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Building For Eternity

WE are reproducing on this page the concept of a Los Angeles cartoonist whose conviction is that the future of America depends on the influence of the Home, the Sunday School and the Public School. The godly home, the Bible-centered Sunday School where children are brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, and the public school educator are largely responsible for the character of our children.

During the past few decades, a marked retrograde movement has been taking place in the public schools throughout the land. In many States atheistic evolutionary teaching is taught from the third grade up. But godly parents, if they will take time, can fortify their children against error, teaching them instead the sure verities of the Scriptures of truth.

I remember a home where the godly father and mother sacrificed much time every day to talk and pray with their eight children. They personally led every one of these eight to a saving knowledge of Christ.

When the children came home from school each day, the father would find out what they had learned. Then he would open his well-worn Bible and show them that much of man's vain thoughts taught in modern schools is not in harmony with the Word of God. He would say to them, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20.

And time spent each day in instructing those children brought abundant fruitage, for five of them went into the ministry and thousands of souls have found Christ through their labors. How grate-

ful they are today for those godly parents. And how much the world owes to people like Susanna Wesley, who, following the example of mother Eunice and grandmother Lois, take time to instruct their Johns and Charlies in the Holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Children are imitators and more than we

realize they follow the example of Father and Mother. When parents instruct their children to read the Word of God and to pray, but do not take time for either themselves, they can expect their children to follow their conduct rather than their counsel.

Our conviction is that *the home* makes the greatest contribution to the life of the children. But Sunday School also can be an unspeakable power for good. The writer looks back with gratitude to a faithful Sunday School teacher who had his salvation deeply on her heart.

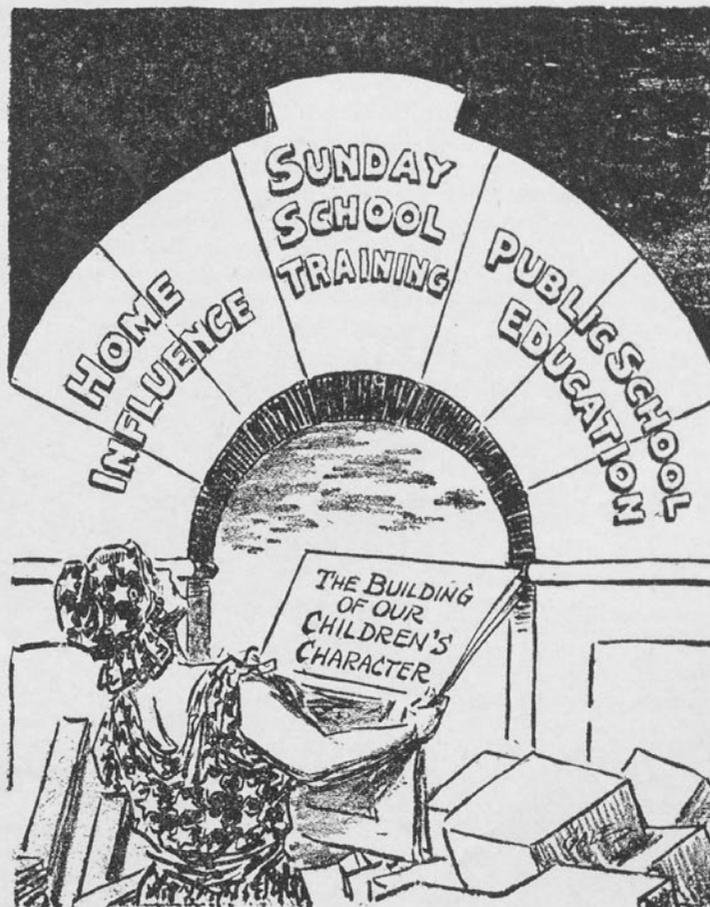
She would not only instruct us in Sunday School but take us to her home and also to revival meetings. She and other faithful Sunday School teachers sowed the seed of the Word of God in our hearts week by week, so that when a godly evangelist held a meeting in our Sunday School he reaped a great harvest, about two hundred of us becoming blessedly saved.

That child you invite to Sunday School or to a Child Evangelism class may in days to come be a Finney or a Moody who will lead thousands to Christ.

Loine C. Honderick, who is Sunday School Secretary for the Canadian Assemblies, told us a few days ago how he is seeking to unite the Sunday School work with the revival of the Family Altar in every home in Canada. Homes where the parents take time each day to pick out suitable scriptures which the children can understand, and which they can read together, and where each child is taught to pray to a loving heavenly Father—these constitute a mighty bulwark for righteousness

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Arch of Democracy



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When a Man Needs a Friend

Ernest S. Williams

HE was a small man of about middle age, with a tinge of grey in his blonde hair. Everything, from the silky softness of his hair to his easy step, indicated refinement. Our first meeting was at San Francisco, shortly after the disastrous earthquake of 1906. He was among others who, as unfortunate as himself, came seeking relief from their woe in the loving arms of Christ. Then he told me his story:

"My mother died of a broken heart, and under the influence of opiates, when I was born. I inherited a nature inclined to despondency, and even at a very early age I also derived much gratification from plucking and eating the ripe poppy seeds in the family flower garden. But there was also the God-fearing nature of my mother within me, which inclined me toward religion, and when I had grown to young manhood I studied for the ministry and graduated with the highest honors of my class. In the meantime I had also married a lovely girl and was the father of a son. My abilities as a speaker soon brought to me one of the largest pastorates of this city where I prospered until, crowded with my work, my rather frail body began to weaken. Well do I remember the time.

"A special Sunday service lay before me; but I felt myself unequal to the occasion. I called in a physician and explained to him my case. He said, 'I will fix you up for today,' and administered a hypodermic to me. I preached with what seemed to me unusual ability that day, and the week following, thinking another visit from the doctor would qualify me for the task which I was to face, I had another hypodermic injection. That started my downfall. It seemed to arouse all those latent cravings which I had inherited, and which made the poppy seeds taste so good to me when I was a little boy. I need not tell you all. Suffice it to say, I fell. And what a fall—my pastorate soon passed into other hands, my little wife and boy, whom I loved with all my heart, were forced to leave and return to her father's home in the East. My road downward was a rapid one until I soon found myself in the world of ruin and remorse, a slave bound and lost."

