

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

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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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## Serving Our Generation

COUNCIL MESSAGE OF ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

THE apostle Peter is presenting the cause of Christ when he says, "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep." He is showing that the prophecies which had referred to the sure mercies of David, did not have their final fulfillment in David, but in David's son, our Lord Jesus Christ. When David had served his generation he passed away, but He of whom David spoke "saw no corruption." He ever liveth.

The fact that David passed away after serving his generation reminds us that we have a time of service, then "the place that knows us now will know us here no more forever." We shall have turned our official service over to others, for it is official service that is emphasized in our lesson. Nevertheless, the fruits of our service will not suddenly come to an end. We shall have passed something on to the generation following, and through that generation to further generations. Thus we are building up eternal benefits or eternal losses.

The time of our service is our generation. We cannot go back to the days of the apostles to serve, neither can we move forward to the days of millennial bliss. We live now and our service must be to those now at hand. We love to remind ourselves of the great service and the beautiful lives of men who have lived in times now gone. We almost worship the martyrs, and how greatly we admire their fidelity and courage. Then we admire the man of fasting and prayer, the great soul-winners, the characters which radiated sunshine mingled with the perfume of saintly godliness. Thank God for all of these. They are outstanding lights which lit up the generation in which they lived and we are inspired as we sit in the afterglow of their accomplishments.

But we can be none of these. The best we can do is to seek to be as self-sacrificing in our devotion and service as they were. We live now and it is those living now who need to see God in us, and a service which flows from Him. Could we but see how rapidly time is

passing should we not be more zealous in our living?

Although we cannot live in another generation than our own, we may emulate those who have lived in days gone by. The world's greatest spiritual benefactors have been those who forgot themselves in their devotion to others. This has begun with their devotion to God. And if we are to serve our generation as we ought we must be people who love God so supremely that we delight in His presence above the presence of all besides. "Solid devotions resemble the rivers which run under the earth—they steal away from the eyes of the world to seek the eyes of God; and it often happens that those of whom we speak least on earth, are best known in heaven."—Caussin. How we need to steal from the eyes of men to seek the eyes of God. Our generation has gone too far in the ways of unrighteousness for us to ever win them back to the paths of peace without our having been with God as the one and only source of calling men to repentance and faith. At times it seems as though the tides of unbelief were running so strong that it is impossible to turn them back, but God has sent revivals in days gone by; will He not in our day if we feel our generation's need and seek Him earnestly?

We have a responsibility to our generation. Enoch lived before the Flood, in a generation that was ripening for retribution. He lived faithfully and by the Spirit spoke of coming judgment. Noah lived in the midst of the apostasy of his generation and so lived that he is described as "a preacher of righteousness." Now we live in a generation that is to reap the harvest of years of war hysteria. Girls and boys are fallen before the mighty cigarette, the curse of drink, and moral carelessness. There have been marriages made under the hysteria of war in which young people unknown to each other before have thought they had fallen in love. These conditions, and many others, call for wisdom and patience. Many are the problems. God grant us the vision of the sevenfold Spirit and enable us to discover



needs and provide help that is needed. This requires God and abundance of grace.

Then there are the nations of the earth. How unable we are to comprehend the sufferings, confusion of mind, the heartache that humanity now suffers. We will not dwell on these, but the whole world is sick and needs the Great Physician. What a challenge lies before us in India, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Never has obedience to the great commission, "Go ye," been more needed than today. And to fulfill our duty to this commission we need endowment of power from on high, for vain are empty words. Christianity is more than a theory of religion, it is a life. As we go we must seek the face of God for the Spirit to accompany us as He accompanied the disciples of old.

We owe a debt to our generation. For it Christ died. For it we are to go forth as laborers. Work for God is not to be looked on as a concession on our part. It requires the center of our thought and feeling. Paul said, "I am debtor," and, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Further he said, "If I do this willingly I have a reward, but if against my will a dispensation of the gospel has been committed unto me." Never shall we be able to serve our generation as we ought until we feel the burden to the extent that we are willing

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# The Diary of a Delegate

## TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Tuesday, September 11

**T**HE Twenty-first General Council of the Assemblies of God is about to begin; and, in spite of the fact that the decision to hold the General Council was made at such a late hour, a good many brethren are gathering in. How good it is to see their faces once again. No fellowship on earth is sweeter than that of saints who are washed in the Blood and filled with the Spirit of God.

It appears there will be a very good representation from all parts of the country. How good the Lord was to let the war end in time to make this blessed gathering possible this year, after all. Never has a General Council met at a more critical time. Now that victory has been won, and the door has been opened into a more peaceful era, we stand on the threshold of unsurpassed opportunities. God is counting on us. We must not fail Him—we must not fail our Savior—we must not fail the young men who suffered, even unto death, to bring this peace to pass. We must not fail a heart-broken, war-torn, sin-ravaged world that waits for the healing power of our Full Gospel message. We must make the most of this period of peace, while it lasts. For we may not have long to work. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh; it is near, and hasteth greatly. May we be guided by God-given vision and enabled by His grace to move in the center of His will.

### Growth of Our Fellowship

At the Publishing House I met Brother Flower, who showed me the report he has prepared for the delegates. There are many things of interest in it. Two years ago there were only 4,664 ordained ministers in the Council. Today he has a record of 5,000 ordained ministers, but he explains that many ministers have not applied for their new fellowship certificates yet, and so the record is not complete. Neither could he report on the overall membership of our fellowship. Two years ago there were 226,705 members. The records will be complete later in the year, and he is confident that a substantial increase will be evident.

Fifty of our ministers have gone on to their heavenly reward during the past two years, including Jacob Miller, E. N. Richey and A. G. Voight. How we miss these dear brethren. Their departure is a great loss to us, but to them it is great gain.

The Ministers Benefit Association is meeting a great need among our ministers. Up to July 31 there were 1,070 enrolled in this retirement plan.

The Lord has enabled us to contribute \$13,392.51 to the support of young men in our fellowship who refused to participate in the war and were placed in Civilian Public Service camps. About one third of this amount was contributed by sympathetic friends; the bal-

ance was made up from the Special Need Fund of the General Council.

