



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

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Marks of a Good Soldier

CHAPLAIN C. P. SMALES AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Timothy 2:3.

The *Pennsylvania Guardsman* recently published fourteen guiding principles of a good soldier. We quote the following chosen items:

1. A soldier is always on duty as far as the public is concerned. Conduct yourself as you would in your own home.
2. Co-operation is the spirit of the team. Always help the other fellow and in that way you help the team.
3. Courtesy is the earmark of a gentleman and a soldier. A "he-man" is always a gentleman.
4. Always try to interpret the spirit of the order and then carry it out.
5. The good soldier loves his unit and he maintains its traditions; will make sacrifices for a comrade and his organization; plays the game on the level and always plays it hard; keeps himself physically fit and dresses becomingly as a soldier; he is courteous and obeys orders.

The Bible tells us to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. We will sum up the religion of a soldier as follows:

In the first place, a soldier's religion must be real, reliable, ready to be of service. In the war that we are now engaged in a shallow type of religion is of no avail. The soldier needs a religion that he can know, that he can feel, that is a part of his everyday life. The kind of religion most needed is the kind that we obtain when we give our heart and life unto the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus gives to each and everyone an experience that is beyond a shadow of a doubt. We can really know when He comes into our heart and life.

Secondly, a soldier's religion must be energetic. In other words, a soldier must

be "Johnny on the Spot." If we do not have the kind of religion that makes us energetic for the cause of Christ, that makes us want to pray, to read the Word of God, and go out and help others, we have the wrong kind. The kind of religion that Jesus gives puts fire down in the soul.

Third, a soldier's religion must be loyal to God and his country. The Scripture says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." As soldiers we can still seek His kingdom first. When our souls come in vital contact with Christ there springs up within our heart more loyalty than ever before for the cause of God and for our country. None of us want to be traitors. Let us then serve Christ with all our might, with all the strength that God gives unto us.

Again, a soldier's faith must be industrious. We do not become Christians just in order to help fill the church pews. We are not to sit around just like a bump on a log, but each and every day we are to go forth with a word of cheer, doing deeds of kindness to all those that we meet up with. If our religion is to be really vital we are going to follow the three-word Gospel, "Come, Tarry, Go." In other words, as Jesus says: "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest," "Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high," "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

A soldier's religion must be godly. There will be those in the camps, in the barracks, day rooms, various places, who will swear, who will make fun of those who are children of God, yet above it all as true soldiers, by the help and grace of God, we are still going to live a godly life. In other words, we will be in the world but not of the world. We will be



Chaplain C. P. Smales

as the earthworm which travels around through the slime and filth of the soil and yet comes out of the filth without dragging the filth along with it, so we can live a life that is true to Christ in the midst of sin.

A soldier's religion is also immovable. To quote the words of the Psalm, "he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water." As a tree stands there by the rivers of water it brings forth its fruit. The floods may come and the floods may go and yet the tree stands there immovable. So when persecution comes our way we can by the help and grace of God remain true unto him.

Again, a soldier's religion must be the overcoming kind. There is not a one of us that does not have trials of various kinds each day. However in spite of all the trials that we have, Jesus has told us that we can overcome these common trials. The best way to overcome trials is to come over on the side of God, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and you will find that God's grace is sufficient for any test that may come.

Lastly, as the good soldier of Jesus Christ we must consider God and help-

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The Diary of a Delegate

TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Thursday Afternoon

We would like in this diary to tell the whole story of this wonderful twentieth biennial session of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, to write of all the wonderful music, the splendid singing by various consecrated soloists also to tell of the various ministers who have led us to the throne in prayer; but this would take up too much space, so we must only attempt to touch the "high spots."

Brother Frank Gray, Superintendent of the Northwest District, presided at the Thursday afternoon devotional service. Brother Fred Vogler gave a most encouraging report of various activities of our Home Missions Department. He told of the vast quantities of literature we have been able to provide for the men of the armed forces, and of the large contributions we have been able to make to the American Bible Society for New Testaments for the Merchant Marine and other branches of the armed services of the U.S.A. On the platform we had two of our Assemblies of God chaplains, Lt. C. P. Smales and Lt. A. C. Lane. They both gave addresses telling of the great opportunities that are theirs in ministering the Word of God. Brother Smales told of the joy he had in leading many men to Christ. Brother Lane mentioned that he was looking to God for an assistant, and he was given a corporal who is a member of one of our Assemblies of God churches, a young man who had attended North Central Bible Institute. He felt that this was a singular answer to prayer.

During the afternoon various reports were read. Brother Noel Perkin brought the report of the Foreign Missions Department, and a report of the Gospel Publishing House and Central Bible Institute was also given.

Brother Ralph Harris also told of his work among the young people. Already there are a great many inquiring about the High School C. A. Brigade, a simple organization for your Christ's Ambassadors, that is being sponsored by our Young People's Department.

First C. A. Vesper Service. Met on platform, which soon was filled with hundreds of Christ's Ambassadors from all parts of the land. The Kansas District C. A. President, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the vesper services,

led the meeting. General Superintendent E. S. Williams brought a brief word of welcome to the young people. Then came several specials and a few minutes of short, ringing testimonies. Ralph W. Harris, Secretary of the Young People's Department, brought a challenging message from the Book of Daniel, "Spiritual Backbone."

Auditorium overflowed for night meeting. Many listening outside on the grass. A full program, too. Atwood Foster, Oregon District Superintendent, was in charge. Everyone enjoyed that special by Evangelist Don Mallough and his wife. They played "Onward Christian Soldiers" on a set of cowbells, and the music was beautiful.

Marie Juergensen told how marvelously God opened the door into a Japanese Relocation Center in Idaho. She and her coworker have had 130 services with these Japanese during the past ten months. Hundreds have gathered to hear the gospel message, and souls have been saved. She has found a greater spiritual hunger among these Japanese in America than she ever found in Japan during her years of missionary work there.

A distinguished visitor was presented—Brother Reuben Medina, pastor in Mexico City and Superintendent of the Mexican Assemblies of God. By an interpreter (H. C. Ball) he spoke words of greeting from our 9,000 brethren in Mexico, and especially from the 150 Assembly of God ministers in that neighboring land. Congregation arose as one man when it was proposed that the General Council send greetings to our brethren of like precious faith in Mexico.

Pastor Leland Keys of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, Calif. was the evening speaker. His subject was, "The Shape of Things to Come." Graphically he described the rapid changes that are appearing in the realms of modern science, radio, transportation and other fields of invention, making neighbors of lands once far removed, and he showed how these changed conditions may, in the providence of God, work out to the furtherance of the gospel if we will but be awake to our opportunities.

Friday Morning, September 3

Despite late meetings and long altar services, a large crowd came out to the early morning prayer hour. Great volumes of prayer ascended to heaven. There

is a good deal of liberty in these prayer services. You hear tongues, interpretation, and prophecy, but above all, mighty praying in the Holy Ghost for rain in the time of the latter rain.

Brother E. F. M. Staudt, superintendent of the Potomac District, presided over the morning devotional service; and Brother J. Narver Gortner brought the message on, "Some Things We Should Not Forget." We hope this message will appear in the *Evangel* at a later date. Although Brother Gortner talked for an hour, it seemed as though everyone wanted him to talk longer. There was a warm response to all he had to say to his vast audience. Over 1400 have registered, but there are many who have not taken the trouble to do so. It is a deeply responsive congregation.

Concerning Central Bible Institute

The General Presbyters have had a great problem before them during the past three days. On Tuesday morning Colonel George B. Foster, who is in charge of the O'Reilly General Hospital situated in Springfield, Missouri, appeared before the presbyters and asked if they would consider the leasing of Central Bible Institute for the rehabilitation of convalescent soldiers. He told of the hospital's being crowded, and mentioned that the previous night two hospital trains had arrived from the Pacific coast, bringing men that had been wounded and some 300 suffering from malaria.

A sympathetic response was found in the hearts of the Presbytery and a willingness to acquiesce if it would be possible to carry on the activities of the Central Bible Institute elsewhere. A responsible committee was chosen to make full investigation and to report back. The pastor of the Central Assembly in Springfield offered the use of the church to the school, but after three days of searching it was found that no adequate space could be found in Springfield for the housing of the students. Everyone on the campus was deeply interested in the situation, and much prayer was made that we might know and do the will of God in this matter.

When the committee brought back their report on Thursday night to the General Presbytery, it was decided by unanimous vote to continue Central Bible Institute

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The Candid Camera at the Council



—Photos by Lee Krupnick and Charles Ramsay

(1) Brother and Sister Savell with daughter and Paul Kitch; (2) Brothers Leonard Palmer, W. R. Munger and Paul Jones; (3) Cafeteria scene; (4) Brothers George Hayes, Bert Webb and W. F. Garvin; (5) Portion of group at Northern California-Nevada, Southern California and Arizona Districts' banquet; (6) Brothers Wallace Bragg and Otto Goins; (7) Brothers J. N. Gortner, John Bostrum and G. F. Lewis; (8) Brother and Sister Stanley H. Frodsham; (9) Brother and Sister W. I. Evans; (10) Brothers D. P. Holloway and V. L. Clark; (11) Brother Robert C. Cunningham, Editor of Christ's Ambassador's Herald; (12) Missionary processional, and (13) Brother and Sister Paul Meacham, Missionaries to the Deaf and Dumb.



Ernest S. Williams, re-elected General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God

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as a school for the preparation of ministers and missionaries. In the resolution that was passed, the presbyters expressed their conviction that the interests of the country, as well as of our constituency, can be more largely served by continuing the Institute in its present status as a training center for ministers and missionaries, thus contributing to the up-building and maintenance of national morale.

The General Presbytery placed itself on record as being in full sympathy with the government's program to provide adequate facilities for the rehabilitation of our servicemen who have been injured in action, but the postwar program of the Assemblies of God, which is distinctly spiritual in its nature and international in its character and scope, is largely centered in Central Bible Institute.

