



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

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS

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God's Garden

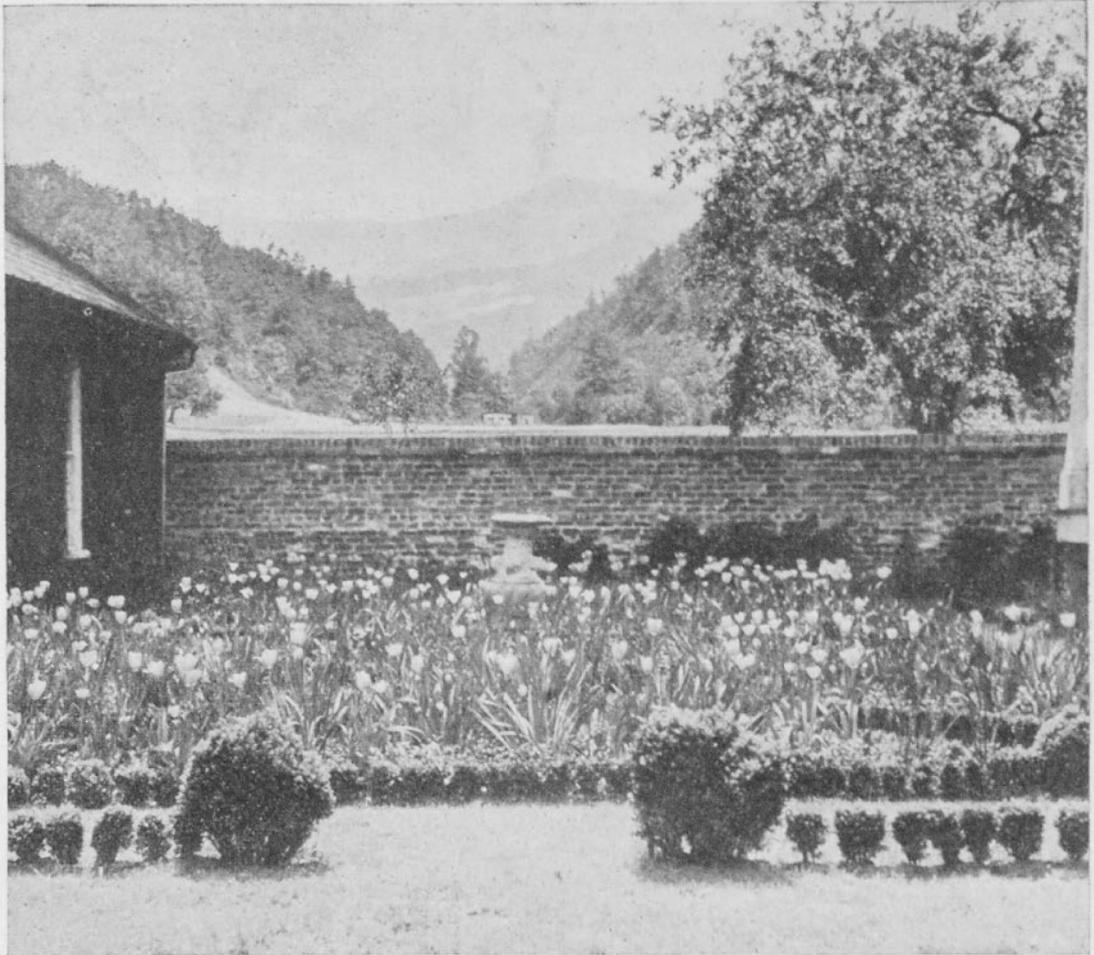
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JESUS saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." John 20:15.

The supposed gardener was a gardener indeed! Mary Magdalene was right partly, wrong partly. She had supposed that this Man she beheld through her tear-dimmed eyes was the local gardener; but who He really was she would learn anon. She would weep and seek no longer. Hearing her name spoken as only One could speak it, there was instantly a resurrection of her faith which had been shrouded with the graveclothes of doubt and laid away in the clammy tomb of fear for about three days. She burst in upon those who were huddled together for fear of the future, her old self, beaming with the sunshine of divine assurance. She struck the dramatic note for the first time: "He is risen! He is risen!" She explained breathlessly that He had just talked with her in the garden of His burial. But they wouldn't find Him there. He would move majestically on toward another of His gardens. Consider five:

THE FIRST GARDEN: A PLAN LAID

"The Lord planted a garden eastward in Eden," Moses tells us in Gen. 2:8. So the great Gardener's work began. It was perfect. The flowers and trees were both beautiful and fruitful. A river



streamed gently through the valley. As a crowning act, He formed man, breathed life into him and made of him a partner. He desired fellowship with His creation and came often seeking it: until the serpent entered and man betrayed his Creator's trust. So when the Lord God returned to walk in the garden in the cool of the day, He found the wicked deed accomplished, man fallen, and a need for immediate action. He was compelled to thrust man out, close the garden, and set about to conquer this archenemy who would, if possible, frustrate His every plan.

THE SECOND GARDEN: A PRAYER PRAYED

Gethsemane: A final mustering of every faculty of the Son of God to carry through this mission. Man must be reclaimed! Satan must be met at close range on his own ground and defeated! He sees it clearly: the cup is bitter. Already the mountainous burden of man's sin is weighting Him; already He is sweating great drops of blood. He rises up with courage and determination and cries out a final, "Thy will be done," to the heavenly Father. He arises, surrenders to the mad mob and bravely starts on the death march to Golgotha.

THE THIRD GARDEN: A PRICE PAID

Joseph of Arimathea boldly risked his reputation and safety to beg the body of

Jesus for burial. "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus." Descending alone to the fray, a Greater than Samson reached for the undergirdings of Satan's kingdom in the darkness of the supreme crisis hour. He laid hold, He fought, He won! When on the third day He re-entered His body, dusted off mortality and stepped majestically forth into the garden He could declare, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death." It was Easter! Man would live and live afull!

THE FOURTH GARDEN: A PURPOSE PORTRAYED

If Easter is triumph, resurrection and the resumption of communion and fellowship between God and man, then Easter is not only a day of history to be celebrated, but also an experience to be enjoyed. "A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse: a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire with spikenard, spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices; a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters and streams from Lebanon." The great Gar-

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The Resurrection Message to Peter

Ernest S. Williams

EASTER, beautiful season of the year! All nature seems arrayed in resurrection dress. But Easter many years ago found one very unhappy heart. It was the heart of Peter. And there are many now who share sadness of soul. These we should like to remember this cheerful season, and to these we should like to speak.

We are all familiar with Peter yet our thoughts about him may greatly differ. Jesus made no mistake in calling him to become one of His leading disciples, yet how utterly, in the night of the betrayal, he failed. Failures are always most humiliating, but often from them comes much good. The bold, but broken, Peter of Pentecost might never have been had he not suffered the deep sorrow of denying his Lord.

He failed, but with his failure his heart ever longed for Jesus, and bitterly did he weep over his denial as repentance and remorse burned with lightning rays through mind and heart. He was the victim of weakness, a weakness which, until it was proved, he could not believe he possessed.

Forces far greater than mere maids and servants of the high priests were involved in the denial made by Peter. It was "the hour of darkness" and such an hour as had never come to him before, perhaps never came again. The prince of this world came and found nothing in Jesus, but this could not be said of Peter. He was entirely unprepared, and when it came it entirely overcame him. This Jesus had known would be, though Peter knew it not.

Yet deeper than his denial was a love which, though temporarily engulfed in the black billows of that awful night, was yet a fire which even his sin could not put out. His sin was but for the moment, the love of his heart an eternal flame. This is proved by the whole of his later life.

We do not know much about the happenings in the life of Jesus during the days when His body lay in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, but it is evident that His tender eye rested upon the little flock which had believed on Him. He

had knowledge of them as, when like frightened sheep, they had been scattered. But they were to be gathered again by a sacred instinct born out of fellowship with their Lord and from walking together in His cause.

Peter's tears of repentant remorse were also taken knowledge of, though the Savior's body lay quietly in the grave. Weak, wretched, longing Peter was fully known by Christ and beneath his seeming hopelessness there was yet a spark of hope, God given, and soon to be fanned into a burning flame.

Among the earlier words of Jesus on the resurrection morning was a call for the regathering of His own about Him, and among these He would not forget him who had so zealously served Him, even though in a moment of weakness he had failed in a crisis. "Go tell my disciples *and Peter*."

Peter was not then following his Lord. He would mingle among the disciples, for he could not forget the blessings of the past and his heart yearned for the fellowship he had once enjoyed, but his heart was bowed in confusion, grief, and humiliation. He had lost his vision. But though he had lost his way, he was not lost to his loving Lord. Towering above the terrible fall, Jesus remembered the many lofty aspirations and inspirations of Peter's zealous heart. Peter could not think that Jesus would care for him, for had he not cruelly denied Him in the night when, above all other times He needed one to stand with Him? Peter might not understand Jesus, but Jesus fully understood Peter. We at times do not understand even ourselves. How good it is that Jesus understands us fully. Could we but comprehend the love of Christ, how unchangeable it ever is, we would surely appreciate and trust Him more.

Soon the ejaculation was passed around, "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon!" Just a little word of encouragement meant so much to Peter in that dismal hour. It quickened hope, and pent up love began again to flow. What a change was



Jesus Arose!

made in Peter! Never again do we find him failing his Lord. A great fall, followed by great sorrow, to be met by great love, was to be forever greatly appreciated.

It would be folly to encourage any to think a person must fall in order to become a better Christian. Remember Peter fell but once. Usually the more frequently a person backslides the weaker his spiritual determination becomes. The reason for this is that such a one does not properly feel the weight of his departure from God. Shallow opinions of sin bring shallow repentance and shallow experience.

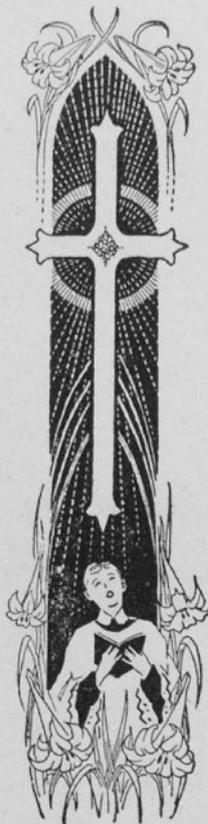
It is blessed, however, to know that, although one has gotten out of the way, one may be happily restored to one's Savior and Lord. How many, because they have been overtaken in a fault, have felt their unworthiness so greatly that they could not believe their acceptance with God again possible.

