



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

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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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A Call to Prayer

If ever the power of Satan was seeking to destroy the fear of God from the earth, it is today. Only divine power can turn his designs into defeat. Because of the great need, we urge that

all our Assemblies

set apart NEW YEAR'S DAY as a time for
FASTING AND PRAYER.

Each Assembly may proceed as it deems most suitable, but we suggest some things which we feel ought to be included in such a Day of Prayer:

1. *As Christians we need a fresh awakening and revival in our own lives, for "judgment must begin at the house of God."*
2. *Our nation is in great need of turning to God.*
3. *That the gospel may go forth to the ends of the earth, let us pray that the war may come to an end soon.*

These are but some of the needs. We believe that if we will seek the Lord in humbleness of heart, He will lead us. His promise is:

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

"He maketh wars to cease to the ends of the earth."

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication."

PLAN NOW FOR THIS DAY OF PRAYER IN YOUR CHURCH

A Meek and Quiet Spirit

Ernest S. Williams

SOME people are quiet who are not meek. They quietly undermine, they cunningly plan. There is more danger from the person who quietly carries out his evil purpose than from the person who is noisy and bustling. It is the quiet of the cat that enables it to pounce upon its prey. The hunter quietly moves to his point of vantage if he seeks success. We would not therefore praise all forms of quiet.

There is a quietness that should be cultivated by all who earnestly seek the Lord. Great power lies in learning to be still. "Be still and know that I am God." Silent waiting in humble worship proves to be of great value. He who thinks worship must always be attended with noise has missed much that he ought to know. "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Christian quietness differs from the quietude of those who would use this power for evil. It is accompanied with the ornament of a meek spirit. Were we to give all the synonyms for meekness, we would arrive at some which would indicate weakness, for one synonym is "spiritless." The Christian is not without spirit. He has spirit, by which we mean courage, energy, vigor; but he has it under proper control.

Characteristics of meekness are gentleness, mildness of temper, modesty, and patience. These are graces lacking in many in the world, and too little experienced by many who name the name of Christ. Let us cultivate them. If our temper is such that it is easily irritated, causing us to use harshness rather than gentleness, we need to take it to the Lord in confession and ask Him to give us power of self-control. If we are impatient and readily set on edge, we need the power of self-possession. If we crave ostentation and outward show, we need the ornament of modest self-effacement.

A certain minister was surprised when one of our brethren testified to having the Baptism with the Spirit and speaking with other tongues. The minister said, "You seem to be a man of poise." His impression was that all who professed the Pentecostal blessing were persons emotionally out of balance. Easily might we become without poise if we cultivated emotions only. We need emotions or feelings, in proper harmony with meekness, quietude of being and character. First and foremost there should be char-

acter. Then emotions need to be tempered with judgment. It is as wrong to go into emotional "sprees" where modesty, mildness of temper, patience, and gentleness are lost sight of as it is to go on a "spree" through strong drink. The disciples were as if filled with new wine on the Day of Pentecost, but their exultation did not run away with them. Their poise is seen in the intelligent presentation of gospel truth through Peter as he was supported by the eleven apostles and the Pentecostal believers. On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples were very conscious of the sacred divine presence. In other tongues they ejaculated "the wonderful works of God." They were lost in God, but they still had full power of self-possession.

See the contrast when the children of Israel danced around the golden calf. Modesty was cast away in their religious revelings. They were but exciting human feelings of a very low order which brought impiety instead of piety.

Looking for emotions should be of minor interest to the consecrated soul. It is the Lord, and the will of the Lord, that we should seek. Let the emotions result from nearness to Him, not from stirrings caused by jazzy singing, tickling the flesh, of human excitement. He who comes from the presence of God comes blessed with subduedness of spirit and enriched self-control.

Meekness and quietness largely resemble each other. Quietness is freedom from agitation or disturbance. He who enjoys a quiet spirit is calm when all about him is in turmoil. To the degree that we are agitated under trial, or in the midst of disturbances, to that degree we are lacking in the ornament of a quiet spirit.

Where there is quietness of spirit, there is inward calm, a tranquility, a restfulness. Have you met people who wear you out when in their presence? Their words and actions destroy rest. Some are filled with apprehension and worry. Others are always in a hurry. There is something about them that fills the air with restlessness. Others are restful and it is a pleasure to be with them. I remember riding for many hours beside an elderly woman on a train. There was not a dull moment in the entire journey. She conversed and was pleasantly friendly. Her conversation was enjoyed because of the restfulness of her own spirit that was contained. There are both peace and rest in a quiet spirit.

Paul exhorts the believers, "that ye study to be quiet." One translates this as follows: "That ye ambitiously endeavor to be quiet." Since we are zealous of spiritual gifts, may we excel in this gift also. Again he exhorts "by our Lord Jesus Christ that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."

We do not interpret quietness always to mean silence. We believe there might be considerable noise, the expression of a full heart, while the soul is serene, basking in the goodness and fellowship of God. This place of fixedness of soul had not been found by Israel when they danced and sang at their deliverance from Egypt. Had it been, they would not have murmured and lost heart so soon after when the tests in the wilderness began to come. That generation which came out of Egypt with Moses never did learn the richness of a meek and quiet spirit. And they perished in the wilderness.

Christian quietness of spirit is from God. It is well expressed as that fruit of the Spirit which is called peace. One has said that "peace is joy resting." It is nice that while joy may be very active and filled with expression, it can also rest. After all, what is more pleasant than rest? Has not the Saviour said, "I will give thee rest"? Elihu said to Job, "When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?"

Then, quiet is the opposite from trouble. This is illustrated in the two sisters, Martha and Mary. Martha was "careful and troubled about many things." She lacked the quiet poise that Jesus would have her enjoy. She was carried two ways at once. She saw so many duties on the right and on the left that she hardly knew what to do. Her sister Mary, could, in the midst of it all, "sit at Jesus' feet and learn of Him." We would not encourage sitting when duties are to be performed, but we would encourage learning to care for such duties without getting confused or into a storm. Quietness of spirit helps a person properly to plan and to carry on his work smoothly.

When Israel had gotten away from God, the Lord said, "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Thus we learn that confidence and strength come through quietude or composure. Jesus enjoyed perfect poise because of perfect composure. When the Sea of Galilee was tossing with angry billows, such composure was not possessed by the disciples. They cried, "Carest thou not that we perish?" It was Christ's self-possession that helped Him to gain possession over the storm. Calmly could He say, "Peace be still," because He possessed perfect peace within.

It is the work of Satan to confuse. If he can break the calm of a quiet spirit, he has caused us to lose our poise. When he gets us out of calm, or off balance, he then pushes us into doing or saying what we later regret. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" Behold, what spiritual disasters have taken place because Christians have lost their quietness of spirit!

I had a friend who, when a boy, liked to read about the Indians. He read of their poise, the great possession they had over themselves. He sought to imitate their ways, to so possess himself as not

to be startled by any sudden happening. Through this self-discipline, he gained a wonderful mastery over his emotions and nerves. Nothing seemed to take him by surprise. We would not advocate a stoical self-mastery, a mastery that gives no place to feelings either pleasant or the reverse. But we would urge the people of God to find that place in God where the Holy Spirit gives dominion over the clamor, the bustle and the fuss which hinders many. And we would recommend times of holy quietness when the words of the Psalmist are fulfilled, "Be still and know that I am God."

Redemption restores it, but, so weak are we, so wayward, so responsive to suggestions of unbelief, that our faith-faculty has rather the appearance of a series of occasional acts, than of a fixed attitude. Thus grace is invariable, faith still variable.

Therefore, in the performance of each miracle, Christ does not turn man's attention to God's unchanging grace, but to the fitful exercise of man's instrument of reception—faith. In effect He says, "Of course God heals. He lives to satisfy and fulfil the utmost longings of His creatures. If man had the perfected attitude of receptive faith, as he was created to have, he would be normally experiencing all the perfections of the Godhead reproduced in his own person and sphere of activity. Meanwhile, as a learner with still imperfect faith, let him only exercise by separate acts his faculty of faith and he will find God's power at work in his circumstances, as sure as the light enters when the shutters are opened."

Living By Faith

Norman Grubb

AS I move about the country meeting numerous Christians, I find one canker eating at the roots of the faith of many. It is the worm of uncertainty. Earnest desire is there, sincere consecration is not lacking; but life falls short of effectiveness, authority, certainty of aim and achievement, because so many can never get a clear grasp of what they may claim as their rights in Christ.