The Presbytery stated that it was convinced that the maintenance of the Central Bible Institute in its present status is essential to the carrying out of this program. So, at the very opening of the business session on Friday morning, our General Superintendent read the resolution that had been unanimously passed the night before by the General Presbyters, and also read a letter that he had sent to Colonel Foster. In this letter he stated: "Our hearts have been deeply moved at the thought of the suffering of our American youth who are giving themselves for the protection of our homes and country. In our armed forces are thousands of young men of our own denomination, including a number of former students of Central Bible Institute. With the war touching the homes of almost all those in our General Presbytery, we could not be other than deeply sympathetic with your desire to have these premises for a convalescent home.

"So great has been our desire to serve our country in this matter that we have had a committee working to ascertain if

any way could be found whereby it would be possible to continue to carry on our work of preparing ministers and missionaries and at the same time serve the need of our boys who are to be rehabilitated.

"We have planned for a great forward step in Christian service as soon as post-war conditions permit. We already have an enrollment of 350 students for the present school year, which is to begin on September 24, only three weeks from the present time. We have found it impossible to provide adequate schooling facilities elsewhere for these students should we vacate our school premises.

"As we look at the present situation we feel deeply the need of our suffering men of the armed forces, but as we consider the value of the ministry of the Prince of peace for a world which has been torn by war, we believe that preparation for perpetuation of the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' is of primary importance. It is therefore the decision of our General Presbytery that the facilities of Central Bible Institute should continue to be used for the purpose for which the Institute was brought into being and dedicated."

Brother Gortner moved that the action of the General Presbyters should be ratified by the whole Council. It seemed as though every person sitting in the Council had the witness of the Spirit that the will of God had been done and, without a word of dissension, the action of the General Presbyters was ratified.

National Association of Evangelicals

Brother Flower made an explanation concerning an association of Fundamentalists that has been formed, which has

given a very cordial invitation to the brethren of the Assemblies of God fellowship to become associated with them in the drawing up of a constitution of a simple organization that would express the voice of Evangelical Protestantism. At the present time there is an organization that is recognized by the Government as the voice of Protestantism, but it can be hardly stated that the Federal Council of Churches expresses what is most assuredly believed by all evangelicals in this country.

Brother Flower stated that in response to the invitation, a number of brethren from headquarters attended a meeting in St. Louis last year for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming this association of fundamentalists. At this meeting a statement of fundamentals, upon which all agreed, was drawn up, and also a suggested constitution. At this meeting no organization was formed, but it was decided to wait a year. During the year a number of regional conferences could be held, telling fundamentalist ministers in various parts of the country of the suggested organization and inviting them to attend a meeting to be held in May of this year, at which time they would consider the statement of fundamentals which had been drawn up, and the suggested constitution, and see if there were not some platform on which all evangelicals could come together.

At the meeting held in May of this year in Chicago, over seven hundred evangelical ministers met, including 104 ministers of the Assemblies of God, among whom were a number of District Superintendents who had been sent by their Districts. At this special meeting in Chicago the organization was perfected. At this Council, Brother Flower stated, we should consider whether it would be worth our while to become a part of such an organization.

At the meeting in Chicago, Brother Flower was elected to be one of the nine executives of this new National Association of Evangelicals for United Action.

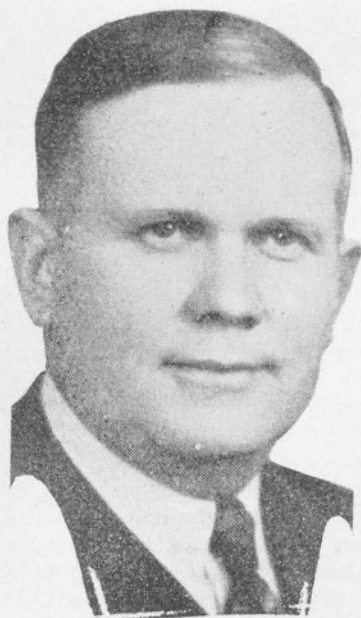
Brother Flower stated how absolutely necessary it was for evangelical Christians to have a voice in this country because a decided effort was being made to remove all evangelical programs from the radio. He said that already a representative of this evangelical body had done much to preserve the voice of Fundamentalism on the air. He stated that an office was being opened in Washington to represent evangelical Christianity before the government. The purpose of this office is to help all evangelicals in their relationship to the various departments of state.

Recognizing the need for a united voice to speak authoritatively for Evangelical Protestantism in America, and so that we can identify ourselves with

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Ralph M. Riggs, the new Assistant General Superintendent and Home Missionary and Educational Secretary of the Assemblies of God.

Brother Ralph M. Riggs, who was recently elected to the position of Assistant General Superintendent, was saved at an old-fashioned holiness camp meeting at Raleigh, Miss. (twenty-five miles from a railroad), in 1905. Later (1908) he heard of Pentecost and sought

the fulness of the Spirit, but did not receive until after he graduated from high school in 1913. It was during the time of the remarkable revival in Thayer, Mo., under the ministry of Brother W. T. Gaston, that he was filled with the Spirit.

Brother Riggs attended the first Council meeting in Hot Springs, Ark. It was just at the beginning of the first World War, in 1914, that he went to Elim Bible School at Rochester, N. Y., as a student, and he graduated from this Bible Institute in 1916.

During 1916 to 1919 he was pastor at Syracuse, N. Y. From 1919 to 1925 he was a missionary in South Africa. Here he met Lillian Merian, whom he married in 1920. From 1926 to 1929 he served as pastor at Ossining, N. Y., and Bethel Church in Newark, N. J., and during this period he served on the faculty of the Bethel Bible Training School at Newark.

In 1929 Brother Riggs came to Central Bible Institute, together with Brother W. I. Evans, and for two years served on the faculty of this institute. Then for eight years he was pastor of the Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., during which time that assembly received great blessing. For the past four years he has served as Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District.

Pray for our Brother Riggs as he enters into the further responsibilities of his new office.

other Fundamental Evangelical groups without jeopardizing our denominational identity, it was agreed to become a part of this Evangelical fellowship.

Friday Afternoon

Brother Roy Smuland, Superintendent of the New England District, presided at the devotional service. Sometimes at the best organized gatherings, some things happen not according to schedule but which may, nevertheless, be according to the will of God. The speaker had doubtless not known that he was on the program and did not turn up, so four of the young sisters on the Editorial Staff of the Gospel Publishing House, Dorothy Morris, Zella Lindsey, Adele Flower and May Garner, were called to the platform and gave impromptu addresses on the various phases of Sunday School work. This was of great interest to the whole assembled congregation, who were happy to make acquaintance with these earnest young workers who are ministering to them week by week through our various Sunday School quarterlies.

All through this Council, as at last Council, there has been a special Sunday School conference in progress every morning. A great number who are Sunday School minded are attending this Sunday School conference to discuss bet-

ter ways of conducting Sunday School work and the work of child evangelism.

Sister Bernice Mast from the Northern California District and Sister White from the Kansas City, Missouri, Assembly have proved very helpful in their ministry in this conference. Brother Grable, Superintendent of the Sunday School Department, and his coworkers have introduced many new things that are very helpful in the development of Sunday School work.

After the Bible School Committee made the report, since no other committees were ready, the General Superintendent requested Brother Grable to speak on Sunday School work. Brother Grable told of many plans that his department had devised for increasing Sunday School attendance and also in developing Sunday School efficiency.

Friday Evening

Vesper service unique tonight. No sooner had the young people gathered than the question was asked, "How many want to bring others to Jesus?" When they raised their hands, they were told, "All right, let's start bringing others to Jesus by going out on the grounds this very minute and let each one return with one other young person." In a few minutes they were all back with their reinforcements, and as a result the huge

platform was practically filled. Lee Krupnick of Tulsa took a picture of this fine crowd; it will appear in the *C. A. Herald*. Evangelist Amelia Joseph preached. "Be ye steadfast—in doctrine, in drudgery, in life's struggles, sorrows, disappointments, and in testifying for Christ," she urged. Told how God miraculously spared her when the train on which she was traveling to General Council was wrecked 100 miles from Scranton, Pa. and scores were killed. Service ended with a time of consecration.

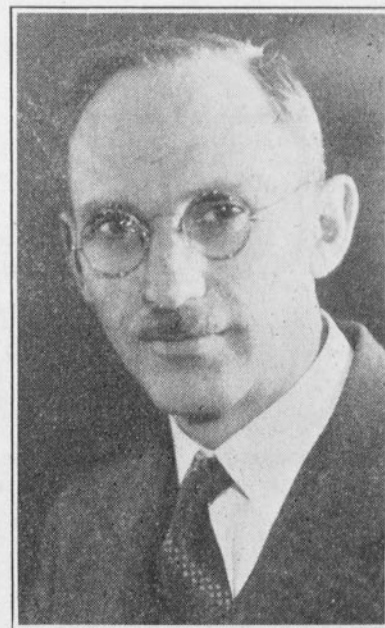
Auditorium packed for night meeting. Allan Swift, President of Eastern Bible Institute, in charge. Gayle F. Lewis, Superintendent of Central District, brought the message. He said our two greatest tasks in post-war world will be to restore the American home and to save our youth. Spoke from Deut. 22:8. We need to build four walls around our homes: wall of reverence for God's Word, wall of family worship, wall of reverence for sacred things, and wall of temperance in all things. Afterwards the congregation was invited to remain for prayer, and many responded to the invitation.

Saturday Morning

Another inspiring prayer service with many attending.

Brother Ben Hardin, Superintendent of the Southern California District, presided at the devotional service. Brother Flower gave a very interesting talk about the birth and early days of the Assemblies of God movement. We hope that in the days to come we shall have this splendid message of Brother Flower's in the *Evangel*.

Dr. Robert Taylor of the American Bible Society gave an inspiring message on what that society is doing in the way of providing literature for our service-



J. Roswell Flower, re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the Assemblies of God.

men. He mentioned that the Assemblies of God have contributed \$20,000 to their war emergency fund. The special burden they have at this time is to raise a fund of \$702,000, \$350,000 of which is to be used for printing the Scripture in various European languages to ship to Europe when the war is over.

Brother Williams stated that it is the desire of the Assemblies of God to enter Europe well supplied with Testaments in the languages of the various peoples and suggested an offering be taken to assist the American Bible Society. An offering of over \$700.00 was taken up.

A motion was introduced concerning the age of Christ Ambassadors. The motion was that "the age limit be changed to 13 to 30 instead of 15 to 35."

