

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



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Drawn Unto Him

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"But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark." Gen. 8:9.

CAN WE picture to ourselves this scene? For forty days the keel of the ark has rested on the summit of mount Ararat. On every side stretches a melancholy waste of water. Not an inch of dry ground is visible. Noah is weary of his imprisonment and is hungry for the sight of land. He can see none from his single porthole, but perhaps the birds in his floating menagerie can find some. So he sends forth a raven which flies back and forth, feeding perhaps on the floating offal, and lighting occasionally on the ark. The raven takes care of itself, but brings him no information.

Then he lets fly a dove. But the dove finds no rest for the sole of her foot. There is no food within her reach that she can eat. Weary in her flight and finding no tree to light on, the poor bird comes back to her old home. Noah watches the tiny little creature as she flutters back to the window of the ark. He puts forth his hand and catches the weary bird, and draws her unto him. As we watch the pretty little creature eating her seed, then cradling her head under her glossy plumage and dropping to sleep, we begin to meditate about her.

I am well aware that my interpretation of this familiar story is distinctly different from that of some Bible teachers, but I believe it is in harmony with the prophecy we find in Isaiah, where he speaks

of returning wanderers under the symbol of doves and asks: "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" Isa. 60:8.

This returning dove pictures to me a wandering soul. Whose? Yours. Think back on your past experience. Like that wandering bird you have flown far. You have looked in many directions, but you have not found rest. You have tried one place and another, one pleasure after another, and none of them gave you peace, none of them satisfied the hunger of your soul. Perhaps you coveted money and all it could buy, but when you had made money you found that it could not



NOT ALWAYS SO

*We may not always walk through pastures
Fresh and green,
Or 'neath wide spreading trees
Where shade is seen;
We may not hear the song of birds
The long night through,
Or see the sky o'erhead
All cloudless, blue;
Nor can we stay on mountain tops
With heaven nigh,
Or follow paths where cooling streams
Flow softly by.
But I have learned, down beneath tumultuous seas
Pure pearls are made,
And potter's clay is found in scorching sun
Not in the shade;
Strong trees that bend with wind and storm
Are rooted deep,
That great compassion flows in generous streams
From those who weep;
So if our paths be void of all the things
That tend to cheer,
Far sweeter is the Master's tender voice
Lo! I am here.*

—Eldora E. Taylor, Fullerton, Calif.

purchase peace for your disquieted spirit. Perhaps you flew up on some perch of ambition and then found yourself as badly off as a certain rich man to whom a friend wished a "Happy New Year!" The melancholy reply was, "It will need to be a happier one than last year, for I did not see a single happy day in it!"

Dear hearts, whatever you may have tried, it furnished your soul no substantial rest. There is no mind that can be at rest while tortured by an uneasy conscience or by the dread of losing its most cherished treasures. What could you know of peace at home if one of your household were lying at the point of death in the next room? or when the cry of "Fire" was ringing in the street beneath your window? The human soul must have a sense of security before it can realize perfect rest. Does this present evil world afford you that? Can your soul be insured by it against disappointment, disaster and death?

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Our Need of Prayer

Ernest S. Williams

SAID Abraham Lincoln, "I have been driven many times to my knees, by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." Here was a man in high position daily facing fresh crises too great for the natural man to master, looking for help from Him who is perfect in wisdom and in might.

The crises of Lincoln's day were no greater than the crises of the present. We need help from God and this help is derived through prayer. We would apply some of the prayers of Paul to ourselves. Writing to the Corinthians he said, "Now I pray to God that ye do no evil." That is a prayer which we need to pray for ourselves. We are living in evil times. Wickedness which would have been considered shocking not many years ago is now accepted as a part of modern civilization. Language put into print at present would have excluded the same publications from the mails not so long ago. On every side, we see evil and hear of evil. As Christians we are to "come out from among them and be . . . separate." It is our duty to show to the world "a more excellent way." If the believers lose their saltness wherewithal shall this world receive its preserving power?

With our prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," we need watchfully to pray "that your love may abound yet more and more." We have been warned that, "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." These are days of sifting. Many are the inducements to lead us away from God. We need help from heaven to keep us in the spirit of Christian love. It is easy to be deceived in this matter. We all know the religion of Christ is a religion of love. But do we always put ourselves in another's place and say to ourselves, "How should I feel if I were being treated just as he is?" There is plenty of unkindness. We need the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost that we may exemplify the spirit of our gracious Lord.

We know a Christian who entered a very comfortable position who then rather ruthlessly set a fellow Christian, a brother with whom he had worked, adrift. I wonder if he would have done that to himself? "As ye would that others should do unto you, do ye the same unto them." Nothing but the love of God can drive out

the spirit of evil, unkindness, lack of consideration, and the many other manifestations of the carnal mind. The more of this love we have, the more we can bear. The more patient, tender and forgiving we become. We may measure the depth of our sanctification by the degree of love that we show.

And do you know that "though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal?" And, "though I understand all mysteries and all knowledge and have not charity, I am nothing." "Charity suffereth long and is kind." It may have to suffer. Our hearts may have to bleed. But it is still kind. Charity envieth not. It feels no bitterness because another prospers. King Saul envied David because David received praise greater than he. Many suffer from envy. Some envy the girl who plays the piano in the church, wishing she were playing. Envy causes us to speak slightly of another when we hear him praised. We need to guard against this foe, one of the most subtle of Satan's devices to sour the Christian's spirit. If we are sufficiently filled with the love of God, envy will not be there.

Charity "vaunteth not itself." It is modest and reserved, not boastful and parading itself with vain display. Really, old time religion is not very popular. We are living in the days of display. In some places, a minister that seeks to hide behind the cross is not desired. Oh, vanity

of vanities, how greatly we need the love of God, the power that makes a man "not puffed up," self-opinionated, thinking himself better than others, or more gifted than his fellow men. Conceit, thou monster, nothing can destroy thee but the love of God shed abroad in the human heart!

With envy, and desire to parade oneself, goes the ambition known as "self-seeking." What a clamor there is to get to the fore. How few depend on God to put them where He will. They claim to be all given up to God, and probably think they are. Yet they are always looking for opportunities to advance themselves. Some would even undermine others to this end. They have the Absalom spirit as much as Absalom of old. If they cannot extend their interests as far as he, it is because of lack of ability to do so and not lack of desire. Can we not take warning from Absalom's fall? We need to be filled with the love of God that we be preserved from this immense evil. Nothing else can cleanse the heart of its baneful power.

Charity "thinketh no evil," or "not evil." It does not have "an evil eye." It does not suspect that because a man and a woman shake hands there must be mischief in it. The mind is pure because the heart is pure. Let the suspicious, and those who love to hear and repeat evil tidings, pray that God will cleanse them and fill them with the love of God.

Another translation makes this to read: "Reckons not her wrongs." We shall all be wronged as we pass through life. We may be wronged through wanton malice on the part of some, and we may be wronged through misunderstanding. Even our good may be evil spoken of. Our intentions may be misunderstood. Some never get over a wrong. They nurse it and cultivate it until it grows to great proportions. Their indignation burns as they think of the injustices which they have received. We concede it takes the grace of God to enable us to overcome when we have been wronged; but it is to enable us to do this that the love of God has been shed abroad.

Love "reckoneth not her wrongs," therefore, if we reckon our wrongs and cannot get victory over them, we need to go to God in confession and pray that He will so fill us that His love will swallow up all the mischief-making elements that would destroy Christian happiness, peace and fellowship, and give us that peace which the Saviour has. As definitely as the rod of Moses, which when turned into a serpent, swallowed up the other rod serpents, the love of God can swallow up every quality that conflicts with the love of God and mars our peace. Surely

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we need to pray, "that our love may abound yet more and more."

As we pray to be filled with the love of God, we need also to pray that we "might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." Following after love must not cause us to excuse wanton iniquity. We are advised "lean not unto your own understanding" which is limited and human, likely also to err. But we are admonished to be filled with spiritual understanding, principally to know by experience, being taught by the Holy Ghost, the things of God. This understanding comes through "the knowledge of His will." We must know the will of God before we can obey it. We cannot know it if we "walk after the flesh." Prayer, meditation, the study of God's Book, together with the experiences of life, become our instructors and thus we are led "into all truth" by the Holy Ghost.

The Bible says, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Some seek knowledge from every source but God. They read the writings of the great, they wish to be informed in all the learning of men. They miss the vital truth "this is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." While many miss this spiritual knowledge, it is beautiful when we find those who have found it thoroughly. It is often found among the simpler people of earth for, "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes."

