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BY POWER, BUT BY MY
SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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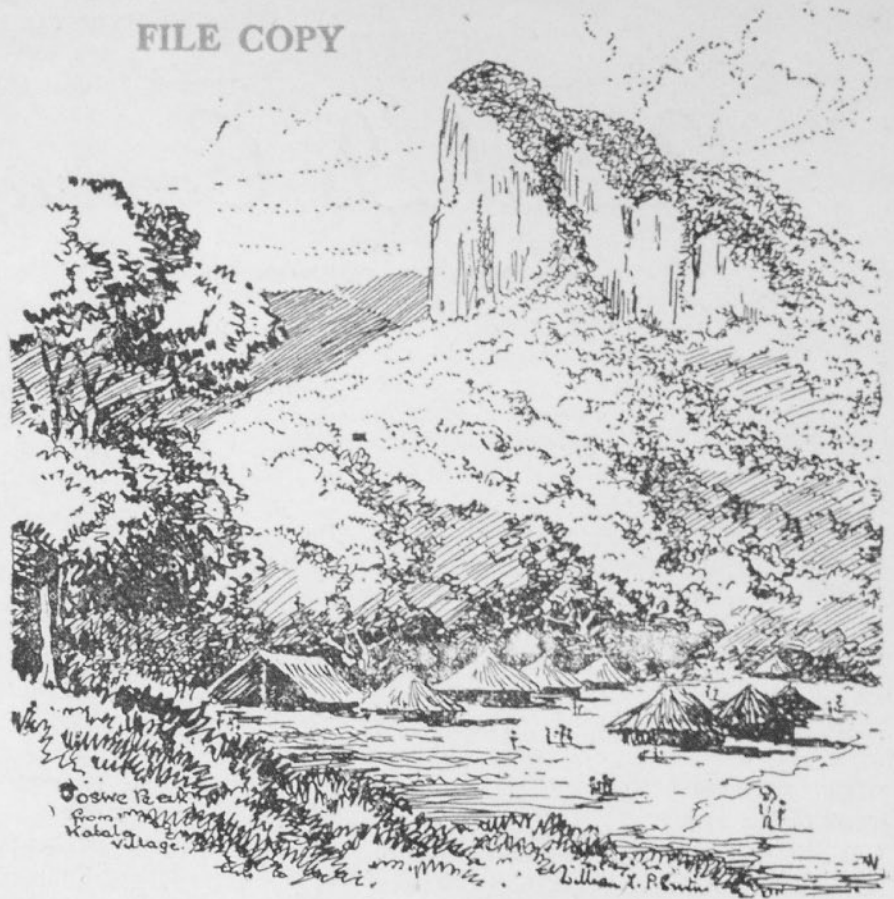
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Lungula

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THE lungula is a bonny bird, of rich golden color, with a deep black mark about her throat. Her nest is remarkable. It is like a tobacco pipe, with the stem pointing downward. Thus she has to climb up a narrow tube into the nest. It is made of very tough fibre, woven together into a tight mass, and it is always fastened to the thinnest, outermost branch of a palm frond.

Of course, God has given the lungula her wisdom, for no monkey could climb out on to that slender, swaying palm frond, while even a snake, if it managed to reach so precarious a spot, would find it impossible to get at her eggs. She is in the safest place possible.

I have often seen mischievous boys stand far below a lungula's nest and, looking up at it, remark, "Lungula, you are one too many for us. We can get at all the other nests, but yours is safe."

Even in the wildest storms the lungula sways to and fro on her eggs quite snugly, and no jar or shock can damage them.

You beautiful yellow bird. You are security personified. Though surrounded by enemies, and with no strength to fight them, yet you have a retreat so safe that you can laugh at the very idea of calamity.

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God does not always see fit to deliver His children from trouble and difficulty. Poor Kabange had had a very big share. Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and some of His most precious jewels need a lot of polishing.

Kabange had taken a bold stand for Christ. In the village of Tuba many had been scared by the aggressive attitude and threats of the Roman Catholics, but this man had preached the grace of God, and His power, not only to forgive sins, but also to make folk holy and clean. He was the right-hand man of the native evangelist, and a pillar of support to the weaker believers. This meant that he was a marked man for the enemies of the gospel. They did not lose an opportunity to insult and belittle him.

* Brother Burton writes to Noel Perkin from Johannesburg: "They have just broken the news to me that I have cancerous growth in my colon. Naturally this means that my days are numbered.

"I had hoped to do a little more for the Congo before my leaving for glory. I long to see my Lord, but my whole attitude is that of James 4:13-15. Pray with us that God's perfect will may be done."

Then his wife fell sick. Kabange was a real lover. Christianity has brought into the native homes an affection which was never known before, and it was delightful to see the comradeship between this man and his wife. However, in her weakness she had to leave him to care for the garden alone. It was hard work, and when he got back from gardening there was water to get, the house to tidy, and much that he alone could do.

Of course the enemies of the Cross of Christ said, "Look! If God cared for Kabange and his religion, He would not allow him to suffer like that." The other believers of Tuba church did what they could to help him, but Kabange's father came to him constantly, quietly, and always with the same advice. "Kabange, your wife has given you no children. The spirits of our forefathers are clearly vexed with you for forsaking the pouring out of libations of beer in honor of the dead. Give up this Jesus business and marry another wife. Why should you not be happy with a family like the rest of us?"

Worse was still to follow. The Government had demanded that each man and woman in the villages should produce so much food, to help to feed those at the front, or the workmen in the mines.

Kabange had done his level best, and his garden was looking fine when he returned home one day to attend to his wife. Next morning, when he went back to his cultivating, he found that the baboons had come down from the hills at the back of the village and absolutely ruined his crop. Not only was all his hard work in vain, but he had nothing with which to feed his wife and himself.

Like Job, he had no sooner got over one blow than another fell.

After her long and painful illness, Kabange's wife died, and in his darkest hours his wife's relatives descended on him in a body, accusing him of neglecting her, and causing her death, in that he had not called in the witch-doctor, nor had charms compounded for her. His cup of sorrow seemed full, and he turned to his well-worn Bible for consolation. Psalm 107:41 caught his eye. "He setteth the poor on high from affliction." Then Psalm 91:14-15, "I will set him on high because he hath known my name. He shall call

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Revival Is Coming

EVANGELIST LOUISE NANKIVELL

DARK days such as these do not seem propitious for revival. The world is torn by a cruel devastating war. Thrones are tottering, kingdoms shaking, and men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that shall come upon the earth. Flagrant wickedness and out-breaking sin, accompanied by spiritual indifference, mark the hour. The church is at a low spiritual ebb.

Patent disregard for the Word of God has become the order of the day. His Word is being made void in hearts, in homes, in the streets, in shops and factories, in places of business, even in the house of the Lord.

But it is darkest just before the dawn. "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law." Psalm 119:126.

God does not forget His people. Even in the very midst of the darkness of declension, the light of His glorious working will shine suddenly. In this connection it is interesting to review the history of American revivals, noting the conditions preceding them, their characteristics, their extent and the results.

Prior to the great awakening which commenced about 1734, the churches were in a state of spiritual deadness. To a large extent the membership was composed of unregenerate persons, and in some instances unconverted ministers were filling the pulpits. Outside the church, indifference and unconcern prevailed. Morals were low, and sin of every kind abounded. Notwithstanding, the Lord had His praying leaders and faithful saints who backed them up by prayer. And God came forth in great reviving power.

Souls would come under such conviction for sin that they would suffer painful physical effects from the agony of spirit which was upon them. Sometimes men and women were seen clinging to their seats as though in fear of sliding into hell. Conversion followed with such peace in God and such overwhelming sense of the greatness of His grace, that there would be spontaneous laughter and weeping.

This period of quickening which came to many parts of the land was remarkable for the numbers of lives touched, the suddenness of its operation, and the fact that it was attended in many with unusual bodily effects. Indeed, the Great

Awakening brought results which were momentous and far-reaching.

At the time of the awakening in 1800, churches were declining; infidelity had settled like a pall over most of the land; Christianity seemed to be about overthrown.

Showers of refreshing grace began to fall simultaneously in various remote and widely separated localities of the country, until they spread practically over the entire United States. The manner in which men were affected was similar to that produced by the Great Awakening. Terrible distress because of a sense of unworthiness before God was followed by joy and peace in believing.

In some parts of the country, men were slain as dead men on a battlefield, lying in a motionless state for hours, except for a possible occasional deep groan or piercing shriek or outcry for mercy. When deliverance came, these new converts, men, women and children, would rise to address the multitudes, pouring forth the mysteries of the gospel and heart-stirring appeals through which many others would fall down into the same state from which the first had just been delivered.

Although the manifestations of the revival varied in different parts of the country, the general results were the same. Churches took on renewed life; large numbers of converts were taken into the churches; and infidelity was overthrown. The blessed refreshings were of long continuance and their influence upon the spiritual life of the country was lasting.

In a letter to the Editor, Sister Louise Nankivell writes: "Since Christ appeared to me in the night, my heart is broken for the needs of America. The burden of God's people and the multitude of unsaved is upon me in a greater way than I have ever known it in life before. Many times my spirit is so broken, I preach and pour out my heart in crying and tears.

"The Spirit is crying for God's people to be revived, for sinners to be saved, and for people to be delivered from their diseases. Our great, unchanging Lord waits to come forth in signs and wonders and mighty miracles this very hour. I am praying that the cities of America shall once again be stirred."

It was at a time of spiritual dearth and unfavorable conditions that the great revival of 1857 broke out in New York City. People were so occupied with the affairs of this life that they were not interested in spiritual things.