Such is not so. The awful night of crisis is passed, the cross tells us of His love, the empty tomb banishes the pall of sin and death. Ascended up on high Jesus is just the same Savior as when here among men. He knows human weakness, He sees us just as we are and as no one else can see us. He is looking for His despondent Peters, His doubting Thomases, the mourning women; for all those who have followed Him. To us He comes with a message of peace, and our weary hearts may find rest on His bosom. "All hail!" What a joyful sound! It comes to us who live today. "The Lord is risen indeed."

After Thirty Years or Three Thousand

In Chili there is a desert place where it had not rained for thirty years. Then it began to rain and rained for three days. The first day everything green peeped up. The second day—more green, and at the end of a week a carpet of living green was seen. What a type of the resurrection! The living, incorruptible seed was there.—Robert Speer.

The prayer of faith honors God, and it is the prayer of faith God honors.



Risen With Christ

THE risen Christ came into the upper room and showed the disciples His hands and His feet. He showed His wounds. And He showed His love in His wounds. They were wounds, empty of blood, but eloquent of love. He said, "Behold My hands and My feet that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have." Luke 24:39.

Before His death Christ had spoken to His disciples in the upper room, and said to them: "I go to prepare a place for you. And . . . I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; *that where I am, there ye may be also.*" John 14:2,3. It is His purpose to have His disciples where He is.

God raised Christ from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places. And the inspired apostle, writing to the saints, said, "You hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. . . . But God, who is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved;) *and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*" Eph 2:1-6.

Do you believe that statement, "Hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"? Christ is risen, and God "hath raised us up together" with Him. Only the feet of the upright man, the ascended man, touch the earth. But the feet do not belong to the earth.

God raised Christ from the dead, and quickened Him. It required God to do it. And the same power has raised us up together with Him. God's power did it. And it requires God's power to make us believe. The fact is so great, so mighty. God, who exercised His great power, gives us the faith to believe the fact, for it is written, "By grace are ye saved through faith; *and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*" Eph. 2:8.

Study God's Word where it tells us we are pilgrims and strangers. Our citizenship is in heaven. As children of God we are not of the earth. We are looking for a city, whose builder and maker is God.

The angel at the tomb declared, "He is not here." Luke 24:6. Can the Spirit say that of you, "He is not here, but is risen"? How do you realize this? By believing what He says. "You hath He quickened. . . . And hath raised us up together." Eph. 2:1-6. God spake, and it was done.

The creation of the world was an easy matter compared with the raising of Christ from the dead, and giving Him the domination over the principalities and powers and wicked spirits in the heavenly places. For He raised not only Christ, but countless hosts that no man can number God raised with Him. The creation was made without opposition, but when the Son of God was raised there was the opposition of all the powers of darkness. But He triumphed over them openly. The way to heaven was opened by that triumph.

God stretched out His arm and rescued Israel, and with His mighty hand He brought them out of the land of Pharaoh. To reach Israel He had to stretch out His arm, and that arm chastened Pharaoh. God said to Pharaoh, "Let My people go!" "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice and let Israel go?" questioned Pharaoh. Ex. 5:1,2. Pharaoh did not know the Lord, nor His power. But the grip of



God's mighty hand grew tighter and tighter. Pharaoh had to let God's people go. And that same arm, in its might and its strength, is available for the saints today. God says, "Let My people go." And when your Pharaoh says, "Who is God?" let God use His arm, and He will increase the pressure so that the enemy will cry, "I will let them go."

Israel's teeming thousands were powerless against the tyrant, and man's countless millions have been helpless against a greater tyrant than Pharaoh. But when there was no eye to pity, the Lord by His own mighty arm brought salvation. He says, "I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore Mine own arm brought salvation unto Me; and My fury, it upheld me." Isa. 63:5.

Isaiah asked, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?" And the Lord replied, "I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Isa. 63:1. Behold, a mightier than Moses is here! And this same Jesus, who took them out of the land of Pharaoh, will bring you into a land that is flowing with milk and honey.

Christ arose, and God, who is rich in mercy, has quickened us together with Christ, and has raised us up together with Him. What Christ went through was for you, in place of you, but everything subsequent to Calvary He shares with you. He took what you should have had—the wages of sin, and He shared with you what you have no right to.

He said, "The glory which Thou (the Father) gavest Me I have given them." John 17:22. What we deserved was to be forsaken of God, but Christ received that, and He declares, "I restored that which I took not away." Psalm 69:4. The last Adam restored that which was lost by the first Adam—restored that which He took not away.

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The Clothes in the Tomb

D. M. Panton

EIGHT is the number of resurrection. Eight resurrections are recorded in Scripture. Jesus rose on the first or eighth day. The risen lost are classed in eight divisions. Rev. 21:8. And the name "Jesus" makes 888—"I am the resurrection, and the life." John 11:25.

The Garden Tomb—the only such tomb, except another several miles from Jerusalem, discovered in the vicinity of the city—is rock-hewn, two-chambered, with a window aloft in the inner chamber, and a low entrance to the outer. Therefore when Peter and John ran to the sepulcher, John, "stooping and looking in" (John 20:5), could see all within. While his body would block the entrance, the skylight in the inner chamber kept the grave light. And John (so the Greek of the passage implies) stooped *sideways*—he crouched at the entrance, half turned to the right, where the inner chamber lay alongside.

Alone of seven thousand sepulchers found in the vicinity of Jerusalem, the Garden Tomb exactly fits the facts. G. E. Franklin has written: "General Gordon, when satisfied with the site of Calvary, conjectured that there must be a tomb near, for 'in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb wherein was man never yet laid.' General Gordon came to the conclusion that in the garden adjoining Golgotha a tomb might possibly be found. On digging about five feet below the surface he was delighted to find the entrance to the tomb which fulfils all the conditions of the Gospel narrative, and renders intelligible the circumstances of our Lord's burial."

A rock-hewn seat at the head, and another at the foot, of the grooved corpse-

bed—seats where the angels sat (John 20:12)—startlingly confirm the sepulcher's identity, which would have to be large enough, as this one is, for a group of women, together with two angels (Luke 23:55), to be able to stand naturally within it. No mortal remains have ever been found in this tomb, which has thus never seen corruption.

Now one master fact dominated the situation. Both John and Peter enter the tomb quite skeptical, "for as yet they knew not the scripture that He must rise again from the dead." Yet *something* which they looked at instantly proved to John a miraculous resurrection. "He *saw* and *believed*." Immense stress is laid in the passage on what the two Apostles stared at in utter amazement, and what startled John into instant Christian faith. Facts, as someone has said, are the pointing fingers of God. *What was it that they saw?*

What they saw, and all they saw, is recorded in John 20:6, 7. John "beholdeth the linen clothes lying, and the napkin, that was upon His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but rolled up in a place by itself"—rather separate and fallen inward. Thus they saw the graveclothes, stiffened by frequent swathes, and encrusted with the gummy spices in their folds, lying empty upon the rock—whether fallen quite flat, or still inflated and supported by their own thickness, the Scripture does not say.

The napkin for the head was "folded inward"—the Greek word does not mean a folding for neatness' sake—that is, fallen flat, but still folded and lying separately where the head had lain. So the clothes, lying empty, showed exactly the erstwhile position of the missing corpse. The napkin was "folded inward" as is the case when we put a handkerchief over the head and tie it under the chin. It was folded separately and yet so as to preserve the united appearance of the graveclothes. The appearance which the clothes had at first, when they encompassed the corpse, was there still. But the body was *not* there. And this is *all* that they saw.

Nicodemus had brought a hundred-weight of myrrh and aloes, a gift not only of great cost, but of large bulk. These spices, probably in the form of a coarse powder, would be sprinkled freely through the garments. No spices had been liberated by the disrobing of the

Joyful RESURRECTION MORNING



body. *Nothing was visible in the tomb but the clothes.*

Therefore the revelation of what had happened at once burst upon John. For nothing else could explain the simple facts. The knots and the bandages were exactly as Joseph and Nicodemus had left them: only the body was gone. What did this prove? That the body had not slipped *out* of the clothes laying them on one side as it did so. Neither had it been disrobed, by men nor angels, and removed. Nor had it been taken out of the tomb clothed. We assume the possibility of removal only to clinch its impossibility for the armed guard blocked any theft by friend or foe, and the authority of Imperial Rome, which locked the grave, yielded only to angels from another world.

In a flash John's astounded gaze saw that the body had passed up *through* the clothes leaving them absolutely intact. So therefore also no spice was visible. If the body had been disrobed, either by men, angels, friend or foe, or if Christ Himself had stood erect, discarding the wraps (the "death" being a swoon only, or the resurrection a "resuscitation" only) the masses of spice, shaken loose, would have fallen to the floor and littered it. But if the Lord had passed up through the undisturbed folds the spice would remain concealed in the bound and knotted graveclothes, and in the holy quiet of the sacred grave all that would be missing would be the body. This was exactly what they saw. In apocryphal writings immediately succeeding the time of the Apostles it is said that enormous multitudes streamed out of Jerusalem to gaze at the clothes lying in their miraculous guise.

Lazarus was temporarily raised, only to die again; and therefore the Savior gives the command, "Loose him"—that is, unfold the wrappings—"and let him go." John 11:44. For four thousand years man had had no resurrection like
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A Joyous
Easter

The Great Miracle of the Ages

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ALMOST twenty centuries ago, as the light of early morning was breaking around the gray walls of Jerusalem, armed men with shining spears and grim, determined faces were guarding a grave, a sepulchre, in a small garden near the walls of the city. The man in the sepulchre was dead. There was no doubt about that. But He had said something about rising on the third day, and this guard was going to see to it that He stayed in that sepulchre. The Roman government had put its mighty seal on the tomb; a great stone had been placed over the entrance so that he could not be stolen away.

The third morning since this man had died was dawning. A few women were silently and sadly wending their way to this tomb, bent on getting near the precious dead body that they might lay thereon sweet spices. As they walked they expressed to each other their great perplexity, "Who will roll away the stone from the sepulchre?" God was watching. Angels were watching and bending low over the battlements of heaven; the miracle of the ages was about to take place. One of their number, the angel of the Lord, was descending to earth.

Suddenly there was an earthquake—the angel reached the tomb, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. There was much light, but the guards could not see; they shook with fear and fell to the earth as dead men. The Roman seal and authority were broken—Jesus the Christ arose! Death could not hold its prey. Easter morning bids us rejoice and shout our Hallelujahs, for this is the day that confident praise begins.

Let us remember that throughout the New Testament Scriptures the two great facts of our glorious gospel are continually taught and that they are inseparable—Jesus died! He arose! He did not die in a corner unobserved; He had been condemned to death by the highest religious powers and by the highest governmental powers. It was no secret, for the crowd saw Him die. There is no question, no dispute about it, Jesus died. The earth rocked, the sun was darkened, the veil in the temple was divinely rent from top to bottom.

