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Just Jesus!

Lee Krupnick*

IN *Jesus* all the problems of earth's sufferings are solved, its sorrows soothed, and its sins washed away. In *Jesus* is the stimulus, the strength, the stay for every present need. In *Jesus* is the only hope there is for future bliss. 1 Tim. 1:1.

Cultivate continual conversation with *Jesus*. Make it the habit of your life to speak to Him by name. Whisper "Jesus," say "Jesus," sing "Jesus," till that name becomes to you—your shelter, your shield, your pillow, your power, your refuge, and your strength.

When trouble arises on every hand—say "Jesus!" He will transform your troubles into triumphs of His grace. When the way is doubtful and the future dark—say "Jesus!" He will go before, and banish all your fears.

When fear assails and faith is well nigh wrecked—say "Jesus!" His "Fear not: I am with you" will suffice. When your motives are misunderstood, and your actions misrepresented—say "Jesus!" When sickness separates you from the throng and you are "laid aside"—say "Jesus!" His companionship will refresh your feeble frame.

When the silent, sleepless watches of the night drag on—say "Jesus!" He will soothe and solace, and His presence will give peace.

When the concerns of business are confusing—say "Jesus!" He will clear your vision, calm your heart, and give peace to your soul.

When the affairs of family life are harassing—say "Jesus!" *Jesus* knows all about your trouble. He will sweeten with His sympathy your lot, and will direct your paths.

When the waywardness of those you love brings grief and pain into your life—say "Jesus!" He can stop the wanderers in their

course, and bring them in repentance back again.

When the thoughts of dear ones far away in danger zones distress—say "Jesus!" He can reach them, protect, preserve, and bless.

When the darkness of death descends upon heart and home—say "Jesus!" In the hush you will hear Him speak His comfort to your soul.

When friends forsake and companionships grow cold—say "Jesus!" He will draw near and fill the aching void of your desolated heart.

When the clouds of sorrow cast their shadows on your course—say "Jesus!" He will clear the clouds away.

Oh, friends, my precious *Jesus* is the solace, the supply, the satisfaction for every human heart oppressed by sin and sorrow, suffering and care. This, then is what *Jesus* is and does. This, He alone can do. He is able. He is willing. He is ready. Listen then, dear friend! Are you in sin? Are you in sorrow? Are you wounded by the cruel treatment of the world? Are you misunderstood and misrepresented? Is

"Name of *Jesus*! highest Name!

Name that earth and heaven adore!
From the heart of God it came,
Leads me to God's heart once more.

"Name of *Jesus*! dearest Name!

Bread of heaven, and balm of love,
Oil of gladness, surest claim
To the treasures stored above.

"*Jesus* gives forgiveness free,
Jesus cleanses all my stains,
Jesus gives His life to me,
Jesus always He remains.

"Only *Jesus*! fairest Name!

Life, and rest, and peace and bliss;
Jesus, evermore the same,
He is mine, and I am His."

THE NAME OF
JESUS

There is none
other name under
heaven . . . where-
by we must be
saved. Acts 4:12.



your spirit crushed? Is your heart perplexed? Have your oft-repeated failures cast you down? Is life to you a mystery, a weariness, a dread? Are you fearful about the future? Have you a hunger and a thirst for something—yea, rather for a "Someone" who will satisfy?

If today your hopes are blighted, your heart weary, your lot hard and your future dark—try *Jesus*. Yes, rather, trust *Jesus*. Trust Him! Trust Him!

Oh, friend of mine, what you have lost in not having *Jesus*, in not trusting *Jesus*, in not accepting *Jesus*, in lacking *Jesus*! Days have been dreary, nights have been sleepless, hearts have been burdened, friendships have been broken, work has been wearisome, tasks have been toilsome, pleasures have been passing, efforts have been vain, the outlook has been dark. All, because you have lacked *Jesus* in your life.

What you need, what I need, what the world needs is *Jesus*. In Heb. 2:9 we read, "We see *Jesus*." In Heb. 12:2, "Looking unto *Jesus*." In Acts 8:35, "Then Philip opened his mouth . . . and preached unto him *Jesus*." In Heb. 3:1, "Consider . . . *Jesus*." In John 12:21, "Sir, we would see *Jesus*." In Matt. 17:8, "They saw no man, save *Jesus* only." In Matt. 1:12, "Thou shalt call His name *JESUS*: for He shall save His people from their sins." And in Col. 3:11, we read, "*Christ* is all, and in all."

Yes, it is in *Jesus*, and in all that this blessed name implies, that weary hearts, weakened wills, and worn-out frames find true, abiding rest. Just in *Jesus*, and nowhere else. Amen.

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The Drama of Dramas

THE MESSAGE AND STORY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A Camp Meeting Message by Myer Pearlman

IN STUDYING the book of Revelation we may use the microscope, and examine minutely each chapter and verse; or we may employ the telescope and take one sweeping glance at the whole. In the study that follows the latter method is used. May this panoramic view of the book of Revelation impress us anew with the glory of its message.

THE BOOK OF CONSUMMATIONS

The great circle of divine revelation begun in the book of Genesis is completed in the last book of the Bible; there we witness the completion of God's plan, so that we can say with unankful hearts, "It is finished." In Genesis we read the story of Paradise Lost; throughout the ages we trace man's attempt to regain the lost Eden, till we come to the last book of the Bible and read the story of Paradise Regained. In Genesis is described Satan's entrance; we follow the slimy trail of the serpent in history till we come to the last book, and there read of his doom. In Genesis we are told of the beginning of the curse, and with sad hearts we follow its ravages through the ages, until in Revelation we read, "And there shall be no more curse." In Genesis we read of the creation of the old heaven and earth; we study its sin-stained history till we come to the last book of the Bible and see the new heaven and earth wherein dwells righteousness. "It is finished!"

"But history repeats," we hear the unbeliever say, "the same things happen every century, the events of history move in a continuous circle, and there is no new thing under the sun." It is true that the movements of history are circular, but they are also onward.

To use a homely illustration, we may compare the progress of the divine plan in history to the movement of a corkscrew, that continues turning but yet moves on to a point, the circles gradually becoming smaller.