Nevertheless, God had His praying man, who was pressed in spirit because of the sin and unrighteousness of the day. One single man, a layman, not a minister of the gospel, was so burdened for the people that he called a noonday prayer meeting, and when the time came he went to the appointed place and began to pray. For half an hour he prayed alone until others dropped in. Six composed the first prayer meeting. Interest grew from day to day until other places were opened for prayer throughout the city. Preaching services were started. Revival fires were kindled. Soon the revival spread from church to church, from city to city, from State to State. As it gathered momentum, nearly every hamlet and community of the nation felt the effect of its quickening life, and its influence extended even unto other shores. Thousands, yea, hundreds of thousands were brought to Christ, in what was perhaps the most widespread visitation ever known on this continent.

We are told that the day of great revivals is over, that we can no longer expect mass revivals with thousands converted. The enemy of our souls would like to have us think so, but this is not true. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. There is no reason why we should not yet see one of the greatest spiritual awakenings which has ever come upon earth. "With God nothing shall be impossible." "All things are possible to him that believeth." "Have faith in God."

To say that we cannot have revival in this day and hour is to cast aspersion on the promises and deny the efficacy of believing prayer. God is always ready to bless His people, and give His Son to men's hearts. *As far as God is concerned, we can have revival in 1944. God is waiting to give revival to this very age and generation. We can have it. We must have it. If Jesus tarries, the only hope of the world is in revival.*

Will revival come again? Why, yes! Of course it will! If our Lord delays His return, revival will come again!

The history of the church has been in large measure a history of revival. History repeats itself. Tides ebb and flow. Day follows night. Spring follows winter. Spiritual awakening alternates with spiritual depression.

No doubt we should have had revival long before this if we had fulfilled the re-

quirements of God's Word. We are not waiting for God. *God is waiting for us.* Perhaps we have figured that when God wants us to have revival He will send it, and there is not much we can do about it. There were people who reasoned that way in Finney's day. But here was Finney's answer.

"Suppose a man were to go and preach this doctrine among farmers about sowing grain. Let him tell them that God is sovereign, and will give them a crop only when it pleases Him, and that for them to plow and plant and labor as if they expected to raise a crop is very wrong, and taking the work out of God's hands; that it interferes with sovereignty, and is going on in their own strength; that there is no connection between the means and the results on which they depend. And now, suppose the farmers should believe such doctrine. Why, they would starve to death."

We need to pray for revival as if everything depended upon God, and work for revival as if everything depended upon us. Is God not expecting man to have any responsibility in this matter of re-

vival? Here is God's answer: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14. God's great loving heart is yearning to send mighty showers from heaven, but we must sow the seed if we expect to reap a crop. When we His people sow the seed of the Word and give ourselves to prayer, humiliation, forsaking of sin, we will reap the harvest in revival.

Revival is coming! The realization of the need, the longing, the heart cries, the prayers, the tears of God's people are harbingers of it. The spiritual tide may be out but it will come in again. God is faithful. He will do His part, and as God's people do their part, nothing can stop it. Shall we not take Him at His word, forsake our sins, earnestly seek His face and plead for His blessing? We cannot afford to limit the Holy One of Israel by our prayerlessness, or by the coldness of our unbelieving hearts. Let us stay down upon our faces before God until the tide of God rolls in.

How to Receive Grace

IT is written concerning the children of Israel, "They turned back and tempted God and limited the Holy One of Israel." Psalm 78:41. Do not limit Him. How do we limit Him? Through unbelief. Christ says to us, "If thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God." John 11:40.

So often when we approach our Lord there is a doubt in our heart, and we say like the father of the demented boy, "If Thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us." Christ answers, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:22,23. The hardest cases the Lord has to deal with are not with the enemy but with His own unbelieving people. It is written of Him, "He did not many mighty works there (in Nazareth) *because of their unbelief.*" Matt. 13:58.

Read the story of the resurrection of Lazarus as it is described in John 11. Both Martha and Mary said to Christ, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." This was acknowledgment of Christ as healer. But He desired to encourage their faith for something more than this. He said to Martha, "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha replied, "I know that he shall

rise again in the resurrection at the last day." But Christ wanted her to have faith for an immediate manifestation of His resurrection power. He said to her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

Martha had faith, but it was prospective faith. What Christ desires us to have is present-hour, present-moment faith. Has He not said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and *now is*, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live"? John 5:25.

We are like those sisters—we have a prospective faith. But the hour for

Christ to work is now. "*Now is!*" Not only shall the dead hear the voice of the Son of God, but the bound shall hear the word, "Come forth." Lazarus was dead and bound, yet at the word of the Lord he came forth. And today the Lord can speak a similar word in response to the faith of His people: "Come forth from the stronghold of the enemy, from his grip; come forth out of the clutches of the devil."

You can expect those who are spiritually dead, bound under the power of the enemy, to hear the voice of the Son of God saying, "Come forth." And the bound, even though they have been bound for four days, four months, or four years, *shall* come forth. The hour *now is*, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.

How often do we say like Martha, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." We have a future faith, a prospective faith, and that is our trouble. We need a *present-moment faith*. Believe His word, "Said I not unto thee, that, *if thou wouldest believe*, thou shouldst see the glory of God?" Believe, and believe now, and tell the Lord that you believe now.

A World-Wide Week of Prayer

We have just been reading the story of a remarkable work of the Lord in India. The author tells of the early days when they went through a dreary round of work each day and saw nothing accomplished. One day there came the realization that prayer was being made supplemental and not fundamental. A change was made. Prayer was made *fundamental*, as it was to the apostles in the early church who declared, "We will give ourselves continually (1) to prayer, and (2) to the ministry of the Word."

What was the result? God marvelously worked. Souls were saved, the Spirit fell, adequate funds came in, and a great work was being accomplished for God. Prayer now is fundamental, and not supplemental; and the work prospers because it is wrought in God.

The World's Evangelical Alliance is asking the churches throughout the world to hold a week of prayer from Sunday, January 7, to Sunday, January 14. Begin 1945 with a week of prayer. Let us make prayer fundamental and not supplemental.

What does your anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow, brother, of its sorrow; but ah, it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape the evil, it makes you unfit to cope with it if it comes.—Ian MacLaren.



The Plans of Satan Exposed

READ the 2d Psalm and the 13th chapter of Revelation. In the 2d Psalm we see the nations raging, and the kings of the earth and the rulers taking counsel together against Jehovah and His anointed. The attitude of both people and rulers is anti-God and anti-Christ.

In Rev. 13:1 the seer of Patmos says: "I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." What is the sea out of which this beast arises? The answer is found in Isa. 57:20, "*The wicked are like the troubled sea.*" In Rev. 15:11, we read: "The waters which thou sawest . . . are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." The seven heads, ten horns, and ten crowns indicate that this beast will have complete headship and absolute authority over all nations.

But God has not abdicated His throne in the heavens. To Him these creatures of earth are only like puppets playing on the stage. It is written, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." He derides the seven heads and the ten crowns.

The seer says, "The dragon gave him (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority." Verse 2. Every detail of the divine plan that God would set His Son upon His holy hill of Zion, is copied by the dragon. The very name of blasphemy upon the heads of the beast suggests a counterpart of the name Emmanuel. However, it will not be "God with us," but "the devil with us."

God had perfect confidence in giving to His Son all power. He shall reign, and His dominion shall be from sea to sea. Satan, the dragon, has perfect confidence in the beast, and in a like manner gives to him his power, and his seat, and his authority. Satan failed in the heavens to carry out his purpose of exalting himself above the most High, and so he seeks a realm where he can succeed and he will succeed, at any rate, for a time.

The 2d Psalm shows that all down the ages the kings of the earth have counseled together against the most High, prompted, moved and controlled by the prince of the power of the air. That was the indirect government of Satan, as God before executed indirect government through His prophets on earth. The incarnation of Jesus Christ brought direct government and the direct dealing of God with man. Demons were cast out

through His word. The authority of heaven was asserted over the authority of hell. And so Satan here is ceasing his indirect dealings, and he is going to have direct dealings with man through the incarnation of the beast. And he asserts his great authority.

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast." Note those words: "The world wondered after the beast . . . whose deadly wound was healed!" Contrast their attitude toward Him of whom they cried, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the king of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." Matt. 27:42. But He who was wounded for our transgressions did not obey this word of man. At Calvary He was obeying the word of His Father. But here the wounded beast is healed, and the world wonders after him! And they worship the beast, the offspring, as well as the dragon, the father.

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies." Of the Son of God they said, "Never man spake like this man." John 7:46. In like manner does the beast speak "great things—blasphemies."

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His

name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." Jesus Christ said, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." John 14:30. He defied Satan. And Satan and the beast in turn defy God. Jesus Christ referred to the legions of angels that could have come to His aid. He was familiar with them. And Satan was familiar with them also, but it was a familiarity of hatred. And so here he is blaspheming them that dwell in heaven. Satan was so far removed from God that he could only hurl at Him his voice, but the words of neither beast nor dragon can hurt God nor them that dwell in heaven. The blasphemies of the beast against God and those that dwell in heaven will come back, boomerang-like, on the ones that have uttered them.

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Christ said, "My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, . . . but now is My kingdom not from hence." John 18:36. Here God lets Satan have full sway in his kingdom, lets him go the limit of his power, just as in the case of Job. There it was individual, here it is world wide. In Job's case Satan was restrained from taking life. In this case he is permitted to take life.

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

In the height of the beast's prosperity there is a thorn in his flesh. There are some who will not worship. Nebuchadnezzar's great fete, the gala day of his glory, was marked by three refusing to bow down and worship. Only his own worshiped him. And in the days to come, some will not receive the mark, some will not worship the beast, and the enemy will be exasperated in proportion as his will is thwarted. "Heat the furnace seven times"—to satisfy the wrath of the thwarted king! Satan, even in the zenith of his power is reminded of his limitations by those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast, and refuse to worship him. He is reminded also of the one, THE ONE, who infills, indwells, and inspires those who refuse to worship him.