The above is briefly the story of one whose

life had been a struggle against inherent habits and human weakness. Many had felt to crush him, feeling that one who might have been great, now that he had fallen so low, was unworthy of help. But how little did they know of the heart within, the battles he had fought, the need he had of someone to befriend and help him!

Then he found the Friend he needed. We will not soon forget the struggle against the giant habit that had bound him; neither the times of discouragement which often depressed him. But to hear him testify his faith in Christ, and how He had been a Friend when others failed, or did not understand, and how He brought him out of his place of woe and made him a happy, redeemed child of God, brought joy to all who heard.

He, whose story I have so briefly told, was for some time my co-worker in the gospel. I have recorded in few words his life, because I felt this paper might fall into the hands of some other unfortunate one who could appreciate what it means to be bound, and without help, misunderstood and discouraged. I want to tell you that you have a Friend, One who loves and fully understands your heart, and that Friend is Jesus the Christ. He loves you and wishes you to trust in Him. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

If you have failed, or if life has proved disappointing, seek the Lord and His strength. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." As in the parable, the shepherd took the wandering sheep into his bosom, saying, "Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep that was lost," even so Jesus will gladly receive you to Himself, and His power can cleanse and keep the soul. Waste life no longer; struggle no more in self. Repent and believe the gospel—the gospel of tender love and hope. "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

will help us to search our hearts and lives thoroughly in preparation for a complete consecration.

There are many Christians who in the strictest sense of the word are not wholly consecrated. They may be saved but have never found those deeper depths, higher heights and broader expanses in the love of God that can only be experienced as one draws very near to the Lord. This type of person is probably in the majority among Christian people. We naturally compare our lives with others and because so many are content with just the knowledge that they are saved, we seem to think that that is enough for us. In reality that is not enough when we consider the high standard that the Word of God holds to us. Just because the majority don't live up to their privileges in Christ does not mean that we too should fall short of wholehearted surrender and the yielding of our whole being—body, soul and spirit—unto the Lord and to His plan for our lives.

The Scriptures declare that it is the little foxes that spoil the vines, and we know it is the comparatively small things that oftentimes hold us back from spiritual progress. I hope all of us have consecrated our wills to God in regard to larger things, such as to go to the foreign field or to preach the gospel, and yet some of us have not been willing to give up our little pet desires or the yen for notoriety and the place of apparent importance or to choose hardships instead of ease and comfort. *It is in the small things that we find the greatest hindrances to a depth of spirituality and consecration.*

The pathways of compromise and consecration offer attractions that are actually opposite to each other. One offers that which will appeal to the deeply spiritual part of man while the other appeals to the natural longings and desires. One offers a life of comparative ease and the other a life of sacrifice. In the pathway of compromise one will be satisfied that he has been saved while in that of consecration he will never be satisfied until others too are saved.

In the life of compromise one will be satisfied with "saying prayers" upon arising and retiring, while in that of consecration there will be real travail of soul. In one type of living one will give as little as possible while in the other he will give beyond his ability and will rejoice in doing it. In one a person will be out of Egypt and into the wilderness while in the other he will have conquered Canaan and will be enjoying the grapes of Eshcol.

Some who read these lines will give assent to the truth herein stated because they have at some time past come to this fork in the road and have chosen the pathway of greatest ease and now they find it doubly difficult to do anything else but live a shallow, superficial Christian life. The habit of partial compromise has so taken hold of them that they seem unable to break its paralyzing grip. Others have faced this crisis but have chosen to consecrate wholly to God and now they rejoice that early in their Christian experience the die was cast for entire consecration and they burned every bridge behind them, so that they like Caleb could wholly follow the Lord.

There is yet a third class of people—those who at the present time face this great crisis.

Compromise or Consecration

Evangelist Don Mallough

IT has rightly been said that the most crucial point in one's life is when he comes to the fork in the road and must choose between eternal life and eternal death. There is, however, another fork in the road, to which we must eventually come after we have been converted, and that too has a great bearing upon our after-life. As a matter of fact, this choice could be called the most important a person must make after he has become a Christian. The two paths at this point of decision could be named compromise and consecration.

There comes in the life of every child of God the test as to whether there shall be an absolute surrender to God's will and plan or if, to some degree at least, there shall be a letting down so that a spirit of compromise creeps in. Just when the test comes differs with each individual. Some may come to the dividing of the ways soon after being saved, while others may not face it for one year or several years. Suffice it to say that all must face this crisis, and to be forewarned is to be forearmed. To realize the seriousness of this time of choice

At this very time you may be torn between the call of compromise and that of entire consecration. Could you but realize the vast importance of your decision and the great difference between the two pathways, I am sure that in spite of the outcries of the flesh you would once and for all make a complete abandonment of your life to God.

The challenge confronts you now! A choice

must be made! Shall it be to consecrate or to compromise? May God grant that you may catch a new glimpse of Calvary, and like Isaac Watts say:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, MY ALL."

The Healing of "Little Dumb"

Gladys Boyd, Yunnan, China

ELDER sister Wang limped as she walked. She had suffered from a tubercular hip as a child which had affected her gait the rest of her life. For this reason she was early "spoken for" and at sixteen years of age became Mrs. Chen, in exchange for \$30 silver, some presents, and a poor boy for a husband. There was no love or romance. The marriage had been arranged, and according to Chinese custom and sense of propriety had to take place. The boy later turned out to be a gambler, a highway robber, and a murderer known as "the evil one." He was brought up in the tenets of a faith in which it was considered sin to kill a chicken but lawful to abuse his wife and to cruelly ill-treat his children.

Many a time did little Mrs. Chen try to end it all and "save her face" by taking opium or throwing herself into the well. And as often loving neighbors ran to the missionaries' home to implore their help and save Mrs. Chen who had swallowed a large quantity of opium. The missionaries would rush off at the first call, armed with prayer and strong salt water and with the aid of a spoon would pour the contents of the little jar into her mouth while another would hold the would-be-suicide's nose! Within half an hour she would recover. This happened not once or twice but many times, until even the missionaries almost lost all patience with the poor distracted woman.