THE PRACTICAL PURPOSE

As we consider the danger of dwelling on the speculative and sensational side of prophecy, it is well to remember that all prophecy was given with a practical purpose in view—given to stir the heart and to guide conduct, rather than to provide a puzzle game for minds given to speculation. The blessing of this book is pronounced upon those who keep the words of the prophecy (1:3), that is, who conform their lives to the warnings, and the spiritual and practical truths taught therein.

BACKGROUND AND MESSAGE

Every book of the New Testament was written to meet a need of the Christians living in the first age of Christianity, and also to convey a message to Christians of all times. A study of the conditions under which the different books were written furnishes a historical background that makes their messages clear to us who live in modern times. As we

study how the message of the Revelation was born, we shall appreciate its living message for all time. When the book was written the fires of persecution were fiercely burning. The Roman empire with all its power was arrayed against God's little flock. Because Christians refused to worship idols they were accused of atheism; because they refused to bow before the image of the emperor they were branded as disloyal.

Christianity was declared a menace to the state and a determined effort was made to destroy it. Out of the sufferings of those days came the questions, "Shall the kingdoms of this world destroy the kingdom of Christ? Shall the emperor of Rome triumph over Christ?" The heavenly answer was granted in the book we are now studying, which teaches that the kingdom of Christ shall ultimately triumph over all opposition, and that in the time of the end, Antichrist, the arch persecutor (in whose spirit all persecutors of the Church have acted) shall be destroyed.

The keynote of the book, its central message, is: "Behold He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." Rev. 1:7. Thus the suffering saints then, and those of every age are encouraged with the hope of a triumphant future. As one has said, "The Christian's hereafter has ever been the physician to his now."

Yesterday and today
Have been heavy with labor and sorrow,

MYER PEARLMAN'S CRITICS

"This issue of REVEILLE is much too preachy; it was not so when Brother Pearlman was alive," complained one critic. "May I ask which items are too preachy?" asked one of our Servicemen's Department workers. "This and this," said the critic. "Oh!" said the worker, "we took those items from an early issue of REVEILLE, and they were both written by Brother Pearlman!"

C. A. Brown who was touring the West last year in the interests of Sunday Schools, heard one or two people say concerning the Adult Teachers' Quarterly: "Oh, it isn't like it used to be when Brother Pearlman wrote it!" They had somewhat of a shock when they learned from Brother Brown that Brother Pearlman wrote these quarterlies and they were criticizing his work.

The Adult Teachers' Quarterlies for 1945 have been prepared by J. Bashford Bishop, who has access to all the files of back issues of Brother Pearlman's quarterlies and is using almost all his material in most of the lessons. So our Adult Teachers' Quarterlies are practically Brother Pearlman's still. And in the opinion of the Editor of the Evangel, they are wonderful, and can not be excelled.

I should faint if I did not see
The day that is after tomorrow.

THE DRAMA OF THE END TIME

In this book we witness the mighty drama, to be enacted in the end time. The inspired seer draws aside the curtain that veils the future (the word "Revelation" in the Greek means "unveiling"). We witness scene after scene, representing the progress and fulfillment of prophecy. But the book of Revelation does more than draw aside the curtain; it takes us behind the scenes, where we watch the great Director Himself, ordering the movements of angels of power as they set in motion those tremendous forces that are to destroy all opposition to Christ and to His kingdom.

Let us follow the movements of this great drama, scene by scene.

Scene I: The unveiling of the Son of Man. Ch. 1. After a great statue has been completed, it is covered with drapes, awaiting the day of unveiling. The great day arrives; speeches are made and the band plays; then a cord is drawn, the drapes fall and reveal the beauties of the statue to the admiring spectators. John has heard Jesus speak about His glory in the days when that glory was hidden from men. Now, lifted up in the Spirit, He beholds the glorified Christ, transfigured with the light of heaven, wearing the dazzling insignia of His kingly and priestly offices. John is a representative of that great company of the redeemed, who, one day, shall be present at the great unveiling of the Son of Man—who shall see Him as He is, and sing:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name;
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!"

Scene II: Christ, the Church, and Coming Crisis. Chs. 2, 3. In describing the work of the general superintendent of our movement, in his visitation and oversight of the churches, we may use the language of Rev. 2:1 and say that he walks among the golden candlesticks. In this scene we watch Christ, the great Overseer of the churches, making a tour of inspection. He is examining the lights of those whom He has appointed as the "light of the world." He is especially anxious for them at this particular time, for the black clouds of tribulation are gathering and the church must be ready. The time of the judgment of nations is approaching; but judgment must first begin at the house of God.

Scene III: Behind the Scenes in the Heavens. Chs. 4, 5. With John our representative we are caught up and given a place on the heavenly observation platform, where we watch the powers behind the scenes and observe the events that must take place, on earth before Jesus descends. We see—

The Throne. Who rules? Caesar? Imitators of Caesar in all ages? No. The heavens do rule, and God is still on His throne, in spite of appearances, in spite of the apparent triumph of the wicked.

The Book. Who possesses the title deed to the earth? Not the rulers of this world, but the Almighty. When that book is opened, then the kingdoms of this world shall be possessed by the Lord and by His Christ.

The Lamb. Because of His atoning death, to Him is granted the honor of loosing the seals of the book; that is, of setting in motion those forces of judgment that will usher in His triumphant advent. The rulers of the world have rejected the tenderness of the Lamb. But soon the seals will be loosed, the trumpets will sound, the vials of wrath will be outpoured—and woe unto those who face the wrath of the Lion of the tribe of Judah!

Scene IV: The Unveiling of Satan. Chs. 6-19. The period covered by the seals, trumpets, and vials is known as the Great Tribulation. The book of Revelation emphasizes this period as the time of Satan's unveiling—the time of the consummation of the mystery of iniquity. Reading chapter 13 and 16:13, 14, 16, we may imagine Satan writing his apocalypse, as follows: "Great is the mystery of iniquity! Satan will become incarnate in Antichrist. He will be wounded unto death, but will rise from the dead. He will be given the kingdoms of this world, and his coming and rule will be proclaimed by his advocate and representative, the false prophet. These signs will follow his prophesying: he will bring down fire from heaven and cause the image of Antichrist to speak. It will come to pass afterwards, saith Satan, that he will pour out of his spirit upon all flesh (16:13, 14, 16) and his prophet will prophesy, and will seal and gather his church. For it will come to pass that he will lead his hosts against Christ and His people, to destroy His kingdom and challenge them that dwell in heaven. Who is like unto the beast, and who is able to make war with him?"