Their problem ever remains, What is God's will in my particular circumstances? How can I know that God wants me to have or do so and so? If I know, then I could believe and act with confidence: but whenever I desire to launch out and grasp a thing in faith, the carking doubt remains deep down in my heart, How may I know that it pleases God to give me this? May it not merely be my presumption or self-seeking? And thus multitudes of prayers and much Christian living hardly rise above the level which Scripture warns us must always be ineffective and fruitless, "Let him ask in faith, *nothing wavering*. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

We suggest the solution which is seen clearly in Scripture and which we have proved in experience to our own enormous benefit and blessing. It is that, within certain Scripturally-defined limits, the gifts and workings of God on our behalf are not dependent upon the apparent uncertainties or inscrutabilities of His will, but upon *our faith*. In other words—that we are looking in the wrong direction when, at all times of our need we persistently waver in our asking and believing because our eyes are gazing up into the impenetrable mists that seem to surround a knowledge of His will. Instead, we are to be only concerned that

we fulfil the laws that govern faith's action (for faith is a law, Rom. 3:27, and has its exact mechanics, as have all laws).

The sick woman said, "If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." Jesus said, "*Thy faith* hath made thee whole." Which did it? The virtue which went out of Him or her faith? The combination of both, of course. But between the virtue and the faith lies this all-important difference. The virtue is the endless living stream of God's grace, going out to all creation without cessation from eternity to eternity; with it is "no variableness, neither shadow of turning"; it is a constant factor. The faith is a faculty given to man by which he may maintain an equally endless attitude of reception of that grace. It was implanted in man to be an equally constant factor, but the fall broke that in-born natural attitude of child to father, and replaced it with natural antagonism.

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Thus Elisha, for instance, when in the course of his normal duties, when building a Bible School with his students (2 Kings 6), is faced with a sudden and trivial need, important only to the student who had borrowed the axe. What does he do? Spend long hours to discover if it was God's will that the axe head should be restored? No, rather he took for granted the grace and power at his disposal, using, as a means to demonstrate faith, the first method that came to hand, the cutting of a stick and the throwing of it into the water, and following this by the summoning up of the axe head. In other words, his concentration was not upon querying the will of God in the matter, but upon exercising his own faith. God's attitude of grace he can know for a certainty. His own attitude of receptive faith, constantly assailed by the surrounding unbelief of the fallen world and the outward appearances of things visible which belie the inward reality of God's invisible power—upon this he needed to concentrate his attention, to be sure that he exercised a deliberate faith, fulfilled the laws of believing, maintained himself, as according to Christ's words, without doubt in the heart. Mark 2:23.

Far too long have we wondered and pondered about God's will, when all the time He is crying out to us, who are His children with a renewed mind in Christ, "My will is *your* desire," "Whatsoever *ye* desire. . . ." Look to *your* faith. There lies the key to all you long to see in life and service. "According to *your* faith be it unto you." "Have faith in *God*."

Every duty which we omit obscures some truth which we should have known.—John Ruskin.

The Outlook

His Eternal Love

The Lord's message through the last Old Testament prophet begins with an assurance of His love: "I have loved you, saith the Lord." Mal. 1:2. Campbell Morgan points out that the Hebrew tense of this word "love" signifies continuity and may be rendered: "I have loved, I do love, I will love you." And it is not only Israel He loves. "God so loved the world." John 3:16. Christ says to every true disciple of His, "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you." John 15:9. If you are tempted to question that love, get you to Calvary and stay there until the realization of His love permeates every fiber of your being.

The Ways of Love

The Lord says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." Rev. 3:19. It is the voice of Love that we hear in this prophecy, warning of the dire consequences of sin. But alas, those to whom He spoke had no sense of sin. Instead of taking an attitude of self-aborrence when their iniquity was pointed out, they took the attitude of the adulterous woman in Prov. 30:20, who after she has eaten of the forbidden fruit "wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness."

The Lord says to us as He did to Israel, "Only acknowledge thine iniquity." Jer. 3:13. It is sweet music to the hosts of heaven to hear us mortals say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee." Luke 15:18.

The Sin of Covetousness

Covetousness was an outstanding sin in Malachi's day just as it is in ours. When the people brought the best of their oxen or sheep as sacrifices, the priests substituted animals which were lame or sick or blind, and kept the best for themselves. The Lord said to them, "Offer it now unto thy governor. If you insult him with such a gift will he be pleased?"

I can remember some years ago passing a store in San Jose, California, where they were exhibiting some fancy prunes—the largest I have ever seen—the finest that the Santa Clara Valley could produce. These were being sent as a gift to the president. Those who were sending this offering did not insult the chief executive by sending him a box of culls. Let each of us ask himself, "Am I keeping the fancy fruit for myself, and giving God the culls? Am I presenting Him the lame and the diseased, and holding back the best of the cattle for myself?"

Am I giving the Lord some of my small change, and indulging myself with every article my sordid flesh craves?" The matter of faithfulness along financial lines has a large part to play in character building. Noisy lip service can be very cheap, but the true worshipers in the glory say, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive . . . riches" (Rev. 5:12), not small change!

The Best for God

When the first party from the China Inland Mission left this country, a farewell meeting was held. The father of one of the missionaries was in the meeting and was asked to speak a word. He told with a father's tenderness of all that his daughter and only child had been to himself and her mother. "But I can only feel," he said, "that I have nothing too precious for my Lord Jesus. He has asked for my very best, and I give with all my heart my very best to Him." Hudson Taylor, who was at that meeting, said that that was the richest thing he had heard in America. He later testified that over in China, when sorely tempted to draw back from giving his best to God, the words would come to him, "Nothing too precious for my Lord Jesus," and he was encouraged to continue.

Love in the Home

God had to bring further indictment against the priests because of their ungodly attitude towards their wives. He is deeply concerned, not only with our department in the assembly, but also with our life in the home. He says to all married men, "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them." Col. 3:19. The priests had become so bitter against their wives that they were putting them away, and God "hateth putting away." Mal. 2:16. Here is the standard God has for us: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church." Eph. 5:25. There could be no higher standard than this. And the prophet shows the reason why God wants homes of love—"That he might seek a godly seed." Mal. 2:15. There is a lot of fulsome nonsense being taught these days under the title of postwar planning, but I have yet to hear one of these political planners say that the outstanding need in America is godly homes, homes where children are brought up in an atmosphere of love and real practical godliness, where night and morning at the family altar they learn to know the Lord their parents love, and lisp out their prayers to Him.

Robbing God

Note the last indictment in Malachi's prophecy—robbing God of tithes and offerings. Today, with greatly increased income there is greatly *decreased* giving. While the national income is up 35 per cent above what it was fifteen years ago, an analysis of the official reports of the twenty-four largest denominations shows a decrease in giving of 35 per cent—a 70 per cent gap between our receiving and our giving!

God says to us through His prophet, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven (literally, floodgates, as in the margin of Gen. 7:11), and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it (or, "until ye are satisfied," as the Septuagint version renders it)." Mal. 3:10. You can personally prove Him in this respect.

The Remnant of Lovers

But there was a godly remnant in Malachi's day, just as there is a Christ-centered group today, who fear the Lord and speak often one to another in language of devout appreciation of their Lover Lord. The prophet tells us concerning these holy conversations of the saints, "The Lord hearkened (literally, bent His ear to give the closest attention, so that He would not miss a word)." And He writes a book of remembrance of the words of those who utter the memory of His great goodness toward one another, and who think on His name—that wonderful name that reveals His character as an all-sufficient Saviour.

A dark day is coming, a day of great judgment, a day that shall burn as an oven, when all the proud and all that do wickedly shall be as stubble. On that day the Lord will remember His Simeons and Annas, and He says, "They shall be Mine . . . in that day when I make up My jewels." He can be safely trusted to take care of His jewels.

Realizing the dark days that are ahead, George Muller often prayed, "O Lord, preserve me from evil; do not let me become in my last days a wicked old man." If a saint like George Muller was constantly praying like that, how much more should we be obedient to the Master's word, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36—S. H. F.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Mortality is highest where morality is lowest.—Arthur T. Pierson.

"Do Thyself No Harm"

A Letter to a Tired Worker by William Olney

WHEN I saw you last, you were not looking as I should like to see you. There was a strained, weary, anxious look, which told its story of an overburdened mind. You were just the same kind friend, but the face lacked brightness. More than that, certain remarks about being tired, and even once, *growing old*, confirmed the witness of the countenance. You are feeling much the burden of your work.

It is true you have taken up—and believe, as I do, that you have been called to—a work which involves a heavy responsibility. The care of each service, the aiming at results—all demand a constant watchfulness, and even possibly a tax upon the mental powers. *How then can the text be obeyed: "Do thyself no harm?"* Acts 16:28.

1. *Refuse to bear yourself the burden of the responsibility.*

Absolutely cast it upon divine shoulders. I will illustrate my meaning in a practical way. One of our evangelists, now in the field, meets the minister in his study, on the first night of the revival. They have prayer together. The evangelist then, *in an act of faith*, commits the services, so far as their power and results go, entirely into God's hands, leaving himself and the workers with *Him*, as willing instruments to be used as He pleases. I believe that that act of faith, definitely accomplished, keeps God's servant free from undue anxiety, and leaves his soul unhampered with care during the time of revival.

