

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

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Modern Miracles

Harry A. Jaeger

REAR ADMIRAL Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of United States Navy and personal physician to the President, recently made some encouraging announcements to the American public. He said: "In the last World War 7% of the men wounded in action died. In this war we are losing just a little more than 2% of our wounded. Of 4,039 army, navy, and marine casualties treated aboard one Naval Hospital Ship since the Solomons attack began, only 7 deaths have occurred. Of 272 men suffering penetrating chest wounds at Guadalcanal, only 2 men died.

"In the last war, abdominal wounds caused the death of about 75% of the men who lived long enough to get to the hospitals. Now only 5% of them die. Compound fractures often caused death through infection and in many cases crippled the patient for life. In the last World War almost half of the compound-fracture cases were permanently crippled and 12% died. Now not more than 1% will be disabled.

"Ninety-seven per cent of all naval and marine casualties wounded in the period between Pearl Harbor and last spring have recovered. Only 2.6% have died. Only 0.9% were invalided from service. This is a record to give a sense of security to any fighting man. . . ."

Miracle Drugs

The reason for these amazing figures is: (1) the wide use of many newly discovered so-called "miracle" drugs; (2) a broad knowledge of medicine among the laymen of the medical corps; (3) an elaborate program of education, warning of the fatal consequences of lockjaw, gas, gangrene, streptococcal infection and secondary shock; (4) lectures, motion pictures and practical lessons, making

every man a guard against an enemy far worse than Jap or Hun. The Admiral says further: "Our campaign of educating sailors and marines in disease prevention and first aid is unceasing." In conclusion he states:

"Death rates for all diseases in the Navy today are only 65.34 for each 100,000 men. In 1918 the death rate was 1,179.66 for each 100,000 men. With sulphur drugs we have reduced the death rate from lobar pneumonia alone from 119.29 for every 100,000 men in 1918 to 1.55 per 100,000 in 1942."

These splendid accomplishments of the medical profession for America's 12,000,000 servicemen will mean joy to thousands of American parents as "Johnny comes marching home." Yet more important than these, by far, are the thousands of miracles of redemptive grace. Men, moved by the power of God, are turning to Christ as their Saviour.

Could it be that homes made glad by the return of sons from battle will in too many instances be made sad again because "Johnny" who went as a lad twelve months before with a simple faith in God comes back to spread profanity and ungodliness over the home and community? Is there grave danger that our greatest casualties will be spiritual rather than physical? that even though thousands have found the Lord, there will be a greater number lost because there was too little — too late?

The Army of the United States has established a chaplains' corps that is a testimony to the influence of Christianity in our country, and there are more men attending religious services conducted by chaplains than at any



In the presence of Chaplain Isaac of the Officer Candidate School in Miami, Officer Candidate V. O. Clark receives a Service Testament from Evangelist Harry Jaeger. Clark was the 4-H Club National Winner for 1937 and 1938. He was judged as having the finest physique in the U. S. and Canada. This notable specimen of American manhood stands over six feet in height, and at the completion of his training he will be qualified for a commission in the Army Air Force.

Brother Jaeger had the privilege of preaching to thousands of these future officers at this Officer Candidate School.

other time in military history. The publication of *Reveille* has carried the printed gospel message to the hands of 4,500,000 men in every branch of the service and several denominations are providing service pastors or civilian chaplains. At several camps Christian Service centers have been established to minister to men of that area who cross their threshold.

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Tempted But Not Overcome

F. J. Hugel

HERE is no word in the English tongue which strikes a deeper chord than the word temptation. There is hardly a moment that does not bring with it temptations of one kind or another. The first great experience in the history of the race, recorded in Holy Writ, God having made man in his own image and having placed him in Eden's garden, is the story of man's temptation. The first great experience of the Man who, though God incarnate, was man in a truer and fuller sense than any one who has trod the earth, was the forty days of temptation in the desert. We read that He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin.

The question is often asked, why has God placed us in a world where a thousand temptations beset our path. Why did He permit man to be tempted? Could He not have made man perfect? The answer is: Had He made man such a one as could not be tempted, it would not be man. Temptation is something which springs from the fact that man is a free moral agent, with the supreme gift of choice, one who can choose to obey God or not to obey. If man could not be tempted, he would not be a free moral agent—he simply would not be man. Christian character is forged in the crucible of fiercest temptations. It is the test which builds character. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life"—thus it is written in God's Holy Word.

Perhaps some of us are not tempted as is the drunkard or the thief, but it would be folly to say that we are not tempted. What a calamity it would be if such were the case. The fact of the matter is that there are temptations of a particular nature which only the Christian worker can suffer. The temptations of a preacher are of a very special type, and such as only a preacher can know. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Satan aims his sharpest and most fiery shafts at the Christian worker, because his overthrow would mean the fall of many. It remains a fact that the more we advance in the Christian life, the more subtle our temptations become. Christ our Lord did not sweat blood, being tempted, until the close of His ministry—until He reached the peak.

(1) *We shall be tempted to be envious, perhaps not of those who have more money, but of those who have more spiritual power and who are achieving*

more than we in the Redeemer's vineyard. The Pharisees were the religious leaders of their day, but they were envious. They made long prayers, but envy consumed them. None so scrupulous in the keeping of God's Word, but envy gnawed at their vitals. There is nothing in God's universe more loathsome than envy. Sad to say, there is much envy among Christian workers. Paul places envy in the same category as murder and drunkenness as one of the works of the flesh.

(2) *We shall be tempted to stress unduly a strictly sectarian position.* Someone said to me the other day, "I do not admire the Christian whose denomination sticks out as the most noticeable thing." One of the great preachers of the last century called sectarianism the "scandal of the Church." Are we contributing to it? Is our denomination the first thing people see in us, or is it Christ?

(3) *We shall be tempted to work so hard for the Saviour as to neglect the Saviour Himself.* Work can become an idol, even Christian work. If you are so busy that you have to neglect the quiet time essential to spiritual culture, you can be sure that you are too busy. You may have to unload a lot of excess baggage before the Saviour can have first place in your life. MY WORK can become the source of much spiritual pride. More than one Christian worker has made shipwreck here.

(4) *We are tempted to read into the Scriptures our pet theories.* It was Christ Himself who opened the understanding of the Apostles "that they might understand the Scriptures." If we come to God's Word with preconceived notions, we deceive ourselves—we are not seeking the truth, we are seeking ourselves. God will never be able to speak to us in the inspiring and enriching manner that He desires until we are willing to be cruci-

fied with Christ. SELF is still our greatest enemy, even in Bible study.

(5) *We shall be tempted, oh how sorely, to give place to the superiority complex.* No one on earth is so tempted as the Christian worker in this regard. Because we are doing the noblest thing on earth (serving Christ), let us not imagine that we are some special type of human being, different from the son of Adam. Let us not forget that we too are sinners saved by grace. I like John Wesley's remark upon seeing a criminal on the way to the gallows: "There goes John Wesley, but for the grace of God."

(6) *We shall be tempted to put on certain pious airs.* The Saviour who saves the drunkard from drink is the only One who can save me from shams and make-believe. Who knows, the latter may be a more difficult task for the Redeemer than the former! Unless I am truly possessed of Christ's Spirit, which makes piety a natural thing, spontaneous and easy, I shall be tempted to make believe, in order to fool the public.

(7) *We shall be tempted to give place to discouragement.* John the Baptist in prison could not see why Jesus the Lord did not do something about it. "Art thou really the Christ or look we for another?" was the question he sent messengers to ask the Master. Our high moments often let us down into sloughs of despond such as Elijah experienced, when under the juniper tree he wished to die. But discouragement is only another name for doubt. Faith sings even when there are no stars in the night of one's pain. Paul at Philippi sang though his back bled from many stripes, though his feet were in the stocks, though his cell was the dampest, and though it was midnight; so the Lord honored his faith. Just a quick look in spirit to the Captain of our salvation in the hour of darkness, when tempests rage, is all that is needed to bring our frail bark to port.

(8) *Finally we are tempted to seek the praise of men.* Here is a snare which ever besets the pathway of the Christian worker. It may seem innocent enough, but its name is lust nevertheless. If, as Christian workers, we are in constant need of the praise of men and find that without this stimulant we cannot "carry on," we can be sure that our Christian experience is still in the swaddling clothes of babyhood. Mature Christians find the approving smile of Christ sufficient, and if this be lacking, the blare of a thousand bands and the applause of multitudes would be as empty and meaningless as the bursting of toy balloons. The Master had some very severe things to say about the Pharisees, who sought the praise of men.

Five Laws for Victory

A final word about victory. "Tempted



They overcame
him (Satan) by the
blood of the Lamb

Rev. 12:11

but not overcome" is our theme. I suggest five laws.

First—We must be willing to face facts and call sin sin. Unless we are willing for the Great Physician's knife to reach the last ulcer, there can be no complete cure. Religious squeemishness will only prolong our misery. We must put ourselves where the most besotted sinner, the harlot, the drunkard must stand, laying aside all self-righteousness; namely at the Saviour's feet, and acknowledge our need just as any poor sinner must do. Otherwise the Saviour can do nothing for us.

Second—The price we pay for victory is perpetual vigilance. Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation. If you expect the Saviour to keep you without your co-operation, you may find yourself left out in the cold. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not," writes John the Apostle. There are temptations which, unless we deal with them before they get fully under way, are sure to defeat us.

