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## Ministry in the New Year

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A NOTHER year has passed; a new year lies before us. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us and we are assured that He will help us in the days to come.

The times in which we live are a strain on both mind and body. Dark clouds cover the sky and the many are without knowledge as to what way is best for them to take. Many are the wrong paths and too many are traveling them.

We are blessed that we have the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures and a love for the same. It becomes our duty to give the people the Word of life that they may find the strait and narrow way and walk therein.

As the work of God grows and as means of further efficiency in Christian work are provided, we realize our need of preparation and action that we might keep pace with these excellent means of progress. Our danger is that we may rely on the intellectual provisions for increased usefulness and lose sight of our need of spiritual enduement. A good pipe line may be necessary for the successful discharge of water, but it is of no value unless water flows through it. We must regard all our helps as pipe lines, and never be satisfied with these alone. We must have the water of life flowing through them.

In apostolic times that which was considered most necessary was the flow of the water of life. None were more conscious of this need than the apostles. When there came the murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration, the embryonic division must be corrected by properly adjusting the

differences, but the apostles saw that, were they to give themselves to the care of the temporal needs, they would be deprived of needed time for prayer and preparation for an effective ministry in the Word. They would appoint reliable men to care for the temporal needs, but they would give themselves "to prayer and the ministry of the Word." Neither would they be prayerful and studious one day and prayerless the next. They would give themselves "continually."

Power results from the anointing of God upon us and there will be anointing only in proportion to our life of prayer and communion with God. A prayerless man is a shallow man no matter how able he may be to speak. It takes the Holy Ghost to fill our words with power. If the apostles could afford to lav aside everything else for prayer and prayerful preparation for ministry, we should make it a practice to give ourselves to much prayer, study, and meditation that we may go before the people to "minister." It is a "ministry of the Word," a service to the upbuilding of the hearers in God, that is needed. The world is full of oratory, but what is oratory? It may be little more than well pronounced excellent rhetoric. Paul laid aside dependence on such, choosing in its place "demonstration of the Spirit and power." May we enter this New Year determined to give ourselves more fully to waiting on God in humble prayer than in the year that is past.

But we must not stop with prayer. We must "give attendance to (Continued on Page Seven)



## PRESSING ONWARD

Phil. 3:13-14

I'll wear no withered garlands sere—
The tokens of the vanished past;
I'll journey on my pathway here,
And reach the mountain top at last.

The past is dead; its songs and tears
Belong to all the ages gone;
I face the promise of the years
With hope, my shield and buckler on.

And One who blotted out the past
Walks on the mountain road with me;
He points ahead to regions vast—
The land of God's Eternity.

I'll seek no resting place beside
The path that leads to that great land;
I'll walk with Him who for me died
'Til safe upon its soil I stand.

Then let the world keep all its fame
For those who love the ways of death,
I'll leave it to consuming flame—
To sordid sin's destroying breath.

I see the future like the dawn,
Aglow with everlasting light;
I'll face the sun and journey on
And leave behind earth's darksome night.
—W. B. McCafferty.

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# How to Have a Prosperous Year

GOD said to Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8.

The same thought is expressed in the 1st Psalm, concerning the man who delights in God's Word, and meditates on it day and night: "Whatsoever he doeth

shall prosper." So if we desire to have good success and prosperity in the year 1945 and the years that follow, we must constantly feed on "the sincere milk of the Word."

Someone has well said: "We do not read the Bible to find out a lot about God, but rather to find God Himself revealed in Jesus Christ. We come then to meet a Person and to be addressed by a Person. Bible reading is an interview in which we stand before God and listen to His Word. As Luther says, 'Christ is the Lord and King of Scripture,' and as we go to the cradle only for

the sake of the baby, so also we go to the Scripture—for Christ. The purpose of daily Bible reading, therefore, is to meet God in Christ, and to be addressed by Him through the Holy Spirit."

## How to READ

It is imperative to make time every day for the quiet, unhurried reading of the Word of God. We know of no better time than the early hours of the morning for communion with Him. Some, however, may have more leisure in the evening.

It is good to read the Word of God both morning and evening, but you will probably find that you will get more out of the Scriptures when your mind is freshest, in the early hours of the day. Writing to his mother soon after going to China as a missionary Charley Studd said, "I wake about 3:30 a.m. and have a good read in my Bible, then have an hour's sleep before getting up. I find what I read then is indelibly stamped on my mind all through the day. If I miss this time

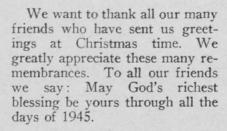
I feel like Samson shorn of his hair and so of all his strength."

Many find that it is helpful to read some worthwhile devotional book at the same time they read the Word. The writer always finds great help in Andrew Murray's devotional writings, in such books as With Christ in the School of Prayer, Like Christ, and Abide in Christ. (These books only cost 60 cents a volume and should be in every home.)

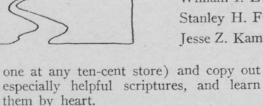
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As you read any direct command in the Scriptures, pause and pray, asking for special grace to enable you to obey this word. The Lord not only wants us to be hearers but also doers of His Word. Remember those solemn words of the Master, "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21. God delights in our coming constantly to the throne of grace to receive a sufficiency of His grace to enable us to render quick, gladsome obedience to all His revealed will.

## MAKING A START

Many start to read the Word of God from the beginning, but when they get to the latter part of Exodus or the book of Leviticus, they find things not easy to understand and then they quit.\* And so it may prove wise for many to begin with the four Gospels and the Acts. When you have familiarized yourself with these, read the twenty-one Epistles. You may be able to understand these better if you read some modern rendering of the New Testament. Moffatt did a conscientious piece of work on the New Testament, his translation makes delightful reading (it can be purchased for \$1.50); but we want to warn everyone against his translation of the Old Testament, which in some places is very unreliable. Helen B.

Montgomery's Centenary Translation of the New Testament is also excellent. (Can be had for \$1.25.) In the early hours of Sunday morning or in the quiet of Sunday afternoon, it is a good thing to settle down and read through an Epistle at one sitting, and then take time to apply its practical teaching to your own heart and life.

The book of Revelation is one which has special blessing if you read it with simplicity. It is not really difficult to understand — providing your mind has not become muddled by reading many commentaries that contradict one another in

their interpretations.

If you ask the Lord daily to open your eyes to see wondrous things out of His law, He will bless you in your study of the five books of Moses. Then the twelve historical books are full of lessons that the Spirit of God will apply to your heart.

Reserve the book of Job for a quiet Sunday when you have time to read it as a whole. You will find the key to the book in the last chapter, where Job confesses he has uttered things that he did not understand, and where God definitely says of his friends that they had spoken things that were not right. We have heard some quote these sayings that God says were "not right" as if they were the utterances of God. Job is a wonderfully faith-inspiring book for tried souls.

The Psalms are magnificent for worship. When you desire to draw very near

<sup>\*</sup> If you should want some books to help you to see Christ in the first five books of the Bible, we heartily recommend C. H. MacIntosh's books, "Notes on the Pentateuch." They are worth their weight in gold. They cost \$1.28 per volume or \$6.50 the set.

to God, take the Psalms, and on bended knee utter those inspired prayers and praises to Him, and you will find yourself drawn into worship and adoration of Him who is so worthy of all our praise.

The Proverbs are very helpful, but do not read more of these than you can assimilate at a sitting. In reading Ecclesiastes, remember the keynote, "Under the sun," and you will realize that all on this earth is vanity and that is why we should "seek those things that are above." The Song of Solomon is the lovesong of Christ and His bride, and will help you to become desperately in love with Jesus.

The seventeen prophetic books are full of blessing. Whenever the writer needs special encouragement he always reads the last twenty-seven chapters of Isaiah. If you have difficulty in reading these prophetic books, you may find great help from G. Campbell Morgan's Commentaries.

## WHAT ABOUT HELPS?

We have always preferred to spend our time over the Word of God itself, rather than on commentaries. And yet, we know that George Whitefield read Matthew Henry's Commentary through twice on his knees, and then went out and won twenty thousand souls for Christ. We have heard Myer Pearlman say to the students at Central Bible Institute, "Get a set of Alexander Maclaren's Exposition of the Holy Scriptures, begin at the first

volume, and by the time you have read the last you will have had a Bible School education." This is good counsel for those who have leisure, but to the ordinary layman or laywoman we would say, devote your time to the Word of God itself rather than to commentaries.

Ask the Lord to give you a good appetite for His Word. The writer was at a railroad station a short while ago, and overheard a conversation between some colored porters. One was saying of another, "He sure got some appetite. He ate three plates of ham and eggs for breakfast, and then he ordered a fourth.' The other replied, "My wife can sure eat, too. I took her out to a restaurant last Sunday. She started by asking for two chicken dinners for herself, and when she done finished them, she asked for another!" I somehow found a cry going up from my heart, "Lord, give me an appetite for Your Word like that!"