With regard also to the responsibility, remember that the work is not yours, but God's. Imagine a tool in the hands of a workman looking to itself for the skilful performance of the task! The success or failure is not the tool's! It is the worker's. That truth greatly helps to relieve the mind of anxiety. If the effort be successful, it is the Master Worker who makes it so. If, apparently, success is postponed, He—not the instrument—must bear the onus of it. Refuse to carry the responsibility in Christian service. Wholehearted surrender into His hands, to be used, is our part alone! There is great comfort in this fact.

2. *Make much of the help of a praiseful spirit.*

The declaration, "Be filled with the Spirit" is immediately followed by "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." The greatest workers for God have been happy

men and women. Times of revival always are marked by new outbursts of song. "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Spurgeon and his hymn book, Luther and his music, Fletcher (of Madeley) and his shouts of gladness, the Wesleys and John Newton with their hymns—these are all illustrations of the sacred merriment which may (and should) accompany Christian service—and this, not in public worship alone, but in heartfelt, inward experience.

3. *Faith is a sure cure for care in Christian work.*

A striking instance of this truth was in the ministry of Dr. F. B. Meyer. Probably fifty years ago, I heard him address a company of ministers in Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road. I heard him for the last time, again speaking to ministers at Llandrindod Wells. In both addresses he used the same illustration. It was that of the saw pit. The one workman is visible at the top, holding the saw, and working it up and down. But the success of his efforts depends on the equally active worker—invisible—down in the pit, holding the other end of the saw. The man you see could do nothing but for his comrade below. We are *seen* in the work—but the success of our task depends upon the *Invisible Comrade*. "Without Me," He says, "ye can do nothing." And on the Spirit of Christ we may unhesitatingly depend. We do not see Him. We may be too unaware of His working. But He will not fail us. Results will come.

This faith which banishes care is fed by the knowledge of the unchanging Christ, and by the abiding Spirit.

Only believe, and thou shalt see
How wise, how strong His hand.

Do not try to invent new efforts. Let them grow. The lilies "toil not, nor spin"; they are passive in the Creator's hand. God said to Hudson Taylor: "I am going to work in China; you may come with Me if you like." Let the work *develop* rather than be pushed forward. Often "stand still," as to human effort, and see "the salvation of the Lord."

Then take every possible means of conserving bodily and mental strength. Satan would have us overwork, and so hinder our efforts. When giving this sound warning to Gipsy Smith, one said to him: "The devil would delight to dance a hornpipe on your grave."

"Do thyself no harm."

And, lastly, keep in close touch with the Master. The seventy came back and reported all their work to Him.

God's Secrets

Who hath known the mind of the Lord? No man has. But God, by His Spirit, has shown His mind. God has written His plan in the Word. God has a plan of campaign for this world, and His people need to pray to know the plan, to get the Lord's mind.

God conceals, but He also reveals. "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing," Proverbs 25:2; but the Lord's word to His own is, "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what His Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you." John 15:15. The Lord will reveal His secrets to His friends.

Who hath known the mind of the Lord? He who has the mind of Christ. He will reveal His secrets to His people.

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing that I do?" God revealed to Abraham His plans for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. They which are of faith the same are children of Abraham, and they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. God will reveal His plans to them. He wants His people to understand is secret plans.

Christ spoke to the multitude in parables, but He said to His disciples, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables." Luke 8:10. The parables are to the world only parables, but Christ reveals them to His own. "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries." Mysteries are hidden from the worldly wise, but are revealed to the heavenly wise.

God's purpose in giving the knowledge of His mysteries, and of giving understanding concerning His secrets to His saints, is that He may have their intelligent co-operation. Why? For what purpose? The revelation of God's plan to Abraham brought intercession from Abraham.

The revelation of God's plans in these days of impending judgment will and should stir His own people to intercession. God did not reveal His plans to Abraham merely to satisfy the curiosity of Abraham. No, it was for an entirely different purpose. It was to make Abraham pray.

Sodom and Gomorrah were not saved, but Lot and his daughters were. And the Lord would have saved more if they had not been unbelieving. Genesis 19:14. In answer to your prayers He will save your relatives from the destruction which is coming.

He will reveal His plans to the faithful ones, the sons of Abraham, because He knows His faithful ones will be faithful in praying.

Some Pentecostal Experiences

Alma Ware Crosby, Beaumont, Texas

JESUS certainly knew His business when He told the disciples to wait for the promise of the Father and tarry for power from on high before they went on to face an angry Satan-run world to preach Him, the crucified and risen Lord, and His blood as the only way for men to be saved from a burning hell.

On the day of Pentecost when they were all in one accord, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. And on that day there were 3000 souls caught in the gospel net. And Peter declared to that great assembled company, "The promise (of the out-poured Spirit) is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

It is such a pity for any Christian to do without the Baptism of the Holy Spirit so needed to be real workers for Jesus and His witnesses in this world. Somewhere along the line the devil got a lie over on the Christians that this thing was only for Bible times and not for today and made them believe it. No wonder James said "to earnestly contend for the faith *once* handed down to the saints." It takes earnest contending nowadays with so much prejudice against the Holy Ghost Baptism in the Bible way. Who would mind speaking in a heavenly language if someone hadn't prejudiced them against it?

In my experience in the field of Christian work, I realize I would be as weak as water without this Baptism. In my first direct call, which was to work in the slums, I met a young girl about age 20 who at first wouldn't talk to me. One day I began to talk to her about Jesus and she listened. She was one of the worst drunkards in the place. This day she opened her heart and told me her sad story. She said the reason she never would talk with me, she was so afraid of hell and hated the sinful life she was in so much that she couldn't bear to have me come and talk to her. She wanted to be a Christian and quit the life but she had very old parents and a small orphan nephew depending on her for support. She had been in a life of sin since she was eleven years of age for the purpose of supporting them. Now she was untrained and couldn't get references and couldn't support them otherwise, and she felt so miserable over it all that she got drunk once in a while to forget it as she couldn't quit.

I visited her home and found the pitiful condition to be true. She was so

pretty and so desperate, and my heart was so touched; yet, I couldn't take and support the family, and I didn't know what to do, so I fell on my face and prayed, and God put a burden of intercessory prayer on me (which is always answered, as the Holy Ghost knows the mind of God and prays according to His will with groanings that cannot be uttered by a human).

God gave me a vision of her a changed Christian woman. Her hair was frizzled by cheap permanents and dye, and I even saw her hair getting womanly and straight. I arose with my burden lifted. Some time later, I was somewhat discouraged in my slum work, when a sister called me and said, "Sister Crosby, one of the girls from the slums and her husband came to see us. He works where my husband does, and he met this girl and fell in love with her and wanted to marry her; and while they were on their honeymoon, they went to a Pentecostal meeting and both got saved."

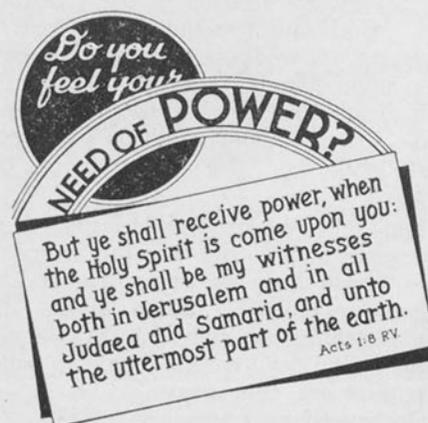
It proved to be this girl. She had told this man that she could not marry him unless he would support her family. He made good money and made this promise. This was several years ago, and he is still carrying out his promise, and she is a sweet, modestly-dressed wife, and her hair is pretty and brown. Real intercessory prayer that breaks the stronghold of the devil comes by the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

An old Jewish woman who peddled in the slums sent for me when desperately ill to pray for her body. I tried to talk to her about giving her heart to Jesus, but she would say, "Oh, I am a good woman. Pray for my foot." She was desperately ill with an infected foot. At last when she was in practically a dying condition, almost unconscious, my heart went out to her. I could not, however,

get her to do anything other than to beg me to pray for her pain. Suddenly I heard myself speaking in a language that I did not understand. She aroused from her semi-coma and said, "I know what you are saying. That is the language I spoke as a child in Roumania, but where did you get it? I have never heard it spoken since I have been in America." I explained to her that it was Jesus speaking to her through the Holy Spirit and asked her what I said. She told me that I had said for her to get her sins forgiven, and she raised her hands and confessed Jesus as her Saviour. Oh, how can a Christian even try to work for God without this power?

When God first called me to preach, it was to start in my own living room. This took the real grace of God, but he blessed after I had obeyed, and we had wonderful services. God then laid it on my heart to start a church and on my husband's heart to give the lots for it near our home, it being in an end of town where there was no church of our belief. For weeks I tried to arrange to build the church, and it seemed that nothing I did toward it would work. I finally became discouraged and knelt to pray and told the Lord that I guessed I had missed His will and was not to have a church after all. God suddenly gave me a vision of Jesus standing in the center of the lots and His glory spread out even on the ground around Him. This was enough for me. It stayed with me and kept me encouraged through all the hard places in building what is now one of the best churches in this section, though I am no longer pastor, being now out in other fields of labor. We have God's Word and do not have to depend upon visions, but the Spirit and the Word agree, and we need all of God's Spirit that we can have, as He knows just when we are weak and need special encouragement not to give up.