Jesus had said, "It is finished." What is finished? The atoning work for sinful man, the vicarious sufferings of our great Substitute, all finished. Did God answer, did He accept that offering on the cross? Was it merely a great object lesson of deepest love and sacrifice to teach us to love and to sacrifice? Nay! It was far more; it was redemption for humanity. It was God's great remedy for poor, lost men. And let us know that God answered the last cry of His suffering Son when He cried on the cross, "It is finished." God put His great, eternal "Amen" to those words when He raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus had yielded Himself unto death, dying in weakness amid the ridicule and scorn of men, who threw in His dying face their hateful words, "If thou be the Son of God come down from the cross." He did not come down. He died, but *He was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.* Rom. 1:4. There is no longer an "if" that can be hurled at Him.

We have read concerning the opening of the old tombs of ancient kings in

Luxor, Egypt, and of the treasures brought therefrom. But let us discern and lay hold of the far greater treasures that are ours from the empty tomb of our resurrected Savior. What does that empty tomb say to us through the centuries? First of all, let us know that it gives us *Assurance*. We may confidently rest assured that all the claims made by Jesus of Nazareth are true; they were proved true by His resurrection from the dead. Therefore, we know that we have a Savior from sin; we have a sure way to God; Jesus is the Light of the world; He is the Bread of life; He is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep. He is all He said He was, and will do all He said He would do. God hath given *assurance* unto all men that He hath raised Him (Jesus) from the dead. Acts 17:31. Let us remember that those who confess with their mouths the Lord Jesus, and *believe in the heart that God raised Him from the dead* shall be saved. Rom. 10:9. What comforting assurance!

Again let us note that the empty tomb speaks *victory!* Victory over death, victory over him that had the power of death, that is the devil. Jesus wrenched from him the keys of death and of Hades. Jesus' salutation to those women, early on that resurrection morn, bears a deeper meaning than a mere salutation, "All Hail!" "Oh Joy!" It said, "The victory is won," the great victory of redemption. Jesus stands forth as the great Conqueror of the ages, and He stands not alone—for, because He triumphed, because He lives, we too may live and triumph in Him.

The utter powerlessness of the Roman government, of the armed guard and the great stone before the tomb, to keep Jesus in the tomb, are symbols of the powerlessness of every contrary power to keep us bound and down if we will but accept the living Christ, our Conqueror in every experience of life. Count on Him, for He is our victory now, yes, now, in life, and our final victory over the grave. Resurrection morning is the time for us all to believingly, rejoicingly say, "Hallelujah!"

But look again at that empty tomb. It speaks *life*, life out of death. The One who was laid dead therein arose,

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AN EPITAPH

On a tombstone in Edinburgh

Bold infidelity, turn pale and die!

Beneath this stone

Four sleeping infants lie:

Say, are they lost or saved?

If death's by sin,

They sinn'd, for they are here;

If heaven's by works,

In heaven they can't appear.

Ah, Reason, how depraved!

Revere the Bible's sacred page—

The knot's untied:

They died, for Adam sinn'd,

They live, for Jesus died.

From Outcast to Bishop

Lester J. Sumrall

BISHOP ELPHICK is one of the most charming personalities I met in South America. Although he is now approaching his seventieth anniversary, he has retained a youthful vigor and agility. He has preached for over forty years and yet maintains an evangelistic fervor in his ministry which is inspiring. He has traveled widely, and has been chosen as a special delegate to important world conferences in Jerusalem and the United States to represent the work of God in Chile. As my interpreter at the Ministerial Alliance meetings and in the churches, he conveyed my thoughts both rapidly and powerfully. One day after interpreting a sermon, he caught me by the arm and said, "Mr. Sumrall, remain for a few minutes and permit me to tell you how God saved me." I assured him this would be a great pleasure, and we sat down for a chat.

THE MAKING OF A PRODIGAL

Roberto Elphick was the son of an English engineer domiciling in Chile, and his mother was a Chilean. (Over 90 per cent of the Chileans have northern European blood and ancestry; therefore they are not Latin in type.) Roberto's mother was a fanatical Catholic. His father was a man not interested in religion; he was a man of the world, who indulged deeply in sin. However, his anticlerical attitude demanded that his son be sent to a Protestant school, which, no doubt, caused Roberto to hear the gospel of Christ. He was sent to the mission school in Santiago.

Bishop Elphick remembers that his being guided to Christ in later years hinges upon a New Testament given him by Miss Fawcett, one of his teachers in the Protestant school. This small gift was not immediately a means of leading Roberto to the Lord, as he did not read it. However, in his admiration for his tutoress, he laid the book away in his trunk.

For six years Roberto was a student in the mission school, and when he left he was still unconverted. He was taken from the school by his father, who had left engineering and established a distillery, manufacturing liquors, beers and wines. Senor Elphick foolishly put his young son to work sampling liquors. Naturally, tasting liquor all day, the young man developed a strong passion for alcohol, which was the beginning of

the road to ruin for Roberto. The alcoholic demon soon possessed and enslaved him; week by week his young life became shackled and bound by the chains of alcohol. At this period of life Roberto had an intimate companion in evil, a cousin; together they spent their lives in gross sin. The bishop, permitting his eyes to span a half century, declared that he had lost all decency and social refinement. He had become a drunken vagabond. A young man not yet twenty years of age had been wrecked, and his father was to blame.

ROBERTO AN OUTCAST

The son had become so wicked in his personal life and so unreliable in business that in a fit of rage the father expelled him from the family, demanding that he leave home immediately and never return. Roberto found himself an outcast of society, with no friends, no position and no money. As a prodigal he was obliged to live in a miserable broken-down shanty outside the city. From a gay party life and a home of plenty, he was suddenly reduced to poverty and isolation. He was now an outcast without *one* friend.

Bishop Elphick now says that he was a perfect example of a prodigal son living in a veritable pigpen. While suffering deep mortification he thought of the New Testament given him a few years before by his Christian schoolteacher. Searching in his trunk, he found the book which he had never used, and began to read it desperately. He needed mental, spiritual and moral assistance at this crisis in his life, and he hoped that this Book could help him. In his reading he came to the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John, and

In the great land of India we noticed in the crowds Mohammedan men with their beards dyed a peculiar henna color. Upon inquiry we learned that these men had taken a pilgrimage to Mecca to worship at the tomb of Mohammed, and ever afterwards they bore before men this sign that they had visited that tomb. Ah! believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us by faith look into the *empty* tomb of our Lord, and go away with radiant faces, our hearts comforted and assured, our lives and lips witnessing—He is living!

as he read the ninth verse, "I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture," something happened. These words were like a blazing fire to his soul. He read them again and again, saying to himself: "Christ is the Door—the Door to salvation, the Door to happiness, the Door to heaven, the Door to everything good. I wish I could go in at that Door." But Roberto, like the Ethiopian eunuch, needed a Philip to interpret the Scriptures and tell him what to do.

ROBERTO'S MOTHER PLEADS HIS CAUSE

Back home, Roberto's tenderhearted mother was exceedingly saddened by the plight of her young son who was now an outcast. Mrs. Elphick was constantly pleading with her husband to be lenient with their son and give him one more opportunity before finally casting him away and disinheriting him. The father's heart was ultimately touched, and he decided to give Roberto a chance to reform his wayward life and to become a respectable man; so his brother was commanded by his father to take a horse and cart and bring him home. No persuasion was necessary to cause him to leave his miserable abode. When Roberto came within view of his home he saw one of the most thrilling sights of his entire life—his mother was looking in his direction waiting for her prodigal son to return. What an inexpressible joy it was to see someone waiting to meet him! With tears in her eyes she embraced her wayward boy and assured him of her love. It melted Roberto's heart to know that he was still loved by someone. Then his mother told him to go into the parlor and beg the forgiveness of his father for all his wrongdoings and promise to obey the rules of the household. Roberto ran into the parlor and fell down at his father's feet, pleading to be forgiven for bringing disgrace upon the family, and faithfully vowed to live a changed life. The father received him kindly and invited him to dine that night as a member of the family. Roberto was given his same room again, and his same place at the table. He was home again and glad to be back!

The former prodigal was true to his promise. Instead of seeing his old companions, he looked for a church in which to worship. Near his home he found a small Protestant church where about a dozen people worshiped. The pastor, Senor Moises Berkwitz, was a converted Jew. From the first meeting Roberto admired him, absorbing his interesting sermons. As he went to church several times a week and heard the gospel, he slowly

realized what a real Christian ought to be, and how one could become a Christian. One night the congregation sang a hymn which contained the words, "O Father, forgive my sins!" On his way home and as he lay down to sleep, the words came to him again and again, "O Father, forgive my sins!" He decided to ask God to forgive his sins and see what would happen in his life. He arose from the bed and lay down on the floor, to assure God that he was really humble and greatly desired something which would change his heart. He knew naught but to cry the words of the hymn, "O Father, forgive my sins!" As these words poured forth from his soul time after time, his heart was melted, and his being was suddenly flooded with unspeakable joy. He did not know what to expect when asking for forgiveness of sins, but was quite satisfied with what God gave him. His entire life was changed. A new life was apparent thereafter.

Roberto found life to be full of conundrums. His father had taught him to drink liquor and then compelled him to leave home because of his drinking. He was asked to become a good man, and now that he had become a Christian, his family did not appreciate the fact. His mother was very indignant because he had become a Protestant and tried her utmost to persuade him to go to the priest, confess his sins and join the mother church. However, Roberto had a strong mind. He knew where he had heard the gospel and how he had obtained a change of heart, and he was determined to oppose everything which tried to halt his new religion.

From the day of his conversion the Jewish pastor took a great interest in him, making him a spiritual son to be loved and tutored. Bishop Elphick says that the pastor privately taught him the five books of Moses, chapter by chapter, giving him the Jewish and Christian viewpoints. He *also* was a strong-minded gentleman. If he wanted Roberto to do something, he never asked him if he wished to do it, but merely told him what to do. Without one word of previous warning, the pastor announced that Roberto Elphick was his assistant pastor. As coworker with Moises Berkwitz, he began to feel the burden of the work of the Lord. He was now sure that the Lord desired him to be a preacher of the gospel, and upon this vocation he set his heart.