Third—Victorious Christian living is possible only on the basis of an absolute identification with Christ. The sixth of Roman points the way. We read that our old man was "crucified together with Christ." We are admonished to reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are not to consult our feelings to see if it is true. We are simply to obey the injunctions of the Word of God and "reckon ourselves" dead to sin and alive unto God. An utter identification with our Redeemer in His death and resurrection places us in a position of infinite advantage in the fierce conflict of the ages—only this will liberate us from the world, the flesh and the devil. We must not forget that it was an apostle, and he the greatest of them all, who cried: "Oh wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from the body of this death?" and that it was only when he committed himself in a new way to Christ that the law of the Spirit, of life in Jesus Christ, set him free from the law of sin and death. After we have been delivered from sin in its grosser forms we still have to be *delivered from ourselves*, and that is possible only when with Paul we can say, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, and yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Fourth—We must bear in mind that there are no vacations in this awful conflict. It is a great warfare with the unseen powers of darkness which the Christian worker must sustain. Any weak point in his armor will be taken advantage of by the enemy. Vacations are all right in the realm of the natural, but we dare not lay aside our armor as soldiers of Christ—five minutes of carelessness in the spiritual realm might result in some bitter

defeats in anguish and tears. Witness the great Psalmist dragged down into the deepest depths of shame and sin. "Why sleep ye, rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."

Finally prayer must become the very breath of life if we would live victoriously in Christ. A great preacher has put it thus: "You must breathe in Christ and breathe out self." We must pray with the same naturalness and ease and con-

tinuity as we breathe. Christ must be the very center and circumference of life, the alpha and the omega of our existence. We must be constantly in touch with Him. Even in the street we must breathe His Holy Name in prayer—nothing else will purge from the stream of our life vanity and folly. Nothing else will make us invulnerable to the poison gas of the world's lust and sin. Nothing else will fit us for Christian service.

Christ in You

IT IS written, "He (God) hath made Him (Jesus Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5:21.

God made Christ to be sin for us. The high priest and the false witnesses tried to prove that He was a sinner, and they failed. He was the pure and spotless Lamb of God, ordained before the foundation of the world; and though on the cross He was made sin, God's testimony of Him as He saw His holy life was, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Though He was delivered for our offenses, the Father's approval of His spotless life was manifested when He arose from the dead. He was made sin for us, after that He had been made or ordained a Saviour from sin. Before He was conceived in the womb, the name was given Him, "Jesus, Saviour." "Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. Yet He was made sin. The Son of God was brought into contact with sin, so that He could bring the sinner out of sin.

He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Satan was manifested in Judas, incarnated in him, that he might destroy Him who was to destroy the works of the devil. But the incarnation from hell was no match for the incarnation from heaven. He who was possessed by Satan went down, went to his own place; and He who was possessed by God went up to His own place—to sit at the right hand of God in heaven until all His enemies be made His footstool.

Incarnations are still going on. It is a question whether we shall receive the incarnation of Satan or of Christ. Christ says to us, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3:20. If any man hears His voice, and opens the door, he can receive into

his flesh Christ incarnated in him. On the other hand, Satan is going about seeking whom he may devour. He is looking for a place, swept and garnished, where he may enter with his legions.

Christ was manifested to undo, to nullify, to destroy the works of the devil. He says to His own, "Sin shall not have dominion over you." Rom. 6:14. He gives to His own an abundance of grace and the gift of His righteousness, that they might reign in life by Him. He took your sin, He gives you His righteousness.

Are you in league with Christ? Are you seeking to destroy the works of the devil? Christ wants to give you power from on high, so that you may be a witness unto Him on high, witnessing of His power and His grace. He says, "Behold, I give you power . . . over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19. He wants you to be not only a passive resister but an *aggressive fighter*. He says, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore." Matt. 28:18, 19.

"Nothing shall by any means hurt you." If you realize this, you will go forward with the utmost confidence that He who promised will make good and will perform. It is Christ in you, the motive power; Christ in you, the hope of glory.

No diet is sufficient for the health of soul that does not contain at least one portion of daily prayer, one of meditation on God's Word, one of praise to Him, and one of service to mankind.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Holy Spirit.—Spurgeon.

The life that is lived unto God may forfeit human companionship, but it knows divine fellowship.

The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh

WHEN Judas came with a band of men and officers from the chief priests to arrest the Son of God, Jesus said to them, "Whom seek ye?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He"; and when He said this, these men went backward, and fell to the ground. John 18:6. But when He returns, it is His loved ones who will advance. His enemies will be driven back.

Christ said on that night, "Arise, let us go hence." He went out, but it was to meet His betrayer and those who came to arrest Him. But then it will be, "Arise, let us go hence"—to welcome the waiting ones. He was willing to go that first time, but He is waiting and anxious to go that second time. The second coming would be impossible but for the first going. Gethsemane and Calvary speak of the cost of the rapture of you and me.

Christ said, "My hour is not yet come," but later He said, "This is your hour." He knew the hours that were left to Him before Calvary came, and do you not think He is reckoning the hours until the time when His joy will be fulfilled, when He comes for His own? We are in the eleventh hour. The glories of heaven and sitting at His Father's right hand can no more keep Him back than when He came to the earth as a babe. The love of the souls He came to redeem made Him leave the glory at that time, and love will again make Him leave.

When did He come? In the fullness of time. It was when men mused: "Art thou He that shall come, or look we for another?" for all the people were in expectation. The eager expectation of the saints for His return is one of the signs today.

They asked John the Baptist, "Art thou He that shall come?" No, it was not He, it was the forerunner. He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord." It was a Spirit-given voice preparing the way. Have you heard the voice of the Spirit in the Latter Rain? God has sent the Forerunner, and He speaks. Blessed are they who have recognized and received the message of the voice of the Spirit.

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness!" Some may have accounted it a wail, a discordant voice, a wilderness voice! But blessed were they who heard and heeded it. It was the voice the

Spirit gave for that hour. And the same voice, the voice of the Spirit, men are mocking today. They speak with great contempt of the "stammering lips and another tongue" (Isa. 28:11; 1 Cor. 14:21), but this voice gives the message, "Behold, I come quickly."

We may expect the same treatment today. Herod shut John the Baptist up in prison, and cut off his head to silence the voice. And the Herods today would shut up the voice and take off the head to silence the voice. It was the most terrible voice of that day. From the king down to the soldier, from the head of the state to the lowest servant of the state, they were affected by that voice.

The sound is gone forth over all the earth today (Rom. 10:18), and it is agitating and annoying those who hear the voice. The inspired apostle, commenting on this voice, says, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not"—the Pharisees, the religious ones, the unbelieving who call themselves "believers."

Keep not back the Spirit when He speaks forth in His own language either on the public square or in a private room. Yes, it is a sign that shall be spoken against. Have you cried in the streets, or only in the public assembly? Has the publican heard it? Has the soldier heard it? The Word of God says, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet."

You want the coming of the Lord? Then be prepared to do the work of John the Baptist. What was he? A

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seeming failure! For his own disciples went and joined the Messiah. Be content to be a voice, and let Him use the voice. The fire bell on the tower may not save many lives of itself, but it warns, and those who hear and heed can be saved. Be content to be a voice to warn. And God is giving a supernatural voice for the times.

It has not entered into the mind of man to conceive the beauties of that place that our Lord Jesus has gone to prepare for us. And soon the welcome will be sounded out, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, to the place prepared for you." Christ said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." A place fit for Him to dwell in! That we might dwell with Him! No more going out. DWELL!

Christ said to His disciples, "A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me." Their hearts were heavy because He said, "Ye shall not see Me." But whose heart was heaviest? He could not bear to leave them, so as it were, He said to them: "I will not leave you comfortless, I cannot bear to leave you altogether, and so I am sending you the Comforter until I come Myself. And He will be so true and faithful to Me. He will glorify Me, He will take of the things of Mine and show them unto you; and He will tell you things to come. It is the best you can have during the time of probation here below. You could not bear a fuller revelation of the glory. I have to come through My Spirit unto you. I could not come any other way because of the glory. I shall be glorified outside of you, even in heaven, but when He shall come He shall glorify Me within."

And so when the Lord Jesus comes, it will be glory meeting glory, the glorified Christ within meeting the glorified Christ in the heavens.

Water will seek its own level, and glory will seek its own nature. You may not realize the glorified Christ within, but if the Holy Ghost is within, He will and does glorify Jesus, and the glorified Christ within is waiting for the first opportunity to meet the glorified Christ on the throne.

The babe's cry draws the mother, and the mother's voice awakens a response in the heart of the child, even though

there may be a brick wall between them. They hear, and their hearts go out to each other even though they cannot see. Why? It is one nature answering to the other. Have you an eager longing to hear the voice of your Beloved, saying, "Rise up, My love, My fair one, and come away"? Do you think He put that longing in you to mock you? Ah, He satisfies the longing soul, He fills the hungry. How does He fill? One way is by a bursting out and overflowing of the fountain within—an overflowing that envelopes the saint.

Have you ever seen popcorn popped? The corn is especially selected. It is put upon the fire and the heat bursts the corn, and from the heart within which bursts, the whole is transformed, unrecognizable, but glorious in its whiteness. And the Lord takes a chosen people out from the world, a peculiar people. And the heat of His love within the heart will burst the heart, will transform and glorify, and it will be transformed into a glorious whiteness.

The corn as it pops ascends but comes down again. The saints will be caught up, in spite of the laws of gravitation, in spite of the watching and waiting enemy, who seeks to devour the seed, and this time the laws of gravitation will be absolutely neutralized.

Those who watch the popcorn heat will note that the inside as it bursts open unfolds and enfolds the husk, so that *it* is almost lost sight of. So the inner life, when fully manifested, will so clothe and cover the outward, that mortality will be swallowed up of life. We will be caught up before the devil has a chance. We read in Revelation 12 that he watched the woman who gave girth to the man child, but it was caught up before he had a chance to devour it.

Do you want to know when? You have noticed that when there was sufficient heat applied, the corn burst. Some kernels were in advance of others, the greater mass was at one time. But some did not burst at all, and these kernels were thrown aside. In the parable of the sower, there were some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundredfold, and some never germinated at all. Seek to be a hundredfold Christian.

Of the times and seasons knoweth no man. No man! But the Spirit knows. He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto us. The servant knoweth not what his lord doeth, but Jesus calls us no longer servants, but friends. A friend is entitled to know, and Christ has promised that the Spirit shall show. The Spirit will reveal the deep things, the secret things of God. Simeon had revealed to him that he should not see

LO, HE COMETH!

