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion." Proverbs 28: 1. I have found that if we trust the Lord, and commit ourselves and our ways to Him, He will help us when we need Him. I remember reading in *Pilgrim's Progress* how Christian came along the road and saw two lions, one on each side of the road, and he heard them growl. He was afraid to proceed, and was about to turn back, when the porter called to him to come, telling him that the lions were chained. So along life's pathway we come, at times, to extremely difficult problems and "impossible" situations. It would seem that sure defeat, or even

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Our God-Given Task

pointing the way to 'the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.'"

We have had such a great demand for "Reveille" No. 7 that we are having to reprint 200,000 extra copies, bringing the total edition up to 700,000. Pray for our editorial workers as they prepare the copy for No. 8. In order to print sufficient quantities of this last, we believe it will be necessary to reduce the size of the "Evangel" to 8 pages six times during the third quarter of this year, but we are persuaded that every "Evangel" reader will be glad for this sacrifice in order to bring the gospel of Christ to the men who may be shortly facing death.

We should very much like to print an edition of "Reveille" in Spanish in days to come to distribute among the armed forces of Latin America.

In response to our appeal for the funds for Testaments for the troops of South and Central America, we have received \$2,000 so far. But in order to provide 300,000 copies we shall need a far more generous response. We believe this is an unparalleled missionary opportunity. Fifteen cents will buy one Testament; \$1.50 will provide ten; \$15.00 will supply 100; \$150.00 will mean that 1,000 soldiers will receive the gospel message. Pray with us that the hearts of these Latin American soldiers may be open to the gospel. John wrote: "These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." Through the receiving of the Word, God can give us souls who in later days will be flaming evangelists in South and Central America.

destruction, lies immediately ahead. But if we know Jesus as our Saviour, and yield to Him as our Lord, He can and will make a way when there is no way, and keep the lions chained, allowing us to pass through in peace and safety. What a Saviour is our Saviour!—*Christian Victory*.

PRAISE, ALWAYS PRAISE

Praise, always praise; there's not a day nor hour

But praise is comely: praise will bring thee power.

Praise, always praise; for praise should follow prayer,

Praise Him, who makes your wants His daily care.

Praise, always praise; in days of dark or bright,

Praise always brings an atmosphere of light.

Praise, always praise: not with the lips alone,

To God's all-seeing eye the heart is known.

Praise, always praise; so shall thy heart find rest,

In knowing that God always gives the best.

Praise, always praise; when prayer itself shall cease,

Praise will still endure, yea, and shall still increase.

Praise, always praise; e'en with thy latest breath

Begin the song which is not hushed in death.

"The Harvest of the Earth Is Ripe"

READ REVELATION 14:14-16

ABRAHAM asked the Lord whether He would destroy Sodom if ten righteous men were found there. And the Lord answered, "I will not destroy it for ten's sake." God is loath to execute judgment. He has been loath over and over again. The longsuffering of God is salvation.

Every time He has withheld destruction, the cup of iniquity was filling up. A partial judgment stayed the filling of the cup for the time being, but gradually the cup is being filled. And when the cup is filled the Lord will send forth the word, "Thrust in thy sickle and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." Rev. 14:15.

In Sodom and Gomorrah, in Jerusalem and Babylon, we see judgment has fallen on part of the earth. But here the angel is told to put in the sickle for the harvest of the earth is ripe. All the armaments and weapons of defence of all the armies of the world will be unable to withstand the sickle of divine wrath. Get out of the swath of the sickle. Come into judgment beforehand, the judgment that begins at the house of God, and so escape the judgment of the earth.

What are the judgments of God? They are described in the sure word of prophecy. God's Word says that judgment begins at the house of God, but how did Christ deal with the house of God? When He found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting, He made a scourge of small cords and drove them all out of the temple, and He poured out the changers' money and overthrew the tables. Judgment commencing in the outer court! He wants the outer court purged. He wants the outer life purged. Was it wrong to sell doves in the outer court? They encroached on the preserves of the holy place. He said, "My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves." Robbers in the courts of the Lord! Prayer and communion with God were neglected.

Though God's judgments were on Sodom, He had blessing for Abraham who was on the outside. The plains of Jordan had no attraction for the man of faith. The people of God have to give Sodom a wide berth and must have no part nor lot in the attractions of the cities of destruction. By so doing, they will have God's best, which He has in reserve for them.

The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" God trusted the man of faith. When He sees a man of faith, to that man He will communicate. Hast thou faith? By faith Abraham obtained promises. By faith he obtained secrets. Those who have faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. How was Abraham blessed? Through revelation, through the promises, and through the friendship of God. Lot was out of it all. God did not talk with him. He got Sodom and lost faith. Abraham refused Sodom and gained faith, and also God's blessing and revelation. Seek to be filled with faith and to be filled

with the Spirit; and the Holy Spirit will show you things to come.