Some years ago, we were without much

money. We had taken a pastorate and needed the little we had to pay the rent of an apartment. Walking down the street, I saw a milkman and stepped up to buy some tickets and order milk to our home. I felt a decided check, but human reason said, "You need milk, why hesitate?" so I made my purchase. On the same trip, I went to a store and bought some potatoes. Again I felt the same check, but again "leaned to my own understanding" and made a purchase. Upon arriving home, I learned that a good woman had sent her milkman over with some tickets and that a man had brought us a nice supply of potatoes. So there we were with two milkmen until our tickets had been used and with two supplies of potatoes. How different and how much more joyful would it have been had I heeded the checks. While the revelation of God's will deals primarily with spiritual things, it touches also every detail of human life for, "the hairs of your head are all numbered," and "if God so clothe the grass of the field which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, oh, ye of little faith."

"We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others—that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we ever should weak or heartless be,
Anxious, or troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength, and courage are with Thee?"

—Trench.

"Prepare for the Worst"

H. E. Anderson

THE words were ominous, and we shuddered. Only a few hours previously we had embarked at Hong Kong on a Chinese steamer. After traveling some hours, we were preparing to make ourselves comfortable for the night, when there was a tremendous shock, and our ship shivered from stem to stern. We had run into a Chinese junk.

I opened the cabin door, and stopped some very excited people, by asking in Chinese:

"What's the matter?"

They shouted: "We are foundering!"

One of the crew then sprang into the cabin, and seizing the life-belts, handed them to me. One glance shewed that they were old and rotten. We then went on deck, to find everything in great chaos. I ran to the boats—they were filled with Chinese baggage.

I said to some of the passengers, "Had we not better empty these boats? They may be required shortly."

The reply was: "Those boats leak. They are useless."

As things were apparently getting desperate, efforts were made to send off rockets, but without success. They were damp, and would not go off!

The steamer carried an English skipper and engineer, the rest of the crew were Chinese. At last I managed to get hold of the engineer, and said: "Well, how are things?"

He replied, as he hurried along the deck, "Very bad. The water is in the engine-room. *Prepare for the worst!*"

To prepare for the worst, which meant to be drowned on a miserable night like that, while shivering with cold, was not an entertaining prospect, to say the least.

However, just at that moment someone managed to get a rocket to explode, and a Chinaman came to me, and said:

"Sir, we shall not be drowned, after all. They are trying to reach an island some distance away, and if we can make it in time, they will beach the ship."

Presently, two ships approached, and all passengers were transhipped. We were glad to be on another steamer, and to feel safe. In the early morning we found ourselves back again in Hong Kong.

On our way home, we met a Christian friend, and briefly related our adventure. He listened with sympathy, and then said: "You must come and preach for us at the Gospel Hall tomorrow night, and relate this experience. For some reason or other, God has changed your plan, and sent you back to Hong Kong."

"You have no excuse," he said. "You cannot say you are engaged. We shall, therefore, expect you tomorrow."

In the course of my address, the engineer's words, "*Prepare for the worst,*" were much in my mind, as I endeavored to point out the difference between preparing for the worst and preparing for the best.

I showed that "the worst," according to Scripture, means an eternity without God, and that behind all statements such as, "These shall go away into everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46), there lies an inescapable truth which we evade at our peril. But to prepare for the best is to find eternal life through simple faith in the atoning sacrifice of Calvary.

The address was hardly finished when a young British soldier rushed down the aisle, and threw himself down in front of the pulpit, in agony of soul. As he prayed, we began to understand why God had interfered with our week-end plans.

"O God," he said, "have mercy upon me, and save me. O Lord," he continued, "I heard this padre preach last Sunday at the Soldiers' Home, and he hammered me hard, and now, here he is again. This time he has hammered me much harder."

We pointed him to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, with the result that the young man was truly born again. Through simple faith in Christ he was delivered from "the worst," the wrath to come, and began to prepare for "the best," which is a life of eternal joy in the presence of Christ.

It is now many years since this incident took place, but the God who saved the soldier and upset the missionary's plans, still extends the gracious invitation: "Look unto Me, and be ye saved." Isaiah 45:22.

Sin will keep you from the Bible, or the Bible will keep you from sin. Read the Word.

The Outlook

A Call and a Challenge

ON THE front page of the last issue of the *Evangel* we printed a special call for prayer issued by our General Superintendent, Brother Williams. Let us all respond to this call and gather into our assemblies on January 1 next, for an all-day of intercession. And may we make this suggestion? That we begin this special day with praise. It is written, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Psalm 100:4.

Delighting our Lover Lord

Praise is a very practical thing. Asaph, who was the chief of David's praisers (1 Chron. 16:4, 5), is the author of Psalm 50, and in it brings to us a marvelous revelation of the power of thanksgiving. The Lord, speaking through this praising prophet, said, "Whoso offereth"—gold, silver, precious stones, oxen, sheep or doves? No. All these things belong to God. The gold, the silver, the cattle on a thousand hills are His already. We possess no good thing that we have not first received from Him. But here in this Psalm He tells us what will bring delight to His heart—our praise, our thanksgiving, our expression of gratitude and our loving adoration.

A Highway for Our God

The exact translation of the Hebrew in Psalm 50:23 is (we quote from Rotherham's literal translation): "He that sacrificeth a thank offering will glorify Me, and will prepare a way by which I may show him the salvation of God." Did you get the significance of this word? Our praise provides a highway down which the Lord of glory comes with all the blessings of salvation. John the Baptist was called to prepare a highway for our Lord. How did he do it? He spoke in loud praise of the Coming One: "There cometh One after me, the strap of whose sandals I am unworthy to unloose. I only baptize with water, but he that cometh after me shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." And as he gave praise to the Coming One, He who is none other than the Son of God—God manifested in the flesh—came along that highway with His ministry of blessing to this one and that one. And today He is always happy to come riding in on the wings of the wind as we make the way for Him with our praise.

The Way of Revival

Let us make January 1, next, a day of humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God. In the life of Stephen Grellet, that godly Quaker preacher of a century ago, we have been struck again and again with passages like this: "Today I spent three hours of stillness before the Lord, and in this season my heart was greatly humbled and my spirit deeply contrited." We read in Isaiah that the Holy One who inhabiteth eternity delights to dwell with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble.

Descending to the Valley

John Bunyan has a masterful picture of the Valley of Humiliation. It is Greatheart who speaks of this place to the Pilgrims and says: "It is the best and most fruitful piece of ground in all these parts... It is a very fruitful soil, and doth bring forth by handfuls." As they were traversing this valley, they saw a boy feeding his father's sheep. He was singing, and Greatheart said, "Hark to what the shepherd's boy saith!" He sang:

He that is down, needs fear no fall,
 He that is low, no pride;
 He that is humble ever shall
 Have God to be his guide.
 I am content with what I have,
 Little be it, or much;
 And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
 Because Thou savest such.
 Fulness to such a burden is
 That go on pilgrimage:
 Here little, and hereafter bliss,
 Is best from age to age.

Greatheart commented, "I will dare to say, this boy lives a merrier life, and wears more of that herb called *heartsease* in his bosom, than he that is clad in silk and velvet." If we are not already living in this valley, let us move into it and make our permanent residence there.

Confessing Our Iniquity

Let January 1 be a day of humble confession. Read meditatively that wonderful prayer of Daniel's in the ninth chapter of his prophecy: "We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments: neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets." Let us confess our sin as a people. When Achan coveted and took of the accursed thing (the goodly Babylonish garment, the two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold), God charged the whole nation and said, "Israel hath sinned." This sin had to be uncovered and confessed

and put away before there could be victory for Israel. And the very sin Achan was guilty of is the one the whole nation was indicted with later. God said through His prophet Jeremiah, "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to *covetousness*." Jer. 6:13. And through Isaiah He said of Israel, "For the iniquity of his *covetousness* was I wroth, and smote him." Isa. 57:17. We are expressly warned in 2 Tim. 3:1, 2, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be... *covetous*." Our loving Master especially warns us, "Take heed, and *beware of covetousness*."

Remember Lot's Wife

There are many pitching their tents towards Sodom these days, for the sake of gain. Lot doubtless enjoyed temporal prosperity for awhile in that fruitful valley of Sodom. He could secure an elegant mansion in Sodom and have in it the choicest of appointments. He would be able to live sumptuously every day in that city. But there was nothing lasting in all this luxury. Later, when the hour of God's judgment struck, the city was destroyed and he lost his all. It was only of the Lord's mercy that the angel laid hold of his hand and the hands of his loved ones and bade them, "Escape for thy life." But his wife had her heart twined around the things of that city. She doubtless coveted to be back again among all the luxuries of her stately home. And so she looked longingly back. The Master, warning us of her fate, says to us, "Remember Lot's wife."

Vision

Let us ask the Lord to give us vision, a vision beyond the temporal to the eternal, and let us pray afresh the prayer of the Psalmist: "Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to *covetousness*." Psalm 119:36. Freed from that abominable sin of *covetousness* we shall be happily content with such things as we have, for He who feeds the sparrows and adorns the lilies will see to it that we never lack food or raiment.