Lo, He cometh! Lo, He cometh!
Not as once He came to earth—
For His bed a manger lowly
Through the gate of human birth;
Not to walk with feet a-wearied
Through a world of sin and pain,
By His own despised, rejected—
Lamb of God, for sinners slain.

Now in majesty He cometh,
Cloudy splendors wrap Him 'round;
Wake, ye dead, and list, ye living—
Hark! the trumpet's awful sound!
Now His face is like the lightning,
And His eyes are like a flame;
Lion of the Tribe of Judah,
Heaven and earth adore His name.

Lo, He cometh! Lo, He cometh!
Bride and Spirit echo "Come";
Come to heal Thy hurt creation,
Come to take Thy people home.
Mount the throne, O Son of David,
Take the sceptre, Prince of Peace;
Come—and hush the drums' loud
beating;
Come—and bid all conflict cease.

Come—and furl the flags of warfare;
Come—and sheathe the nations'
swords;

Come—and reign in truth and justice,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Come in power, come in glory,
Come to take Thy kingdom—come;
Even so, O King and Bridegroom,
Even so, Lord Jesus, come!

—Annie Johnson Flint.

death until he had seen the Lord's Christ. He did not go to the Temple to get the revelation; he got it before he went there. He did not get it in public, but he made it public when he saw the Babe, who was none other than the Son of God.

Christ Will Meet Your Need

The children of Israel had to march around Jericho, and to shout, before the walls went down. They were doubtless a great derision to the people of Jericho as they walked around day by day. The men of Jericho would say with scorn, "Priests with rams' horns to take a walled city!"

The walls did not go down the first time the children of Israel encompassed the city, nor the second time, nor at the sixth time around on the seventh day. But in God's appointed time the walls fell down flat. The shout of victory was given at the crucial moment.

Do not despise the day of small things. Simply obey the Word of God, and in due time the victory is assured.

God could prepare a worm to thresh a mountain. God is not even confined to any one people for a revival. The Samaritan woman brought a revival to

the city of Sychar, and the disciples were left outside. We read, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman, which testified, 'He told me all that ever I did.'" John 4:39.

God can raise up a Samaritan woman in many a place to be His missionary; the disciples, for the time being, put in the background. God hears and answers prayer, and His ear is ever open to the cry of His people. Learn to cry persistently. Learn to be importunate. He may test your faith as He did the children of Israel in the conquest of Jericho, but be assured that at the right time there shall be the shout of victory and the walls of Jericho will fall down flat.

"He must needs go through Samaria." John 4:4. Needs bring the Saviour. You, like the woman of Sychar, will leave your waterpot without regrets, for you will have Him. And He will provide a well of water springing up into everlasting life. As you drink of Him, out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water, rivers abundant and satisfying for the most thirsty soul! Do not be dismayed over seeming delay. Christ walked to Samaria. But He arrived at the right time, to meet the right person, with the right message, and the whole city of Sychar was blessed.

Christ sees the need today; and when the need is gratest, He will come and do all that you require. You have pleaded, you have cried, you may have wept before Him. Be sure that the answer is on the way. It is on the way for your own heart, for your own family, for your own community. The blessing is for an appointed time, and then it will not tarry.

Know . . . Reckon . . . Yield

Romans 6 gives us three porches in the entrance to a life of positive victory. It is important that we should apprehend the relationship between these three exhortations, and understand their all-inclusiveness.

To *know*, that is the precept of victory; to *reckon*, that is the practice of victory; and to *yield*, that is the principle of victory. To *know* concerns the Word of God; to *reckon*, concerns the Work of God; and to *yield*, concerns the Will of God.

To *know* is the fact of deliverance; to *reckon* is the factor of deliverance; and to *yield* is the faculty of deliverance. The first has to do with the mind; the second has to do with the heart; the third has to do with the will.—Capt. Reginald Wallis.

Either we must destroy any known wilful sin, or it will destroy us.

Uncle Ben's New Religion

Phil and Louis Palermo

LIVING conditions in Italy at the beginning of the century were anything but favorable and promising. It is therefore no wonder that ambitious Italian families, hearing of the golden opportunities in America, left their native land and ventured forth on the long journey through the Mediterranean and across the ocean to "the land of equality and opportunity."

All the way to Chicago our parents came, in the year 1906, hopeful that life in the new land would be happy and bright.

Uncle Ben was the youngest of the six children in Dad's family. He was the first to have any contact with the "new religion." Like most immigrants, he was doing outside work as a common laborer. Things were not going so well one day and he started to curse and swear. It happened—in the providence of God—that a Christian laborer, Joseph Marchese, with whom he was working, overheard the profanity. Tactfully and kindly he asked Uncle Ben why he took God's name in vain in this way.

"Because I'm lost," Uncle Ben admitted.

The Christian friend then took time to tell Uncle Ben about One who could take away the desire to curse and give him a peace of mind and heart that he had never known. Uncle Ben listened attentively and also accepted the New Testament offered. "Read this book," he told Uncle Ben, "and call upon the name of the Lord for deliverance from sin, and He will save you and you will not want to take His name in vain again."

Through the remainder of the day and after returning to his home for the night, the Holy Spirit kept dealing with our uncle. The precious seed of God's Word had been planted in the heart and gave the Spirit something to work on. That same night, after supper, Uncle Ben told his family what had taken place at work. Then he took his newly acquired Testament from his pocket and for the first time in his life proceeded to read the Bible. He gathered his wife and three children around the table for this purpose. His wife wanted to know where he had obtained the Testament and had other questions to ask about the new experience, but Uncle Ben was persistent and said, "Let's all get down on our knees and call upon the name of the Lord and ask Him to save us."

This was the beginning of new life in Uncle Ben's home. The light of God broke through their sin-darkened minds and the love of God filled their hearts. Our Uncle Ben and his family were transformed by the power of Christ.

The next Sunday Uncle Ben and his family attended, for the first time in their lives, an Italian Protestant church on the near west side of Chicago. It was there that Uncle Ben and his family learned the songs and choruses that they later sang over and over again to us on their frequent visits to our home.

Our uncle was faithful and persistent in witnessing to us. He did not come for one or two Sundays merely, or for a few months, and then get discouraged and quit, as so many of us would have done under similar circumstances, but he came with his family for almost six years, patiently and tactfully sowing the good seed of the Word, in season and out of season, and watering the seed with much prayer and intercession. He evidently had confidence in the power of God's Word to eventually do its work in our hearts, never losing patience or giving up, as so many would have done.

Being under conviction of sin—as we saw the transformed life of our uncle—Dad became more and more angry with Uncle Ben and pushed him out of our house again and again. Such treatment drove our uncle to God in prayer more earnestly. Seeing no visible results from his witnessing, he took less time for visiting and talking and more time for intercession in our behalf. He held on to God in prayer and took his burden of prayer to the group of believers with whom he worshiped. He had the whole church centering its prayers especially for our family. He prayed that something would happen in our family that would turn our hearts to God.

Mother was usually quite healthy, having raised a family of eight boys and one girl (poor girl!). She became ill and complained that there was pain in her

side. We noticed how she held her hand on her side and pressed hard. Finally she suffered such pain that we took her to the West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park. The doctors there could not help her, so we took her to the Columbus Hospital on Polk street in Chicago, where she was examined by four specialists and had X rays taken. The last specialist who diagnosed the case discovered that mother had cancer of the stomach. He took Dad into the next room and said,

"Mr. Palermo, I hate to tell you this, but your wife has a very bad cancer and has but a few days to live. You might as well go home and order a casket. We doctors can do no more for your wife. Only God can undertake in this case."

We hadn't told Mother the seriousness of her condition, but when she saw Dad in tears she urged him to tell her what the doctor had told him.

"Well," he said, "if you want to know, the doctor said you have cancer of the stomach and can not live very long. He said the doctors can do nothing for you, but that only God can undertake in this case."

She answered, "That's all right! If the doctor said that only God can undertake for me, then I'll try God and pray as Ben told me to do."

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But God started to work after Dad left the hospital. At six o'clock that evening Mother's pains became almost too much to bear. There was a little crucifix on the wall above her bed and she began to pray, but not in the customary way. She prayed, "Dear Lord, I don't want to pray to You as You are there—a God made of wood or stone, but I want to pray to You *in spirit and in truth.*"

Mother had never prayed like that before but had only "said prayers" that she had learned in her childhood—prayers to this or that saint. But this time she wasn't taking any chances. She was in earnest so she prayed directly to the Lord.

She continued, "Lord, if you take this cancer away from me, I'll go to that Protestant church that my brother-in-law has been telling me about and get saved, even if it's the worst religion in the world."

Something happened when Mother prayed like that. She didn't have very much faith but what little faith she did have, she put into action, and God healed her and saved her in that instant. Praise the Lord! She felt such a joy and peace come into her heart. She said it felt just as if a hand were pulling a knife from her stomach and that the pain was gone.

That was at six o'clock in the evening. Shortly thereafter she fell asleep. She hadn't slept for many nights, but now

*Is any among
you afflicted?
Let him pray.*

James 5:13

she rested peacefully until midnight, when a commotion in the room awakened her. An elderly woman in the next bed in the same ward was ringing for a nurse, but no nurse came to wait on the poor woman, so Mother got up from her bed and helped her. Mind you, Mother was supposed to be dying of cancer!

When Mother got back to her bed she noticed that she wasn't holding her fist in her side any more, where the pain was. She exclaimed, "Praise the Lord, and thank You, Jesus!"

Mother was a new creature in Christ Jesus. God saved her and healed her that night. She could hardly wait until morning to express her joy. She was saying to herself, "Just wait until I get back home to my family and friends and neighbors; I'm going to tell them what God has done for me and how He came into my heart and saved me from sin and healed my body." That very night—in the middle of the night—Mother gave her testimony to the others in the ward, and they marveled at the miracle, knowing how she had suffered.