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." There are two courses open; immediate prosperity or delayed blessing and eternal prosperity. And some will be tempted that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and will be overwhelmed by the display of might and glory and wealth of the enemy.

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"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." Christ said, "When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me . . . He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you." John 15:26; 16:14. And the devil must complete his counterfeit, sending a second beast to honor and glorify the first beast. The devil, the father of lies, will send this lying beast to complete the tragedy of wickedness.

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire to come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men." On the day of Pentecost there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and they rested upon the hundred and twenty. And in those early days the disciples laid hands on people, and they received like power. The fire was the most convincing thing. The sight of fire overwhelmed the children of Israel when it came down on Mount Carmel in the days of Elijah, and they bowed down and worshiped the Lord. God's fire meant the destruction of the devil's prophets. The devil's fire will mean the confirmation and strengthening of his prophets.

"Saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should . . . speak." All these things show that iniquity will then be reaching its full. Men will be ready to hear the oracles, the spoken word of the god of this world, rather than take heed to the written word of the Living God. And they will believe Satan's lie rather than God's truth.

"And he causeth all . . . to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark." Here you have Satan's program unfolded and described. In the present war, if the United Nations can get hold of the plan, the mode of operations, of the various battalions that are opposed to them, they can beforehand effectually meet the onslaught of the enemy. God possesses the enemy's plans. Here He forewarns, foretells, and foreshadows the whole working of that plan. This proves that God is above all, beyond all, and that He is working out His own plan behind it all, that He is greater than all. Hence God even permits the blasphemies against His name.

And the saint who abides in Christ, who makes God his dwelling place, is fully aware of God's plan. He is in counsel with God and on the victory side with God. The inspired apostle says, "Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" 1 Cor. 6:3. Christ says: "He that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Rev. 2:26. The saints of God are on a different plane altogether from the people of the world; they are in the confidence of God, and God is their confidence. And when the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, they will not only be delivered from the enemy, but they will come in glory and power and might with Him to carry out His purpose, to sweep the world of all that antagonizes God.

And like as Noah and his family came out of the ark on a renewed earth, so the saints will reign with Christ on a renewed earth. In the meantime Satan will be bound, awaiting his final decree—the decree that will banish him forever into the lake of fire.

Lungula

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upon Me and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him." How God made these precious promises to live, and to stir Kabange's very soul!

We missionaries never go far without our notebooks and pencils, for there is always something fresh to learn: some word or phrase, some trite proverb or interesting custom.

It was prayer-meeting time, and Kabange had come through to pay us a visit. As we gathered round the throne of grace our hearts overflowed in gratitude and confidence to God. It was good to hear Kabange's voice with the rest. We had prayed much for him in his affliction, and God had brought him through gloriously.

But what was this quaint expression which he used again and again? "Thou hast *Lungula*-ed me. O God, the devil cannot reach me, for I am *Lungula*-ed. The storms may blow. The fiends of hell may reach to drag me down. They can never touch me in Thy bosom, for Thou dost *Lungula* Thy child." Hallelujah!

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On the way home after the meeting I asked one of the elders, "What did Kabange mean by being *Lungula*-ed?" I thought I might be on the track of some new custom. The elder laughed. "Don't you know? Why there it is." And he pointed to the bonny yellow bird, with his rich black necklet, swaying perfectly at home up on the end of a palm frond, far beyond the reach of harm.

Then I realized that, with the wonderful elasticity of this language, Kabange had turned a noun into a verb. He had reached his simile from among the palms, and in one word he had said, "Lord, Thou hast set me on high, as safe and as care-free, even in the midst of calamity, as that bird in her lofty nest."

Thank you, Kabange, for that word. The nations may rock and reel, the elements may melt with fervent heat, and the hearts of the godless may fail them for fear, but what a refuge we have in Thee! Thou dost "*lungula*" us.

The Future

Christians have often been reproached for other-worldliness; but that reproach hardly applies to the modern Church. Do we know anyone who is overmuch preoccupied with dreams of heaven? Richard Baxter tells us that in winter afternoons, when it began to be too dark to go on with his reading and writing, and before the candles were brought in, he used to sit quietly in the twilight meditating on the Saint's Everlasting Rest.

Few of us find leisure for such meditations now. We strive for an earthly paradise so eagerly that our prospect is narrowed by its horizon, and we lose sight of the paradise of God. We grow so intent on improving this world that we have little thought to spare for a better country, that is, a heavenly. And so we go bankrupt of the powers of the world to come.

Our religion lacks one great spring of buoyancy and courage and hope. We do not exult in expectation of that perfect life with God—the life which is life indeed—which is waiting for us, moving to meet us, perchance even now knocking at the door.—T. H. Darlow.

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OLIMPIA DE LOBO (Olimpia Wolf) was the cherished daughter of a prominent Colombian sculptor. From her father, Olimpia inherited artistic genius. Olimpia has taught art in Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, Cuba, Port of Spain, Puerto Rico, etc. In these classes Senora de Lobo taught her students portraiture, marine art, landscaping, a magnificent type of bas-relief work, delicate work on glass, how to make the most elaborate artificial flowers for expensive corsages, to tint photographs, to make and tint artificial fruit, and many other types of artistic work. In her home I saw beautiful art objects which she keeps for exhibition.

A Devotee

Until two and one-half years ago Sra. Olimpia de Lobo was considered one of the most ardent Catholics in the city of Sogamoso, Colombia. Not only was she a prominent person from the viewpoint of culture, but she was also active in the various orders of the Church. She was also a great friend of the priests, as she was the one who retouched the images and repaired the broken ones. Often observers commented that she had placed a divine loveliness in the countenance of the saints, and she would respond, "Yes, padre, and so they are divine."

The devotion of this Colombian woman to her church was admirable. At five o'clock every morning of her life she was at the church, engaged in prayer. Ere the sun had traversed his course through the heavens, she had again retraced her steps to the church altar, to offer her prayers to the various saints. She lived implicitly for her church.

While yet a young woman, Olimpia sought membership in the various women's orders of the Roman Catholic Church. For nineteen years she was an exemplary member of the Perpetual Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Christ. As a member of this order, she was obliged to spend one and one half hours each day in devotion at the church. She also vowed to take a special communion the first Friday of each month, and for nineteen years she did not fail to do so. Then too, she was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi, and possessed special robes which she wore in the ceremonies of this order. Further, she was an active member of the Order of the Congregation of the

Sacred Heart of Christ and Mary. She told us that her most beloved order was that of Our Lady of Sorrows. In the functions of this order she wore a long black robe with a beautifully embroidered band of purple and also a long black shawl with a cross and heart embroidered upon it.

Senora de Lobo kept in her home holy lamps which she kept burning before pictures of Mary and Christ, and these lamps were not extinguished for ten years. On festive days she had four lamps burning on the altar, as she believed that the flames brought her prayers to God's throne. She had special hours for repeating prayers, sometimes between twelve and one o'clock at night.

Senora de Lobo was talented in many ways. Her charming personality melted obstacles and accomplished the seemingly impossible. For this reason she was usually the mistress of the church bazaar, instituted to raise money for the church. She confessed to me that under the shadow of the church she had sold whiskey and wines, food and rummaged clothing to fill the treasury of her church.

Disillusionment

One would think that this religious ceremony, pomp and glory would surely satisfy the heart of the artist, but the awful truth is that it did not. In quiet moments her heart longed—longed intensely—for something she did not possess, and when she spoke with the priests about the matter, they only gave her more work to do so that she would forget the sorrows of her heart. Eventually, the prayers and rituals became tiresome and she sought elsewhere the peace which her heart was demanding. The artist purchased books on spiritism (as tens of thousands of Roman Catholics in Latin America do) and began to study them. But her soul whispered to her that spiritism was false; hence, she decided to abandon her books on the subject.

One day when talking with a priest she agreed that if he would give her a Bible to read she would give him her books on spiritism, and the two made the exchange. I do not know what happened to the priest after he read the spiritist doctrines, but the Roman Catholic version of the Bible was the means of changing the life of the artist and helping her to find God. She opened the book at the first page and started reading, and

from the first verse it gripped her soul. She felt in her heart that she now possessed the Book of God, and that it would bring that peace which she had been seeking for many years. Avidly she read the Book from cover to cover. Some passages were so fascinating that she read them to her art students. From the Bible she learned that everybody would not be converted; in fact, it seemed that multitudes had always refused God's way of salvation. Seeing this truth, she started to pray, "Lord, put me among Your chosen ones." Hundreds of times before she heard the true and full Gospel preached she cried unto God, "Lord, put me among Your chosen ones."

Evangelicals in Town

Ten years ago the Wegners brought the Gospel to Sogamoso. Mr. Allen, a veteran missionary of the Presbyterian mission, had often done itinerant work in that great Sogamoso district where a million people live, but no missionary had been established there. Thus when the Wegners came from Venezuela he helped them to settle in that section. However, when the local priests heard of their appearance in the city, they caused no small uproar. From their pulpits and in their church paper they ranted and roared against the evangelicals, calling them heretical demons and exhorting the faithful to chase them out of town, tear down their house or stone them. Thus stones punctured the windows and indescribable filth was thrown on the house, but as usual, persecution divided the group and many friends were made for the evangelicals.