Let us begin to pray now for a great day on January 1, that it may be a day of mighty intercession, when great things shall be asked, great things shall be received in faith, and great things shall be accomplished in the heavenly realm that will make certain for us the coming of copious torrents of God's latter rain. And that we shall see the fulfillment of the gracious promises of the second chapter of Joel, where our love-worthy Lord says to us, "Fear not, O Land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things."—S. H. F.

The Cherubim on the Mercy Seat

T. J. Jones

Read Ex. 25:18-20; Heb. 9:5.

EVERYTHING about the Tabernacle was intended to set forth the wonders of redemption.

There are many and strange interpretations concerning the cherubim. The meaning of the word is also surrounded with obscurity, so that it is difficult even to arrive at a correct definition. Parkhurst, in his lexicon, says the word means, "The similitude of a complete number, or like a great multitude."

The cherubim were not the likeness of any created thing, but symbolic representations, to teach facts and realities. It seems to me that the only correct interpretation of the cherubim is that which sees in them a figure of God's redeemed. For instance in Rev. 5:9, 10, the living creatures, (a more true translation than the word "beasts") we learn who they are, and where they came from. They tell us that they were redeemed. (I know that there is some question in regard to the correct text of Rev. 5:9, 10, but modern discoveries offer the strongest proof in favor of retaining the "us" and "we.")

Ezekiel in the Septuagint version uses the same Greek word as Rev. 5:9, 10, living creatures, and identifies them with the cherubim in Ezek. 10:20. They are always associated with God's dwelling place and the Blood of atonement and the glory of the Presence. Surely on the mercy seat, the cherubim must type our great salvation. The one great truth that is here emphasized with the cherubim on the mercy seat is our position by grace, our standing in Him by redemption.

The first mention of the cherubim in the Bible is Gen. 3:24. Here again it does not say that the cherubim wielded the sword, but the two, the cherubim and the flaming sword, are distinct. The sword prohibited a return to Paradise. The cherubim were a pledge of God's promise to meet with man, though banished from His presence.

Hundreds of years passed between Gen. 3:24 and Exodus 25 and now we behold these figures of redemption, not outside but inside, in the very holiest itself, on the mercy seat. How came they here? Exodus is the book of redemption. The word "Exodus" means "a way out," and shows how God brought his people out of Egyptian bondage into the liberty of the children of God. Only by the Blood

of the Lamb could there be an exodus. The cherubim on the mercy seat bear witness to our position through grace; once outside, banished, now made nigh through the Blood.

Notice the cherubim are on and of the mercy seat. The mercy seat is Christ in His atoning work (Rom 3:25), for the word "propitiation" there, means "mercy seat." The mercy seat was of gold, setting forth the preciousness and deity of the One whose Blood was shed. The cherubim were beaten out of the same solid piece of gold, which comprised the mercy seat, molded and hammered. What a lesson is here—if we would be one with Christ, we must become used to the beating process. The church is bone of his bone. Ephesians 5. Eve was taken out of Adam, so the Church is out of Him, the last Adam. We are sons of God by a spiritual birth.

Every revelation brings out something more. We see there is a twofold look of the cherubim. See Exodus 25:20. First the look is directed toward the mercy seat. The mercy seat, as we have said before, is Jesus and Him crucified. Truly the redeemed soul is to be occupied only with Him, His Blood, His love, His grace. Let us who are redeemed, fix our gaze on Jesus and say with one of old, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gal. 6:14.

The other look of the cherubim is toward each other. Truly in Christ there is a fellowship, and the meaning of the cherubim with their faces toward each other is to set forth the intimate, blessed fellowship which we have in Him. There is a fellowship in Christ. There is a love of the Spirit, but it is based on the Blood that has redeemed us. The number two is intended to set forth fellowship too, for He sent them out two by two.

Our next thought is "wings." The cherubim have wings. Wings set forth

soaring spirituality. They spread abroad their wings, mounting up on high. Let us be heavenly-minded, remembering that our citizenship is in heaven, forgetting the things of earth. Let our desires be heavenly. Too often our souls cleave to the dust, and we are leadened with labor, clogged with care and unable to soar. The wings were to be over the cherubim as a bird hovering over and about to light on its nest. What a blessed type of hands raised to God in prayer—the heart opened. Lord help us to be more weaned from earthly things and more set on heaven!

In the New Testament (Heb. 9:5) they are called "the cherubim of glory." Why? Because the Shekinah glory rested between them. It was their home. It was the sphere in which they lived. This, I believe, sets forth the purpose of God for His redeemed. We are bound for glory. We have tasted of the glory. Jesus Christ prayed that we should receive that glory. John 17:22. The cherubim did not lift up their heads to look at the glory, but with heads bowed toward the mercy seat, they beheld the Blood spattered propitiatory. Here is the communing place; here is the meeting place. Here we may hear the voice of God, speaking, Num. 7:89. God make us cherubim of glory, dwelling in nearest proximity to Him. Amen.

How It Began

One night in an Australian city after I had given out the invitation and a large number of people had risen and were standing, a minister sitting near me became very much excited and said, "Look there! Look there!" "Look where?" I said. "Look over there at that tall man and his wife standing." "Yes," I said, "I see them, what of it?" "Why," he said, "that man is the former mayor of the city and is now president of our race track association. What does he mean?" "Why," I said, "I suppose he means to accept Christ. That was the proposition." The minister was nonplussed. He did not know what to make of it. As soon as the meeting was over, I went down to where this man and his wife were standing, and stepped up to them and said to him, "Did you really accept Jesus Christ this evening?" Quietly but firmly he replied, "Yes, I did. Would you like to know how I came to accept Him?" "Yes, I would." "Well," he said, "my little boy was at your children's meeting this afternoon and was converted. He came home full of enthusiasm and insisted that we should come tonight to hear you preach and we came and have decided to accept Christ."

Who can tell how much is involved in the conversion of a little boy?—R. A. Torrey.

A CALL TO PRAYER

NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1944

Let all our assemblies set
aside this day as one of

FASTING AND PRAYER

"Daily in the Temple and in Every House"

Zelma Argue

"Daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

"Daily... in the temple and... from house to house." Acts 2:46.

"I... have taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts 20:20.

THE war has brought many changes; and some of them very definitely affect attendance at the house of God. Families moving to defense plant centers; rationing of gasoline; more members of the family working; longer hours, mean greatly changed circumstances to cope with.

Perhaps we can learn from these changes. The apostle Paul speaks both of his public ministry, and of a ministry "from house to house." The early chapters of the Book of the Acts mentions teaching and preaching without ceasing "in the temple and in every house."

In the early days of the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, in New York City, when the work was located on 42nd Street, little Sister Marie Burman, faithful helper through many years, used to go down the long rows of what might in some cases be termed tenement houses, and knock at door after door, seeking children for their Sunday School. She has told me how, sometimes there would be stones thrown down on her from the roof, and other difficulties. Yet, she has related to me, how some of the children thus won, have grown up in Sunday School and church, to become the backbone of their young people's groups and activities for the Lord, as years have passed by; loyal soldiers for Jesus Christ.

I personally know that on the prairies, one religious group is very active, driving from farm to farm, obtaining permission to come at stated intervals and give Bible studies, with friends and neighbors gathered into the homes, and gaining remarkable footholds in whole communities that formerly were not Bible readers.

Similarly, the "Fuller Brush" sales corps have some effective ideas on visiting from door to door, and making it profitable. The salesmen all gather for weekly inspirational talks. They sing at these gatherings, and statistics are given them to inspire courage. They are instructed in the best methods of approach, and told how many out of a given number will be likely to react in various ways, both favorably and unfavorably. So, when a young salesman meets disinterest at a certain door, he realizes he need not be discouraged, but that the law of averages will also give him some favorable openings. So he keeps right on.

It has happened that we have had a remarkable opportunity to try this house to house visitation work in the past few weeks. The results have surely caused us to give glory to God. Our field has been a large industrial center in Detroit (Parkside Tabernacle, with Pastors, Brother and Sister Joseph Floreck). Within easy walking distance is a large government housing project, and practically all families in it have children. Some of the mothers are working, and grasp gladly

the opportunity to accept our invitation for their children. While we have a great desire to bring out the adults to the revival services, the best approach seems to be through an interest in the children.

"Have you any children here that you would like to place in a neighborhood Sunday School?" is a question that makes a good beginning. Most people seem to be glad to see an interest taken in the children, and are generally willing to give us helpful information on several doors closest to them, as to who might be interested. We have been stressing the fact that the Sunday School was close, within walking distance, and that we or some of the young people would be glad to call early Sunday morning, and walk over with the children, at least until they become acquainted.