One thing we want to re-emphasize. Never read the Word in a hurried spirit. Better to read one verse and get the juice out of it, than to hurriedly read several chapters and not meet with God. He wants us to "eat the Book," that is, make it a part of us, so that the Living Word of the Living God is in our hearts as a hallowing force, keeping us from sin. As we receive with meekness the Word of God, let us make full room in our hearts for Him of whom the Scriptures speak, our lovely Christ, so that our testimony may truly be, "For me to live is Christ."—S. H. F.

# Victory Through the Blood

IN the 12th chapter of Revelation we see the company in heaven celebrating a victory on earth, and the victory obtained on earth contributed to the accuser of the brethren being cast out of heaven. They say in substance: "Our brethren fought the battle down there; and they overcame him, the accuser, Satan, by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony concerning the efficacy of that blood; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Through the blood of Christ and their proclamation of the blood, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ."

The consummation of salvation was the casting out and the casting down of Satan to the realm of the earthly battlefield where he had been overcome and hindered hitherto through the power of the blood of Christ. Satan will go the full

length of his terror, and the word will go forth: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath."

The most powerful weapon you can use today directly against Satan is the blood, the blood of the Son of God. The Son of God is in heaven, and He has left in our power the symbol of His seeming defeat. At Calvary His blood was spilt. The blood of Calvary's Lamb saves the sinner and fortifies the saint.

But the wielding of the all-powerful blood of Christ must be in the power of the Spirit. Satan fears not the blood as simple blood. Christ offered Himself through the eternal Spirit, and the blood of Christ must be utilized through the eternal Spirit. There is much pleading of the blood that is simply pleading. But when the Spirit wields the blood of Christ and pleads, then the enemy flees.



Hence the importance of the word, "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.

"They overcame him." Satan is to be overcome, he has been overcome, by the only power given in the Word: "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, a weapon of time to deal with an eternal enemy who will have his eternal destiny fixed through the blood of the Lamb! The enemy of Christ is dealt with through the victims of Satan. Satan thought to defeat the Son of God when he caused His blood to flow on Calvary, but by that very shed blood he is The one who caused the blood to flow from the Son of God is overcome, not apparently in this case by the Son of God, but by the saved sinner, who overcomes him by means of the blood of the Lamb. The defeat is all the more humiliating and galling. The victims of Satan's spleen become victors over His enemy-victors through the blood of Christ.

John heard a great voice in heaven, saying, "They (not just one, but a company) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb." Are you in that company? Victors, who wield the weapon of victory against him who is invulnerable against every other weapon! Pleading, wielding the blood of the Son of God has not only power down here, but it has power in the heavenlies; for the accuser of the brethren is cast out, because the brethren overcame him by the blood. Use your gift, magnify your calling, love, honor and cherish Him who shed His blood.

## Just One Soul

Value just one soul, for one may be many. Andrew brought Simon-just one. But that one was many, for under God Simon brought 3,000 in one day. Joel Stratton, a waiter in a restaurant, brought John Gough to Christ-just one. And Gough brought many to Christ. Ezra Kimball, a Sunday School teacher, brought Moody to Christ-just one man. But that one was many, for Moody rocked two continents toward God. But why say more? Just as one digit is valuable in the multiplication table and one letter in the alphabet-far more valuable is the conviction of the value of just one soul in God's sight.-R. G. Lee.

# G. J. Joe Meets Solomon Island Saints

William Clark, Missionary to Guadalcanal

anese bombers were droning overhead. Searchlights were combing the sky, while in the darkness of a chaplain's tent a group of "soldiers of Jesus Christ" were praying. A recent convert lifted up his heart and voice: "O God, we thank Thee that Thou hast brought us all the way from America to these islands to see true Christianity, to see Christ in the lives of these brown people, the fruit of missionary work."

Not far from where the Americans made their initial landing on Guadal-canal, there is a stone monument bearing the names of Austrian scientists who early in this century dared the hinter-land in quest for knowledge of this earth. In the shelter of the forest brown cannibals held sway. Fourteen years later Dr. Northcote Deck braved the same interior and recovered the bones of those scientists, remnants of which had been contemptuously cast aside after a gruesome midnight feast.

It is not very long since desperate, treacherous men roamed through the jungle killing and being killed. A warrior would glide along a forest trail with a fragment of human flesh—a bone, a finger, a tuft of hair—to him an ornament, a talisman, a trophy of some dark murder. White men were often the victims of native treachery. On a small island off East Malaita are two graves, the headstones of which bear the names of government officials murdered by the wild Koio people in 1927.

## SURPRISE FOR RESCUED AIRMEN

In the early days of the conflict in the Pacific, when men from the United States were fighting and dying on Guadalcanal, an airman, just in from patrol, received an SOS call from one of his companions. Although desperately tired, he set off immediately to rescue his friend. But Tojo's planes were waiting for him; he had no chance, and was obliged to make a forced landing off the shore of what he believed to be a hostile island. The week previously a carefully camouflaged Japanese had stolen into his tent at night and attempted to knife him, but was killed before he could kill. Now, thought the pilot, he had not only Japanese but savages to contend with.

With pistol ready, he challenged the first native to come his way—and was surprised to find that this brown son of the Solomons was a "friend belong

America." The officer was taken to the mission village on the island just mentioned as having the graves of murdered white men, and was given food and clothing, and treated like a great chief. This officer told me that he will never forget the kindness and love of the Christians, and what it meant to him to see the teacher gather his flock around his bedside and pray for "brother belong mefella from America."

A few weeks previously, erstwhile wild Koio people had rescued an American fighter pilot who had been cast bruised and naked upon their coast. The Christian natives were able to carry out literally our Lord's words in Matthew 25:44. The American, still wondering greatly at the love of these brown saints, was brought by canoe to our mission house at Nafinua. While awaiting transport back to his squadron, natives came from far and near to see him and "shake hands with 'im America." Some dear old wizened Christian women were almost in tears to see that he was injured, and used the only English words they knew when shaking hands, "God bless you." The pilot was amazed at his reception, and felt he was President for a time! One boy said: "Oh, him, he white alsame youfella missionary.' Some natives had heard about the negroes, and imagined all Americans were black!

## "SINGING FROM THE HEART"

Many airmen coming ashore in rubber boats after being shot down or landing by parachute have wondered what the natives would do to them. They might well have feared but for the influence of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. With mother-like care the boys ran to rescue them. "Oh, me sorry too much long you" was a common expression of concern. Surprise turned to amazement when on one or two occasions Christian boys lined up and sang the "Star Spangled Banner" in beautifully blended parts, and surprising to relate, did more than most of the rescued ones could do, sang all three verses from memory!

The part-singing of the Solomon Christians is the cause of much favorable comment. One officer wanted to get a recording outfit so that people in the United States might hear the Islanders sing. "They sure know how to sing hymns," said one soldier, "and it is singing from the heart." The choir was just the Inakona people with no special training. It was

my joy to get my native carriers to sing for the patients in a certain "sick bay." After each hymn a word of testimony was given by a chorister. What an impression was made on those white men. At "chow time" the boys came and sang for the officers. One dear saint, Silas Songo, was overcome with emotion as he told the Commander and his men (in pidgin English) how he and his people had been animists, worshiping evil spirits and being in constant fear of death.

The heathen have a very intricate system of laws or taboos and believe that all sickness and calamity come from breaking these laws, thereby incurring the displeasure of the spirits. A heathen man is constantly, often unwittingly, breaking some taboo, which necessitates the sacrifice of pigs to appease the offended demons. Silas told how Jesus Christ had set him free from this terrible bondage now he "been trust im Jesus. Him He sweet too much long heart belong me." Those officers were greatly impressed with such soul-stirring words from the simple brown man.

## HEROIC ENDURANCE

A chaplain had heard about our mission teacher, Sergt.-Major Jacob Vuths, receiving decorations for bravery, and wanted to meet him. At last the opportunity came. The chaplain expected to see a big, blood-thirsty looking Melanesian full of talk about the Japanese he had killed, but was taken aback to meet a Christian gentleman who extended his hand and said, "God bless you, Chaplain." Jacob testified to the grace of God which enabled him to endure diabolical Japanese torture and eventually escape with his life.

During the last push on Guadalcanal, the natives carried for the American troops right up to the front line. A certain Marine Major returned to headquarters at Lunga and could talk of nothing else but the native Christians who were holding "church" services right up in the combat zone! The brown people who loved the Lord would sing hymns and have their "school" whenever possible. Some soldiers asked the Christian boys to read them portions of the Word of God. This may have been done in order to see how well mission lads can read English, but perhaps some men are now in heaven who heard the words of life under those battle conditions and believed before going to their death.