It is written: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all." Jude 14, 15. He will come in His splendor, majesty and glory. He will come to His own as Bridegroom. They have known Him not only as the King of glory but the Friend of sinners. He who was despised and rejected of men will come. And the marks of shame and of death will be especially glorified by the Father. "Behold My hands and My feet." These words were spoken to the disciples. God is going to draw attention to the wounds of His glorified Son throughout eternity. John, when he saw things in heaven, wrote: "In the midst of the throne... stood a Lamb as it had been slain!" Those wounds He bore will act as an eternal barrier against the forces of hell, and they will never again disturb the harmony of heaven. Those wounds are pledges to the saint of eternal safety within the portals of glory.

"A Lamb as it had been slain!" The Lamb that was slain will be the adored of all the millions of heaven. But the greatest joy in heaven will be when He takes His position as Bridegroom. Those hands with glorified wounds give welcome to His betrothed. His bride will be able to say, "His left hand is under my head and his right hand doth embrace me." Cant. 2:6. Support, welcome and security will be the prerogative of the bride. It will not be long before the sound goes forth, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come." Rev. 19:7. Sight of sights! Glory of glories! The consummation of divine plans, of divine love!

As an earthly father rejoices when the elder son is married to the daughter of his choice, and is pleased to see his son's joy, so God will rejoice in the reward of His Son. He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. And the bride shares in the felicity that the Son has in the Father and the Father in the Son. And they two shall be one, the bride and the Bridegroom.

Rev. 14:19 describes the destruction that is coming to the wicked when "the vine of the earth" is cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God. It will be utter destruction to all those who have refused and have neglected to receive God's Son and His salvation.

And after this comes the judgment of the great white throne, when whosoever is not found written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

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for truth and righteousness, and to say as did Esther of old, "If I perish I perish, but I am standing for God."

Isn't it wonderful that as we look back in history we often see how history repeats itself? Twenty-five hundred years have gone by since these words were addressed to Esther, and

yet today the Jewish nation faces the same risk of extinction as it faced in the days of Esther. Men have risen up again with the same anti-Semitic hatred and feeling against the Jews and are determined to wipe them off the face of the earth if they can, but God still has His Esther today. Praise the Lord forever. I believe that God will always have His man or woman who is ready to stand in the gap.

Now I know that, while there is no mention of God in the book of Esther, yet in it God is very evident by His acts of providence. This little orphan girl who now had risen to power was able to go in unto the king, and make petition for her own life and for the life of her people, and her wish was granted so that she became a potential savior of her people. Those were dark days, even as these in which we live; but I thank God that we have Bible Schools such as this. We have men and women graduating, who have been trained in the Word of God and who are going out to preach the gospel—going out to win souls for Jesus Christ. God has raised you up for days like this.

As I look back in my own experience I find that sometimes God's guidance has apparently been quite unpretentious. It just seems to be a little thought that comes to your mind, but you don't get away from it. God's guidance is the still, small voice of the Spirit in your heart that says, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

You were led to Bible School, and you have been sitting under your instructors here and have learned the Word of God. Now comes the time for graduation. I think some of you have the same feeling that our seniors often have. "Now they are going to give me a diploma and thrust me out into the cold world. O how I wish there were a fourth year so I should not have to go just now." However, the only way I know to get started in God's work is to start. I have not much faith in those who are always learning and never coming to a knowledge of the truth, but with whom it is school, school forever. Again I say that the way to get started in God's work is to get out and start.

I trust that when you are a graduate of this school God will open doors for you and thrust you forth, and you will see that God has opened the way and that He is guiding you and leading you into open doors for service. "For such a time as this," is what our scripture says. This is the time, dear friends, of organized atheism. This is the time when war has torn our world apart, when men's hearts are failing them for fear. This is the time of confusion and perplexity, but God is still on the throne. God is still able to bring order out of chaos, and He is able to open once more the missionary doors that have been closed; and I praise God for the plans that are being made right here at headquarters to thrust out more missionaries than ever before as soon as war conditions will permit. Praise God forever!

"For such a time as this." We have read in the papers of juvenile delinquency. Young people are going the way of the flesh, seemingly getting desperate and abandoning themselves to all kinds of excesses of the flesh. Sometimes we throw up our hands in horror and say, "What is this generation coming to?" Here now, are some of this generation. Thank God, you young men and women have come

to days and times like this to show to the unsaved young people of America that young people can live for God and enjoy serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I was coming here on the bus I got well smoked. I had to stand, all the way from Carthage. My nose was about six inches from the roof of the bus, and I found that the women on the bus had to smoke, smoke, smoke. There came to my mind the first verse in the book of Jude, "To them that are sanctified by God the Father, preserved in Jesus Christ and called." It is a wonderful text—called, sanctified and preserved. I began to think, there are different ways to persevere; by sugar which makes us sweet, by vinegar which makes us sour, or else in smoke. I thought I was getting preserved in a smoke house on the way here. I could smell it on my clothes for a long while after I got off the bus.

