

WITNESSES

CHRISTIAN HILD

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16.

A STREET meeting was being conducted, not by the Salvation Army, nor by the Volunteers of America, but by a skeptic. He was giving a strong address against Christianity. He said that there is no God, that heaven and hell are but a fairy tale, that the Bible is a fake, that every preacher is a rabble-rouser, and every Christian a hypocrite.

He finally got through with his tirade and said, "If there is anybody in this great crowd that can speak a good word for Jesus, let him come out and do so now." Not a man moved, not a woman stirred, and the street corner skeptic thought he had won the day. Then two brave little girls pushed their way through to the front, and looked up into the skeptic's face. One said, "Mister, we cannot speak, but we can sing for Jesus." He told them to go ahead, and stepped aside. These two little girls began to sing:

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Ye soldiers of the cross,
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss,
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

While they were singing, men began to take off their hats, women began to cry, and that crowd was smitten with shame.

Friends, we need a holy boldness to testify for Jesus. The first apostles were not afraid. They were full of faith, not fear; and when warned not to speak any more about Jesus, they replied, "We cannot but speak." Then they prayed, "Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word." Acts 4:29. What happened? It says, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness." What we need, friends, is a fresh infilling with the Holy Ghost. "Ye shall receive power,

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*Make me to be Thy happy mountaineer,
O God most high.
My climbing soul would welcome the austere;
Lord, crucify
On rock or cree, ice-cliff or field of snow,
The softness that would sink to things below.*

*Thou art my Guide; where Thy sure feet have trod
Shall mine be set;
Thy lightest word my law of life, O God;
Lest I forget
And slip and fall, teach me to do Thy will,
Thy mountaineer upon Thy holy hill.*

—Amy Carmichael

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*Not by might, nor by power,
but by My Spirit,
saith the Lord of hosts.*

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Hosea—the Deserted Lover

HAROLD HORTON

Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods. Hosea 3:1.

HOSEA'S story is one of the most dramatic and pathetic in the divine record. A broken sob is heard as an undertone throughout the sensational story. A sweet breath of pity and love arises like incense from the squalor of adulterous scenes. A strangely stirring heartbreak is felt in the recital of occurrences that sometimes seem almost too unsavory for the regenerate ear. God means us to know, especially if we have an emphasized sense of our own delicateness, that there is not one degree of pleasantness or excusableness in sin—nothing but unmitigated horror and filth and guilt and corruption. We shall not hate sin unless its sinfulness is burnt with pain into our deepest sensitiveness.

The tender, holy prophet is to undertake at divine command a course that will wreck his home and break his heart. He is deliberately to take to his bosom an adulterous wife, "a wife of whoredoms." Of all the evils that stir the wrath of God, adultery and neglect arouse Him most furiously. Adultery is the climax figure by which the faithful Lord describes His faithless people. Yet Hosea must take a whorish woman for his wife and the mother of his children. God sometimes has lessons to teach that only sensational methods can convey.

Hosea takes Gomer to wife. He loves her. He lavishes tender affection upon her. At first it would appear she was faithful and pure, returning his love devotedly. 2:5. That phase we must necessarily assume to illustrate the earlier phases in the spiritual progress of God's people Israel. She responded to his love. She bore him dear children—two sons and a daughter. Surely Hosea was happy with his beloved Gomer and their lovely children. His home was a heaven of purity and peace.

Suddenly, for no reason connected with Hosea's behavior, indeed in spite of his selfish love for her, Gomer proves unchaste. She forsakes her doting husband, joining herself to a paramour. Her false "husband" treats her harshly, and in the end sells her into slavery. From the mistress of one she descends to the prostitute of any. The way of transgressors is hard. In spite of all, the prophet loves her passionately, seeks her, finds her, buys

her in the slave market at a harlot's price, and takes her back to his home and heart (in fellowship, though not in union for a time), restoring happy domestic relationships and conjugal peace.

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All this is a parable. Hosea, as God's chosen prophet to His adulterous people Israel, must learn how effectively to convey God's Word to them. He must intensely feel the vital throb, the utter urgency of his message. His own grief must teach him something of God's grief. As he saw his own beloved leave him, and as he sorrowed after her, so he learns a little of what God feels when His beloved forsake Him in sin.

Hosea, like ourselves, can only learn the awfulness of sin as it reaches him in his own private circumstances. Gomer was now playing the harlot. So was Israel. "They call to Egypt; they go to Assyria." For more than a century and a half, the people, their kings and priests, had been living in open adultery and foul immorality, the rulers leading the people in shameful orgies of murder and profiligacy.

The tragedy of backsliding now touches Hosea's flesh and blood, his heart, his home. His heart is broken with the weight of another's sin. His love remains undiminished, though bitterly frustrated. He has now (dare we say) a kind of fellow-feeling with his loving God. Both were sorrowing over a deserted lover.

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God's tenderness is exhibited nowhere more wonderfully than in His dealings with the backslider. He deigns to restore, not to cast off. Hosea must fall in line with God's design. He must love Gomer freely. He was not to forsake her. He was "married to the backslider." He was to seek her through the world. He was to love her more tenderly and



Cease to do evil,
learn to do well

Isa. 1:16, 17

passionately than ever. He was to find her and restore her.

From the saddened air of a day more than twenty centuries past we catch the echo of a plaintive and repeated cry, "Gomer! Gomer!" The passers-by see the broken figure of a weeping man; they catch the gleam of unchecked tears on his streaming cheeks. A hush falls on the beholders as they recognize Jehovah's beloved prophet.

"Lonely traveler! Sorrowing pilgrim! Prophet of Israel! Hosea! We know thee who thou art. Whom seekest thou? What blow has caused this heavy grief? Where wanderest thou weeping through the city ways calling across the open spaces, sully the pure feet in the alleys of ill fame?"

There comes the monotoned cry, echoing through the years: "Gomer! My beloved! My own! Gomer!"

"And *Thou*, lonelier Traveler! Sorrowing Pilgrim! With bleeding feet and bruised brow and tear-stained cheek—we know Thee who Thou art! Nazarene!—Son of Man!—Sweet Son of God!—Tender Christ!—Whom seekest *Thou*?" Comes the broken reply, from the evil swamps of unbelief, the acrid smoke of rebellion, the awful haunts of immorality, the suffocating airs of God-forgetfulness—"Sinner! *Sinner*! Backslidden lover! My beloved—my own! It is I. Come home. Return!"

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In this dramatic way Hosea was fitted to deliver the message of everlasting love. Can there be salvation and restoration without similar heartbreak and sorrow in the life of the messenger today?