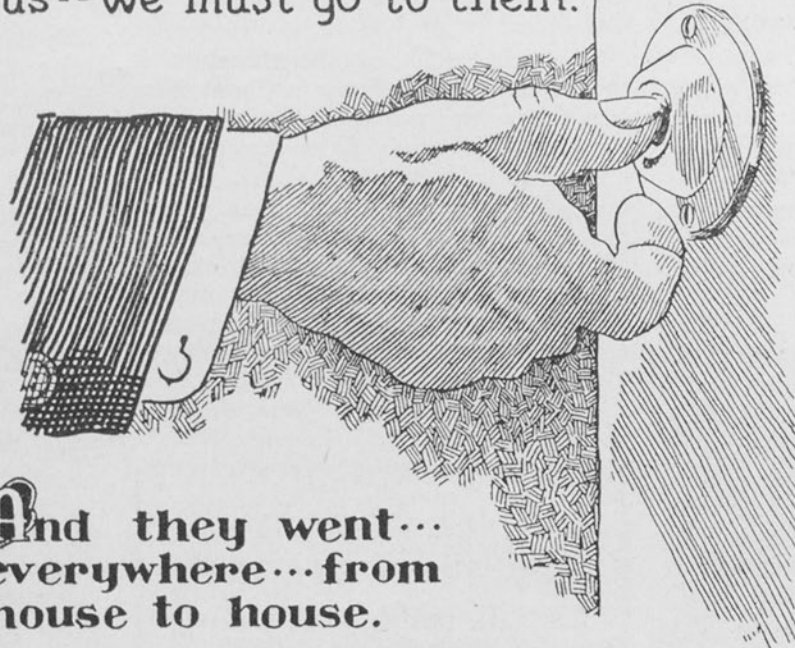
Here there has been an unusual opportunity. I personally have met mothers from Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, Arkansas and elsewhere, who seemed warmly appreciative of a friendly call in a large, strange city. In numbers of cases I have had a little prayer with the mother, just standing at the door, and grasping her hand as I prayed. Sometimes I would see some quiet

tears, or hear a warm "Amen." So many would state that they had left a Sunday School and church back home, but had not found one since coming to the big city, confessing it was just neglect. In more than one home the mother has pressed me to come in and have a hot cup of something to drink with her, while she told me of her problems. One of these, very dear, was a young Jewish mother. She told me that some years ago she had been under the influence of a "missionary."

It has been in the faithful follow-up work of the cases where interest was shown, that we have reaped our rewards. Our first Sunday morning we had ten new ones. This spurred us on to greater efforts next time. Last Sunday morning

RING DOORBELLS FOR CHRIST

People won't come to us -- We must go to them.



And they went... everywhere... from house to house.

Mark 16:20 - Acts 20:20

Ramsay

bright and early a number of us were in the locality, spreading out to go to the addresses where we were asked to come and collect the children. Some were already dressed and outside their doors, waiting for us. In other cases they required a little last moment urging. Those that were all ready, we saw were taken in good time. In other cases, rather than lose a real beginner, we would offer to give them a few minutes, and then return. In all, last Sunday morning, we had over forty new children in the Sunday school, as a direct result of our house to house visits earlier in the week. In two cases, the mother stayed home, but one husband came for the first time, bringing the older children. We believe both these families will make it their church home.

Our second question, where a home seemed interested, would be something like this: "Should you, yourself, be interested in coming tonight to our revival service, if we would come and get you?" This phase, too, has reaped a real reward. Night by night, by going back and calling where some were interested, we would have some entirely new faces in the congregation. We would be careful to introduce our new friends, and express our great joy at their presence. Several times these newcomers have gone to the altar. Last night one whom we found in our house to house visitation work, received the Baptism. She was hungry to receive, but did not know there was a Pentecostal Tabernacle anywhere in the neighborhood. Different ones have sent someone else another night, or have come back and brought another. In cases where the mother wishes to interest adolescent boys in Sunday School, we have sent our very best young lads back to call and bring them. This has worked out well.

We gave to each of the new children bright-colored Scripture texts, and other gifts. This greatly pleased them. It has been encouraging to all concerned, to pastor and evangelist, to workers and to faithful members, to see these new faces in evidence from service to service, and learn something of their background, of their families, or where they are from.

In one case there was a mother of five children who showed great interest. One evening three different parties called, asking her to go that night to the revival, since she had expressed the wish for her children to start to Sunday School. She turned down the whole three last-minute invitations. I happened to be the third that night, and she spoke of having caught a cold in her neck, and planning to stay home. I continued my invitation, and told her what a real effort we had made. Finally she looked at me carefully, and said, "You really want me to come, don't you?" I replied I definitely did, and that it meant a great deal to me. She quickly yielded then, and said, "Well, then, I'll come." At the service she met another newcomer, from her home State,

and has offered to fill up her own auto with elderly folks right around her, who could not otherwise come, and bring them out. Such incidents are very dear to our hearts, and they recognize this, and respond.

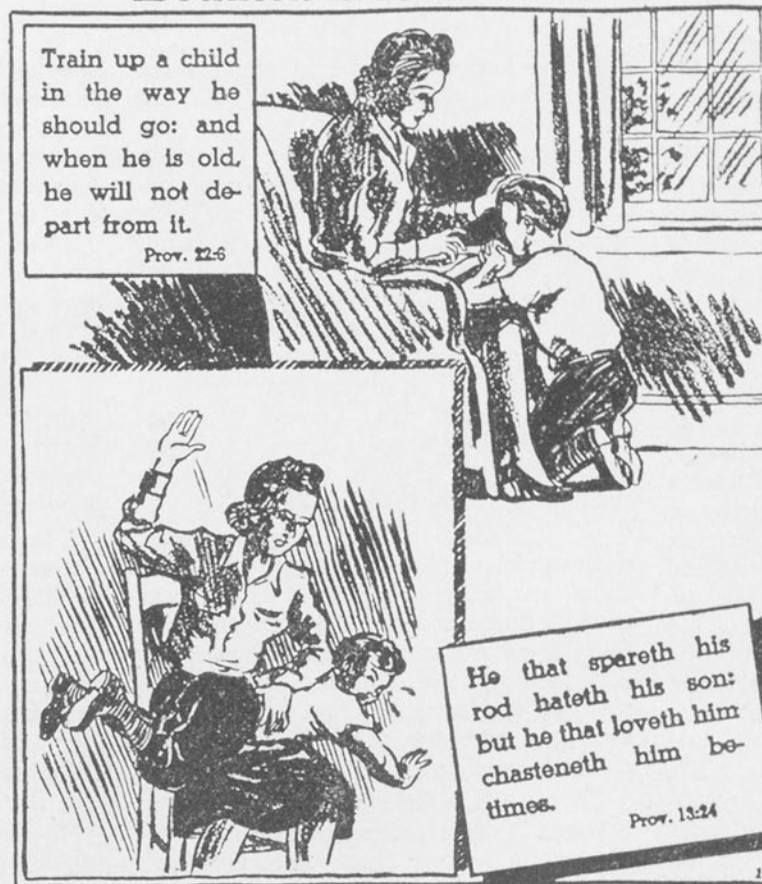
The young people who made two earlier calls on her were astonished to see her come in after all, and mentioned to me their lack of success with her. I pointed out that it all played a part, and that it was the persistent interest that won out, and reminded them of another case where I had tried hard to obtain a promise from a young woman to come, but she had not come. Two or three nights later, they had called on her, and she quickly came with them, and that night went to the altar. So that which seems discouraging, may later on, if it is followed up, prove to bring reward, and joy to our hearts.

There is no doubt that at many great centers there are many lonely newcomers that could be sought out by patient work of this kind. Also, I know that even in older, more established communities, individuals may yet be found, who will prove to be well worth all the effort. Someone in great trouble. Someone backslidden. In one case of this kind, the woman, a mother, was awakened in conscience by seeing the trouble her fifteen-year-old boy was getting into, since she had let him stop, along with herself, attendance at the Lord's house. The mother came back to the Lord in the neighborhood services where we were laboring, and later on returned to her own former place of worship. Also, particularly now, newcomers may be found, glad of friendly interest. Particularly is this true quite widely, where living conditions are congested since war began.

Even in the cases that are never seen in our services, as mothers with young infants, who cannot get out, an encouragement has been left to think on spiritual things. The Lord gave some of the greatest of His ministry and of His teaching to individuals. He went out to search, and there is a special joy in endeavoring along this line, to follow in His precious footsteps.

Perhaps when we, and others around us, can no longer (Continued on Page Nine)

EDUCATION AT MOTHER'S KNEES



It was Myer Pearlman who suggested the practical thought brought out in the cartoon for the Sunday School Lesson of December 5.

Brother Pearlman, before his homegoing, prepared the whole of the lessons for both the Adult Scholars' Quarterly and the Adult Teachers' Quarterly of our Whole-Bible Sunday School course, for the first three quarters of 1944. In these three quarters we shall be making a complete study of the life of Christ as given in the four Gospel narratives. Charles Ramsay's cartoons will be found in both these quarterlies and also in the Senior and Intermediate Scholars' Quarterly and the Senior and Intermediate Teachers' Quarterly.