Among these friends was refined Olimpia de Lobo. She boldly attacked the intolerance and declared that everyone had a right to live and to worship God as he wished. The uproar even made the pious devotee curious to see what these strange people were teaching. So one night she donned her veil, went to the evangelical meeting, stood in the darkness behind the door and listened to the sermon. It was given by Mrs. Wegner and thrilled Senora de Lobo. However, the following day when she went to communion, the father confessor rebuked her for being at the "heretical" place of worship and refused her communion. This awakened her to the knowledge that the priest had the evangelical meetings shadowed and knew who was attending. Thus she confessed her "sin" and did her penance, promising to adhere only to her own church.

Seven long years passed and the Sogamoso Evangelical Church grew marvelously; it outgrew two buildings, and the new chapel was now too small. But the artist never came to another meeting;

she had learned her lesson. However, because of a fall which injured one of her limbs, she was confined to her bed for a few weeks. She longed to be up and around again, to see her friends and go to church, but this was impossible. To her great surprise, Senor Gonzalez, the local photographer, and his wife, who had become staunch evangelicals, visited her often and offered her all the help possible. She loved her evangelical friends dearly. Now, she thought, *I must convince them of the error of the evangelicals and bring them back to the mother church.* She spoke with them regarding this, and they took the Bible and read to her the articles of their faith. "Is the evangelical faith in the Bible? How could such a thing be?" Day by day they came and read more and more, from her own Catholic Bible. The upright lives of the Gonzalez family and their devotion to Christ called forth her deepest admiration, and caused her to wonder if they were right.

After the sickness was over, the Gonzalez family visited Senora de Lobo again and asked her to go with them to visit their church. She promised to do this, as she wished to see what attracted them to the evangelical mission. Given the privilege of choosing the meeting she wanted to attend, she asked them to take her to a communion service, as she loved the body and blood of the Lord Jesus. In this first meeting she received an amazing revelation; she experienced something in that meeting which she had never before experienced. Olimpia de Lobo declares that as the communion was being served to the Christians, she had a vision of Christ and saw Him walking up and down the aisle, with outstretched hands blessing the people. She wept during the entire meeting.

From this hour a great struggle began in her heart. She must now make a choice. Which was the true religion? The two were extremely different; the lives of the people were extremely different; the doctrines were extremely different. Both religions could not be right. Finally, in desperation she asked God to answer her in the Holy Bible; so, after praying, she opened her Bible and before her eyes was Isaiah 44:22, which seemed to be in gold type: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee."

Inexpressible joy filled the soul of the artist when she realized that she was really redeemed—God had said so! For the first time in her life she had the true assurance of her conversion.

She read verses 9 and 10: "They that make a graven image are all of them

vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?" She was amazed to see clearly in her own Catholic Bible what God said concerning images. God was speaking to her, for she had prepared the images for the people to worship. Then the artist noticed this footnote among those regarding the Ten Commandments: "Images are to adorn the temples, awaken feeling, and to impress more deeply the ignorant." She mused, *I have been in ignorance long enough; now I must have the light. My own Catholic Bible teaches me that the evangelicals are right.*

On the same night that God revealed salvation to her through His Word, Senora de Lobo arose from her knees, went to the table and blew out her "holy lamps" on the family altar. (She has since used them in prayer meetings to provide light for singing and reading the Bible.) She burned her many "holy" books and kept only her Bible. Then she rid her home of pictures of saints, charms, scapulas, written prayers and the small statues before which she had daily knelt in adoration. Her maid was so astonished by her sudden change of attitude that she thought surely her mistress had gone mad, and so ran away and never came back. The artist cried to God, "Lord forgive me for being an idolatress; I did it in ignorance; now I shall have no altar but my heart, and there Christ shall be my Priest."

In her possession at the time of her conversion was a life-sized image of San Antonio, which she was repainting for a man who worshiped him as his patron saint. She refused to finish painting the image, and as the man never called for San Antonio, she placed him in a shed in the back yard where other discarded articles were piled on him. Some time later Senor Chinchilla, a devotee of San Antonio, came to live in her house and noticed that the large image of his beloved saint was being contemptuously treated. He said, "Why cannot that

powerful image help itself? Surely it cannot help me if it cannot help itself."

Thus he went to church with his landlady and became a follower, not of San Antonio, but of the Lord Jesus Christ. Today Senor Chinchilla is one of the strongest Christians in the evangelical church of Sogamoso. Senora de Lobo has been a constant soul-winner since her conversion. Though persecuted severely, being excommunicated from her church and ostracized from her old society, she ever maintained her characteristic dignity and zealously won souls for Christ, including her dear aged mother and her two sisters.

I visited the neat little home where the widow, Olimpia de Lobo, lives, and there in glowing words she told the story you have now read. She is a beautiful Latin-type lady of fifty-seven years and is still a vivacious talker, with a charming personality. Her living room is decorated with her works of art, but on the table lies the Book of books.

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Lincoln's Trust in God

When Abraham Lincoln was President he said: "If it were not for my belief in an over-ruling Providence, it would be difficult for me, in the midst of such complications, to keep my reason on its seat. But I am confident that the Almighty has His plans, and will work them out; and, whether we see it or not, they will be the wisest and best for us. I have always taken counsel of Him, and referred to Him my plans, and have never adopted a course of proceeding without being assured, as far as I could be, of His approbation. I should be the most presumptuous blockhead upon this footstool, if I for one day thought that I could discharge the duties which have come upon me since I came into this place, without the aid and enlightenment of One who is wiser and stronger than all others."

Forgiveness

The grave of Copernicus, the mathematician whose studies and calculations revolutionized mankind's attitude to the universe, can be seen today at Frauenberg, and on it the words he himself selected for his epitaph: "I do not seek a kindness equal to that given Paul; nor do I ask the grace granted to Peter. But that forgiveness which Thou didst grant to the robber—that, earnestly, I crave."



If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. 10:9

The Testing of Job

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

HAVING noted, in the last issue of the *Pentecostal Evangel*, the recommendations which the Lord gave concerning Job, our eyes are now turned to another scene—there is a controversy in heaven. The cause of this is the presence of Satan among the sons of God. From the early chapters of Job it would seem that there are definite periods when these angelic beings present themselves before the Lord. But by some method, known to the counsels of God, Satan came also among these holy worshippers, and came with no good purpose. His very presence meant trouble.

"Whence comest thou?" said the Lord. "From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it," was his answer. Thus is extracted from him a mighty confession. He is not only as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour: he is the restless one, "seeking rest but finding none": the reason why "the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." What a condition, to be under Satan's power!

God knew whence Satan had come. He also knew the purpose for which he appeared at the court of heaven. He would accuse the servants of God. The Lord said, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" Here we see the jealous care of God. He knew Job and all about him, and He knows us. We are His sheep and He calls us each by name. He has our names engraved on the palm of His hand.

God also takes a holy joy in His saints. That He could refer Satan to Job, knowing that up till now he had been victorious against all the fiery darts, gave Him delight. He lovingly acknowledges Job as "My servant," as He ever stands ready to acknowledge us. "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." But in what terms God speaks of Job—he fears God, is perfect and upright, and, he eschews, or turns away from, evil. To so declare to the accuser, and that before the assembled hosts of heaven, what superlative confidence!

But Satan is the accuser and is not to be daunted even by words that are divine. His ready answer is, "Doth Job serve God for naught?" Here is a wrung admission, the enemy must acknowledge that Job does serve God, but accuses that he

does so only because it has helped him to gain material things. "Hast Thou not made a hedge about him and about his house, and about all that he hath?" Here is raised the question as to motives of service. Will men serve God from love and a sense of principle, or have they no better object in serving Him than "loaves and fishes"? In his effort to prove his insinuation correct he continues his calumny saying (to use a free translation), "If you will bring the matter to an issue and touch what he has, he will curse you openly—to your face."

Have we carefully considered what all this accusation involves? It was really not so much a slander against Job as it was a thrust at God. Its meaning was, "If You do not give to Job all he wants, and let him have his own way, he will boldly curse You to Your face." Here rests the underlying reason for Job's stupendous tests, each of which was a test of holy character, in which redemption and preservation were proved. It seems a pity that one so devoted and pure must be placed between the hammer and the anvil, but it is a most welcome thought that the grace of God proved sufficient.

It was a serious time when this patriarch was tried. The scene was viewed with breathless concern as Satan went forth from the presence of God determined to destroy and invalidate the work and power of the Almighty. But to make the test Satan had first to get permission, for then as now he could go no further than God permitted. What a surprising permission this was when one considers to whom it was given, and against whom, "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power." The hedge is now down, a ruthless foe enters the estate, and it is not long before havoc is made of all that Job has. Beginning with the lesser, sheep and oxen are destroyed, then camels and servants, after which, hasty destruction falls on those things nearest one's heart, sons and daughters, and these are all taken with one stroke.

How sadly the loving heart of God must have looked upon these desolating scenes! But the test must be. If man serves God only from selfish gain then is his service base and vile, but if he serves from pure and disinterested love, then is his service noble and divine. Moreover, if God cannot keep His own without pampering the flesh and gratifying selfish interests, then is religion not pure nor the grace of God efficient. It is indeed a serious hour.

Imps of perdition look to see the overthrow of God, while, from His throne in the skies, the great I AM watches the scene with grave admiration. Satan is confident! God is confident! And as the different servants come to impart to Job their calamitous news, what will he do? Let us note the reply. "Then Job arose and rent his garments." He has overwhelming grief. The blow is sufficient to crush the stoutest and bravest heart. Satan, are you about to see your victory? Is the man of whom God boasted about to give way?