God's measure of every sinner away from Him today is fallen, adulterous Gomer. Weeping Hosea is God's pattern of every evangelist seeking the lost. You cannot retire from sin with a smirk and a flourish. You cannot dismiss sinners from their guilt with loud-speaker announcements such as you hear on railway station platforms. Think of filthy Gomer and weeping Hosea. Think of a dying Saviour and a dying thief. These are the extremities in the scriptural plan of soul-saving. Sin is "exceeding sinful." There must be acknowledgment of sin, sorrow for sin and repentance from sin and crying out to God for mercy. Wesley says that "there can be no little sin till we can find a little God."

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Why did Gomer go astray? Why did Israel prove unfaithful? Have you gone astray in any measure? Why? The lure in each case is threefold. For the *glamour of sin*: "For she said, I will go after my lovers." 2:5. For *abundance of earth's goods* and prosperity: "I will go after my lovers that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and

my drinks" ("for she did not know that I gave her corn, and new wine and oil, and multiplied her silver and her gold"). 2:5, 8. And for *pleasure*: for feasts and carnivals and dances and mirth, and even, in the case of Israel, for accommodating ceremonial religion instead of convicting, godly reality. 2:11.

Gomer miserably failed in all her desires and aspirations. The glamour of sin deluded her; the lust of luxury deceived her; the race for pleasure ruined her. She fell into foul and unrelieved prostitution, deceived, disillusioned, diseased, pauperized, miserable, forsaken, lost.

Who was to blame for Gomer's misery? Whose was the fault for Israel's misery? Sinner, backslider—who is to blame for your wretchedness? Self—in each case. Gomer—Israel—you. "Thou hast fallen

by *thine* iniquity." 14:1. "O Israel, thou hast destroyed *thyself*; but in Me is thy help." 13:9. The blame is always the sinner's own. Let him acknowledge it.

Oh, the mercy of our loving God! God had sworn with full intent to destroy His faithless people. "I will love them no more." 9:15. "I will destroy thy mother," He says to Hosea's children. 4:5. But His all-consuming love will not permit Him to fulfil His own sworn purposes. "Mine heart is turned within me, My repentings are kindled together. I will not execute the fierceness of Mine anger." 11:8, 9.

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The fruit of adulterous love is bitter. 2:4. Gomer bore three children to Hosea: Jezreel—sown, in the sense of (Continued on Page Twelve)

THE DIVINE INDWELLING

This message, given fifty years ago by the saintly A. J. Gordon of Boston, has been sent to us by a member of his congregation. It is a timely word for this day.

For He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:17. *He will guide you into all truth.* John 16:13.

ONE of our poets, speaking of our birth, says, "Every soul leaves port under sealed orders; we cannot know whither we are going or what we are to do till the time comes for breaking the seal." But I can tell you something more beautiful than this. Every soul—regenerated—sets out on its voyage with an invisible Captain on board, who knows the nature of our sealed orders from the outset, and who will shape our entire voyage accordingly—if only we will let Him. Only here comes the difficulty. We insist on taking command and directing our course according to our wisdom. Guiding, or guided? Here is the question: whether we shall make our own plans and choose our own way, and then ask the Holy Spirit to prosper us therein; or whether we shall yield ourselves utterly to the Spirit to let Him shape and guide our life according to the divine pattern.

There is one indispensable condition of safely navigating a ship: the needle must be perfectly free to yield to the magnetic current. Only as our will is entirely surrendered to God's will can we be sure of realizing the true plan and purpose of life. "If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17 (literal translation).

The needle is not asked to steer the ship, but only to be passive to the influence of the pole. And you are not asked to execute God's will but only to yield to it. "If any man is *willing* to do His will,"

he will find the will of God and be enabled to do it.

There is no time in our history, no crisis in our experience, where God's will needs to be changed by a hair's breadth; God's will is eternally and unchangeably right. In all our work and service for Him, He has willed the true and best way before we have undertaken that service.

Fall in with God's plan concerning you; keep in such communion with Him that you shall constantly be in the current of His will, whether you realize it or not.

Yet how easily we deceive ourselves at this point. I yield myself to God's will as I yield to my horse and let him draw me over the road, but I hold the reins all the while in my hands to guide him whithersoever I choose. Ah, this is what we do constantly: put bits into the mouth of God's will and hold the bridle in our hands, and desire God to have His way with us through our having our own way!

Peter said: "Lord, I will follow Thee," but when the Lord turned into the narrow road leading to the cross Peter gave a jerk at the bridle, saying, "Far be it from Thee, Lord." Peter presuming to drive the Lord! What wonder the rebuke, "Get thee behind Me, Satan"! The Lord will not take orders from us.

"If any man is willing to *do* His will." Let our willing and our doing be yoked up together, and let neither one hold back while the other pulls. The Saviour does not want unwilling servants in His kingdom. If one has the arms of Samson for strength, yet the eyes of Lot's wife for looking back, he is rejected from the ser-

vice of Jesus Christ. Therefore I lay redoubled emphasis on consecration. God wants hearts yielded to Him; then will there be hands stretched forth to God.

The Christian who is spiritual will be *practical*, according to God's plan and pattern. So I urge, not so much to seek an experience of sanctification, as to seek *the Spirit's indwelling*; not *it*, but *Him*; not the seeking of divine guidance, but the acceptance of a Divine Guide.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." "Sons" here marks the character of maturity and attainment in the Christian life. "But ye are not simply children, but full-grown sons." "Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth His Spirit into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

Little children have to be looked after by their nurses, lest they go astray; they have often to be forced to walk in the right way; yea, even sometimes they are so stubborn and refractory that they have to be carried against their will, they meantime kicking and resisting at every step. Not so with the full-grown, obedient son. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." "I will guide thee with Mine eye," says the Lord. The Lord's eye is the Christian's polar star.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth." The wind always blows toward a vacuum. Let your heart be empty of self-confidence and of stubborn self-will, and the Spirit will come in and bear you whither God would have you go.

When Hearts Were Moved

Newman Hall stood early one morning on the summit of Snowdon, in Wales, with a hundred and twenty others who had been attracted hither by the prospect of an unusually grand sunrise. They were not disappointed. As they stood watching the sun tinge the mountain peaks with glory, and sparkle in the lakes, Dr. Hall was invited to preach. He was so overpowered with emotion that he could not preach, but felt moved to pour out his soul in prayer.

As he supplicated, the tears rolled down the faces of the people. A superhuman stillness possessed them. Quietly, with solemn awe, they descended the mountain and scattered. Afterward visiting this region, Newman Hall was informed that forty people were converted that morning and had joined the church in that neighborhood. "But," said he, "I did not say a word to them; I only prayed." "Yes," they replied; "and more wonderful still, they did not know a word you said, for none of them could speak English, only Welsh."

DROUGHT and DELUGE

ON the day of Pentecost Peter quoted the wonderful promise from the prophet Joel, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." But God did not exhaust the resources of heaven at that time. He had greater things for the latter days.