Our Sunday School teachers will find Part 3 of Brother Pearlman's "Through the Bible Book by Book" very helpful for these three quarters. The price is 50 cents. The four volumes of "Through the Bible Book by Book," a study of the 66 books of the Bible, written by Brother Pearlman, can be had for \$2.00.

The Cure for Contentions

CHRIST asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I am?" They answered, "Some say, John the Baptist; some Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." He asked them, "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven."

That was a blessed revelation given direct from heaven to Peter. He had a further revelation on the day of Pentecost, that the Spirit then outpoured was a fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel. It was Peter who was chosen on the day of Pentecost to bring that simple sermon to the people that brought three thousand penitents to the Lord.

Paul was also a man of revelation. To him was given the revelation of the mystery of the church that was hidden down through the ages, that the Gentiles should also be partakers of the body of Christ. Paul had also a revelation of the purpose, the nature, and the extent of grace.

And yet, as we read the second chapter of Galatians, we learn that these two men of revelation clashed. Paul had to withstand Peter to his face because he was to be blamed. After Peter had had a wonderful revelation on the housetop at Joppa that the gospel was for the Gentiles, we find him at Antioch withdrawing and separating himself, in fear of what the Judaizers would say. The pull was too strong on Peter and he yielded to the legalists, and so Paul had to rebuke and correct him. The legalists were trying to put a patch of new material on the old clothing, and the rent was being made worse, and so Paul had to say in substance: "Peter, you cannot patch up Judaism with grace!" Paul contended for the revelation of grace.

Was there hope for Peter? Certainly. What he wrote in his second epistle is a proof of his reconciliation. He had grace to mention "our beloved brother Paul" in 2 Peter 3:15. Peter, a man of revelation himself, recognized that Paul had had a deeper revelation, and he fell in line with his teaching and endorsed it.

Ishmael and Isaac are not very good bed-fellows. One is likely to kick the other. They need separate beds, separate bedrooms, separate homes. Paul and Peter were both men chosen for revelation and because of such they ultimately saw eye to eye. Paul never compromised, and by his stand he won Peter.

With every movement of grace there are contentious ones within the ranks, Judaizers, converted Peters; and the Pauls have a great work to pray the Peters back into grace. But Paul could pray the Corinthians, the Thessalonians, and other churches into the right relationship with Christ and into right conduct and doctrine, and he could also pray Peter back into the paths of grace.

The Overcrowded Life

T. Wilkinson Riddle

THE majority of us at the present time, I am convinced, are working to the limit of our capacity. We have been compelled to give up many innocent pastimes which had an honorable place in peace time, and devote every minute of the day to the pressing duties which devolve upon us. Some of us, perhaps, are doing almost too much, and are beginning to feel the strain and pressure of the unrelieved war years. In other words, most of us are in grave peril of the overcrowded life. Leisure is something which nowadays is almost unknown. We have little time to write letters, to visit friends, to read books.

What is most serious, if we are honest with ourselves, is that we find our quiet times are being invaded. It is not easy to find time for quiet detachment, especially if we are in the Armed Services or in a factory. We whip our tired nerves to more and more activity, but find less and less time for quiet and unhurried communion with God.

There is a fascinating little story in 1 Kings 20 which always sounds a warning note in my own heart. A certain man, you remember, had been given the responsibility of keeping a prisoner of war. If the prisoner were lost, the man's life would be forfeited. And then, as the man was "busy here and there," the prisoner escaped. So far as I know, he was doing legitimate things. He was engaged in the ordinary, regular, routine tasks of the day. He wasn't idling his time. He wasn't indulging in enervating pleasures. He was just overbusy. His life was so overcrowded that he hadn't sufficient detachment to fulfil the task that had been entrusted to him.

I never read that story without mentally making all kinds of applications. I know that very many of us are like the

This divergence between Mount Sinai and Mount Zion, this antagonism, has been manifested all down the church age.

The Peters are not all dead, and, thank God, Peter did not have to die before he acknowledged the position in which Paul had been placed by God. At the last Peter looked up to Paul, though at one time he may have derided his position. Impulsive Peter was conquered by prayerful Paul. The pull of the Pharisee Peter was conquered by the pull of the ex-Pharisee Paul. God is looking today for Pauls to exert by prayer an extra pull on the deluded Peters, and the pull of faith will prevail if they are true Peters.

man in that Old Testament story. We are extremely busy with the tasks that have to be performed, and while we are "busy here and there," some vital thing is lost. For example, how difficult it is in these days to set aside a little time for quiet, devotional study of the Word of God. I am afraid that many professing Christians have to acknowledge that the Bible is unopened and unread in these tremendous days. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. We may desire to spend a little time with God over the pages of His Word, but even as we make the attempt, the pressure of new tasks robs us of the privilege.

The same thing is true of private prayer. How difficult it is to get a quiet, unhurried period of spiritual detachment. The material world makes such heavy demands upon us, and the opportunities for unhurried communion are so few, that we somehow lose touch with the glory of the unseen and eternal. The tragedy is that when we are "busy here and there," we are usually doing good work. We are not spending our time in frivolous diversions.

This simple fact in itself is a warning to each of us. We can easily become slaves to our circumstances, and discover that while we were busy here and there, we have just missed the one thing needful. I am more than ever convinced that the Christian life is subject to definite laws and principles. We are not saints by accident. We obey the laws of God in humility and truth and find that certain causes are producing certain effects. If we cannot find time for prayer and humble waiting upon God, it is inevitable that we should lose grace and power.

Of course, this always has been one of the major problems of the spiritual life, but it has become acute through the

strain and pressure of the war. On every hand we are being urged to devote our time, and thought and money to the war effort, with the result that we are all in danger of living overcrowded lives. I know I am. I know that if my spiritual life is not to deteriorate I must, somehow, find more time for prayer and reflection. Don't you feel that way, too?

Well, what can we do about it? The Lord Jesus asked: "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" There are, and we must take pains to allocate the hours a little more carefully. It may be that we shall have to rise a little earlier or retire a little later. We simply can't afford to lose precious things because of the terrible pressure of modern life. And there's this much to be said, too. We shall do better work—and more of it—if we live disciplined lives. We mustn't allow things temporal to rob us of things eternal.

What I have written has a particular application to young Christian men in the Services. It isn't going to be easy for them to make the necessary adjustments, but I am quite sure that the effort is well worth while. Everything is at stake. Suppose—that while we were busy here and there, He should be gone!

"Daily in the Temple and in Every House"

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er journey so freely or so far, we can more diligently work in the field immediately at hand. Possibly we shall find, as in the story called, "Acres of Diamonds," that when we turn our eyes from the tempting green fields afar, to try the possibilities at our doorstep, we shall be rewarded by discovering the greatest jewels of all close at home.

Missionaries in new fields, in South America and elsewhere tell of finding this method effective, and as is so often pointed out, "*The world is the field*," both near, and far. There are three great words for us to heed. First, "*Come!*" Then "*Tarry*," then "*Go!*" And while we may not all go across the seas, yet there are ways in which we can go out of our own comfortable routine, to present things concerning the kingdom of God beyond our own immediate circle.

One of our women, working in a defense plant, has as a friend there another woman whose home, she discovered, was on the verge of being broken up. Our faithful worker took the case upon her heart, solicited her pastor's interest in counsel and prayer, and continued her endeavors until she had brought the woman, her husband and son, all to our revival meetings, and we believe the wholesome influence will continue to bear good fruit.

Likewise, the radio services are a form of "going out" beyond our own circle. The other day the pastor here received a telephone call. The young man on the line said he had been hearing the radio programs, and was phoning from a beer garden, where he had suddenly become disgusted with his sinful life. Upon the pastor's invitation, he took off from work long enough to come out to the parsonage for prayer, and a personal conversation. Sunday night he appeared at the revival service, and came forward to the altar.

Since writing the above, in going to a smaller center, I have had the privilege of observing the "house to house" ministry in action from an entirely different angle.

The day of my arrival, I was asked if I would like to attend a Children's Group gathered for Bible Study in a home in one of the suburbs, and was told that this group was one of seven or eight meeting weekly under the Tabernacle workers for Bible lessons. I was indeed happy to go. The pastor's wife addressed this group. It was the largest one, and to my surprise I saw seventy-one children gathered in that home towards the edge of town. The enthusiasm and attention were rather electrifying. The speaker illustrated her talk about letting Christ come into the heart, by having various boxes, with little doors cut therein, to resemble the doors to our hearts. Some of these doors opened to let in money, or a coveted diploma, or other item, but failed to let Christ in. At last one, with a tiny unlighted candle, opened its doors to permit the Light of the Word to come in. The tiny candle was set burning by the larger one who represented Christ. A deep impression was made, as the children expressed their desire to have the light of Jesus come into their hearts, not leaving them in darkness. The children of this world make *evil* attractive. Let us be as wise in making known to them something of the mysteries of righteousness.