My heart was vexed within me as I looked around, and I thought, "Dear Lord, is this the womanhood of Christian America? Are these the days in which we must live and make our young people feel that these cigarettes and drink and taverns and carousing are part of living today?" Is that what our boys are going out and risking their lives for, this so-called *American way of living*? I would not fight for it. I stand strongly for the principles of democracy and the four freedoms; but I would never fight for that so-called American way of living. My heart was vexed within me, and I began to think, "I am going to a different gathering, where there are young men and women, who are not bound by these fetters and habits. God has raised you up for times like this. You are to go out and demonstrate as well as emphasize the fact that such habits are not Christian living. America must be called back to God, back to the righteousness of the Pilgrim Fathers, back to the Bible, and to the truths that our boys are really fighting for today on the battlefield. Yes, these are perilous times; terrible days, but I still feel they are hopeful days, praise God!

I am thinking now of the ease with which we can get the Word of God out to the world. Think of it, young people; you can get in an airplane here, and travel everywhere. At the present time there may be hindrances because of war and priorities, but let us think now of the time when the war shall have ended. You can then get in an airplane and perhaps in two or three days fly to your destination in the heathen land, whereas our dear Apostle Paul had to walk, and travel weeks on mule back or in some small sailing boats with perils on land and sea, and spend nights and days in the deep. Through modern conveniences you can speed to the places where you expect to labor for God. Isn't that wonderful? In the days of Paul there was no printed Bible; but now it has been translated into over a thousand languages and dialects, and you can carry the Word of God to the ends of the earth. These are wonderful days as well as dark days.

I am thinking of the radio. By the "Voice of the Andes" and other gospel broadcasts we can spread the Word of God. In the twinkling of an eye the message is carried far and wide. These are marvelous days in which to live. They challenge us and bid us to be at our best for God. When you are going out, it is not only to a world of chaos, ruin and hopelessness, but there are opportunities and challenges today that ought to awaken the best in you so

that you would say, "God helping me I will not fail the Lord." Missionary doors have closed, but I believe they are going to be opened and, instead of seeing boatloads of four hundred fifty or more missionaries coming home from a mission field, we are going to see an *exodus* of our missionaries going out to the ends of the earth, perhaps for the last hour of this dispensation before Jesus comes again, to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

What did Esther say? She said, "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish." The decision was made. It was settled once and for all. That is the kind of consecration God wants from you. It is not to sit around and say, "I will go and preach if I get the money I want or that good church I want." We need the *pioneer spirit*, the spirit of sacrifice right now. I trust that when you go back to your respective districts it will not be with the thought, "Where can I settle down in some good church someone else has established," but you will have the pioneer spirit, "Where can I preach Jesus Christ where they have never heard the message before?" That is what we need.

I would not be so much bothered with the matter of credentials. I have been sitting on credential committees for twenty years, and I declare, I sometimes get tired of the importance attached to having credential papers. Draft boards now demand that you have a license to preach, or exhorter's papers or something like that if you are to be deferred. But all the licenses and all the exhorter's papers and all the ordinations we can ever give you will not make a preacher out of you. It never will. God has to make a preacher out of you, and all that any credential committee can do is to *recognize* that God has put His hand on you and is using you and giving you a ministry. After that it is easy enough to get credentials, but credentials do not make the preacher. We have had some come into our committees, having credentials with gold edges and gold stars, signed with flourishes and scroll work, beautiful stuff, wonderful; and they not only had one, but two or three. They have had mail-order credentials. They have written in and said, "Dear friends, I like your credentials more than any I have ever seen. Will you please send me some." They got them by return mail for a price from some groups. They found those papers did not get them anywhere, so they said, "I believe if I join the Council I will get somewhere." We knew we could exchange our papers for theirs. We could, but that would not make a preacher, and we are not anxious to have people in the Council for what they *get out of the Council*. We want them in the Council for what they can *put into the Council* in the way of ministry, consecration and character.

So, young people, I would not be so much concerned about the credentials. God will make you a living epistle, known and read of all men; and when the proper time comes, if you have a ministry, you will get your credentials all right and ordination in time; but after all, it is the consecration to God, and that desire to go through with the Lord Jesus

that is going to be recognized; and when the time comes that you face the credential committee your knees may be knocking together, but if you have a ministry it will not take very many minutes to say, "This young person has a ministry, and we are going to recognize him by giving credentials."