The districts have received offerings for home missions amounting to \$177,160.95. This came to them through the World Missions Plan of our Missions Department. In addition to this, a total of \$60,000 was distributed among the districts out of the profits of the Gospel Publishing House. This money is to be used for home missions, also, so the amount received by the districts for this purpose totals \$237,160.75. These funds are helping to establish new assemblies in all parts of the country.

During the past two years the Council has spent \$11,500 to purchase a property at Hot Springs, Ark., for a children's home. A further sum of \$30,000 is being solicited, and a building program is now under way. It is hoped that some 70 to 80 children may be cared for here. The Kentucky District hopes to open an orphanage at Carlisle, Ky. Other children's homes are needed in various sections. A need is seen also for an old folks home for retired ministers and missionaries. It is evident, indeed, that our fellowship is growing.

### Foreign Missionary Report

Brother Perkin's report names 44 fields in which we have foreign missionary work, besides Alaska. We anticipate resuming our work in Borneo, Malaya, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia and perhaps Russia, and we hope to open work in new parts of the East Indies, including Sumatra.

During these two years 150 names have been added to our missionary list, making 538 altogether, as compared with 403 two years ago. Only God knows all that has been accomplished through the ministry of these faithful workers, but we have record of 168,083 souls being won to the Lord through our Assemblies of God missionaries. Nearly three quarters of these souls have been won in Latin America.

Definite steps have been taken during the past two years along the line of literature. A quarterly magazine, *The Missionary Challenge*, has been launched, having a circulation of 15,000 copies quarterly, and the good work of the editor, Brother Kenneth Short, has been greatly appreciated. Brother Howard Osgood recently took over the task of editing this fine magazine when Brother Short left to prepare for a return to the mission field. A Spanish Publication Department will be established soon. It is hoped that Gospel literature may be published in many foreign languages to keep pace with the program of literacy that is making such remarkable progress everywhere.

We have more than 20 broadcasts in Spanish through which the gospel is going forth over the radio in five different countries. Here is another field of golden opportunity which we have barely touched.

### Missionary Offerings

In these past two years the total of all missionary offerings was \$2,293,519. This is an increase of 60% and reflects not only the growth of our fellowship but a growth of missionary spirit among our people.

As usual, California heads the list in missionary giving. In the past two years California gave \$410,101.88. The State of Washington comes second, with gifts of \$184,865.26. Ohio comes third, with \$161,341.88. Texas, by giving \$135,148.74, has advanced to fourth place. Pennsylvania is only slightly behind, having given \$133,800.25. New York comes sixth. Then come Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Oregon, Minnesota, and Kansas, in that order.

### Gifts From Assemblies

Usually Glad Tidings Tabernacle in New York City leads all our assemblies in World Missions giving, but during the past two years the Pentecostal Church in Cleveland, Ohio, has exceeded them. Here are the 25 leading assemblies and their total offerings, together with their previous totals:

	1941-43	1943-45
Cleveland, Ohio, Pent. Church	\$33,526.69	\$63,335.78
New York, N. Y., Glad Tidings Tab.	33,989.00	54,164.16
Los Angeles, Calif., Bethel Temple	21,971.95	31,689.80
Minneapolis, Minn., Gospel Tab.	14,111.68	31,111.19
Chicago, Ill., Stone Church	10,198.92	24,232.05
Springfield, Mo., Central Assembly	11,221.67	21,748.16
Detroit, Mich., Brightmoor Tab.	9,224.27	15,935.52
Philadelphia, Pa., Highway Mission Tab.	12,553.39	15,798.00
Oakland, Calif., First Pent. Church	9,342.62	15,608.28
Tacoma, Wash., Pent. A. of G.	7,570.05	15,356.92
San Diego, Calif., A. of G. Tab.	7,372.72	14,255.14
Lancaster, Pa., First Pent. Church	8,870.04	13,940.05
Bremerton, Wash., A. of G. Temple	8,185.72	13,798.01
Turlock, Calif., Bethel Temple		13,254.45
Battle Creek, Mich., Church of the Fourfold Gospel	10,448.87	13,032.62
Kansas City, Mo., First A. of G.		13,019.57
Oakland, Calif., Bethel Tab.	4,995.69	12,888.83
Seattle, Wash., Hollywood Temple	5,525.81	11,295.34
San Francisco, Calif., Glad Tidings Temple & Bible Inst.	6,725.06	11,291.64
North Hollywood, Calif., A. of G.		11,288.17
Alhambra, Calif., Bethany Church		10,966.00
Minneapolis, Minn., Fremont Tab.		10,948.81
Wilmington, Del., Calvary Pent. Church	10,601.15	10,378.24
Kansas City, Kans., Full Gospel Tab.	5,424.22	9,677.75
Portland, Ore., Gospel Tab.		9,499.50

The six churches whose offerings for the 1941-43 period are not listed above were not among the 25 highest churches at that time. Their offerings for that period amounted to less than \$4,995.69, so it will be seen that their increase in the past two years has been remarkable.

Brother Perkin outlines six great objectives which are included in our vision for the future. Within the next three years we should seek to do as follows:

1. To enlarge our missionary staff to 1,000.
2. To double our number of native ministers and converts.

3. To encourage the formation of missionary prayer bands.

4. To develop good gospel literature and distributing centers in each country.

5. To urge every member of our Assembly of God churches to contribute to missions on the basis of at least three cents per day or twenty-one cents per week.

6. To take advantage of every opportunity for the use of radio to broadcast on the mission fields.

If every member of our constituency will contribute three cents per day, we shall have sufficient money to send forth the 1,000 missionaries, for it will double our income for foreign missions. Until such time we have not the funds necessary for any further expansion of our work. Although the offerings have increased considerably, this extra income has been absorbed by expansions made and by higher costs of operation. The Missions Department has not laid up funds for an unknown future. It has no cash reserves available except the amount needed to send out the missionaries now on furlough or those under appointment who will be going to the mission fields within the next twelve months. It is our responsibility, then, to pray the Lord of the harvest that He will thrust forth laborers into His harvest, and to stand behind those laborers faithfully with our gifts and our prayers until the season of reaping is ended and the Master says, "It is enough."

#### Report of the Gospel Publishing House

In spite of paper rationing, labor shortage, and many other difficulties during these past war years, Brother Kamerer, manager of our Publishing House, has a good report to bring. There has been an increase of 185,775 on all 25 of our publications combined. They are now over the million mark; they total 1,166,475 altogether, not counting *Reveille* and tracts.