Uncle Sam's men are very generous, and often ask natives what they would like as a gift. Most heathen reply: "Me like 'im axe nor knife," but the mission boy invariably replies, "Me want 'im one fella Bible, please." Surprised, yet delighted, many of the troops have given away their own precious copies of the Word of God to the native Christians who "love 'im Word belong Master." Our mission boys' knowledge of the Scriptures has impressed the soldiers perhaps more than anything else. A Colonel asked why it was he could always pick out Christian lads, and the reply was that we seek first of all to get the native born again through faith in Christ, not just seek to educate them. Then, when they have received a change of heart, the converts are built up in the Faith by hearing the Word of God expounded daily in the mission villages, each of which has its own self-supporting native teacher, who has been to the Bible Training School for two or three years.

Gideon Fangalea, a Malaita man working for the Master inland from Henderson Airfield, told me one day: "Time Japan come, me look long Word belong God now me find 'im twenty-seven verse him he talk alsame, 'You no fright, you trust 'im me God, you have faith long Me.' Now me trust 'im God and Him He look out me goodfella save 'im me from Japan." His helper, also a Malaita man, ran away and hid in the jungle when the Japanese came near. When he returned Gideon remonstrated with him, and said he should have remained in the village; it was a bad testimony to the heathen to show fear and lack of faith in God. "But me trust 'im God," was the reply. "You no savey long Word belong Master? Him He say alsame, 'faith without works is dead.' Me have faith long God. Works belong me, me must go hide too!"

An officer and his men were out on patrol in the hinterland of Guadalcanal. They went carefully along the winding mountain trail, on the lookout for Japanese snipers. Coming to a clearing in the dense jungle, the officer halted his men. What was that he heard? Creeping nearer and straining his ears, he recognized the strains of a hymn being sung in English. Amazed beyond measure, the officer ventured nearer, and there, in a village tucked away from civilization, he found about forty Solomon Islanders assembled in a neat little leaf church, worshiping the same God he had come to know in the States. So impressed was he that he and his men stayed a day or two with Gideon and his saints, and attended the daily services.

## Evangelizing the White Men!

At Tulagi a strange sight could have been seen. A brown boy clad in khaki was

surrounded by a number of soldiers. Yes, Clement Buga was holding an open-air service! He asked them why he, a brown man, should have to tell white men what was wrong and what was right, and then he went on to tell of One who is mighty to save. A soldier promised to give a Christian native a fountain pen. He failed to keep his promise, so the brown lad got his "Sword" and said, "You no savey Word belong God? 'For the wages of sin is death...' and you tell 'im lie. Lie is sin." The white man could say nothing. Ah, this has amazed us all. Solomon Islanders preaching the Gospel to white people, and not without blessed results, for we have reason to believe that many in the forces have found Christ be-



cause of the faithful testimony of our native people.

Of course, the war is affecting the Solomon Islanders for good and ill. We praise God for many fine, evangelical chaplains who have been a great help and encouragement to our mission boys, hundreds of whom work in the Native Labor Corps, by allowing them to attend their services and Bible study classes. However, some natives are learning the evil ways of the white man; but praise God for men like Clement Buga, who are not afraid to speak out boldly for Christ and who are "living epistles read and known of all men" where it is most difficult to let one's light shine.

A white man was desirous of teaching a native lad how to gamble. "Me no got any hands," said the Solomon Island Christian. "But you have two hands. What do you mean?" said the puzzled European. "Yes, you look 'im two fella hands,' was the reply, "but two fella hand you look 'im, no belong me, twofella hand they belong Jesus." Can you speak like that? It is because so many of these Solomon Islanders have prayed, "Lord Jesus, me give 'im head belong me, eye belong me, nose belong me, ear belong me, mouth belong me, hand belong me, foot belong me, body belong me, every bit me give long you, you must king long heart belong me," that God has been able to manifest His limitless grace through them, transforming savage, treacherous animists into "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels," a

praise to His glorious Name and an amazement to people of other lands.—The Life of Faith.

## The Morning Watch

"And Abraham rose up early in the morning." Gen. 21:14; 22:8.

Twice we find this said of Abraham, both times in reference to what was painful to him. The first time it was to send away his son Ishmael from his home (21:14), and the second time to face the still harder task of offering up Isaac. His early rising was the token of his whole-hearted willingness to do the will of God.

How glorious was the reward of his early rising which Abraham received. It brought him on the third day to the mountains where the Lord appeared unto him—and favor followed upon his obedience. He gave him back his son as from the dead. He confirmed to him the promise of blessing: "In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed." Abraham learns to know his God as the worker of wonders of whom he could say, "The Lord will provide."

My brother! if ever a day comes when you are called upon to do what seems to you hard and difficult, do as Abraham did. Arise in the morning hour to meet your God in a spirit of willingness to accomplish only His will. If you desire to walk in Abraham's footsteps, and to sacrifice all to God, yea, even what is dearest, then go to meet God in the early morning hour. To you, too, on rising early, He will reveal Himself as the Lord and will provide. To you, too, will He confirm it by an oath, saying, "In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed." Thus was Abraham rewarded for that early rising.—Andrew Murray.

## Intercession

John R. Mott says that he has made it a practice, in traveling among the nations, to study the sources of the spiritual movements which transform whole communities. Invariably, when he could reach the source, he found it to be intense intercessory prayer, the fervent prayer of a righteous man. "I heard of a man," he says, "who spent three hours a day in intercession. I thought I would get from him some very valuable hints as to how to get people to pray. When I asked him 'How can we multiply intercessors?' he said, 'I have got through with giving methods. I used to lay down a great many points in my addresses on the subject of getting people to pray, but I have made up my mind that the only way to get them to do it, is to do it myself."

# Paul's Wardrobe

DAUL is writing his last letter; he is in prison, and it is just a short time before he is to leave this life. Paul is looking ahead to the coming of winter, and, with his hands manacled with chains he sits down and writes this letter to Timothy, and he says, "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, adds: "Do thy diligence to come before winter."

Paul was always looking ahead; when it was warm he was making preparations for the coming cold winter. Do you think it is a sensible thing to do; a wise thing to do-for a man or a woman to make preparations for the future? Paul said: This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He was making preparations, reaching and pressing forward, always looking ahead.

I wish I could say to you who read this that no winter of sorrow or disappointment would ever come your way, that the skies would always be blue, the sun would always shine; that it would always be summer—that no trial, no disappointment, no heartaches, no sorrow of any kind would come your way, but I can't. We know better than that. The winter of sorrow, disappointment, trials, heartaches -things like that will come our way. Some of you have already experienced the winter of sorrow and disappointment; and if you haven't, it is going to come to you, and when it does-have you made preparations for it? When winter comes to you, what is going to comfort you?

Paul says nothing about the loss of his freedom; he has not a word of complaint about the hard bed, the bare floor, the scanty fare, the chains or manacles around his hands; not one word of complaint about the hardships; but he wants, "the cloak, the books, the parchments, and Timothy."

Oh, if you could just get a picture of this as God has impressed it on my heart. He wanted that cloak. It was stained with the dust of his travels-with the blood of his lashings. I imagine Paul visiting in one of these pulpits and the pastor saying he will turn the service over to Brother Paul; and Paul would hand that cloak to the pastor, and say, "Will you take my cloak?" As Paul had gone from town to town preaching about

my Jesus, he had that cloak around him. Paul just loved that cloak. To Paul that cloak was more precious than a royal robe of a Caesar. That cloak of Paul's reminded him of his work, his service, the loyalty he had rendered Jesus Christ. Do you have something like that to bring memories to your heart of what you have done for Jesus?

And he wanted the books and the parchments. I don't know the contents of the books and parchments, but don't you imagine stories about the prophets and teachers of Israel? Stories of men and women who loved God and who lived for God-stories of how Moses toiled for so many years trying to lead the children of Israel out of bondage from their bond master, Pharaoh; stories of Ruth and Naomi? Don't you think they must have contained the 23rd Psalm? Don't you imagine he wanted to read about the three Hebrew boys, who were cast into the fiery furnace—also the story of how Daniel was thrown into the den of lions? Don't you think that Paul surely wanted to read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah?

Stories like that Paul wanted to read during those cold, long winter nights, stories like that to warm his heart, to encourage him, to lift him up? If you want something to build you up, something to comfort you and bless you, praise God for the precious Book, the Bible.

Sir Walter Scott, while very ill, was told by his physician that he had only a few more days to live. He said to Lockhart, his servant, "Read to me out of the Book." "Out of which book?" the servant asked. "Need you ask? There is but one Book." And so the servant opened the Bible, turned to the 14th chapter of St. John and read: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Sir Walter Scott said, "Oh, there is such comfort in those words."