We look a little longer and see the humbled servant moving toward his chamber, where, taking up his razor he calmly shaves his head. He suffers grief, overwhelming grief, but he is deliberate. Within there is a calm and a resignation to the will of God. His consecration is complete; his religion is a success; he worships God from love. We wait for him to speak and now we hear it, "*The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.*" What a climax! What defeat of Satan! What proof of the falseness of his claims! What rejoicing in heaven as this son of the desert thus brought the controversy to its close!

And do you know, brethren, that we, as Job, are made a spectacle unto men and to angels? We are being called to join the vast multitude who overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and who love not their lives unto death. He who intruded himself even into heaven, will not fail in visiting among the saints here below. We must expect testings, severe testings, but may our faith be encouraged to trust Him who sustained Job and who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

A New Book by A. G. Ward

It was in the year 1917 we first heard A. G. Ward preaching on the Song of Solomon. How we reveled in his messages! We were so sorry that they could not be had in printed form.

But now Brother Ward has prepared a most delightful book of these messages. It is entitled, "Through the Days With the Song of Solomon" (the price is 50 cents, and it can be had from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.). The book is divided into thirty devotional readings, one for every day in the month. When a month has thirty-one days, you can take time to meditate on the One whom the Song of Solomon describes—our love-worthy Lord. This book will be greatly appreciated by the many saints who consider the "Song of Songs" the most wonderful book in the whole Bible.—S. H. F.

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The Lord's Healing

DEATH FROM CANCER REBUKED

In 1936 and 1937 I began to have spells and suffered untold agony. I could hardly get my breath at times. The pains were so excruciating, I would double up. As the days went by the pain increased. It affected my kidneys and gall bladder. My stomach would swell. I felt a terrible burning like fire and I drank cold water thinking it would stop the burning; but instead of getting better it became worse. I would roll all night in bed in agony. Many times I doubted as to whether I would see the light of another day. The nights were so long to me, it seemed that morning would never come. My strength was almost gone. I was unable to eat. Many times I screamed in pain. Words cannot describe the agony I experienced.

I had four large tumors in my stomach. They were open sores on the inside, and so large that at times they would lock my stomach so that food could not pass through. I also felt there was something on the inside that was eating away my flesh, which later proved true. The cancer ate a hole into my stomach. Strings of flesh would pass from my body night and day. My stomach dropped; there was nothing to hold it because the cancer had torn it loose.

One day the blood began to pour into my stomach and the stream increased from day to day. For six days I bled continually and had from five to eight hemorrhages a day. This was the last stage of the cancer. The odor was terrible. I would go into a coma. I was dying by inches. I had my head lower than my feet that what blood I had would go to my head. My head was pounding for the lack of blood. My body felt numb. My right side became paralyzed until I thought I had a stroke. At times everything went black before my eyes. My bowel movements completely ceased.

In the month of June, 1937, I was at the point of death. Two surgeons who examined me said that I was beyond medical aid. I was so torn from the cancer in my stomach that I was bleeding through my mouth and bowels. One doctor said that I would be dead in one hour because of the continuous bleeding. I hemorrhaged from five to eight times a day for six days and became bedfast until the day that our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ raised me up.

All through my sickness I had known that it was God's will to heal me, and I had prayed, but my faith was not strong enough to believe that Jesus would stop the flowing of the blood. When I prayed for the blood to stop and the tumors to go, I would say if the blood does not stop today it will stop tomorrow. So you see my faith was wavering. Instead of looking to Jesus I spent most of my time looking at the disease and pain.

A well known surgeon in Peoria said that I had only a few hours to live because of the continuous bleeding. He saw absolutely no hope for me. Another cancer specialist also said there was no hope for my recovery outside of divine help.

When I saw that I was facing death, and

that my hours were few, this Scripture became real to me, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4. I praise God that Jesus took the fear out of my heart and gave me a song in the night. Another Scripture that God gave me on my death bed was 2 Chron. 20:12: "Neither know we what to do but our eyes are upon Thee." Right there God spoke to my heart, saying, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible with God." So I prayed, saying, "Father, in Jesus' name I rebuke this spirit of infirmity and cast it out of my body; stretch forth your unseen hand into my stomach and stop this blood from flowing." Then I said: "In Jesus' name bleed no more." Immediately the blood stopped flowing. The devil said, "You will bleed again," and I rebuked him in Jesus' name saying, "I cannot bleed because the unseen hand of Jesus is inside my stomach."

Then I asked Jesus to perform a miracle in building up the blood stream and He did. I laid my hands on my head saying, "Father in Jesus' name stop this pounding in my head," and it stopped. I also asked Jesus to take the numbness out of my hands and arms, and He did. My right side that was paralyzed received life from Jesus. I rebuked all four tumors in Jesus' name and they flattened out in answer to prayer. My bowel movement was restored. I was able to get out of bed and walk. My strength came again and I put on the weight I had lost. The healing was complete, and I have been sound and well, and preaching the gospel now for many years.—Fred Steinmann, 1629 Hamilton Street, Lockport, Ill.

HEALED OF COMPLICATIONS

For twelve years I was in constant pain in my head, high blood pressure and practically useless to myself. During the spells I would have to find some quiet place where I could hide. I could do no work during such periods. The only thing the doctors could suggest was to keep as quiet and cool as possible. One night I went to a Pentecostal service. I was saved that very night and from that time I noticed I was recovering my health, and soon I was perfectly healed.—Louise Isadora Morgan, Porus P. O., Manchester, Jamaica, B. W. I.

A MIRACULOUS HEALING

My wife and I have been missionaries in China for many years. I was thrown from my mule and badly injured. I was carried home by carriers and for three months lay suffering and helpless. No foreign doctor was available. Then, carried in a hammock, we reached Kunming and there found a conference of doctors assembled to form medical units for the armies of China. A few of these men were selected to examine me. This was their report.

X-ray Report

"Roentgenography of the hip joint:

"The femoral head on the left side is protruded into the true pelvic cavity on account of the fact that the acetabulum has been fractured. The tear-drop figure at the hip joint region has disappeared. *The joint and the socket exist no more.* The extent of the intrusion is about 1 cm. or so. The sacro-iliac articulations are normal and the neck of the femur is intact.

"The left knee:

"The bones are slightly decalcified; patches of atrophy are noticed in the interior portion of the articular surfaces, which are irregular. At the back of the knee a fabella is noticed, with arthritis, in left knee.

"This is the result of the X ray taken this morning for Dr. Yew giving details of Mr. Boyd's fracture of the acetabulum on the left side, with intrusion of the head of femur.

"North Gate, Main Clinic, X-ray Department, Kunming, April 5, 1940."

We were told that I would not be able to walk again, and that the best that could be expected was to move about on the veranda on crutches.

My wife and I decided to believe for complete healing and full restoration of health and strength. We rented a bungalow for two weeks and shut ourselves up to prayer and study of the Word of God afresh. We met Him daily on the covenant of healing (Ex. 15:26); remembered how His glorious right hand had changed all things for us in our fevers and when we had been down in the valley of the shadow of death. I cannot tell you the joy I experienced during these days of waiting on Him, while the heavy bombardment of the city went on. In two weeks I was walking on the lawns with the aid of one stick. In five months I was running around with no stick at all. Now, April 21, 1944, I am ringing doorbells for Jesus in Newcastle, Staffs, with no stick at all. I have visited four hundred homes, giving a personal invitation in each, and am still going strong.—W. J. Boyd, "Cartref," 4 Bethania Terrace, New Dock, Llanelly, Wales.

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Gerardo--

A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS!

ARE native preachers really capable of reaching their own people with the gospel?" This question has been asked repeatedly by sincere Christians who are concerned about missions. We answer in the affirmative. We base our answer on the fact that our missionaries could tell of literally hundreds of zealous young men who today are being used of God in an outstanding way. Take, for example, the story of Gerardo Ortiz as it was recently told by Ralph Harer.

Gerardo is a sleepy-eyed sort of fellow. He was dull and slow to learn, and one would never suppose that this young man was called to be a preacher; but the Lord used him in a special way in leading men to Christ.

Several years ago, after Gerardo and his family had accepted the Lord, he felt a very definite urge to preach the gospel to his own people. He was conscious of his need of preparation for this great task, so he attended the Santa Ana Bible School in El Salvador, that he might be better equipped to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

After a few years in El Salvador, Gerardo brought his family back to Guatemala. His heart was burdened mightily for those people, and God began using him in raising up many new workers. Shortly after their return to Guatemala, Gerardo and his wife were conducting revival services in a village called Los Horcones. While they were in the midst of this meeting, a circus came to town. It was a very popular circus, too. Whenever Don Carlos and the Senorita Guadalupe visited Los Horcones, they were assured of a good attendance. But Gerardo refused to be discouraged. Circus or no circus, they kept on praying, singing and preaching the gospel.

Don Carlos, together with the Senorita and their two helpers, cheerfully and confidently pitched their tent. They announced their show, smeared on their grease paint and put their talented horse through the paces. Together they did their very best, but the crowds were poor and by the fourth night it was apparent that the circus was doomed to failure for the first time! Why? The people were too interested in the revival services being conducted by little Gerardo! The discouraged troupe decided that they might as well close up, for they had no business.

What could there be in a religious meeting that held such attraction for the people of Los Horcones? Don Carlos and the others decided to go over and see for themselves. That night Gerardo's wife sang with all the fullness

of her heart, and he preached with great sincerity and conviction. The presence of the Lord was there in such a wonderful way! Before that service closed, the clown and his three companions were kneeling at the altar, asking pardon for their sins! They were all soundly converted and began regulating their lives. They sold their tent and everything that went with it. Don Carlos and Guadalupe were legally married, after having lived together many years. The Lord honored these steps and baptized them in the Holy Spirit, until they, too, felt a mighty impulse to preach the gospel. Today this couple is faithfully serving God in Honduras, not with a circus tent, but with the lighted torch of grace. Already the Lord has used them to raise up six churches and they are among the best workers in Honduras!