Into this loveless dreary home were born five boys and one girl. Alas for poor Mrs. Chen, the girl was born blind and for a whole year did nothing but cry, until she lost the power of speech if ever she had it, for she was known from earliest months as "Little Dumb." No other name was found necessary to give here. All the neighbors called her "Little Dumb," symbolic of her mother's mute misery and dreary existence. Who was there to redress their wrongs and injustices? Mrs. Chen's trials had to be quietly borne or stupefied by opium. There was no other course.

The girl was the most crushing blow of all; the one she longed to cheer and comfort was the means of adding to her already overburdened life and increasing her husband's persecution. How easy it would have been to smother the little thing at birth as countless others have done in this sorrowful land. But Mrs. Chen in the meantime had laid hold of One mighty to save, and was studying the Holy Book that

taught how the blind were made to see and the dumb to speak.

For several years her only Bible and pattern had been the consecrated lives of the missionaries and the changed life of her mother, Mrs. Wang, who was their Bible woman. She had seen how her mother's life had been transformed and how she had been delivered many a time from the murderous hand of her husband when, under the spell of temporary insanity, he sought to kill her for following the foreigners. Mrs. Chen to this day speaks of the Unseen Hand who restrained her from harming either "Little Dumb" or herself during those terrible days of suffering. Into her inner being had been breathed the sustaining Word, "I will do marvels." On this Word she went forth from day to day against overwhelming doubts to meet the inevitable.

The weary months passed into years and still there was no visible answer to the anguished prayer of her heart for "Little Dumb's" deliverance. Had she been mistaken after all? Was it all an illusion? The mountain of difficulty seemed as immovable as ever. Was it possible to level it into a plain and make it easy for others to approach God in simple faith? Were the blind made to see these days, and the dumb to speak forth His praise, apart from scientific skill?

The little Christian band kept together and prayed earnestly for the healing of "Little Dumb." Letters were also sent to various friends in the homeland with the request that earnest prayers be made on the child's behalf. Once did Mrs. Chen's faith utterly fail her, and she sought advice of a blind fortune teller. It was indeed a case of the blind leading the blind; for five cents he predicted the doom of the child to lifelong darkness and silence. The only comfort offered the mother was to have the child trained to grind wheat all her life.

For four years the test went on, but the missionaries never wavered. They refused to call her "Little Dumb," but named her "Gift of Grace" instead. They steadily resisted every suggestion that led to a doubt of God's holy Word. Then suddenly, as often happens in the realm of faith, faith became substance, and the child both saw and spake. All the mother could tell the missionaries later was, "I returned from the market to find 'Little Dumb'

standing at the door calling for her mother—'Ma, Ma!' I rushed to her in my joy and excitement and cried, telling all the neighbors who gathered, 'JESUS HATH DONE IT.'"

Later the child was sent to school and educated at the expense of the missionaries. Chen En Tsi (gift of grace) became one of the brightest scholars in her class. Not only was she quickened mentally, but physically and spiritually as well. Today she is a fine girl of sixteen and with her mother is a member of the Lusi Church.

The Natural and the Supernatural

JESUS came to Jairus' daughter and raised her from the dead. Then He said, "Give her something to eat." Why could not she have gone, like the prophet Elijah, forty days in the strength of the resurrection life that she had? Would it not have magnified the miracle of resurrection? God does not want His miracles magnified. Jesus said in substance, "Now you do your part. Give her something to eat." There must be natural means to supplement the supernatural gift.

The angel touched Elijah when he was at the point of utter discouragement and wanted to die, and a supernatural provision was made. The food was provided by a supernatural being, an angel. The food provided by the supernatural cook had a supernatural sustaining power, and Elijah went in the strength of it for forty days.

The table was turned when the three angels came to Abraham and he prepared a repast for them. Yes, and animal food too! It showed that the angels were not vegetarians. The heavenly beings partook of earthly food to prove the sociability of our God and not to offend Abraham. They did not need food. Sarah's bread was far inferior to the heavenly manna, but they partook of it. Our God is greater than our estimate of Him.

"All things are lawful unto me," said Paul, "but all things are not expedient." 1 Cor. 6:12. He used the lawful when it suited him. It was not expedient to show his Roman citizenship to the magistrates at Philippi until after the jailer was converted. It was lawful afterwards. Expediency would have announced his Roman citizenship and saved the stripes. The stripes were not saved, but the jailer and his family were saved instead. These things are written for our instruction and admonition.

Prayer Power

Prayer is the greatest power that God has put into our hands for service. Prayer is harder work than doing, but in that way the Kingdom is advanced.—Mary Slessor.

WHY ANOTHER 8-PAGE EVANGEL?

We are still short of paper. We are told by the WPB that we can use 10 per cent more than our present ration, but so far the mills have not been able to provide the additional quantity. So please be patient.

"Men Ought Always to Pray"

Raymond T. Richey

AND HE spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

These are days when we need to read this verse and read it and read it again. On our knees before God, we need to ask Him to make it real in our lives, and then read it again.

Men ought always to pray. Men ought to pray when the sun shines, and the birds sing, and the flowers bloom; when the heart is happy and all's well with the world. Men ought to pray when the fullness of the blessing of God is unspeakable and full of glory, when there is plenty of food in the cupboard, the bills all paid, and money to spare.

Men ought always to pray. Men ought to pray when the clouds gather and the rain descends in torrents, when the birds have hushed their song, and the flowers no longer bloom, when sorrow lays its crushing weight on the heart and all's wrong with the world.

Men ought to pray when it seems that God has forgotten to be gracious, when the soul seems bleak and barren, when the flour bin is empty, when the house rent is past due and there is no money to meet the pressing bills; when the job is gone and there is no other in sight.

Men ought to pray when health is gone and hope is gone and friends are gone and money is gone and everything is gone—for God is not gone. He is ever near. He never changes.

Men ought always to pray. Ah, how little we have realized the imperativeness of this command of our Lord. For it is a command. You remember He said on one occasion with reference to certain things the Pharisees had done, "These things ought ye to have done and not left the other undone." For our Lord to say "Ye ought" should be sufficient to provoke

an "I will" from the heart of every child of His.