Mother did not sleep any more that night. At seven o'clock in the morning she got up from her bed and was sitting up when the nurses came to her ward. They said to one another, "Poor Mrs. Palermo! She is out of her head." They knew that the doctors had given her up but did not know that God hadn't given her up. Mother asked the nurses for her clothes, saying she wanted to go home. She told the nurses that Jesus had come into her heart and saved her and healed her from the cancer. Then the nurses were sure that she had gone crazy, but Mother answered back with a "broken handwriting" and said, "Me no craze. Jesus saved me and heala me. Me no got cancer no more!"

But the nurses wouldn't give her her clothes, so she waited for something else to happen. She began to pray for God to send someone from our family to visit her. She had just finished praying when our brother Carl, who worked for a taxi company at the time, got off the elevator and came down the hall. When Mother saw him, she thanked God for answering her prayer. She told Carl how Jesus had saved and healed her. Carl could hardly believe her because he knew that the doctors had given her up to die.

Mother told Carl, "We must all join Uncle Ben's religion."

Carl promised, "If the Lord healed you like this, we'll go beyond Uncle Ben's religion!"

Soon after that Uncle Ben walked into the hospital to visit Mother and when Mother saw him she shouted, "Praise the Lord, Ben, Jesus healed me and saved me!"

Ben shouted, "Hallelujah!" It is no wonder that Uncle Ben had joy and vic-

tory in his soul. Now he was beginning to see the result of his faithful witnessing in our home. Now, after six long years, his prayers were beginning to be answered.

We heard somebody's brakes squeak in front of our house. We recognized Carl's cab, but we didn't dream that Mother would be coming home in a cab, because when we took her out of the house, to the hospital, we had to carry her out. But now she was coming home in a cab, if you please! We could hardly believe our own eyes when Mother got out of the cab and started to walk on her own two feet.

When Mother came up on the porch, she had a big smile on her face and the first thing she said was, "Praise the Lord! Jesus has taken the cancer away from me and has also saved me!"

We were surprised to hear Mother praising the Lord. She had never talked about the Lord before. It was something new for us to hear from her lips. Thank God, He had changed her speech. She was indeed a new creature in Christ Jesus.

We were very glad, of course, that Mother was well, and God was beginning to speak to our hearts, too. We children got together and said, "What do you say we all go to that church where Uncle Ben goes! If they could take cancers away from anybody like that, why, we will all get saved."

We all continued to attend the meetings in this little church until we all had accepted Christ as our Saviour. As I have told some folks, "This salvation is just like chicken pox—if you hang around you'll surely catch it!" That's what we did! We stayed under the preaching of the Gospel and really got saved—delivered from the power of sin in our lives.

We were the first family in our neighborhood in Melrose Park to become Protestants, and we received so much persecution from friends and loved ones that we moved into Chicago. Mother was perplexed because all our neighbors were so disturbed about "changing her religion." They almost made her feel like a sinner, so Mother decided to go and see our priest and ask him if she had done wrong. She talked with him for about an hour and a half and testified to him of what the Lord had done

for her. Then she asked him point-blank if she had done the right thing. "Right here in the presence of God I want you to tell me the truth: did I do the right thing?"

He stood up and took his little cap off and said, "Mrs. Palermo, it is possible to be saved, but please don't say a word to anybody about it around here."

Mother shouted, "Praise the Lord! I promised the Lord that I would tell what He has done for me to everybody I came in touch with."

From that time on Mother has been a faithful witness for Christ, and God has used her to win many souls.—Condensed from *The Evangelical Beacon*.

Our Spiritual Heritage

THE Holy Ghost is like a great telescope. You see glory afar off; He brings glory nigh. It is written, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye: for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." 1 Peter 4:14. Be content to let it rest. Some men have honors rest upon them. Some have cares. Some, applause. Some, weight of offices. The saints can have the best of all—the weight of the glory of God. If the Spirit of God rests upon you, nothing else can. Not even the slander, the reproof and the reproach of the world.

When you respond to the Saviour's invitation, "Come unto Me . . . and I will give you rest," expect that the Spirit of God will rest upon you. It is the heritage of God's people here to have the Spirit of glory and of God resting upon them.

A pauper can be a mighty prince because of God's Spirit resting upon him. It is written, "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty: He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." Zeph. 3:17.

You need fear nothing—disappointment, losses or afflictions—if so be that you have God's Spirit resting upon you. You will have nothing to fear in time, and in God's own time the Spirit of God will lift you up into glory itself.

Words of Wisdom

Tertullian, the Christian writer, speaking to women whose true conversion had freed them from the world's vanities, said: "Let simplicity be to you for a lovely complexion, modesty a roseate bloom, and discretion the grace of your lips. Fix in your ears the words of God, and upon your neck the yoke of Christ. Array yourselves in the silk of sincerity and in the fine linen of a saintly life. With such adornments, God will be your Lover."

The Power of the Blood

God spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house." Ex. 12:3. There might be a large household, but the lamb was sufficient. When the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the two side-posts and the upper doorpost of the house, God saw that it was sufficient.

A scarlet thread saved the household of the harlot Rahab. It was a big family, but all under the protection of that scarlet thread were saved.

When God made known to Abraham that Sodom was to be destroyed, Abraham made intercession, and God was not unmindful of his continual sacrifices, and was willing to save the whole of Lot's household. Souls saved out of wicked Sodom because of the intercession and the sacrifices of Abraham!

But today we know of a greater sacrifice than those offered by Abraham, the sacrifice of the Lamb of God upon the cross of Calvary. The Blood of this sacrifice avails alike for you and for your household. There is victory over all the power of the enemy through the Blood of God's Lamb. Magnify the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. It brings salvation. Lift up the Lamb and His atoning Blood in song and in testimony. Some may misunderstand you, they may deride you, but some may think.

In response to the intercession and the sacrifices of Abraham, the angels laid hold of Lot's hand and that of his wife, and those of his daughters, the Lord being merciful to them, and brought them forth from the city of Sodom. God will hear your prayers and will honor the merits of the Blood of Calvary's Sacrifice, and use His own means of bringing out some of the modern Sodoms. Do not magnify the wickedness of the modern Sodoms, but magnify the grace that is able to take the individuals out of this wickedness.

Some may dwell "where Satan's seat is," but remember that grace is active—ever seeking to save the lost. Pray, and through the Spirit grace will be directed to individuals. Christ said, "Ask," and He also said, "Every one that asketh receiveth." Matt. 7:7, 8. Don't belittle your prayers. They are registered above, and they are working below.

It is written, "They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel." Psalm 78:41. Do not limit the power of the Blood of Calvary's Sacrifice. Do not limit the grace that comes from Him who died on Calvary and ever lives to bring to you the grace that flows from Calvary's Sacrifice. Have faith in His blood. Have faith in His grace. Every time you bemoan yourself of your shortcomings, you are limiting the power of the Blood to cleanse and to bring victory. God knows no defeat—only victory. He wants His people to stand on His side and know only victory.

Modern Miracles

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Still our task is just begun in ministering to our servicemen.

Modern Miracles

Thousands have been saved at crowded altars in services held on military posts and in training areas. Raymond T. Richey has taken his Red, White and Blue Tent to scores of training centers. From the first two weeks the tent was up at Camp Blanding near Starke, Florida, where 1612 came to an old-fashioned altar for old-fashioned salvation in 1941, through the months that followed thousands have found Christ. To this day that beautiful cathedral, veteran of a dozen storms and torn to the ground on some occasions, witnesses the gospel dispensed in saving power.

In Miami, Florida, it was erected near

an Army Air Corps school, where 1200 men took communion at one communion service, and frequently over 3,000 men heard the gospel message. Through Southern camps, to the Western bases, and on to the Pacific Northwest, where at the request of Mayor Wm. F. Devin it was erected in the heart of Seattle, war workers and servicemen alike rejoiced in salvation through the blood of Jesus.

The Navy has transported wounded from a dozen battle fronts back to our home-base military hospitals for treatment and convalescence. Modern transportation, in accomplishing this, has made it possible for John Sitton to lead hundreds to Christ as he devotes his time tirelessly to gospel work in these hospitals. He reports that it is common for 40 or 50 to accept Christ in one day's work as he visits the wards and gives them a New Testament or a tract and a gospel testimony.

Thanks to the Air Transport Command, Del Grant preached to thousands of men who are stationed through the Yukon Territory and above the Arctic Circle, along the Arctic Sea and at Nome on the edge of the Bering Sea. Later, Naval Air transportation permitted me to preach to men stationed through the Aleutian chain, to men who made up the task force that took the Island of Kiska and to those who bombed the Paramashiro Islands of Japan's Kurile chain. Across the submarine-infested waters, Del Grant has witnessed miracles of saving grace, as he ministered to men of the North Atlantic patrol who are based in Newfoundland and islands to the north.

On a Georgia hillside, one night so cold that I shivered in an overcoat, there were seven hundred men who sat bundled in coats and blankets to hear a gospel message, and when I gave the invitation, over half of that entire crowd moved forward to accept Christ. They could have been at a theater or a dance or in bed, but they came, many of them weeping as they gave their hearts to Christ. Another night aboard one of our naval craft, even before an invitation was given, 39 men stood to their feet, led by a shipmate and came repenting of sins to surrender their lives to the Lord. In a Western camp, 65 men, including four officers, knelt at an old-fashioned altar and prayed, many in tears, asking forgiveness of sins. Recently, after being away six months I visited that camp and found that without a chaplain, even though they had never before seen an altar, those men have been conducting regular services and a sergeant is doing the preaching. "We have an altar call at every service, too," he said when telling me about their faithfulness.