On the day of Pentecost and in the early church we see what Joel speaks of as "the former rain moderately," but there is the further promise of rain, "the former rain and the latter rain," to be poured out at a particular time. Everywhere the expectation of the saints is being quickened by the Spirit of God, and they are looking for an unprecedented outpouring of the Spirit, God dispensing His blessings in every land, in every isle of the sea, in every place where they will be received. In Haggai 2:6, 7, we read: "For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens." And He will shake His blessings out of the heavens, as well as His judgments. And then we read, "And the Desire of all nations shall come." Then will the Beloved speak, "Rise up, my love, my fair one; and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come." S. of S. 2:10, 11. *But we must have the rain first.*

It is written, "Let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself." 2 Sam. 5:24. Have you not heard the mighty rushing wind from heaven during the past few years, and is not this wind the prelude of the rain? To the ear of faith, there is the sound of abundance of rain.

It was after that the prophet Elijah had cried in faith, "Abundance of rain!" that he went to the top of Carmel, and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. He inquired of his servant, "Is there any sign of rain? Go up now, look toward the sea." But the servant reported that there was no sign. He prayed again. Once more he sent his servant. Again, no sign. He prayed again. "Go up again." And the servant went up and looked, and came back and said, "There is nothing." There are lots of this sort of servants today. Elijah prayed again, and kept sending his servant. And it came to pass at the seventh time that the servant said: "Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." Some in these days can see only blank skies, but

some see the cloud. And they see in the cloud the Hand that shakes out blessing.

Elijah prayed earnestly, and the heaven gave rain. He had no encouragement to pray from natural surroundings, and precious little from his servant, but he went on praying in spite of everything. He was so intent on praying that he had not time to look to see if the clouds were forming. He looked to God, and not at discouragement. The servant looked at discouragements, and not to God. What class are you in, Elijah's or the servant's? Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are; and we, with like passions, can be made like unto Elijah. He prayed earnestly that it might rain. He had one purpose, and he was earnest in that one purpose. In spite of the brazen sky, he went on praying for rain; and he prayed, and prayed, and prayed, until the heavens were black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.

How are the heavens now? Are they brass? The very dryness, the very need, is one of the first requisites for praying for rain. It must not be ordinary prayer in these dry times, but prayer intensified seven times. The long period of drouth, the very circumstances of Elijah's day, demanded special prayer; and the prayer was answered with the deluge. Drouth and deluge! Prayer brings them. God wants deluges in these days, and the deluges cannot come without prayer.

Solomon conducted water through conduits to water his own garden; but the prophet of God prayed, and he tapped

heaven, and he made a conduit, not for his own garden but for the whole land. God does not want merely parochial prayers. It is written, "God so loved the world, that He gave . . ." That giving includes you and your world, but do not think that you and yours only are the world. Selfishness always leads to corruption, fall and decline. Our slogan must be, "Christ for the world." He tasted death for every man that He might bring many sons unto glory. The heathen are to be His, for the Father invited Him, "Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance." Psalm 2:8.

When the Jews to whom the Word of God was brought put it from them, Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, "Seeing that ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set Thee (Christ) to be a light of the Gentiles, that Thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." Acts 13:46, 47. The heathen at the ends of the earth are to have their opportunity. There is grace and blessing in store for the heathen. They are to throw their idols to the moles and the bats, and we can look for an epidemic of idol throwing when God pours out His Spirit upon all flesh. The Dagon's have to go down before the ark of the Lord. We expect the missionary to be the most envied person in the Christian church. For the Scripture must be fulfilled, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh."

Grace is to be poured out upon the heathen. They are to be Christ's because of the asking, but there is to be the asking. He bids us, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." Zech. 10:1.

North, south, east, west, look for a great ingathering. Pray, pray, pray! Pray for rain, pray for the laborers to be thrust forth, and pray for the laborers now at labor.

A MAN A DAY

It seemed that every man with whom D. L. Moody spoke on the subject of salvation was swept right into the kingdom. Oh, how I craved this blessing and power! One day I ventured to ask him wherein his power lay. He replied, "Bilhorn, I will tell you this much. I made a promise to God and the rule of my life is that I must speak at least to one man every day about his soul's salvation."

I said, "But, Mr. Moody, the opportunity does not always present itself." He quickly replied, "It will if you keep in touch with God and keep your eyes open for the opportunity."—P. Bilhorn.

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Flames of Fire

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Who maketh . . . His ministers a flame of fire. Psalm 104:4.

IN Exodus 3:1-5 we read of a supernatural happening. Moses, while keeping sheep one day, led them to the back side of the desert, and came to the mountain of God. "The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.' And when the Lord saw that he *turned aside to see*, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, 'Moses, Moses.' And he said, 'Here am I.' And He said, 'Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'"

When the Lord first began to speak to me concerning this scripture, I was impressed with the first few words of that fourth verse, "And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him." We have only to think of the comparatively few who attend the prayer meeting or even Sunday services; we have only to note, as we see a group holding a street meeting, the few who pay any attention whatever, to be made aware that there is a great lack of turning aside to see the things of God.

While I thought upon these things, I was reminded of that which caused Moses to turn aside from traveling the desert way to place his feet on holy ground in the presence of the Lord. It was a burning flame of fire. A continuous fire, that burned on and on, in that bush. Just an ordinary fire would not have attracted him; just a little flame ignited only to burn out quickly with the consuming of the bush. No, there was something strange about this fire—it didn't die out. The Lord was in the fire.

Remember another fire, one that did not consume the bodies of the three Hebrew children, although it was heated seven times hotter than usual. This strange fire left not even a smell of fire on those who had walked therein, "neither was an hair of their head singed" or "their coats changed." And the princes and the governors, and captains and the king's counselors turned aside to see this strange fire. The Lord was in the fire.

One day, when one hundred and twenty were gathered together "all with one accord in one place," the fire of God

came down upon each of them, in that upper room. And three thousand turned aside to see. The Lord was in the fire.

What church is not faced with the problem of how to attract the outsiders, the world of pleasure seekers, the multitude of careless and indifferent and perishing souls, who will not turn aside to see the things which God reveals by His Spirit—the eternal things?