While pastoring this church, I continued in my slum work. A girl in this life wanted to quit, but her husband who helped her spend her money would beat her if she tried to. Strange to say, she loved him. She had a paralytic stroke and was in the hospital for months. I found her terribly emaciated, lying in a cheap hotel. I asked her if she didn't want to go to church and be saved and healed and live for God. She said, "Yes, but you know my trouble," and I said, "If you will give your heart to God, I believe He will help you with your husband." She said, "All right," and with help she got to church. She asked to be taken by the rough slums' cafe where her husband worked to tell him she was going. At church I read her the story of the Prodigal Son, and then we began to pray with her, and she was saved and filled and speaking in a heavenly lan-



guage and dancing, perfectly healed in a little while. She had us to take her back by the cafe and walked in completely healed of terrible paralysis before the husband and a large group of rowdy, drinking friends at the cafe. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost brings power in the services to loose those that Satan has bound.

There was an Italian Catholic family near our church. The oldest girl visited us and was saved and filled with the Spirit. She sometimes stayed late for prayer meetings, and her family would whip her. Her father became very low in the hospital, and she asked me to go to pray for him. I did and God healed him and he visited our church, he said, through courtesy, as his little girl's life was so changed and God had healed him. He still hung on to the Catholic religion, however, until one night when a 92-year-old man was filled with the Holy Spirit and brought a beautiful message in Latin. This man understood Latin, and he real-

ized that it was *God*, and he was saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Just before going away, Jesus said to His followers in John 16, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. . . . I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall show it unto you."

Truly, we *all* need this Blessed Comforter, the Holy Ghost, the Eliezer sent by the Father to woo and win a bride for His Son. For *He* knows the way.

'might in the inner man' I now labored with renewed energy and zeal, and new and singular blessings everywhere attended my labors. Hundreds of converts were added to the churches, and the churches under my immediate care increased in two years in Anglesea from ten to twenty."

The Son of Man Cometh

When those that upheld the banner of truth in Scotland had almost lost heart, and Protestantism seemed failing, John Knox accepted the invitation from the true-hearted ones, and left Geneva for Scotland.

When he landed, quick as lightning the news spread. The cry arose everywhere, "John Knox has come!" Edinburgh came rushing into the streets; the old and the young, the lordly and the low were seen mingled together in delighted expectation. All business, all common pursuits were forsaken. The priests and friars abandoned their altars and their masses and looked out alarmed, or were seen standing by themselves, shunned like lepers.

Stidious men were roused from their books; mothers set down their infants and ran to inquire what had come to pass. Travelers suddenly mounted and sped into the country with the tidings, "John Knox has come!"

At every cottage door the inmates stood and clustered, wondering as horseman after horseman cried, "John Knox has come!" Boats, departing from the harbor, bore up to each other at sea to tell the news. Shepherds heard the news as they watched their flocks on the hills.

The warders in the castle challenged the sound of quick feet approaching, and the challenge was answered, "John Knox has come!" The whole land was moved. The whole land was stirred with a new inspiration, and the hearts of enemies withered.

Brethren, if that was the effect of the sudden presence of a man like ourselves, what will the land feel, what will earth feel when the news comes, "The Son of Man; the Son of Man! His sign has been seen in the heavens!"

Meanwhile what should our attitude be? Every day let us go again and look upon the blood of the atoning sacrifice, look till we find our hearts burn within us with longing to know the love that passes knowledge the love that has height, and depth, and length and breadth! Every day let us go to the shore, and look across to yonder throne—and the King! He is coming, Himself, wearing many crowns also for all that love His appearing.—Andrew Bonar.

To Herod Christ answered nothing. To Pilate's question, "Whence art thou?" He made no reply. But to the penitent thief, "Today . . . with Me."

Praying Through

The Testimony of Evan Roberts Who Was Used of God So Mightily in the Welsh Revival

"I was weary of a cold heart towards Christ and His sacrifice, and the work of His Spirit—of a cold heart in the pulpit and in secret prayer, and in study. Fifteen years previously I had felt my heart burning within, as if going to Emmaus with Jesus.

"On a day ever to be remembered by me as I was climbing up towards Cader Idris, I considered it to be incumbent upon me to pray, however hard I felt in my heart, and however worldly the frame of my spirit was. Having begun in the name of Jesus, I soon felt as it were the fetters loosening, and the old hardness of heart softening, and as I thought mountains of frost and snow dissolving and melting within me.

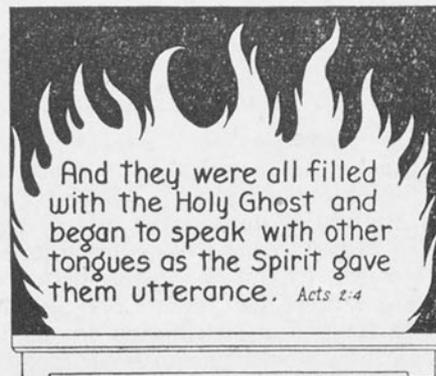
"This engendered confidence in my soul in the promise of the Holy Ghost. I felt my whole mind relieved from some great bondage. Tears flowed copiously and I was constrained to cry out for the gracious visits of God by restoring to my soul the joy of His salvation: and that He would visit the churches of the saints, and His ministers.

"This struggle lasted for three hours. It rose again and again like one wave after another, or a high-flowing tide, driven by a strong wind, until my nature became faint by weeping and crying. Thus I resigned myself to Christ, body, soul, gifts, and labors—all my life—every day and every hour that remained for me; and all my cares I committed unto Christ.

"From this time I was made to expect the goodness of God to churches, and to myself. In the first meeting after this I felt as if I had been removed from the cold and sterile regions of spiritual frost, into the verdant fields of divine promises. The former strivings with God in prayer, and the longing anxiety for the conversion of sinners, which I experienced at Leyn was now restored. *I had a hold of the promises of God.*

"The result was, when I returned home, the first thing that arrested my attention was that the Spirit was working also in the brethren in Anglesea, inducing in them a spirit of prayer, especially in two of the deacons, who were particularly importunate that God would visit us in mercy, and render the Word of His grace effectual among us for the conversion of sinners.

"Strengthened with a new spirit with



Israel! What of Tomorrow?

John Stuart Conning

In the fateful year that National Socialism came to the fore in Germany, I was guest of a judge and his wife in a picturesque town in Saxony. In the dawn of the first morning, a rare morning in June, I was roused from sleep by the tramp, tramp, tramp, of marching men on the street without. Hurrying to the window, I saw a company of Brown Shirts passing through the town, keeping step as they marched to a ribald song. And here is the chorus of the song they sang:

Load your guns with powder,
Fill them up with lead;
Down with Jewish tyrants,
Shoot the Jew-dogs dead.

At breakfast that morning, I called the attention of my hosts, who represented the finest and best in German Christian life, to the incident and said: "That surely does not represent the sentiment of the German people! Such a sowing of dragons' teeth must inevitably produce a fearful harvest." The judge replied: "Germans are too sensible to be stampeded by such groups and their tactics. They are a lot of hot-headed youngsters, whose influence will soon be forgotten."

That was yesterday. Today, not only Germany and the Nazi-occupied lands of Europe, but the whole world is reaping the harvest of that diabolical seed-sowing. As for the Jews, the decree has gone forth from the Nazi regime that they must be "liquidated." The process now goes on. All that is happening behind the censorship screen that has been cast about Nazi doings in Europe will never be fully known. The dead tell no tales. But occasionally bits of information received through underground channels lift a corner of the veil. What one sees is soul-harrowing in its frightfulness. The mass murders of the Jewish population in Poland, in fulfillment of the Nazi purpose to exterminate the Jews, transcend in satanic, cold-blooded cruelty anything that savagery has hitherto devised. The Jews that are left live from hour to hour in apprehension's hell of terror.

The ghettos of Poland have become the collection centers into which are gathered Jews from Germany and other countries of Europe. They are transported in limed freight cars as cattle, without heat or sanitary conveniences of any sort. Those who survive await the doom that has been prepared for them. Caravans of death are driven daily from these concen-

tration centers to death-houses in outlying districts where the victims are done to death by gas and blood-poisoning. Steam shovels dig trenches in the fields into which the bodies are cast. No account is taken of age or sex. The only crime is that they are Jews. Already many towns and villages, hallowed in Jewish memory by sacred associations, are declared by the Nazi press to be "Judenrein."

The Polish ghetto I know best is in Warsaw. For generations it has been the well from which has been drawn refreshing for the languishing Orthodox Jewries of the world. Sholem Asch, in *The New York Times*, thus describes what has been happening in that vast center of Jewish life: "The population of the Warsaw ghetto, into which 500,000 Jews were driven, was reduced last September to 120,000, and in October to only 40,000; as proved by the number of food cards issued. Those remaining are the strongest. They have not been killed yet because they are being used as slave labor."