Pastor Meng at one California camp is doing a most commendable work for God. His church is attended by dozens of servicemen, good Christian boys, most of them, who take an active part in all of his church programs, and even his home is theirs for the asking. They make it home, too, and lounge in his parlor, or eat from his cupboard. Still there are 70,000 men stationed there, and this busy pastor, taken up with his regular pastoral duties, cannot finance or carry on a program of evangelism to meet the barest needs of the unsaved thousands. Pastor Claor in South Carolina, a capable man and a good pastor, is able to reach only a few dozens of the more than 100,000 men stationed at Ft. Jackson. A camp of 100,000 would be equal to the number of men of military age resident in the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, or of Dallas, Ft. Worth,

and Austin, combined. In Columbus, Ga., our pastors are doing a splendid work, and often have upward of 50 men from Ft. Benning attending their services, yet make little or no impression on the great number of men stationed there.

The Gantlet of Sin

The approach to many army camps is lined with taverns, liquor stores, dance dens and other places of questionable character. The main streets of most of the small towns near which the majority of our principal camps are built have given ample space to assorted establishments of sin and vice. In a number of military areas this has been so prominent that military officers have placed the entire town out of bounds to protect the men. A few days ago I visited Scott Field, Ill., to find the chaplains with an indictment against church people of that entire area for having been entirely oblivious to the spiritual needs of the thousands of servicemen stationed there. Bellville, the city near by, affords innumerable places of ill fame and an ample supply of liquor. However, there is no place in this town where the men can receive a spiritual lift, the chaplains are confident that a Christian center would be the answer to the problems of hundreds of men, would protect many who may otherwise be enticed into the halls of sin, and would win hundreds who have never yet found Christ—so preventing spiritual casualties.

It takes more than a bright auditorium, a noisy juke box, free doughnuts, and pretty girls to drive lonesomeness and discouragement from a young fellow's heart. The Navy and the Army place doctors at stations where they expect casualties. If we are alert to the need and the dangers, would it not be wise to place workers at strategic places to snatch men as brands from the burning?

Guard Against Casualties

The Centers for Christian fellowship are far too few to meet the need in any appreciable way. No! Local churches are not able to meet the need. They are away from the centers around which men move, and do not reach even a small part of the unsaved servicemen. Some of our best work is accomplished in bus and railway stations, between 10 p. m. and midnight. Of course they could come and see the pastor, but how many boys would visit a pastor at other than church hours? Very few, and there still remain the thousands of unsaved who would visit a clean place of Christian environment if it were conveniently located and thus become subject to the alert testimony of Christian workers.

Victims of Neglect

Recently I met a drunken soldier boy and found him to be a former Christ's Ambassadors president of a Western district. The son of a Baptist preacher came and poured out a tale of sin as he surrendered his heart to Christ. In a bus station a soldier staggered through the door. He had come from a fine Christian home in Mississippi, and was now a backslider because of the neglect of the means of grace to which he had been accustomed. These are only three of scores of such incidents that any army camp worker might mention. In the building of any army there are many casualties in the course of training, and it is there that precautions are taken and instructions given to prevent casualties on the battle front. Our medical authorities are making every possible effort to preserve the men physically, but how much more important it is that *every possible* effort be made to preserve them spiritually and at any cost.

In civil life frequent evangelistic programs are offered to give men an opportunity to confess their sins to Christ and to stir them for God. In military service unless an occasional evangelical chaplain gives a gospel invitation, there is little opportunity for any such move for God, and few men will turn to Christ unless some opportunity is given. A strong program of evangelism would bring thousands of men into contact with Christ and to salvation through His blood. This would reap a great harvest among those who, facing the horrors of war, realize their need of seeking God.

An officer from aboard one of our battleships, though a Catholic, pleaded for a liberal supply of evangelistic Protestant literature.

Three chief measures are at our disposal to reach the unsaved and prevent tremendous casualties among our men at war. First, to distribute gospel literature in such abundant quantities and by such efficient distribution that no man will be missed. Second, establishment of Centers of Christian environment and service at every military training area, so that any man will find easily accessible and always available, a refuge from the atrocious attacks of the enemy. Third, the carrying on of a program of evangelism that will send workers into every training area and military post that is accessible, carrying the message of salvation to men who may never be reached in civil life. It can be done, and if it isn't done, we cannot lay the blame for sons lost at anyone else's door. The opportunity is at hand and the door is open. Another year will be too late for many.

"Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

Matt. 20:6. There is something you can do; if not to be a worker, then to make possible other workers who can go, or the distribution of gospel literature in your area.

Dare we rejoice in the glories of the past and not accept the challenge of the future?

Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

Do you really *study* your Bible? Have a spiritual stock-taking and find out just how much time you have devoted to it during the past month.

The study of God's Word not only keeps our pathway pure (Spanish Version of Psalm 119:9), but also prepares us to be useful to the Lord for all eternity.

This little life takes on tremendous importance when we realize that it is the training school for our eternal life-work in the glory.

Those who have really labored and suffered down here will be those most useful to their Master up there. Matt. 25:23; Luke 19:17; 2 Tim. 2:12.

In Dr. Torrey's farewell sermon he urged all Christians to study the Scriptures daily, systematically, comprehensively, topically, attentively, believingly, obediently, and prayerfully.

He illustrated the need of study by telling how he visited the stockyards in Chicago and saw tons and tons of beef; and then in a little restaurant partook of a delicious, juicy beefsteak.

All the miles of beef were *seen* by him; but it was only the half pound he *ate* that did him any good.

Let us devote ourselves more than ever to the real *study* of God's life-giving Word, eating it for our own soul's growth and storing it up to hand out to others.

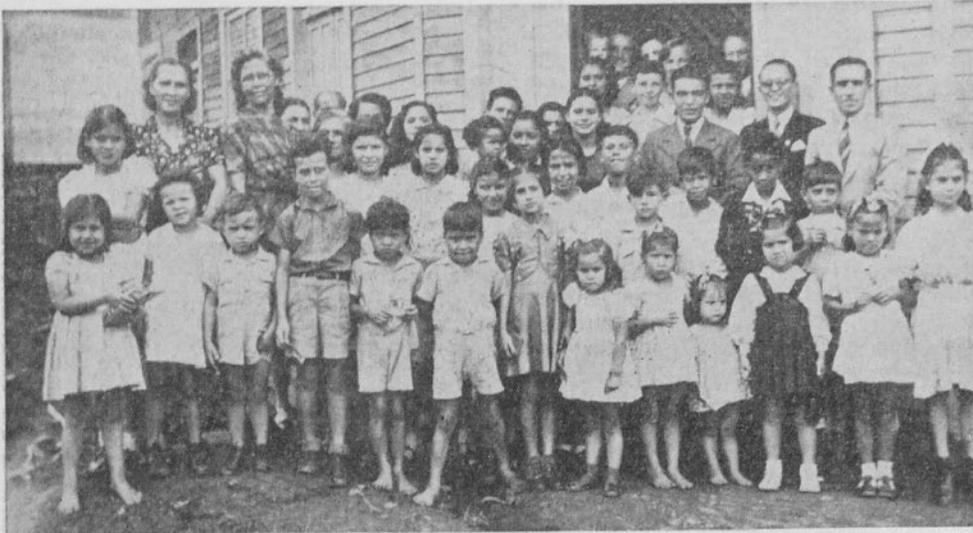
On Christ the Solid Rock

A Welsh lady, when she lay dying, was visited by her minister. He said to her, "Sister, are you sinking?" She answered him not a word, but looked at him with an incredulous eye. He repeated the question, "Sister, are you sinking?" She looked at him again as if she could not believe he would ask such a question. At last, rising a little in her bed, she said, "Sinking! Sinking! Did you ever know anyone to sink through a rock? If I had been standing on the sand, I might sink; but, thank God, I am on the Rock of Ages, and there is no sinking there."—C. H. Spurgeon.

"Many souls stumble into hell over two persons—the moral outsider and the immoral insider."

God's Best for Costa Rica

W. L. Perrault



Sunday School in San Jose, Costa Rica

The steward slipped the covers into place over each of the windows of the big Douglas airliner as we sailed along high above the mountain peaks of Central America. Shortly afterwards the motors ceased their throbbing roar while we glided down the airport of San Jose, Costa Rica. My first introduction to Costa Rica, therefore, was not the sight of the old capital nestling on the tableland, ringed by mountain peaks, but a very definite jolt as the wheels of the plane touched again, a sudden jolt because with the windows covered we had no way of knowing how close we might be or just when the first contact with earth would take place. That jolt was prophetic of the experiences that awaited us in this new land, including our first earthquake which jarred us considerably one morning as we were gathered around the breakfast table. The greatest shocks, however, have been felt in the realm of the spiritual.

First Impressions

Some years spent in the heat of the tropics had thinned our blood so that it was with a sense of shock that we stepped from the plane into the bracing, cold air of a Costa Rican winter, for here the seasons are reversed. The rainy season which usually lasts from March or April until November or December is called winter because of the cool dark days, while the dry season, in spite of the high winds and increased cold, is our summer, for then the sun shines brightly all day, almost without interruption. San Jose, the capital, is situated on the Central Plateau some 3,500 feet above sea level; hence the extreme cold. The city itself is very attractive. It boasts of no remarkable buildings, though some of the private residences are very artistically constructed—but the cool,

agreeable climate, the well-closed-in homes with their glass windows, the pleasant streets and busy stores and shops, the jostling market place in the heart of the city, the ox carts rumbling to and fro with their gaudily painted disk wheels, all combine to present an old-world scene that is truly pleasing. In spite of the modern cars and buses, one feels as if transported to an age gone by.

The majority of the inhabitants of Costa Rica are of genuine Spanish descent and proud of their white blood. However, there are some of Indian extraction, and some Negroes in the hotter coastal regions where the climate is evidently more to their liking and work may be found on the banana plantations.

The thing that interests us above all is the progress of the gospel in Costa Rica. Several evangelical bodies have some work in the republic, but seemingly the full gospel message has never been preached as no one seemed to know its great truth. We are finding hungry hearts wherever we go.