It is the time of Satan's Pentecost! But this diabolic spirit does not pollute earth's spiritual and moral atmosphere long. Christ and His hosts descend, good and evil meet,

righteousness and unrighteousness, purity and impurity; these forces clash, there is a terrific storm in the heavenlies, a mighty upheaval in the spiritual and physical realms—and then a great calm, the Millennium. Christ has conquered.

Scene V: The Millennium and After. Ch. 20. The Sun of Righteousness rises over the horizon of the millennial day. God's kingdom comes on earth as predicted by the prophets. David's great Son reigns, executing perfect judgment. The overcomers reign with Christ. The meek inherit the earth.

After the thousand years Satan is loosed, the powers of evil make their final onslaught, which is defeated. The great white throne is set up and all who come before it are judged according to their works. Evil is swept from the earth and every man goes to his own place. We see a new heaven and a new earth.

Concluding Scene: Home! Chs. 21, 22. After wandering for many millenniums, mankind (speaking in a general way) is at home in Father's house, enjoying perfect fellowship there. Heaven and earth from one real family, and the Father is all and in all. There we see manifested His great mother love, for He taketh His great handkerchief and wipes away every tear caused by earth's sorrows. There is a happy wedding scene, too, for Christ and His bride take up their abode in the New Jerusalem, which is to be the light of the world forever. As we contemplate the happy scene, we may say with the old story writers, "AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTERWARDS!"

You should possess a copy of Myer Pearlman's "Windows into the Future," a devotional commentary of the Book of Revelation. The price is \$1.00 postpaid.

The Farmer's Tithe

Charles Elmo Robinson

THE tithe we are told is one tenth of the amount in the hands of the firm of God & Me, after all receipts have been counted, all expenses paid, and the profit has thus been ascertained. But that brings on difficulties similar to those experienced in filling out an income-tax report.

What about cost of fertilizer which improves the land as well as increases the yield? What about the hired help who are at my table, and what about my own food and the food of my family? Is that an expense of the firm or do I pay that out of my nine-tenths share? Do I pay my wife for preparing the meals after she has gathered the items from the garden and barn? Or does she work as a part of the firm? What about the labor of the children, and their board? Do they eat out of the ten tenths belonging to the firm? And so on and on, until there is a real headache.

The way farmers do who have found God's vast promises in Malachi 3:10, 11 to be true by experience; who have found the chintz bugs, potato bugs, woolly aphids, and all the vast

list of farmer's pests, turning up their toes in death in answer to prayer; who have found the rains coming in proper spacing and in right amounts in answer to prayer; who have found the killing frosts held off long enough to save the late fall plantings, and the spring weather regulated for the benefit of the opening buds, in answer to prayer, are farmers who leave all of such figuring to those who like such things, and just pay to the Lord's work one tenth of all they sell from the farm, whether as grain or livestock. True enough it is more than a tenth of their net profit—if anyone had sense enough to really compute it—but when you shovel into God's bin all you can do is to use a shovel, while He shovels back into your bins with a scoop.

Doing that way saves gray matter that would be spent in figuring; makes one's heart glad; pleases God; does good to the church; and is the true way to real prosperity. What is said in this short article about results is known experimentally, by the author, to be true.

The Night Cometh

"The night cometh when none can work," and when none can be saved. A recent glider accident in St. Louis, Mo., cost the lives of the mayor, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, the president and the vice-president of the company which made the glider, the presiding judge of the County Court and other outstanding citizens. These persons were all killed when the wing of the glider in which they were riding collapsed. An eye-witness says: "The glider dived to the ground like a rock and hit the airfield like an explosion. The whole thing was over in less than twenty seconds. The crowd of ten thousand spectators was stunned, several women fainted, and the mayor's wife and another lady had the awful experience of seeing their husbands fall to death." Only the day before, Mayor Becker had commented to the press while discussing the possible danger of the glider flight: "Gentlemen, you can die only once and we must die sometime."

Robert Murray McCheyne died at the age of thirty, but left a name that will never be forgotten. He had on his watch dial a picture of the setting sun, and over it the words: "The night cometh." Every time he looked at his watch to see the hour, he was reminded of the shortness of life, and of the urgent necessity for earnestness in duty.

A drunkard entered a Rescue Mission. The hymn was sung, "I am so glad that our Father in heaven, Tells of His love in the book He has given." He was soundly converted; and Col. Roberts spoke with him before he left. His wife was surprised that he came home so thoughtful and quiet. She asked him if he was ready for supper, and he only answered "Wonderful things in the Bible I see, This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me." He said no more. At the supper table she asked him if he was not going to eat anything. His only answer was—the same. When he told her good-night, he again said, "Wonderful things in the Bible I see, This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me," and said no more. Next morning she went to his room and found him dead. He was ready.

HOW WESLEY PROVED INSPIRATION

John Wesley gives one of the shortest arguments for the inspiration of the Scriptures, and a good one. He says:

"I beg leave to propose a short, clear and strong argument to prove the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

"The Bible must be the invention of good men or angels, bad men or devils, or of God.

"1. It could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, 'thus saith the Lord' when it was their own invention

"2. It could not be the invention of bad men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, forbids all sins, and condemns their own souls to hell for all eternity.

"3. Therefore draw the conclusion that the Bible must be given by divine inspiration."

The Outpoured Spirit in China

Claire Scratch

I WAS twenty-two months a prisoner of the Japanese, coming home on the last trip of the "Gripsholm," and in my heart there is surely a heartfelt note of praise to God for keeping me during those difficult hours.

I went to China in the spring of 1935. I was amazed to find a great number of Chinese who had received this mighty infilling of the Spirit which had become so real to us in the homeland and had meant so much to us in years gone by.

Back in the years of 1929 and 1930, the Lord graciously began to pour out His Spirit in the province of Shantung, North China, and today I would estimate that there are between eight and ten thousand Christian natives who have been filled with the Holy Spirit, having received the experience with signs following.