Men ought always to pray. In every circumstance of life, under all conditions.

How are we to pray? In faith. Our Lord said, "What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them (literally believe that ye have received them), and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

How are we to pray? With fervor. We are told that fervent, effectual prayer availeth much. Now the dictionary tells us that "fervent" means ardent in feeling; fervid—and the word fervid means "burning with zeal or eagerness." So then, the prayer that avails with God is the prayer that comes from a heart burning with zeal or eagerness for the advancement of His kingdom, with a hunger for the salvation of souls, with a consuming desire to see the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ quickened and restored to her first love.

May God help us in these days of war to remember the words of the Lord Christ: "Men ought always to pray."

"And not to faint." Ah, how prone we are to faint. The heat of the day is oppressive, the load we bear is heavy. The sorrow is great. The oppression seems too much for us. Ah, child of God, do not faint under the load. The road may be rough, the burning sun may beat upon your weary head; your soul may be parched with thirst, but "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not."

Reap the harvest of the prayers that have forced themselves from your aching, well-nigh breaking heart, the prayers that winged their way to the loving heart of a Father who knows and understands, the prayers that would not be denied, when you believed and in the face of every untoward circumstance, counted, "God is faithful."

Redeemed by the Blood

THE inspired apostle wrote to believers: "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:18, 19. In this scripture we see a comparison between God's estimate and man's estimate of what will avail for redemption. The Holy Spirit calls silver and gold corruptible. Man is wearing himself out trying to attain corruptible things. But corruptible things will never redeem the soul.

One drop of the precious blood of Christ is worth more than all the gold in the universe. There is redemption alone through the blood of Christ. Gold corrupts the world. God offers man redemption but he prefers corruption.

"We have redemption through *His blood*." Eph. 1:7. Angels cannot fathom the preciousness of the blood of Christ that brings redemption. It astounds heaven and confuses hell.

If you desire to know the value of the precious blood of Christ, go to the Word. It is written, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. God gave the most precious gift of heaven, His only begotten Son, whose blood was poured out on the earth for our redemption. Infinite love was back of the pouring out of that infinitely precious redemptive blood.

To have the right apprehension of the precious blood of Christ you must have the Holy Spirit. He alone can make you to know its

preciousness and its power. It is a serious thing to reject the redemption provided by this precious blood. The Holy Spirit asks, "How shall they escape, if they neglect so great salvation? How shall they escape who tread under foot the blood of Christ?"

Gold is exalted on the gilded cross seen on the spires of some of the churches throughout the land; but the blood of Christ is trodden under foot on the threshold of the same churches. They despise the gospel of redemption by the precious blood of Christ, and refer to it as "the religion of the shambles." They think they are rich in corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but do not know that in the sight of God they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Rev. 3:17.

A millionaire cannot purchase redemption with corrupt gold and silver; but through faith in the blood of Christ, beggars can become kings and priests unto God. The blood of Jesus Christ, cleansing your heart, can fit you to become the abode of God. Christ said, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23.

You may think you understand the value of the precious blood of Christ, but it is beyond human comprehension. Eternity will not be long enough to learn to appreciate its worth. The song of the saints in eternity will be: "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 1:5, 6. The song of praise will arise from the redeemed to their Redeemer: "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign." Rev. 5:9, 10.

Men and women in the world purchase favors with silver and gold and get into high positions. The blood of Jesus Christ purchases for His own the highest positions in eternity, where all His redeemed will live and reign with Him forever.

The power of Jesus' blood not only draws the believer from the earth but it links him to the throne. Continually give Him praise because you have been redeemed through the precious blood of Christ, who is the Lamb without blemish and without spot. You also may be without blemish and without spot as you trust in the efficacy of that precious blood.

A Prayer

"Speak to us, Lord, until our hearts are melted
To share in Thy compassion for the lost;
Till our souls throb with burning intercession,
That they shall know Thy name, whate'er the cost.

Speak to us, Lord, till shamed by Thy great giving,

Our hands unclasp to set our treasures free;
Our wills, our love, our dear ones, our possessions,

All gladly yielded, gracious Lord, to Thee."

Author Unknown.

"The Tithe Is the Lord's"

F. J. Lindquist

NO doubt all of our ministers are agreed that all our church people ought to practice tithing. We preach it, as the Scriptural method of financing the New Testament Church.

While we agree on the doctrine TITHING BY THE PEOPLE, we are not agreed on the practice of how, and where, and to whom the tithe is to be paid. There is much difference of opinion in the General Council Fellowship on this question although we seem to have quite uniform practice on the matter in the North Central District.

In the Old Testament, the tithes were paid by Israel to the Levites. Some would have us believe that the pastor is now standing in the place of the Levites, and that the tithes are to be paid to him. But are not evangelists, Bible teachers, District officers and General Council officials also in the place of Levites, and if that be so, do they not have a right to some part of the tithes?

It is no doubt true, that the less the pastor handles money in the church, the better it is, either tithe money, collection money, or any other funds. Jesus appointed a treasurer for Twelve Apostles, and no doubt most of our churches can find someone to act as a treasurer, no matter how small the church may be.

The tithe is to be brought to the "storehouse" (Mal. 3:10), which is commonly interpreted to be the church or the place where you get your spiritual food. It is not to be scattered by the tither to every kind of church or mission project that strikes his fancy. When the tithe is brought to the storehouse, or church, then the disbursing of this tithe is the responsibility and duty of the church board of elders or deacons according to policies that have been decided by the church as a whole. Such policies may be outlined in the bylaws or established by the decision of the church in their business meetings.

I seriously doubt that the Lord approves of the pastor's collecting the tithe of the church by standing at the door as people pass in or out, and receiving tithe money from them and stuffing the money in his pockets. Nor does the Lord state that the pastor should visit from house to house and collect the tithes in this way.

Tithe money ought to be brought to the church by the tither, and given to the church, not to the pastor. The proper officials of the church should count this money and record it before it is placed in the care of the treasurer. The treasurer is then bound to keep proper records of all receipts and disbursements of money and make proper accounting of the finances to the church at stated times.