> THE NEW YEAR, NEW WEEK, NEW DAY O Holy Ghost, throughout this year— This New Year now beginning, Incline our hearts to fervent prayer And sorrow deep for sinning, That we may songs of vict'ry sing To glorify our Saviour-King.

There is only one Book upon which we can look in that hour of our great need; it is this precious Bible. I thank God for this Book.

When winter comes in your direction will you have a cloak like Paul had, to warm your soul with the memories of services you have rendered for Jesus; will you have a Book to look to in your hour of death, that comforts you, and warms your heart?

Then besides the cloak and the books and the parchments, he wanted Timothy. I don't know if Timothy ever came, but oh, if he did, I am sure that as Timothy and Paul were in that prison cell there was Another there, because my Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Can you imagine what their conversation must have been about? I think it was about Christ—Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. They must have rejoiced in reading the books and the parchments. Can you imagine how they must have knelt and prayed together? Can you picture that scene?

When men and women are lonely, when they are discouraged, when they are heartbroken, then it is that they want around them and about them the good, the true, the lovely and pure; men and women who live for God, who walk with God, who trust in God, and who know God.

Whether the cloak, the books, the parchments, whether Timothy came, or not, I don't know. But it made no difference whether they came or not, for Paul said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, to be content." You know the secret? Do you? Jesus, Jesus, it was Jesus. When winter comes to you will you have a friend like Jesus to look to in your hour of need?

We come to Paul now in his old age. Paul had, time after time, helped others, but now, old in prison he is left alone, forsaken by those who should have stood by him. One by one his friends had slipped away. Old, in prison, but not a word of complaint, no hint that life was a failure. You know the secret? Friends, it was Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! I am glad that I too have learned this secret. All I want to talk about, all that my soul rejoices in is Jesus, Jesus. Do you know Him? Is my Jesus real in your heart?

And now he comes to the winter of death. Already he could feel its icy breath. He said, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand."

Some of us have made appointments and somehow, we have alibied out of them; we have had a good excuse not to keep them; but there is one appointment you and I will never alibi out of and that is an appointment with death. Death was facing Paul. What about it? Was

he afraid? Was he frightened? All his life since he met Jesus he had been going up and down the land preaching the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ, pointing men and women to Jesus, telling them of that crown that is waiting for them. He gave up his position, he gave up everything because he was sure of that prize that awaited those who stayed true and held on to the end. There were, no doubt, a lot of times he felt as if he would like to give it all up, the odds were against him, but he could say at the end, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. There is a prize waiting for meyes, there is laid up for me a crown." Paul was looking beyond winter, way beyond; he was looking to the coming of a glorious summer, the summer of eternal fellowship in the presence of Jesus whom he loved and whom he served unto the end.

A certain woman married a very rich man. He was an immensely wealthy man, but he did not believe in God. This woman was a lovely Christian, and I don't understand how in the world she married an unsaved man. She had everything in the natural her heart could desire-fine home, plenty of servants, all the money she wanted. One day she decided she wanted to make some candy. She had servants to do it, but she just thought she would like to do it herself. Being inexperienced, in some way or another her dress ignited and before she realized it she was in flames. She was burned badly, and they rushed her to the hospital. There her husband and his father came to visit her. She was burned beyond recovery. She could barely whisper and her husband had to lean close to her to understand her words. With a smile on her face, while she was suffering untold agony, she said to her husband, "Dear, I do love Jesus so much. Jesus is so real. I am going to leave you soon, but I am ready to go." And with that God took her home to be with Him in Glory.

After the funeral, as the husband and his father left the cemetery and came home, they were pacing in their beautiful living room, one going one way, and one the other, and not a word was spoken by either. Then the husband came before a picture of his wife, and as he was looking at that picture of Mary who had just passed away, he said, "Dad, did you see that smile on Mary's face while she was burned and suffering? Did you hear her say, 'Oh, how I love Jesus; Jesus is so real to me; I am ready to go'? Dad, what Mary had, is real. I want a Savior like that." The father answered him, "Son, that is the word of my heart; I, too, want a Savior that can bring such peace and joy, such peace as Mary had." Mary's

husband and his father knelt under the picture and gave their hearts to God and accepted Mary's Christ, because Mary could say, "I am ready to go."

The police said to Paul, "We are going to separate your head from your body," but Paul said, "You might take my head, but you can't have my heart; I have already given my heart to Jesus." And then I can imagine, Paul said, "I have forgotten something," and he goes back to his cell. Pretty soon he comes out and Paul has that cloak around him, and the books and the parchments under his arm, and I hear him say, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Then Paul said, "I am ready, let's go, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown: which the Lord shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

## Ministry in the New Year (Continued From Page One)

reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." Unless we fill ourselves with the Word we cannot "preach the Word." We favor the study of good books and we do not object to the use of certain homiletical material. But remember, unless our message has gotten hold of our own heart it will not get hold of the hearts of others. To minister the Word we must first have had the Word minister to us.

Our poor old world is desperately sick spiritually. It is surely "without God and without hope." If it took apostolic power to overthrow the works of darkness in the first century it will take nothing less to meet the need of the present. The Church has the saving message, but the message must be borne along on the wings of the Holy Ghost. Everything seems against the kingdom of God: greed for money, moral breakdown, war and suffering, for-

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A professor of mathematics and astronomy, the author shows the revelation of scientific facts and Biblical accounts in a way which produces new and overwhelming evidence of the inspiration of the Bible. He deals with the interpretation of prophecy from the angle of probability.

This book is especially fine for highschool and college young people who will be thrilled anew with the veracity of God's Word and the desire to bring its eternal truths to their fellow students. **Price \$1.00.** 

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getfulness of God and, as a result, disregard for His laws. Such conditions forecast a breakdown of respect for all laws.

The second week in the New Year has been set apart as a "Universal Week of Prayer." We are thankful for this. May we unite with Christians everywhere during that time. Letters are coming to our office requesting that we set apart a time for prayer and fasting in the interest of a return of peace. May we "give ourselves to prayer" at the beginning of the New Year and continue "urgent in prayer" to its close. Only the Spirit of God infilling a ministry of the Word can call the people back to God and to that quality of life that has been developed in human society through many generations. May God lay the burden of earth's present need upon our hearts.

## In the Handwriting of John Wesley

It is agreed by us whose names are underwritten:

- 1. That we will not listen to or willingly inquire after any ill concerning each other.
- 2. That if we do hear any ill of each other we will not be forward to believe it.
- 3. That as soon as possible we will communicate what we hear by speaking or writing to the person concerned.
- 4. That till we have done this we will not write or speak a syllable of it to any other person whatever.
- 5. That neither will we mention it after we have done this, to any other person.
- 6. That we will not make any exception to any of these rules unless we think ourselves absolutely obliged in conscience so to do.—(Taken from the original institution of the Wesleyan Conference.)

  Thus Wasley Those Mayfield

John Wesley Thos. Maxfield Charles Wesley J. Downes, et al.

# Universal Week of Prayer

Sunday, January 7, to Sunday, January 14, 1945

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1945. Texts suggested for Sermons

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Rom, 1:16.

"For our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake." 1 Thess. 1:5.

"We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus, the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Cor. 4:5.

Pray that the full Gospel may be preached in all the world; for every minister, every missionary, every Sunday School worker. Pray for all men everywhere and for rulers.

## MONDAY

THANKSGIVING: Let us thank God-

For the resolute faith which has been shown by Christians in China, Norway, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and other lands, in the midst of bitter persecution;

For all those who have fought a good fight and have died, not counting their lives dear unto them.

For the martyrs of our own generation who have maintained to the end their faith that Jesus Christ is Lord;

For the spiritual harvest, already visible, in some lands, resulting from a courageous witness.

## CONFESSION:

That the profession of our faith has been so superficial, selfish and complacent;

That we have so often avoided the Cross by compromise;

That our failures have so weakened our witness.

### PRAYER:

That God will strengthen in the faith all who suffer persecution;

That God will give His grace to all, who through suffering, are tempted to deny Him;

That the blood of the martyrs may still be the seed of the Church;

That in days to come many laborers may be thrust into the harvest field.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Col. 2:1-10; Eph. 6:10-18; Rev. 1:1-11.

## TUESDAY

## THANKSGIVING:

For all Christian leadership.

For the growing fellowship and co-operation among God's true children;

For open doors for the gospel in unexpected ways and places.

## CONFESSION:

That distinctions of class and creed still separate us from one another;

That material aims have blunted our witness and message for Christ;

That our light has shone so dimly on the pathway of our companions.