Perhaps we have had the condition here in Central Bible Institute that is in North Central Bible Institute. About a month before the end of the term diamond rings began to blossom out on the fingers. And I found it almost necessary to say to our senior class that we actually would graduate them, even if they were *not* engaged. Your consecration to God must come before all matrimonial ideas; and if you are in the place where you feel the hand of God is upon you, perhaps you might feel it is wise to get established in the ministry, before you take on the additional burden and enter matrimony.

However God will help you in that thing, too; but the thing that we all need, is when one test or another test comes before us, to have the determination to say, as Esther said, "I am going in to the king; and if I perish, I perish." Thank God, she did not perish. She did not sink.

We have before us this afternoon potential missionaries, evangelists, pastors, teachers and perhaps martyrs. God is giving you your marching orders. They are in the Word of God. I am reminded in closing of a little story I heard not so long ago of a colored boy who got his draft papers. He looked at them and read them as well as he could. He looked at the questions; then shook his head. Finally he got out his pencil and wrote across the whole thing, "I'se's ready when youse is ready," and sent it in. Friends, that is what I should like to have you say to God, "I'se is ready when Youse is ready."

I believe that if we will go to God with that thought in our hearts, live or die, sink or swim, survive or perish, here goes for God, it is settled once and for all. We will not be turned aside for one thing or another, we are going through with God. "I have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. I feel the hand of God is upon my life." When we have settled that thing once for all, and the devil knows it, he is not going to come around so often, because he knows that that thing is settled in that young man's and that young woman's heart. He is wasting time to try to turn them aside from it.

It may mean farewell to the friends at home; it may mean good-by to those near and dear to us, but isn't that what our young men are saying now? Look at them in uniform. Go down to the railroad station. See them in the camps. Uncle Sam has called them, and there is no saying, "No." We must go when Uncle Sam calls. It is the same also when God calls us. Oh, the high calling of our God in Christ Jesus. What a privilege it is for us to be in the service of the King; and may God bless every one of you so that you can say as the colored boy said, "I'se is ready when God is ready." Amen!

If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work upon men's immortal minds, we engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface, and which will brighten all eternity.—Daniel Webster.

The Challenge of a Government Pharmacist

LESTER SUMRALL

RAFAEL Perez Comacho was "born a Catholic," like the rest of the people of Venezuela. However, he never went to mass, or confessed to a padre, as he did not believe there was any virtue in so doing. Señor Camacho considered himself a good citizen. He had a prosperous drug business. The woman with whom he lived was his mistress and not his wife, but that is "ordinary" in the Spanish-American countries.

For three months prior to his conversion Señor Camacho attended the preaching meetings of Gottfried F. Bender, the American missionary who had lately come to town. He says that he started going out of curiosity aroused by the constant gossip around town, and because the priests were telling everyone not to go.

At first he was not convicted of his sins, but continued to attend the meetings due to the novelty, and because he had heard that terrible things took place and Rafael Perez Camacho was not going to miss any excitement.

Several months later, to his utter amazement, his mistress accepted the evangelical faith and openly became a disciple of the new religion. Immediately she served notice on him that they had been living in adultery and she was leaving, as it was a sin in the sight of God. Strange to say, this turn of events did not make Señor Camacho angry with the new religion, but only sharpened his interest. He mused, "I am a business man and cannot be bothered personally with this religion. Anyway it will be no trouble to get another woman to live with me."

The Testimony of Water

One Sunday morning it was noised around town that there was to be a baptismal service at the new Evangelical Church. "All the candidates for baptism are *grown* people and not babies as in the Roman Catholic Church," one said to Perez Camacho. "And the American is going to put the candidates in a deep tub of water and push them under."

Señor Camacho's inquisitive nature took him to see the first baptismal service held in Barquisimeto. He sat in the back of the church listening to the singing and then to the preaching, wishing all the time they would not wait too long before getting the people wet. Perez Camacho sat on the edge of the seat when the preaching was over and the candidates for baptism marched out, dressed in long baptismal robes.

"I know everyone of them personally," was his thought, as they descended into the tank of water. "My own friends have accepted this new religion." And Camacho listened intently to what each candidate had to say concerning his faith and the change that had taken place in his life. Then the missionary pronounced the blessing of the Trinity upon them and baptized them.

"In all of my life," stated Camacho, "I have never witnessed anything so impressive and heavenlike. As they came up out of the water

there was a heavenly glow upon their faces and they would praise God."

But during this time, something was taking place in Camacho's own heart. He became more and more convicted of his sins. As the last person was being blessed and immersed the druggist cried out in a loud voice, "I am lost! I am lost!"