All this, of course, came about because Gerardo, as a soldier of the cross, was faithful to his calling. It is because of this brother and his fellow ministers that such splendid progress has been made in the work. In the next few months Gerardo will begin the construction of two more churches, whose members have been delivered from the bondage of religious darkness and heathen customs.

There are hundreds of Gerardos and Carlos in the world today, faithfully lifting up the name of Jesus and thereby hastening the coming of our Lord. "Are native preachers really

capable of reaching their own people with the gospel?" We answer in the affirmative! Why not send a liberal offering today to the Missions Department to help these earnest native preachers evangelize their own people?



Safe Arrival!

A cable has been received from the Burdette Wiles and the Harold Lehmanns stating: "Arrived Accra. All well. Proceeding to Tamale." Continue to pray for these friends that they may safely reach their destinations and be mightily used of God.



Home Again!

The Missions Department has received a telegram from New York stating that John and Daisy Kennedy have arrived safely in the United States with their two children. The Kennedys have been laboring in Sierra Leone, West Africa since May, 1941 and in addition to their regular missionary work have been used among the British servicemen stationed there. May the Lord bless them during this time of furlough!



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Last Call

Gold Coast Convention



YES, there are but two short weeks left until Christmas! And what does Christmas mean to you? Does it mean simply the exhausting hustle and bustle of last minute shopping? Does it mean nothing more than the wearisome wrapping of endless packages? Does it mean the burdensome duty of preparing a lavish Christmas dinner? Will it merit nothing more than a sigh of relief when it is all over? That may be the holiday spirit but it is a far cry from the real spirit of Christmas.

In this hour when the Prince of Peace has kept our land free from the sickening ravishes of war and famine, let us honor and worship the Christ of Christmas! How better could we express our gratitude to God than by remembering our missionaries who are accomplishing His will? To the farthest corners of this war-torn globe they are lifting up the name of Jesus. For them it will not be a merry Christmas, but it can be a blessed one if we will but remember the need. This is the last call! This is your last opportunity to send an offering to the Christmas Offering Fund, which will be sent to each of our missionary soldiers to assist them in pressing the battle for God.

Do you think it is worth while? Then why not send your offering NOW to the Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, marked plainly for the "Christmas Offering Fund"? Next week will be too late, we need your help NOW!



Home On Furlough

Word has just arrived by Western Union that the Harvey Wagners are back home on furlough. The Wagners were laboring in Southwest China, having sailed for there in 1938. In recent months they have been pastoring the "House of Prayer" in Calcutta, India. Welcome home!

"I have just returned to Walewale," writes Arnold C. Weston, "after attending our first All Gold Coast Convention in Tamale. We had a most joyful time! One worker said after the convention, 'We, in our area, are dull. We are stupid. We must wake up!' The convention would have been a success if only this one worker had had his eyes opened to a wider horizon. But that was not all. To hear the testimonies of the workers and to converse with them in conference was to hear of new vision, new understanding, and a new consecration.

"Though this field has been lacking in missionary personnel and the restrictions on travel due to the war have hindered our evangelistic effort, the work has grown greatly throughout the Gold Coast. To unify this work, to bring about a sense of fellowship and co-operation, has been an urgent need. To do this, I have traveled from Bawku on the French frontier to the north, to the Gulf of Guinea in the south.

"Mr. Bamford, the native pastor of the Tamale church, visited the coastal area to encourage and instruct. Mr. Goodwin, upon his arrival from America, also visited the various works. Upon his last visit, he stated that we must have a convention that would embrace the work of the entire Gold Coast. After due preparation, the delegates from various tribes were invited to attend. On the last day of the convention, there were 16 tribes represented. As Brother Goodwin called upon each tribe, they arose and responded with a song in their own language. Though we didn't understand the languages of all 16 tribes, we could understand their spirit of praise and thanksgiving.

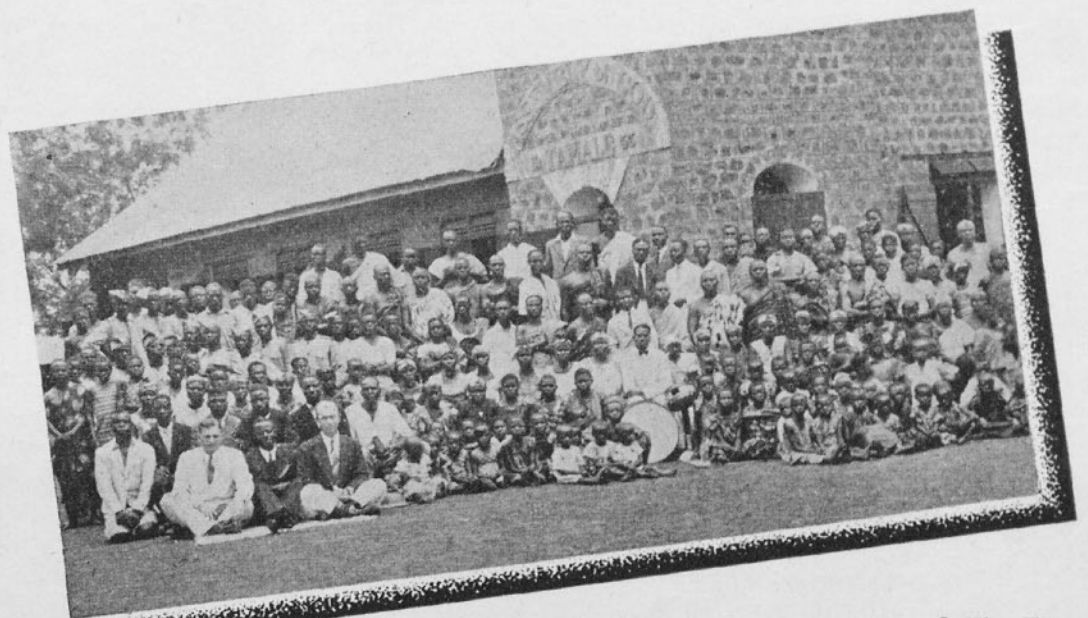
"As we look back upon the convention, we rejoice at what we have seen and heard, and it is with faith and expectation that we look forward to future conventions. This first one was more or less of an experiment and so was primarily for the workers. No effort was made to assemble the Christians of the Northern Territories. Sometime in the near future we look forward to such a convention, as it would strengthen the work considerably.

"During the past weeks the work as a whole has been going forward as never before. The Christians are taking up their missionary offerings, which is to help in the spreading of the Good News throughout the Gold Coast. Requests are coming in for churches to be opened. Chiefs are offering to build churches if we will but come to them with the gospel. All in all, we are on the verge of a revival as God is not only working in the hearts of the believers, but is stirring the heathen until they are calling for the gospel. Your continued prayers to this end will bring forth high heavenly dividends."



Just Returned

Since the above letter was written by Arnold C. Weston, news has been received of his safe arrival in the United States, along with his family, for a period of furlough. Friends wishing to contact the Westons by mail may do so by addressing them at 1003 Summit Avenue, New York 52, New York.



● The First All Gold Coast Convention held in Tamale, Northern Territories, West Africa, in September, 1944. Arnold Weston is sitting third from left in front row.

Send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

Our Sons in Service

A few of the hundreds of letters received weekly in the Servicemen's Department.

NEW GUINEA

Dear Friends:

I received the magazine yesterday and was glad to get it. It has a lot of interesting reading in it. I want to thank you for it.

I am not a Christian but I have been thinking pretty strong of putting my trust in the Lord. I go to church most every Sunday. We had a good service this morning.

I want you to know I enjoyed reading the Christ's Ambassadors Herald.

Pfc. C. R. F.

C/O POSTMASTER, NEW YORK

Dear Sir:

It was very kind of you to want to send me a copy of REVEILLE.

I hope you will excuse the bad writing and also the badly addressed envelope, as I am in a fox hole. The weather is so rainy that I can hardly see how to write; but there is One who can carry me through.

Thanks a lot for your kind letter.

Very truly yours,
Pvt. E. R.

FROM ENGLAND

Dear Brother Jaeger:

I want to acknowledge your very interesting and encouraging letter of July 28 which I received yesterday. The letter was more or less a sermon, written on paper direct to me; believe me, it was appreciated immensely.

Yes, God has been wonderful to me, an unworthy creature in His sight. He has had so much mercy and patience with me, and even though I have done Him wrong, He is still the best friend any man has ever had. The devil

is at every corner of life, nagging, whispering in my ear, "Do this, it isn't any harm"; and to my regret, I have fallen into his trap. However, I still breathe my nightly prayers and read His precious Word. I am so happy to learn that my name is on your prayer list, too.

Those three points, or suggestions, you gave me were explanatory, and it is these three points that are vital in the life of every Christian. If I only had a solitary place in which to commune with my Lord; it is so hard for me just to drop down anywhere now, with the devil walking beside, so to speak, and cry to the Lord. I know what I've said may sound foolish, but that's the circumstances—a foreign country and foreign religions.

I'm still thanking my Lord and Savior for the good health, except for my prevailing blood pressure, I've had up until now. I know the Lord is and always will be with me.

Please continue to send me those encouraging letters; and pray for me still.

Yours sincerely,
S/Sgt. M. H. N.

NEW GUINEA

Dear Friend in Christ:

I have your most welcome letter here at hand. I was very glad to hear from you and also glad to hear of the wonderful work you are doing for the servicemen. May God bless you always.

Truly, you will never know how much a letter like yours makes us feel. As you said, sometimes—in fact all the time—we are facing trials and temptations; but I know God is able, praise His name!