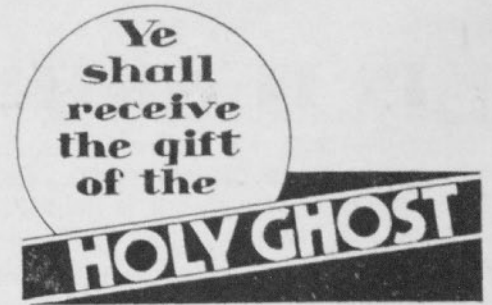
As I meditate on these things "written aforetime" I feel the answer to our need is the fire of God, burning in the hearts of His children. Maybe some of you have read the biography of D. L. Moody, called *Bush Aglow*,* wherein is disclosed the secret of his marvelous success in the ministry; as he learned it was not *his* words, but the Word of God, that had power; not *his* strength or might or eloquence, but the flame of fire that indwelt him—the Spirit of the living God—that moved upon the hearts of his hearers; his best filled with the Holy Spirit. When it was no longer D. L. Moody but Christ, God wrought! God, who makes His ministers a flame of fire, kept the "bush aglow" until he laid his armor down. And the "bush" was not consumed when once he learned the secret of letting God use him. As the fire burned on and on, his strength was renewed. He was energized by divine power. Many of the servants of the Lord could testify that after years of ministry, they learned that truly it is "not by might, nor by power, but *by My Spirit, saith the Lord.*"

Beloved, the world will *still* turn aside to see a bush aglow with the fire that comes down from heaven; not a little flame that quickly dies out, but a steady fire burning constantly.

Who among the redeemed of the Lord cannot remember when first the fire began to burn within his heart? What zeal we knew! How we longed to do something for the one true Lover of our souls! That first love—how warm it was! Have we excused ourselves, when aware that it had cooled somewhat, with saying, "That was just the newness; (shall I say it?) just the froth—it couldn't last"?

Oh, beloved, that first bright, shining flame; that holy enthusiasm; that singing heart—it was the *Lord* in the fire. And that blessed experience *we keep* as

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we gain it, by *seeking the Lord with our whole heart!* There is only one secret I know of, by which we keep the fire burning and our strength continually renewed, and that is by *waiting upon the Lord.* There is no experience so *complete*, whether it is when we sought the Lord for salvation or when we, in a new yielding of ourselves, found the glory of the Lord coming in with joy unspeakable and full of glory. There is no blessing *today* that will be sufficient for all the *tomorrows* of life. It is out here, in the "beautiful garden of prayer," that you will find the "burning bush," and if the bush is removed from that holy place, it will lose its glow.

The fire of God soon dies out in the prayerless heart, and a professing Christian without the fire will never attract the ungodly! The world will never turn aside to see a cold church. But the God that lived in Moses' time is just the same today. The One who kept the bush aglow there at Mount Horeb, can keep your life and mine, shining for His glory; if we *dwell* in the secret place of the Most High and *abide* under the shadow of the Almighty." And there in that holy place, as we *seek the Lord* with yielded hearts, and become as it were a bush, something for Him to use—to shine through—we will find it is not *our* efforts, *our* words, *ourselves* at all, but Jesus Christ and Him crucified! We will be aware of an inner fire, burning on and on; and sorrow and trouble cannot put it out, pain and suffering cannot put it out, persecution and trial cannot put it out, but it will die down very quickly out of the atmosphere of prayer!

Then, beloved, let us *pray without ceasing*, presenting ourselves unto the Lord, a living sacrifice, that He may make our lives a *flame of fire*—and someone will turn aside to see. The Lord is watching for someone to turn aside from the desert experiences, from things that do not satisfy, from earth's things, to hear His voice, to come into His presence. And the Lord wants a "bush" to shine through; in which He can kindle a fire that will attract the passersby. He wants an instrument—a vessel unto honor. He wants something to use, by which He can manifest Himself to cold, indifferent hearts who have not yet seen Him appear in some "burning bush."

IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

Witnesses

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E. S. WILLIAMS ON NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD RADIO HOUR, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

IS it nothing to you?" were the words of Jeremiah as he saw the desolations that had come to his people. Because of their sins they had been torn from the land of their inheritance; they wept in the night with none to comfort them; the people were impoverished and seeking bread. And alas, their worship of God was destroyed. Then said the prophet, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

We look on a world of suffering and woe. Is it nothing to you? We see the souls of men going to ruin. Is this nothing to you? In our own land eighty per cent of the children are entirely without Christian education. Can we wonder then at the increase in juvenile delinquency and crime? Parents largely are to blame because they fail to teach their children principles of uprightness and truth. The church also is to blame because it goes along in its sleepy way, content to sit at ease while the world goes to ruin. Awake, thou sleeper! we need a revival of action, the church zealously set to go to the people instead of merely inviting the people to come to us. Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." To fish with success we must go where the fish are. If we are Christians will we not visit the homes of our neighbors, invite parents and children to church, take gospel story hours into communities, and seek to save as many as we can?

We need also to lift up our eyes and look to the lands afar. Jesus said, "The field is the world." He sees a harvest in every land to which consecrated workers will go forth, supported by a zealous church that loves its neighbor as itself. We are probably in the end of the present age. The last call of the Master is our responsibility. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in." Go into the out-of-the-way places, the out-of-the-way countries. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Assemblies of God is doing what it can. Many

missionaries have been sent forth during the war years and since. Its income for this purpose has been almost overspent. Continuance of this work in its full measure depends on those who support such work with prayers and means. But the Assemblies of God is only a little part of the Christian church. There is work for all of us to do, much work. Hear the words of Jesus, "Why stand ye here all the day idle? Go work today in My vineyard."

And to you who may not attend any place of worship, is it nothing to you? Have you a family? What are you doing for their spiritual welfare? We invite you to attend the house of God: Go to a place where Christ is preached—Christ, the Friend of sinners, the Saviour who saves. It is Christ we need. "Let us arise and go."

"Keep your Bible open and you will not find the door of heaven shut."

after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Acts 1:9.

An old drunkard was converted in the Bowery in New York. He was constantly becoming so intoxicated that he would stagger and reel down the street. Some Salvation Army lassies were out on the corner doing their bit for Christ. This old drunkard stopped to listen because they were singing a song that his mother sang so much before she was buried beneath the sod. As he stood there, tears trickled down his cheeks. He went along to church. His mother's words came back to him, and spoke conviction to his heart. He went to the altar, and said, "God, I want to make my mother's Christ my Christ; I want to make my mother's Bible my Bible; and I want my mother's God to become my God." And God answered his cry. God changed him. God made him a new creation, transforming him with life everlasting from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, and he went out to live the Christian life.

Later, the Salvation Army band was ready to go out for another street meeting. They said to this converted drunkard, "You come with us and give your testimony." "Oh, no," he said, "I cannot talk." He began to stutter and stammer and make excuses. He said, "I would make a fool of myself if I went out." They said, "But didn't God save you?" He said, "Sure, God did, and I am so proud of it; but please don't ask me to do any street-corner preaching, because I cannot do it." "Well, if you do not come it will show that you are ashamed of what God did for you."

That got him. He said, "All right, I'll go." He went to the street corner. The Salvationists played their instruments and sang, and the crowd gathered around. Finally there came the time for the transformed drunkard to give his testimony. He got out into the middle of the circle; and sure enough, he could not talk. He stuttered and stammered; he had an awful time trying to express himself.