Two years ago the circulation of the *Pentecostal Evangel* was 102,000 copies weekly. Today it is 116,000. This increase is remarkable, especially in view of the fact that the paper had to be reduced to eight pages so often. It is good to know that there is promise of the easing of the paper shortage in the near future, at least to some extent.

The *Christ's Ambassadors Herald* has moved up from 20,000 to 28,000 copies in these two years. *Gospel Gleaners* has grown from 88,000 to 102,000. The circulation of *High-School Christian* has increased from 42,000 to 58,000; *Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls* from 56,000 to 72,000; *Primary Story Paper* from 47,000 to 62,000; *Sunday School Counsellor* from 10,000 to 17,000.

Our Sunday School Quarterlies also have increased in circulation, so that today 502,000 are being printed, in comparison with 445,000 in 1943.

There is urgent need of larger premises for our growing Publishing House, and so the brethren have purchased five acres of ground in Springfield on which to erect a new building. This ground was formerly used for a ball park. It is more centrally located than the present premises. The present building provides about 45,000 square feet of floor space. It is hoped that the new building will contain approximately 165,000 square feet, and that construction can be started next year.

#### The Christ's Ambassadors Department

Brother Harris, departmental secretary, reports definite progress in the young people's work along several lines. Seventeen of our districts now have their district C. A. presidents on the field full time. In all the districts, but especially these seventeen, the young people are being stirred to greater service for Christ and deeper consecration to His will.

The circulation of the *C. A. Herald* has grown from 15,000 in 1941 to 28,000 in 1945. The *C. A. Guide*, introduced in 1944, is meeting a definite need among the young people's leaders, as is shown by its circulation of 3,200.

The Hi-C.A. Brigades are reporting great blessing as the young people are witnessing for Christ in their high schools and are following the Achievement Plan of Bible reading and study.

The All-for-Christ Crusade was launched with the aim of enlisting 10,000 young people who are willing to give their all to God for whatever service He may desire, and almost 3,000 have enlisted to date. Many of our finest young people, including outstanding young ministers and C. A. Leaders, have gone to the mission fields already.

In order to foster an even greater missionary spirit among the young people the Speed-the-Light campaign was launched, the goal being to raise \$100,000 during 1945 to provide vehicles of transportation for our missionaries to use on the various fields. As of September 4, over \$55,000 had been raised, and quite a number of vehicles had been purchased, including an amphibious plane for Africa, a training plane for missionary pilots, two boats for Alaska, a cruiser for the Bahamas, a peep and two motorcycles for Latin-America, and numerous station wagons.

It is Brother Harris' desire to establish contact with returning servicemen on behalf of our fellowship so as to encourage them to take their place in the Lord's army. To this end he is working with the Servicemen's Department and a co-ordinated program is being developed.

Brother Harris has traveled about 43,000 miles in order to preach and teach at C. A. conventions and rallies in many parts of the country, during the past two years.

#### Home Missions Report

Brother Riggs gave a good report concerning our missionary work in Alaska. There are only nine towns with over 1,000 population, and we have Assembly churches in seven of these and in the eighth also established a good Pentecostal work. There are 21 workers now under appointment in Alaska, 9 of whom went up during the past two years. This includes two couples working among the Indians, two other couples in a gospel boat along the coast and among the islands, and an orphanage with about 20 children. No more workers are needed in Alaska at present but there is urgent need for finances for supporting the workers, building churches, and enlarging the orphanage.

Among the American Indians the situation is different. Both men and money are needed for this field, as we have only 37 mission stations and 58 workers among all the 368,920 Indians who live in the United States.

In the Jewish work the need is still greater. Persecution in Europe has reduced the Jewish population of the world by one-third,

during World War II, and about half of all the Jews now live in the United States. Among these 4,641,184 Jews we have only eleven workers in Chicago, two in Minneapolis, one in Kansas City, and one in Plainfield, N. J. It is the responsibility of our assemblies, in cities where there is a large Jewish population, to make special effort to win the Jews.

The Home Missions Department has helped support a worker among the deaf and another among prisoners.

During the past two years 410 new churches have been opened by our various Districts. Alabama has the largest number, with 33 churches opened. Texas comes second with 28. North Central District is third with 27. Oklahoma is next with 24. Then follow New York-New Jersey, Central, Kentucky, Northern California and Nevada, and Rocky Mountain Districts, having 16 or 15 each.

Brother Riggs gave an interesting account of the number of towns over 1,000 in population that have been occupied by Assembly of God churches, and the number unoccupied, in each district. The best-occupied districts are Arkansas, with 86 cities occupied out of 113; Montana, with 39 out of 51; Oklahoma, with 124 out of 165; Oregon, with 54 occupied out of 72; and West Texas, with 49 occupied out of 69. The least-occupied districts are New England, where we have assemblies in only 51 of the 1,001 towns over 1,000 in population, and North Carolina, where only 17 of the 190 towns are occupied. Other districts having a very small percentage of towns occupied are South Carolina, Appalachian, Georgia, Potomac, Eastern, New York-New Jersey, and Kentucky Districts. Out of a total of 8,276 towns of over 1,000 population in the entire United States, only 2,344 have assemblies, so that 72% of the towns are unoccupied. What a challenge and what an opportunity this statement presents!

#### Educational Department

As Secretary of our Educational Department, Brother Riggs also reported concerning our nine Bible Institutes. A total of 1,797 students were enrolled in these schools during the past year and 300 young people graduated from them this spring.

#### Central Bible Institute Report

Brother Evans reports that the number enrolled at Central Bible Institute has passed 500 in each of the past two years. The proportion of women students to men has been three to one, due to the war; hundreds of other young women have been refused admission because of lack of rooms. Now a number of young men who have been released from military service are coming to school and others plan to do so as soon as they are discharged.

The special missionary course instituted two years ago has been a great blessing to returned and prospective missionaries and to others as well. New subjects are being added to the curriculum this year, thus providing an even wider range of valuable courses for prospective Pentecostal workers.