We are all crying night and day for a new outpouring of the Spirit. Let us remember that when the latter rain began to fall a generation ago, there was a whole harvest ready for it, well taught in the ground work of the Scriptures. Now many who faithfully taught the Scriptures then, are cold, and often sidetracked. If we present the Word of God to the untaught new generation, then when the dew falls afresh from heaven, the Spirit will have something to operate upon.

Preceding the day of Pentecost, let us not fail to remember, there had been a matchless three and a half years of teaching by Christ and His apostles as they journeyed tirelessly from city to city,

town to town, and village to village. The ground was well prepared. The sower had gone forth to sow. All was ready for the rain to fall. Then when it did fall, how readily came the ingathering. After such a preparing of the ground, when the former rain was outpoured, we read that thousands were converted in a day. God can and will again work speedily, with His signs and wonders. Meanwhile, let us not despise the day of small things. Pray on. Witness. Instruct. Teach. Intercede in secret. Gather the elders. Gather the children. God will yet come down anew upon us as dew upon the mown grass.

Spurgeon's Advice to Students

"Look upon troubles as the shadows of coming mercies."

"Don't covet high positions, for wealth is fleeting. Riches and honors soon pass away, but wrestle hard with sin and sinners."

"If when you get into a pastorate you take matters as easy as an old shoe, the devil will soon make a slipper of you. An idle minister is a detestable object."

"Christ said, 'Feed My sheep... feed My lambs.' Some preachers, however, put the food so high that neither lambs nor sheep can reach it. They seem to have read the text, 'Feed My giraffes.'"

"Be determined to succeed. If you have great difficulties, cut your way with the diamond of faith."

"Seek to develop your whole character. A student who grows lopsided will never make an all-round minister."

"The common places of the Bible are the green pastures of truth. Do not be afraid to lead your people into them."

"No work that is set on following the Crucified escapes the cross... Sooner or later, if those who must give account of it to God do not weaken on some point of loyalty to Truth, they will find themselves bearing the reproach of Christ."
—Amy Carmichael.

We will catch few fish if we allow the other fellow to bait our hook. Preach the message that God gives you and not the message he gave to someone else.

A Christmas Suggestion

Think of all the most needy people you know and send them the *Pentecostal Evangel* for a year as a Christmas present. Add 50 cents for places outside U. S. A. We will send them a special Christmas card telling of your gift. This gift costs only one dollar. One dollar will supply *Christ's Ambassadors Herald* to any of your young friends for two years.

The GOSPEL in FOREIGN LANDS

Always We Must Hurry On-- Others Are Waiting

Ralph Harer, Guatemala, Central America

More than a year has past since we bade farewell to you at home. Most of our time has been spent studying the language, but now we are launching out to win precious souls for whom Christ died.

We are stationed in the Department of Jutiapa, some 45 miles from the El Salvador frontier. Moving from the capital was a real task, the road (under construction) being nothing more than a rocky trail over the steep mountain grades.

Recently we visited some of our churches in this district, going by car as far as possible, and the rest of the way by mule. We presented a strange sight, riding single file along the narrow mountain trails, down through the low damp jungles, the caravan enlarging from church to church, our bare-footed brethren walking in order that we

might have their beasts to ride. Their joy and generosity are things that we shall long remember.

The sleeping and eating part of our trip was very different from travel at home. Hammocks were hung in the little mud churches or huts along the way, and soon the chorus of snores would give evidence that the day's work had ended. Generally we found an audience awaiting in the morning to watch us scrub our ears, which we did vigorously with water from gourds. These gourds are used for everything from grain measure to water pail, and from mixing bowl to bath pan. We then ate our black beans and tortillas, the group of spectators regarding these performances with undivided attention.

We entered each home with prayer and departed in like manner. Their tear-stained faces caused us a pang of regret that we had to leave so soon, but other groups over the hills were awaiting the visit of their missionaries, so we had to hurry on. This was the condition everywhere we went—others were waiting, and still OTHERS.

Riding along, we would hear the gentle native songs of the tillers of the soil, blended with the occasional call to the sturdy oxen that pulled the wooden plows high on the steep mountain sides. We were impressed by the peacefulness of the scene—at peace with the world, but many of them so far from the gentle Prince of peace.

It is wonderful to see the grace of God in the lives of our believers. They live so close to nature and have so little of this world's goods, but they develop steadily in the things of God. We feel that tie of brotherly love and know that they with us are members of the household of faith.

In this Department there are 12 organized churches, each having one or more preaching places which are called "campos blancos." At some of these places the believers number 30 and more.

One little church near our station is pastored by a young man who a few years ago was resisting the gospel, but his mother prayed earnestly until the Lord saved his soul, filled him with the Holy Spirit and called him to the ministry. This is his first church, and he is just as thrilled and concerned over his barefoot congregation as could be the pastor of any church in the

homeland. He has a charge to keep and is doing it as unto the Lord. This little church has opened two more campos blancos in nearby hamlets and souls are being saved. After this manner they carry the gospel to others.

Golden opportunities are before us. Large centers await the glorious life-changing message. We appeal to you to pray that we may be able to open new sections which as yet no workers have entered.

Last Call



Have you mailed your Christmas offering yet? Time is short--
The need is great.

ACT NOW!

Send contributions to the
World Missions Department
336 West Pacific Street
Springfield, Missouri

AGED MISSIONARY PASSES

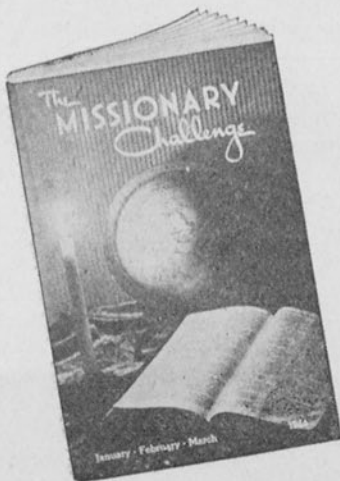
A cable from Philip Crouch advises us that Mrs. H. E. Randall passed away on November 17 at Cairo, Egypt. Her death occurred in the church at Cairo where she was attending one of the services during conference.

Mrs. Randall has been engaged in missionary work since 1922. After the death of her husband in 1938, she remained on the field and continued active in ministry for the Lord as far as failing strength allowed.

ORDER YOUR MISSIONARY CHALLENGE NOW!

From all sections of the country subscriptions to the Missionary Challenge are beginning to roll in. This inspiring new quarterly will be delivered to your door throughout the entire year of 1944 for only forty cents. Think of it, 64 beautifully illustrated pages for less than one cent a week! You will find a fresh blessing on every page.

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The All-for-Christ Crusade

Ralph Harris

There are still 1,377,000,000 souls (one third of the earth's population) without Christ. Many of these are in lands which are closed to missionaries at this time because of war conditions. However, in the not-too-distant future, at the end of this war, the doors will swing wide once more. In that postwar period it seems evident that the Church of Jesus Christ will have an unprecedented opportunity to spread the glorious gospel to the ends of the earth. The Assemblies of God is making great plans to move **forward for Christ** to meet this challenge.

There will be many needs if we are to meet the challenge of this hour. One of the greatest needs will be the money with which to train workers, here and abroad; to send missionaries back to their fields of labor; and to buy equipment which will enable our workers to send the glad news of salvation as quickly as possible to those who have not heard.

The greatest need, however, in those postwar days, for which we long, will be for workers—young men and young women who will consecrate their all to Christ for missionary service at home or abroad. The All-For-Christ Crusade is an effort to enlist those who will be willing to make such a definite consecration.

An attractive red, white and blue consecration card has been printed, stating the consecration, and providing a place for the signature. Also listed are some questions, the answers to which will be of help to your Missions Department. Since most of those who will be able to go forth at such a time will be from among the ranks of the young people, the Christ's Ambassadors Department is taking an active part in enlisting those who will offer themselves in such a Crusade.

There are two things which should be emphasized. One is that this **does not necessarily mean foreign missionary service**. As God guides those who sign this card into His plan for their lives; and guides our Missions Department in the selection of those who will go in foreign service, it might mean that. On the other hand, it may mean "staying by the stuff" at home, for we shall need some men behind the man behind the Bible. It states only that one is willing to go in such service. Second, **we do not want to get large numbers of consecrations just for numbers' sake. We do not want wholesale consecrations.** We want each one who signs this card to realize fully just what the consecration means. We want a great army for God, but we would rather have a few, who really mean to go through, than a great many, few of whom mean their consecration.

How many will there be? Time alone will tell. 10,000, 20,000, 50,000—who knows? Only God knows the full implications of this All-For-Christ Crusade. As He deals with hearts, it may well be that our Missions De-

partment will have to revise its estimate of how many missionaries will be sent out in the postwar period. Already we have the names of several hundred who have made such a consecration. From time to time reports of how many have enlisted in this gospel Crusade will be published in the "Evangel," the "Missionary Challenge," and other publications.

If you are willing to make such a consecration, and join with the others who have offered themselves without reservation, you may obtain a card by writing to the Missions Department. This is for ministers and laity alike. Pray that God will thrust forth laborers into the whitened harvest fields.