First Assembly Opened

While there is religious liberty in Costa Rica, a land that above all prides itself on its democratic principles, Roman Catholic sentiment and traditions are very strong, so that the carrying on of the work is not altogether easy. Street meetings are prohibited and it is extremely difficult to find anyone who will rent a hall or building for religious services not connected with the established church.

In January, 1943, some months after our arrival in the country, terminating a long and patient search, we finally located a hall in process of construction on one of the poorer streets of San Jose, near the edge of the city. Without emphasizing the purpose

for which the building was to be used, we succeeded in renting it. There in that same month our first Assembly in Costa Rica was opened.

We moved in as soon as the paint on the walls was sufficiently dry, before the exterior of the building was finished or the sidewalk begun. Thereupon the owner, seeing no use in continuing the improvements at a further expense just to keep his word to us, abandoned the work and settled back to collect his monthly rent, deaf to our entreaties that the building be finished. To make matters worse, when the rainy season commenced about half the floor began to show signs of seepage and from last March until the present time it has never been dry. Since the people are afraid to sit with their feet on the damp part of the floor, our congregation shuns that half of the church.

As soon as benches and furniture could be finished we began our first services, happy that at last we had a place where we might worship God in the Spirit. Unless you have been where there is no such place, you will not be able to appreciate fully just what that means. Our first Sunday School was rather weak, consisting of about five children and one adult. The night service was even more difficult. It had to be held by candle light, since we had been unable to purchase a light permit.

First Converts

The second Sunday morning in the new hall, God began to work. A young man, very dejected in appearance and poorly dressed, came in and sat down, remaining until the close of the Sunday School. He told me that his daughter was ill and he was on his way home with some medicine for her. He had entered the hall merely out of curiosity but had found it impossible to leave. He said he owned a New Testament which had been given him while in the hospital but he knew nothing of the gospel other than the little he had read. I suggested that we kneel down at once and pray for the healing of his daughter, and as we prayed God touched his heart. The daughter was healed and the next Sunday morning she was in the Sunday School with her sister and little brother. Soon the mother came too, then the father returned, the whole family accepting the Lord as their personal Saviour. The mother-in-law began to cause difficulty in the home, saying that she could not possibly discontinue her adoration of the Virgin, but soon she too was saved and the family became one in the Lord. This father was one of the most ardent Communist workers, having been a leader in such activities for some years.

At this time we enjoyed a visit from Brother H. C. Ball who held special services during which about eight souls sought salva-

tion at the mission altar. It seemed, however, that perhaps Brother Ball's greatest ministry was to the missionaries, encouraging us to believe that in spite of opposition and outward circumstances, Pentecostal preaching could not fail to attract hungry hearts everywhere and that our work must spread out beyond the little corner in which it had begun. Such has indeed been the case. All through the summer God was working in our services in a remarkable way. Souls were saved and lives transformed by His power, until our mission was at times filled to capacity, some coming from the other side of the city to see what God was doing here.

During Brother Ball's visit, two young denominational minister came to our home requesting us to pray that they might receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Their visit continued throughout the summer. In October we received a letter from one of these young men, Israel Garcia, asking if he might be accepted as a worker and so remain with us, since he believed as we do and was hungry for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. We had been praying that God would give us a helper to take charge of this mission, leaving us free to open another church in a building which already has been purchased near the center of the city. After seeking the mind of the Lord, we felt this was His will and in November Israel came to take charge of our mission.

All this time the enemy had been working constantly against us. This continued opposition made us flee to the Lord as never before, until our lives seemed a constant cry to God, day and night. And the answer came as the answer always does when we seek God with all our hearts.

First Outpouring

For two weeks we had fasted and prayed at certain times, and about three weeks ago while we waited on God in a morning service, our son was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost. As he lay under the Power of God, I asked our new pastor, Israel, to turn in his Bible to Isaiah 28:12, 13. After reading the verses, he looked up with a shining face and said: "It is exactly like the Word." This made him more hungry than ever. The following Monday in our regular prayer service as we waited at the altar the glory of God came down and soon the pastor himself was filled with the Holy Ghost. Under the anointing of the Spirit, he went quickly to a friend of his, Daniel Santana, who also was seeking, and knelt behind him, praying in the Spirit. This young man, along with many others, was gloriously blessed that night, and he said he would not sleep until God had filled him. On reaching his home after the services he found the door locked so decided to go to the home of a friend. When he arrived this young man was in bed, but he got up and they went to prayer. Before long the power came down upon them and Daniel Santana went through to a genuine Pentecostal experience.

Since that night he has gone to and fro through the city, telling everywhere of his

experience. It has aroused much comment and a storm of opposition—but God continues to work. In our prayer service last Monday night, there was a crying to God such as I have seldom experienced in my ministry. Some were weeping bitterly, confessing their sins and imploring forgiveness. Soon almost all those present were trembling under the power of God. One young boy, about twelve years of age, was gloriously blessed, and since that night he has been going about distributing tracts, telling of the joy he feels in the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with him.

The Look Forward...

Costa Rica is a comparatively small land, with something less than 700,000 inhabitants, its capital, San Jose, having a population of 213,000. Yet never in our experience have we seen such need of the gospel. Our beginning has been small, but already the Holy Ghost has caused the word to be noised abroad and the little mission which houses our congregation is known in every part of the city.

So we look forward to the day that is coming when there shall be many to carry this wonderful full gospel message to every city and town of the Republic. In the near future we are expecting another missionary family, the Gruvers, to join our ranks, opening a work in the port town of Punta Arenas from which they will be able to reach the entire coastal area. But there are many more towns where the need is great; there is a great territory to be reached, and the laborers are still lacking to carry the message. Pray with us that the Lord will thrust forth laborers into His vineyard!

This last year we have realized as never before not only just what Satanic opposition can be, but also, our need of the prayers of God's people, that we may be able to resist the enemy and carry on in Jesus' name until the work is done for which the Lord has placed us here in Costa Rica.

SPIRITISM OR OUR RELIGION—WHICH?

Einar Peterson, Palma Soriano, Cuba

Felipe lived at Guayacanes, one of our outstations. This boy had been saved but later slipped back, as did three other members of the family. He was stricken with typhoid, and while he was in this condition his dad turned to the spiritists for help. The demon power was so strong in the house that the oldest daughter was afraid even to sleep there. But one sister and one brother, when they realized the terrible condition of the home, turned to the Lord. Felipe, also, before he passed away, called upon the Lord, and we are told that he died trusting in Jesus. Needless to say, the entire countryside was stirred by what they had witnessed. Some had not been certain which was right, spiritism or our religion—now their eyes were opened to the truth.

In response to the call of our local pastor, Brother Bauer and myself went to Guayacanes for the funeral. There in that home it was my privilege to give a simple gospel

message to more than a hundred people, some of whom were hearing the message for the first time. Forty men on horseback accompanied the casket to the cemetery which was over ten miles away, dismounting every so often to take their turn in carrying the casket. About half way there, many of the men began drinking and making a holiday of the event, so that it was impossible to have any kind of service at the cemetery. When there is a death here in Cuba we realize more forcibly than ever the intense heathen darkness that envelops the people. If they only knew our Jesus!

Not in Vain

In spite of some discouragements in the work lately, we are seeing a number of developments which cause our hearts to rejoice. How glad we are that our "labor is not in vain in the Lord." This past month a new Sunday School has been opened out in the country and interest is very good. We were invited also to hold a Bible class in a distant country school; the prospects there are good and we have an invitation to return this week.

With Jesus

A cable message from Belgian Congo brings the sad news of the passing of our missionary, Agnes Hammarberg.

Miss Hammarberg was born in Tuller-
asen, Sweden on December 26, 1895. She was an American by naturalization and went to Congo under our appointment in 1931. Apart from one furlough period, she remained in Africa from that time until the date of her promotion.

Miss Hammarberg was a faithful servant of the Lord, careful and methodical in her work. A knowledge of the French language enabled her to be of great value to the mission in correspondence with government officials of Congo. Her main ministry was as a teacher.

Well over a year ago her health began to fail. In March, 1942 she went to South Africa for several months of rest, which seemed to bring temporary relief, but after returning to Congo she soon lost ground and was unable to engage very much in active ministry.

The cable which conveyed this sad news does not give the date nor details of her passing, just the brief message, "Hammarberg with Jesus." While we sorrow at the loss of one who has been faithful and devoted to the cause of Christ, we know that for her it is far better. It means a release from the suffering of past months and a glad meeting with Him whom she has learned to love.



ARMOR FOR THE HEART

A New Testament was sent to a total stranger in the Coast Guard. The young man knew little or nothing of the New Testament but he accepted the copy and agreed to carry it with him and read it. The next day two enemy bullets hit the Testament which was in his breast pocket. The force of the bullets knocked him unconscious, but examination showed him to be uninjured. The Coast Guardsman was completely overcome when he realized how his life had been spared. He gladly accepted another Testament.

It is such stories as this that have inspired the Stutz Products Company of New York to produce a steel-covered Bible. Known as the Heart Shield Bible, it has 20-gauge steel front cover that will deflect a 38-caliber revolver bullet, or a partly spent 50-caliber machine-gun bullet. Comments *Christian Victory*: "No doubt some lives will be saved by the thousands of these Bibles that will be used by servicemen; but of far greater importance is the protection which the Word of God gives to the heart in a moral and spiritual sense! The Psalmist says, 'Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.' Psalm 119:11. Oh, that men everywhere would put the Word of God in their hearts! That would protect them from the ravages of sin and its deadening shrapnel."

"WILT THOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN?"