We are not altogether sure how this work started. We do not know who had been responsible for teaching the natives, but we are rather of the opinion that it was simply the Lord answering the prayers of faithful people throughout the world, and a case of the Holy Spirit Himself leading them into this marvelous way.

In this revival the Lord worked mightily, and signs and wonders were done in the name of the Holy Child Jesus. Scores of Presbyterian congregations were filled with the Holy Spirit. In the Methodist church hundreds received this mighty experience. And the Lord also graciously visited the Baptist brethren, until today many of these Baptist churches worship in identically the same way, according to the same doctrine, as the Pentecostal folk practice and believe.

The Methodist folk, when their missionaries opposed it, pulled out and left them, and formed a union of their own called Yesu Chia Ting (which means The Jesus Home). They have founded their community on the pattern recorded in the first, second, and third chapters of Acts. They live in a great community, and they all eat at the same table. Rich or poor, it makes no difference, all things are in common. I think there are from three to five thousand in that community.

When the mighty revival struck the Presbyterian brethren, many of their missionaries opposed it, but the church moved along. They also formed a separate community known as Ling En Hui (The Spirit of Grace Church). I have been privileged to attend the services of this particular part of the church, and have been much struck by the mighty moving of the Spirit of God among these people—how the Lord would come forth and sweep through their numbers. I remember one particular church that seated about 800 people, in the city of Tsingtau. To be in a good-sized congregation like that and to feel the mighty working of the Spirit of God was a most glorious inspiration indeed. Sad to say, the Japs got into this particular church, took it over, and turned it into a Buddhist shrine.

The Baptist missionaries in their section of the country went with their church, consequently, their people did not leave the churches, but carried on. They are still Baptists though they have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many of their pastors and quite a number of their missionaries have received the mighty experience.

The Spirit of God swept whole congregations in, not just picking out a few men and women in the congregation—but whole congregations received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. But they had not had Scriptural training, they had not had grounding in spiritual truths, and consequently some of those folk have gone into fanaticism and others are dangerously near the border line.

Our great problem now is, how are we as Pentecostal folk going to give leadership to

these people? There is only one way that we could possibly do it, and that is to train young men from their midst in Bible Schools and send them back to these people, to give leadership to this mighty Holy Spirit movement that has been sweeping through the province of Shantung and now is sweeping over other provinces.

At times when these folk receive this mighty Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speak in other tongues, they speak in English—that has been my observation—and a Swedish friend of mine, a missionary, has heard them speak in his language as the Holy Spirit came upon them.

The Japanese have brought into being a Union church in north China, and that Union church is not going to leave when the Japs leave—it is going to continue. That church finally is likely going to have such power with the government of China, that it will have the say of what missionaries may come to China, and what missionaries may stay in China. In this church there is quite a tinge of modernistic teaching, and the different branches of the Pentecostal fellowship are going to have to stand shoulder to shoulder.

Pentecost 39 Years Ago

W. F. Harlow of San Diego, Calif., recently sent us copies of some of the earliest Pentecostal papers published in Los Angeles. The following extracts are from the first issue of *The Apostolic Faith*, published in 1906. Although the first article has no name attached, we believe it was written by Frank Bartleman.

PENTECOST HAS COME

Los Angeles Being Visited by a Revival of Bible Salvation and Pentecost as Recorded in the Book of Acts

The power of God now has this city agitated as never before. Pentecost has surely come and with it the Bible evidences are following, many being converted and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. The scenes that are daily enacted in the building on Azusa street and at Missions and churches in other parts of the city are beyond description, and the real revival is only started, as God has been working with His children mostly, getting them through to Pentecost, and laying the foundation for a mighty wave of salvation among the unconverted.

The meetings are held in an old Methodist church that had been converted in part into a tenement house, leaving a large, unplastered, barnlike room on the ground floor. Here about a dozen congregated each day, holding meetings on Bonnie Brae in the evening. The writer attended a few of these meetings and being so different from anything he had seen and not hearing any speaking in tongues, he branded the teaching as third-blessing heresy and thought that settled it. It is needless to say the writer was compelled to do a great deal of apologizing and humbling himself to get right with God.

In a short time God began to manifest His power and soon the building could not contain the people. Now the meetings continue all day and far into the night and the fire is kindling all over the city and surrounding towns. Proud, well-dressed preachers come in to "investigate." Soon their high looks are replaced with wonder, then conviction comes, and very often you will find them in a short time on the dirt floor, asking God to forgive them and make them as little children.

It would be impossible to state how many have been converted, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. They have been and are daily going out to all points of the compass to spread this wonderful gospel.

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Brother Seymour's Call

Brother W. J. Seymour has the following to say in regard to his call to this city:

"It was the divine call that brought me from Houston, Texas, to Los Angeles. The Lord put it in the heart of one of the saints in Los Angeles to write to me that she felt the Lord would have me come over here and do a work, and I came. The Lord sent the means, and I came to take charge of a mission on Santa Fe Street, and one night they locked the door against me, and afterwards got Brother Roberts, the president of the Holiness Association, to come down and settle the doctrine of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost—that it was simply sanctification. He came down and a good many holiness preachers with him, and they stated that sanctification was the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. But yet they did not have the evidence of the second chapter of Acts, for when the disciples were all filled

with the Holy Ghost, they spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. After the president heard me speak of what the true Baptism with the Holy Ghost is, he said he wanted it too, and told me when I had received it to let him know. So I received it and let him know. The beginning of Pentecost started in a cottage prayer meeting at 214 Bonnie Brae."

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The Old-time Pentecost

This work began about five years ago last January, when a company of people who were studying God's word, tarried for Pentecost in Topeka, Kansas. After searching through the country everywhere, they had been unable to find any Christians that had the true Pentecostal power. So they laid aside all commentaries and notes and waited on the Lord, studying His Word. They got down before the bench and asked God to have this thing wrought out in their hearts by the Holy Spirit. They had a prayer tower from which prayers were ascending night and day to God. After three months, a sister felt the Lord leading her to have hands laid on her to receive the Pentecost. So when they prayed, the Holy Spirit came in great power, and she began speaking in an unknown tongue. This made all the Bible School hungry, and three nights afterward, twelve students received the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, and cloven tongues could be seen upon their heads. They then had an experiece that measured up with the second chapter of Acts, and could understand the first chapter of Ephesians.