Finally one of the men in the crowd got disgusted. He elbowed his way through the

WHILE THE WORLD BURNS



crowd, walked to where the converted drunkard was, shook his finger in his face and said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. You ought to go home and crawl under the bed. You cannot preach; all you do is to choke and stutter and stammer before the crowd; you ought to be ashamed."

The converted drunkard wiped the tears from his cheeks and said, "I am ashamed of myself, but I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ—because it made me a new man." And that is the way it ought to be. If we are going to be ashamed of anything we ought to be ashamed of ourselves; because we have been so tongue-tied, so ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God wants us to go into all the world, and preach this gospel to every creature. It is true some cannot go to China, Africa or Japan; it is true some cannot be pastors, missionaries, or evangelists; but there are three things that every Christian can do. We can all be personal workers, prayer warriors, and soul winners. There is not a single Christian who cannot find a job in God's great harvest field.

A mother came to Gipsy Smith and said, "I cannot sleep nights because God has called me to preach the gospel. But I am a married woman and I have twelve children. What in the world shall I do?" Gipsy smiled that congenial smile of his, reached out and shook the mother's hand, and said, "Sister, you ought to be the happiest woman in shoe leather." She asked, "How do you make that out?" He said, "Woman, God has called you to preach the gospel, and He has given you twelve children to preach it to."

I don't know why it is when God impresses people to preach the gospel they think they have to hire the Municipal Auditorium and put on a city-wide revival campaign. A lot of people feel that God wants them to preach the gospel, but until God calls them to Chicago to put on a big revival they sit back and twiddle their thumbs, take it easy, and wait for people to open a door for them. If you are not faithful in the little place, God will not put you in charge of bigger things. We must all begin at the bottom of the ladder.

Someone has said that nobody cares to hire your threshing machine if it does not do a good job behind your own barn. That is true. Charity begins at home, and gospel work begins at home. We must all begin at Jerusalem. So if you cannot preach the gospel on your own doorstep or in front of your own fireplace, God knows you are not fit to preach it any where else. If you cannot be a singer, you can be a bringer—you can bring people to church with you. If you cannot be a preacher, you can be a reacher—you can reach people with the gospel story. "If you cannot sing like angels, if you

cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus; you can say He died for all." Everybody can do that much. Everybody can cast his bread upon the waters; everybody can speak up for Christ.

Because a lot of us have failed to do our duty, souls have gone out into eternity's night, down into the dark tomb without Christ and without hope. A man was on his way to church. He stopped at a cafe to order a Denver sandwich. While the waiter was taking the order he felt impressed to speak to the waiter about his soul. He cast the impression off. He gave his order, and while he was sitting in his booth God talked to him. He was brought under conviction to speak to the waiter about the Lord. The man sat in the booth and reasoned. "I might cast pearls before swine, and the Word tells us not to do that," he thought; and he made excuses to God.

He ate his sandwich, drank his tea, paid his bill and walked off to church without having spoken to that waiter about his soul. While he sat in church he could not enjoy the song service. He felt guilty because he had disobeyed God.

Before the preacher was through he got up, grabbed his hat and ran down the street to the cafe. He looked in at the window, but he could not see the waiter.

Perhaps he was in the kitchen; or maybe he had gone home, and he could go to the man's house and talk to him there. He asked the man behind the cash register where this waiter was that had served at tables about seven o'clock that night. The man at the cash register turned pale and said, "Fellow, haven't you heard the sad news?" "Sad news? No, I haven't heard. I have been to church. What has happened?" "At 7:30 he went into the back room and shot himself in the head with a revolver. He's at the undertaker's on a slab."

As the man behind the counter said that, the Christian felt himself fainting; he went outside, grabbed his hair, and cried, "My God, my God!" He went home, but he could not sleep. All night long he tossed about on his bed. He had failed God in the crucial hour. God wanted to use him as the last instrument to attempt to win that waiter for Christ, and he had failed! When he comes before the judgment throne of God that waiter may accuse him for the loss of his soul. Thousands of people have been ushered into eternity without God and without Christ because we have been ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ! "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord." If we do not point dying souls to Christ, who will?

No Power Without the Cross

NINETEEN hundred years ago the swift movement of events brought into close affiliation the Cross, the Resurrection, and Pentecost. This is the divine order. The cross of self-renunciation; the resurrection glorifying the pains of Calvary and promising a new and abundant life for all who should believe; and Pentecost, the full-toned utterance of the great evangel, under the empowering guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Much has been said in recent years about the need of a new Pentecost. But we can have no renewal of such experiences as those of Pentecost unless our hearts are set aflame with the resurrection glory, and we cannot share the resurrection glory without a return to the self-prostration and self-renunciation of the Cross. The gospel of the Cross is primary.

There can be no new Pentecost without the ancient enduement of the Holy Spirit. There can be no new conquest of cities unless we ourselves first see God face to face. There can be no widespread awakening anywhere until our impotent prayers have created within us a willingness to risk all things for God.

The universe has its center in the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Son of Man must be lifted up upon the Cross in order that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but should have everlasting life. Most modern men dread the cross, the daily self-denial, the sacrificial attitude that are inherent in the evangel of Jesus. They admire the ministering Christ, they pity the suffering Christ, they even hail the heroic Christ, but they shun the Cross.

Here is the tragic loss. We miss the main issue. We are cheerfully ready for anything almost—except the chief thing. We serve on committees, give our money, attend church regularly, and live decent lives. But we avoid the Cross. This is the outstanding iniquity of our present-day church life. Failing to "give ourselves first of all" to Jesus Christ, how can we give ourselves to others, in His name, and for their redemption? Unless we have entered into fellowship with the Cross, unless there has been a genuine surrender to its power, we cannot "live by the faith of the Son of God."—Austen Kennedy de Blois, in "Evangelism in the New Age."

LOST IN ALASKAN WILDS

LESTER F. SUMRALL

HAVE you ever been lost? Have you been lost in a foreign country where you could not speak the language of the people to inquire directions? Have you been lost in a jungle?

I have really been lost! I have been lost in a foreign land in which I could not converse with the people! I have been lost in a jungle among seemingly interminable vines, trees and serpentine trails! But the strangest place in which I have ever been lost was *THE SKY!* It is disturbing to be lost—but to be lost in the heavens is simply terrible.

FILMING REINDEER

It was during the month of February. I had visited the town of Nome, Alaska, on the Seward Peninsula. Nome is the most westerly city of America, geographically five hundred miles west of Honolulu. It was frozen in for the winter, as the Bering Sea was iced over for one hundred and twenty-five miles at its front door. The only means of outside communication was by airplane. As I boarded a plane bound for Fairbanks, the pilot seated me in the cockpit so that I might take pictures.