There was a most interesting discussion, but the prevailing thought was that in these war days there are various gatherings of Christ Ambassadors which are depleted because of so many men having been inducted into the armed forces of the U. S. A. A special plea was made from the small assemblies where it would be a real hardship if the age limit would be reduced from 35 to 30 and those over 30 would be eliminated from becoming members. A question arose considering the age limits of leaders and state C. A. presidents. The chairman ruled that if this motion went through, it would automatically hinder all over the age of 30 from holding office. It was very clear that the majority preferred that those who were of the ages from 15 to 35 be still allowed to be members of the Christ Ambassadors' groups. However, great sympathy was expressed with the thought of reducing the ages of Christ Ambassadors from 15 to 13. The motion was lost, but a later motion reduced the age from 15 to 13, so now any from the ages of 13 to 35 can hold membership in our Christ Ambassador bands in any part of our country.

Saturday Afternoon

Brother J. J. Humphries, superintendent of the Kentucky district, presided at the afternoon devotional service. The speaker of the afternoon was J. E. Austell, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain district, who spoke on Deut. 31:6, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not."

There was a resolution to restore the *Pentecostal Evangel* to its original size, to include the features that have been dropped, the weekly missionary offerings and announcement of forthcoming meetings. There was a good deal of discussion concerning the *Pentecostal Evangel*, and Brother Flower made a statement that showed the difficulties that face us, in view of the rationing of paper. We are printing more *Evangelists*, more *C. A. Heralds*, more quarterlies and more Sunday School papers than ever before, besides vast quantities of *Reveille*, and we

have to get by with 65 tons of paper less each year. The motion was referred to the General Presbytery who continued this discussion at their evening session. Because of the present paper rationing and possible increased rationing in the fourth quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year, the problem is not an easy one for the brethren at headquarters; but the General Presbytery left this problem in their hands.

Saturday Evening

Not so many at Vesper Service tonight, but Jesus was there. His blessed presence was manifest in the earnest singing and preaching of the Word. Sister Johnson sang a solo. Said she was at the point of death four years ago, when General Council was last held at Springfield, but prayer was requested for her at that Council, and God healed her from typhoid soon afterward in answer to that prayer and others. Morris Ungren of Memphis also sang a solo. He too had a healing testimony. Said God has given him a new pair of lungs to sing for Him. He had pulmonary tuberculosis, but a week ago the doctors told him all activity had ceased and the scars on his lungs had disappeared. Praise God for such testimonies from our young people! To Him be the glory. As Joseph Neely, Rocky Mountain District C. A. President, said in his message tonight, the young people must know God's power by personal experience. He spoke on Saul's plight after the death of Samuel, and said that when the older brethren have passed on our young people will be tempted to resort to Endor-like expedients unless they know God for themselves.

Southeastern states were recognized in evening service. All ministers from these states sat on the platform and sang a number of choruses in real Southern fashion. Marvin L. Smith had charge of service. The ten-minute missionary speaker was John Hall of French West Africa. Audience was stirred as he told of twelve tribes who have never had a gospel missionary of any denomination. He speaks four African tongues besides French and English. Said he purposes to learn another language as soon as he returns to Africa so he can tell one of these tribes the story of the Christ whom they have never heard.

Wallace S. Bragg, pastor of Highway Tabernacle in Philadelphia, Pa., brought the evening message. He spoke about our position in the reconstruction program. Said that, great as the task of material reconstruction after this war will be, the task of spiritual reconstruction will be greater. Old-fashioned wrestling with God in Holy Ghost prayer will bring revival, and revival is our only hope, he said.

Sunday Morning, September 5

The day began with a great prayer service at 7:00 A. M. and then a remarkable healing service at 8:00 A. M. in charge of Raymond Richey. Brother Richey gave a short address in which he encouraged the people to believe God. Many were prayed for. One lady testified to a definite and complete healing from arthritis, and many more testified to a blessed quickening and gracious healing.

Following the healing service there was a great memorial service for those who have died during the past two years. The



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list of forty-one who have gone to be with Christ was read. There were three names on that list, very well known to the readers of the *Evangel* because of their frequent contributions, P. C. Nelson, Myer Pearlman and Lilian B. Yeomans. After the names were read, a silent tribute was paid to those who have gone on to be with Christ.

Brother Flower read a leading article in the Springfield Leader and Press. This is the substance of the article:

TIME TO TARRY

One of the important things about Springfield is that it is the world headquarters for the Assemblies of God—a young denomination which in its short history has shown remarkable vigor and growth, and a vitality which other denominations might envy. It is a peculiarly magnetic denomination, and one which attracts and holds a very loyal membership.

The city now enjoys the presence of the General Council of the international organization in its biennial convention—and takes both pleasure and pride in entertaining the hundreds of delegates who are here for the occasion, about 1300 officially registered, with the probability that more will be here for the great missionary rally this afternoon which will be the highlight of all the whole week's meetings.

The convention is a major occasion for the city as well as for the denomination—and it is to be hoped that many Springfieldians will take advantage of the daily and nightly meetings to become better acquainted with the Assemblies and their world-wide program.

For townspeople to attend these meetings will be a friendly and hospitable gesture and those who appreciate earnest preaching and tremendous singing will find them a memorable experience.

We were interested, in the opening session, in the keynote speaker's explanation about the "tarrying meetings" which are characteristic of the Assemblies.

"The outpouring of the Holy Spirit came to our Pentecostal people," he said, "as a result of earnest waiting upon God."

Waiting, he said, is necessary. Earnestness and eagerness and enthusiasm and great spiritual hunger are not enough—and the manifestations that will come in due time cannot be rushed. You have to wait upon God—wait until His time is ripe. Hence the tarrying meetings—waiting meetings, where the Pentecostals wait for the longed-for manifestations.

Then, "Oh," said the speaker, "the richness when the Lord comes down! Then springs up from the inner bosom a wonderful communion and fellowship—Hallelujah!"

"Hallelujah!" "Oh—yes!" "Praise the Lord," fervently responded those who have shared the experience.

We like the tarrying idea. In a world of rushing and pressure, there is something very appealing to the idea of taking the time and developing the patience to wait upon the Lord.

Springfield is proud of its Assemblies of God and their institutions. We hope that the members of these Assemblies take an equal satisfaction and pride in thinking of Springfield as the center and home of their world-wide church.

Again we had a great communion service conducted by Brother Vogler. The

COMPLETE RESULT OF GENERAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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General Secretary	J. Roswell Flower
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Principal of Central Bible Institute	Wm. I. Evans
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Wesley R. Steelberg.

vast congregation that filled the auditorium was served with the bread and wine by a number of the District Superintendents. The service was very precious as we together ate and drank of those sacred symbols of the broken body and shed blood of our all-sufficient Saviour.

Then, very appropriately, Robert Cummings of India, who has come to join the faculty of Central Bible Institute and will have special charge of preparing missionary candidates in days to come, gave a unique message on the cross of Calvary.

Sunday Afternoon

On the missionary page the story is told of the great missionary rally of this afternoon.

Sunday Evening

Platform full for vesper service tonight. Joseph Bell, Georgia District C. A. President, had charge of service. The singing was good; the special music was unusually fine. Charles E. Blair spoke briefly. Then Sister Edith Mae Pennington spoke on, "How to Interest Youth of the High-School Age in the Things of God."

The main service of the evening had a record attendance. Many from the eight Assembly of God churches in Springfield were present, in addition to those from other cities, and what an inspiring service it was! The north-central states were honored tonight. Frank J. Lindquist, superintendent of North Central District, had charge. Pastor Russell Olson of Minneapolis led the singing. Sisters Olson and Williams sang a duet; sang the first verse in Swedish, the remainder in English. The Swedish singing must have made the Minnesota brethren feel right at home!

Lula Ashmore brought the ten-minute missionary message of the evening. She told of her missionary work in Malaya, from which she returned to the U. S. on

the last boat before the Japanese came in. Said that the five million people of Malaya need more than the four Pentecostal missionaries who have been the only Full Gospel workers in that needy land. Malaya will present a challenging opportunity when hostilities cease, she said. In the meantime, however, she is going to Cuba to work among the 30,000 Chinese there who have no missionary of any denomination working among them.

It was announced that the missionary offering this afternoon amounted to over \$1,800. Hallelujah! And hundreds of the young people who thronged the great platform in the consecration service this afternoon have already signed and turned in the "All-for-Christ Crusade" cards putting themselves on record as being willing to serve God in any land and in any capacity in which He may want them. Surely the great forward move for which we have been praying is going to come to pass, and the Assemblies of God will have the money and the workers necessary for a greater effort in the post-war world, if Jesus tarries, than we ever have seen!

Wesley Steelberg, Superintendent of Eastern District, brought the main message. "God's Rehabilitation Program," was his subject. He said that souls can be salvaged only by the supernatural working of God. The great audience was stirred by the possibilities that were portrayed, and the service ended with a mass prayer meeting on the platform.

Monday, September 6

Labor Day! What better way to spend this holiday than here in the midst of God's presence and God's people?

We will long remember the gracious way the Lord visited us at the Prayer Service at 7 a. m.

L. O. Waldon, Superintendent of the Louisiana District, presided over the

morning devotional service. David Burris, Superintendent of the Arkansas District, brought a message on the text, "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father."

Clarence Goudie, Chairman of the Roster Committee, reported that so far there was a registration of 1405, 857 of which were ordained ministers, 133 delegates, 141 licensed ministers and 274 visitors. (This was later increased to a total of 1454.)

The first order of business on Monday morning was the election of officers. While the ballots were being handed out a resolution was passed.