## PRAYER:

That all Christians by new dedication may help to prepare the way of the Lord in the world;

That God will give to His Church and all nations alike true repentance, forgiveness, and the enduement of His Holy Spirit;

## A WORD FROM THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

This terrible war has now continued for several years, bringing the greatest general distress the world has ever seen, and there seems no end in sight. There is no doubt that a Christ-rejecting, God-dishonoring world is ripe for judgment. But we are reminded of the prayer of the prophet, "Lord, revive Thy work, in wrath remember mercy." In the interest of people of every land may we pray that God will cut short this great war and restore the world to peace.

Lip reverence for God with hearts which violate His Word is a mockery, almost an abomination. At present we hear from defiled lips, "Lord, Lord," only to see the same followed with sinfulness of action and example. The great need is a spirit of repentance that causes a turning from evil to seek and find the living God.

We encourage our people's setting times of united prayer to God that He might, in His mercy, intervene. The second week in January is set apart as a "Universal Week of Prayer." We hope our churches everywhere may be open during that week for special prayer and that pastors and as many of the people as possible will gather to "give themselves to prayer." Personal heart searching should accompany such meetings. Are we living in the power of the Spirit? Do we have the hold on God which once we enjoyed? If we are willing to confess our sins it will open the way for God in our own hearts, and as revival comes to the Church REVIVAL MAY BE EXPECTED TO COME TO OTHERS. LET US PRAY.-Ernest S. Williams.

And that the Lord will work with soul winners confirming the Word with signs following.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jer. 2:7-13; Hosea 14:1-9; Rom. 13:1-10.

## WEDNESDAY

#### THANKSGIVING:

For the growth and witness of the Church in all lands and especially for the Christian leadership in China;

For the proof of the efficacy of missions that our boys have been given by Christian natives in heathen lands;

For the large number of boys who are being saved in the armed forces.

### CONFESSION:

Let us ask God's forgiveness for any narrow

patriotism and selfishness that excludes others from the blessings that God has given to us;

Of all race and denominational prejudice and hatred.

## PRAYER:

That the Church in all lands may be a faithful witness to the love of God revealed in Christ;

That God will help us to work in unselfish service for the healing of the nations.

That God will especially bless the circulation of His Word, and the gospel in the printed page.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isa. 55:1-13; Matt. 7:18-27; Luke 8:16-25.

## THURSDAY

### THANKSGIVING:

For all who are working to maintain Christ's standards of purity and love;

For the witness to Christ through Christian homes in this and other lands;

For all children who are being taught the faith of the gospel of Christ.

## CONFESSION:

Of the moral corruption and laxity so widely prevalent, and of our failure to grapple with this worldwide problem;

Of the failure of many Christian parents to maintain Scripture instruction and worship in the home.

#### PRAYER:

For the children of all nations suffering through war;

For all working to restore the homes of the world and to make them Christian homes; For the children in all our Sunday Schools,

For the children in all our Sunday Schools, and for the millions of children who have no religious instruction.

For all orphanage work.

## FRIDAY

## THANKSGIVING:

For "the faith which was once delivered to the saints;"

For the children of God as the salt of the earth in the midst of corruption; as light in the midst of darkness.

#### CONFESSION:

Of the failure of the Church to preach the gospel adequately to the world;

Of the lack of spiritual power in the Church to bring men to Christ.

#### PRAYER:

That God will soon fulfil His promise to pour out His Spirit on all flesh;

That the Holy Spirit may convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; That many in all nations may be brought into the fellowship that is in Christ Jesus;

Let us ask a great thing of God, even the winning during this year of a multitude throughout the earth to the kingdom of our Savior, and Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isa. 42:1-12; Mal. 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-32.

### SATURDAY

### THANKSGIVING:

For all Jews who have found Christ as their Messiah and Savior;

For all those Christians who have shown a true Christian spirit towards the Jews; For all who have a true missionary spirit.

#### CONFESSION:

Let us confess to God the shame of anti-Semitism:

The failure to preach the gospel to every creature.

#### PRAYER:

For all Jews, especially for any suffering persecution;

For all Missions to Jews that they may rightly and worthily present to them Jesus as Christ and Lord;

For all missionary work throughout the world.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isa. 61:1-11; Rom. 10:1-13; Phil. 2:1-13.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1945 Suggested Topic. Christ's Prayer in John 17. 1 Cor. 13.

Pray for all men in the armed forces, for all chaplains, for all in hospitals, for those in prison camps and in internment. For all gospel radio work. That the whole world may be evangelized by radio.

### GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of November, 1944.

Allen, Harold E., Oberlin, Kans.
Bascue, Eugene J., Woodston, Kans.
Bolton, Wilma B., Edina, Mo.
Boshell, Charles G., Ness City, Kans.
Brown, Lloyd V., Fort Madison, Iowa
Busby, Beryl E. (Mrs. Raymond A.), Seattle, Wash.

Cloud, Maxwell, Plant City, Fla. Cullum, Melvin H., Stockton, Kans. Davis, John H., Wellington, Kans. Davis, Taylor H., Wichita, Kans. Devin, Edna M. (Mrs. Ralph M.), Seattle,

Goodman, Earl W., Bartlesville, Okla. Henderson, Henry W., Lake Wales, Fla. Howze, Alvin M., Haines City, Fla. Jones, Mrs. Ida H., Bayshore, Fla. Kersey, Charles R., Pomona, Kans. Kirkland, Albert L., Dade City, Fla. LaBruyere, Harold, Sawyer, N. Dak. Lowry, Waymon L., Kensington, Kans. Magee, Willie H. Jr., Avon Park, Fla. Magee, Ethel (Mrs. Willie H.), Avon Park, Fla.

Meeks, Johnie J., Winfield, Mo.
Moore, Thomas F., Bethany, Mo.
Murphy, Theodore O., Hutchinson, Kans.
Nolin, Marlin H., Waldron, Kans.
Norton, Charles W., Buena Park, Calif.
Penton, Elwood D., Hollywood, Fla.
Prince, Charles W., Alleene, Ark.
Rifenberg, Ida O., Hot Springs, Ark. (Reinstated)

Rinenbach, Mathias, Milwaukee, Wis. (Reinstated)

Robertson, Raymond F., Lyons, Kans. Rutledge, Andrew J., Ripley, Tenn. Senechal, Charles J., Northmoor, Mo. Shaw, Zelma C., Mount Ayr, Iowa Skipper, Rufus A., Bartow, Fla. Skultety, Edward G., Sheridan, Wyo. Spencer, John, Harvey, Iowa Taylor, Allie A., Plant City, Fla. Whitner, Dorothy D., Springfield, Mo. Willhite, James E., Jennings, Mo.

## One, Two, Three

Here is a letter recently received in the Servicemen's Department from a chaplain in Italy. His sincere appreciation for REVEILLE and the work it is doing is actually typical of the feeling of thousands of chaplains all over the world who are strengthening and augmenting their effectiveness for God among the fighting men by the distribution of this little paper.

Dear friends in Christ:

We have just received REVEILLE, Service Bulletin Number 11 (2500 copies, which we shall put to good use). REVEILLE is such an admirable tool for the use of personal workers—in particular, those who are self-conscious or as yet inexperienced. Incidentally, we borrowed the poem, "Hello, God" for our own weekly Chapel Bulletin.

REVEILLE is so well composed and superbly edited that it attracts and holds the attention of all, even the unchurched and those hostile to the Kingdom of God. To be so broad in its appeal—and yet to be so fundamental, so "four-square" evangelical, so "personal" in asking each reader to become saved and to become a worker for Christ—that is an accomplishment which makes REVEILLE stand out supreme in its field.

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Wood, Loy C., Bald Knob, Ark. Workman, George D., Natoma, Kans.

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of November, 1944.

Bixler, George G., Burbank, Calif. (Deceased)

Ekstedt, James O., Boise, Idaho (Withdrew) Miller, Nelson J., Albany, Oreg. (Dropped) Seaholm, Minna O., Springfield, Mo. (Deceased)

## FROM A CENSOR To The Servicemen's Department

France

Dear Friends:

I have seen several copies of your news sheet REVEILLE passing through in letters I am censoring. I am very much interested in securing a few editions so would appreciate your advising how such copies may be obtained. I have specific reference to your Bulletin Number 11.

Yours truly Capt. L. C. G.

## GRAVES

There is room enough on earth to find graves for the finest abilities and noblest powers. The ground which received one talent will also receive five. You can easily find a spade to dig a grave for your talents and abilities, your money and time, but understand that in burying your talents you are burying yourself; in burying aught that God has given you, you are burying part of your life.—Joseph Parker.

## THE BIBLE

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.—Psalm 119:89.

This book contains: the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3: 14-17.—George H. Wilder.



# Pentecost in Nicaragua

Oren Munger

After all these years of spiritual barrenness in Nicaragua, there has come at last a mighty work of the grace of God, a testimony to the cleansing power of the blood, and a clearly defined following of the Pentecostal pattern.