The Christians had been praying for him since the conversion of his former mistress. They gathered around him and prayed until he was genuinely saved. Camacho became enraptured with the presence of God. But this delightful taste of spiritual glory only made him desperate for more of God. He went home and prayed all afternoon, and before returning to church that night he had received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

"I felt that I was floating in the air, my feet hardly touched the ground as I walked. The most glorious, unearthly sensations vibrated through my entire person all day," Perez remembers. "I should not have been surprised if I had just slipped through the skies and arrived in glory!"

It was not long after this wonderful day until the pharmacist and his former mistress were standing in the pastor's living room in bridal garments to be legally married. Both of these newly mined gems followed the Lord in water baptism.

The Preaching Druggist

Señor Camacho's natural talent and intense zeal became so manifest that missionary Bender occasionally permitted him to speak in the local church. But this was not sufficient activity for the flaming soul and burning heart of the druggist. Therefore, he would leave his business in charge of his assistants for months at a time and go off to preach the gospel in fields where his fellow countrymen had never heard the full truth of the Bible. He went to the town of Buena Vista and raised up a thriving congregation. While there he made friends with the local Roman Catholic padre and was directly responsible for his conversion. Though the priest has not yet deserted the Roman church, he hopes in the near future to leave it and give his life to the evangelical ministry.

Camacho also established the church in Humocarajajo. He has possibly done more pioneer gospel work in Venezuela than any other layman in those parts. When he is back in Barquisimeto at his drug business, Missionary Bender has him serve as his assistant pastor while he is away from the city on missionary business.

Gos-pills

Señor Camacho soon discovered that being a minister of the gospel was much more difficult than measuring drugs. He has been repeatedly called upon to suffer for the gospel when establishing new missions in pioneer fields. Perez was astonished to find that the Roman Catholic Church, to which he had once belonged, persecuted him just as much

as they would a foreign missionary—he thought that persecution was for the Yankees!

Señor Camacho remembers that on one occasion a fanatical priest led a procession of about 500 children to his preaching hall and led them in screaming wicked things at him for three hours.

As a business man who was highly respected by his associates, Camacho could not understand a religion that produced such unkind and unnecessary things as that, simply because he was striving to rescue souls from a dark and damned eternity.

Seventeen years of Christian living now lie behind Señor Rafael Perez Camacho. But he is possibly better known as a gospel preacher and a deacon of the evangelical church than as a government pharmacist—a job he has held for the past six years. Time has not affected his zeal for winning souls. As for his business relations, Señor Camacho does not feel that they have suffered. In fact, he knows that being a real Christian has *helped his business!* The government and the local physicians have learned to trust him implicitly to dispense deadly drugs and poisons.

Rafael Perez Camacho is a real, living challenge to all business men to take God into their lives and make Him an associate and partner in their business.

COMING MEETINGS

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL AND CAMP MEETING

The New England District Council and Camp Meeting will be held July 4-18 at Framingham Centre, Mass. A. G. Ward and Wm. E. Long will be speakers. District Council will convene July 4-15. July 13 at 8:30 a. m. the Executive Committee will meet. For information write Roy Smuland, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.—H. H. Shelley, Dist. Sec.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Southern Missouri District Council will be held in connection with its Camp Meeting, July 8-18, 1943, at the District's Camp Grounds, 13½ miles Southwest of Eldon, Mo. Cabin and tent accommodation and good meals at cheap rates, available on grounds. Good train and bus service. Wm. McPherson, Camp speaker, for room reservation write Southern Missouri District Office, 1885 N. Douglas Ave., Springfield, Mo.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 4th Annual New Mexico District Council will be held at Tucumcari, N. M., July 13-15. Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent, principal speaker. Fellowship Meeting on night of July 12 at Assembly of God, Hancock and Monroe. The District Presbytery will meet at that time. Rooms in Tourist Camps and hotels at reasonable rates. For further information write: H. M. Fuller, District Superintendent or host pastor, B. H. Caudle, Box 878, Tucumcari.—B. H. Caudle, Secretary-Treasurer.

YELLOWSTONE CAMP MEETING AND MONTANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