One Sunday night a remarkable thing took place. The pastor called him to the platform and, before the congregation, without one word having previously passed between the two regarding it, announced an ordination service. He laid

BY MY SPIRIT
by Jonathan Goforth

This volume is a record of the way that God, through His precious Holy Spirit, moved and worked in the hearts and lives of men in Manchuria and China under the rich and fruitful ministry of Dr. Goforth who together with his good wife, labored in the heart of China during a period of forty-seven years. The writer of the foreword says, "How the book came to be written is a wonderful—almost unbelievable witness of our Savior's own words, 'My strength is made perfect in weakness.'" Cloth bound, Price \$1.25.

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his hands upon the head of Roberto and charged him to be a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a faithful shepherd of the flock of God. Roberto was so excited he hardly knew what was taking place, yet he felt and knew that God, too, was separating him for Christian service, and that now he must give his entire life to the ministry. Without further ceremony, the pastor announced to the congregation and to the newly ordained pastor that he was leaving immediately and that the young man was the pastor of the church! Besides the church, there was a children's day school which Moises Berkwitz had established, and he must now care for both. Roberto felt he could not fail his beloved pastor, nor could he fail the flock, which was continually increasing.

As he was to give his life to the ministry, he felt the need of more training, so he went to a seminary in Santiago to study the Bible. While there he frequented the Methodist church and observed that they were outspoken against worldly amusements and preached against the prevalent sins of Chile. His admiration of their zeal caused him to join with them, after having preached for seven years. The Methodist Board first sent him to small appointments to see how he prospered. They found that wherever he took charge, the church grew immediately. Eventually he was chosen as bishop of Chile, which office he retained until superannuated. The outcast had become a *bishop!* The once despised prodigal was now highly respected and venerated!

Bishop Elphick was the first of his family to accept evangelical Christianity. The day he was converted he felt that his family must also enjoy the manna from God's storehouse, but their conversion was not easy to accomplish. However, God heard and answered his prayers. He was instrumental in winning his father, his mother and his brothers to the Lord. His mother was prevailed upon

to attend some meetings conducted by Dr. Hoover, and there she was convinced of the gospel truth and became a believer. The father was more difficult. Roberto prayed for him hundreds of times, but it seemed a slow process. He finally gave up the distillery and went back to engineering, which was a step toward victory. Then twenty years after Roberto's conversion, when an old man, he accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Twenty years of praying had at last availed! Bishop Elphick says that one day he walked into his father's bedroom and found him kneeling in prayer, alone, speaking to God with a broken heart, his face streaked with tears and a soft glow of heavenly light visible on his countenance. His dear old father had found the Right Way.

SUNSET IN GLORY

The sunset of life is now approaching for the bishop. His allotted time on earth has been used to the full. His hair is snow-white. As I saw him championing the Fundamentalist cause in ministers' discussions and witnessed his enthusiasm in the revival meetings while interpreting for me, I marveled at the glorious sunset of his life. Some day we shall read in the papers that the bishop is dead, but Brother Elphick would assure us that he was never more alive than when in the presence of his Lord, who took an outcast and made of him a bishop!—From "Through Blood and Fire in Latin America," by kind permission of the Zondervan Publishing House. The book can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Price \$2.00. It should be in every Sunday School library.

Risen With Christ

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Have you left Egypt? Israel was led by the cloud and the fire, blessed symbols of the Holy Spirit, till they reached the land of promise. That cloud was above the earth and knew no material obstructions. God wants you to rise above every obstacle, and to be seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Follow the cloud, the blessed Holy Spirit, and He will take you even now in the Spirit to mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, there to sit in heavenly places in intimate fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God's Plans for You

Rotherham understands God's thoughts to mean His plans: "I know the plans which I am planning for you, plans of welfare and not of calamity, to give you a future and a hope."—Amy Carmichael.

Our Boys Abroad

DURING the past week we have had several interesting letters from servicemen.

This letter comes from Italy: "I give thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ continually for pouring out His Spirit upon us in these last days. I have received this blessed gift, all praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, since I arrived in Italy. Praise His holy name! I was led by the Spirit to a civilian brother in Christ while in Rome, and he asked me to write to the Pentecostal churches in America to request prayer on behalf of the saints in Italy.

"This brother's name is Joseph Costa. He has a large burden on his heart for Italy and covets the prayers of all the saints for these specific goals: (1) A united Protestant front in Italy to withstand the persecutions of the Roman Catholic. (2) For liberty in Italy—liberty to speak and worship. He tells me there are more Pentecostal Christians than any other Protestant denomination, several hundred in and near Rome; but they are poor in money, and at present meet from house to house or use a small hall on Methodist property.

"He feels that the Pentecostal church would have a much better chance to overcome if they could meet in one assembly. These members of Christ's body have suffered many persecutions at the hands of the Fascists and Romanists, and the end is not yet, nor indeed will it be until He comes for His own. May it be soon, O Lord! Now they have a semblance of liberty, but what will happen when the restraining influence of the Allied Military Government is removed?

"I have read your *Evangels*, *Reveillés*, and *C. A. Heralds* for almost a year now, and received from them much food for my soul, for which I thank God and you."—Sgt. Richard M. Ball.

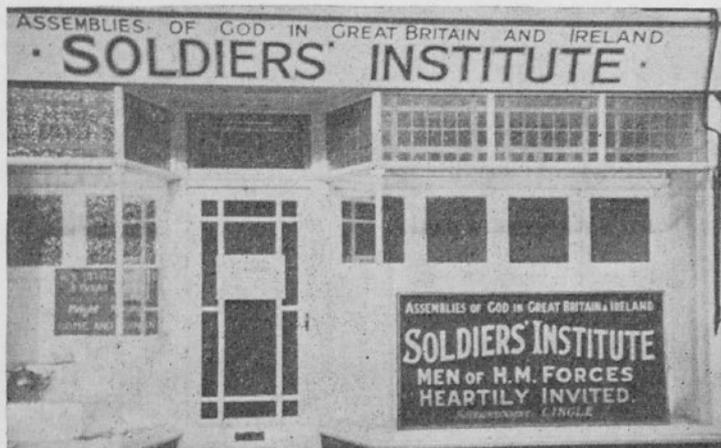
From Paris, France: "A few weeks ago I was transferred out of the 62d General Hospital to Headquarters in Paris, where I am at the present time. It was a little strange at first, having to leave all the old friends that I had made in the course of over a year, especially a few Christian companions, but I have met several new ones here in town, and can still see the old ones from time to time. I try to get back to the hospital every Thursday evening whenever possible, to attend the Bible Study conducted by one of the medical officers, a fine Christian man, well educated and with an interesting background of experience, having been for several years a country doctor in the South. His name is Captain John Glasser. For the past few months we have been studying the Gospel of John.

"Last Wednesday evening I attended a Bible Study conducted by one of the chaplains at the school where we are billeted. His type of study is more along the lines of a discussion group. He has a blackboard on which he writes certain questions, which are then dis-

cussed by the group. I was happy to find this chaplain a firm believer in the old truths of the gospel.

"A friend of mine, from a small church near Philadelphia, who is with an advance hospital unit near the front, wrote me sometime ago, telling me of a Christian boy friend of his who is stationed in a hospital here in town. He also wrote this boy, Bill Ehlers, telling him about me. Some weeks ago, I went to look him up, and we have become fast friends. He is the chaplain's assistant at this hospital, and is doing much for the Lord. The chaplain for whom he works is also a true preacher of the Word. I received a large package of French tracts sometime ago, and Bill has very willingly helped me to distribute most of them. The gospel is not being spread very much in this country. There is a real need.

"For a long time I had been trying to locate the Paris Pentecostal assembly, without success, although I had looked in the Paris direc-



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tory and inquired through the Red Cross. One day, sometime ago, when I had gone out to the 62d as usual to attend one of the Bible studies, I missed the last train back into town, and had to stay there overnight. I went back into town the next morning on one of the cars, and sat on the back seat with a Frenchman. Upon handing him one of my French tracts, I was delighted to learn that he was a Pentecostal believer. He gave me the address of the Paris assembly, which I visited about a week later. I met the pastor after the service and he invited me to come back next week, at which time, he said, two other Pentecostal American soldiers would be present.

"While I was in England, I happened to run across a fine group of Christian officers and enlisted men who had banded together into a Fishermen's Club. They held services in different churches and assisted in some open-air meetings. There were a number of excellent singers and speakers in the group, which made them welcome wherever they went. They welcomed me into their midst and we had sweet fellowship together. Then came D-day, and gradually some of us moved into France. I

was very happy recently to meet two of these boys here in Paris, where they are working. Christian friendship means a lot when you are in the Army and far away from home."—Ernest Kalapathy.

The following comes from C. Ingle, who is at the head of the Assemblies of God Soldiers' Institute, 70, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, Hants., England: "Your publication *Reveille* is very useful and more readily accepted and read than many other evangelical publications.

"We can praise God for His blessing on the work here. Many have testified in our meetings that through the services of the Institute God has ministered to them, enabling them to continue in the way of life. Others have found the way of life. Some have been brought back to the fold; others have advanced in Christian experience, being baptized in water, and others baptized in the Holy Ghost."

In Germany: Some months ago we printed a card received from a soldier in a prison camp in Germany. He had written to Switzerland trying to get some *Pentecostal Evangels* and had been sent a whole year's supply. Last June we sent this brother five books, and he received them in November. He writes: "So very glad to receive your postcard, and greatly appreciate the five books which I received today. I shall have happy reading for days to come. Realizing that the only joy in life is to serve the Lord Jesus, I'll go where He wants me to go. Please pray for me, that I may always be in His service."—Leslie Rowsell.

From "Somewhere in the Pacific" comes a letter from James K. McConchie, one of our Assemblies of God chaplains: "The joy of leading souls to Christ is of more exceeding glory and value than anything else that this life has to offer. In checking back, I believe I am correct in saying that in my work here I have seen an average of one soul a day brought to the Lord. That may not sound large, but when a fellow is continually working with the same men day in and day out, the numbers are not so spectacular as when he is covering a large territory. After all, we may sin like the kings of old if we are given to too much 'numbering the people.' For His blessing and faithfulness I am thankful, and for the prayers of the Servicemen's Department and all the Assemblies in the homeland."

Let us not fail to pray continually for our men in the service and for the chaplains who serve them.

The Clothes in the Tomb

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Christ's. If anyone had been raised it had been by a call from outside the tomb. Each, if buried, had had to be unclothed of the death-wrappings, and none had come forth clothed in eternal flesh. All who were raised died again. But in the Lord's tomb was something absolutely unique. It was the *same* body for it bore every wound that had been inflicted on the cross—a fact that makes any substi-

tution of a fresh body or the survival of Christ's spirit alone wholly impossible. Yet it was a *changed* body for it passed through locked doors (John 20:19) and ascended exactly as it was through the stratosphere into the heaven of heavens.