FROM LOTTERY TICKETS TO CHRIST

"During the past two years we have seen scores coming to the altar seeking salvation," writes Einar Peterson from Oriente, Cuba. "Epifanio Torres is a young fellow who made his living selling lottery tickets. He visited frequently a Jamaican family and so came to know about the Bible. He desired one, so

he came to us asking if we could give him one. We detected sincerity in the boy and felt moved to give him a used Testament with the promise that, if he would read it and return, we would give him a Bible. To our amazement he did return, attended the service and was gloriously saved.

"For several days he walked down the main street with lottery tickets in one hand and his Bible in the other. Then the Lord revealed unto him that he should no longer sell them. He immediately responded to the voice of the Lord and gave up his only means of livelihood. His earnestness was manifest in such a way that the church felt led to furnish him with a shoe-shine outfit, but the poverty in which he had lived for so long had wrought havoc in his body. For the past six months he has been in the tubercular ward of the Civil Hospital in Santiago. On two occasions he has been at the point of death, but each time the Lord has raised him up. Today he is feeling well, although he is still confined to the hospital. His desire is to go to Bible School and prepare for the work of the Lord. While very poor and without education, he has grasped the things of God more rapidly than others and it appears that the Lord has called him. We are earnestly praying for his complete deliverance and wish that you would join with us for his speedy recovery."

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BIRTHS NOW DOUBLE DEATHS

The U. S. Census Bureau reported on July 12, 1943, that the birth rate for the whole United States had increased to double the death rate. For May there were 20.3 births for every 10.5 deaths per 1,000.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

"The future of religion in Russia is assured," said the Archbishop of York, after his recent visit to Russia. He described two services held in Moscow, at each of which there was a congregation of 10,000 people. "A majority of the congregations appeared to be between thirty-five and forty-five years of age," he said. This report is encouraging, but it is not yet time to stop praying for revival in Russia.

THE CARDINAL WAS WRONG

The late Cardinal Hinsley of Westminster said a short time before he died, when speaking of Italy: "If Fascism goes under nothing can save the country from chaos. God's cause goes with it." Today Fascism is going under, and perhaps the Pope's cause is going with it, but God's cause survives and triumphs. God's cause has never been dependent upon a human regime for its success.

PROTESTANTS IN SPAIN

According to *Watchman-Examiner*, there are approximately half a million political prisoners in Spain, and thousands of these are Protestants whose only crimes are a love of liberty and a desire to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. They are regarded as State criminals because they refuse to take an oath of fealty to the State church, and they are made to attend Catholic mass in military formation.

GOD'S GRACE ON GUADALCANAL

Moody Monthly tells the following story about a chaplain on Guadalcanal:

"He conducts prayer meetings every night. During one of the sessions, a Jap plane was headed straight for the chaplain's tent. Three bombs had already fallen, and a fourth surely would play havoc among the worshipers. But just then the pilot evidently saw to the left the reflection from a movie screen; anyway, he turned in that direction." And so the tent and the praying men inside it were saved.

CONVERTED MOHAMMEDANS

According to the *Independent Board Bulletin* (Presbyterian), there are many Mohammedan converts:

In Sumatra, even thirty years ago, there were over 2,000 Christian converts from Mohammedanism and 18,000 more in Java where for a time between 300 and 400 were converted annually. These were learning how to live happily as well as how to die happy.

Mohammedans do not die happy. *The Sunday School Times* tells the following story. "What did you do to our daughter?" asked a Moslem woman whose child had died at sixteen years of age. "We did nothing," answered the missionary. "Oh, yes, you did," persisted the mother. "She died smiling. Our people do not die like that."

AMERICA WILL AID THE JEWS

In a message to the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Zionist Organization of America, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on September 11, Mr. Cordell Hull said: "I am sure that no gathering of persons of the Jewish faith can or will fail to express their reaction to the stupendous crime which the Axis powers have perpetrated against the Jewish people, and I can assure the delegates that this government will take every feasible step to ameliorate the wretched plight of the Jews in Europe."

THE BIBLE IN EUROPE

Who would have thought that during 1942 the British and Foreign Bible Society alone distributed 64,000 volumes of Scripture in Czechoslovakia, 100,000 in Hungary, and 39,000 in Rumania during the first six months of the year! These books are, of course, in the mother tongue of the people, and the work of translation, in spite of the war, goes on, seven new versions having been added during the past year.

In Occupied China, the British and American Bible Societies together circulated 1,200,000 copies during the year!

RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD LIQUOR

"In Russia, if a woman offers a soldier liquor, she has to serve six months in prison. If she gives it to him, she is shot. There can be no drinking while war is on, for men must be strong, healthy, and fully possessed of every whit of their strength and ability." So said Valentia Roy Mitz, a Ukrainian, in a recent lecture at Arcadia, Florida.

Colonel Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, said: "I had quite a fight against alcoholism in the Canal Zone. I finally stamped it out by firing every man reported for drinking." Sometimes it takes extreme measures to get a job done, and winning the war is certainly a job. Would America rather lose the war than lose her booze?

JEWS HELP MONTGOMERY

The Protestant says that the part played by Jewish enterprise, engineering and commercial, in supplying the needs of Montgomery's Army, has not yet been told. It was a Jewish engineer (from Czechoslovakia) who built the bridge over the Euphrates as a way of retreat, if needed, for the Near East armies. Twelve Jewish boys voluntarily gave up their lives in blowing up the oil installations at Tripoli. Fifty Jews captured the French Fort and protected the advance into Syria of regular British troops, and Jewish boys acted as guides to the various British columns. The tale goes of a Jewish General who organized and supervised Montgomery's supply line to the gates of Bizerta, where he died. Jewish enterprise placed 7,000 factories in Palestine at the disposal of the Empire forces, and this, too, voluntarily. In the Eighth Army, 30,000 Jews were incorporated. Every conceivable kind of equipment was provided on the spot, at the moment when it was most needed. Thousands of doctors, nurses and dentists were also supplied, and much oil transported by Jews from Haifa and Mosul. The record could be lengthened.

MARTYRS IN AFRICA

The second King of Uganda martyred many Christians, among them many school boys. At a banquet the half-drunken King called certain school boys before him and, though they knew the probable penalty, they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
Christ is the life, death is but gain."

No braver deed was ever witnessed, and today multitudes of Uganda natives are Christians.

THE AGE IN WHICH WE LIVE

Will H. Houghton, writing in *Moody Monthly*, has observed:

"We live in an age—Which thinks that being lost in the woods is a new freedom. Which, having made a mess of civilization, petulantly cries, 'Why doesn't God do something?' Which, because it subtracts faith, multiplies fear. In which men demand education for their children, but decline discipline for themselves. When desire is deity and realization is futility. Which puts the highest premium on knowledge, but when it gets it, does not know what to do with it. Which seems to think that it has robbed death of its sting by transforming the cemetery into a 'memorial park.' Which boasts of its unbelief, instead of being ashamed. Which thinks a life daring which is only delirious. Which believes religious fakers and follows political quacks, but thinks itself too intelligent to accept the Word of God. Where youth boasts it is hard-boiled when it is merely half-baked. Which prepares for everything, even for a 'rainy day,' but fails to prepare for eternity."

AN ACT OF HUMAN KINDNESS

Chaplain F. N. Richert writes from Sicily, as follows:

"After spending a long, hot, dusty day searching for missing personnel in the hills of Sicily, I returned to camp for the evening meal and a little rest. The larger units had all moved on, and so the few of us who remained were minus a mess hall. Some of the boys went in search of one elsewhere, but being tired I fell back on the old faithful K-ration, and proceeded with my supper.

"While I was eating, a ragged little native boy came by, and stopped to survey both me and the food. He was followed by a yellow dog; that also stopped—looking to all intents more hungry than the boy. Despite all the attempts to keep these folk from the camp area, they had penetrated the circle, and now stood begging me for something to eat. I couldn't refuse offering him one of my cookies, which he accepted without hesitation; it was perhaps the first food he had eaten for some time. He raised it to his mouth and was about to partake, when he suddenly stopped and gazed down at the little dog, that was wistfully looking up and wagging his tail. For a moment the boy hesitated, as if weighing the most important question of his life. Then he broke in two the treasured cookie, and gave half to the dog—his lifelong and perhaps only friend.

"Far away in the distance big guns were roaring, planes were strafing, blood was flowing, hatred was burning. But here beside me stood a little boy of the enemy with a heart of gold. I could not help but wonder if perhaps a little more of this spirit of human kindness, and a little less of other things, might not be the answer to our problems, not only for the welfare of a little lad, but for a lost humanity."