During the campaign in New Georgia, so many times I came so close, but God was by my side. He not only heard my prayers, but He answered them.

The Battalion I am in comes from Connecticut. Almost all of them are Catholics, but there are about fifty of us. We have wonderful fellowship in the Lord.

One boy had his Bible open in his fox hole. All at once, he asked if he could come to another fox hole. The boys said, "Sure," and just as he got over, his fox hole was bombed so that you could hardly find any part of it. God was with him. Some said, "Oh, that's luck!" He said, "No, that was God's hand leading me and telling me what to do."

Well, I must close for now, but before I do I want to thank you for thinking and praying for me, and I will pray for you.

Your friend in Christ,
Pfc. M. F. W.

SCOTT FIELD, ILL.

Dear Friends:

I am a Private in the U. S. Army and I'm very interested in what is to become of my soul.

All my life, I've longed to become a Christian and be happy and free from sin; but with all my efforts, I've failed to find God.

I haven't attended church as I should love to, but I don't have the opportunity to do so here.

I will be glad to get letters for I do wish to become a Christian and live a true clean life.

Yours sincerely,
Pvt. L. M. A.

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Realizing the vital importance and opportunity there is in correspondence with our men in the armed forces, the Servicemen's Department is maintaining constant contact with the tens of thousands who are listed in the rapidly expanding Servicemen's Directory. The fellows appreciate receiving REVEILLE; they appreciate our regular letters, and they appreciate the department's willingness to help them in every other possible way.

You, our EVANGEL readers, are our greatest potential source of information for increasing the number of servicemen we are able to help. Many a fellow may never see a single copy of REVEILLE unless you send in his name and address.

Here is a letter from a soldier—a Pentecostal soldier, a member of some church—one whose name nobody ever bothered to send in to the Servicemen's Department—a soldier we could not contact until he wrote us a letter himself. Dear Brother in Christ:

I am in the hospital here and very lonely. I am about the only one who stands for the full gospel and a faith in Pentecost. I haven't had a pass to go anywhere since September 2 and it gets awfully discouraging. I sure miss church services a lot as I used to go regular—every night when there were meetings.

Will someone please send me something to read?—A back copy of EVANGEL or anything.

Your brother in Christ
Pfc. E. H.

Is there a serviceman from your church or home who should be contacted by the Servicemen's Department? Send in his name and address now to:

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Minna Seaholm, from the day America went into the war, has been devoting her time and energies to work among the men of the armed forces. She made her way into camps that others found difficult to enter, and gave away thousands of copies of Reveille. She never seemed to weary in the service. But the Lord has called her to Himself. We know that to be with Christ is "far better" for her, but it is left for others to carry on the work she has laid down. Are you one of those "others"?

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You still have time to send the Evangel as a Christmas gift. In U. S. A. \$1.00; outside U. S. A. \$1.50.

PATTERSON, CALIF.—A very successful revival has been conducted here by E. C. Lagmay, the Filipino evangelist. Four were definitely saved and one received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, for we heard her speak with tongues and magnify God. This lady is nearly sixty years old, cannot read or write, and is very hard of hearing; but God, who is full of mercies, again disregarded human infirmities, wrote another name in the Lamb's book of life, and sealed her with the Spirit of promise. We are praising God for Brother Lagmay's ministry here. He is fearless, and therefore preaches the gospel unadulterated.—Henry C. Vancil, Pastor.

VANPORT CITY, ORE.—The Lord has blessed in a 4-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Clifford Andrews preaching the first two weeks, John Jamison, pastor of Lents Assembly, preaching the third week, and our own C. A. group taking charge the fourth week, with C. A. President Shirley Jensen doing the preaching. The power of God fell in almost every service. Eighteen prayed at the altar, seeking to be saved or reclaimed. There were some healed. We recently broke our Sunday School attendance record with 148 present. We praise God for the liberty and unity of the Spirit in our midst.—F. J. Huntley, Pastor.

You Can—Will You?

The other day the Servicemen's Department received the following letter from a chaplain in the European war theater.

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Chaplain E. W. M.

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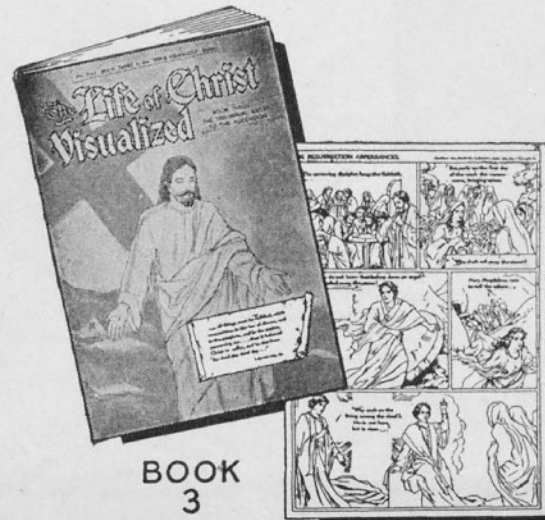
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Among the Assemblies

CLARKSVILLE, ARK.—Clyde Daniel came to us last January, and we are glad to report that the Lord has prospered our church under his ministry and leadership. We are in a great revival, and souls are being saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. J. C. Bonds of Dover, Ark., is the evangelist.—A. F. Pedro, Secretary.

CARLSBAD, CALIF.—I have looked for a building for a Center, but not a thing has showed up. So we are continuing with our own work as best we can. In 7 months, we have had over 720 boys make a surrender to Christ, and over 1350 have been in the hospitality house. Twenty-nine were saved in a recent 2-week revival with Arthur S. Arnold as the evangelist. One was a man who had been a drunkard for 32 years, and he has since been going on with God in a real way.—P. B. Franklin, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle.

EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.—Eleven months ago we accepted the pastorate here. At that time there were only 44 in Sunday School.

God has blessed our efforts, and at the time of this writing there are 95 in Sunday School. For the past two weeks we have seen a good ingathering of souls. Fern G. Huffstutler of St. Louis, Mo., has preached a good revival, in which 15 were saved and 2 received the Holy Ghost Baptism as in Acts 2:4. The crowds were so large at times that we had to bring in extra seats to accommodate the people. On the closing night of the revival there were 17 at the altar seeking God for salvation or the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Council brethren will find a welcome at Eureka Springs.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee F. Stokes, Pastors.

MOOSIC, PA.—The Northeast Sectional Rally of the Christ's Ambassadors was held at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, on Armistice Day, with much blessing and edification to all present. Boston W. Turner of Lancaster, our guest speaker, brought two very inspiring and beneficial messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. In the afternoon service he spoke on the subject, "Do I Have Compassion on the Multitude?" using Matt. 15:22 as the basis of his message. The evening service was especially blessed with waves of glory sweeping over the congregation, and the message was indeed very helpful as our brother spoke on "God's Provision for a Witness to Himself." The service ended with volumes of praise unto our God. It was indeed a blessed day well spent

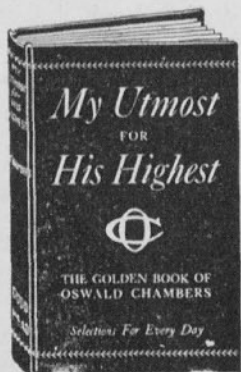
in the presence of our Lord.—Fleming S. Van Meter, Sectional C. A. Leader.

McKINNEY, TEXAS—We have just closed a precious meeting with Brother and Sister Oscar Jones doing the preaching. These pioneers in Pentecost have the touch of the old-time power in their lives, and they were made a real blessing to our church. Five were saved and two received the Baptism. Our church as a whole was lifted up and encouraged.—Earl J. Rogers, Pastor.

LINDA VISTA, CALIF.—By the help of a few good ministers, a room in a school building was secured where we might hold one service a week. This was in February, 1944. Brother Davis of the Berean Bible School preached for a time, and then William Panos took it over. In September permission was obtained to start a Sunday School, which was done. A. D. Williams, our Assistant Pastor, is Superintendent, and Eunice Foust is Secretary-Treasurer. This place (the Linda Vista War Housing Project) is a city of some 22,000 population, with only two more denominational churches. Our Sunday School is steadily growing, and there is a wonderful opportunity to work for the Lord. We ask the assemblies everywhere to remember us in prayer.—William Panos, Pastor; by A. M. Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer, 1791 Westinghouse, San Diego 10, Calif.

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SKELLYTOWN, TEXAS—We have just closed a remarkably good revival, Loyd Jeffrey of the Arizona District being the evangelist. One man and 9 women were reclaimed. Several of them had been backslidden for years. Several definite healings occurred, one young man was delivered from demon possession, and several were refilled with the Holy Ghost. The whole church was revived. Brother Jeffrey's present address is care of Pastor, Assembly of God, Tolleson, Arizona.—H. C. Lonis, Pastor.

NEWARK, N. J.—We are happy to report a splendid revival with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Krupnick of Tulsa, Okla., as the evangelists. Many sought the Lord for salvation, some 6 or more were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and a number were healed. A sister who had been unable to kneel for more than a year due to arthritis was instantly healed. The assembly was wonderfully quickened.—Milton T. Wells, Pastor, Bethel Pentecostal Assembly.

Coming Meetings

ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS—Dec. 3, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Luther Davidson.—Elmer W. Pickel, Pastor.

MILES CITY, MONT.—Nov. 28—; W. Douglas Carroll of Alabama, Evangelist.—A. L. Browning, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—740 E. 77th St.; postponed campaign with the Kings, Dec. 5—17.—S. Paul Carlyss, Pastor.

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS—Dec. 12—; The Lummer Music Makers, Evangelists.—W. O. Ransom, Pastor.