After 24 years in the ministry, I can not yet see any reason for any secrecy as to the money matters in the church, and I believe all offerings ought to be counted and passed through the church treasury in a businesslike way, and proper records kept. Let the people know what the pastor gets in salary or offerings. It will

beget confidence in their minds. Let the pastor trust the Lord and also trust the Lord's people to do the right thing to him.

The average church very seldom collects 100% of the tithe of the people, no matter how large the giving has been. In our District the total of the tithes collected in Churches amounts to from \$1,000 a year to \$37,000 a year. And I doubt that any church has 100% tithing. There would be something unjust about a financial system that allows one pastor to get \$1,000 and another to get \$10,000 or \$20,000 or \$30,000 as his pay for one year, simply because the people's tithes in the church amounted to such figures.

Out of the tithes collected by the church, the pastor ought no doubt to be first paid, and paid well. The church has the right to decide the

salary to be paid. Then the missionary program is to be supported, and the building fund ought to get its share.

There is no limit to the ministry of the church, locally or world-wide, as tithe money comes in and is disbursed with the full consent and knowledge of the congregation, and the church officials. The Levites received tithes. They paid a "tithe of their tithes" to the priests. Neh. 10:38. We might ask this: If the pastor (who claims to be a Levite, and collects all the tithes of the church for himself) pays tithes, to whom does he pay them? Naturally, to the District officials or to the General Council officials. But our pastors in the General Council seem to prefer to know how much the District officials are paid, and how much the General Council officials are paid by placing them on the salary basis rather than on the "tithe in hand basis." And we all feel the most confidence in the system that pays our officials well, and also renders full and complete reports of their salaries and all financial receipts and disbursements. This system that works well in the General Council and the District Council will also work well in the local church.

"The Worst Man Out of Hell"

George W. Truett

IT was my joy every summer to preach in the cattle camps in West Texas. One year when I went some of the men came to me and said, "There is one man here on whom you need not waste your time, and that is ex-sheriff Jim Owen. He'll come once, and then he'll curse you all over the mountains; he always does." They described him to me so that I could not miss him. One evening I went to preach, and as I stood before that great congregation in came Jim Owen. I preached, and the Spirit of God moved mightily over that great audience and many sinners came, but there Jim sat with a most intent gaze upon his face but apparently unmoved.

After the service we stood around talking, and some said, "Jim Owen was here to-night, but he'll never come again. He'll curse you out; he always does when any preacher comes. He'll come once, and curse you and the church out;" but some of the others said, "No, I believe he will be back; he had a peculiar expression on his face that he never had before; he'll come again." I started for my lodging place, some rods from the camp away from the noise, over a mountainous region, when I heard some one talking, but as I drew nearer I realized that there were two of them, and that they were praying. I did not mean to eavesdrop, but I was held to the spot. I slipped away—they never knew I heard their prayer—but I did not sleep.

The next evening when I stood up to preach, in came Jim Owen. All the sermon that I had prepared fled, and I said, "We'll sing a stanza, and then I'll ask this brother in front to lead in prayer, asking that God will give me the right message. His Spirit knows the need of these hearts." I preached that night from

the parable of the Prodigal Son, telling it as simply as to a child. Then I said: "If there is a man in this audience that is in this poor prodigal's condition, I've a Friend for him. If there is such a man and he wants to come back, let him come down the aisle and take my hand," and Jim sprang to his feet and came, reeling like a drunken man because of the intensity of his emotions.

Everyone was on his feet in a moment. Jim took my hand and said, "Mr. Truett, do you mean to tell me that if I surrender myself to Jesus He'll save me?" "That's exactly what I mean." "But," he said, "I'm the worst man this side of hell; can He save me?" "He died to save the vilest sinner this side of hell, and He'll save you if you surrender to Him." "That's right, Jim, the preacher's right," said the men. "If I surrender now to Him, when will He save me?" "He will save you right now, Mr. Owen, right now," "That's right," said the men. "That's right, Jim." Then he said, "Lord Jesus, the worst man out of hell surrenders to you just now." There was great joy, for the chief of sinners had been saved. God loosed his tongue and he turned to those men and gave them the most marvelous testimony I ever heard.

Mary Slessor's Testimony

My life is one long record of answered prayer—for food when needed; for physical strength; for guidance; for dangers averted; for enmity to the Gospel subdued. I know that God answers prayer. This makes life free and glad and a million times worth living.



OUAGADOUGOU DISTRICT CONVENTION

Florence Smith

THE Ougadougou district convention has just closed. Due to a food shortage, a plague of spinal meningitis, and other hindrances, many could not come. But about 70 from the outstations came for the five days. Two Kaya district preachers came to help and were a real blessing in the ministry of the Word.

From Ipala, a long day's walk from here, came a group of lads from 12 to 16 years of age. Some of these were already saved, and during the convention 21 more confessed their faith in Christ. One woman from Ipala, and a man from another village, also asked the Lord to forgive their sins. There is a move of the Spirit on in Ipala at the present. About a hundred attend the services and classes.

The convention this year was a time of seed sowing, as so many babes in Christ were present. We believe that the determination to follow Christ regardless of the cost was strengthened in many hearts.

During the convention my husband was called to one of the outstations in the Koudougou district to pray for the wife of the native

worker there. God answered prayer and she is recovering. In this district also, God is moving, fear has been broken, and many new people are attending the services. In another of our outstations 23 men recently came out for Christ.

Our native pastor here at Ougadougou went to be with the Lord on January 19th. We feel his loss keenly, as he was an able, consecrated minister. There is no one to take his place.

Several weeks ago the chief of a large district east of here came and pleaded with us to send someone to teach his people the way of God. Two workers recently made a preaching tour to the northeast of here. They brought back the report that the whole district is wide open and would welcome a number of workers. It brings a great burden on our hearts to know of souls thirsting for the Water of life and no one to carry it to them.

Not long ago my husband went to Kaya to help in the workers' monthly meeting. Eighty Christians came when they heard that a missionary would be there. During his stay, he

married a couple, dedicated two babies, and one woman was saved. As he was preparing to leave, the little six year old daughter of the native pastor shyly came asking if she could go home with him. On being asked why she desired to go, she said she wanted to learn more of God's Word. Great tears of disappointment filled her big black eyes when told that it would be impossible to take her. This is a picture of African youth, awakened, with a keen desire to learn. Shall we let the enemy have them, or shall we awaken to the need and win them for Christ?