Now after five years something like 13,000 people have received this gospel. It is spreading everywhere, until churches who do not believe backslide and lose the experiece they have. Those who are older in this movement are stronger, and greater signs and wonders are following them.

The meetings in Los Angeles started in a cottage, and Pentecost fell there three nights. The people had nothing to do but wait on the Lord and praise Him, and they commenced speaking in tongues, as they did at Pentecost, and the Spirit sang songs through them.

The meeting was then transferred to Azusa Street, and since then multitudes have been coming. The meetings begin about ten o'clock in the morning and can hardly stop before ten or twelve at night, and sometimes two or three o'clock in the morning, because so many are seeking, and some are slain under the power of God. People are seeking three times a day at the altar and row after row of seats have to be emptied and filled with seekers. We cannot tell how many people have been saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and healed of all manner of sicknesses.

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A little girl who walked with crutches and had tuberculosis of the bones, as the doctors declared, was healed and dropped her crutches and began to skip about the yard.

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The secular papers have been stirred and published reports against the movement, but it has only resulted in drawing hungry souls who understand that the devil would not fight a thing unless God was in it. So they have come and found it was indeed the power of God.

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Jesus was too large for the synagogues. He preached outside because there was not room for Him inside. This Pentecostal movement is too large to be confined in any denomination or sect. It works outside, drawing all together in one bond of love, one church, one body of Christ.

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Many are the prophecies spoken in unknown tongues and many the visions that God is giving concerning His soon coming. The heathen must first receive the gospel. One prophecy given in an unknown tongue was interpreted, "The time is short, and I am going to send out a large number in the Spirit of God to preach the full gospel in the power of the Spirit."

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When Pentecostal lines are struck, Pentecostal giving commences. Hundreds of dollars have been laid down for the sending of missionaries and thousands will be laid down. No collections are taken for rent, no begging for money. No man's silver or gold is coveted. The silver and the gold are His own to carry on His own work. He can also publish His own papers without asking for money or subscription price.

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In the meetings, it is noticeable that while some in the rear are opposing and arguing, others are at the altar falling down under the power of God and feasting on the good things of God. The two spirits are always manifest, but no opposition can kill, no power in earth or hell can stop God's work, while He has consecrated instruments through whom to work.

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The Lord has given languages to the unlearned, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Zulu and languages of Africa, Hindi and Bengali and dialects of India, Chippewa and other languages of the Indians, Esquimaux, the deaf mute language, and, in fact the Holy Ghost speaks all the languages of the world through His children.

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Brother Campbell, a Nazarene, 83 years of age, who has been for 53 years serving the Lord, received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and gift of tongues in his own home. His son, who was a physician, was called and came to see if he was sick, but found him only happy in the Lord. Not only old men, old women, but boys and girls, are receiving their Pentecost. Viola Price, a little orphan colored girl eight years of age, has received the gift of tongues.

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The Same Old Way

It has been said of the work in Los Angeles that it was "born in a manger and resurrected in a barn." Many are praising God for the old barnlike building on Azusa street, and the plain old plank beside which they kneeled in the sawdust when God saved, sanctified, and baptized them with the Holy Ghost. Those who know God feel His presence as soon as they cross the threshold. "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" "Come and see." This is the Nazareth of Los Angeles. Some have come from long distances to this spot, directed of the Lord, and the humble have always been

greatly blest. The work began among the Colored people. God baptized several sanctified wash women with the Holy Ghost, who have been much used of Him. The first white woman to receive the Pentecost and gift of tongues in Los Angeles was Mrs. Evans who is now in the work in Oakland. Since then multitudes have come. God makes no difference in nationality, and Ethiopians, Chinese, Indians, Mexicans, and other nationalities worship together.

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Tongues Convict Sinners

A remarkable incident of God's searching power was recorded in Melrose, Kansas, during a revival held by some of our young people at that place.

The power of the Holy Spirit was greatly manifested in the meetings by the speaking in unknown tongues. This was much criticized by the town and vicinity, so the principal physician, who was familiar with several different languages, was prevailed upon to go to the meetings in order to denounce the whole as a fake. Miss Tuthill, in a language unknown to herself, but known to him as Italian, spoke his full name, which no one in the town knew save himself, telling him things that had happened in his life twenty years ago, and on up to the present time, until he cried for mercy and fell on his knees seeking God.

He found full salvation the next day, and is now a believer in "the gospel" that Jesus taught, and also in the power of the Holy Spirit given unto us to witness to a living Christ. He now says he would rather pray for the sick than give drugs, and is seriously thinking of leaving his profession and going into the Lord's work.

Many precious souls have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Spirit as a result of the Word preached under the Spirit's anointing power.

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Russians Hear in Their Own Tongue

Different nationalities are now hearing the gospel in their own "tongue wherein they were born." Sister Anna Hall spoke to the Russians in their church in Los Angeles, in their own language as the Spirit gave utterance. They were so glad to hear the truth that they wept and even kissed her hands. They are a very simple, pure people, hungry for the full gospel. The other night, as a company of Russians were present in the meeting, Brother Lee, a converted Catholic, was permitted to speak their language. As he spoke and sang, one of the Russians came up and embraced him. It was a holy sight, and the Spirit fell upon the Russians, as well as on others, and they glorified God.

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A returned missionary from the interior of Africa was present in the meeting, when a sister testified in an African tongue which the brother interpreted as "The Lord is my husband."

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Editor's note: Thirty-nine years ago, April 9, 1906, the Spirit was outpoured in Bonnie Brae Street in Los Angeles. Some of those present will be celebrating an anniversary this year from April 9 to 22 at the old Azusa Pentecostal Temple, 1001 East 27th and Paloma Streets, Los Angeles, Calif.



The Challenge

OF AFRICAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

BETTY J. HALL

The women and children of Africa present one of the outstanding challenges of the Dark Continent. Ninety-nine per cent of the girls of Nigeria can neither read nor write. Many are sold in infancy to elderly men. As soon as they are old enough to work, they are taken to their "husband's" home. Since they have been purchased, they become their husband's property and have nothing to look forward to but a life of slavery. Their existence is one of sorrow and drudgery, and they are not even allowed to take part in public activities.