There were many who have been with us at most of our General Councils in times past who were not with us this year for some reason or other, and we greatly missed them. Special mention was made of Brother and Sister Jacob Miller, who were at the first Council at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1914, and have attended practically every meeting since. Brother and Sister Robert A. Brown of New York City and Brother and Sister Van Meter were also greatly missed. Brother Van Meter has been an executive presbyter for many years. We missed Brother A. B. Cox of Dayton, Ohio, and also Brother O. E. Nash of Cincinnati, Ohio. We remembered also "Dad" Richey of Houston, Texas, who will soon be 83 years of age. "Dad" Richey was represented by two sons, Raymond and A. J. Richey. We missed Samuel Scull of Arizona who always had some wise words for us. Our brother has reached his fourscore years. Brother J. C. Wilder is another old-timer who could not be present because of sickness. Brother A. H. Argue of Winnipeg has so often been with us and was with us at Springfield at the last Council held here, and we missed him. Also Brother Rufus Cooper, who was represented by a son and two daughters, all of whom are in the ministry. T. K. Leonard of Findlay, Ohio, who is usually with us. He was at the first Council meeting in 1914. He also was one of the absentees. A special resolution was passed, suggesting that we send our loving greetings to these brethren with the assurance that we have not forgotten them.

When the tellers counted the ballots in the election for the General Superintendent, it was found that Brother Ernest S. Williams was returned to office, receiving 651 of the 675 votes cast. Brother Williams thanked the brethren for their vote of confidence and promised to serve the fellowship as faithfully as he could during the next two years.

When the tellers counted the votes on the nominating ballot for the office of

Assistant General Superintendent, they reported that there was no election.

Monday Afternoon

There was one representative of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada with us, Brother Harrison, who brought greetings from the Canadian brethren to us.

T. J. Jones, dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute of San Francisco, brought us a stirring message on 2 Corinthians 5:9-14. There was a great response from the large audience.

A list of the nominees for the office of Assistant General Superintendent was read: Brothers Fred Vogler, R. M. Riggs, Wesley R. Steelberg, G. F. Lewis, G. W. Hardcastle, A. A. Wilson, J. R. Flower, D. P. Holloway, A. M. Alber, F. J. Lindquist, V. G. Greisen, Frank Gray, Wallace Bragg, L. R. Keyes, Ben Hardin, W. I. Evans and Glen Millard.

It was on the sixth ballot that Brother Ralph M. Riggs, Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, was elected, receiving 494 of the 675 votes cast.

When Brother Riggs came to the platform to express his thanks to the brethren, the first to greet him was Brother Vogler. The two brethren hugged each other.

Brother Vogler spoke after Brother Riggs and promised his loyal support to the newly elected Assistant General Superintendent. He said, "No one can lead unless he has learned to be a good follower," and he promised to be a loyal follower of the newly appointed officer. He said he was quite willing to start at the bottom again, and reminded us of the early days of his ministry when he and his wife and family had a packing case for a table and boxes for seats. It had been a great joy to suffer with other pioneers in our early Pentecostal work; and it had been a great joy to serve for two years as secretary of the Kansas District and fourteen years as Superintendent of that District and for six years as Assistant General Superintendent of the General Council and Home Missions Secretary.

A special tribute was paid to the retiring Home Missions Secretary by Noel Perkin, the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, and by the Editor of the Evangel. They spoke of his many faithful years of service at headquarters and the remarkable way Home Missions giving had increased under his splendid field ministry. It is impossible to pay too high a tribute to the splendid work Brother Vogler has done during the past two years in helping on the cause of both Foreign and Home Missions.

While the voting was going on, during the afternoon several resolutions were passed, one recommending that special stress be given to the cause of temperance twice a year in our Sunday School literature.

Another resolution was to the effect

that this Council should go on record as opposed to the sale of any alcoholic beverages in the camps of our armed forces and the communities surrounding the camps.

Monday Night

Margaret Miller, C. A. President of Louisiana District, had charge of the Vesper Service. Three other District C. A. Presidents spoke briefly: Carl Perry of South Carolina, Leonard Norville of Texas, and Paul Cooper of Arizona. An offering of \$30.20 was taken to buy Testaments for servicemen. Then Pastor E. J. Robison of Galveston brought the message. Spoke from Acts 1:1-8 on the command, the commission, and the consolation of Christ Ambassadorship. Service ended in true Pentecostal fashion with a message in tongues followed by the interpretation.

In the main service the ministers from Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas and Rocky Mountain Districts sat on the platform. A. M. Alber, Superintendent of Nebraska District, took charge. Paul Ferguson led the singing. Special music was rendered by Sisters Reed and Bethurum and by Paul Bredesen.

Howard Coffey of Colombia, South America, brought a brief missionary message. Said that Colombia is one of the most progressive republics in that continent, and that, since the liberal anti-Catholic party came into power a few years ago, guaranteeing religious liberty, the opportunities are almost limitless. Yet there is only one Protestant missionary to every 60,000 people!

The main speaker was V. G. Greisen, Superintendent of Kansas District. His subject was, "Suffering and Glory." Only when we suffer for Christ's sake can we have the shekinah glory today and eternal glory tomorrow, he said. As the celestial glory far outweighs and outlasts the terrestrial glory, how willing we should be to take the way of the Cross, in order that the Spirit of glory and of God may rest upon us!

Tuesday Morning, September 7

At 7:00 a large number gathered for prayer. One of the most encouraging features of this Council session has been the good attendance at the 7:00 A. M. prayer service.

Brother H. Paul Holdridge of the West Texas District had charge of the morning devotional service, and the speaker was W. R. Williamson, Superintendent of the Illinois District. At the request of the General Superintendent, the newly elected Assistant Superintendent, Ralph M. Riggs, presided at the morning session.

Brother McClellan moved that in recognition of the splendid services that have been rendered to the General Council by Brother Fred Vogler in the past six years, we show our appreciation by tak-

ing up a love offering for him. An offering was taken amounting to \$375.09.

Brother Vogler spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation of the attitude of the brethren and promised that he would continue to serve the fellowship to the best of his ability, no matter what the future held for him. He has been praying for some time concerning the great needs in New Zealand and Australia and feels drawn towards service in these countries. Brother Vogler was born in Australia and still has a very deep love for the land of his birth.

A motion was offered and carried that the General Council in session go on record as expressing their confidence in the retiring Assistant Superintendent by giving him a rising vote of appreciation.

It was very clear that everyone present had a warm place in their hearts for our Brother Vogler and a great appreciation of all his splendid services during the past many years. Brother Gortner moved that if necessary arrangements can be made, and if feasible, that the General Presbytery appoint Brother Vogler to represent the Assemblies of God as their ambassador to the brethren in Australia, New Zealand, and in any other field to which God may lead him to go.

Secretary Re-elected

Our General Secretary, Brother J. Roswell Flower, was returned to office on the nominating ballot, receiving 468 of the 582 votes cast.

It is customary to elect three nonresident executive presbyters at each Council, one from the West, one from the Central states, and one from the East. The following nominations were made from the floor: Brothers G. F. Lewis, J. N. Gortner, Frank Lindquist, E. B. Crump, G. W. Hardcastle, Carl Barnes, W. R. Steelberg, A. A. Wilson, Frank Gray, Flem Van Meter, V. G. Greisen, David Burris and Ben Hardin.

Brother Gortner, who had been appointed chairman of a reading course committee, made his report, and at a later date we will give this report in the *Evangel*.

Tuesday Afternoon

C. W. Loenser of Cleveland, Ohio, Superintendent of the German branch, presided at the afternoon session, and a very precious message was given by E. L. Tanner, General Presbyter from Louisiana.

During the afternoon the three following Executive Presbyters were elected: J. Narver Gortner of San Francisco, California; Aaron A. Wilson of Kansas City, Missouri; and Wesley Steelberg, Superintendent of the Eastern District Council.

The reports of several committees were accepted during the afternoon. The Council closed with a very interesting discussion on the question of whether mis-

sionaries should be encouraged or discouraged from showing pictures of their various missionary fields in different assemblies.

There were some who have very decided convictions concerning this matter. The moving picture industry is one of the greatest menaces to the morals of America, and many expressed the fear that if they allow moving pictures in their churches, it will give the young people a taste for the moving pictures provided by the world.

There were others who took a different view, saying that since we use visual aid in our Sunday Schools and find it helpful, it is quite legitimate to show pictures of missionaries baptizing converts and other missionary activities, and that it is a great stimulus to missionary giving.

Brother Turnbull of Los Angeles was one of the last to speak. He spoke of the principle involved if legislation should be brought into Council concerning this matter. He himself found that the pictures that the missionaries showed were a great inspiration and were the means of many giving large offerings. He spoke of some offerings of a thousand dollars that have been given to the mission work by those who became interested in what the missionaries were accomplishing. He told of one inspiring film that his brother had shown of 2000 new converts in Borneo attending a large convention. He felt that it was perfectly all right for those who have strong convictions against missionary pictures to follow the line of their convictions and not have them in their churches, but he did not think that legislation should be brought forth which would prohibit other assemblies that desired to have these missionary pictures from having them.

The discussion was closed by a word from Brother Holloway, the pastor of the Cleveland Assembly in Ohio. He mentioned that the two assemblies that have given the largest offerings in the past two years, the New York Assembly and the Cleveland, Ohio, Assembly, never show missionary pictures and it certainly had not hindered them in their missionary interest and missionary giving.

Since he did not consider it wise to go on further with the discussion, he moved that the consideration of the resolution should be postponed indefinitely. This motion passed.

The afternoon session was terminated with a healing service in charge of Brother Raymond T. Richey and his brother, A. J. Richey.

Tuesday Evening

By the time the final business session of the General Council had been concluded it was 6 p. m.—time to begin the C. A. Vesper Service. So the service was late in starting, and instead of having the platform the C. A.'s had a ring

service outdoors. The singing soon attracted a large crowd, and hearts were stirred as the young people sang, prayed, and testified under the blue canopy of heaven. Paul Cooper of Arizona had charge. Many gave testimonies to the miraculous healing power of the Lord. The final Vesper Service then broke up with the singing of that sweet and sacred old hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

H. C. Ball, supervisor of our Latin-American missionary work, took charge of the evening service. It was more or less a missionary meeting. Howard Coffey, returned missionary from Colombia, led the singing. A group of Latin-American missionaries sang, in Spanish, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Then Brother Fred Vogler talked for some time about the work God has enabled our Home Missions Department to do among the servicemen. His reports brought many a "Praise the Lord!" and plenty of "amens," and an offering was taken for the servicemen's work. Ferris Dodd by request sang the third time, "The Holy City."