News Flashes!

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Baltau and their children—Arthur, Edna, Ralph, and Shirley—have been liberated from Japanese custody, according to a telegram received by the Missions Department from the Provost Marshal General.

We thank God for this deliverance, although we have no word concerning the physical condition of the Baltau family. Continue to remember them in prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Slager have sent the message via the American Embassy, Chungking, that they are both well and expect to return to their work in Tsingtao, Shantung Province, China.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver L. Foth and their two children have sailed for South India on board the Gripsholm, according to a telegram just received by the Missions Department. Pray that the Lord will give them a pleasant and safe journey. They will also need your continued prayers as they grapple with a new language and strange conditions and surroundings in the land of their adoption.

Training Workers in Gombari

Richard M. Scotti

BROTHER and Sister Eugene Tanner have been on this station alone for a long time, and it has been impossible for them to do all the work that needs to be done. Consequently, they were very glad when we arrived at Gombari to help carry some of the burden. I was

given charge of the school boys, and Sister Scotti was given charge of the Pamba Girls' School.

We had 22 pupils at the time I took charge. In two months our number increased to 33. Vacation time will start in two weeks and last until July 25. We are hoping to have at least 50 enrolled when school reopens, as many of the boys say that when they return they will bring others with them.

During the last three weeks, seven of our pupils have given their hearts to the Lord and are studying the Word of God so that they will be able to answer the questions needed for water baptism. Just this morning I had four more boys come to me saying, "Bwana, we want also to study the Word of God so we will be ready for baptism." Praise the Lord for His wonderful power!



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

"Suffer Hardship With Me"

Building for Eternity

(Continued From Page One)

SUFFER hardship with me, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." So wrote the Apostle Paul in his last letter (2 Tim. 2:3), written for "last days" (2 Tim. 3:1), the days in which we live.

They are indeed "grievous"—"perilous," A.V.). It is as much as you can endure. But God knows it, and is watching over you. Listen to His Word through His old warrior Paul, as he lays his hand upon his young lieutenant's shoulder to stablish and strengthen him—"Suffer hardship with me."

It is his last imprisonment (67 or 68 A.D.). His first trial before Nero is over. He has narrowly escaped with his life (2 Tim. 4:16-17), from being thrown to the lion. No one took his part. All (Roman Christians) forsook him, even as (2 Tim. 1:15) all in Asia had turned away from him. He is as near martyrdom as can be. His life is "already being poured out" (2 Tim. 4:6, R.V. margin). He is so closely confined that Onesiphorus, who "was not ashamed of my chain," had difficulty in searching him out (2 Tim. 1:16, 17). He is feeling the cold in prison, and misses his "cloak" (2 Tim. 4:13).

"Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." What an appeal, coming from such a quarter, to one like Timothy, as if the aged warrior feared that in the awful stress of the times Timothy might give way to a timidity which seemed almost constitutional. He speaks to us all. Think of—

I. *The Enlistment.* 2 Tim. 2:4, R. V.

"Him who enrolled him as a soldier." Remember our "Captain." It pleased God "in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their Salvation perfect through sufferings." It was He who "enrolled" us. (Compare Heb. 2:10 and 12:2, where "author" means "captain," R. V. margin.)

II. *The Campaign.*

"Suffer hardship with the Gospel," as the Apostle says again in 2 Tim. 1:8, R. V. It is "the fellowship of His sufferings" (Philip. 3:10). Stand firm. Read Heb. 10:35, 38—"Cast not away your boldness . . . patience . . . for yet a very little while, He that cometh shall come, and shall not tarry," etc.

III. *The Reward.* 2 Tim. 4:5-8, R. V.

"Suffer hardship . . . for I am already being offered. . . I have fought the good fight; . . . henceforth there is laid up for me the crown . . . also to all them that have loved His appearing."

"Suffer hardship with ME." How tender! How it reminds of another "With Me"—Matt. 24:40: "What! could ye not watch with Me one hour?"

"Then souls, be brave, and watch until the morrow!

*Awake! arise! your lamps of purpose trim;
Your Savior speaks across the night of sorrow,*

Can ye not watch one little hour WITH HIM?"

LISTENING

George Muller said that the most important part of prayer was the fifteen minutes after we had said "Amen."

in the State in these days of prevailing decadence.

The cartoonist shows the capstone in the building of our children's character. But the apostle Paul shows us the foundation stone, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is *Jesus Christ*." 1 Cor. 3:11. It is an easy thing for parents to lead their children to Him, and for a child to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior—that is foundational. But Paul also said, "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." 1 Cor. 3:10.

The Master says to us, "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me." Rev. 22:12. The hours sacrificed to help the children will pay abundant dividends, not only in time but throughout eternity.

A few weeks ago I heard an elderly minister, Clovis Chappell, tell of the time when, as a lad of ten, he was suffering with pneumonia and the doctor declared he could not live until morning. That night his dad, who had maintained an old-fashioned Methodist home with an old-fashioned family altar, laid his two hands on the lad's shoulders and said, "Sonnie, you're not afraid to meet Jesus, are you?" "No, Dad," said the lad. He knew he could trust his father's Savior. The Lord let the lad recover. But the incident remained with him and he says today, "The boughs of the trees have been waving for forty years over the grave of my godly dad, but I have never ceased to thank God for him and for his deep concern for my eternal welfare."

Parents, will your children be able to give a like tribute to you?—S. H. F.

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.

RACINE, WIS.—Sept. 16-30; A. N. Trotter, Muskege, Okla., Evangelist.—C. E. McCarrell, Pastor.

CENTRALIA, ILL.—Sept. 9—; Daniel S. Percival, Panama City, Fla., Evangelist.—W. V. Drake, Pastor.

PIPESTONE, MINN.—Gospel Chapel, Sept. 18-30; The Baxter Evangelistic Party, Spirit Lake, Iowa.—K. M. Freiheit, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—1901 Washington Blvd., Sept. 16—; G. B. McDowell, Texas Singing Evangelist.—Paul H. Ralstin, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—1800 E. Vickery Blvd., Sept. 23-Oct. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa.—Charles R. Jones, Pastor.