During the months of December and January, Cledith Cox and I were privileged to hold "Girls' Schools" in the Anang-Ibibio and Eastern Iboland Districts. How God did meet us! Eight girls were wonderfully filled with His Spirit, and many consecrated their lives for Christian service. Our burden for the establish-

ment of a permanent Girls' School has been increased a hundred fold—a place where the girls of Nigeria can come for study and preparation for the work of the Lord.

In the Anang-Ibibio District, where Brother and Sister Hance are laboring, we conducted two schools. We had an improvised dormitory where the girls who came from a distance could stay. It was nothing more than a room adjoining a mud school house, with beds made from boards which were laid across benches. But how happy those girls were! We learned to love them dearly and we were as sorry to see the school come to a close as were the girls themselves. Ten of them had walked 30 miles to attend the school. How happy it made us to see them drinking in the words which we spoke and responding to the teaching that we gave! We not only taught them the Bible, but we had special lessons in hygiene which is so greatly needed here. Special lessons in character building, chosen from the godly characters in the Bible, were also given. At the close of one of the schools, one young girl testified of how hateful and mean she had been, but that during the school God had given her a broken spirit and that she was going to be different when she returned home.

After our Council meeting in Umuahia, we stayed on for a Girls' School with Brother and Sister Kenneth Godbey. Never shall we forget those two weeks of special outpouring! It reminded us of our own precious days in C.B.I. when all classes were set aside as the Holy Spirit moved upon us. One morning after our chapel service, we stood to sing a chorus. One girl fell prostrate under the power of God. For an hour the girls wept, shouted, and praised the Lord! It was in this service that four girls were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Miss Cox gave special talks on prayer and waiting on God. How strange it seemed to these girls to think of God speaking to them. From infancy they had called upon their idols and "jujus," but there was never a reply. Would God really hear a quiet, simple prayer and speak comfort to their longing hearts? One girl tried it, and the following day she could hardly contain the joy of having communed with an understanding Savior.

At the close of the school we asked the girls to testify of what God had done for them.

Their answers were too varied and numerous to quote, but two of them were quite typical—"I have learned more of God," and "God has spoken to me about His service." Our prayers are being answered. The Lord is calling laborers into His harvest field from right here in Nigeria. Will you pray with us for a Girls' School where these girls can come to prepare themselves for such a high and holy calling? Will you give, that such a school may become a reality? Send your offering to the Missions Department in Springfield, Missouri, designated: "For Nigeria Girls' School."

Latin American Bible Institute

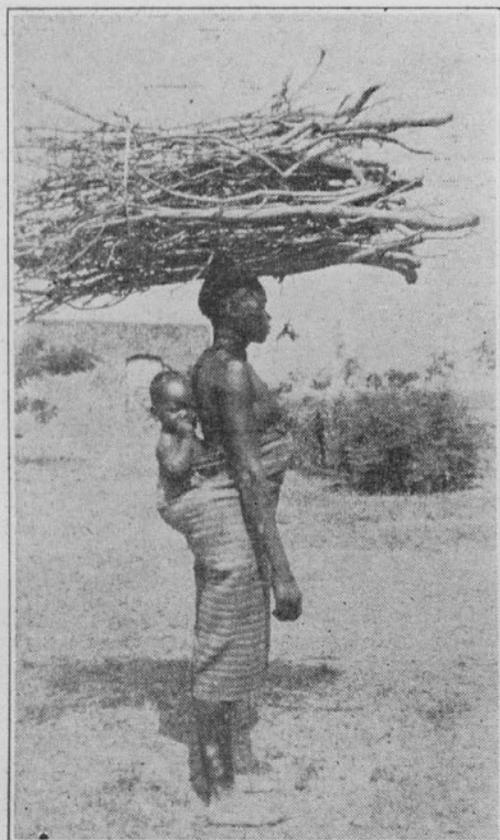
Kensy Savage, Superintendent

We are praising the Lord for another happy year in the Latin American Bible Institute of Saspamco, Texas. With the trials have come blessings, and our lives have been enriched by the Lord. We have 72 students enrolled at present and others would have come this year had there been room.

We are looking forward to locating our school in Ysleta, Texas next summer and ask the prayers of the brethren. Property has been purchased and is being remodeled. This will place us in the approximate center of the territory represented by our student body and will also provide most excellent opportunities for practical work. Ysleta is called the oldest town in Texas. It is mostly Spanish, located very near El Paso and about one mile from Old Mexico. The Latin American District Council is taking a step of faith in this move and we will appreciate financial assistance from those interested in Latin American work in the U. S. A. Offerings should be sent to the Missions Department, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated for the new Latin American Bible Institute at Ysleta.

Requests Prayer

Dolores Redman is now home on furlough from Cuba. Miss Redman writes that she is quite weary in body and would appreciate the prayers of our fellowship.



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

Be of Good Cheer

THE Word of God declares, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple (the pupil) of His eye." Zech. 2:8. The most sensitive part of God Himself is touched when a saint is touched. Every time a saint is touched, God is touched. And remember, God's eye is an eye that never sleeps. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." 2 Chron. 16:9.

The love of God is a canopy, a shelter, a hiding place, a strong tower. Hide yourself in the love of God. Bask in the atmosphere of the love of God. You can grow in this atmosphere, and produce fruit by it.

Christ said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." John 15:5. The branches have as much right to the sun as the vine. Jesus said, "I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:26.

The branch is under the same conditions as the vine. The vine has sunshine, rain and wind; it has digging and pruning. Christ had the smile of His Father and the scorn of the world. The saint has the same. The branches have the warmth of the sun, and they can expect the frost and chilling wind. Jesus says, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. We must go through as overcomers with that word, "Be of good cheer." The cheerful Christian will be the overcoming Christian. It is written, "Let Thy saints shout for joy." Psalm 132:9.

Look at Paul and Silas in prison. See their backs stained with blood. They were cast into a dungeon, condemned unjustly. Quietly the Spirit whispered to them the words of the Master, "Be of good cheer." And they remembered that Jesus had stripes on His back. They remembered that He suffered unjustly. What did they do? Did they bemoan their lot? No, they sang praises. And God heard their praises and He sent back an echo, and an earthquake shook the prison. Praises set the doors of the prison swinging and turned the prison upside down, and the jailor was converted.