Sister Nicodem brought a ten-minute missionary message. She told how Brother Nicodem, before she went to India to become his bride, had been led into an orphanage ministry. Though a single young man, he had a "family" of thirty-five Indian children when she became his wife! Seven years ago Brother Nicodem went to be with Christ, but today many of the lives he rescued and preserved are native evangelists praching to their brethren the everlasting gospel.

A. M. Alber, Superintendent of the Nebraska District, was the main speaker. Taking Matt. 24:14 as his text, he emphasized the fact that the Lord may return at any time, but said that we can hasten His coming by preaching the gospel in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Our goal of five million dollars for missions would soon be reached if we would sacrifice a little, he said. He told of one man who heard the voice of God and gave his car, that was parked outside the church, for missionary work. He told of another farmer who gave up one son for missionary work, then a second son, but instead of complaining he said, "Lord, what is my further responsibility?" The Lord asked him to consecrate a quarter section of land to plow, plant, and harvest for missions, and he did. Then the Lord asked him to consecrate another quarter section; he did this too, giving all the proceeds to missions. How many of us have really sacrificed for this missionary work, that is so dear to God's own heart? "If we will sow in tears we shall reap in joy"; that is the message that came from the Lord through tongues and interpretation at the close of the service, and hundreds

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Missionary Service at General Council

Sunday afternoon, September 5, will not soon be forgotten by those attending the General Council which convened in Springfield, Missouri this year. We only wish that every member of our Evangel family could have been present in the great missionary rally that so thrilled and stirred our hearts. The very atmosphere of the large tabernacle seemed charged with the same expectancy that filled the hearts of those who had crowded it to capacity. A battery of cameramen waited tensely, as the procession began. Two by two they marched down the long center aisle, that army of earnest missionaries from all parts of the world, colorfully arrayed in native costume and each one carrying the flag which represented the land of his labors.

The first group held aloft a banner bearing the name, "Africa," and a deafening applause went up for God's own "Afrika Korps" of ambassadors of the Cross. Company after company followed, bearing the banners of Europe, China, India, Latin America, the Islands of the Sea, and the home missionaries. As the long line marched to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers," the congregation was deeply moved. Reaching the front of the building, the missionaries parted, depositing their flags in receptacles the full length of the platform. Is it any wonder that praises were ascending from every part of the building? The blaze of color that radiated from those flags seemed literally to cry out the command of our Lord to go into a needy, war-torn world and preach His eternal gospel to every creature.

In that solemn moment a trumpeter stepped forward and played the salute to the colors while a color guard of fine American soldiers accompanied by two of our Assembly of God chaplains marched down the aisle bearing Old Glory and the Christian flag. In an instant the congregation was upon its feet and sang with deep emotion two stanzas of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." As tears coursed freely down the cheeks of many, the assembly was led in earnest pray-

er on behalf of the men of our armed forces. Climaxing this patriotic scene, Eddie Anderson of Providence, Rhode Island sang an appropriate solo, "God Bless Our Boys!"

Noel Perkin, our Foreign Missions Secretary, then brought clearly to the people the objectives and the needs of the Missions Department in preparing to rehabilitate a post-war world. Among other things he presented the need for five hundred new missionary recruits and five million dollars to support the post-war program. Brother Perkin introduced Mollie Baird, of India, the first of four speakers who had been selected to represent four vast continents. As Sister Baird spoke, representing some 1100 million peoples, missionaries from the various countries of Asia stood grouped about her. "Lift up your eyes and LOOK!" was the burden of her message. She earnestly entreated all those assembled to look first upon the missionaries gathered on the platform, then upon the fields that are whitened already unto the harvest, and lastly upon the Christ who alone is sufficient for the needs of the present-day world.

The second speaker, J. Wannenmaker, brought a stirring appeal for the needs of a post-war Europe. So melted were the hearts of listeners that when the missionary offering was taken, over eighteen hundred dollars were given. During the offertory, Brother Wannenmaker played as a violin solo, "The Holy City." After Field Secretary H. B. Garlock had presented the immediate challenge of the dark continent of Africa, T. E. Hollinsworth sang a solo which was on the theme of the entire General Council, "Forward for Christ!" Brother and Sister Hollingsworth have recently consecrated their lives to the service of the Lord in Central America and will soon depart for that needy land. The last of the four speakers, Field Secretary H. C. Ball presented Latin America as no longer being the "Land of Tomorrow" but the "Land of Today" presenting an immediate need and promising immediate results. Brother Ball declared

that whereas there were only six Pentecostal missionaries in Latin America when he entered the Council in 1914, there are now one hundred and seven under our direct appointment. At the conclusion of his address, three Latin American missionaries sang choruses in Spanish. The entire congregation then stood and sang impressively that grand old missionary song, "Throw Out the Life Line."

The final appeal of the afternoon was made by Kenneth Short, returned missionary from the Island of Borneo, who has recently taken residence in Springfield to assist the Missions Department. Brother Short pointed out that a parallel time to 1943 existed when God promised the land of Canaan to the Children of Israel. When they were about to enter into that promise, spies were sent into the land. The report was brought back that it was truly a land of abundance, but that there were tremendous difficulties and obstacles in the way of their possessing it. Caleb alone put them to silence, saying, "Let us go up at once and possess it, FOR WE ARE WELL ABLE!"

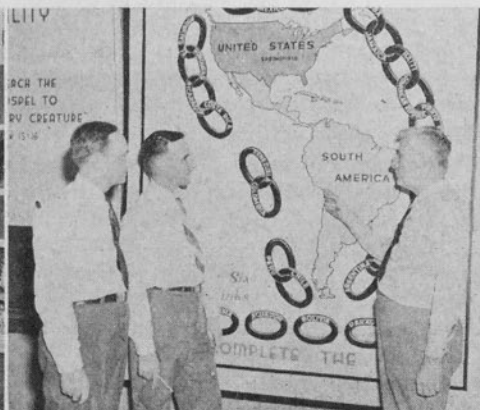
"This," said Brother Short, "was not presumption nor overenthusiasm on the part of Caleb, but it was genuine faith, for he was looking to the promise and not to the circumstances. Now the Father made a very definite promise to His Son, 'Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.'

"I read in God's Word that we who have been born again are made joint heirs with Christ Jesus, so we can take that promise unto ourselves because of Calvary. If God has promised us the heathen for our inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for our possession, it is no longer a question of whether we are **able** but rather a question of whether we are **willing** to lay hold of His precious promise.

"The motto adopted for this General Council is, 'Forward for Christ.' It is easy enough to make a motto, but it is quite another thing to put it into practice. The word 'forward' implies a push, a determination. One can slip backward by simply doing nothing, but it takes both effort and determination to forge ahead. 'Forward for Christ,' means 'Sacrifice for Christ.' The Church of the Lord Jesus has been built upon the foundation of sacrifice, from the days of the early martyrs until the present moment when faith-



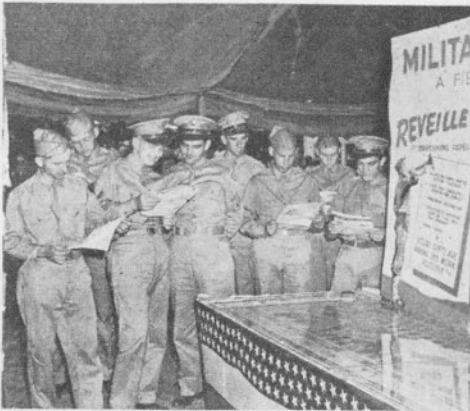
Raymond Busby displays scenes of Sumatra



H. C. Ball shows our progress in occupying Latin America



Harry Jaeger and Sister Seaholm examine a service testament



Reveille is popular with servicemen in Home Missions booth



Missionary army marching to the platform in costume



Missionary service opens with prayer for Our Boys

ful witnesses are laying down their lives as a testimony of their faith. We can only plunge forward in a post-war world as we continue to live and move in this atmosphere of sacrifice.

"Before us lies a vast opportunity—it may be our last. So what is to be our attitude? Shall we wait until the doors are already reopened and then sit down and try to plan out what is to be done? Who knows just how long those doors will remain open? Other societies are putting forth every effort NOW to enlist needed missionary recruits and to make every possible provision toward the future. Should we of the Assemblies of God be less diligent in response to the command of the Master? We shall have taken a giant stride when we recognize the fact that the putting into practice of the purpose of God is a responsibility resting not only on the shoulders of the Missions Department, not only upon the shoulders of these splendid missionaries sitting upon the platform, but it is a responsibility that rests upon every man and woman who names the name of Christ. OURS is the responsibility. 'Forward for Christ' means a positive effort put forth by every member of our constituency, till the name of Jesus has been heralded to the ends of the earth.

"Last night as I was waiting upon the Lord for a word to bring to this assembly, He directed my attention to a verse in the book of Titus that I had never noticed before, 'Put them in mind to be ready!' The great burden of my heart is that should Jesus tarry and doors of ministry be opened again, we shall be found ready and prepared. Our Missions Department has voiced the need for five hundred new missionary recruits; men and women with Bible training and experience. When the doors have opened again, there will be a call and a need for immediate action. No time then to begin preparing. Let this be our hour for making ourselves ready for the greatest season of soul winning that the world has ever known.

"Then a call has gone out for the consecration of ten thousand of our youth who are willing to present themselves without any reservation whatsoever as to what or where it may be.

"Again we are challenged with a need of

five million dollars to accomplish the work that is just before us. Do I hear somebody say that this is all visionary, or over-enthusiasm? No, it is not visionary, but it IS a vision.

"With Caleb of old let me say, 'We are well able!' Parents who have withheld their children from going to foreign lands with the gospel message are now being forced to give them to the same foreign lands in bloodshed and battle. Men and women who have withheld their money saying that it was impossible for us to finance God's program, are now giving liberally to the war program. We couldn't afford it for God and eternity, but we can afford it for the destruction of human life in an effort temporarily to extend time.

"Five million dollars would hardly build one single battleship of modern design. When we hear that twenty, thirty, or forty bombers have been lost in a single night, who grieves over the loss of millions of dollars if there has been little or no loss of life? I say, brethren, if we can afford it for a war of carnage, we can also afford it to bring the message of life to eternity-bound souls. In the last year or two, God has prospered us as we have never been prospered before. Therefore I say, financially and every other way, we are able to push forward for Christ if only we are willing.