Details of the cruelties practiced in connection with the Nazi program of Jewish annihilation are so revolting that one staggers at the depth of degradation to which humanity can be brought by unmitigated hate. Especially atrocious have been the wrongs perpetrated upon women and children. One of the incidents reported by Sholem Asch, which memory will not let sleep, is connected with the destruction of a whole institution of innocent children, concerning which he has personal knowledge.

Forty years ago a large-hearted young doctor in Warsaw, Janush Kortchak, was distressed by the number of homeless children encountered in his work. He determined to do something. Beginning in a small way, his devotion to the homeless waifs won him the esteem of the best people in Poland. Through popular support he was enabled to establish one of

The Jewish Friend

Miss Jeannette Fox, who has been laboring in the Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission in Chicago, has now joined the editorial staff of the Gospel Publishing House. She will continue to edit the Jewish Friend, a 4-page paper especially written for Jews. She also has special tracts for distribution among the Jews. She would like to hear from all Hebrew Christians.

the best orphanages in the land. The high standards maintained and the results of the methods employed secured international recognition, and brought to the founder and director a highly prized decoration from the Polish government. Yet it was this institution that a few months ago was surrounded by Nazis. All the children were to be taken to a concentration center. From there they were to be sent to the slaughter house. Dr. Kortchak and his staff came out with the children. The Nazi authorities said to the doctor: "You can go home, we do not want you." He replied: "My place is with my children." So he was murdered with his staff and the children to whom he had given his life. Words fail to express the horror evoked by such deeds as these. One can only recall the words of Jesus when He said: "Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

And all this cruelty and misery have come out of Germany! That land of churches and schools, of benevolent institutions and universities, of kindly, respectable, and God-fearing people!

But what of America! We are told that the excesses which have branded the mark of Cain on Germany could not happen here. We all devoutly pray that they never may. But are we sure? Here we have ten times as many Jews as ever lived in Germany. Here also we have an appalling amount of anti-Jewish prejudice. Much of it is latent. But much of it also has been bold and vociferous, only lying low through the exigencies of war. It is against this incipient peril that every Christian must unflinchingly set his face. Such hatred hurts the hater more than it hurts the hated; it corrupts the soul and opens the door to devils even worse than itself. Those who sow the seeds of hate are partners with Hitler and his gangs of murderers. They are enemies of Christ and of the Church, which He purchased with His own blood.

Israel! What of tomorrow? That I do not know. Nor do you know. Hitler has decreed that you will have no tomorrow. But He that sitteth in the heavens doth laugh. He holds him in derision. Your future is as sure as the promises of God. Among the tens of thousands who have died with the *Shema* upon their lips have been many also who have passed into the future, breathing the prayer: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." For Nazi hate does not discriminate between the followers of Moses and the followers of Christ; the sole judgment against them is that they are Jews. These have not died in vain. Their faith will live in the hearts of those who have been stirred to deeper

loyalty by their death. But it is Jesus Christ who holds the light of hope over the Jewish future. It is the extension of His spirit that gives promise of deliverance for all oppressed people. Wherever there are men and women who are filled with the mind of the Master, there will be those who will fight the demon of race prejudice and seek for Jews the same freedom and protection they themselves enjoy. Whatever the attitude of Jews may be to Jesus, it is those who believe in Him and follow Him who will fight their battle for freedom and the right to live their own life. Whether they will or not, their future will depend on Jesus Christ, and on how far His spirit prevails in the world. Hear, O Israel! God has decreed your future. But the character of that future He has put into the hands of Jesus Christ.—*Jewish Missionary Magazine*.

A Spirit-Filled Song

A True Story of How an Irish Priest Was Saved

Gerald Stewart, Belfast

Some days ago it was my joyful privilege to visit one of the oldest Pentecostal saints in the country, who is about to pass the hundredth milestone of life. During our time of fellowship together she related to me her personal experiences of a lifetime, proving the matchless and unabated power of the Holy Spirit.

From the many thrilling experiences she spoke of I select one sparkling gem, to encourage all who use their singing talents for the glory of God, and the service of Jesus Christ.

Some years ago a Roman Catholic lady lay dying, and having received from her parish priest the last rites of the Roman Church, continued to find no comfort or consolation in mere ritual. On hearing of a Pentecostal believer, who had been much used of the Lord in many parts of Ireland in singing the gospel, she felt constrained to send for this talented child of God, requesting her to come and sing for her a solo, that would put her mind and soul at rest as she swiftly glided from earth's scene.

The singer came with songs carefully chosen to meet the immediate need. After a few minutes' conversation with the dying woman this Pentecostal songster began to sing that soul stirring solo: "There's no Disappointment in Heaven."

As the song progressed there came upon the singer a great anointing, and she sang with her voice vibrating with the power of the Holy Ghost.

Unknown to her, the priest had entered the home to visit the dying one, and stopped at the foot of the stairs to

DID YOUR PASTOR FORGET?

Your pastor is a busy man. It would not be surprising if he should forget to announce that on Sunday, November 28 a special offering would be accepted for the old ministers of our fellowship, those who have grown old in service so that they can no longer continue in active ministry. He will not resent your reminding him that Sunday, November 28, was the day set aside by the General Council for the remembrance of this need. Of course, if that day is not convenient, some other day can be chosen. Our chief concern is that this need be remembered by all the members of the Assemblies of God at least twice each year. If, for some reason, your pastor fails to present this need and to receive an offering for the older ministers, you can send your personal offering direct to the treasurer, designating it for the Ministers' Benevolence Fund. Send to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

listen to the song that was being sung. As he listened, the message of the solo smote his heart, and he was seized with the convicting power of the Spirit of God.

Ere the song concluded he was overwhelmed with a sense of his own sin and guilt before God. So heavily was the hand of the Lord upon him, that he came up the stairs to the sick room, and after congratulating the singer, asked the

secret of her power. Thus the door of opportunity swung wide for this redeemed child of the King to tell of her conversion and to relate the story of the Cross.

The priest as the result got soundly saved, left the Roman Church, and sailed for America where he became a great evangelical preacher and winner of souls.

"I will Sing—Yea—I will Sing,
Praises to God!"

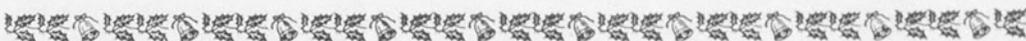
Service Center at Tacoma, Washington

Frank Gray, Superintendent of the Northwest District Council, sends us notice of a mission for servicemen which has been opened at 1316 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, Wash., under the leadership of Brother and Sister Levi Larson. Those having relatives or friends stationed at Fort Lewis, McChord Field, Camp Murry or other military posts near Tacoma, may write Brother Larson either at the Evangelistic Center, address above, or at his home address, 819 N. Steele St., Tacoma, and he will be glad to make a contact as opportunity is afforded.

A Suggestion for Christmas

Make this an *Evangel* Christmas. Subscribe for all your friends to receive the *Evangel*—52 copies for \$1.00 (50 cents extra, outside U. S. A.) We will also send a special Christmas greeting card telling of your gift.

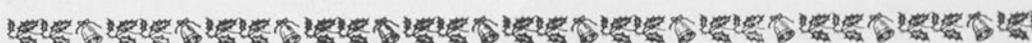
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The GOSPEL in FOREIGN LANDS

NYASALAND--A FIELD OF THREE MILLION SOULS

A summarized report by Fred Burke touching the highlights of an extended itinerary throughout Nyasaland. Fifty-five were baptized in water during his visit, and altogether the trip proved very profitable for the advancement of our work in that territory.

Limbe. We were given an enthusiastic welcome. Held baptismal service, 28 baptized in water. About 250 to 300 people present at midday service; great interest shown in Word. Mrs. Burke held children's meeting. We have church building 17x37 with adjoining rooms for missionaries. Membership about 83, and full-time pastor.

Ncheu. Arrived after night journey by train and trip by motor lorry. Held two weeks of Bible study, average attendance 45. Many gracious outpourings of the Spirit during studies. First Sunday about 1,000 people present at the service. Mrs. Burke conducted daily services with the children and young people, during which 50 came forward to accept Christ and 3 were Baptized in the Holy Spirit. We interviewed District Commissioner at Ncheu and he was very favorable.

Dedza. Arrived after trip of 80 miles by lorry and bicycle. Met District Commissioner and native chief who gave us permission to build a church. We stayed at his house and held meeting on our return. The headmen and people of this district welcomed us and showed great pleasure at our leaving a capable Nyasa minister to carry on work. We have a very remarkable open door in this place which adjoins the great unevangelized Portuguese territory of Tete. Sunday attendance 200.

Hanjahanja Village, Balaka. Much preparation had been made for our visit. Meetings were held in open. Eleven baptized in water. Work started last year at this outstation by native evangelist, Dickson. Services conducted in large room in his house. Assembly numbers 25.