APPLETON, WIS.—Durkee and Harris Sts.; Sept. 9, for 2 weeks or longer; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist.—D. H. Waggoner, Pastor.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Full Gospel Church, Sept. 18-30; Jean Benefiel, Detroit, Mich., Evangelist.—Howard Davidson, Pastor.

HAVRE, MONT.—Bethel Tabernacle, Sept. 9—; Evangelist and Mrs. A. B. Crabb, Puyallup, Wash.—W. R. Miller, Pastor.

LA PORTE, IND.—701 Lincoln Way East; revival in progress; Estella Maffett, Big Prairie, Ohio, Evangelist.—Roy B. Warner, Pastor.

FOREST CITY, ARK.—Sept. 9—; W. L. Rodgers, Wichita, Kansas, Evangelist and newly elected Pastor.—Mrs. C. W. Edmondson, Copastor.

SPRINGDALE, ARK.—Revival in progress; L. Wayne Pitts of New Mexico and co-worker, Bob McCutchen, Austin, Texas, Evangelists.—Oren Paris, Pastor.

CAMANCHE, IOWA—Annual Fellowship Meeting. Full Gospel Tabernacle, October 6. Services 2:30, 6:30 and 7:30. Supper, 5:00 p. m. Bring basket lunch and musical instruments. J. C. Snyder, Presbyter.—Carl Bergman, Pastor.

WALHALLA, S. C.—Tent Meeting in progress, on S. College St.; Leonard Page, Evangelist, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fowler and Charles Quinn of Greenville.—Mrs. Alloe Taylor, Pastor.

DATE CHANGED

CORRY, PA.—36 East Church St., Sept. 30—Oct. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. Shaffer, London, Ky.—A. R. Horst, Pastor

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Arkansas District Council will convene at Russellville, Ark., October 8-11. David Burris, District Superintendent.—H. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—City-wide campaign, Sept. 30—Oct. 21, conducted by James W. Van Meter, Chambersburg, Pa., assisted by Mrs. Blanche Yerger, Los Angeles, Calif. Einar Waermo, Swedish Tenor, soloist. Under auspices of Assemblies of God of greater Cleveland. Neighboring pastors and churches urged to co-operate.—D. P. Holloway.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

FAIRMONT, W. VA.—Potomac District Prayer Conference, Oct. 1-4. Speakers: Obie Harrup, R. M. Jeffery, E. W. Wellford, V. R. Jackson and others. Rooms furnished as far as possible, for District ministers. Meals can be secured at nearby restaurants. If planning to attend, write V. M. Dullabaum, Pastor, 107½ Reeves Ave., Fairmont, W. Va.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

Prayer Conference, Southwestern Ohio Ministerial Fellowship, Bethel Temple, Dayton, Ohio, October 8-9. A. B. Cox, host pastor. Three services daily. Cecil Good, Chairman of Fellowship, will speak. Night entertainment furnished by church. You are urged to come. Write for entertainment to A. B. Cox, 104 Buckeye St., Dayton, Ohio.—Irwin Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer.

ILLINOIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Illinois District executives, assisted by William E. Kirschke, National Sunday School Representative, will be conducting Sunday School Conferences during October at the following places in Illinois: Stone Church Chicago, October 1-2; Macomb, October 3-4; Springfield, October 5-6; East Alton, October 8-9; Belleville, October 10-11; Murphysboro, October 12-13; Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, October 15-16. All Christian workers in the various sections and in adjacent districts are invited to attend.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Alabama District Council, Municipal Auditorium, Opp, Ala., October 8-10. R. C. Jones, Superintendent of Georgia District, guest speaker. Pastor and Mrs. Troy B. Helms will be in charge of choir and orchestra. Big C. A. Rally, night, Oct. 8. Annual W. M. C. meeting, Tuesday afternoon. It is the solemn duty of every Minister of the Alabama District to attend the Council meeting. Each church should send one delegate. Sleeping quarters provided for ministers and delegates. For further information write Mrs. G. L. Atwell, 507 R. R. Ave., Opp, Ala.; Howard P. Trawick, Secretary, Box 276, Slocomb, Ala.; or Marvin L. Smith, Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile 17, Ala.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Box 101, Smackover, Ark.—H. Jewel Murry.

NEW ADDRESS—135 Ryan St., Lake Charles, La.—"I have resigned as Assistant District Superintendent and General Presbyter of the Kentucky District to accept a call to the pastorate here."—E. E. Templeton.

WANT TO BUY—Tent that will seat 200 people with plenty of space between and around seats. Write LeRoy Bussinger, 1153 Lemoyne St., Los Angeles, Calif.

NOTICE—God has enabled us to erect a nice stucco church, 34x50, on Tenth Street, Dawson Creek, B. C. Servicemen and construction workers in this vicinity will find a hearty welcome.—Harold M. Graves, Pastor, P. O. Box 613, Dawson Creek, B. C., Canada.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic

Philip J. Brauchler, 386 Brook Ave., Passaic, N. J.

Pastoral

C. A. Weaver, 2743 Eighth St., Berkeley, Calif.—"About eight years in Assemblies of God fellowship. Married, one child. Ordained."

Henry M. George, 63 Joseph Lane, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—"Ordained; musician and teacher. Have wife and little girl. Age 28. Ex-denominational pastor and prison chaplain; college man, taught high-school music two years."

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

CRIME INCREASE

The FBI reported an 8.4 per cent upswing in crime from January to July over the same period last year.

THE JEWISH MISSION FIELD

Of the more than five million Jews in the U. S. and Canada, the *Jewish Congress Weekly* estimates, no more than 750,000 are members of synagogues; the remainder are largely indifferent to Judaism and Jewish interests. By their own count, therefore, the Jewish community constitutes a great mission field.

JEWISH CHILDREN WIPED OUT

Only about 150,000 out of a total of 1,350,000 Jewish children who lived in central and eastern Europe before the war have survived Nazi terror, according to Senator Goddard, prominent French leader.