"Let me sound this note of warning. As God is increasing our prosperity in these days, just so much is He also increasing our responsibility. He is prospering us for a purpose, and I believe that purpose is that we might push forward in His name to the uttermost parts of the earth. God help us if we fail in this duty!

"What will be the place of the Assemblies of God in the post-war world? Just the place that we earnestly, consistently, intelligently, and prayerfully prepare for TODAY! 'Occupy till I come,' is the command of the Lord. In other words, 'Go forward till I return.' Work as if His coming will be delayed a thousand years, but live as if He may come in the next ten minutes!"

At the conclusion of Brother Short's address, Fred Vogler gave an invitation for young men and women over the entire congregation to come to the platform to dedicate

their lives to the service of the Lord. It is estimated that about seven hundred responded to this call! The glory of God descended! This vast company represents a future reservoir of consecrated young men and women who are willing to go to the ends of the earth to hasten the return of our Lord.

"I LOVE THE MEXICAN PEOPLE"

"These seven weeks in Mexico have been extremely busy ones," writes Bessie Mae Pate, one of our newest missionaries, "but I am very happy in the work here. Teaching in the school takes the greater part of my time. During the month that Brother Ayers and Brother Arevalo were away I had added responsibilities, taking part of their classes, but the Lord blessed and the school work went forward. It was a joy to help in this respect.

"There are thirty-one students, thirteen of whom will graduate in the fall. We thank God for these students and are praying that the Lord will use them in the evangelization of Mexico.

"Lately I have been able to visit a few of the smaller churches here in the city, speaking at the services and becoming more acquainted with the pastors and members.

"There is certainly a great need here. I love the people very much and praise the Lord for the privilege of ministering among them. Mexico and its workers need your prayers daily."

CHARLIE STUDD'S COUNSEL

"Don't live in luxury—Christ lived and died poor.

"Don't live in pleasure—Christ pleased not Himself.

"Don't live for fame—Christ made Himself of no reputation.

"Don't live at ease—Christ suffered for you the shame, the scourge, and the cross.

"Don't lose your opportunity and inherit an eternity of shame and regrets hereafter."

"The speediest confession is the easiest and the best."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Whole Bible Sunday School Course

Achan's Sin

Joshua 7 and 8

I. THE COMMANDMENT. Joshua 6:17-19.

Only two rigorous, distinct commands were issued at the conquest of Jericho; one was to spare Rahab and her family, and the other was that they were to keep themselves from the large amount of valuable property, which was to fall into the hands of the Israelites as spoils of war, as it was consecrated or devoted to the service of God. All the rest of Jericho was to be utterly destroyed. "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." Thus God's commandments become a test, to Israelite and Christian alike, of man's love for Him. How much do I love God? How deep is my religious experience? We find the answer when we search our lives to see how obedient we are to His commands.

II. THE CRIME. 7:1, 11-21.

Sin, like an imitation diamond, is the only commodity Satan deals in. Notice the **many** facets to the **one** imitation diamond Achan purchased from hell's salesman, for when he partook of the forbidden spoil it was:

1. Disobedience. God had said, "Thou shalt not;" but Achan chose to disobey God's fiat. The very core of disobedience is the defiant rejection of God's way for one's own way. The solemnness of the covenant between God and His people rendered Achan's disobedience more offensive and less bearable.

2. Theft. Achan stole from God, and broke the eighth commandment. But many a Christian today is stealing from God. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In **tithes** and **offerings**." How quick we are to condemn Achan, yet we are as guilty as he if we do not pay our tithes and offerings.

3. Deceit. 7:1. The words "committed a trespass" might be literally translated, "deceived a deceit." He attempted to cover his crime with craft or guile. Compare the story of Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5, who attempted to deceive the apostles.

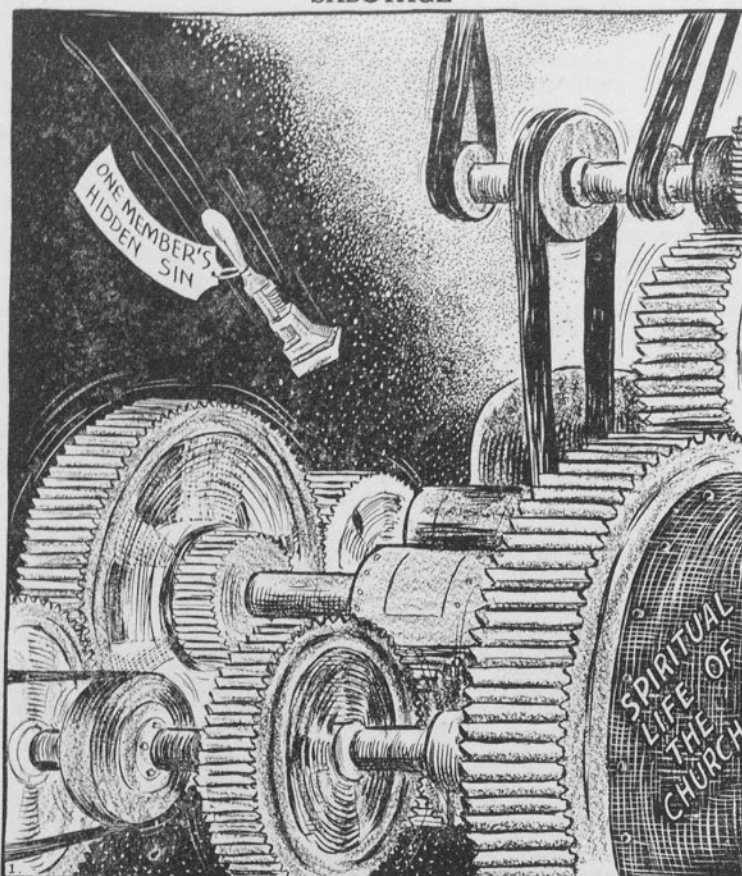
4. Unbrotherliness. Achan was so selfish that he was willing to jeopardize **all** the people to satisfy his own greed. The greatest enemy of God's people is not opposing forces but inner corruption. "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house."

5. Ingratitude. Jehovah was no ruthless, cruel taskmaster. He had graciously supplied the needs of His people, and none was in want—even when they complained at their

supposedly terrible lot. But Achan was so thankful for past favors that he even "hogged" the firstfruits of the conquest. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be . . . unthankful."

6. Impiety. It was the act of a godless heart who did not believe in God's holy Word. Achan's crime was an alienation of God's property from before His very face, and devoting it to private use—a daring

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and impudent sacrilege. And today we find as much impiety in our churches. Instead of a reverent attitude preceding the service and during the altar service, the church is abuzz with mundane and even sinful talk. The church is God's house where we should worship Him, and it is not a place for discussion of politics or of the latest styles. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise."

III. THE COST OF THE CRIME.

Although Achan was given plenty of time to confess his crime and fall upon the mercy of God, he resolutely continued steadfast in covering it. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Notice the far-reaching effects of this one sin:

1. On Joshua—the leader. "O Lord, where-

fore hast Thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us?" The defeat at Ai was a severe test of Joshua's faith, and from this part of his prayer it seems he is leaning toward unbelief. "Would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of Jordan!" How prone we are to keep our eyes upon circumstances rather than upon God. And when we do, one pin prick of defeat will quickly deflate our balloon of confidence and plunge us into the marsh of discouragement. God's reply to Joshua changed his gaze back to God. Sin in the church will cause the faith and courage of many leaders to lag.

2. On Israel—the Church. Sin changed the victors (Israel at Jericho) into the victims. One secret sin, when the sinner is marching under the colors of the church, may completely sap the strength of the church and deter its progress, changing victory into defeat. "No man liveth unto himself, and no man dieth unto himself." We are all members of one body, and "if one member suffer all the members suffer with it." And if members persist in treading the paths of sin, then it becomes needful to purge the church of those evil elements. Only a pure church is a powerful church.

3. On Achan—the sinner. Sin cannot be hidden from God! How forcibly this lesson is taught through Achan's crime. God's physical, moral, and providential laws are requisitioned to expose sin and bring it to punishment. Achan's sin, though tenaciously concealed, was exposed by God Himself, bringing to Achan **public shame** and **public punishment**. Thus it will always be with the sinner who disregards God's commandments and persists in following sin until the judgment day arrives. Sin will come out—either here or in eternity.

IV. THE CONQUEST. Chapter 8.

"Fear not, . . . I have given into thy hand the king of Ai." God graciously assures the people that with sin expelled from their midst, they can advance against the enemy and under His strategy become victors again. "Without Me ye can do nothing," but "in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." "Now thanks be unto God, which causeth us to triumph in Christ."—M. Kenneth Morris.

CHRIST'S INDWELLING

Not a doctrine to believe
While results we do not feel;
Not a theory to receive
With faint hope that it is real;
But an awful, glorious fact,
To be tested hour by hour;
Mirrored by each word and act,
Realized in holy power:
Christ enjoyed in faith's embrace,
Testified in daily grace.

—William Olney

Diary of a Delegate

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went to the platform to pray that the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth more and more laborers into His world-wide harvest field.

A Wedding

On Wednesday morning, at the end of this Twentieth General Council, a wedding took place. Ruth Vogler, daughter of Brother Fred Vogler, became the wife of Earl Riegle of Wichita, Kansas. Brother Claude J. Utley of Topeka, Kansas, had charge of the first part of this wedding ceremony. Brother Vogler accomplished the "tying of the knot," and then Brother Ernest S. Williams, our General Superintendent, laid his hands on the heads of the newly joined pair and asked for God's richest blessing on them and there was a deep "Amen" from the large crowd of ministers and delegates present.

Devotional services continued through the day.

God has signally blessed us in this 20th General Council and we give Him all the glory.