Mtambalika Village, Sharpvale. Enthusiastic welcome. We were first white missionaries to this village. Have a church building here. About 400 attended gatherings we held; very keen interest in Word of God. People escorted us to train at night singing along the paths. Great center of population.

Cholo. This outstation is in a densely populated district and our journey led through great tea plantations. We have a church building in a beautiful spot on the mountain-side, with full time pastor and assembly of 46 members. About 200 attended service

there and five confessed their sins. One man Baptized in the Holy Spirit; since he comes from another district, it will mean an opening to start work in Chiromo.

Mlanje. Densely populated country. We have a church 46x19 ft., inside measurement. Around 1,300 attended service, keen reception to gospel message. 16 were baptized in water—largest crowd attending baptismal service I have ever seen in Africa. Thirty miles from here another church is being built, with the assistance of the headman who has been converted.

Zomba. Held services at a large estate where we have church with membership of 36. Good attendance. Manager of estate was very kind and entertained us in his beautiful home.

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There would not be space to relate the details of our trip, but the above is sufficient to give you some idea of the possibilities in this vast field that lies before us. In addition to three millions in Nyasaland, there may be 250,000 natives in South Africa who are cut off from home influences. We are looking for a great harvest of souls among the Nyasa people.

THINGS LOOK BRIGHTER HERE

At the end of August, H. H. Landrus wrote from Cape Palmas, Liberia, where he was spending a week conducting a conference for Liberian workers. "We feel that it has been profitable for the work," he said. "Services were held also each evening and there was a good interest shown.

"Things look much brighter here now than they have since the war. We are praising God for supplying our needs and for His special blessing on our work throughout the district during these last months. Each of us faces the work of two or three men, but we are happy to have the strength to do it. A few weeks ago we dedicated a new church in a tribe which had never had the gospel before we went in there two years ago. Now we have a church, several Christians, and a good interest evidenced among the town people.

"Our Christians are going through some persecution, but perhaps it is for the good of the work since persecution is a means of purifying the church, and we do need to keep our churches clean."

VICTORY ON ALL FRONTS

Melvin L. Hodges, Santa Ana, El Salvador

"How goes the battle?" many ask. For your benefit we give a brief report from the different fronts:

The Physical Front—Thank God we are in active service again after an enforced vacation of about four months to recuperate our strength. The rest in Guatemala did us much good, but we need your continued prayers in order to hold this line against the enemy.

The Home Front—Everybody happy! Quite a task to keep three children in three different grades moving along in their school work.

The Training Camp—Victory here! Forty-three students in Bible School learning how to use their spiritual arms. They will make good soldiers. Pray for them.

Patrol Activities—Have made two small excursions recently, with good results. At a fellowship meeting in the hills not long ago ten received the Baptism in one day. God has given us some fifteen souls in the last three weeks converted under our personal ministry.

The Spiritual Front—Reinforcements needed in a hard battle against the invisible powers of darkness. We ask for volunteers to take up arms against the enemy as prayer warriors and intercessors.

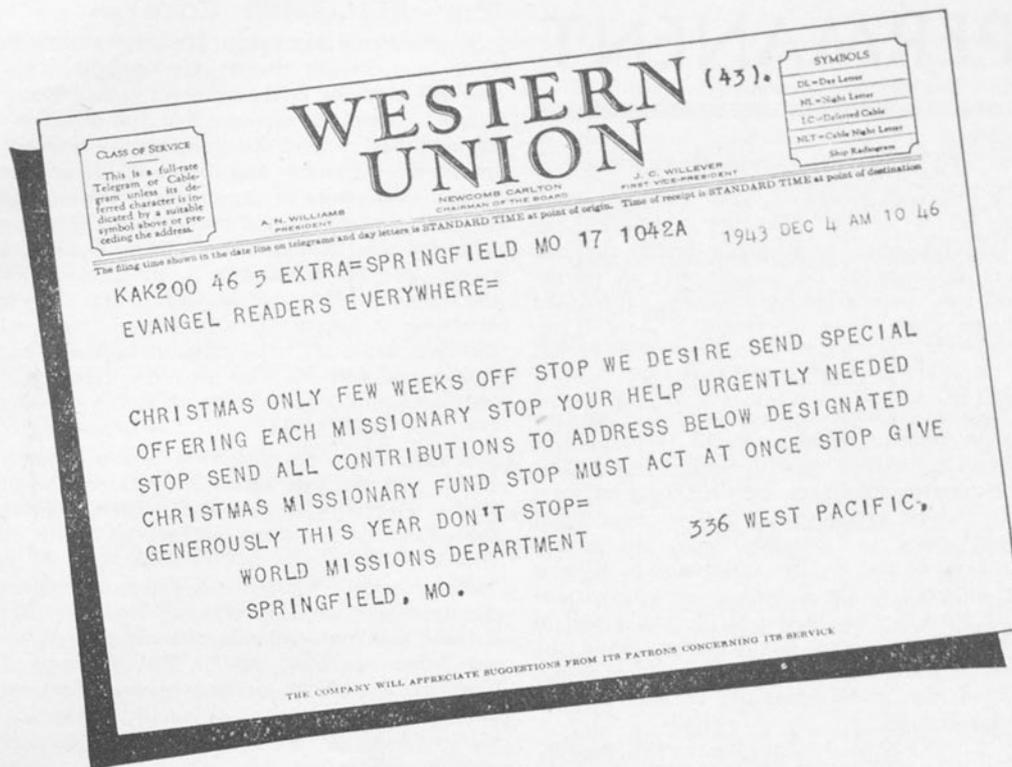
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The brethren here plan that our time shall be well occupied, for I am supposed to be Director of the Bible Institute, Superintendent of Salvador, and also pastor of the local church in Santa Ana. This last, however, is only a temporary measure until the first of the year.

Just now we are in the midst of the Bible School term and it is indeed a great joy to minister to these hungry-hearted students. We are convinced that the Bible School is one of the most effective means of evangelizing Central America, for in this way workers can be trained for all the republics. The fruit of our own ministry is multiplied many times over in the lives of these students. Again, we ask you to pray for them and us.



Faculty and student body of Bible Institute in Santa Ana, El Salvador.



India's People Are Ready Listeners But Slow to Act

Paul Schoonmaker sends a report of summer activities at Chapra, North India. It was his first experience in the plains during the heat, since even though his childhood was spent in India, they were always attending school up in the mountains at that season. "In spite of the heat, which is oppressive, it is really the most beautiful time of the year," he says. "With the rains, everything comes to life again. The trees and flowers take on those natural colors which God has given them but which are so often veiled under the dirt of this life. No wonder the Scriptures compare the work of the Spirit to showers of rain. How those blessed showers from above clean our lives, bringing refreshment from above, restoring that image which God designed for us but which has become clouded over through the impact of sin!

"This is a time of year that we are forced to concentrate upon the city work inasmuch as it is well nigh impossible to tour the district. The heavy rains after a while turn the roads into pure mud, and traveling soon becomes impossible.

"In praying about our program for the summer months, we felt impressed with the need of nightly meetings in the church to which the people of the city could be invited. For one week we had special prayer morning and evening, and now for two weeks meetings have been in progress each evening at 6:00

p. m. which is the best time for India, it seems.

"Each day we hold street services in a different portion of the city. Crowds of from 50 to 200 will gather, thus giving ample opportunity to present the claims of Christ to men, and invite the people to our meetings. The people of India listen readily, but they are slow to act. Oh, how we need to pray that God will come into their dulled hearts and minds and convict them of their sin!

"The personal vision God has given me is that His work here will be revealed among the poor and lowly. Christ once said that it was well nigh impossible for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. If they refused to receive the words of Christ

INFANT-ry DIVISION

Two new arrivals are reported in the ranks:

Victoria Luz Dymond, born October 25, 1943—daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dymond, on furlough from Central America.

Harland Stanford Erickson, born September 14, 1943—son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Erickson, Peru, South America.

John Kennedy Jr., born September 8, 1943—son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, Free-town, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

and in spite of His miracles rejected Him, can we in our day expect a much better reception to His Word? The rulers and the great were those who crucified Him, but it is written that the common people heard him gladly. So it is today. In India the great mass of Christians have come from the very lowly, the poorest of the poor, the outcaste. It is among them that Christ is showing His power. We are preparing now for a major effort among the low caste people of this district, praying and believing that they will hear the Word of God.

"We have opportunities to contact the boys from the local college. One of them called today and had a long talk with me about Christ. I gave him a copy of a picture of Christ hanging upon the cross, beneath which were the words, 'All this I did for thee, What hast thou done for me?' These words seemed to make a great impression upon him and he sat for a long time with his head in his hands, saying several times, 'I have done nothing for Him, simply nothing.' Pray for him and for others among India's youth—many who are in search of reality and inward peace. As you become one with us in this prayer, we can surely expect great things from God."