Beginning last week on Tuesday, the 7th of November, all of the workers, most of the Bible School students, Brother Kensinger and I gathered together to begin our midyear worker's conference. Many of us had come under great burdens of prayer for God to break through and make this work in Nicaragua a HOLY GHOST work. The united desire of all our hearts was that "He, the Spirit of Truth" should be honored and given place to work in us. From the very beginning the Spirit took charge. Hallelujah! There are too many details to tell of all that took place in this short article, but many things were straightened out, sins were confessed and some restitutions were made. God manifested His presence in a most unusual way until all felt a holy horror of sin. The Holy Spirit, through the operation of various gifts, pointed out where the sins lay and how to get them out of the way.

There were great battles against evil spirits, great honor of the precious blood, great desire for God to have His way. The results were glorious! Five of the workers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and all the rest of the workers and students that had not been filled prior to this time were under intense compunction of the Lord to seek. We kept no track of how many of the members of the churches who gathered in for the Saturday and Sunday fellowship meeting received the infilling of the Spirit, but during one period of three hours on the last Sunday afternoon there were upwards of thirty slain under the power of God, receiving mighty Baptisms in the Spirit. One unbeliever who came in to scoff was convicted of the Lord, knelt down and repented and was baptized in the Holy Ghost! Little children were filled and they, in turn, prayed for their companions who also received like experience. After this service there began efforts to reach the great throng that was milling around the place. According to reports there were three services going on at the same time. We could go on and on, telling of marvelous things that took place. Our cups are filled and overflowing!

We do not overlook the great part that many intercessors in the States have had in praying down this revival from heaven. It is our confidence that "He who has begun a good work in us will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ."

## Sailings

We are rejoicing together that in this hour of international turmoil, God is keeping the missionary traffic lanes open. Within recent weeks a number of new missionaries have sailed to needy lands, while others have been enabled to return to their fields of labor. One group sailed for Peru on December 5. They included:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Felton and their three-year-old daughter, Constance, who are returning to Peru for their third term of missionary service.

Mrs. Alberta Daniels together with her daughter, Elaine, sailed to Peru after several years' ministry in Spanish work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stawinski with their two daughters, Ruth 4 and Naomi 1, sailed on the same ship. They are en route to Paraguay for their first term. They have a knowledge of the Polish language and will no doubt find it of value in working among the Polish people of South America.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Jeffrey sailed for Uruguay on December 10 for their first term of missionary effort.

Mr. John H. Burgess left for Ceylon on Dec. 20th for his fourth term of missionary service.

Let us remember to hold the names of these friends before the Lord in earnest prayer, that they may be used of God in an outstanding way in these critical days.

## Jurloughs

Edna Wagenknecht and Grace Walther are now back in the United States after many years of labor in India. Miss Wagenknecht has been in India for nearly 11 years without a furlough and Miss Walther has served there for 12 years. We welcome these missionary soldiers home and pray that God's continued blessing shall rest upon them.

Henry Laudahl is also back in America, having served the Lord in Liberia. These friends may all be contacted by addressing them at 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri in care of the Missions Department.

## Births

John Richard Franklin was born to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Franklin of Guatemala, Central America, on October 24, 1944.

Marcia Alice Munger was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oren E. Munger of Nicaragua, Central America, on November 22, 1944—the day before Thanksgiving!

Paul Douglas Hollingsworth was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hollingsworth of Guatemala, Central America on November 30, 1944.

A cablegram has been received telling of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Woolever of India.

May the Lord bless these new arrivals and, if Jesus tarries, use them to continue the work of their parents in foreign lands.

## In Sympathy

It was with great sadness that a letter was received by the Missions Department from Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Ayers of Mexico City, Mexico, telling of the loss of their son, David Leslie. He was only ten months old and was ill only a few days.

Our hearts go out to our brother and sister in genuine sympathy. Let us remember them in earnest prayer.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR

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## Persecution in Brazil

"We are happy to report victory for every outstation and church," writes Theodore Stohr from Brazil.

"On every side the work is growing and souls are coming to Christ. After the annual camp meeting here, at which Brother Kolenda was the special speaker, we were called to give some Bible studies in Itajuba, Sul de Minas. It was good to visit those again with whom we first worked in Brazil.

"A brother has moved to the town of Bebedouro with intentions of opening a work there. Also many 'fazendas' (ranches) are opening their doors to the preaching of the Word. This is encouraging, as ofttimes persecution comes and it is hard to secure a foothold in a new location.

"The first worker to leave this church, Brother Tostes, encountered this difficulty. The following are copies of his two most recent letters:

Dear Brother Theodore and family:

First of all, grace, peace, and health be multiplied to your good family.

I am writing to let you know that on the 27th of August we, together with a good number of brethren, began the work of the Lord in this town, disregarding the threat of the townfolk that gathered around our house and tried to disrupt the meeting. But the Lord had prepared two policemen who arrived just in time to give us assistance. We continued to give the people the message and the meeting ended in peace.

Even though many here are in favor of us, we are still receiving threats. Some people here have the opinion that the only religion this town needs is the Catholic religion. We are resting in Romans 8:31. When Jesus said Go, He also said, lo I am with you alway. Remember us in prayer.

"A week later I received the following letter:

My dear brother and companion in the work of Fe:

Between 8:00 and 9:00 on the night of the 3rd when our youngsters were already asleep, we were attacked in our home with loud threatenings, rock throwing etc. Our children were awakened by the terrible noise of a crowd of about 300 people with sticks and rocks who were shouting and setting off firecrackers. I cannot explain to you how we felt and what we went through. Of one thing I am sure, the hand of the Lord did not permit them to enter the house. We are taking necessary steps for our welfare but I doubt very much whether we will be able to stay.

Your brother in Christ,

Tostes

"We do ask that you at home remember our Brother Tostes and his family in prayer. He is a worthy brother and has worked hard, showing the evidence of a real call of God."

# Building for Christ in Alaska

CHARLES O. HIRSCHY

T is with great joy and thanksgiving we report good things for God from the most northerly Assembly of God, located in Fairbanks, Alaska in the heart of the Golden North. Work on the new church building, which is being made entirely of spruce logs, is progressing nicely. The outside has been completed. In a few weeks we hope to have services there. Already the church is becoming a point of unusual attraction to the many townspeople that pass by daily, many stopping to inquire concerning it. We have a good location and we believe that with the help of the Lord we shall have a live, modern Assembly church where the glorious gospel will be preached in all its fullness.

The main auditorium, which will be finished in logs, is 24 x 40. We have a baptistry and a study room for the pastor. We plan to have the pastor's apartment upstairs where there is a beautiful outlook over part of the city. We hope to obtain a bell soon which will announce the beginning of our services. On top of the bell tower stands a cross, symbol of good hope to a lost and dying world.

Our services are attended by natives and whites alike. The natives are Indians and

Eskimos, of whom the Eskimos are in the majority. Our Sunday School attendance runs between 40 and 50. The natives make an interesting picture as they walk through the snowy streets on a typical winter Sunday, clad in their warm parkas—the mothers carrying their babies on their backs, with only a tiny bit of face protruding from the maze of parka ruff.

Our hearts rejoice as we labor among the people here, for there are so many spiritually hungry people to be fed with the precious Word of God. Some are asking for prayer and others are being saved. One man came to us after the service last night and asked that we have a Bible study in the civilian camp where we already have one service a week.

As we daily work away on the building, we



realize that it will doubtless be the scene of the salvation of many souls. Our prayer is that we may be found faithful in the furtherance of the gospel in the great interior of Alaska.

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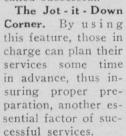
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## Among the Assemblies

CRESCENT, OKLA.—We have just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist Evelyn Mathers and coworker of Oklahoma City. God blessed in a gracious way. Eighteen were saved and 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.—W. R. Reddout, Pastor.

PECOS, TEXAS—We had a marvelous revival in our church with Evangelist and Mrs. Randall Ball of Seminole, Texas. Six were saved, most of whom were grown men and women, and two received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The church also was revived. Brother Randall Ball is among the greatest ministers that we have heard.—Fred Ball, Pastor.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—We have just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. O. O. Shipley of Dallas, Texas. Souls were saved and the church was built up. We are still reaping the benefits of this great meeting. Brother Shipley is an outstanding preacher and builder for the church.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

GOSHEN, IND.—Otto J. Klink has closed a 5-week Prophetic Evangelistic campaign at Goshen Tabernacle. The tabernacle had the greatest crowds in its history, and we made hundreds of new friends. Some found the Lord as their Savior, and God is still working. Three have found the Lord since the close of the meeting. A spirit of intercessory prayer is gripping God's people.—Joseph and Helen Dunetz, Pastors.