Soon after the monoplane roared over the silent arctic village and turned toward the vast treeless tundra land, the pilot sighted a fine herd of reindeer, possibly five or six hundred, to the north of us. Since I had never seen a herd of reindeer from the sky, I asked that we fly over them so that I might film them. Alaskan pilots realize the danger of lost minutes in midwinter when darkness is a great enemy, but, since the pilot was a personal friend, he turned the plane and we went sweeping over the heads of hundreds of reindeer. It was a rare thrill to film them in their natural state. After circling them, we started for home. During our trip the pilot related exciting instances when he had shot wolves as they attacked deer.

After some time, he looked at me and solemnly said, "We forgot to get back on our airline after taking those pictures!" Since flying in that section is done by observation only, and it was getting dark, I could easily understand the pilot's concern. Below us stretched a bleak frozen grave where deep below the surface lay many prehistoric bones. The undulating mounds of ice looked forbidding and cruel from our few hundred feet altitude.

LANDING ON THE ICE

"Les, we are lost!" the pilot finally said.

I did not answer but gazed out into the semi-darkness and mused, "Lost in the air and a safe landing seemingly impossible!" Then I began to pray.

After some time the aviator remarked: "If we could locate the Kuyakuk River we might possibly find a small Indian village and land on the river."

It seemed a long time before we sighted the winding curve of ice below us. The pilot recognized the river, turned the plane south flying low as he looked for the twinkling lights of some fishing village. At long last we sighted a few lights reflecting on the snow around some snow-covered log huts. The villagers heard the roaring plane and since they knew that ordinarily in Alaska no one flies at night, they rushed out with lanterns and stood along the edge of the river to light us in our attempt to land on the icy river. As the plane, which was equipped with skis rather than wheels, was nosed down, the pilot commented that he could not determine our altitude. When our plane hit the ice it must have bounced fifty feet into the air. Only our safety belts kept us from going through the top of the plane. Another attempt was made and though we bounced terrifically, we straightened out and finally came to a halt. We taxied back to the village; secured the plane; covered the engine with a tarpaulin; put a small gas stove under the engine to keep it from freezing, and bunked with the local storekeeper for the night.

As I knelt by my bunk there was a different prayer in my heart than ever before. God had reached out His Omnipotent arm when the odds were mightily against us. To land safely in the dark was almost a miracle. To find an isolated village at night in midwinter was, also,

a miracle. I gave grateful thanks to God, who watches over His children.

Sinner, every person away from God is lost—really lost. A sinner must first understand before God can assist him. When one knows he is lost and seeks God he has this assurance: "If . . . thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 4:29.

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Shepherds, Not Butchers

A party of tourists was on its way to Palestine and the guide was describing some of the quaint customs of the East.

"Now," said he, "you are accustomed to seeing the shepherd following his sheep through the English lanes and byways. Out in the East, however, things are different, for the shepherd always leads the way, going on before the flock. And the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

The party reached Palestine, and, to the amusement of the tourists, almost the first sight to meet their eyes was that of a flock of sheep being driven along by a man. The guide was astonished and immediately made it his business to accost the shepherd.

"How is it that you are driving these sheep?" he asked. "I have always been told that the Eastern shepherd leads his sheep."

"You are quite right, sir," replied the man. "The shepherd does lead his sheep. But you see I'm not the shepherd. I'm the butcher."

Hints to Preachers

The Scotchman was asked what he thought of his new minister. He replied: "I do not think much of him. Six days he's invisible and the seventh he's incomprehensible."

"I am so sorry your husband is not here, Mrs. Smith," said the pastor. "I'm afraid you forgot to tell him I intended to preach today on municipal problems."

"Indeed I did. I told him that the last thing, but he said he would stay at home and read his Bible." God has called ministers to preach the *Word*: not politics.

The late O. P. Gifford, who was marvelously clear and simple in his preaching, was once asked how he managed it. His reply was, "I spend hours in simplifying speech. When I ride on a train or a street car and people let me alone, I employ my spare minutes in whittling my sentences."

DON'T FORGET...

. . . to report to us the names and full military addresses of all men leaving your church for the armed forces. It is our sacred responsibility to stand behind these boys just as we did during the war. We want all young men from our assemblies on our mailing list. Every boy who writes a personal letter receives a personal reply.

Address all correspondence to:

**CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS
DEPARTMENT
336 West Pacific
Springfield, Missouri**

The Passing and the Permanent

A MILLION GERMAN BIBLES

Plans for the production of a million German Bibles, to be printed in Germany with material supplied largely by the American Bible Society, are under consideration.

A SOUL-WINNING ARMY

General Albert Orsborn, the new world leader of the Salvation Army, is determined to keep the Salvationists on the street corners winning souls to Christ—but he says he is willing to put the Army on wheels or on wings if necessary in order to meet the challenge of this changing world.

A CENTURY OF PEACE

The boundary between Canada and the U. S. is the longest undefended international boundary in the world. This summer a ceremony was held at the Peace Arch, near Blaine, Wash., commemorating the Hundredth Anniversary of the signing of the treaty by which the international boundary line was established.

THE WASTEFULNESS OF WAR

For all nations combined, World War II cost a trillion dollars—1,000 billion! Says the *Des Moines Register*: "For this sum, every family in the world could have a new six-room house and a new car, with enough to spare to give every town of 5,000 in the world a new hospital and a new high school."

INCREASE IN ROBBERIES

Rates for theft insurance in the New York City metropolitan area had to be doubled, as of August, due to the unusually great increase in thefts and burglaries. Insurance companies found themselves paying out an average of \$1.50 for every \$1 of premium received! The postwar world is not bright and rosy. Instead of being better, there is more sin than ever, as the Bible predicted. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse." 2 Tim. 3:13.

ATOMIC BOMBARDMENT

The Army has asked Congress for money with which to develop an atomic missile which, fired from the United States, can hit any part of the world within an hour. As a means of defense the Army already is developing pilotless bombers. It expects to be able to guide a giant bomber plane, loaded with 5,000 pounds of bombs, to any point on earth by means of remote control. The other day it took a long step in that direction by successfully piloting a large bomber plane by remote control from Hawaii to California.

"We must expect other nations will develop missiles capable of crossing oceans," said Col. S. B. Ritchie, acting chief of the research and development service. "Counter-measure missiles are therefore included in our over-all program." Oceans will be no more useful to the U. S. as a defense in the next war than the English Channel was to Britain in World War II. Surely "perilous times" are ahead!

HIGHWAY DEATHS

The National Safety Council reports that there were 13,240 deaths on the nation's highways during the first five months of 1946—an increase of 43% over the same period last year. People today are driving more—and drinking more.