It is pointed out in *King's Business* that the revival of 1857 followed a great period of financial depression which turned princes of wealth into paupers overnight. Mighty fortunes were wrecked as by a tidal wave. Rich men became beggars. Everyone learned the instability of things. Following this terrible financial crash, men and women turned to God. They became exercised about spiritual matters. Religious conversation supplanted market. The secular press also turned to this subject. All ranks and classes of people were stirred to seek God. A strange fear followed men and women everywhere. A thrill possessed the hearts of thousands at once. In some towns in New England, there was scarcely one unconverted person. A marvelous spread of religious-mindedness over the whole land was as general as was the financial disaster before it. The whole movement was above and beyond every other sponsored by revivalists, as a seasonable shower is superior to a watering-can shower. It was acknowledged as a work of God. It is a work like this, beginning with God's people, as a preparation for the Lord's return, that is wanted everywhere now. Thousands have an intense desire that God may send a revival as great or greater than that which came in '57. Everyone of us ought to pray and labor for it.

MODERNIST MISSION SCHOOLS

The Christian Beacon gives an amazing report from Mr. Hitchcock of Lima, Peru. It states that Methodist mission schools in South America are actually teaching Roman Catholicism as their program of religious education. Their Colegio Maria Alvarado even refuses to use an alternate Protestant program authorized by the Minister of Education. These schools have been under indifferentist, or modernist, leadership; and this characterless leadership has capitulated to Romanism. The Free Church of Scotland College of St. Andrew, on the other hand, refuses to have anything to

do with Catholic programs, the report declares.

This papist instruction is given to Protestant children in Methodist schools as well as to Catholic children, the report continues. They are taught to cross themselves, observe a picture of the guardian angel, to sing a song to the Most Holy Mary, to visit Catholic churches and observe altar, ciborium, confessional, and so on, to collect Eucharistic picture cards, to learn to adore Jesus in the wafer, to name the feast days of the Most Holy Virgin, to study about the mass, about the popes, about the Vatican as the center of the spiritual unity of the world, about the powers Christ gave to His Catholic church and its censures and prerogatives, about the rosary, indulgences, liturgical vestments, and so on.

This report may not apply to *all* Methodist mission schools in South America; on the other hand, there are missionaries of certain other denominations who preach a modernistic, adulterated gospel that denies the fundamentals of the faith. All missionaries are not true missionaries of the Cross. God would have His people pray and use wisdom in deciding which missionary programs He would have them support with their gifts.

A PLEA FOR MODEST DRESS

The National Catholic Women's Union says that the styles of women's clothes in the last few years, and especially since Pearl Harbor, "have become progressively more offensive." The Union, in resolutions adopted at its annual meeting in August, asserted that "costumes for sport and play are shamelessly brief. Skirts have long been raised above the limits dictated by modesty and common decency; fabrics are diabolically employed to create a sensual allure." The Union commented on the argument that such clothes are patriotic because they save materials; it said: "So specious a claim could come only from corrupt minds contributing directly to the moral breakdown of the people in an act of treason, not one of patriotism."

The group urged that Catholic women pledge themselves "to dress decently at all times," and that they refrain from frequenting public beaches "where men and women wear the scantiest of bathing suits."

The Catholic women are to be commended for their stand. It is a true saying that "no nation rises any higher than the morals of its women," and indecent dress has no little effect on morals. The Scriptures exhort women to "adorn themselves in modest apparel." 1 Tim. 2:9.

A QUESTION

If I really, really trust Him,
Shall I ever fret?
If I really do expect Him,
Can I e'er forget?
If by faith I really see Him,
Shall I doubt His aid?
If I really, really, love Him,
Can I be afraid?

NOTICE

Brother Vogler is engaging in a field ministry while waiting for transportation to Australia. Mail will always reach him at 525 E. Washington St., Belleville, Illinois, or at 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. If marked "Personal" it will always be forwarded to him wherever he may be at the time.

Among the Assemblies

GARDENDALE, ALA. — We have just closed a very successful revival at our church. Six were gloriously saved, two were reclaimed, and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Robert Gowins was the evangelist.—Jack Fowler, Pastor.

LIVINGSTON, CALIF.—We have just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist T. M. Gray of Arizona. Seventeen or 18 were saved, and 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The power of God was manifested as in days of old, people falling under the power of God, dancing in the spirit, shouting and praising God. The Lord has been blessing us here. We took over the pastorate on May 4, and the Sunday School attendance has increased from 33 to 120.—J. C. and Mrs. Gaither, Pastors.

PUYALLUP, WASH.—December 19 was the closing day of a 6-week evangelistic campaign with Brother and Sister Winston I. Nunes at the Pentecostal Assembly of God. Evangelist Nunes is from the Isle of Trinidad in the British West Indies, and for several years has been evangelizing throughout Canada.

Many sought the Lord for salvation and a number of backsliders were reclaimed. The attendance was wonderful, and Sundays saw the

Please Bear With Us

Some have written us their regrets because of the absence of the Sunday School lessons in the *Pentecostal Evangel*, the weight and grade of paper used, and the reduction in the size of this publication. This has been made necessary because of paper shortages. Present conditions would indicate that this shortage may become still more acute throughout this year.

In other instances we were required to cut down on our publications, and we felt it advisable to eliminate one of our Sunday School secretary's record books. We found that approximately 45 per cent of our Schools are using the 4-6 Point Record System; so we prepared a secretary's book to include that system of records. The new book can be used just as conveniently by Schools not using the 4-6 Point System as the former book.

So we trust you will bear with us and that when you begin using the new Secretary's Record Book you study it carefully to see how it can be used to advantage in your School. This, we are sure, will prove to be the case.

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building filled to capacity. Brother Nunes spoke in the churches of four other denominations while here and under the auspices of the Puyallup Valley Ministerial Association, brought a Christmas gospel message to the entire student body of the Puyallup High School, numbering over 1100 students. We feel that not only our congregation but the entire community has been greatly benefited by the powerful and comprehensive messages of these six weeks.—A. B. Crabb, Pastor.

DELAWARE, OHIO—An excellent revival has been conducted at the Trinity Pentecostal Assembly, with C. S. Tubby of Canada as the evangelist. God set His seal upon the meetings on the first night when a young woman who had been unable to walk for several weeks felt that God wanted to heal her. We gathered around her and began to pray. The power of God came upon her, and she started walking normally. She has been able to walk ever since, and her testimony brings blessings upon the whole assembly.

Each night of the campaign God had something new for us. The Divine Healing services conducted each Friday night were signally owned of God, and many were instantly healed of serious illnesses.

On the morning of the closing day of the meeting, a man who had been terribly back-slidden for some time came forward and made a wholehearted confession. The spirit of confession fell over the congregation, and one after another arose and admitted wrongs committed and sought the forgiveness of both God and people.

Brother Tubby's messages were most helpful and of definite interest to both saint and sinner.—Andrew G. Basell, Pastor.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of December, 1943.

- Andrews, Jack A., Jamestown, N. Dak.
- Barnes, Elmer W., Chetopa, Kans.
- Boan, Edd, Holt, Mo.
- Burnside, William M., Tumwater, Wash. (Reinstated)
- Coons, Lawson V., Melrose, Iowa
- Cornelison, Earl E., Morland, Kans.
- Coy, Chester L., Tampa, Fla.
- Crouch, Philip A., Egypt
- Donelson, Roy A., Lineville, Iowa
- English, Dees, Murfreesboro, Ark. (Reinstated)
- Greve, Fred J., Concordia, Kans.
- Hamilton, Lloyd E., Eldora, Iowa
- Hannah, Howard E., N. Kansas City, Mo.
- Hoga, Everett P., Greenwood, Ark.
- Jaggers, Orval L., Siloam Springs, Ark.
- Jeffries, Riley O., Lathrop, Mo.
- Jenkins, Claude W., Maryville, Mo.
- King, Bernace F., Mt. Ayr, Iowa
- McCraken, David R., Seattle, Wash.
- McDougall, Kenneth A., Minnewaukan, N. Dak.
- Miles, Hazel A., South Port, Fla.
- Morris, William L., Jr., Benton, Ark.
- Rowden, Paul E., Kansas City, Kans.
- Royce, George C., Kensington, Kans.
- Rupp, Roy E., Sterling, Kans.
- Sandfort, Stella (Mrs. R. W.), Macon, Mo.
- Schoonmaker, Joseph H., Springfield, Mo.

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- Tatum, Frank, Leon, Kans.
- Tiahiet, Cornelius, Browning, Mo.
- Tyson, Earl H., Merriam, Kans.
- Waknitz, Marie, Larned, Kans.
- Willard, Guy S., Bazine, Kans.
- Willis, June E., Tampa, Fla.
- Names removed from the list:
 Osborne, W. J., Black Rock, Ark. (Deceased)

"Sanctified by faith in Jesus,
 Not by effort of thine own,
 Sin's dominion crushed and broken,
 By the power of grace alone.

"God's own holiness within thee,
 His own beauty on thy brow;
 This shall be thy pilgrim brightness,
 This thy blessed portion now."

A MARTYR'S EXPERIENCE

James Renwick, last of the Scottish martyrs, speaking of his sufferings for conscience' sake, said: "Enemies think themselves satisfied that we are put to wander in morasses and upon mountains; but even amid the storms of these last two nights, I cannot express what sweet times I have had, when I had no covering but the dark curtains of night. Yea, in the silent watch my mind was led to admire the deep and inexpressible ocean of joy wherein the whole family of heaven swim. Each star led me to wonder what He must be, who is the Star of Jacob, of whom all stars borrow their shining."

LETTERS WE APPRECIATE

The pastor of a Christian church in Alabama writes: "I do not know how I came to receive your splendid paper, The Pentecostal Evangel. But I thank the good Lord for the friend, whoever he is, who sent you my name, for I find something of vital interest and help in every edition that comes to me. I am enclosing a check for two dollars—one for my own subscription, and the other for a subscription to one of my 'Timothys.'"

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Alaska	115.80
Canada	294.15
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Miscellaneous	826.46
Total	121,669.86
Home Missions Fund	13,330.70
Office Expense Fund	2,165.00
Literature Expense Fund	204.69
Given Direct for Home Missions	4,068.86
Given Direct to Missionaries	4,984.59
Total	24,753.84
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	96,916.02

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.