There have been gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit as the students have laid

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# Calvary and Its Eternal Compensation

THE revelation of God's infinite grace as it was given at Calvary is so deep, so marvelous, that angels desire to look into it. What an audience there was around the cross at Calvary—peering angels, gaping bulls of Bashan, and sneering men!

The angels were sinless ones, and they were seeking to find out how their Creator, the Sinless One, could be made sin in order to redeem man. They had no plummet wherewith to fathom the mystery of godliness. We learn from Psalm 22:12, 13 that many bulls of Bashan gazed upon Him, seeking to destroy the indestructible One. This undoubtedly is a picture of the powers of darkness, the demons of another world. These were also incarnated in those who later gnashed their teeth on Stephen, a follower and disciple of Jesus Christ. Acts 7:54.

Man was indifferent when he was not antagonistic to the Man of Calvary. "Gallio cared for none of those things." Acts 18:17. "What is truth?" asked Pilate, when he turned away from Him who is the truth, God's Son, God manifested in the flesh. John 18:38. He knew not that the cross of Calvary was the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. But the revelation of the Lamb of Calvary will bring forth adoration from all the redeemed throughout eternity.

Bethlehem was the prelude to Calvary, for at Bethlehem the One who came to save His people from their sins made His entrance into this world. He declared, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24. And at Calvary we see the corn of wheat—the bread of heaven—dying on an earthly cross. Christ came from heaven, He was heaven's best, but He was crucified on earth by men, and treated as man's worst. At Calvary sin was exposed and seen in its worst form.

And yet man endorsed the authority of heaven even in the ignominy of the crucifixion, for upon the cross was written, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Matt. 27:37. The King from heaven was treated as an outcast, a criminal.

The outward shame of Calvary was nothing compared to the bitterness of soul of the Son of God; tragedy of holiness having to partake of sinfulness: of purity taking on impurity; the Beloved of the Father receiving the hatred toward God and goodness, expressed by fallen man. The One from whom had come nothing but goodness and love, had to receive in its awful fullness the concentrated essence of hatred, malignity, envy, and unspeakable viciousness. According to the divine record, He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:21. God made to meet on Him, who knew no sin, the iniquity of us all. Of Jew and Gentile, He bore the sins of all.

It is written, "Sin, when it is finished, bring-

eth forth death." James 1:15. Christ's death showed that sin brought forth its natural sequence. If He were made sin, it must be that He must die. The high priest Caiaphas said it was expedient "that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." John 11:50. But God's vision was greater and wider. It was expedient for one Man to die, that the whole world should not perish. "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.

Calvary was not a mistake. The price paid was compensated by the results attained. The Word declares, "It became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through suf-

ferings." Heb. 2:10. It is through His suffering that many sons can attain unto glory, that the Church may be presented unto the Father without spot or wrinkle. This will compensate the Father for His gift, the Son for His sacrifice, and the Spirit for His activities. The word will indeed be fulfilled, "He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied." Isa. 53:11.

A satisfied eternity will compensate for the unutterable anguish endured in those hours of eclipse—not merely of the sun from the earth, but of the Father from the Son, by the blackness of the forces of darkness which wrung from His lips the cry: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Matt. 27:46. The Son at Calvary could trust the word of His Father: "For a small moment have I forsaken Thee; but with great mercies will I gather Thee." Isa. 54:7.

The paeans of praise from those who throw wide the gates of heaven, to let in the everlasting King, and the shouts of praises and hallelujahs of the redeemed, will counterbalance the despairing cry that went up from that accursed tree.

Amen.

## Faith For Desperate Days

SAMUEL CHADWICK

THE Bible is full of such days. Its record is made up of them; its songs inspired by them; its prophecy is concerned with them; and its revelation has come through them. The desperate days are the stepping-stones in the path of light. They seem to have been God's opportunity and man's school of wisdom.

There is a story of an Old Testament love feast in Psalm 107, and in every story of deliverance the point of desperation gave God His chance. The "wit's end" of desperation was the beginning of God's power. Every page of the Bible confirms the testimony.

Recall the promise of seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sands of the sea, to a couple as good as dead. Read again the story of the Red Sea and its deliverance, and of Jordan with its ark standing mid-stream.

Study once more the prayers of Asa, Jehoshaphat, and Hezekiah, when they were sore pressed and knew not what to do. Go over the history of Nehemiah, Daniel, Hosea, and Habakkuk. Stand with awe in the darkness of Gethsemane, and linger by the grave in Joseph's garden through those terrible days. Call the witnesses of the early Church, and ask the apostles the story of their desperate days.

The Bible is one long record of desperate days, and its pages are written for desperate days of all ages. The grief-free can not read it. Dry eyes cannot find its treasures. It is for the broken-hearted. I never knew the meaning of the twenty-third Psalm till I heard my mother repeat it as her feet touched the river. The "wise and prudent" are blind to its myster-

ies, but to the babes and the broken-hearted it is made known.

Faith did not make our desperate days. Its work is to sustain and solve them. The only alternative to a desperate faith is despair, and faith holds on and prevails. *Its strength is in its power to wait. Unbelief judges by the immediate; faith stakes everything on the ultimate.* Despair looks hopelessly at the problem; desperate faith trusts God against all odds. Hear what Job says from the ruined heap of his life: "Though He slay me, yet will I wait for him." Job 13:15 R. V. Isaiah says: "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, and obeyeth the voice of his servant? He that walketh in darkness, and hath no light, let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God."

There is no more heroic example of desperate faith than that of the three Hebrew children. The situation was desperate enough, but they answered bravely: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." I like that "but if not."

I have only space to mention Gethsemane. Ponder deeply its "nevertheless." "If it be possible . . . nevertheless!" Deep darkness had settled upon the soul of our Lord. The "why" of the cup pierced His heart. Trust meant anguish unto blood, and darkness to the descent of hell—"nevertheless! never the less!"

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aside classes and waited on God. Primary emphasis has been kept upon the need of the Spirit's moving upon hearts, and consequently the high standard of spiritual life has been maintained throughout the school's activities.

### Servicemen's Department Report

Since our 1943 Council the servicemen's work, formerly under the Home Missions Department, has been carried on as a separate department. Under the direction of Brother Harry Jaeger a really big job has been done, and the report contains some very interesting figures.