"MEN OF THE KINGDOM"

According to *Redemption Tidings*, a Pentecostal group in the American and British armies in Italy have formed a fellowship known as "Men of the Kingdom." On June 17th four soldiers were baptized in water at an Italian Baptist Church loaned for the purpose through the efforts of this band.

CIGARETTE SURVEY

Women are buying 69 per cent of the nation's cigarette supply. So says a survey conducted by New York cigarette manufacturers. The survey was made to find out who is smoking the nation's 329,000,000,000 "home front" cigarettes.

RUSSIA RESTORES SUNDAY

A writer in *The Flame* says: "There has been the remarkable action of restoring Sunday as the official rest day in Russia, so as to enable people to worship. This does not mean full liberty of religion as yet; nevertheless it is an encouraging evidence of the power of the Christian faith in Russia."

AMERICAN WAR GUILT

In speaking of America's responsibility and guilt for World War II, David Lawrence, noted news analyst, says, "The indifference of the American people to truth and the lazy attitude that is interested only in self-indulgence and materialistic things, the mind that scoffs at spiritual force as a means of compelling us to meet fully our responsibilities—this is in the background of our guilt."

WAITING A FALSE MESSIAH

A Jew wrote in the Hebrew paper *Liberty*, published in Palestine, an address to Mussolini (Nov. 24, 1933): "Your excellency, from the moment when you first granted me an interview in Rome ten years ago for the first time, I felt that, in your person, a Savior had arisen for all persecuted people." But Mussolini was murdered and has not risen from the dead, so there is not much to be hoped for from him. And when the False Messiah offers the Jews a covenant in the time of greatest trouble, they will accept him according to Daniel 9:27.

37 GOVERNORS BACK ZIONISM

According to *Prophecy Monthly*, the governors of 37 States asked President Truman to take immediate steps to open Palestine to unrestricted immigration with the purpose of establishing that country as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth.

INEVITABLE DESTINY

A Jewish paper says, "The British White Paper posts a sign over Palestine: 'NO JEWS ADMITTED.' The Bible's sign over Palestine is 'WELCOME HOME.'" Man cannot keep the Jew out of Palestine forever. God has said, "They shall dwell in their own land." Jer. 23:8.

EUROPE'S NEED—CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Dr. Lawrence Meyer, a Lutheran publicity director, after visiting Europe, reports that most of the large printing plants have been destroyed and pleads for a new supply of Christian literature to offset atheistic and communistic literature already being distributed there.

CRIME WAVE IN IRELAND

The number of indictable crimes in the city of Dublin increased from 3,602 in 1938 to 9,026 in 1942. Reform schools are overcrowded. An Irish paper says: "Crime still increases week by week in Eire, stricter Civil Guard vigilance falling to stem the rising tide of theft, burglary, housebreaking, crimes of violence, and sex offenses." The rising tide of lawlessness seems to be world wide.

BIBLES FOR EUROPE

U.N.R.R.A. has asked the British and Foreign Bible Society for Bibles that the displaced Poles, Czechs, French, Dutch, Yugoslavs, Greeks, and Norwegians may read. They say there are ten million displaced persons in Europe to whom every bit of literature in their own tongue is precious. The Bible Society is unable to supply as many as have been requested. The unfortunate thing is that there is probably no lack of Communist literature for them to read.

"IS FRANCE A MISSION FIELD?"

The above words are appearing in French papers in capital letters. The writers are a body of priests who confess that millions of people are no longer being evangelized in France. In a parish of 40,000 not one Christian working man could be found. Among 70,000 French women carried into Germany, only 30 were religiously inclined, and of these only 10 belonged to the Catholic church. Of the young working men in Paris, only one-half to one-third of one percent have continued in the church after confirmation. Yes, France is a mission field, in need of a mighty revival of old-time gospel preaching. Pray for a greater outpouring of God's Spirit upon all French people, and especially our brethren in the French Assemblies of God.

LOYAL CITIZENS

According to *Time*, the 350,000 Americans and Canadians who belong to North America's Russian Orthodox Church received an overture from Moscow a few weeks ago, inviting them to reunite with the mother church. The North American church refused, however, because one of the conditions for returning to the fold would be to pledge loyalty to the Soviet Government.

AMONG THE FILIPINOS

During the 47 years since the Philippines came under Protestant control, more has been done for the welfare of the Filipinos than during the 333 years of Spanish Catholic domination. The people for the first time have had an open Bible, a free press, public schools, sanitary living conditions, modern transportation, and the proclamation of the gospel. Roman Catholicism claims 7,000,000 adherents, but according to a pagan chieftain of the Bagobo tribe this religion was forced upon them at the muzzle of a gun. He relates how Spanish troops lined up his people and pointed guns at them while a priest went down the line and baptized them all. He adds that as soon as the troops had marched away, the people went to the river and scrubbed away the effects of the baptism. Now that the Islands are free of Japanese control there is another great opportunity for gospel advance, should Jesus tarry.

JAPANESE CHILD-TRAINING

An American university professor, engaged to teach a class of Japanese boys for a brief period in a Tokyo school, asked one day an entirely innocent question. "What," said he, "is your highest ambition in life?" Instantly the little fellows raised their hands, each anxious for the privilege of being first to answer. The chosen one stood up in true military fashion and replied, "To die for the emperor." As the question went around the room, every one of those ten-year-olds gave the same reply! It was the faith which had been taught them at the shrines. Such child-training has proved so effective that the entire Pacific was turned into a bloody battlefield. Consider how far-reaching and glorious the results might be if every child in Sunday school could be taught with equal thoroughness that the greatest thing in life is to be a living sacrifice for Jesus Christ!

"PROFANITY IN HIGH PLACES"

The above was the title of a sermon preached in Los Angeles following a speech by a high army officer in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on June 9. The preacher said: "What should have been the most glorious celebration Los Angeles has experienced in her history turned out to be the most tragic in the profanation of the name of God, repeated over and over by one we met to honor. Never in our country's history has there been such a public profanation of His name. One could even sense the protest within the hearts of the people and in many sections of the large audience audible resentment was expressed. General George Washington and General John Pershing always held that Name in high reverence. We trust that the general, whom we admire and respect for his daring exploits and achievements in this war, will hereafter remember his moral obligation to the youth of America."