THERE'S A BRIGHT SIDE TO THE PICTURE

After writing concerning the difficulties confronting missionary work in his section of North India, due to war conditions, food shortage and extremely high living costs, Charles Woolever adds, "But enough of the dark side of the picture for things are not all dark. I am very glad that it has been possible for us to stay on in India instead of coming home, for we have seen things that we had long hoped to see but hardly dared believe for the realization of in our time. Our Indian brethren are assuming more and more responsibility. They are almost like birds that have just been turned out of a cage and are finding their own way, slowly at first, but as they develop I am sure we shall see greater results in this land than ever before.

"New fields of labor have opened to us as a direct result of the war. Voluntary service in the A.R.P. is giving us new contacts and opportunities to witness to people we could not have hoped to reach in any other way. Then we have to serve on committees for the distribution of clothing and food to the poor, and here again we have been able to show the spirit of Christ and witness for Him. Besides all this we have had many of the boys in armed service in our home, and it has been our joy to see a number definitely saved. Some have gone off to the different fronts never to return, but we know all was well with them."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

J. M. Perkins draws attention to a change of address. Mail will reach him at 419½ South Catalina Avenue, Pasadena 5, California.

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ANTISEMITISM IN BRITAIN

The Acting Director of the Mildmay Mission to the Jews in London, England (Charles Fisher,) says: "It is no use closing our eyes to the fact that Antisemitism is growing in this country."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Prof. Walter M. Horton of Oberlin Seminary said recently, "If a generation should skip the knowledge of the Bible, it would be calamitous." Pausing for a moment, he added, "It has been skipped!"

BIBLES RATIONED

The Oxford Press, one of the world's largest printers of the Bible, has started rationing its sales. Perhaps the prospect of a scarcity of Bibles will awaken a new appreciation for God's Word. What would be the plight of man without the Bible?

THE GOSPEL IN ETHIOPIA

The Swedish Mission, driven out by Mussolini, has returned to Ethiopia with 25 missionaries. Other Protestant missionaries have gone from England and America, and many Ethiopians are stretching out their hands toward God and Christ.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN RUSSIA

A degree of religious freedom, such as the Russian Government granted to the Orthodox Church a few weeks ago, has been extended likewise to the Mohammedans. According to *Time*, a Moslem congress has been allowed to convene at Tashkent, capital of the Soviet Republic of Uzbek, to choose a religious leader for Russia's Mohammedan citizens.

CHRISTIAN JEWS IN EUROPE

According to a report which a writer in the *Evangelical Christian*, on returning from Europe, vouches for as authentic, more than a million and a quarter Jews in Europe have accepted Christ during the past twenty years. Since the beginning of the war many more thousands of Jews in Hungary, Poland, etc. have been genuinely converted. Pray that their ranks may constantly grow.

PRAYING FOR A BOMBER

Under the above heading, the *Evangel* of November 20 carried a paragraph about the marauder bomber that arrived in North Africa with these words scribbled on its side: "God bless the crew of this plane. I will say a prayer for your safe return."

Further word has come regarding this plane with "a charmed life." During an attack in the Mediterranean area, after more than fifty successful raids, anti-aircraft fire ripped the fuselage to shreds and blew off its landing gear. But the ship held together until it made a "belly landing" at its base. The plane was damaged beyond repair, but the crew jumped out unscathed. And so God honored and answered the prayers of the unknown factory worker in Fort Wayne, Ind., who chalked these words on the plane. Prayer changes things! Keep praying!

INTERNED MISSIONARIES

A returned missionary says: "Only a short time before we left Japan, we heard from one of the Japanese Christians in Sendai that the mere presence of the missionaries in internment was winning more converts to Christ than all our work of former years."

JUDAISM'S WEAKNESS

Judaism is impotent in its grip upon the Jewish people. *Opinion*, Rabbi Wise's organ, says that of 600,000 Jewish families in the New York metropolitan area, only 8,500 are affiliated with Reform synagogues. "If Jews have abandoned orthodoxy," he asks, "why then do they not come to the Reform synagogues? Why is the influence of the Reform movement so pitifully weak?" One thinks of the valley full of bones, about which Ezekiel says, "And, lo, they were very dry.... Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel."

A MARK IN THE HAND

One of the most amazing developments of this war in relation to the fulfilment of Bible prophecy is the following news item, which appeared in the October 22 issue of the *Chicago Sun*:

"A new and foolproof method of identification has been adopted by numerous war plants in the Chicago area.

"Developed by Sun-Kraft, Inc., 215 W. Superior St., the new method involves an invisible chemical ink that cannot be washed off. Each employee has his hand marked with a secret symbol in this ink. The symbol becomes visible when the employee thrusts his hand through a black curtain, exposing it to ultraviolet rays. The symbol appears with an intense fluorescent glow."

Each employee has his hand marked with a secret symbol! Could anything be nearer than this to the Mark of the Beast, without actually being his particular Mark? We read in Revelation 13:16, 17: "And he (the Antichrist, known as the Beast, the Man of Sin, etc.) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

How easy it will be for the Antichrist to impose his Mark in men's hands or foreheads, and to strictly control all buying and selling, after the whole civilized world has grown used to rationing, and workers have even submitted to secret symbols stamped upon their hands! The coming of our Lord—and the revelation of the Antichrist—draweth nigh! Let us watch, and be sober-minded in all things, praying and working as men that wait for their Lord!



UNMARRIED MOTHERS

World News states that "Hamilton County in Ohio is recording the largest number of unmarried mothers in its history." Mrs. Eleanor Meyer, Director, reports that in a 30-day period there were 24 prospective mothers, unmarried, deserted and destitute, forced to seek the assistance of the agency. "This is but a small percent of the actual cases, for the majority, due to high salaries, appear to have money to meet hospital bills and provide for the future without outside aid." Mrs. Meyer attributes it to the "lure of the uniform and the fact that there is no religion back of these unfortunate girls."

JAPS AND THE BIBLE

A missionary who fled from Burma to India writes that the Japs confiscated all supplies of Bibles, especially India paper editions, to use the paper for cigarette making, according to *Prophecy Monthly*.

Nevertheless, while most Jap soldiers are Shintoists and worship the emperor, there are a few Christians in the Japanese army. When the Allies captured Attu in the Aleutians, a Japanese Testament, printed by the American Bible Society, was found in one of the Japanese soldiers' huts. It had been given to a Japanese son by his father, who wrote in it to the effect that the boy might not come back, but that, if he lived according to the teachings therein, he would have life eternal.

CHRISTIANITY IN NORWAY

The underground in Norway proposes bitter revenge upon all Quislingites as soon as the war is won. But the churches are circulating among the Norwegian Christians a document, *The Church and the Transition Period*, which says: "Respect for the law's inviolability, for the national Constitution and for the community's authority will be shattered for generations unless the guilty are brought to justice. ... But only the proper authority has the right to punish crimes; all private revenge or any personal desire for vengeance is banned by God's Word. If our people were to give way to their passions... the spirit of Naziism would have triumphed over us despite everything, because we should have become what they were... Love would seek atonement and forgiveness for our enemies, both within and without the land."

TEN COMMANDMENTS BARRED

The *Protestant Voice* reports that the British Columbia Trustees Association has barred the display of the Ten Commandments on the walls of Vancouver's city schools. In making objection to exhibiting the decalogue, one trustee said he knew of nothing less likely to make a child feel warmly toward his school than seeing a lot of "Thou shalt not's" staring him in the face.

Imagine if you can the spiritual effrontery of the trustee's next remark: "Anything on the walls of our schools must be either inspirational, artistic or positive." What a commentary on our God-given rules of conduct! God put the Ten Commandments in negative form because He knew they would be more effective that way than in a positive form. Men who think they are wiser than God and who refuse to say, "Thou shalt not," to pupils in our schools, are ruining the characters of our children.

RETRIBUTION

When the attacks upon South China were in their early stages, a missionary sent to America a jagged strip of a shrapnel shell, saying it had been taken from a wounded Chinese, and that it had probably come from America in one of the shipments of scrap iron. But the trade was profitable, and so scrap iron was allowed to continue to be shipped to Japan until 1941.

Today the scrap metal sent to Japan is being used against our own American boys. *Alliance Weekly*, reports the chief of the surgical service in one of the hospitals in this country, where wounded American soldiers are brought home for treatment, as saying: "In our surgery we often find shrapnel in which we can identify pieces of American-made razor blades and pop-bottle caps."

It is still true, both with men and with nations, that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

CHRISTIAN JAPANESE

Miriam Englund tells of a little church a few hundred miles from Shanghai, up the Yangtze River. It was not at all fancy—it was made of sun-baked, whitewashed mud bricks, had an earthen floor, and benches made from barrels and boards—but it had been built by the Chinese believers with loving care. The women had worked in the fields so that the men could give more time to building this House of God.

At last it was finished, and the missionary was coming from the nearest town to dedicate it the next Sunday.

That week the Japanese arrived. As they came through, they plundered everything in sight, including the little church. The pulpit was torn out and the benches cut up for firewood. There was a picture of the Good Shepherd on the wall; in sheer hatred a soldier slashed it into strips.