A total of 76,600 men and women have been registered in the Servicemen's Directory. Letters have been sent to them regularly and each letter from them has received a personal answer. REVEILLE, tracts, and special editions of the EVANGEL and C. A. HERALD have been mailed to them. Over 1,000 have been enrolled in a Bible Study Course. Others have received Bibles, song books and Sunday School quarterlies.

Some 1,093 men on the Directory have been reported as killed or missing, and 158 made prisoners. Appropriate letters have been written to the nearest relative in these unfortunate cases.

Fourteen million copies of REVEILLE have been issued, and over three million tracts. Adding 1,260,000 letters, 106,763 copies of the C. A. HERALD, and 42,500 copies of the EVANGEL that have been mailed, there has been a grand total of 18,557,263 pieces of literature sent out. About 3,469 chaplains of various denominations have received our literature regularly, at their own request, for distribution to their men.

Forty-one Christian Service Centers have been established or affiliated with the Department, 25 of which are still in operation. As of July, 1945, an average of 117,151 men were being served by these centers every month. From May to July alone of this year there have been 2,073 known conversions; how many were saved previously through the ministry of the Service Centers, the correspondence, etc., we do not know, but no doubt thousands have been led to Christ through REVEILLE alone in answer to the prayers of God's people.

Good work has been done among the servicemen by the eleven field representatives of the Department, also. Two of these have labored in Alaska and the Aleutians. Two others have worked in Mexico.

Wednesday, September 12

More and more brethren are gathering in. The grounds and roads around it are covered with cars from every state in the Union. The weather reminds us of other times when the General Council has met in Springfield—by way of contrast. In the past it usually has been uncomfortably warm, but this year it is very cool and wet.

The General Presbyters are meeting three times today in the chapel of Central Bible Institute.

An opening rally is to be held at 7:30 p. m. in the big auditorium. By service time it is nearly filled, and Brother Harris, chairman of

the Pulpit Committee, opens the meeting by calling for united praise and prayer. There is a great volume of response. Then Harry Myers, assistant pastor at the Central Assembly in Springfield, is introduced as song leader for the Council meetings. Following the song service the District C. A. President of Southern California, L. B. Lewis, leads in prayer. As an offertory Robert Cummings plays a violin solo. It is anointed of God and a message in tongues follows with the interpretation calling us to consecrate our talents to the Lord. Later Brother and Sister Walter Haydus sing a beautiful duet.

The evening speaker is Pastor A. A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo. His subject is "The Untrodden Path," and his text is found in Joshua 3:4. The great audience is visibly stirred by the forceful message, and a large number gather for prayer afterwards.

Thursday, September 13

Many begin the day by attending the prayer meeting at 7 a. m., led by Brother W. I. Evans.

Devotional service begins at 9 a. m. Brother Riggs in charge. Evangelist Hilliard Griffin, Dallas, Texas, leads singing. Pastor E. B. Crump of Wichita Falls, Texas, leads in prayer. Brother and Sister Carl Perry, Columbus, Georgia, sing beautiful duet. Then the morning speaker, Brother E. S. Williams, brings keynote address. (His sermon appears on the front page of this paper.)

Following prayer, Dean W. I. Evans welcomes Council guests to the campus of Central Bible Institute. Mayor Harry B. Carr is introduced, also H. A. Baker, vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and Brother Herbert J. Miles, vice-president of the Ministerial Alliance. Brother Miles mentions that Pastor T. F. Zimmerman of the Central Assembly is the respected president of the local Ministerial Alliance. Each of these friends speak highly of the standing and influence of the Assemblies of God in Springfield. Response to their words of welcome is given by Brother J. Narver Gortner, San Francisco, Calif.

Brother Williams presents a letter from Brother S. S. Scull, an old-timer in the movement, addressed the General Council gathering. Now eighty years of age, Brother Scull is unable to be present, but has sent this exhortation, which Brother Riggs reads to the audience.

Report of Executive Office is read by Brother Flower. Mentions that the business of the Gospel Publishing House has increased 250% in the past five years. More than 500 ordained ministers and delegates registered so far.

### Afternoon Meeting

Devotional service in charge of Evangelist D. L. Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo. Evangelist Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa, leads singing.

### MORE PAPER IN SIGHT

Paper rationing has ended, but the mills are still short of pulp. However, our mills promise us four tons of paper extra in October—that is sufficient for one 16-page issue of the Evangel. We will have to ask our readers still to be patient with us, but we promise them that as soon as it is possible, we shall resume publishing the Evangel as a 16-page paper.

Pastor A. B. Cox, Dayton, Ohio, leads in prayer. Solo by Franklin Murray, Rolla, Mo. Then Brother J. R. Flower brings the afternoon message.

"What Meaneth This?" he asked, in the language of Acts 2:12, referring to this Pentecostal movement. He answered his own question by tracing the early history of this Latter Rain outpouring and stating it was the conviction that "speaking in other tongues" was the evidence of the Baptism in the Spirit that brought this movement into being. Re-affirming his faith in this conviction, he mentioned the one-accordness, lack of covetousness, abandonment to God's guidance, prayer meetings, family worship, that characterized the early days. Said that we must again court the Lord's presence by these means in order to have a continuation of the spiritual power and blessing we have known in the past.

Next, Brother Riggs reads his reports concerning the Home Missionary work and the Educational program. Brother Perkin follows with his report on our Foreign Missionary work.

### Evening Services

C. A. service begins at 6:45 p. m. Led by Ralph Hillegas, Kansas District C. A. President. Speaker is Edward Robison, Texas District C. A. President, who bases his remarks on the words of Christ: "Search the Scriptures. . . . These are they which testify of Me." Said that if we seek to find Christ in the Bible we will find Him as the One who can meet every need of a young person's heart.

Tabernacle filled for 7:30 p. m. service. More than 2,000 present. Pastor J. D. Cockman, St. Louis, Mo., in charge. Beautiful piano solo by Howard Osgood, Field Secretary for China. Evangelistic message delivered by Evangelist A. N. Trotter, Okmulgee, Okla. His subject: "Justification, an Essential Preparation for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost."