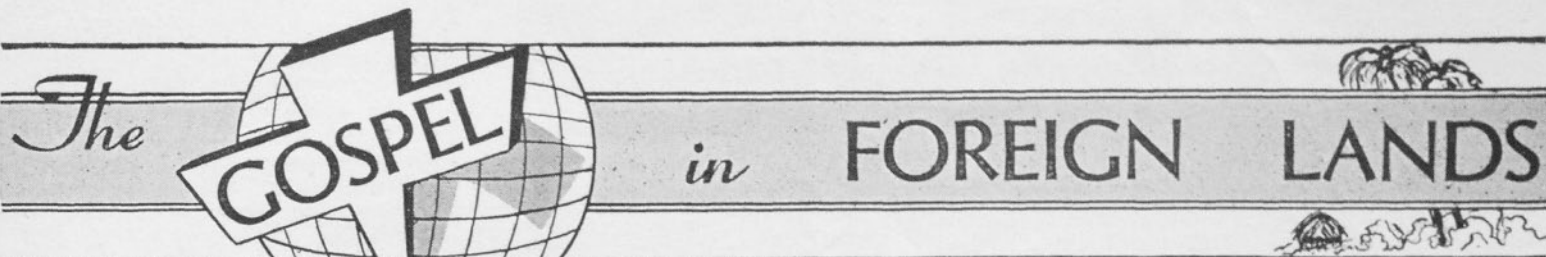
The Yellowstone Camp Meeting and Montana District Council will convene in Armory Building, Livingston, Montana, (Gateway to the Yellowstone Park); July 12-22. T. J. Jones, Bible Teacher, and Robert R. Morrison, Hutchinson, Kans., Evangelist. Three services daily. Special services for children. District Presbytery meets July 13; District Council, July 14, 15. Meals served on grounds. For further information write: Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent, 1026 3d Ave. So., Great Falls, Montana.—Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL C. A. RALLY

The Louisiana District Council will convene July 6-8 at the High School auditorium, Jennings, La. Sessions open July 6 at 10:00. Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent, will be the main speaker. All applicants for ordination and license must meet the Credentials Committee.

The C. A. Rally will precede the Council on Monday night, July 6. Miss Margaret Miller, C. A. President, will be in charge.

Rooms will be furnished to ministers and delegates as far as possible. Due to war conditions meals will not be served.—W. S. Ramby, District Secretary-Treasurer, 135 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.



The GOSPEL in FOREIGN LANDS

INDIA MUST BE WON FOR CHRIST!

Mary Lindberg, Martandam, South India

I am very happy to send a report of VICTORY from our annual convention which recently closed. Though we were not able to give rice to the people as in the past, the attendance this year was the largest thus far. A number were saved, three received the Baptism in the Spirit, eight were baptized in water, and our people have been set on fire; they are seeking the Lord as never before.

Lately we have had some outstanding healings that have brought people to the Lord. A young woman received instant healing, as a result of which she and four others of her family are now attending our meetings. Last Sunday when the altar call was given they all came forward, crying to the Lord for salvation. People are hungry for God these days.

Some weeks ago we were invited to a certain place for meetings. As we were not able to take our car because of bad road, it meant a walk of some five miles, but it was well worth while, for on arrival we found a group of almost 80 people of all castes had gathered. We had two days of meetings, during which God did bless His precious Word to the hearts of the people. Now we are putting up a small shed there as a place of worship. Pray for this new place, that souls may be saved.

I am well, happy in my work, and rejoicing that it is still possible to labor for God in this needy land. Thus far everything is as before, except that living costs are soaring higher and higher. We are counting on you to stand back of us and the work here in South India. INDIA MUST BE WON FOR CHRIST! Will you promise to pray as you have never prayed before?

OUR KROO WORK—ITS PROGRESS AND NEEDS

H. C. Laudahl, Liberia, West Africa

Since I came to the field this term my work has been altogether among the Kroo people along the coast. God has blessed and between 250 and 300 believers have been buried with Christ in water baptism. Some have received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, also there have been a number of outstanding healings.

We thank God for faithful African ministers, without whom we missionaries could not accomplish so much. We need many more such workers, and with a little missionary supervision they would be able to carry on very effectively, I am sure. I think that

the work of missionaries in this land now lies mostly in supervision and teaching the Word to the native ministers.

We have just received into the General Council fellowship six full gospel native churches along the coast here. Besides the five pastors of these churches, there are eleven evangelists. On account of present conditions it is most difficult for the people to get any money to support their pastors and evangelists, and we should be grateful for any financial aid from the homeland to help in this need.

Also, the church among the Kroo people here in Monrovia is far too small to accommodate those who attend. At every meeting a large number are turned away because there is no room for them. We are praying that it may be possible soon to build a larger church. Any offerings for this building will be greatly appreciated.

There is another need which we are asking you to make a matter of constant prayer until we see the realization of the thing here. Among our Kroo Christian people we do not have a single school. These Pentecostal believers are pleading for us to open schools for their children. If we had sufficient funds to buy books and supplies and start the schools, I believe they could be carried on to great advantage by native help, with some general supervision. Then after the school is started, I am sure that the people themselves can and will do a good deal towards its maintenance.

If you feel impressed to help in any of these special needs, offerings may be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, Springfield, Missouri, designated for the Kroo work, in care of H. C. Laudahl.