This change in the body the clothes proved. It was exactly such a body as Paul defines a true resurrection body to be, "It is sown a *natural* body"—that is, it dies a body limited sharply by natural laws—"it is raised a *spiritual* body"—equally a body, but a body now fitted for another world. "There are celestial bodies"—bodies built for heaven—"and bodies terrestrial"—physical frames suited for an earthly environment. 1 Cor. 15:40. Both are bodies of flesh, but the spiritual body is something we have never seen or known. The one resurrection, as distinct from resuscitation, throughout all human history lay disclosed in the undisturbed wrappings lying on the slab of rock.

Thus the whole Christian faith starts from, and is founded upon, a *fact*, and will forever rest here. And the fact, in this case, is supremely significant. If sin had been *in* Christ He could not have risen. And, had it not been *on* Christ He would not have died. But sinless, He was free to bear the death penalty for others. And pronounced still sinless by the resurrection, *the sin He bore has been purged.* The God of inflexible justice and awful holiness loosed the pangs that were *ours* and accepted our Sacrifice by exalting it, for if my sins were not consumed He would not be where He is. "When He had by Himself purged our sins, (He) sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." Heb. 1:3. "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted . . . God hath made that same Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." The clothes, lying in their perfect stillness, are the silent witness of a world sacrifice and a world redeemed.

The skeptical thinker imagines that the intellect stifles the heart, whereas it is the heart that stifles the intellect. "Ye *will* not to come," our Lord Himself says. John 5:40. "Matthew Arnold," says Dr. Herbert Simpson, "was seated next an old friend of mine, who told me of the incident, on one occasion on the platform in London where D. L. Moody was preaching. On my friend's other side sat Gladstone, deeply moved, to whom, after the great evangelist had finished his address, Matthew Arnold leaned across, and said, 'I would give everything I possess to believe that.'" *What the unbeliever rejects is not creed but fact!* And the only saving faith in the world necessarily disappears with the fact. "If Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." 1 Cor. 15:17.

God's Garden

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denier is busy again! Busy with a garden enclosed. "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It is His rock garden. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." It is His victory garden. "A garden": work—waiting—then fragrance, beauty, fruits. "Enclosed": walled-up; hidden away from carnal eyes. One door of entrance—"and few there be that find it," "Is my sister, my spouse": mystical yet real; in the family now but espoused to a new and greater relationship. "A spring shut up, a fountain sealed": the source unapproachable by the carnal, being hidden with Christ in God; yet the overflow seen and tested by all.

For fruits the garden is planted, for fruits the Gardener comes, and He is not disappointed. The garden has yielded pomegranates, frankincense, and myrrh, and all chief spices. Yea, His garden bears the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. The Bride, anxious for His pleasure and longing for His fellowship, cries, "Let my Beloved come into His garden, and eat His pleasant fruits." For this He went to Eden, to Gethsemane, to the burial garden; every day of planning and executing those plans looked forward to this invitation, "Let my beloved come into His garden, and eat His pleasant fruits," and the answering, "I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse, I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk."

Beloved, we are the garden of the Lord. He lies no longer in the burial garden; He lives and walks among us. Oh, may He be satisfied with the perfume of our holy living and the fruits of our Christian experience. **Thank God,** we have this direction when we feel that we are coming short; "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

THE FIFTH GARDEN: A PROMISE MADE

"Let not your hearts 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 into myself, that where I am there ye may be also." This world is God's greenhouse—His hothouse. Here His plants are watched and watered every hour. When He is

satisfied with their growth, in His own time and way He transplants them to His great garden prepared above. There in the New Eden, where the glorious river of life flows forever from the throne, and the tree of life yields her twelve manner of fruits every month, His blood-bought flowers shall bloom forever. "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve him; and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

The Great Miracle of the Ages

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Conqueror of death; He is alive forevermore, and we hear Him saying, "Because I live ye shall live also." In Acts 3:15 we read of Peter speaking to those who were questioning the power by which the lame man at the Gate Beautiful had been healed. "Ah!" said Peter, "you killed the Prince of life, but God hath raised Him from the dead; whereof we are witnesses." The Prince of life lives today! No more is He limited to place; He is accessible to all who will believe. If in the rush, struggle, and need of this earthly life you have met Him, have reached forth your hand of faith and touched Him, then, let us say it confidently, He has given you life, everlasting life. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. We begin to live spiritually when we accept Jesus as our crucified and risen Savior.

And He who arose from the dead is the first-fruits of them that slept; meaning that because He conquered the grave there is not only no fear of death and the grave for the believer, but the body of every believer lying in a grave shall one day be resurrected. More fruit, yea, a great harvest, shall follow the first-fruits that came out of death to die no more. 1 Cor. 15:20. We did not see the empty tomb, nor the linen clothes lying; we did not see Him when He came into the midst and said, "Peace be unto you," but we know He is alive. The contact we have had with Him through the blessed ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives makes us know this glorious truth, and knowing it lets us become witnesses. Let us with assurance proclaim the glorious fact that Jesus is arisen from the dead, He is alive; remembering that the empty tomb bears also this message and this command—"Go and tell!"

HE IS
Risen!



THAT THEY MIGHT
Have Life!

MORE PHILIPPINE NEWS

We Are Free Again!

"This is such a momentous occasion for us, to be able to write a letter home and KNOW that it will actually get there!" writes Robert B. Tangen who, with other of our missionaries, has just been released from internment in the Philippines. "It is so hard to believe that we are at last free under the Stars and Stripes, but our full stomachs testify to the reality of the last few days. Bobby was sick to his stomach after his first real meal of oatmeal, ham and eggs, cocoa, milk, crackers and candy! He has grown up on Japanese food—without a vitamin in a carload!

"We are still under great emotional and nervous tension. The Japanese moved us down to Bilibid Prison from Baguio on the 29th of December. Bilibid, with its millions of flies and bedbugs, poorest sanitation imaginable, heaps and piles of filth, blackouts—and 600 calories per day!

"We were overjoyed to see real American soldiers—and what huge men they are! Perhaps our men-folk are just thin and pale. When the Japs set Manila on fire, the American armed forces evacuated the military prisoners and us to their headquarters in the north of the city. The fire was just one block from our prison when they took us away so quietly and efficiently!

"I can't describe the joyous welcome our soldier boys gave us. They have all, hardly without exception, been away from home for three years also, and they are so anxious to see other men and some white women and children! They love the children, and the children in turn almost worship the soldiers, because they brought them milk and real food to eat. I have never seen such kind, polite, gentle, helpful men in all my life. Nothing seems too small to bother with.

"We have gradually been reduced from many possessions to one suitcase, two blankets, and a mosquito netting. But we are supremely happy, and are all three in exceptionally good health, comparative'y. We have been singularly aware of God's protecting hand and of the

prayers on our behalf. The Red Cross and the Army will get us home, they say, as quickly as they can. So expect us home, without baggage, but oh so anxious!"

From Rena Baldwin

We are glad to share with our "Evangel" readers a letter received by Helen Johnson, sister of Rena Baldwin, who was recently released from internment in the Philippine Islands. She writes:

"At last we have an opportunity to write, but there is so much to say that I hardly know what to mention. So this letter will have to be only a sort of "Hello—good-by" affair but how we praise the Lord that it is a "hello"! . . .

"But please don't be alarmed. All I need is to get built up with lots of protein food. . . . Shall be coming home before long, the Lord willing.

"Blanche and I have had some opportunities during the occupation to encourage and help the Filipinos, and the work has been growing and prospering in spite of conditions. I have also had opportunities to write music and have quite a bit ready for publication. Some numbers especially have been made a blessing in camp.

"Now I must get this mailed. Shall be seeing you soon, D. V., and shall have so much to say! We have been so hungry to hear from you, but no doubt your letters went to the wrong place. Neither of us has received one word from anyone all this time. But we have been happy in the Lord, and are anticipating a grand reunion one of these days. Much love. Rena."

European Relief

Reports reaching us indicate a very pitiful situation prevailing in Europe, and as time goes on, this condition will no doubt become steadily worse. It has been estimated by those who are in a position to determine such matters, that at the close of the war there

will be an immediate need of help of all kinds, both in clothing, food, and in medical supplies for around 140,000,000 people who will have been left practically destitute in the various European countries. In spite of all the help that may be sent at that time, it is further estimated that at least 30,000,000 will perish before assistance can reach them.

It is the purpose of our Assemblies of God organization to prepare help to send to Europe in cooperation with other evangelical agencies, and we are already negotiating with those who are in touch with the situation so that supplies may be sent out just as soon as it is practical to do so. Our purpose is to send with the clothing a message of the gospel, so that each garment will have attached to it a tract giving a gospel message. In this way, we will not only be giving out material relief, but spiritual help also. It will take some little time to get everything in readiness; so we suggest local assemblies that are already collecting clothing, hold the same until further notice is given through the "Evangel" as to where such shipments should be made. For the moment, it is practically impossible to get anything through into the Balkan area where the need is going to be very great and where our work has in the past developed very encouragingly.

We are happy to report that we have been able to send considerable sums of money, even in war time, which no doubt have brought great relief to the pastors of Eastern Europe. We cannot do this regularly but just as our Government gives us a license to make remittances. We are hoping in the near future to make another remittance of some \$10,000.00 so that any who are willing to help by sending money for European relief will know that the money will be forwarded to the European pastors and Christians without very much delay. Gifts of clothing should be held for the time being and a little later will be able to give instructions as to how this may be disposed of.

Birthday!

The first birthday of Sandra Louise Greenaway was celebrated in Ouagadougou, Upper Ivory Coast on the fourth day of March 1945. She weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Hearty congratulations to Mother and Dad Greenaway!