And God vindicated His servants. The jailor who had thrust them into prison fell down before them and washed their stripes. You may be sure they were the first prisoners' stripes he had ever washed. Stripes were a usual sight for him on the backs of the prisoners, but these he washed. Why? Because he was prompted to do so by the Lord for these saints were precious to Him. He had not forgotten His Word, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye," and the praises on the part of the saints reminded God of their full confidence in Him.

Praises in jail remove barriers, procure liberty, and bring blessing to others. God has earthquakes, angels, and winds at His disposal. The wind driving the vessel out of its way was to magnify His servant Paul in the eyes of those on board and to bring deliverance to the barbarians on the island. There are "stormy

winds fulfilling His Word" and untamed earthquakes opening jails.

God can make Nature a handmaiden to grace. God can change the heart of kings. Darius and Cyrus were in the hands of God to carry out His purposes. Christ says to His own, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32. Every barrier, every obstacle, every hindrance to the saints' possessing the kingdom will have to be removed. It is God's good pleasure for the saints to possess the kingdom. So "be of good cheer."

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO—March 21—April 15; R. L. Bartlett, Evangelist.—James Earls, Pastor.

OLNEY, TEXAS—April 3—; Robert R. Morrison, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—Clarence Love, Pastor.

CLINTON, KY.—April 8—; N. B. Rayburn, Martin, Tenn., Evangelist.—John Blair, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—N. Goodman and Ripley Sts., April 8—; Richard B. Yunker, Evangelist.—Chas. R. Shuss, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, OHIO—50 Hayden Ave.; April 1, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Delbert Bucher, Springfield, Mo.—Douglas G. Scott, Pastor.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—April 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. Shaffer, London, Ky.—A. Buckley, Pastor.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—285 Wilmot Ave., April 8—22; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Kauffman, Toronto, Canada.—M. Q. Spencer, Pastor.

LYNDEN, WASH.—March 18—; The Lighthouse Gospel Singers (Cantelon Party).—E. Seaberg, Pastor.

HAMMOND, IND.—5549 Sohl Ave., April 1—22; Otto J. Klink, Miami, Fla., Evangelist.—W. J. Cox, Pastor.

POMONA, CALIF.—April 1—15; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles E. Blair, Lincoln, Nebr.—Roy S. Barnes, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—1031 Fries St., April 8—; Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa.—Paul S. Boyer, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Carpenter and Klein Sts., March 25—; H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., special speaker.—Bert Talcott, Pastor.

HIGHGROVE, CALIF.—April 2—; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists.—Ralph D. Campbell, Pastor.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.—April 10—30; C. M. Carlson, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—Samuel Clutter, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—3142 N. Racine Ave., April 8—15; R. S. Peterson, Evangelist.—John A. Westman, Pastor.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS—April 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. L. D. Wells Jr., Biloxi, Miss.—Jack Pope, Pastor.

SCRANTON, PA.—825 Green Ridge St., April 8—22; Geo. W. Clement, West Milford, N. J., Evangelist. Neighboring pastors and assemblies invited to co-operate.—Leo S. Starnier, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—East 55th St. and Lexington Ave., April 8—; G. B. McDowell, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist and Gospel Singer.—D. P. Holloway, Pastor.

MEETINGS POSTPONED

The special services announced to begin at Wilder, Idaho, April 8, E. E. Baker, Pastor, have been postponed indefinitely.—Evangelist E. Wayne Fagerstrom, Box 71, Hansen, Idaho.

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. E. Robison and others, special speakers.—B. L. Greene, Presbyter.

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.

JUNEAU, ALASKA—Bethel Tabernacle; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Wm. L. Andrews, Storm Lake, Iowa, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, Seattle, Wash. Mr. Henry is the noted blind musician.—Ralph E. Baker, Pastor.

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 High St., Binghamton, N. Y., April 18-20. Services 9:30, 2:30 and 7:45 daily. Our Superintendent, Wesley R. Steilberg, 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.

ALABAMA DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS

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

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. Kay, District Secretary, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

By permission of the ODT, we announce conventions for April. The following conventions begin at 10:30 a. m., first day, 3 services daily: Waco Section, Faith Tabernacle, Waco, April 3-4. Dallas Section, Maple Wood Assembly, Dallas, April 5-6. Austin Section, South Austin Assembly, April 10-11. Ft. Worth Section, Rosen Heights Assembly, Ft. Worth, April 12-13. Beaumont Section, First Assembly, Avenue A and Wall St., Beaumont, April 17-18. Houston Section, Denver Assembly, Houston, April 19-20. The following, first service 7:30 first day, 3 services daily: Yoakum Section, Victoria Assembly, April 26-27.

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.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic or Pastoral
J. L. Jeffrey, 409 Santa Rita Ave., Modesto, Calif.

Evangelistic

C. A. Waack, 1332 S. Jamestown, Tulsa 4, Okla.—"Have had 14 years in pastoral and evangelistic ministry."

Pastoral

H. V. Foley, Box 35, Sumner, Mo.—"In my 20th year in the ministry. Three in family. My wife plays and my little girl sings specials. Reference: A. A. Wilson, 4404 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. In fellowship with General Council."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

WANTED—Young people with musical talent to travel and work with evangelistic party. For information write L. W. Warnock, Route 2, Box 52, Bristow, Okla., stating talent.

FOR SALE—Wurlitzer Piano-acordion, 120 base, all black; can be set for two different tones; good volume, good case. In good condition throughout. Price \$380.00, plus postage or express charges.—Fred Zahn, Box 4, Lind, Wash.

NEW ADDRESS—6234 N. E. 28th Ave., Portland 11, Ore. "Having resigned my connection with the Servicemen's Department, I plan to devote my time to military evangelism and other evangelistic labors."—Delbert Grant.

The Passing and the Permanent

DEATHS IN BRITAIN

Enemy air action still is causing many deaths in Britain. In February, 484 civilians were killed and 1,151 others were injured by robot and other kinds of bombs.

NAVY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

In recognition of the important part which Navy chaplains are playing in the war effort, the Chief of Chaplains, Robert D. Workman, has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral.

RUSSIANS AND RELIGION

A report from Geneva says that a thousand Russian prisoners in one European camp have erected, of their own accord, a church building in which Orthodox services can be held. There is still a deep religious hunger in the hearts of the Russians, despite the anti-God campaigns!