GOD'S BLESSING IN EGYPT

A recent letter from Philip Crouch, who with his wife is stationed in Cairo, Egypt, reports considerable blessing in the recent convention which was held in Minia, Egypt. Not only was there a good spiritual atmosphere, but, he reports, there seemed to be a drawing together among the workers and missionaries including some who are not under actual appointment by our organization. As a direct result of the convention a real spirit of revival has remained in both of the churches in Minia.

There has been some weakness along the line of Sunday School work among the assemblies in Egypt, but as our Brother Crouch has emphasized this need, there has been a real development, so that six new Sunday Schools have been started recently.

A united conference of workers in Palestine was also held quite recently and the friends in Egypt were invited to send a delegate. Brother Crouch and one of our leading Egyptian brethren, Mr. Salib Bolous, were appointed to represent the work in Egypt. We understand that the believers in Palestine were so pleased with the ministry of our Brother Salib Bolous that they wanted him to remain for a time to minister among the assemblies there and in Transjordan.

LILLIAN TRASHER ORPHANAGE

We are still receiving good reports concerning the work of our Sister Lillian Trasher as she faithfully stands by her family of nearly one thousand whom she is seeking to care for and to lead into the light of God's truth.

We do thank the friends who have generously stood back of this work, but it must be remembered that there is considerable expense involved in taking care of a thousand people, and last month's supplies will not be sufficient for the present need. Any offerings sent in designated for the Lillian Trasher Orphanage will be gratefully received and will be cabled to the field at the end of the month.

For the benefit of our assemblies who would like to know more about the Assiout Orphanage, we are pleased to advise that Miss Florence Christie, missionary from Egypt who formerly assisted Miss Trasher in her work, is now visiting some of the churches in the United States, giving information concerning the orphanage which is proving an inspiration to all who hear her message. Any invitations for meetings may be addressed to Miss F. E. Christie in care of the Foreign Missions Department, Springfield, Missouri.

WORD OF THANKS

Having found that much of her mail to relatives in the homeland has failed to get through, Serena Hodges, of Jerusalem, Palestine, has wondered also if some of her contributors have failed to receive the letters of acknowledgment which she has endeavored to send out regularly as in the past. Since the cost of airmail is prohibitive, it is necessary to depend on ordinary mail which is very slow and uncertain. "We do want you to know how much we appreciate your consideration of us out here," she writes. "Many times we have had special times of thanksgiving for our Father's loving care and provision for us."

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

The Passing and the Permanent

WHAT CONGRESS CANNOT DO

Edward H. Pruden says: "Congress can repeal the Eighteenth Amendment, but it cannot repeal God's law that 'what a man soweth that shall he also reap.'"

ANTI-SEMITISM INTENSIFIED

To take the people's minds off German defeats and invasion worries, the Nazis have just launched the most violent anti-Jewish propaganda campaign of the war, *Time* reports. Not content with the fact that they have reduced the Jewish population of Europe by two millions, they are enraged because there are still four million Jews remaining in Europe.

"THE BLOODIEST CENTURY"

Harvard University, in a study of the last 2500 years, computed 902 wars and 1615 international disturbances. The war index for this twentieth century reached a total eight times greater than all preceding centuries. According to the report, this century is the "bloodiest period in all history."

"Wars and rumors of wars" have been more prevalent than ever before. See Matt. 24:6.

GREECE GETS FOOD

Eight Swedish mercy ships are now carrying food and medical supplies to Greece. Through the efforts of the Greek War Relief, more than 100,000 tons have been shipped from the U. S. and Canada. Fifteen hundred Sunday Schools have contributed to this cause. Herbert Hoover, who made the arrangements with the International Red Cross and the neutral governments of Turkey, Sweden and Switzerland, announces that the Greek experiment is successful, and that none of the food is benefiting the Germans.

PRAYER ON RUBBER RAFTS

After studying numerous stories of wrecked vessels and the miraculous deliverance of praying men adrift for days on life rafts, Dr. T. Wilkinson Riddle comes to this conclusion:

"I am more than ever convinced that it is a natural instinct for men to pray in some acute hour of need. They may not be religious; they may not often think about God; but in times of distress and anguish there is something within them which forces them to seek the deliverance of a Higher Power.

"Mark you," he continues, "I am far from suggesting this is the highest form of prayer. It is not. It may be likened to the lowest rung of the ladder; but that it is a legitimate form of prayer we need have no doubt whatever. These eight men (referring to one special company) knew that only God could save them. There were no earthly helpers available. Their faith was tried and tested, but they prayed on, and prayed through. God heard their cry and delivered them. I hope and believe that the time will come when these eight men will rise in the scale of prayer; when they will seek God's face in humble petition for their soul's salvation, for the fulfilment of His perfect will, and the coming of His kingdom. But they made a beginning on that raft, and, unless I am greatly mistaken, they will never forget the experience."