LAS CRUCES, N. MEX. and BIG SPRING, TEXAS—During the two years we were at Las Cruces, God gave us a blessed ministry in the church and among the people in the town. We were able, with the blessing of the Lord and the co-operation of the church, to complete a 48 x 76 ft. building which had been started by C. L. Love, the former pastor. We have accepted the pastorate at Big Springs, Texas, and have found a fine group of people who are willing to work for God.—J. O. Yeatts, Pastor.

NAVARRO, TEXAS—A revival was conducted here, Nov. 8-24, by Evangelist and Mrs. J. H. Carver of California. Mrs. Carver is an artist-evangelist. New people came almost every night, as many as 11 new ones in one night. Many came who had never been in the church before. Three were reclaimed, and 4 were saved. Wonderful interest was manifested throughout the meeting.—D. E. Ford, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—The Denver Revival Tabernacle just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist John H. Bostrom of Pasadena, Calif. Brother Bostrom preached the old-time gospel of Christ. Many were healed and several were saved. One was a very outstanding conversion that moved the congregation to tears and shouts of victory. Our brother goes to Turlock, Calif., for his next campaign.—D. L. Cooper, Pastor.

MATTOON, ILL.—October 29 was the closing night of our fall revival. For 3½ weeks the church had enjoyed the anointed ministry of R. L. Bartlett. Souls were saved in these services. We had a good attendance, also there was an increased attendance in the Sunday School. Sunday night, November 19, Brother and Sister Melvin B. Hanson of Wisconsin were with us at a special service in the interest in World Missions. They were a real blessing to our assembly.—A. L. Todd, Pastor.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—A fine meeting has been conducted here by Brother and Sister Lee Krupnick of Tulsa, Okla. Several souls were saved, some filled with the Spirit, and we had the greatest crowds in the history of the church. Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, Nazarenes, and people of other faiths were stirred by Brother and Sister Krupnick's messages and testimonies. Truly, God has wrought many miracles in the lives of these dear workers. We feel the revival was a great success.—B. L. and Irene Greene, Pastors, First Assembly of God.

## FILIPINO CONVENTION

The 7th annual convention of the Filipino Assemblies of God (a branch of the General Council of the Assemblies of God) was held at the Upper Room Pentecostal Mission, San Jose, Calif., Nov. 21-24. The convention was crowned with joy and glory from the beginning. There was a lot of shouting, weeping, and speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Besides, four souls were saved. The messages of our dear Brother W. T. Gaston moved everyone to a deeper walk with God. The Children's Bible class conducted by Ina Rea Vancil proved a great blessing to both parents and children. A goodly number of visiting ministers came to this convention.— E. C. Lagmay, President.

PUYALLUP, WASH.—During the more than five years we have pastored the Pentecostal Assembly here, many special meetings have been conducted with varying results; but during recent weeks a great revival has come to us which has brought refreshing to every department of the church, and has meant a personal revival for practically every member of the assembly. Evangelist F. J. Betts was

with us for a 3-week meeting, during which time 80 were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. Nine received the Baptism the week following the close of his meetings.

After two or three weeks' time, we have started another series of meetings with Evangelist P. A. Gaglardi of Canada, and again God is wonderfully blessing. Some outstanding healings have been testified to. There is no substitute for Pentecost .- A. B. Crabb, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.-We have enjoyed a 3week revival at Benning Park Assembly, with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGaugh of El Dorado, Ark., as evangelists. Good crowds attended the meetings throughout the revival, and many nights the auditorium was filled. Great interest was shown as these young evangelists ministered to us in sermon and song, and God made them a real blessing to saints and sinners alike.

Before the revival, we asked God to give us some men who would live wholeheartedly for Him, and we are praising God that He did give us some fine men to work for the cause of Christ. There were also others saved and filled with the Holy Ghost from night to night.

We feel that this revival will have a lasting effect upon this church and the surrounding community.—A. G. Farmer, Pastor.

ASHLAND, ORE. - After a number of years in the evangelistic field, we accepted the call last July to the pastorate here. We found a group of people eager to work for the Lord, and their fine co-operation made it possible to put in operation an evangelistic program for the salvation of souls. Evangelist John Stoval was with us in November, and during this time 23 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and a goodly number were saved. Members of the church believe it was the best all-round meeting in the history of the church.

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SANTA ANNA, TEXAS-For the past three weeks God has given us a gracious outpouring of His Spirit. Mary Frances Wester of Springfield, Mo., was our evangelist. Nineteen were wonderfully saved and 4 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. We are so thankful for the Lord's continued blessings upon the church -Gladys Lutke, Pastor; Erma German, Co-

LONG BEACH, CALIF.-We have just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist Clara Grace of Tulsa, Okla. Sister Grace preaches under a rare anointing. Fifty-two people were saved, 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 19 adults affiliated with the church.

In the past 18 months, 323 people have come to our altar for salvation. A goodly number of these have been servicemen and women. Our Sunday School attendance has increased over 100 per cent in this period. The income of the church is well over \$17,000.00 this year, which is almost double that of any previous year. God has helped our church in the establishment of the Victory Service Center, 39 S. Pine St. This center has a floor space of 9,000 square feet, and cost over \$5,000.00 merely to furnish. This center was turned over, completely furnished, and the first month's rent of \$500.00 already paid, to the Servicemen's Department of the Assemblies of God.

Other evangelists who have greatly helped in the increase mentioned above, are: Paul Copeland, Okmulgee, Okla.; Roy P. Foster, Springfield, Ill.; E. T. Quanabush, Detroit, Mich., and T. J. Jones of London, England.-J. Paul Bruton, Pastor.

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establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk

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GEORGIA C. A. AND S. S. CONVENTION The second annual Georgia District C. A. and S. S. Convention was held at Columbus, Nov. 22-24. The following C. A. officers were elected: Carl E. Perry, Vice President, and Mrs. C. E. Perry, Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Perry is acting as president until the presbyters select a president.

The convention was a great success. From the very beginning God's blessings were upon it. At the three evening services it was our happy privilege to listen to the inspiring mes-

sages of our General Superintendent, E. S. Williams, which proved a great blessing and an encouragement to all who attended. After each message the altar was filled with young people as well as older ones, who were consecrating themselves afresh to the tasks which lay ahead.

L. W. Stokes, missionary from Cuba, spoke on behalf of Missions, and Raymond T. Richey conducted a divine healing service in which God definitely touched sick bodies.

One of the outstanding parts of the con-

vention was the services conducted by M. L. Grable, Superintendent of the Sunday School Department. Both morning and afternoon the North Highland Assembly was filled with eager Sunday School workers, who listened as Brother Grable explained in his unique way many things which we feel will be helpful to Georgia Sunday Schools.

This convention, we feel, was the greatest that we have ever had, and much good was accomplished.-John W. Hurston, Retiring Secre-

tary-Treasurer.

## Coming Meetings

NEWCASTLE, WYO.—Jan. 7—; A. A. Allen, Lamar, Colo., Evangelist.—L. E. Wead, Pastor. VICTORIA, TEXAS—Revival in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. B. J. Keen.—B. V. Robison, Pastor. PASADENA, CALIF.—1147 Cordova St., Jan. 7—21; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, Seattle, Wash.—Claude Weaver, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—1319 W. 20th St., Jan. 7—; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.—Hobson Kennemer, Pastor.

MARSHALL, MO.—Jan. 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Delbert and Beatrice Best Bucher of Springfield, Evangelists and Musicians.—E. D. Cockman, Pastor. EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—26th St. at State; Jan. 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Ettie E. Reckley, Cumberland, Md., Evangelist.—A. A. Anderson, Pastor.

PASCO, WASH.—Dec. 31, for 2 weeks; Russell Rexroat, Box 1112, Chappell, Nebr., Evangelist.—Al-bert B. Turner, Pastor.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—Fourth St. and Sierra Way; Dec. 31, for 2 weeks or longer; Arthur J. Arnold, Evangelist.—F. T. Curry, Pastor.

ALPENA, MICH.—9th and Cavanaugh Sts.; Jan. 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Prince, Boston, Mass., Evangelists.—Horace Clark, Pastor. GREENWOOD, ARK.—Dec. 31, for 2 weeks; James A. Villani of Clarksville, Evangelist.—Everett Hogan, Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—New Bethel Assembly, N.

A. Villani of Clarksville, Evangelist.—Everett Hogan, Pastor.
FT. SMITH, ARK.—New Bethel Assembly, N. 8th and T Sts.; Dec. 31, for 2 weeks or longer; Paul Chambers, Evangelist.—C. C. Crace, Pastor. GARY, IND.—Garyland Youth-for-Christ Rally. Emerson High School Auditorium, Jan. 6, night. Evangelist Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak., speaker. Meetings with different speakers every Saturday night.—Mirko Parlotz, Pastor, Gary Full Gospel Tabernacle.