A FLOATING CHURCH

In northern Norway, where many churches were destroyed during the German occupation, the Lutherans are using a floating church to serve the spiritual needs of the fishermen. It is a church built on a barge, and it makes regular visits to the remote fishing villages in the north providing them with a place of worship and spiritual edification.

"THEY SEEK A PROMISED LAND!"

An article with the above title appeared in the May 4, 1946, issue of *Colliers*. The author, Edward P. Morgan, gave an enlightening and pathetic picture of a steady stream of Jewish refugees trudging through European city streets, hauling their meager belongings, some by truck, some by cart, some on foot—all headed for Palestine.

A Jewish physician from Warsaw, worn out from traveling and privation, voices the sentiments of all these displaced people: "I can never go back to my old home and country!"

Of course, the Arabs do not want them. Neither did the Canaanites of old want them, nor the Jebusites, nor any of the inhabitants of the ancient land, and yet they came—and they are coming again. Incited by Zionist leaders, encouraged by British mandate and Balfour Declaration, but more than all by deep, inner feeling of compulsion that does not completely yield to their own analysis, they come and they come.

MESSIAH'S HIGHWAY

A thousand-mile highway, called by Jews working on it, "A Highway for the Messiah," is being constructed across Saudi-Arabia and Trans-Jordan. It will run parallel to the oil pipe line which American engineers will build from Dhahren, in the heart of the Saudi-Arabian desert, to Haifa, on the Mediterranean Sea. The highway is being built under American auspices, from construction material left by the U. S. Army when it moved out of the Middle East.

In calling it "A Highway for the Messiah" the Jews no doubt are thinking of Isaiah 40:3, were the prophet cries, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." But can the way of the Lord be prepared with material things, such as gravel and cement? Is it not rather a spiritual preparation that needs to be made? John the Baptist built a highway before the Messiah at His first coming, by preaching repentance (Matt. 3:3)—and a similar voice needs to ring out again calling the Jews to repentance in order to prepare the way for Messiah's return.

CATHOLIC GROWTH

U. S. Catholics reported 57,430 converts during 1945 and the baptism of 705,557 children, bringing the total number of Roman Catholics in this country, including Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands, to 24,402,124. This number includes all infants baptized. There are 38,980 ordained priests and 139,218 nuns.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROWTH

The Christian Science churches also boast of substantial growth, with 28 new churches. All their major publications set new circulation records in 1945. Sales of Mary Baker Eddy's writings increased 34%—reaching twice the circulation of 1940. The time has come when men will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts they have heaped to themselves teachers who will tickle their ears with fables. 2 Tim. 4:3, 4.

WHERE THE LUMBER GOES

Says H. V. Simpson, executive director of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association: "All over the U. S. there is a riot of new construction on race tracks, road houses, . . . pool rooms and other spots that compete for 'sucker money' now in circulation by the billions. No other kind of construction has taken so much material and lumber away from the supply necessary for veterans' housing." If the public would not waste their money in frequenting such godless places they would be spared this and many other troubles, but "the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Eccl. 8:11.

WITNESSING BEFORE KINGS

Henry H. Ness, pastor of Hollywood Temple in Seattle, was invited to serve on a committee which is visiting European capitals with a direct evangelistic appeal to the governmental leaders to lead their nations back to Christ. Meetings were arranged with members of the British Parliament, through Lord Halifax, and the committee met with the royal family of Norway on August 9.

In a letter to Frank Gray, written from Oslo, Brother Ness says:

"I am leaving tomorrow for Sweden. God has wonderfully blessed. Have had several meetings with prominent leaders in government, church and business. Today I spent one-half hour with the king and we had prayer together.

"Later we met with the Crown Prince and talked with him about the Lord, and then we prayed together. Praise the Lord. God certainly is in this trip; it is all beyond the natural."

Ere the series of meetings is completed the committee will have visited England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy. Let us pray much for Brother Ness, that he and his associates may be used by the Holy Spirit in this remarkable opportunity to witness before kings and rulers of many lands. The visit is sponsored by the National Committee for Christian Leadership, of which Abraham Veriede is chairman. At the same time Brother Ness is officially representing the Assemblies of God in his travels, and will endeavor to make contacts with our churches in these various lands, especially Germany and Italy, where all contact has been lost with the full gospel church since the start of the war.

OUR MISSIONARY ADVANCE:

Letters of Appreciation From

Our Missionary Disbursements

It is a great joy to us to find that this past month we have been able to cover our regular disbursements and place a small amount in the general fund to take care of a possible shortage some other month or to provide some of the many extra needs that are constantly being presented to us. With a monthly average disbursement of over \$130,000 it should be apparent to all that a special effort must be made at this time, not only to extend our missionary activities, but even to maintain what we have in operation.

There is a good prospect of a number of our missionaries sailing during the next month or two for China, India, the Philippine Islands, and for Africa. Many of these missionaries have little or no reserve to contribute towards their fare; so the Missions Department will have to provide for the major part of transportation expense.

A very urgent appeal has come to us from Europe in addition to requests which come monthly for general relief. This is a call from the Pentecostal pastors in eastern Eu-

rope, and to meet the needs something like \$15,000 will be required immediately. Pitiful stories are coming to us from many sources indicating that a large number of our brethren are not receiving even a minimum allotment of food. Therefore the burden comes back upon the church in America to do what we can to assist our brethren in distress.

We have just learned of a way in which clothing may be sent to our Pentecostal brethren in Germany, and we are informed by a representative of the German Branch that this is a very urgent need, that everything possible should be done immediately to get clothing to our friends before the severe cold of winter sets in. Clothing for this purpose may be sent to Frank D. Lombar, 2124 Lincoln-Liberty Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Our Brother Harry Mamalis, one of the General Council ministers who went to work among his own people in Greece, has asked us to appeal through the Pentecostal Evangel for funds for his return to America. Having suffered the hardships of war, our brother would like to bring his family to America so that they may enjoy the benefits of this country and, particularly, so that his children might receive an American education. The entire cost of transportation for his family,

which includes six children, would amount to \$2,500.

A recent letter from one of our missionaries in Nigeria reveals something of the fruit of missionary service. During a period of a little more than seven years, something like ten thousand have become associated with our work in that country alone. Surely this is ground for rejoicing and an indication of just a part of the fruit resulting from the investment of God's people in missions.