Marks of a Good Soldier

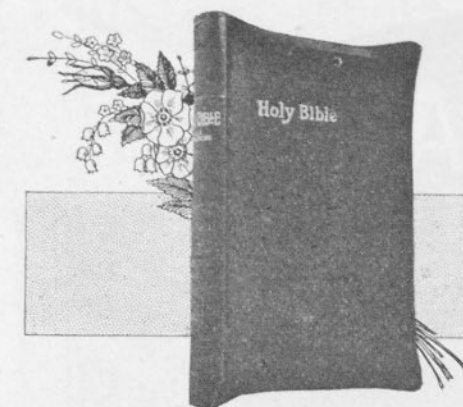
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fulness to others first and foremost in our life. In other words, as someone has said years ago, "The word 'Christian' means Christ is all; I am nothing." Whatsoever we do, let us do it for the glory of the blessed son of God. To be a good soldier requires hardness. We must be toughened to our task and to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ means that we must work hard with unceasing energy for the glory of God each and every day.

As we conversed with Chaplain Smales, he told us the following interesting incidents:

One evening about eight o'clock I was called to go to the hospital at once. There had been a plane crash. I went over to the hospital into the operating room. I found a cadet there, whose right foot was just hanging on by two little threads. He had a big hole right in the center of his forehead, and his scalp was torn loose. This young man looked around and recognized me and squeezed my hand. I stayed with him from eight o'clock to about eleven o'clock. The doctor that was working on him turned to one of the other doctors and said, "Shall we bind his jaws?" "No, just leave it as it is, because the poor fellow won't live anyway," was the second doctor's answer.

Later that evening they amputated his leg right below the knee. At eleven o'clock I went over to the chapel, knelt at the altar and prayed definitely that God might save this cadet's life. Be-



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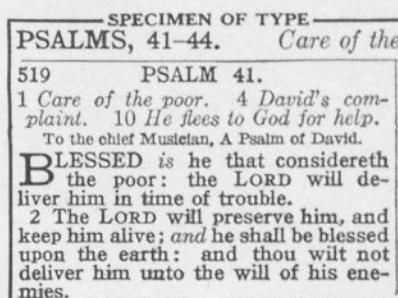
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fore getting up from my knees, I received the assurance that God was going to do the work. I visited the hospital three days in succession, but the man was unconscious and unable to speak.

I asked the doctor how the cadet was getting along. "Chaplain," the doctor answered, "he is alive and that is about all we can say. If he lives, he will be a mental case all the rest of his days."

On the fourth day when I went over to visit him, the cadet was able to talk to me. I told this young man and his mother who was with him that I had been praying that God would touch his body. With tears in his eyes the young man replied, "Thanks, chaplain. I knew someone was praying for me."

It was my joy and privilege to see him several months later, up and around and far from being a mental case. On one glad occasion during the month of February, 1943, this young man was married in the hospital at the post.

I had the privilege of having the doctor that operated on this young man ride with me to town. On the way in we talked concerning his condition. The doctor turned and said, "If you want a miracle to talk about, there is one. Medical science did all it could, but there was a Higher Power that saved that young man's life."

Thank God, He answers prayer for our men in the armed forces today!

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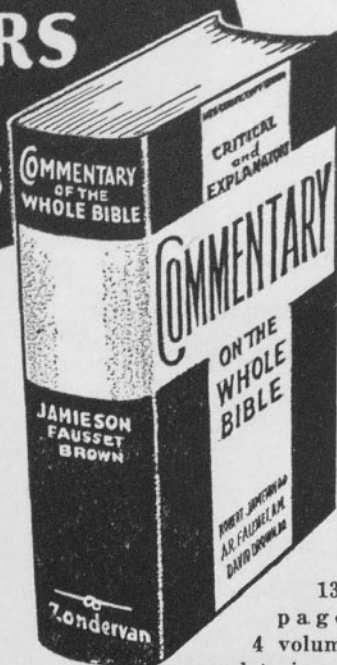
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Recently a soldier came into my office with this story:

"Chaplain, thank God for the Army!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Well," he answered, "it's this way, sir. I was out in sin and away from God, but when I came into the Army, I realized my need of the Saviour and it was through this that I became a child of God."

This young man had a very powerful testimony to the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ. While in camp he taught Sunday School to our

men. There was always a sound testimony for our Lord.

Later on it was my privilege to see this same young man go to one of our Pentecostal churches, kneel at the altar of prayer and receive his Baptism. He is now overseas.

"These signs shall follow them that believe." The word of the Lord by His servants is ever followed by signs. Full directions: "Go, and lo! I am with you manifestly."

GRATITUDE

The sickness and death of my beloved wife, Mrs. D. H. McDowell, brought me such a flood of letters and sympathetic expressions of love that it has been impossible to reply to each one since many of the letters carried no return address.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you all and also the many who have remembered us and prayed for us who did not have opportunity to contact us by mail.

In all of our trials and grief at such a parting, we were conscious of a million hands and hearts reaching us to say, "My Brother, we are standing with you and your family in this sacred hour."

In our momentary pause in sacred memory and devotion, we look earnestly to God for grace to be faithful to our trust and in the name of Jesus to carry on. Please accept the sincere thanks of myself and family.—Your Brother in Christ, D. H. McDowell, 415 Pennington Street, Elizabeth, 2, New Jersey.

WITH CHRIST

News has come to us of the homegoing of Brother Robert Pollard of Brookfield, Mo., who went into the presence of the Lord on July 15. Brother Pollard was seventy-seven years old. Our tender sympathy is extended to Sister Pollard in her bereavement.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Koudougou, French West Africa—Please pray for our Bible School students, that they may learn quickly, and that the Lord will grant Mr. Jones and me strength. We should like you to pray also for a man who came to the church regularly for three or four months. Just before we went to the coast he saw, on two different occasions, a particular worm which is supposed to foretell the death of someone in that home. The Christian told him to believe in Christ, and His blood would deliver from all such superstition. But, strange to say, while we were away, his wife died. The devil used this to tempt, and he has never been back to services. He was marvelously saved from death's door through prayer, and we know the Lord can bring him back.—Mrs. Harold Jones.

Caledon, South Africa—Please pray for Shadrack and his wife who have just been received as workers in the mission. Before coming here he had night school and services in the mine where he was working. God has called them out into full-time service. Pray that God will bless their ministry.—Ada H. Reitz.

Johannesburg, South Africa—Pray for an experienced native worker and wife who feel called to the work in Johannesburg and wish to come here. We have been longing and praying for such workers for this needy area. They have been connected with another church organization, and we are making inquiries concerning them. They are seeking to be baptized with the Holy Spirit.—Violet Wilcox.

Witbank, South Africa—Pray for the development and strengthening of the Nyasaland work.—Frederic H. Burke.

Southwest China—Mrs. Plymire suffers a great deal with indigestion, possibly due to poor teeth. Please pray for her that the Lord will heal her of this.—V. G. Plymire.

Coming Meetings

WEST TEXAS FALL CONVENTIONS

East Central Plains Section, Paducah, Sept. 28-29; North Plains Section, Shamrock, Oct. 7-8; West Central Plains Section, Lubbock, Oct. 12-13; South Plains Section, Lamesa, Oct. 14-15.—H. Paul Holdridge, District Superintendent.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Alabama District Council Meeting, Municipal Auditorium, Opp, Ala., Oct. 12-14. Loren B. Staats, Dallas, Texas, guest speaker. C. A. Rally, night, Oct. 11; W. M. C. business meeting afternoon, Oct. 12.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent; Grover Langston, Secretary.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Nineteenth annual meeting of South Florida District Council, Bethel Temple, Tampa, Fla., Oct. 25-28. C. W. Ringness, host pastor. C. A. Rally and Business Session, afternoon and night, Oct. 25. All applicants for credentials come prepared to meet Credentials Committee Monday, Oct. 25, 2:00 p. m. J. R. Flower, General Secretary, special speaker.—L. B. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer.

EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE

Eastern District Prayer Conference, First Pentecostal Church, Fifth Ave. and Sixth St., Altoona, Pa., Oct. 5-14. Ministers, missionaries, Christian workers and friends who feel the need of a special season for protracted prayer and special ministry of the Word are asked to make every possible sacrifice to attend this prayer conference. Services 9:30, 2:30 and 7:30. For accommodations, write John R. Hardt, 1624 21st Ave., Altoona, Pa.—Frederick D. Drake, Prayer League Leader.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 28th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma District Council will meet in Convention Hall, Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 4-8. First service 7:30 p. m., Oct. 4, in charge of C. A.'s Business session opens Oct. 5, 10:00 a. m. Woman's Missionary Council meets Oct. 4, 2:00 p. m. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams will be evening speaker for the convention. Those desiring ordination or license should meet the District Board. For further information write V. H. Ray, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1341, Oklahoma City; or G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, same address.—V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Arkansas District Council will convene at Russellville, Ark., Oct. 11-14. W. J. Higgins, host pastor. Meals on free-will offering plan. Free beds furnished to ministers and delegates, as far as possible. All ministers and Christian workers are urged to meet with us at this time. We feel it will be an important Council gathering.

Monday afternoon, W. M. C. Rally, Dollie A. Sims in charge. Monday night, C. A. Rally, Mrs. T. J. Stokes in charge. Tuesday morning, first business session. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, special speaker for Council meeting.

All those seeking promotion or ministerial recognition should meet the Credentials Committee in person. For further information write David Burris, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 436, Hot Springs, Ark.

TEXAS DISTRICT FALL CONVENTIONS

In this group, conventions begin at 10:30, 2:00 and 8:00. Those desiring to meet the Sectional Committees for License will need to be present. Wichita Falls Section, Sept. 21-22, Graham Assembly. Dallas Section, Oct. 5-6, S. B. I. Chapel, Waxahachie. Waco Section, Oct. 7-8, Fairfield Assembly. Tyler Section, Oct. 14-15, Longview Assembly. Lufkin Section, Oct. 19-20, Nacogdoches Assembly. Ft. Worth Section, Oct. 21-22, Riverside Assembly. Ft. Worth. Beaumont Section, Oct. 26-27, Magnolia Park Assembly. Beaumont. Houston Section, Oct. 28-29, Lindale Assembly, Houston.