When the Japs had moved on, the native pastor came out of his hiding-place to see what damage had been done. Seeing the com-

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plete ruin of the church building, he wept. Standing there with his back to the door, he did not hear two soldiers enter. They stood for a while watching him. Then one of them said, "Teacher." He turned, and seeing that they were Japanese soldiers he put up his hands and cried, "I am not doing anything." "That's all right," they assured him. "We are very sorry this happened. We are Christians, and wish with all our hearts this war would end. But since we can do very little about it, we would like to help you repair this church."

Into the hands of the astonished preacher they thrust a handful of money. Then they handed to the pastor the prized copy of the church's Bible, which they had hidden when the destruction began.

A SOLDIER'S INDICTMENT

A soldier's story of what he found at home during his furlough constitutes a shameful indictment toward the parents of many boys in the armed services. Writing to a radio preacher, he said:

"When I got home everything seemed to be just about as usual. About the only difference that I could see was that they fussed a lot about having to put up with rationing, and because they could not buy just anything they wanted to have. As far as their religious life is concerned I think they are farther from God than they ever have been. They seem to be asleep to what this war is doing. Instead of waking up and getting right with God, they seemed to be getting deeper in sin.

"I thought Mother would pray with me and help me to get saved, but she never once mentioned religion to me. She has even quit going to church with the excuse that they do not have enough gas to drive to church. I noticed that they could take a drive and go visiting in the afternoons on Sunday.

"Dad is all wrapped up in his job. Of course, it is a defense job, but he does not seem to care much about the defense end of it. All he could talk about was the big money he was getting, and the fact that his local union was pressing for more money. One day when I said something about its being the biggest salary he ever had gotten, he said, 'Oh, well, I might as well get my part out of this war.' I believe he actually is glad the war is going on. He did not seem a bit interested in the fact that the longer the war goes on the more people will lose their lives.

"I came back to camp determined by the help of God to get saved. But I also came back wondering what would happen to Mother and Dad if God suddenly should call them to the judgment."

HOW AMERICANS SPEND MONEY

The people of the United States paid out more than \$4,000,000,000 for liquor in 1942, according to the *United Presbyterian*. During the same time we expend \$3,177,000,000 for schools and education; approximately \$3,500,000,000 each for dairy products, meat products and automobiles; about \$1,000,000,000 for motion picture entertainment; \$526,000,000 for jewelry; \$240,000,000 for toys; and \$575,000,000 for church and religious purposes. These items total about 20 billions of dollars, whereas the total national income in 1942 was 104 billions.

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

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In the past year and a half there has been

almost a continual revival in our regular services. Many times we have stepped back with our program so that the Holy Spirit could move in our midst, and as a result the altar has been filled with people seeking the Lord. Since the first of the year, about 90 have been saved or reclaimed in our regular services, and several have received the Holy Ghost Baptism. God has helped this church

to be a blessing to many servicemen while they have been at Fort Sill.

During the time there have been a number of evangelists who have been a great blessing to us. We appreciate the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Newby, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burkett, Billy Joe Keen, Ben Lewis and A. L. Newby.—Pastor and Mrs. Edgar L. Newby.

RUTHERFORD, TENN.—This is a new work, having been started September 29. Evangelist Hazel Murphy came to us October 24, and conducted a 2-week revival. Twenty-eight prayed through to old-time salvation, deep interest was shown, and we had a large crowd each evening. Our Sunday School attendance has reached 69.—Pastor and Mrs. L. T. Drumright, 820 Mill St., Dyer, Tenn.

FLAT RIVER, MO.—This assembly has just had a very precious 3-week revival under the leadership of Evangelists Mayme and Frances E. Williams, and I can truly say, "Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul." About 12 were saved, 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 4 united with the church. I was one of the four who joined the church that night. We are much pleased with our pastor, K. H. Lawson, and his wife and family.—Leanah M. Prather.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—We have just closed the first revival since I assumed the pastorate here. It was conducted by Lauraine Oliver and Mrs. Katherine Hines, and was very successful. Not only were souls saved, but the people of the church sought the Lord for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and for a reception of the gifts of the Spirit. Miss Oliver has an outstanding ministry not only in song but in the presentation of the Word.—Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.

SHELBY, MONT.—We have just completed a beautiful new church and parsonage here, and on October 11 we had a glorious fellowship meeting and dedication service. District Superintendent Leonard Palmer preached the dedicatory message in the evening. About 150 people were present, and our lovely little church was filled. The auditorium is 20x44 ft. The parsonage has four rooms and a bath. We have new modern plumbing and wiring and lighting. God helped us get everything we needed. The church debt is only about \$400; it would cost \$4,000 to build and pay labor. Ernest Dulleck of San Francisco, my wife's father, came to us in May and donated his services during the summer, putting up the building for us. He is a carpenter and loves Jesus.—Brother and Sister A. J. Morrison.



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THE BIBLE BANNED

The Netherlands Indies Government Information Service reports that Christian students in Holland, in the service of the Bible Society, used to present all Dutchmen pressed into service in the enforced labor gangs in Germany with a copy of the Bible. Recently, however, the German authorities prohibited such activities, explicitly forbidding the students to provide the workers with Bibles, as, so the Germans claimed, by the reading of Holy Writ the workers would be subjected to its subversive influence and their political outlook be adversely affected.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 14 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 16 days before that date.

PARMA, OHIO—Northeast Ohio Fellowship Meeting, 5966 Ridge Road, Dec. 6. Also dedication of church. Services 10:30, 2:30 and 7:00. Minister's meeting, 1:30. T. E. Hartshorn, Secretary-Treasurer, 751 Main St., Conneaut, Ohio.

INDIANA S. S. CONFERENCE

Mishawaka, Dec. 1-2. Loine Honderick of Canada, principal speaker. Other speakers: G. F. Lewis, Superintendent Central District; J. D. Menzie, Gary; Earl Bond, Terre Haute; and C. C. Burnett, South Bend.—C. C. Burnett, Indiana Sunday School Superintendent.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.—Annual Missionary Convention, 7th and Riverview, Dec. 3-5. The following missionary speakers will be present: Robert Cummings of India; Kenneth Short of Borneo; and Florence Steidel of Liberia, West Africa. All nearby assemblies cordially invited to attend.—F. A. Spurgeon, Pastor.

OKEMAH, OKLA.—Dec. 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick.—T. M. Helvey, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, Dec. 6—; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—R. W. Miller, Pastor.

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NEW ADDRESS—408 Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kans. "Have resigned my church at Cyril, Okla., and accepted the pastorate here."—C. H. Asher.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 46, Bozeman, Mont. "We are opening a new work at 225 E. Main St. If you have friends or relatives in this area, please ask them to contact us."—Earl Ayres.

NOTICE—J. J. Humphries has tendered his resignation as Superintendent of the Kentucky District Council, effective Dec. 1, 1943, and will be succeeded in office by T. E. Gannon, 224 Lincoln Ave., Lexington, 27, Ky.—Carl E. Schmidt, District Secretary-Treasurer.



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One night I was praying, holding up precious promises to God, and it seemed a ray of light would shoot up from every promise. My heart was thrilled. "How sweet are Thy words to my taste, yea sweeter than honey

to my mouth." A few nights after I had begun to pray it seemed I could not do so, when a sweet voice whispered, "Praise God for your healing." I did but still my healing did not come into manifestation. I date that as the beginning of my healing however.

One night I awoke feeling that the devil was sitting on my shoulder and saying, "I am Death. I ride on the wind." I wrote a farewell letter to each of our four daughters, and made a will. The devil had almost wrecked my faith. On a Sunday in November an Assembly of God lady came and prayed for me, and that night there seemed to be rings of glory circling all the texts I quoted; but still I was very nervous. I asked the Lord for some special text to help me, and quick as a flash these words flashed into my mind: "Trust in the Lord: wait patiently for Him, and He will give thee the desire of thine heart." I took this as a message direct from God.

In the same month the Nazarene pastor with a group of faithful workers came and prayed and anointed me with oil without visible results. I made a covenant to pray with one dear saint during her morning prayer hour, from 5 to 6. I asked God to let me awake so I could join with her in that hour according to Matt. 18:19. As I was praying in this way the Lord gave me a vision of Christ on the Cross, and as I looked, my heart simply melted within me. I said, "Oh, He was crucified for me!" I cried all day. It seemed that I could not stop. That night at twelve I awoke and began to quote Scripture texts. I quoted, "Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart on your bed, and be still," and 1 John 5:14, 15, when suddenly Christ appeared just as plainly as before. My heart simply broke. I cried and cried. I saw the blood dripping from those pierced hands; I looked on His bowed head and His face so full of compassion. I reached out my hand and said, "O God, just give me one drop of your blood to heal my broken body." I closed my hand and drew it back under the cover and gently massaged my abdomen.

A shock, as if I had touched an electric wire went through my frame from my hands to my feet. Then I knew my healing was complete. I slept that night, November 22, 1939, like a baby. Since then I have been well.—Mrs. R. H. Oliver, 1125 Hawthorne Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

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