CARBERRY, MANITOBA—Pentecostal Church; meetings in progress; Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.—E. Berry, Pastor.

COTTER, ARK.—Sunday School and C. A. Conference, North Central Section, Dec. 5-7; David Burris and Agnes Stokes in charge. Rooms furnished to ministers and S. S. workers, as far as possible.—Bill Hickman, Pastor.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—New York-New Jersey District Prayer Conference, Gospel Tabernacle, 5029 Hudson Blvd., Dec. 13-15. Services 9:30, 2:30 and 7:45. Wesley R. Steelberg, special speaker. For accommodations write Pastor Nicholas Nikoloff, 1105 51st St., North Bergen, N. J.—Charles R. Shuss, Prayer Conference Leader.

UKRAINIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Ukrainian Youth Conference, sponsored by the Ukrainian Branch, Cooper Square Tabernacle, 7th St. and 3rd Ave., Dec. 8-9. Wesley R. Steelberg, special speaker, Joseph P. Lukowski, Youth Leader of Ukrainian Branch, in charge of services. Friday, 7:30 p. m., great welcome services; Saturday, 2:30 p. m., open forum—discussion period, Brother Steelberg in charge. Saturday, 7:30 p. m., great conference rally.—Fred Smolchuck, Secretary Ukrainian Branch.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—San Antonio Sectional Bible Conference, First Assembly of God, Lancaster and Dittmar Sts., Dec. 5-6. Three services daily. District Superintendent F. D. Davis, speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Gideon O. De Merchant, Pastors.—I. H. Ridge, Sectional Presbyter.

SHELTON, CONN.—Southern New England Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Assembly of God, 161 Coram St., Dec. 11. Services 2:30 and 6:00 p. m.; local pastors will be speaking. Evening service in charge of Glen Emberson, C. A. Sectional President, with A. W. Earle, N. E. District C. A. President, speaking.—J. Robert Ashcroft, Sectional Secretary, 16 Lockwood Terrace, West Hartford, Conn.

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.—Full Gospel Church, Otsego and Pearl St.; meetings in progress, nightly. Old-fashioned gospel preaching by Ministers, Missionaries and Christian Workers. Auspices of Glad Tidings Church, Elkton, Md.—John Pittman, Pastor.

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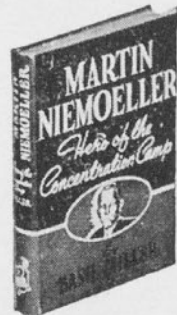
FOR SALE—New gospel tent.—Henry Anderson, Wagar, Ala.

NOTICE—Persons moving to Portland will find plenty of empty houses available at Vanport, close to the three Kaiser shipyards. You will find a friendly and spiritual Assembly of God, Upper Grade School, Room 10. For further information write Pastor F. J. Huntley, 7004 Kilpatrick St., Portland, Ore.

NOTICE—If those who have friends or relatives stationed here will send us their complete address, we shall be glad to contact them for God.—Evangelists Guy and Esther London, and Gladys Woods, Morro Bay, Calif.

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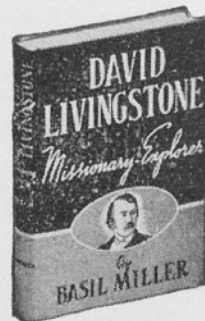
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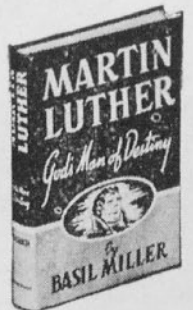
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TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW

If the present trend continues, in about twenty years the majority of American marriages will end in divorce. According to *Woman's Home Companion*, by 1965 we may expect 51 per cent of all marriages to end in divorce.

BAD NEWS!

"The brewing industry has just finished the most successful year in its history," reported *Brewer's Digest*. "Beer sales for 1943 are estimated to be in excess of 72,000,000 barrels" (nearly two barrels each for America's forty million drinkers).

"PETER'S PENCE"

According to the *Catholic Register* of Denver, Colo., of last July 23, the Pope never publishes the amount he receives each year from "Peter's Pence," but it estimates that "in prewar times it was running between two and five million dollars annually."

PROTESTANTS IN ITALY

Probably there are more foreign Protestants in Italy than Italian Protestants, due to the presence of American and British soldiers, for there were less than 90,000 Protestants in that land before the war. Only 4 out of every 1,000 people are not Roman Catholics.

A GOOD TESTIMONY

A businessman in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, recently sent a letter to the Presbyterian missionary in Chaséfu, saying: "Our native messenger boy is from your part of the country. He has asked me to forward to you the sum of — as a contribution to his own home church. I do so with pleasure. I have, however, decided to make up his contribution to five pounds (\$25.00) for he is the best boy we have ever had. If your mission can produce men of his stamp you deserve all the support you can get from people like me and firms like mine."

"ISRAEL IS ANNIHILATED"

"In less than one hundred years the Jewish problem will be solved. The race simply will have disappeared." So reads a German encyclopedia on anti-Semitism. But Dr. Louis Bauman suggests that the Nazi who made that prediction might well have gone to Cairo, Egypt, before publishing it. There he would have found, written on a slab of granite some 3,300 years old, these words of Rameses II: "Israel is annihilated. Israel will have no posterity." As a prophet, Rameses II was a dismal failure. And so also are the anti-Semites of the twentieth century, for God has said to Israel: "Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee." Jer. 30:11.

FREEDOM IN BELGIUM

All Belgium has been liberated, and the people are now digging up their church bells and letting them ring again in a call to worship. Belgian patriots had buried many church bells during the Nazi occupation of their country to keep their enemies from using the bells for scrap metal.

THE PRESIDENT ON PALESTINE

"I know how long and ardently the Jewish people have worked and prayed for the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth," said President Roosevelt recently. "I am convinced that the American people give their support to this aim; and, if re-elected, I shall help to bring about its realization."

THE PROGRESS OF APOSTASY

The latest advance in the appalling progress of apostasy: "The Federal Council (Protestant), the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, the Synagogue Council of America, and the Christian Science Committee on Publication for the State of New York have co-operated in the publication of a book of prayers for every day in the year."

BROKEN HEARTS IN FRANCE

Ninety per cent of the Jews of Paris were deported during the German occupation, *Jewish Missionary Magazine* reports. The Gestapo, it seems, took sadistic delight in separating families. A wife would be sent to Poland, the husband somewhere else, and the children to a still different place. Broken bodies, broken families, and broken hearts constitute a tragic aftermath that takes the exultation out of the joy of liberation. How they need the ministry of the Christ who came "to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

THE MCGUFFEY READERS

The immortal readers edited by William McGuffey came in for mention in the court case over *Esquire* magazine's right to second-class mailing privileges, during the past summer. Justice Davidson decided against *Esquire*. He pointed out that the second-class mailing privilege was established by law in 1879 in order to encourage the diffusion of information for the good of the public, and held that magazines that are morally improper were not included in the intent of Congress at that time. The influences typified by McGuffey's teachings, he said, created a standard of ethics and morals which ruled the America of our fathers. We need more of the same kind of teaching in our schools today. The teachings of McGuffey were the teachings of the Bible, whereas the teachings of some of the modern school books are the teachings of atheistic evolutionists.

FLOATING POWERHOUSES

According to *Modern Industry*, the warships of the U. S. Navy now have more power-producing capacity than all the power plants, public and private, steam and hydro-electric, in the entire United States. A single battleship can provide electricity sufficient for several cities.

A SIGN IN THE SKY

During the past summer four members of the Assembly of God in Ayr, Australia, were returning home after a prayer meeting, when one of the girls suddenly looked up and said, "Oh, Mother, look at the writing in the sky." The others looked up, and all four saw the words, clearly outlined in stars, "JESUS COMING SOON." The writing was there all through the night, and caused quite a stir in that place. The incident, recorded in the *Australian Evangel*, is confirmed by the wife of the pastor of Ayr Assembly. It reminds us of the words of the Lord Jesus, concerning the end time: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars." Luke 21:25. Surely His coming draweth nigh, and foolish indeed is the one who does not prepare to meet Him.

"EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE"

A farmer near London wrote to the Scripture Gift Mission enclosing a five-shilling (\$1.25) offering, and in his letter he requested prayer that no bombs should drop on his small farm. His harvest had not been good, as his was a very dry farm, with no water, and he had to buy water. The Secretary of the Mission wrote back and said he could not ask that, but instead he would pray that God's will might be done.

Soon afterward Hitler's biggest bomb came down on this man's farm. It broke all his windows, but no one was hurt. It was so big that it went down very deep and unearthed a spring. The spring not only watered his farm well but it enabled him to let others have water too. Last year, therefore, he had a very good harvest, and he sent a fifty-pound (\$250.00) check as a thanksgiving offering. The Lord had done "exceeding abundantly above all he asked or thought." How good and how wise is our God in all His ways!

THE PALESTINE QUESTION

Says *New Palestine*: "The Balfour Declaration started an enterprise into which has been poured fortunes in money, hundreds of thousands of lives, and a whole world of hope. Tens of thousands of teachers and students have unburied the language of the Bible and made it a living, spoken tongue. Tens of thousands of youths from the ghettos of Europe have wearied their backs upon the stones of Palestinian roads, and under its burning skies lifted their songs. The desert has been made to blossom as the rose and the waste land again has become a land flowing with milk and honey."

But Britain's white paper policy will close the door of Palestine to further Jewish immigration. It will give the Arabs the upper hand in Palestine. Will Britain uphold the white paper when the war is won? Or will she uphold the Balfour promise? Or will she wash her hands of Palestine and turn over the mandate to another power? The Palestine question will be one of the hardest knots for the United Nations to untie.