NOTICE: The following conventions begin 8:00 p. m. the first day; second day, 10:30, and 2:30 and 8:00. San Angelo Section, Sept. 23-24, San Angelo Assembly. Greenville Section, Sept. 28-29, McKinney Assembly. Paris Section, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Rose Hill Assembly, Texarkana, Texas. Yoakum Section Nov. 2-3, Victoria Assembly. Austin Section, Nov. 4-5, Austin. Valley Section, Nov. 9-10, Raymondville Assembly. Corpus Christi Section, Nov. 11-12, First Assembly Corpus Christi. San Antonio Section, Nov. 18-19, Faith Tabernacle, San Antonio.

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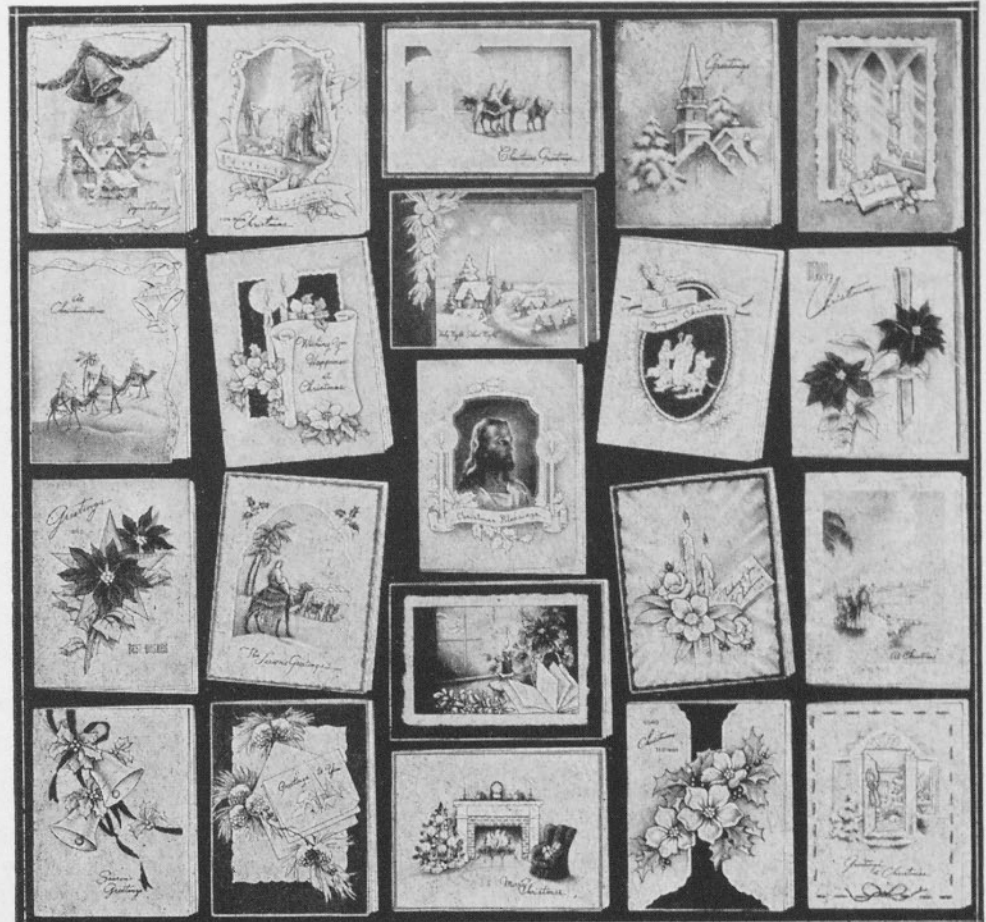
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The PASSING and the PERMANENT

MANY MAY BE CHRISTIANS

Some startling disclosures about Russia are made in an article by Max Eastman in the July *Reader's Digest*. One is this: "There are today at least ten million people living, or rather dying, at hard labor in concentration camps in the Soviet Union. Ten million ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-clothed, despised and suffering slaves—that is the bottom layer upon which the whole edifice of so-called 'economic democracy' rests." Keep Russia on your prayer list!

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Hon. Francis B. Sayre, former High Commissioner to the Philippines, says:

"God created this moral world in which disregard of truth, of justice, of the needs and well-being of others, the placing of material values ahead of spiritual values is bound to bring disaster.

"If the new world is to be built upon Christian fundamentals, how else can the foundations be laid save...through each one of us imparting by our lives and by our words to the individuals whom we touch a truer and a deeper understanding of Christ and of Christ's truth?"

HOW TO PREVENT INFLATION

Advertising has taken a peculiar turn these war days. Manufacturers are spending much money to tell us *not* to buy their products, the object being to avoid inflation. Here's the argument:

This year Americans are going to make (minus taxes) 125 billion dollars. But there will only be 80 billion dollars worth of goods to buy. Now if people insist on bidding against each other to get goods, they will force prices higher and runaway inflation will be the result.

They suggest that we buy war bonds, pay off old debts, deposit savings in a bank, etc.

Christians have something else to do. The fields are white unto harvest, and there must be the investment of more of our money in the work for Christ. Let's do our part to avoid inflation by building up a large sum for a great post-war missionary program.

THE ROAD TO ENDOR

Adolph Hitler, that "Mystic Master of Strategic Intuition" (as President Roosevelt dubbed him in a recent Fireside Chat), is rapidly reaching the end of his rope. The intuitive guidance which he is reported to have received from consultation with wicked spirits has led him and a whole nation down the road to destruction and defeat. Even men of the world have sensed that he is controlled by evil spirits. Wickham Steed, formerly editor of *The Times*, said in *Manchester Guardian* six months ago, "One is almost tempted to credit Hitler with hypnotic powers. Can his success in hoodwinking foreign statesmen and visitors be otherwise explained?" It was little wonder that Rudyard Kipling wrote, "I have seen too much evil and sorrow and wreck of good minds on the road to Endor to take one step along that perilous track."

THE WHY OF NAZI PSYCHOLOGY

The following "Letter to the Editor" appeared in a St. Louis newspaper:

"In pondering over the strange psychology of the German race as revealed in the first world war and subsequently, I have wondered if the folk and children's lore of Germany does not give an inkling of the inner thoughts cultivated from childhood up.

"American children of my childhood, after our civil war, were taught in McGuffey series of readers from Book 1 to 6, which contained stories of honor, honesty and the Christian virtues. But since 1900 A. D. our schools have taken bodily into the readers the stories of Germany—the Grimm Fairy Tales and others.

"These stories that were widely read and told to children do not teach either truth or honesty, as witness the 'Puss in Boots' tale, 'The Three Spinners,' 'The Barnyard Musicians,' 'Hans in Gluck' and many others. They invariably teach that trickery, falsehood and dishonesty, so it is cleverly done, lead to riches and high position. Read them and see.

"Those German children learned their lesson so well that trickery, dishonesty and cleverness in absorbing their neighbors' riches has brought on this great war of nations.

"The child is father to the man. The things taught our American children in the schools should be carefully considered."

NATIONS THAT "FORGET GOD"

More than forty years ago a great English preacher wrote, "There is a painful tendency today to think lightly of the church of God. The multitude keep holiday instead of holy day, and the sanctuary is painfully neglected.

"The Electric Palace' threatens to take the place of the 'palace of God.' Instead of the worship of God we have organ recitals. Sacred concerts are the substitute for the penitent or adoring cry of the congregation. The devil's prayer book, in the shape of secular and sporting journals, is fast becoming the popular liturgy. The tribes go up to the temple of nature—in other words, to the railway station—for cheap excursions. Golf supersedes godliness.

"What does all this mean to this nation? England was not made by electric palaces, music halls, golf clubs and picnics, and it will not be sustained by them. If we desecrate God's day by our games, before long He will make game of us.

"Let every Christian disciple be faithful in a day of falling away. Let me be faithful."

But despite such pleas, conditions have grown worse instead of better. It is said that only two per cent of the people of England are faithful in attendance at God's house. All the above statements are as true of America as of England. Is it any wonder that these two countries have, in the last forty years, been visited with judgment in the form of the greatest two wars in history? "Because I have called, and ye refused...I also will laugh at your calamity," saith the Lord. Prov. 1:24, 26. The end of nations that "forget God" is terrible to contemplate.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1943

Friday, September 3, was a red-letter day. It was the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of war in Great Britain.

It was the day on which British and Canadian troops invaded continental Italy.

And it was the day on which Italy surrendered unconditionally to the Allies. The papers of surrender were signed in Sicily on Friday, though General Eisenhower did not announce the surrender until the following Wednesday.

But there is another significant fact. Friday, September 3, was a day of national prayer in Britain. An announcement from Buckingham Palace had said: "It is the desire of His Majesty the King that Friday, September 3, being the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of the war, should be observed as a national day of prayer and dedication."

Who can say that the unconditional surrender of Italy, which meant the saving of countless soldiers' lives, was not a direct answer to the prayers of God's people in Britain and elsewhere? The answer came the very day on which the prayer meetings were to be held. "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear," the Lord has promised. Isa. 65:24.

A TIMELY WARNING

Professor John Murray, of Westminster Theological Seminary, has recently sounded a much-needed word of warning when speaking of conditions in modern America—the lack of penitence, and the nation's need of humbling itself under the mighty hand of God. He says:

"Have we acquainted ourselves with the alarming prevalence of sexual immorality and of marital infidelity? Have we followed the history of the divorce courts, the facility with which divorce may be secured and the frequency with which divorce is sought and granted? Have we witnessed the appalling increase in profanity, a tendency given impetus, deplorable to relate, by the example of some who occupy positions of high public trust?

"Have we taken cognizance of the lamentable increase of desecration of the Lord's day? Have we not heard or read the proclamation from the highest seat of government of a seven-day week, when God has said, 'Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God'? Exod. 20:9, 10. Have we not heard that this war is to be won in the workshop and not in the church?

"Can we fail to discern that the economical and educational systems of this country are very largely devised and conducted in systematic disregard of the authority and will of God? Our defiance has surely reached Babel proportions when we think that in the interest of defending our civil and religious liberties we can dispense with the laws which God has ordained. For the laws of God are the only basis and guaranty of true liberty and true worship.

"I am not saying that it is necessary for us to undergo ultimate defeat in order to learn righteousness. May God forbid that this should be the case. But it would be better for us to suffer the humiliation of defeat, if thereby we should learn righteousness, than to be crowned with sweeping military victory, if thereby we are to be confirmed in the ways of ungodliness."