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS
February, 1945

Alabama	\$ 706.05
Arizona	399.33
Arkansas	1,714.16
California	23,142.51
Colorado	1,350.11
Connecticut	355.13
Delaware	749.69
District of Columbia	657.00
Florida	3,688.36
Georgia	545.50
German Branch	531.13
Hungarian Branch	27.15
Idaho	996.61
Illinois	5,165.58
Indiana	1,349.01
Iowa	1,268.34
Kansas	4,924.25
Kentucky	464.71
Louisiana	337.50
Maine	168.86
Maryland	556.71
Massachusetts	506.63
Michigan	5,664.28
Minnesota	4,357.36
Mississippi	208.89
Missouri	6,382.64
Montana	1,147.06
Nebraska	1,473.63
Nevada	73.66
New Hampshire	47.50
New Jersey	2,769.53
New Mexico	545.99
New York	6,292.09
North Carolina	196.97
North Dakota	1,165.32
Ohio	7,923.38
Oklahoma	4,851.80
Oregon	4,596.38
Pennsylvania	4,073.14
Rhode Island	166.57
South Carolina	110.07
South Dakota	1,067.27
Tennessee	601.36
Texas	7,179.42
Ukrainian Branch	46.03
Utah	93.59
Vermont	35.00
Virginia	1,183.68
Washington	8,543.04
West Virginia	247.81
Wisconsin	2,237.34
Wyoming	234.56
Alaska	38.13
Canada	214.19
Foreign	451.38
Given Direct to Servicemen's Department	32,618.43
Miscellaneous	1,043.27
Total amount reported	\$157,485.02
District Fund	7,954.90
Home Missions Fund	3,181.88
Servicemen's Dept. Fund	
(including given direct)	38,774.01
Office Expense Fund	2,209.69
Literature Expense Fund	269.39
Given Direct for Home Missions	7,224.95
Given Direct to Missionaries	8,903.09
Amount received for Foreign Missions	88,967.11
FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1945	
Congo	\$ 9,046.43
Egypt	5,816.16
Gold Coast	2,246.41
Ivory Coast	2,653.84
Liberia	3,019.72
Nigeria	3,750.65
Nyasaland	10.02
Sierra Leone	604.17
Tanganyika	824.50
Transvaal	1,954.85
China	6,163.16
Ceylon	1,849.49
India	19,844.41
Europe	1,859.95
Palestine and Near East	4,539.02
West Indies	6,121.21
Mexican Border Work	1,108.65
Central America	6,883.63
Argentina	1,918.30
Brazil	2,126.30
Chile	1,721.29
Colombia	898.75
Paraguay	260.50
Peru	2,747.34
Venezuela	2,168.21
Fiji Islands	273.00
Hawaiian Islands	201.00
British West Indies	836.25
Non-Council Missionaries	911.06
Miscellaneous Fields	1,929.27
Retired Missionaries	1,062.33
Total Disbursements	\$95,349.87
Credited to Designated Accounts	15,683.12
Charged from Reserve Fund	111,032.99
	22,065.88
Total Receipts for February	\$88,967.11

A Call to Prayer

Brother Alva I. Walker now in his twenty-first year of missionary service writes from Peru:

"We praise the Lord for the privilege of coming to Peru, 'the land of the Christless cross,' with its cross-crowned hills where the false and the true are so often confused and where the gold is so mixed with the dross. A land that for over 400 years has been under the blighting power of the Roman Catholic church. Full of religious rites, symbols, and ceremonies, the people show very little evidence of the salvation that Jesus gives. To be subject to sin and yet profess Christianity is accepted as correct. We ask you to pray definitely with us for a Holy Ghost revival in this land. It has never had a real outpouring such as so many other countries have had. Out of a population of 7,000,000 there are some 70,000 members of evangelical churches (nearly half of these being Seventh Day Adventists), with a scant 150 evangelical missionaries, apart from Adventists. The possibilities and opportunities here are wonderful. We praise God for the ministry both of the Bible Institute and of the Gospel Publishing House here in getting the message of salvation to the people.

"While we were getting this news letter ready a new decree has just been signed by the President of this country absolutely forbidding any non-Roman Catholic open-air meetings or other religious activities outside of the churches. The Roman Catholic religion is the state religion here. Do pray for this country; darkness reigns here supreme. However, God is able to deliver, if we will pray."

Flash!

The following is the text of a post card received in the Missions Department. It is written by one of our Assemblies of God men from Salonika, Greece, dated December 5, 1944.

"Dear Brother N. Perkin,

"Greetings. We are well. God has kept us safely until now among the trials of the war. We need your aid when you can do anything. —Yours in Christ, A. A. Dictyopoula."

*Alive
Forevermore*

Because I live, ye shall live also.
John 14:19

Are You Willing?

Are you willing to go without a meal so that a soul may be saved? You are? Then you will be given an opportunity to show that you really mean what you say.

The Christ's Ambassadors are sponsoring an attempt to raise \$100,000 for the Speed-the-Light Campaign. With this money boats, airplanes, jeeps, motorcycles, and other vehicles are being purchased to be used by missionaries on different fields.

On Sunday, May 27, the C. A.'s will make a great stride toward reaching their goal. On that day each Ambassador, and anyone else who is interested, is asked to go without his main meal and then to give the value of that meal in a special Speed-the-Light offering. In addition, they will be spending the time they would usually spend eating in prayer, asking that at least one soul be brought to Christ for every meal that has been missed. We believe those prayers will be answered.

Will YOU miss a meal to save a soul?

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John W. Seregow, 3670 Ryan Road, Warren, Mich., writes: "Even as our brethren in the flesh are beating the enemy and winning the great struggle across the sea, it is our desire to successfully fight the enemy of our souls and win many of our people to God.

"We had a conference of our Russian churches in Jersey City, N. J., last December 15-16, for the purpose of organizing a Russian Branch of the Assemblies of God. We felt the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst, and sensed His approval on all the proceedings.

"The following officers were elected: Chairman (and General Presbyter), D. A. Matysuk; Secretary (and General Presbyter), J. W. Seregow; Treasurer, F. P. Wiktorchik.

"Wesley R. Steelberg closed the meetings with a stirring message.

"It is also our aim to prepare workers to be sent to Europe at the earliest opportunity."

EASTER FEATURES

An inspiring Easter message, "A Confession of Faith," is given by one of our young missionaries in the April issue of the C. A. HERALD.

"Doubt Meets Its Master," written by a C. A. attending Harvard, is another special feature. It will be a tonic to your faith. You will enjoy "Flying High," too—written by an Air Corps Lieutenant shot down over Rumania and repatriated. Your heart will be moved as you read the story, "The Blind Beggar Boy." You will also like a new feature that begins this month. It is the story of William Carey, "Father of Modern Missions," presented in picture form.

Many other interesting features will be found in the April issue, including the latest reports concerning the C. A. Speed-the-Light Campaign. If you desire copies for yourself, your church or servicemen, we suggest you order promptly as we are unable to print many extra copies and always run out early in the month. Address the Gospel Publishing House, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. Cash must accompany all orders. Price 5c a copy, 60c a year, 2 years for \$1.00. Four or more copies a month to one person, 50c a year.

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"LED BY HIS HAND"

The biographical story, "Led by His Hand," by Mrs. K. M. Ralph, that appeared in the "Gospel Gleaners," has now been published in booklet form. Do not write to us for this booklet, order it from Mrs. K. M. Ralph, Route 5, Box 90, Springfield, Mo. The cost of the booklet is 35 cents, or 3 for \$1.00.

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Among the Assemblies

MOSCOW, OHIO—We just closed a very fruitful revival in our new auditorium, with Evangelist R. S. Peterson of Oshkosh, Wis. The church was edified and the saints were built up. Nine sought salvation at the altar.—George Downs, Pastor.

HARRISON, ARK.—We have just closed a 2-week revival with Evangelist J. R. Keith of Tulsa, Okla. Six prayed through to salvation and the entire church was greatly benefited. Brother Keith brought some very stirring messages and the presence of the Lord was felt in a real way.—Josephine Simmons, Secretary.

LATHROP, MO.—I have been here two years and the Lord has blessed. We have remodeled the church building and purchased a 6-room parsonage. As I am leaving for evangelistic work, I will be open for calls.—R. O. Jeffries, c/o Pastor C. A. Davenport, Carrollton, Mo.

LAKEPORT, CALIF.—Evangelists Holmes and Jackson (known as the Musical Evangelists) have just closed a 4-week campaign with us. We are praising God for the wonderful time of spiritual refreshing which we had at all meetings. Those who were sick came for prayer and God wonderfully blessed and healed.—Stanley Webster, Pastor.

CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.—A new work has been established here, the first service being held on December 10 with 11 in Sunday School. On February 4, we had 68 in Sunday School, and there were about 90 in the evening service. God has blessed many souls. Some have been saved. One Sunday 5 received the Baptism. We have pastored here since December 17; were elected December 20.—R. E. Henke, Pastor.

MOJAVE, CALIF.—Our church burned last June, but has been rebuilt and was rededicated December 3, 1944, District Superintendent F. C. Woodworth officiating. We are now in the midst of a revival with Melford and Pauline Hensche, Evangelists. During the first week, a Baptist minister and his wife were baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Christians are being filled and re-filled with the Spirit.—Earl Hunt, Pastor.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—February 11 we closed a very successful revival with Evangelist R. L. Buckley in charge. The church said it was the best revival in five years. There were a number saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. While we are busy remodeling and adding some new equipment to the church, we are thankful for the spirit of unity that prevails among us. We are on the air over KLCN every Sunday at 2:00 p. m.—L. C. Ramsey, Pastor.

CHESTER, OKLA.—In February, Evangelist S. B. Douglas held a revival at the Elm Grove Church, in which 13 were saved or reclaimed. We had a record attendance of 241, which is the best attendance at any revival in the past three years.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crowder, Pastors.

CORRECTIONVILLE, IOWA—We recently closed a successful revival with Evangelist Dorothy Bentley and coworker, Mildred Bentley, of Lake City. God's blessings were poured out upon our services. Three young people were saved and the church was revived.—Mrs. Arlie Bentley, Church Secretary.

FULLERTON, CALIF.—For the past three weeks we have been in a revival with Evangelist A. Buckley of Bellflower. Four were saved, and 14 were filled with the Holy Ghost. Sick bodies were healed. Brother Buckley's ministry was a great blessing to the church.

I accepted the pastorate here in November, 1944, and since then God has been blessing. We have been growing in number and in spirituality, for which we give God the praise.—G. W. Perkins, Pastor.

WALDRON, KANSAS—We have just closed a very successful and unusual revival with Evangelist Dorothy Snow, who was accompanied by Minnie Lue Love, singer and musician, both of Wichita. From the very first service God's presence was felt. Several were saved and 5 were baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. There were some very definite healings, and the saints were refreshed. We are still rejoicing over the fact that God in His goodness and mercy definitely answered our prayers and permitted us to have this glorious revival.—M. H. Nolin, Pastor.

AUSTIN, TEXAS—We have just concluded the most successful revival our church has known in years. Many people come from other cities, and folk from nearly all denominations turned out to enjoy the inspirational ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick. The interest and attendance grew nightly during the 12-day campaign, making this one of the best attended revivals in the history of the church. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Some testified to having been healed. A real spirit of conviction gripped the church and many have reconsecrated their lives to God.—Paul Ansohn, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

WACO, TEXAS—Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick recently closed a 2-week meeting at the Fourteenth and Morrow Assembly, and God's blessing was upon their ministry in a marked way. Brother Krupnick's exposition of the New Testament from the Jewish standpoint was most inspiring and profitable. Sister Krupnick's messages under the anointing of the Spirit were very moving. The attendance, according to some of the old-timers, was the largest in the history of the church. Many heard the Pentecostal message for the first time. God's blessing has rested upon the services, and no week has passed since without someone being saved or filled with the Spirit.—Hugh M. Cadwalder, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—During the past two years at the Mt. Zion Assembly, God has given us some outstanding revivals, conducted by Evangelists, Rose Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mastries, and H. R. Bagwell. Every office of the church was blessed. A 3-week Bible School was greatly blessed, and was a help to our Sunday School.