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CHICAGO, ILL.—Seventh Annual Ministers' Institute, Bethel Temple, 1901 W. Washington Blyd., Jan.
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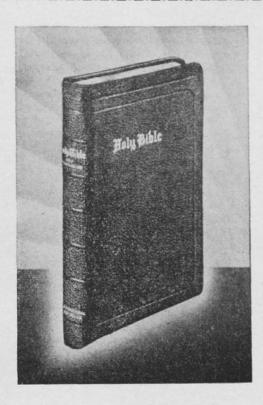
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4 But he answered and said, It is each the production of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a Neh. 11. 1. the people.

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WACO, TEXAS—Morrow and 14th Sts., Jan. 16—; Lee Krupnick, Christian Jewish Evangelist, and Mrs. Krupnick.—Hugh M. Cadwalder, Pastor.

BYERS, TEXAS—Jan. 7—; Sectional C. A. President Paul Savage, Evangelist.—Halbert E. Allen,

SHERIDAN, ARK.—W. Vine and Bell Sts.; meeting in progress; Hilliard G. Griffin, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist.—Fay Hutchinson, Pastor. GEARY, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Jan. 9. Haskell Friend, morning speaker; Bro. Fullerton of Taloga, afternoon speaker.—W. C. Crowder, Sectional Secretary.

Secretary.

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Four-States Bible Conference, 3100 E. 31st St., Jan. 22-24. First service 7:30 p. m. Meeting given entirely to ministry of the Word and prayer, under direction of Superintendents of Kansas, Nebraska, Southern Missouri, and West

Central Districts.—Bert Webb, Superintendent, Southern Missouri District.
NOTICE—Our Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Central Section, Tennessee District, will be held the first Tuesday of each month, instead of the first Monday. This is an all-day fellowship meeting, with C. A. rally at night.—T. J. Lemons, Secretary, Columbia, Tenn.

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NOTICE—I have resigned the church at Aurora, Ill., and am now in evangelistic work.—Harold George, 412 Kentucky St., Quincy, Ill.

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## The PASSING and the PERMANENT

## A GREAT GOAL FOR 1945

The Southern Baptist Convention has taken as its goal the winning of one million souls during 1945, its centennial. This body has grown from 2,887,428 members to 5,493,027 during the past twenty-five years.

## ANOTHER GALLUP POLL

A religious poll was taken by Dr. George Gallup recently. He reported that 96% of the American people say they believe in God, 76% in life after death, but 42% admitted they had not been to church in the past month.

## THE UPWARD LOOK

Said the Archbishop of York, Dr. Thompson, at the Bishops' Conference in 1888: "The Church of God should, with lifted face and caught-up robe, stand on the tip-toe of expectation as she watches for her returning Lord."

## MODERN ANTICHRISTS

Says D. M. Panton: "The coming Apostasy has its ominous foreshadows. The four blackest anti-Christian personalities of the past one hundred years—Karl Marx, Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin—were all 'baptized' as infants. Stalin was his mother's only son, and her one ambition was that he should be a priest; and he was trained for the priesthood for three years at the Tiflis Seminary, from which he was expelled. He has said recently, 'I am wholly Communist and Atheist, for Marxism without Atheism is like a person without a soul.'"

## UNIVERSAL SUNSET

The historian Lecky, in the following words, has described (in *History of European Morals*) the sunset of the ancient Roman world:

"While the Greek and Roman world was perplexed by the mystery of being, and shadowed by the suffering of life, and while it was moved by the examples of great heroism, there was no sense of sin possessing men's hearts. Remorse was an unknown passion, and penitent shame was impossible. The burden of guilt did not rest on even a criminal's heart. Men looked on deeds of infamy and were not shocked. The sin of the world and its moral corruption infected the air. Men were naked and not ashamed, not because they were innocent, but because no sense of guilt assailed them."

How strikingly this describes the trend today. Even the ministers fail to preach against sin. The reason is that they have no conception of the awfulness of sin, themselves. In fact, many if not most of them do not believe in a literal, eternal hell.

Ten years ago a university professor issued a questionnaire to the ministers of America and found that 96% of Episcopalians, and about the same proportion of Congregationalists, did not believe in a "burning hell"; nor did 55% of Baptists, 85% of Presbyterians, or 92% of Methodists. Today, in spite of war, it is unlikely that the situation is any better. Hell is not preached from the pul-

pit, and so sin is not recognized in the world. Men have little fear of death and small appreciation for Christ's sacrifice at Calvary. It is sunset, and conditions will only grow darker until the dawn of Christ's return. "Watchman, what of the night?" His answer was, "The morning cometh, and also the night." Isa. 21:11. Do not despair as the night gathers. The morning will come. Hallelujah!

#### A MODERNIST'S ADMISSION

Harry Emerson Fosdick, so-called "High Priest of American Modernism," makes some marked admissions in a sermon on Jer. 6:16. ("Ask for the old paths.") He said:

"We, of course, stand stoutly here for the gains of modernism, of which we are making no recantation. We do not run our thoughts of God into the moulds of old world-views or identify our Christian life with obsolete doctrines, miracles and Biblical inerrancies. We do not believe in the old pictures of creation behind us or of second comings on the clouds ahead of us. Yet depth and power were sometimes in that old-fashioned Christianity which our superficial modernism lacks." He even went on to say: "Our superficial modernism with its sing-song about every day, and in every way, we are getting better and better, sounds soft and lush and sentimental."

What a modernist may say or may not say makes not a particle of difference as to what we believe. Our faith does not "stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Cor. 2:5. It interests us, however, when a leading modernist admits that his "superficial modernism" lacks the "depth and power" of "old-fashioned Christianity." Modernism is blinding the minds of them which believe not, making them think that they need no Savior to forgive their sins and change their hearts. Professing to enlighten, it actually hides the truth and lets the people go stumbling blindly into the very jaws of eternal hell. Oh, that every so-called "minister of the gospel" might "ask for the old paths" indeed, and "walk Then the people might truly "find therein." rest for their souls!"

## Keep Them Warm

This winter many of our Christian service centers are in need of good blankets. Your missionary council or other ladies' group might desire to provide warm bedding for a serviceman who is given a free bed in one of our centers.

This bedding must be in good condition and clean. Any that is not entirely desirable and usable will be discarded.

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## THE BOOK WITH A "BLESSING"

Rudyard Kipling once said, "The Church could double its preaching power if every ordination candidate were compelled to study the Book of Revelation for at least four years." Revelation is the Book with a "blessing." Both in the first and in the last chapter it is written, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy . . . the prophecy of this book." 1:3; 22:7. God wants us to meditate upon the coming of Christ. He knows our lives will be transformed thereby.

#### WILL NERO BE REINCARNATED?

Those who believe that Nero reincarnate will be the Antichrist base their view on the wickedness of his record. Nero put to death his own wife, his tutor Seneca, the youth Brittanicus whose throne he usurped, beheaded the apostle Paul, crucified Peter, and used Christians as living torches to light up his midnight orgies. To top it all, he murdered his own mother, and his mother herself was a murderess. Of all public figures of history, Nero is considered the most wicked, and the Antichrist is described as "that Wicked" and "that man of sin." 2 Thess. 2:3, 8.

## ALL OF PAGAN ORIGIN

Cardinal Newman says, in his Development of Christian Doctrine (p. 359): "Temples, incense, lamps and candles, votive offerings, holy water, asylums, holy days and seasons, processions, blessings on the fields, sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure, the ring in marriage, turning to the East, images, and the Kyrie Eleison are all of Pagan origin, and sanctified by their adoption into the Church." Is this why the apostate and persecuting church of Revelation 17 is called Mystic Babylon (MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT)—because so many of her customs are copied from paganism, such as ancient Babylon was noted for?

## DENIED BROADCAST TIME

Sam Morris, a preacher widely known as a radio champion of temperance, charges that he is being denied the fundamental rights of radio equality and freedom of speech. Three Texas stations have refused to sell him time for temperance broadcasts, admitting that his talks conflict with the effectiveness of beer and wine advertising which they sell. In addition to the Texas stations, a number of larger ones refuse to sell time for temperance broadcasts, *Protestant Voice* says, although offered the full commercial rates. The charges have been made before the Federal Communications Commission.

### IS SOUL WINNING ESSENTIAL?

Is soul winning an essential activity in time of war? The Government evidently does not think so. On page 287 of the O.P.A. Gasoline Regulations, Section 19, under the heading, "Ministers and Publishers," we read:

"Ministers or publishers who regularly serve a congregation, may be allowed preferred mileage for necessary travel to meet the religious needs of the community which they regularly serve. Meeting the religious needs of a locality does not include converting activities." Under the heading, "Converting activities," on the same page, we read: "A minister is not eligible for preferred mileage for travel in carrying on converting or missionary activities."