GOD IS HIS SENIOR PARTNER

"Nineteen years ago Sr. Fernando Rodriguez came to Mexico City and in a very small way began a furniture business. In a country where it had always been customary to have a sliding scale of prices, he decided to have one price, and determined that the quality of his goods should be exactly as represented. Every deal must be marked by absolute honesty. Many prophesied failure. A business could not be run on that basis, they said. But it was not long before the people learned that one could buy with confidence at the 'New Furniture Store,' and it prospered. Today it is probably the largest furniture store in Mexico City, having a turnover of more than a million and a quarter pesos annually." So writes Norman Wilde Taylor in *The Presbyterian Survey*.

"Two years ago, when Sr. Rodriguez completed his new six-story building, the premises were dedicated to God in a religious service.

"Last Christmas the store announced a special Christmas radio program. It consisted of a number of well-known hymns and a real gospel message by Dr. C. G. Marin. The message might be summed up in the words, 'In the Christ of Bethlehem is found the only hope for a world away from God.' So deep an impression was made by the service that the *Excelsior*, the largest daily paper in Mexico, carried the full text of Dr. Marin's message.

"More than half of Sr. Rodriguez' fifty-four employees are active Christians, many of them having been won to Christ by him. Each week a Bible class is conducted in the store for the employees and the average attendance is forty, although attendance is in no way compulsory.

"It has often been said that our handling of money is the acid test of our devotion to God. Sr. Rodriguez believes that one does not really begin to give until he gives more than a tenth of his income to God. His giving is never less than 1500 pesos a month, which means more than 18,000 pesos a year."

Not only is God his partner in business, but he is a laborer with the Lord in church activities. For many years he has been an elder in his church, the Church of El Divino Salvador, and superintendent of the Sunday School. Recently the Presbyterian Church elected him Moderator of the National Synod. There was no higher honor they could bestow upon him. He is the first layman to hold this office.

ALMOST PERSUADED

E. Hodgson writes from the Belgian Congo: "These are wonderful days of restoration, when the wandering doves are coming back to the Ark, not being able to find rest elsewhere. Our weekly Breaking of Bread service is almost as big as the Gospel service. The church is packed to the last seat with communicants. In the open-air meetings we have brought new life by introducing planned questions and answers as well as sanctified heckling. The evangelists' schools this year are better than ever, everything is running in oil and the fellowship is so happy and sweet. The testimonies are wonderfully good.

God continues to confirm His Word with signs following, and no wonder, for we found that one of the younger evangelists always spends three days praying and fasting before

his Sunday services. His lovely and simple explanation is that he cannot feed others without first feeding his own soul alone with God, and also he cannot feed his soul with the taste of food in his mouth. He says he was driven to seek the Lord specially after taking to heart one sentence uttered by the missionary in the last school and that was that 'The Christians are only one tenth of the population as yet, and that for every soul rejoicing in Christ Jesus, nine more are in heathen darkness.'

"He went home and told his Christians that each one would have to lead nine more souls to Christ. Some have already got up to six, but he himself has personally brought 16 souls to his Lord since that time. God bless him.

"We have had some remarkable conversions of notorious characters, also of whole families. Two heathen men in great need were pleaded with and almost saved. Both wished just to finish what they were doing in the devil's business and then they would come out clean for God, but alas, both were cut off suddenly while doing the job and died in their sin. Almost persuaded, but lost."

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Drawn Unto Him

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"The dove found no rest for the sole of her foot." Has your heart found a place of perfect rest? Answer this question honestly, all you who have tried to draw happiness out of the cask of sensual pleasures. Answer this, you who have built up lofty expectations concerning wealth, or professional success, or commercial eminence. When did a man ever get himself snugly fixed and determine to nestle down in his worldly comforts, and find in these perfect satisfaction?

Hear me, dear hearts, this world is *not* a place of rest for the Christian. No, nor for the impenitent sinner either. God has vetoed that. You may build your luxurious residence, and decorate it with the most elegant products of art; you may gather around your fireside a cheerful household; but just as surely as you let your heart build its home in this frail bush, the bough will break. It will break when you least expect it. Perhaps the flames will destroy your dwelling, or bankruptcy bring it "to the hammer," or the angel of death may light on the couch or crib that contains your treasure. Maybe domestic strife or disappointment may embitter your cup, and you discover that no wall can be built so high and so strong as to keep out trouble and sorrow.

If the mind cannot find abiding happiness in any of the perishable things of earth, neither can your immortal spirit find rest in anything human. Have you ever gotten the assurance of salvation on the ground of your best intentions or purposes, or your best performances? Are you willing to risk the eternal future of the soul on what any man has done for you or what you have done for yourself? Does your present style of thinking and living satisfy God? Will it secure for you spiritual health, a peaceful death and immortality in glory? I see you shake your head and a shadow passes over your countenance. Then you are *not* at rest. You do *not* feel safe. You *cannot* bear your whole weight on any of your good works.

God does not mean that your uneasy and sin-troubled soul should find rest outside that ark His redeeming love has provided. Millions upon millions have flown from one direction to another, like Noah's dove, and found that this wide world from pole to pole had not a home for them. They have been forced to the same confession as a certain rich man I met in Winnipeg, Canada, who exclaimed, "Lord, I have viewed this world all over. I have tried this thing and that for my spirit, and have found nothing to rest upon. O blessed Jesus, the only source

of real security, I come back and join myself to Thee and to Thee alone!"

When Noah's dove could find no rest for the sole of her foot, whither did she fly? "She returned unto him into the ark." She saw nothing to light upon anywhere else, and so she spread her weary wings towards the huge vessel on the peak of Ararat. That ark speaks of Christ.

Today I sound in your ear the invitation of my precious Saviour and Lord, who says to you, "Return unto Me." To do this you must abandon all trust in self-righteousness and all hope of self-salvation. You must confess that you are a guilty wanderer. You must renounce your past sins and break away from your old habits and your old self. He calls you to *return*. There must be no delay. The weary bird can bring nothing but itself. You can bring nothing to Jesus Christ but a weak and wandering sinner. Do not bring your excuses or apologies. Do not bring your merits, for they are not worthy of transportation. Bring to the compassionate Saviour yourself, *just as you are*. The prodigal's rags of wretchedness were his only letters of recommendation.

Where did the dove return? To the only refuge on the waters. There was only *one*. Beneath lay a briny world.

Around it spread the devouring deep. Oh, dear hearts, God has provided but *one Ark* for your soul. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

In this world there are many systems of religion; but God has provided *only one salvation*. At that narrow gate of salvation the prince must enter alongside the peasant, the educated must walk beside the unlearned.

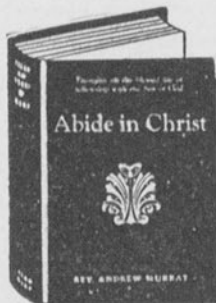
During a certain church service a bird flew in through the open door and up to the vaulted ceiling. There sat in the auditorium a lady who had been for weeks under deep conviction of sin but had found no rest for her troubled soul. She began to watch the troubled bird as it flew to one closed window after another. She kept saying to herself, "Why doesn't that bird see the open door?" The poor bird flew around and around until it grew weary. Then as it lowered itself to the floor it caught a view of the open door, and it was out in an instant into the sunshine.

When it was gone the troubled woman said to herself, "I have been acting just like that bird. I have been trying to find peace where it could not be found. I

have been trying to escape from the bondage and burden of sin through windows that were closed against me. But I see now that Christ is the door. Just as that bird escaped into light and sunshine, just so may I." And through Christ and Him alone she found peace to her sin-plagued heart.

Many have found no rest for their souls because they have been seeking in the wrong place and by wrong methods. There is only one place to find rest. It is in Him who says, "*Come unto Me*, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and *I will give you rest*. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and *ye shall find rest* unto your souls." Matt. 11:28, 29. As you come to Him, you will find that He will wash away the sin that has caused all the unrest.

As you fly unto Him, Christ will stretch forth His pierced hand and draw you unto Himself, just as Noah drew the returning dove into the ark. Then will come peace, real peace, wonderful peace, such as this world can never give. Oh, wandering bird, fly as a dove to the open door now, and let Christ draw you unto Himself. You can trust Him to preserve you unto His eternal kingdom.

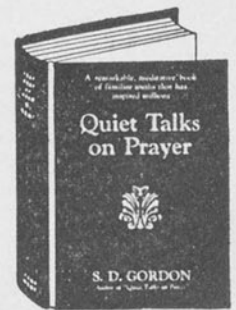


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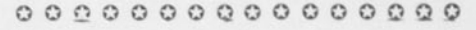
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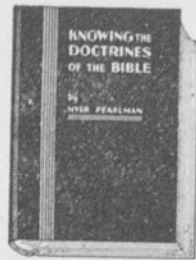
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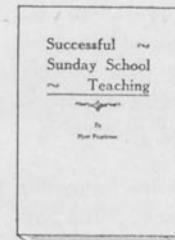
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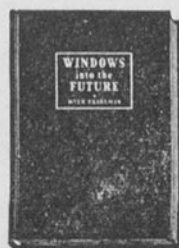
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