Brother Trotter read many Scriptures showing that man cannot be justified before God through his own merits or good works. Said that when God gave Moses the law He also told him how man could approach Him through building an altar, for He knew man could not keep the law. Dwelt on the altar Elijah built on Mount Carmel. Said that twelve stones in the altar struck conviction to the sinners out of all twelve tribes. The fire that fell on Elijah's altar represents the avenging wrath of God falling upon the sinner, he says. But there is a bullock on the altar, in place of the sinner, thank God! God's avenging fire burned up every trace of the sacrifice, the altar, even the water; thus the Israelites present had a vivid object lesson of the completeness with which God justifies a repentant sinner who believes on Christ. No more trace of the sin! Nothing to prevent the believer from receiving all God's gracious gifts! As the "sound of abundance of rain" followed the falling of the fire on Elijah's altar, so the Baptism of the Holy Ghost will follow the justification of the sinner who claims the grace of God in Christ, his substitutionary Sacrifice.

When the altar call is given, hundreds pack the prayer room to seek the face of the Lord.

Our



## MISSIONARY ADVANCE

### Dedication in Caracas, Venezuela

E. YNGVE OLSON



THE dedication of our new church was a blessed success. The missionaries and natives responded very well and came from quite a few different places to be with us. During the four days of special services all the missionaries spoke, and the representatives of the churches gave their testimonies and took part in various ways.

Sunday was the main day, and it was blessed in a special way. The Sunday School registered

230 present. Brother Bender brought the main dedicatory message in the morning service.

In the afternoon, Brother Blattner and I baptized 36 candidates. Many were greatly blessed as they entered the water, and began speaking in tongues. They had received the Baptism before, but experienced a new blessing while being baptized in water. About 350 people were present—a great many of whom were unsaved visitors. Probably 300 or more were in attendance at the evening service. Howard Coffey, of Colombia, spoke and five came forward for salvation.

We were so happy that our Brother Coffey could be with us for this meeting. One of the new converts wanted to go to Bible School; so while Brother Coffey was here it was arranged for him to go to Berean in Sogamoso, Colombia. This is the first one to leave Caracas to go to Bible School. The Sunday School and Young People are going to send him monthly offering for his support.

Everyone is so happy in the new building which is a great help to the work and a big

boost for the gospel in general here in Caracas. We believe it to be the most modern Protestant church building in Venezuela, perhaps even the best and largest. So there is much for which to praise God.



### News Flashes!

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker of Belgian Congo have arrived in the States again for a furlough. May God bless them and refresh them, both in body and spirit. Their furlough address is Box 293, Gresham, Oregon.



Margaret Brown, missionary to the Dutch East Indies, has written the Missions Department that she has arrived safely in Brisbane, Australia, where she is awaiting further word from the Dutch government concerning going to the Islands.

## Jamaican Conference

ALICE F. STEWART

THE fourth Annual Conference of the Assemblies of God in Jamaica, was held at Calvary Tabernacle, Spanish Town, from August 8-19 inclusive. Not only was "Victory" our theme song, but glorious Victory was experienced throughout. Praise be unto Him, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The ministerial body re-elected the following officers for another term of service: C. C. Huckerby, Superintendent; R. Hemmings, Assistant Superintendent; and W. Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer. Matters concerning the progress of the work were discussed, and projects for the advancement of God's kingdom in this island were started.

Record crowds attended the eight days of Convention. Five believers were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit in the five o'clock morning prayer meetings. Over 70 souls found their way to the foot of the cross during the evening services.

Sunday, August 19, was Red Letter Day. At

7:00 a. m. a baptismal service was held at the riverside. A message of salvation was given to the multitudes that thronged the bridges and river banks, and five stepped out of the crowd to seek the Savior. Eight who by their lives, had previously given proof of their salvation followed the Lord into water baptism. In the eleven o'clock service, two were ordained as elders, and three were set apart for God as licentiates.

The "Youth for Christ" service, held at the Town Hall at 3:00 p. m., was attended by delegations from eight of Jamaica's 14 parishes. At the same time, Spanish Town's V-J parade assembled outside the Town Hall for an hour of Victory music. But rain disbanded their meeting and many of them found shelter in the Hall, where the saints of God were singing, "Over Every Power of Darkness Victory!" At the end of the message on, "A Challenge to Youth," about 60 young people bowed in contrition, seeking the Lord.

Sunday night, the last gathering of the con-

vention began with a ringing testimony and praise service, and ended with many souls at the altar. Please pray that they may all be really born of God and live for Him who died for them.

Surely God has given great victory in these services. The new converts are being followed up with visitation and cottage meetings. Please pray with us that His children in Jamaica will continue to go marching on, claiming the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send all contributions to:  
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## Serving Our Generation

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to make any sacrifice necessary to take Christ to a dying world.

It is because of this consciousness of debt that we plan for the salvation and molding of youthful lives through our Sunday Schools, children's church, Christ's Ambassadors Movement, our missionary cause at home and abroad, and every other means practical to win souls to the Lord. Our heart's desire and cry is that God will press the burden more heavily upon us and that we may through united labors and earnest prayers see God come forth in great revival blessing. Satan has surely had his day during the war period; now may the soldiers of the Cross come forth in the power of the Spirit, going forth conquering and to conquer. If we are to see God work, selfishness must be laid to one side and this ought to begin with us who are Christian ministers. May we examine ourselves, the motives which prompt what we do, and may God make us "the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

Time of our service will not be long. Only a few short years and our labors will be ended. When David had served his generation he "fell on sleep." His voice was stilled; his work was done. We believe he came to the close of life in confidence and victory, and we wish to come to our end, if Jesus tarries, in a similar manner. Some, as they have stood at the brink of eternity, have looked back with deep regret. They have seen how selfish interest has choked the spirit which they ought to have shown. Some have seen how indolently they carried on when they were blessed with health to do. Some have faced other regrets, the natures of which we need not try to describe. May we live faithfully in the consciousness that our days are numbered and that this is our accepted time to live and serve.

Young man, while you have the vigor of youth, improve your time. Take time to become well acquainted with God in the place of secret communion, well acquainted with His will by careful study of His word; and in your contacts with men, whether personal or public, seek to leave the fragrance of Christ behind you. Habits that you will form in youth will go with you through life, therefore form habits which will make you an ever richer man to the glory of God our Father.