In October, 1944, I felt my ministry completed as pastor, and resigned to re-enter the evangelistic field. In November and December, we had a blessed revival with Clyde C. Goree, Mobile, Ala.—June Newbold Willis, P. O. Box 8903, Tampa 4, Fla.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.—After having served as pastors of the First Assembly at Midland, Texas, we resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Assembly at Lake Charles, La. In our five months of labor here, the Lord has graciously visited us, in our services, with spiritual blessings. We just closed our first revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Randall Ball of Seminole, Texas. Several souls were saved, and the saints were made hungry for God. Brother Ball has a wonderful knowledge of the Scriptures. The saints are seeking God with new fervor.—Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Piersol.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—When we came here, we found a very fine group of saints at what was called the Log Church. We have had some very good evangelists, such as R. L. Davis, Evelyn Hatchett, my son M. L. Davidson, and many others, who ministered to us. Many have been saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We have been able to complete a new church except some of the Sunday School rooms, and we are putting the finishing touches on them at present. We have been using the building about 5 months now. Our beautiful new auditorium will seat about 450. March 25, we shall begin a revival with Evangelist Jenkins R. Woods, to run two weeks or longer. Will have our regular all-day meeting Easter Sunday, with dinner on grounds. J. W. McClellan will be morning speaker, E. M. Yeats, afternoon speaker, and Jenkins R. Woods, evening speaker. If you are in Houston on Easter Sunday, look up the new Bethel Temple, in Sunset Heights, and spend the day with us.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor.

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BUCODA, MO.—A 6-week meeting has recently been closed here. We preached each night for 4 weeks, and souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Clarence Wiegand of Senath, Mo., was with us part of the time during the last two weeks. Fifteen were saved, and a number of them received the Holy Ghost Baptism. We are now building four Sunday School rooms as an addition to our church.—Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wallace, Pastors, Route 1, Senath, Mo.

TROY MILLS, IOWA—Evangelists Ingrid Braut and Anna Badten of Miles City, Mont., have been conducting meetings in our church during the past 3 weeks, and God has been blessing in a marked way. Thus far, 9 have been saved, 2 reclaimed, and 2 baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Christians as a whole have been stirred, and many of the town folk who had never attended our services before have come out. We have 50 children enrolled in our Children's church, where meetings have been conducted by our evangelists 3 times a week.—Lucile Zimpfer, Pastor.

EUREKA, CALIF.—Evangelist T. B. Don Carlos and co-worker, Carl Olson, just closed a successful evangelistic campaign in the Pentecostal Tabernacle. The spirit of old-time Pentecost prevailed all through the 4-week meeting. Twelve were saved, 4 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 or 6 were refilled, and the entire church was greatly revived. The closing Sunday, 14 united with the church. The following Wednesday night, 5 followed the Lord in water baptism. The balance of the church debt of \$1000 was taken care of during the meeting, and May 27 is the date set for burning the mortgage. From 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. daily, there was continuous prayer at the church for the meetings.—J. W. Belchar, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A soul-stirring revival has just closed at Bethel Tabernacle, with J. B. McDonough of Oklahoma City, Okla., Pastor-Evangelist. Despite the fact that people work hard and for long hours, there was a fine attendance up to the last. This was one of the best revivals Bethel Tabernacle has had in years. The whole church was stirred and uplifted. Many came for salvation, believers were refilled, and two received the Holy Ghost Baptism. There were three outstanding cases of healing. The presence and mighty power of God were manifested in every service through the rich spiritual teaching and evangelistic ministry of this man of God. A marked interest was manifested in the Sunday School, also in the Christ's Ambassadors and the High School Brigade.—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The past year proved to be one of blessing to the Church of the Four Fold Gospel, with many visitations of God's Spirit and many seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Our Tenth Annual Missionary Convention was another victorious milestone passed in the cause of Missions. It was shown that more than \$8,000 had been used for the spreading of the gospel in the World Mission field.

During the latter part of January, Brother

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and Sister Lester Sumrall conducted a 2-week campaign, which proved to be a blessing to the church and brought the gospel to many in this busy war center.

We are anticipating greater victories and blessings, and many more brought to Christ, as we continue to occupy till He comes.—Chas. W. H. Scott, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—In the past 3½ years, in spite of war conditions the First Assembly of God has experienced the best growth ever, both spiritually and materially. There has been a constant revival, scores of souls being saved in the regular services and in revival meetings. During the past year, our church has been richly blessed through the ministry of evangelists, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Blair, Gladys Pearson and Margaret Plunkett, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Arnold, Edward Robison, and W. S. Barham.

During the revival which was conducted by Brother Barham, who ministered in practically every service on the operation of the Holy Spirit, the fire from heaven fell and we are still rejoicing over the renewal of Pentecost in our midst. In Sunday School the glory broke forth, and for nearly four hours the entire body was under the influence of the Spirit, with people getting saved and filled all over the building. The same glory continued for a week, and nightly, as soon as we entered the door, the Spirit of the Lord took charge. When the final week was concluded, it seemed that every believer had either been filled with the Holy Ghost or been refilled. It was glorious to see church members refilled who had not had a touch of fire for years, and to hear them speak in other languages as the Spirit gave utterance. Ministers present testified that the people during this great outpouring were the nearest to perfect "one-accordness" that they had ever seen. Many Christians who were refilled testified that their experience was far greater than when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit.—Leonard Norville, Pastor.

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COMING MEETINGS

- BENSON, MINN.**—March 20—; Ivar A. Frick Jr., Evangelist.—E. A. Wirkala, Pastor.
KELSO, WASH.—March 20—; H. F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—J. S. Manchester, Pastor.
MCCOOK, NEBR.—April 10—; Evangelist and Mrs. Russell Rexroat.—C. M. Smitley, Pastor.
CLAIRTON, PA.—March 26—April 8; C. M. Carlson, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—Elmer W. Schink, Pastor.
PLYMOUTH, IND.—April 3, for 2 weeks; R. W. Prince, Boston, Mass., Evangelist.—Wm. Van Winkle, Pastor.
GENEVA, OHIO—March 20—April 1; Baxter Evangelistic Party.—Raymond L. Zents.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—60 Gregg St., S. W., April 1—15; Irving M. Mitchell of Detroit, Evangelist.—Forrest Anderson, Pastor.
WACO, TEXAS—S. 13th and Webster Ave., April 1—15; Esther Mae Cooper of California, Evangelist.—J. C. Tinsman, Pastor.
DOVER, PA.—March 27—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. Shaffer, London, Ky. Nearby assemblies invited to co-operate.—Jas. E. Gorman, Pastor.
OMAHA, NEBR.—19th and Cass Sts.; March 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Herbert Bruhn. L. E. King is pastor.—By Evangelist.
CROSBY, N. DAK.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles M. Dale, Lawrence, Kansas.—R. L. Stuck, Pastor.
MISHAWAKA, IND.—315 E. Third St., March 18—April 1; Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Prince, Boston, Mass. Roy Davidson is pastor.—By Evangelist.
JEANNETTE, PA.—April 8—; David and Millie Howe, Westernport, Md., Singing Evangelists.—Kenneth D. Baker, Pastor.
HOUSTON, TEXAS—Caplen Memorial Assembly, Green's Bayou Addition, April 2—15; A. J. Richey, Palestine, Texas, Evangelist.—Harlen J. Pate, Pastor.
DALTON, N. Y.—Oakland Street Assembly, April 5—22; Lindsey H. MacPherson, Wilson, Ontario, Evangelist.—Marion J. Aylor, Pastor.
ST. LOUIS, MO.—Palm at Jefferson; revival in progress; George Hayes, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—Henry Hoar, Pastor.
RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—April 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. B. J. Keen, Denison, Texas.—W. J. Higgins, Pastor.
EDGEMONT, S. DAK.—March 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call, Trenton, Mo.—A. D. and Mildred Duncan, Pastors.
KOKOMO, IND.—503 N. Kennedy St.; April 1, for 2 weeks or longer; F. E. McDonald, Evangelist.—Carl Isaac, Pastor.
PIPESTONE, MINN.—Gospel Chapel; April 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Forrest McClellan, South Sioux City, Nebr., Evangelist.—K. M. Freiheit, Pastor.
SHERIDAN, ORE.—656 Monroe St., March 20—April 8; Jennie O'Brien, Evangelist; Ruby Thompson, Accordionist.—Wm. N. Beachy, Pastor.

- LIMA, OHIO**—Scott and Eureka Sts.; April 3—; B. E. Hillman, Evangelist.—L. A. Sappington, Pastor.
WILDER, IDAHO—April 8, for 2 or 3 weeks; Wayne Fagerstrom, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—E. E. Baker, Pastor.
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—First Assembly, April 1—; The Lummer Music Makers, Evangelists.—T. J. Gotcher, Pastor.
HANFORD, CALIF.—Myrtle and Irwin Sts., March 25—April 8; F. T. and Olive Alford, Evangelists.—Edward Byram, Pastor.
PASADENA, CALIF.—Evangelistic Services and Bible Conference, 1147 Cordova St., April 1—15; A. G. Ward and C. Morse Ward, speakers.—Claude Weaver, Pastor.
REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.—Full Gospel Church, Roosevelt Ave., April 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Elwin Argue, Winnipeg, Canada.—Edward R. Gomez, Pastor.
KANSAS CITY, MO.—All-day Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Sheffield Assembly, 6800 Independence Ave., April 2. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Norman F. Brewer is pastor.—V. L. Hertweck, Sectional Secretary.

- LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**—First Assembly of God, April 1-8; Stanley H. Frodsham, Editor of Pentecostal Evangel, special speaker. Services: Sundays, 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; weekdays, 10:00-11:00 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.—Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.
BEAUMONT, TEXAS—Spring Convention, Beaumont Section, First Church, Wall St. at Avenue A, April 17—18. First service 10:30 a. m. F. D. Davis, C. P. Robison and others, special speakers.—B. L. Greene, Presbyterian.
IOWA FALLS, IOWA—Deeper Life Convention, People's Tabernacle, March 25—April 1. Amelia Joseph, New Kensington, Pa., guest speaker. Music by Tulsa Male Quartet from Central Bible Institute. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—G. R. McGhghy, Pastor.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District Prayer Conference and Ministers Institute, Gospel Tabernacle, Adams and Crooks Sts., Green Bay, Wisc., April 16-18. A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., special speaker.—E. A. Beck, District Superintendent, 735 S. Quincey St., Green Bay, Wis.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The annual District Council of the South Dakota District will convene at Aberdeen, S. Dak., April 11-13. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker; Glenn Horst, special missionary speaker. For further information and reservations, write P. T. Emmett, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

New York-New Jersey District Prayer Conference, Faith Tabernacle, Conklin Ave. and Hight St., Binghamton, N. Y., April 18-20. Services 9:30, 2:30 and 7:45 daily. Our Superintendent, Wesley R. Steelberg, together with other able speakers will minister. We especially invite our Eastern District brethren to attend. Please write early for accommodations to John Kellner, host pastor, 2 High St., Binghamton, N. Y.—Charles R. Shuss, Prayer Conference Leader.

TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

By permission of the ODT, we are announcing conventions for March. The following conventions begin at 7:30 p. m., first day; then 10:30, 2:00 and 7:30, second day: Greenville Section, Greenville, March 27-28. Paris Section, Texarkana, March 29-30.

All ministers urged to be present for renewal of their fellowship with the Texas District. Those desiring to apply for ordination, license, or exhorter's license must meet the Committee of their home Section.

For information write District Superintendent F. D. Davis or District Secretary C. P. Robison, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

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ELKHART, IND.—Johnson and Baldwin Sts.; March 18, for 2 weeks or longer; Roy L. Buckley, St. Louis, Mo., Evangelist.—Truman S. Lowell, Pastor.

ALABAMA DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS
 Northeast Section, Bessemer, April 9-10; James Standifer, Presbyterian, Southwest Section, Crichton, April 16-17; J. W. Godwin, Presbyterian, Southeast Section, Enterprise, April 23-24; J. C. Thames, Presbyterian, North Central Section, First Assembly, Clanton, April 30-May 1; A. T. Hickman, Presbyterian, South Central Section, Assembly of God, Phenix City, May 7-8; W. P. Hughes, Presbyterian, Northwest Section, Beaverton, May 14-15; O. C. Hickman, Presbyterian.

The ministers of a section with the delegates (one from each assembly duly elected) may elect their District Presbyter by vote. Applicants for issuance or renewal of credentials—ordination, exhorter or licentiate, are required to meet their Sectional Committee in person.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Oklahoma Sectional Councils: Southwest Section, Idabel, April 9-11. East Central Section, Okmulgee, April 16-18. Panhandle Section, Moreland, April 23-25. Northwest Section, Clinton, May 14-16. Northwest Section, Vinita, May 21-23.

Those desiring license or exhorters' papers, meet the board at any of the above Sectional Councils. Licensed ministers and exhorters are supposed to secure renewal blank at the Sectional Council for renewal of papers for the coming fiscal year.

First service, Monday, 7:30 p. m., in charge of C. A. President. Morning service 10:00, afternoon 2:00. Wednesday afternoon licensing service. For other information write V. H. Ray, District Secretary, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

WANT TO BUY—Public address system that can be attached to car battery. Write L. W. Tanner, Arapahoe, Nebr.

WANT TO BUY—Used gospel tent; must be in good condition and not too large. Will buy loud speaker.—Nancy Galbreath, 309 Division St., Mendota, Ill.

NEW ADDRESS—3004 Taliaferro Ave., Tampa 3, Fla. "Have accepted the pastorate of the Glad Tidings Tabernacle."—J. L. Whittaker.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 7736, Kansas City 3, Mo. "I am entering the evangelistic field."—V. L. Hertweck.

WANT TO BUY—French harp, single noted, popular brand, first-class condition. State price and full particulars in first letter.—Ted Stephens, 220 N. Main, Greenfield, Mo.

WANT TO BUY—Gospel tent, not less than 60x90 ft., nor more than 80x120 ft., in good condition. Write or wire Pastor A. A. Wilson, 3100 E. 31st St., Kansas City, Mo.

NOTICE—I am starting a new Assemblies of God work in Smithfield, N. C. Am affiliated with the North Carolina District. If interested in this work and living in this locality, please contact me.—Alden A. Yates, 500 E. Divine St., Dunn, N. C.

The Passing and the Permanent

NO MORE PRIVACY!

Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary in the British government, said recently when speaking to police officials that radio progress actually has reached the point where it is possible to look through solid substances and see what was going on beyond them.

PIPE-SMOKING WOMEN

The cigarette shortage has turned many women to smoking pipes. Pipes have been designed exclusively for women, with dainty bowls, graceful stems and colored plastic mouthpieces! In the last three months America's women smokers have purchased 200,000 pipes.

A CURSE TO OUR COUNTRY

Said District Judge J. S. Haykatt, Jackson, Minnesota, in sentencing a man for murdering his mother, his wife and two babies: "Boys and girls, men and women are drinking as never before. I hope those who worked so hard to restore this curse to our country are satisfied."

HOW LONG, O LORD?

Growing casualty lists and the call for ten thousand nurses for the armed forces emphasize, as nothing else could do, the costliness of war and the enormous suffering it involves. In more and more hearts there is growing a deep yearning for deliverance from the awful scourge of war. It is a cry that only God can answer. It is time to humble ourselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, and ask Him to heal our bleeding land.

A COLOSSAL BLUNDER

The initial crossing of the Rhine was made possible by what the Germans admitted was a colossal blunder. They had planned to blow up the 1,200-foot steel road and rail bridge at Remagen at 4 p. m. American armored forces, however, suddenly appeared at 3:50 p. m. disconnected the charge of explosives in the nick of time, and poured across the Rhine in force to open the battle for inner Germany. Thus the crossing was made without the great loss of life that had been expected. Surely it was an answer to the prayers of thousands of people who are praying daily for our servicemen. God answers prayer. Let's keep praying.

MONKS AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, but many monks instead have shut themselves up in monasteries and actually have taken a vow of perpetual silence. The Trappist Monks, a religious order in the Roman Catholic Church, live in a cloister and each day they walk around an open grave, wondering which of them will be the next to die! Another group of monks living near Rome, according to a recent newspaper report, carry out their vow of silence and at the same time run a distillery! What a strange interpretation of Christ's "great commission"!

JEWISH FISHERMEN

Jews are going back to their ancient trade of fishing. Over four million pounds of fish were caught in Palestine in 1940-41, the record year to date, and Jews caught about 40 per cent of this amount.

THE JEWISH REMNANT

Only twenty-five percent of European Jewry have survived the Hitler holocaust, it is estimated. In Tremblinka alone—a German death camp in Poland—more than three million Jews were executed in huge gas chambers, according to the estimate of a prisoner who escaped after a year in captivity.

JUSTICE TOWARD THE JEWS

The Jews must be allowed to enter Palestine at the rate of 100,000 persons a year, and their rehabilitation in their ancient homeland must be undertaken by the United Nations as a measure of historic justice, declared Dr. Chaim Weizmann, World Zionist Chairman, on the eve of his seventieth birthday.

A BILLION FOR JEWELRY

According to data on Federal luxury taxes furnished by the Tax Institute, the American public is buying \$1,000,000,000 worth of jewelry a year. For cosmetics Americans in 1944 paid \$45,000,000 in taxes alone. Tobacco taxes in the same period amounted to nearly a billion (\$988,000,000), and liquor taxes were still larger (\$1,618,000,000).

REACHING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Horace F. Dean, chairman of the "Christ for America" campaign, puts his finger on the cause of juvenile delinquency: "godless education, combined with Christless home life." Millions of high school girls and boys never have heard a real gospel message. When they do hear, they respond and many believe. In a recent series of "Christ for American Youth" programs the workers have taken the gospel right into school assembly halls, where thousands have listened and hundreds have decided for Christ.

A CRUCIFIXION IN CHICAGO

Chicago was stirred when, on March 9, police found a man tied to a cross beneath the elevated tracks. Nails were driven through his hands. He had a crown of rose thorns on his head, and a minor knife wound in his side. A placard above his head called him "The Brother of Jesus Christ."

The man soon recovered from his wounds and the police began investigating. They decided he had submitted to the ordeal in order to arouse sympathy for his pro-Fascist economic theories.

If a city can be stirred by a publicity stunt such as this, how much more ought people to be stirred by the story of Calvary. And if a believer in an economic theory is willing to endure physical suffering in order to win followers, how much more ought Christian believers to be willing to endure hardness in order to win others to Christ!

BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

The American Bible Society has printed more than 400,000 Gospels in Russian and two editions of New Testaments, the most recent in the new Russian orthography. A supply of Bibles is being printed in Sweden and a reference Bible in a new format is being set in type in the U. S. A. The Society, through its Geneva office, has supplied Scriptures to Russian prisoners of war held by Germany and is supplying them to American chaplains whenever needed. So far, however, the Russian Government has not permitted any copies of the Scriptures to enter the Soviet Union. Let us pray that God will open that door soon.

MARKED BY THE NAZIS

Jews escaping from the Nazis tell a story that reminds us of the "Mark of the Beast" drawing ever nearer. In Upper Silesia, in a concentration camp where 1,715,000 Jews are said to have been exterminated, the refugees were sorted into batches of 100 or so and taken to "bathing" sheds, where, after having been stripped and completely shaved, they were "deloused" with strong disinfectant and carbolic acid that burnt their skins off. Then they were tattooed with a serial number "under the most primitive and inhumane conditions, which often led to fatal blood poisoning." Two fugitives from the Slovak extermination campaign who escaped to neutral soil bear physical confirmation of this tattooing operation—one with a five-figure numeral on his left leg and the other with a six-numeral figure considerably above the 200,000 mark on his. Does "the number of his name," in Rev. 13: 17, refer to a serial number?



WHILE CHINA BLEEDS

by Duncan McRoberts

There have been many books written on China since the Japanese embarked on their plan of conquest more than six years ago, but we doubt if anything could possibly surpass this for sheer horror. If the facts are as set forth here the author has come through experiences that fall to the lot of few men and has seen and endured things that no pen could describe. The net effect upon the mind as one reads these things is a stunning numbness as something of the extent of China's suffering and Japanese brutality is realized. But through the pages of these terrible scenes there shines the love and providential care of God as the author recounts a hundred deliverances from the terror by night and the machine guns by day and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit even in these trials in leading men to Christ in this great tribulation. There is only one cry that comes to one's lips as he lays down this volume, "How long, O Lord, how long." Cloth bound, Price \$1.25.

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