POISON-PEDDLERS

It is reported in *Evangelical Christian* that there are about 800 organizations in the United States actively engaged in anti-Jewish propaganda. They are poison-peddlers of the worst sort, spreading the deadly virus of Jew-hate, the virus of the Serpent himself, who has ever fought against Israel.

A SYNTHETIC RELIGION

According to a recent *Domei* report, the Japanese Government has abolished all religious bodies, Christian and non-Christian alike, in order to create "a government-controlled, government-financed, war-time patriotic religious society designed to increase the fighting strength of the people through religious fervor." This must be the closest approach yet to the church of the Antichrist!

A MILLION JAPS KILLED

Unofficial estimates on the total number of Japanese soldiers, sailors and airmen killed since Pearl Harbor range up to one million. This guess is based upon the fact that 425,000 Japs are known to have died in engagements with American soldiers and marines. The number killed during air and naval engagements is unknown but is estimated to be equally large. The tragedy lies in the fact that so few of those slain have the hope of eternal life.

THE GREATEST POWER KNOWN

Dr. Walter A. Maier of *The Lutheran Hour* states that a natural substance has been discovered recently that has amazingly great power. One pound of this U-235, as it is known at present, will yield as much energy as five million pounds of coal or three million gallons of gasoline. Fifty pounds will propel an ocean liner or submarine for an indefinite period! This sensational new substance certainly will put more natural power within the reach of man, but the greatest power in the universe is already within man's reach. It is the gospel of Christ, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

INDIAN WORK ENCOURAGED

The House of Representatives, through its Committee to Investigate Indian Affairs and Conditions, reproaches the nation for its long, long neglect of our Indians and invites the churches to intensify their work among them. The Committee frankly acknowledges that moral conditions are not likely to improve except through a strong program of religious work.

PREYING—NOT PRAYING

A Chicago woman, according to the *Daily News*, explained that when officers arrested her she was only "praying." "That's right," said a detective, "you were only preying—preying on unsuspecting women." Three women identified her as the person who had collected a total of \$1,072 from them by "praying for their illnesses" if they would put their money in a handkerchief and let her "bless" it!

It is too bad that such people have to use religion as the cloak for their covetousness. It casts a reflection upon those who sincerely and unselfishly do pray for the sick and use "bless handkerchiefs" with the manifest approval of the Lord.

THE "MOVING AWAY"

Says Cyrus W. Eaton in *Magazine Digest*: "I look for vast changes in religion. I expect the next 50 years will see a moving away from many of the creeds, the doctrines and the rituals that have come to seem such an essential part of religion, and a moving toward a greater emphasis on man's bond with his fellows and on the good life here on earth. The best faith and the best practice are found in the sympathy of man for man. It is the one trait common to all religions, and the noblest trait of all religions."

Comments *Prophecy Monthly*: "This is the humanitarian creed of Modernism and many of the cults. It is striking that the Greek word used in 2 Thess. 2:3 for 'falling away' means a 'moving away bodily from an original position'—hence, a transferring of the edifice of faith to foundations laid by men."

CONTROLLING CONDUCT

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, recently said: "The history of the world's religion, philosophy, literature and science records wisdom on the highest plane and of most convincing character. Yet, that wisdom has failed to control the conduct of mankind.

"Fundamentally, the force that rules the world is conduct, whether it be moral or immoral. If it is moral, at least there may be hope for the world. If immoral, there is not only no hope, but no prospect of anything but destruction of all that has been accomplished during the last 5,000 years."

Christ and His gospel and nothing else can change and control the conduct of men. The greatest possible contribution we can make to humanity, then, is to know Him and to make Him known.

MOSCOW AND THE MOSLEMS

Moscow is catering to the Arab world. Russia has large Moslem communities in the Caucasus and Turkestan, and for the first time in Russian history these Moslem Soviet citizens are participating in the annual pilgrimages to Mecca, holy city in Arabia, facilitated by special transport arrangements that have been suggested and provided by the official U. S. S. R. Government! Stalin must have his eye on the oil and other wealth of the Middle East!

ADOPTED BY THE YANKS

A jeep stops every morning at the Mission Compound in Teheran, and out jumps a little Persian boy, face well scrubbed and clothes faultless; and with his books under his arm he trots into the Church Primary School. Every evening another Yank serviceman stops to pick him up and take him back to camp. Once this little boy was a dirty orphan beggar. The soldiers picked him up off the road and "adopted" him. They decided to have him enrolled at the Christian school. The results have been highly gratifying. Now this group of servicemen will never again need an explanation of what missionary work is all about! Like thousands of other soldiers scattered the world over, they have come in firsthand contact with missionaries and have seen for themselves the need and worth of missions.

ONLY EIGHT YEARS TO LIVE!

Rather a startling statement was made in a theater ad. It said: "Insurance statisticians show the average span of life is only 60 years! If you are 30, you have only 30 years left. You'll sleep half that time. That leaves only 15 years. You'll work a third of each day; that leaves only 10 years. You'll be sick about a month a year! That leaves only about 8 years! Barring accidents you haven't long to live—really just Sundays and evenings. So, to best enjoy these fleeting moments, visit your neighborhood theater regularly!"

We have better advice to offer. To best employ these fleeting moments, visit your church regularly, spend much time with God's Word and in prayer, and seize every opportunity to work for Jesus.

BLACK MARKET BABIES

Existence of a flourishing black market in babies, in which some "baby brokers" are selling illegitimate infants (or rather, the infants of illegitimate parents) to foster parents for as much as \$2,000 each, was disclosed in a *United Press* release by Maud Murlock, consultant on social services to the children's Bureau.

A rising rate of illegitimacy is given as one of the reasons for this practice. She estimates that one in twelve births is illegitimate today, as compared with one in twenty-five in 1942.

Unwed mothers frequently sign away the rights to their babies while still in the hospital, sometimes in return for nothing more than their medical expenses.

What a revelation of the immoral conditions prevailing today! Don't blame the war. The war has but torn away the thin veneer of civilization and left exposed the natural depravity of the human heart. The heart is "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jer. 17:9. Only Christ can change it and make it fit for heaven.