We mention now something that we feel to be of great importance. We wish every Christian, especially every minister, would take it seriously to heart. It is the thought of the will of God in our service. David served his generation "by the will of God." Some have not learned to submit their wills to God's will. Their attitude is, "God, I am going to do this; now you help me." They do not stop to ask, "What wilt Thou have me to do?" Because they do not know the value of seeking the will of God they go through life on a human plane, following natural planning. They are free to decide their course on a moment's notice in the way they think to be their advantage. This is not God's plan for us. We need God to guide us. Did not Jesus teach us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"? And does this not show that we need to see ourselves as led by God and not "sent at our own charges"?

See the life of Paul. How carefully he sought the will of God for his life. From the hour

when he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" to the end of his pilgrimage he ever sought to go where the Spirit would have him go and to do what God desired. It is as necessary that we "live in the Spirit" in our decisions as it is that we "worship in spirit and in truth." The will of God was as important to Philip when he was bidden to go to the desert to preach to one man as when he was anointed to stir the entire city of Samaria. No work is bigger and none is smaller if it is the place where God would have us. It is higher to be in the will of God in a small place than to be out of the will of God in a large place. May we know that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses," but in "godliness with contentment." Oh, that we might all seek the will of God for us and wherever we are to labor, to labor with Christ in view!

Finally, brethren, there is the reward of serving our generation. We do not labor in vain. Beyond our service here is the reward that awaits the righteous. The poor Pharisees who loved the praise of men more than the praise of God, "had their reward." How weak and changeable it often was. Today they were praised, tomorrow condemned. He who "has men's persons in admiration because of advantage" may often eat bitter herbs. He who lives wholly for the Lord awaits "an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom" and eternal richness. What surprises await those who have faithfully served their generation. Paul spoke of "a crown of righteousness" that awaited him, but he counted the fruit of his labors among his chiefest hopes. Hear him as he says, "For what is our hope or joy, or crown of rejoicing? are not even ye at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints, for ye are our glory and joy."

Be of good cheer, fellow soldier. Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. The reaping days are coming. He that soweth in tears shall reap in joy. When our labors are ended, we shall come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, from our native land or from foreign soil, and we shall not appear empty-handed. There will be those to greet us who have found salvation through Christ, help through our labors, encouragement through our words, and divine enrichment because of our prayers. May we consecrate ourselves anew to the work before us of earnestly and faithfully serving our generation.

## 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 16 days before that date.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—1230 Leishman Ave., Oct. 16—Nov. 4; Peter Jepson, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist.—A. W. Buckley, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—12th St. and Laman Ave.; Sept. 26, for 2 weeks or longer; Denver G. Ogden, Evangelist.—Emory Andrews, Pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO.—23rd and Pioneer, Sept. 30—; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Blair.—Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH.—S. 12th and G Sts., Sept. 18—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Chicago, Ill., Evangelist.—D. H. McLaughlin, Pastor.

NORFOLK, NEB.—Sept. 30—; for two weeks or longer. Spinden Evangelistic Party, Des Moines, Iowa. Edna B. Shackleton, Pastor.—by Evangelist.

BAY CITY, MICH.—19th and Fraser Sts., October 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Bostwick, Delphos, Ohio.—J. Renton Hunter, Pastor.

STAMFORD, CONN.—247 Main St., October 16-28; Gay Benson, Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelist.—Paul E. Kauffman, Pastor.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Riverside Full Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 7—21; Anna B. Lock and Janet K. LaVon, Evangelists.—Frederick D. Drake, Pastor.

PUEBLO, COLO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, revival in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. E. K. Jones, Davenport, Iowa.—R. A. McClure, Pastor.

SPENCER, IOWA—306 E. 11th St., Sept. 16—30; Vinton E. Huffy of LeMars, Sectional C. A. President, speaker.—L. L. Fogelman, Pastor.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.—Oct. 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Keen of Texas.—J. C. Dodd, Pastor.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, OHIO—September 30, for 2 weeks or longer; Ruby and Merrill Rayner, Youthful Evangelists.—Earl B. Johnson, 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.

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

### PRAYER CONFERENCE

YORK, PA.—Prayer Conference, First Pentecostal Church, 474 S. Pershing Ave., October 23—25. Karl Steffens, Brooklyn, N. Y., night speaker. For room reservations write Pastor A. Skymmer, 471 S. Pershing Ave.—R. F. Bender, Prayer Conference Leader.

### PRAYER CONFERENCE

FAIRMONT, W. VA.—Potomac District Prayer Conference, Oct. 1—4. Speakers: Obie Harrup, R. M. Jeffery, E. W. Welford, 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, Slocumb, Ala.; or Marvin L. Smith, Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile 17, Ala.

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

FOR SALE—Accordion, 120 base, good condition, very beautiful. Will sell for \$200.00. Write Mrs. O. W. Johnston, Route 4, Box 214, Bristow, Okla.

NOTICE—We have resigned the pastorate at Tulare, Calif., to re-enter evangelistic work. Address, c/o P. O. Box 42, Tulare, Calif.—Earl F. Davis.

NOTICE—Faith Chapel parsonage has been moved from 92 Passaic St. to 239 Passaic St., Hackensack, N. J. Meetings are being held temporarily at 27 Warren St.—Garret Kliphouse, Pastor.

### OPEN FOR CALLS

#### Evangelistic

John S. Wolfe, 1821 Center St., Lebanon, Pa.—"Open for Evangelistic calls."

Wilson S. Linn, 1423 Washington St., Huntington, Pa.—"After pioneering a work in Rockville, Md., am open for evangelistic calls. Have some experience in radio broadcasting. Reference: District Superintendent A. Newton Chase, Route 2, Box 251, Harrisburg, Pa.

Elmer E. Gore, 335 N. Ritchey St., Gainesville, Texas.—"No place too small. If you are in new field, glad to come and help you. In fellowship with General Council."

# The Passing and the Permanent

## ASCENDING STAR OF DAVID

The Jewish Star of David, once worn in Germany as the mark of contempt, is now sought after as a shield of protection. Former members of the Nazi party are said to be carrying the passports of dead Jews and wearing armbands displaying the Yellow Star of David.

## PROTESTANT WORSHIP PROHIBITED

The Spanish Cortes (Parliament) has approved a charter proclaiming Roman Catholicism as the state religion, permitting non-Catholics to exercise their religion privately but prohibiting all "external manifestations." This, says *United Evangelical Action*, means that Protestants or members of other faiths will be forbidden to meet for public worship.