ISLAM DISINTEGRATING

Says *The Watchman Examiner*: "As a religion Mohammedanism is steadily disintegrating. While multitudes still throng the mosques, and swarms of the faithful prostrate themselves at the muezzin's call to prayer, there is a growing discontent as education reaches the people. More frequently now Mohammedans speak out as did Sheik Abdel Mutaal el Saidi, a professor in Arabic language at the College of Al Azhar in Cairo, Egypt, who demanded a thorough revision of the Koran. The unity of Islam no longer exists. The world's 400,000,000 Mohammedans are being modernized. Christianity's greatest opportunity to reach these people is before us. It is a sad state of affairs that the great body of Christ's followers have no effective plan to give the gospel to them."

A CHRISTIAN STATESMAN

Field Marshal Jan C. Smuts, prime minister of the Union of South Africa, is one of the greatest statesmen in the British Empire, and he is a Christian. As a soldier he always carried a Greek New Testament in his saddlebag. His favorite poet is Walt Whitman, whose emphasis on Christian comradeship has his approval. And his favorite historical character is Isaiah. He especially loves Isaiah 2: "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. . . . The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." Recently he observed his seventy-third birthday. Then, as on every birthday for fifty years, he gathered his children and grandchildren about him and read to them this timely chapter from God's Word.

INDIFFERENCE IN BRITAIN

The people of Britain have not turned to God in a wholesale and wholehearted way, despite the hardships and dangers of war. This is the report of Mass Observation, "an independent organization engaged in investigating the way ordinary people think and behave"—a sort of British "Gallup Poll"—at the end of a two-years' survey:

Twenty per cent of those questioned professed absolutely no religious belief; only forty per cent professed church membership.

Fifty per cent pray regularly or occasionally. Fifty per cent never pray.

Ten per cent attend church, either regularly, or two or three times a year. Ninety per cent never attend.

Twenty-six per cent said that their faith has been strengthened during the war. Exactly the same percentage admitted that their faith was weakened by the war. The other forty-eight per cent said the war makes no difference to them.

Mass Observation summed up its report thus: "The considerable apathy about religion which exists now is a negative one, based mainly on past disappointments. . . . There is little positive hostility, but also a few positive optimistic expectations, and much disinterest."

A SEAMAN'S TESTIMONY

During an open-air meeting in Hyde Park, London, a merchant sailor told how, ten years before, he had been converted at a similar meeting, on the same spot. He said, "I have been torpedoed three times, have spent four days in one lifeboat, and I've come back to testify here to the saving and keeping power of God."

A PROPHECY THAT FAILED

In the sixteenth century there lived a French Jew who called himself Nostradamus. This man wrote many prophecies, and because some of them came true he attained much fame. But Nostradamus made some prophecies that failed. For instance, he predicted that the end of the world would come when Easter fell on its latest possible date—April 25. Easter fell on that date this year, but the world has not ended yet. Which leads us back to this unshakeable truth: prophecies made by man may fail, and often do, but the "more sure Word of Prophecy"—God's eternal Word—shall never fail. The time of our Lord's return shall surely come, but "of that day and hour knoweth no man." Matt. 24:36.

A GREAT NEWSPAPER TRIBUTE

It is unusual for our Lord Jesus Christ to receive honor from the world, and so the following quotation is remarkable. It is from the leading editorial of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* of Saturday, April 24, 1943. Every Easter this great metropolitan newspaper has paid fearless tribute to the truth of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, and this is what it wrote this year:

"There is no shadow of doubt that on that Saturday between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection Christ was dead. Friendly hands had covered His broken body. The rock-hewn tomb, where He lay, had been sealed with the seal of Imperial Rome.

"He was dead, as they are dead whom we have loved and bade farewell. Dead, as every one of us will be when the pendulum of life falters and then—stops.

"He had gone with kingly fortitude to Golgotha, there to pay the price for sins that were not His own—for He was sinless. Now His tortured body found the rest that is the portion of us all when 'the fever of life is over and our work is done.'

"Surely, in this bleak age when mankind is experiencing, if in minor measure, a fearsome, dark Gethsemane; when in myriad homes of rich and poor alike there is desolation like that in ancient Egypt when the firstborn in every household died in the night, there is consolation in the thought that the pathway which every soul must tread at the last is marked by the footprints of the Saviour of mankind.

"When the bells of Easter peal forth in joyous ecstasy at tomorrow's dawning . . . they will tell us of that day, long ago, when the One whose earthly body could not be held in the tomb by the might of the Caesars—because He was stronger than principalities and powers and stronger than Death—flung wide the gates of eternal life that men through all the ages might enter and find peace with Him—forever . . .

*"The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!"*