AFTON, OKLA.—Feb. 6-20; Evangelist Jewel Hollis and coworker Remona Daucer of Miami, Okla.—C. F. Myers, Pastor.

AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO—Every - Member Evangelistic Campaign and S. S. Conference, Jan. 9—; The Kirschke Evangelistic Party of Texas.—L. W. Suter, Pastor.

MONGOMERY, ALA.—Jan. 18—Feb. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, Seattle, Wash.—Grover Langston, Pastor, Box 2006.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Jan. 2—; Paul L. Beck, Evangelist and Bible Teacher.—Lyman B. Richardson, Pastor.

BROADCAST—Station KTHS, Hot Springs, Ark., Tuesdays, 11:05-11:30 a. m., conducted by Ira M. Bryce and family, Steele, Mo.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 27th annual District Council of the Rocky Mountain District will convene at Denver Revival Tabernacle, 9th and Acoma Sts., Denver, Colo., Feb. 15-18. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, guest speaker.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

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PRAYER CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Inter-District Prayer Conference, 27th and Olive Sts., Jan. 25-27; sponsored by Southern Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and West Central Districts. For further information write Pastor J. Lon Hale, 3224 Jackson St., St. Joseph, Mo.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS—Northeast Texas Bible Conference, 3033 Cornelia St., Feb. 1-3. Wm. F. McPherson of Oklahoma City, Okla., and District Superintendent F. D. Davis, special speakers. Other speakers also—Earl J. Rogers, Presbyterian; Fred D. Wall, Pastor.

OREGON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Oregon District Council will convene in the lovely new church building in Eugene, Ore., Jan. 25-28. Ralph M. Riggs, Assistant General Superintendent, special speaker. Mollie E. Baird from India, missionary speaker.—Atwood Foster, District Superintendent, 1695 Saginaw St., Salem, Oregon.

DEEPER LIFE CONVENTION

SILVER CITY, N. MEX.—Southwestern New Mexico Deeper Life Convention, Jan. 25-27. Three services daily. A. C. Bates, principal speaker. Rooms furnished as far as possible. For further information write H. M. Fulfer, District Superintendent, Mountainair, N. Mex., or Pastor Paul W. Harrington, Silver City.

MISSIONARY PRAYER CONFERENCES

Georgia District Missionary Prayer Conferences: Clinchfield, Feb. 7-8; J. V. Nash, Pastor. Augusta, Feb. 21-22; C. M. Hicks, 2054 Oglethorpe Ave., Pastor. Hoganville, Feb. 28-29; S. P. Danford, Pastor. Thomaston, March 6-7; H. F. Freeman, Pastor. Dexter, March 20-21; K. M. Gygax, Pastor.

A missionary under the direction of the Missions Department is expected to be with us in the meetings.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

BIBLE CONVENTION

JACKSON, TENN.—Tennessee District Midwinter Bible Convention, Assembly of God, Glendale St., Jan. 25-27. First service, 10:00 a. m. J. R. Flower, General Secretary, main speaker. Rooms provided for all ministers and their wives as far as possible. Meals on free-will offering plan. Bring your Bibles, special songs, and musical instruments. For further information write the host pastor, A. H. Mitchell, 398 N. Liberty St., Jackson, Tenn.—H. E. Waddle, District Superintendent; by J. B. McIntosh, Secretary-Treasurer.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—I am again entering the evangelistic field.—O. W. Nall, Bismarck, Mo.

NEW ADDRESS—1031 W. Thoman, Springfield, Mo. "In November we were elected pastors of Glad Tidings Assembly."—J. L. and Alice J. Schaffer.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 826, Nassau, Bahamas. "Under the auspices of the World Missions Department, we have accepted the invitation to pastor the headquarters assembly in Nassau, Bahamas, for one year."—Evangelist and Mrs. D. Leroy Sanders.

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FIRST FREE PAPER IN ITALY

New liberty of speech, of press, and of religion has accompanied United Nations' victories in Italy. According to the *Protestant Voice*, the first free newspaper to be established in the liberated regions is *The Sicilian Courier*. Its editor is Dr. Theodore Balma, pastor of the Waldensian Protestant Church of Catania.

CAUSES AND CURE OF CRIME

Judge William V. Brothers of Chicago has said: "The three most important causes contributing to crime today are the automobile, the movies, and liquor. . . . The greatest preventive of crime is the wholesome atmosphere of a home where God is revered, where parents command and receive love and respect, and where the children are taught to assume their fair share of responsibility."

EIGHT BILLIONS IN BETS

It is estimated that the official betting at U. S. race tracks at the time of the races amounts to around four billions of dollars in one year, states *Revelation*, and a similar amount is waged in unofficial, untaxed betting carried on in barber shops, pool rooms, etc. Is this what they mean when they ask God to bless America so that we can win the war and return to the American way of living?

WHY PAMPER LIQUOR?

An exchange states: "The Methodist conference of Richmond, Va., has put the President in rather an embarrassing position. It asked him why special privileges for obtaining liquor at the food conference in Hot Springs last year were given, why ration stamps are required in the purchase of unfermented wine for communion services when fermented wines are sold in liquor stores without stamps, and why it is that alcohol for medical purposes requires a doctor's prescription when alcohol in beverages does not. Thus far the President has not replied."

"WOULD GOD SAVE HITLER?"

Following an open-air meeting in Washington Square, Philadelphia, a tall, prosperous-looking man approached the preacher and said, "I am a Jew, in business, but I come down here every Friday night to hear you folk preach. I never heard anything put clearer than you do, and you all preach the same thing. But I want to ask one question, and I want a plain 'yes' or 'no' in answer, without an argument. If Adolf Hitler, with all his crimes of which he has been guilty, would truly turn to God and repent and confess his sins, and then believe in Jesus as his Saviour, would God save him? Yes, or no?"

The preacher answered, "Yes; absolutely yes!"

The Jew said, "That is what I wanted to hear. Had you said 'no' I would not have believed that you mean what you say when you preach that God will save any sinner." Later this Jewish business man told the preacher that he believed in Jesus as his Saviour and the Messiah.

WHEN THE WAR WAS WON

Germany has not yet surrendered, but General Sir Beauvoir De Lisle of Great Britain says, "I believe this war was won on May 26, 1940, when the King appointed that Sunday as a day for national prayer." He feels that the Lord of hosts has been with the Allied cause, and all the events that have transpired since, including the "miracle of Dunkirk," the defeat of the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain, and the surrender of Italy have confirmed this conviction.

WAR CRIMINALS

One of the horrors of war, given the least publicity, is the fact that the public forgets to stress crime prevention.

"Crime prevention... we have something much worse to worry about now. The biggest gangsters in the world are over there in Japan, Germany and Italy with gangs assembled to destroy civilization. Crime prevention can wait..." This line of reasoning, permitted its natural conclusion, would breed untold thousands of criminals.

Today's juvenile offenders are our "war criminals" in embryo. One has only to think of the criminal bands which swept over this country following the last World War. The years between 1920 and 1930 were the worst in the history of crime in the United States.

Unless we stress prevention now, criminals will develop on a scale so great, with numbers so devastating, that crime waves of the past will seem insignificant in comparison. Crime prevention and the development of an individual into a law-abiding citizen begins in the *Home*, the *Church*, the *School*.

A CALL TO REPENTANCE

Abraham Lincoln issued a call to national repentance that is as apt today as it was in those dark days of civil war. Concluding a Presidential Proclamation he said:

"Inasmuch as we know that by His divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear the awful calamity of civil war that now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins . . . ? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

"It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness. . . ."

A MODERNIST'S ADMISSION

The noted modernist, Harry Emerson Fosdick, recently celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. In a sermon marking that event, he said: "Forty years ago, thinking Christians believed that it was necessary to adjust Christ to modern civilization—to modern scientific and intellectual concepts. But today, if the world is to survive, the need is for adjusting modern civilization to Christ. This generation has seen an incredible advance of scientific knowledge, and yet on a scale never known before, ruin is coming to millions upon millions of families around the world."

As the Bible foretold, men in these last days have been "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. . . . Their folly shall be manifest unto all men." 2 Timothy 3:7, 9.

THE BIBLE IN JAPAN

According to the American Bible Society, the combined circulation of Scriptures by three Bible societies in Japan in 1937 was 1,145,365 copies and portions. The following year there was an increase of 101,872 copies, but during the next two years the circulation decreased until it amounted to 816,091 in 1940.

The falling off has been due in part to shortage of paper, other materials and labor, but the greatest factor has been nationalism and the revival of Shinto as a state cult and cement of empire.

Shinto as a state cult is developing a bible of its own. It includes records of the prehistoric and even mythological period, which records are now being treated as sober history and used as the basis for textbooks of national ethics. It includes also imperial rescripts and poems; at the recent dedication ceremony of a new college auditorium in Tokyo these were handled with far greater respect and read with much more care and accuracy than the Bible receives from Christians.

THE JEWISH TRAGEDY

"The tragedy of the situation stirs the Christian onlooker at Jewish life today to the very depths," says J. S. Conning in *Hebrew Christian*. "He is concerned that a people with such a haloed past should wander through our modern world winning success in many fields, enriching the life of various nations with conspicuous contributions in the spheres of music, art, literature, and science, and yet be by many vilified, disliked and persecuted; nowhere secure, bound to a heritage which everywhere threatens their undoing, and ever in pursuit of a permanent abiding place that forever eludes them like a mirage. That is a Jewish tragedy.

"But the real tragedy is the one within, the tragedy of a highly gifted and divinely favored race that has missed the manifest path of its destiny and persists in following in a bypath marked out by mistaken leaders nineteen centuries ago. One can but marvel that from within Jewery itself there do not arise men of spiritual insight and power who can see in Jesus Christ not one who would destroy anything of lasting value, but the One who can fulfil all that is holiest and best in its aspirations and hopes as expressed through its psalmists and prophets and saints. It is Jesus Christ who holds in His hands the solution of the Jewish problem."