## LONDON-TO-LYDDA AIRLINE

Already begun are new nonstop flights between London, England and Lydda, Palestine. The flying time one way takes only ten hours, and the cost of a round-trip ticket is only \$380. Palestine is fast becoming the cross-roads of the nations. Soon the representatives of all nations will be flying there to stand before the King of kings as He personally administers the affairs of world government.

## "YOUTH FOR CHRIST" PLANS

Youth for Christ, International, was organized this summer with Torrey Johnson as President devoting full time to the work. Plans have been made for two of the officials to leave for England on November 1 to prepare the way for a group of 25 or more speakers, musicians and other workers to open three months of youth rallies in Great Britain next spring. They will seek to enlist the help of the British in taking the youth rallies to Norway, Sweden, Germany and other parts of Europe. Next year they will begin work among the young people of China and India. They hope to make the Saturday night rallies a feature of every nation on earth.

## HITLER'S CAVES

In Hitler's home in the mountains near Berchtesgaden, says the *London Times*, "innumerable rooms of the great underground labyrinth cut into the living rock held thousands of tons of food of all sorts, and a vast stock of the best wines of Europe. The hundreds of passages in this great honeycomb, with their kitchens, pantries, store rooms, bedrooms, and living rooms, stretch for miles. The whole is air-conditioned, lit by electricity, and inter-connected by telephone." Thus did Hitler hope to withstand the blast of Allied bombs. But his underground hideouts did not save him from destruction. So shall it be when God "ariseth to shake terribly the earth." "In that day a man shall . . . go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty" (Isa. 2:20, 21), but none of these things will save the wicked in that day of judgment.

## JEW'S AND ATOM BOMBS

It was the mathematical calculations of the German-Jewish woman scientist, Dr. Lize Meitner, that played such an important part in unlocking atomic energy. Reports also give credit to two Berlin-born Jewish scientists, who, like Dr. Meitner, were driven out of Germany by Hitler's racial laws. Their names are given as Drs. Rudolph Peierls and Franz Eugene Simon. The debt which civilization owes to Jewry is thus increased.

## PALESTINE'S PLACE

Says C. J. Rolls: "Palestine became the nerve center of the earth in the days of Abraham. Later on, the country became the truth center because of Moses and the prophets. Ultimately it became the salvation center by the manifestation of Christ. His rejection led to its becoming the storm center as it has continued to be through many centuries. The Scriptures predict that it is to be the peace center under the Messianic kingdom; and it will be the glory center in a new universe yet to be experienced."

## "THE SON OF HEAVEN"

The Japanese boasted in 1941 that "the illustrious virtues of the divine Emperor would be sufficient to protect Japan against hostile bombers." They believed their nation invincible and destined to rule the earth. Today they are humiliated. The one in whom they trusted has failed to save them from their first national defeat in more than 2,000 years! Let us pray that they will be delivered from this Satanic delusion of Emperor-worship and look to our Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. He is the true "Son of heaven."

## REBIRTH NEEDED

Said Dorothy Thompson, well-known columnist, in the July issue of *The Ladies Home Journal*: "Unless there is a rebirth of religious spirit in the hearts of its leaders and in people throughout the world, our civilization, despite tremendous victories, will slide into an abyss—perhaps for centuries." Whether Miss Thompson realizes it or not, the rebirth needed is that which Jesus taught in John 3. Our job is to preach this truth throughout the world and lead the people of all nations into this New Birth.

## CRIME INCREASE IN U. S.

An increase in crime of 8.4 per cent from January to July of 1945, as compared with the same period in 1944, is reported by the F.B.I. A comparison of records covering crime in cities of more than 100,000 population for the first six months of the pre-war year 1939 with the same period of 1945 shows an increase this year of 46.2 per cent in aggravated assault, 35.7 per cent in rape, and 14.5 per cent in automobile theft. Conditions are growing steadily worse and police officials expect them to continue doing so. War has filled the earth with violence which peace alone cannot remove.

## JAPAN'S GODDESS HUMBLED

God humbled the gods of Egypt by sending ten plagues which struck at the very objects of worship in that heathen land. Now He has humbled the Sun Goddess, worshiped by the Japanese, by permitting them to be defeated by atomic bombs which employed the basic energy of the sun itself.

A writer says: "Trained by their mythology to believe that they are descended from the Sun Goddess, the Japanese might see the atomic bomb as a divine summons to end the war. This point was not overlooked in the flood of propaganda released upon the Japanese nation." Would to God they might see it as a divine summons to give up their faith in the Sun Goddess and trust in the Son of the living God!

## A PRESIDENTIAL "SINGSPIRATION"

President Truman, while vacationing in the Northwest during the summer, graciously consented to attend a "singspiration" conducted in his honor in the rotunda of the Capitol Building by the staff of the Tacoma Saturday Night Youth Rallies. At the close of the hour-long meeting the President said: "I have been in this kind of service for fifty-five years, but this has been the best one I have ever attended." He added, "This has been a fitting climax to my visit to the state of Washington, and it would have been worth the trip all the way from Washington, D. C., just for this service tonight. That which we have been considering tonight is what our boys are out there fighting for."

## "OUR LAST CHANCE"

Said General MacArthur at the surrender ceremonies aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay: "Military alliances, balances of power, leagues of nations all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be by way of the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we do not now devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advance in science, art, literature and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

## ELEVEN YEARS OF REPEAL

The record of eleven years of repeal (1934 to 1944) is not very complimentary to the U. S. A. According to Department of Commerce tabulations, Americans have consumed more than 21½ billion gallons of liquor, wine and beer, for which they have spent more than 44 billion dollars. The annual per capita consumption jumped from 10.53 gallons in 1934 to 20.48 gallons last year and annual consumer expenditures increased from two billion dollars to more than seven billions. Prior to 1940 the major part of the expenditure was for beer. In 1944 the major part was spent on hard liquor. If all this liquor was to be run through an ordinary house faucet, it would require 5,468 years with the faucet open and the stream pouring out at full blast! Who can measure the ruined bodies, the broken homes, and the lost souls that have resulted from America's eleven-year spree!