Noel Perston

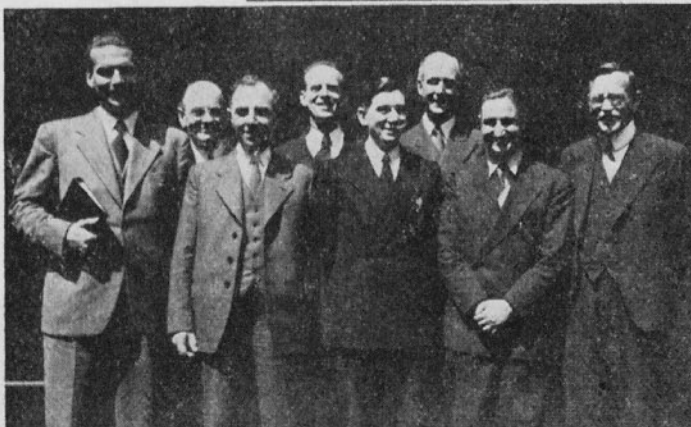
Missionary Secretary

A. A. Dictyopoulos, Katerina, Greece.—I recently made my second trip to eastern Macedonia and itinerated for two weeks, visiting various places where the Lord has established works.

More time was spent in Kavalla than in the other places. I had charge of the meetings for two Sundays. Some of the people were Armenians who knew Turkish; so I preached first in Greek and then in Turkish. God blessed us and souls knelt for salvation. Souls were also eagerly seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

We found the same hunger in Doxato and Drama. All of these places are in territory where the gospel was first preached by Paul.

● Right—Some of the 44 bales of clothing sent to Belgium in April.



● Left—Pentecostal representatives (Swiss-French, German, and Italian-speaking) at a conference at Basle, Switzerland, May 6, 1946. Brother Gustav Kinderman, Field Secretary for Europe is at the back on the extreme left.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS
August, 1946

Alabama	1,104.38	Nevada	96.98
Arkansas	2,099.08	New Hampshire	65.68
Arizona	700.61	New Jersey	3,283.35
California	23,049.38	New Mexico	550.93
Colorado	2,507.33	New York	5,857.68
Connecticut	1,111.93	North Carolina	284.79
Delaware	915.41	North Dakota	2,119.89
District of Columbia	1,216.51	Ohio	7,389.74
Florida	1,775.82	Oklahoma	5,901.32
Georgia	1,026.01	Oregon	6,345.20
German Branch	862.60	Pennsylvania	6,119.41
Hungarian Branch	69.00	Rhode Island	396.42
Idaho	1,253.69	South Carolina	50.50
Illinois	7,181.90	South Dakota	2,313.71
Indiana	2,946.52	Tennessee	576.81
Iowa	2,200.60	Texas	10,204.28
Kansas	3,755.36	Ukrainian Branch	43.00
Kentucky	357.83	Utah	25.07
Louisiana	44.33	Vermont	15.00
Maine	126.00	Virginia	1,588.12
Maryland	680.14	Washington	15,347.24
Massachusetts	867.50	West Virginia	2,332.47
Michigan	6,897.62	Wisconsin	2,258.20
Minnesota	5,312.55	Wyoming	335.39
Mississippi	320.00	Alaska	69.99
Missouri	6,570.52	Canada	390.48
Montana	1,172.99	Foreign	194.29
Nebraska	2,529.74	Legacies	3,497.95
		Miscellaneous	16,980.21
Total Amount Reported			173,689.45
District Fund	10,032.36		
Office Expense Fund	2,676.22		
Literature Expense Fund	294.89		
Given Direct to Missionaries	16,175.34		29,178.81
Amount Received for Foreign Missions		144,510.64	
Amount Received for Home Missions		4,903.15	

URGENT!

Clothing for our Pentecostal Brethren in Germany is urgently needed. Send your clothing contributions to **F. D. Lombar, 2124 Lincoln-Liberty Building, Philadelphia 7, Pa.**

Our Brethren in Holland

D. Landheer, Rotterdam West, Holland.— Many thanks for the food parcel which we received in good condition. It was just the food we needed most.

What a joy to know that the children of God in other countries think on your need. May God bless you and the work of relief. In our prayer meetings every morning at half past six we pray that God will bless His children in other countries also. We will especially pray for you all and your work of love.



Pentecostal Assembly, Delfzijl, Holland.— Beloved brethren and sisters in America, we want to express our hearty thanks for all the trouble you have taken in collecting the clothing and footwear which you have sent across to Holland. We, a small assembly in Delfzijl, also have received our portion.

This expression of love from the hearts of God's children has brought us much joy and gladness. Although we are strangers to one another, divided by seas, mountains, and distances, yet we see that there is one spirit, the spirit of love, which binds us together in Jesus Christ. May our Lord find us faithful in all things until the soon coming of that day when we shall all have a part in the marriage supper of the Lamb.



A Dutch Mother, Rotterdam, Holland.— In this way I bring you my hearty thanks

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1946

Congo	\$ 2,324.52	Brazil	5,887.83
Dahomey	1,273.47	Chile	1,673.83
Egypt	4,516.81	Colombia	403.67
Gold Coast	2,106.85	Peru	2,876.91
Ivory Coast	10,249.70	Venezuela	1,425.91
Liberia	4,839.95	British West Indies	2,430.75
Nigeria	3,341.12	Fiji Islands	320.00
Nyasaland	406.00	Hawaiian Islands	219.74
Sierra Leone	1,299.06	Netherlands East Indies	831.00
Tanganyika	1,144.28	Philippine Islands	818.00
Transvaal	3,948.21	Retired Missionaries	1,497.75
China	20,365.48	Non-Council Missionaries	6,762.56
Ceylon	4,739.80	Miscellaneous Fields	1,756.23
India	19,423.34		
Europe	8,453.00		
Palestine and Near East	2,198.92		
West Indies	6,522.47		
Mexican Work	1,108.86		
Central America	4,228.47		
Argentina	1,667.80		
Total Disbursements	\$129,557.79		
Charged from Designated Accounts	10,190.33		
	\$119,367.46		
Credited to Designated Accounts	13,000.00		
Credited to General Fund	12,143.18		
Total Receipts for August	\$144,510.64		



● An Assemblies of God relief clothing depot in Holland, distributing the clothing sent from America.

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Only the Lord knows how the Dutch women, having come to their wit's end, have asked Him for deliverance. Only He could help, and He has. The deliverance was glorious, great, and wonderful! Glory be to His name!

Our heartfelt thanks, also for your prayers for Holland. May the Lord gloriously bless you and your assemblies. And may He save many souls, on the other side of the sea. This is the prayer of a Dutch mother, her husband, and four sons.



The Hague, Holland.—Greetings in the name of Jesus! The brother council of the Assembly of God, the Hague, wants to thank you most heartily on behalf of all its members, visitors, and friends, for sending us such a large quantity of relief garments. Indeed, the need was very great in our community, but your most generous gifts removed many worries; and thanks to your

spontaneous deed of love, many hearts have been comforted and encouraged.

You may rest assured that we shall never forget this great proof of sympathy on the part of our brothers and sisters over the ocean. In the many parcels containing such fine and most useful clothes, which surely mean many sacrifices to your people, we have seen Him who gave "Love" as His highest command.

We can offer you only our feelings of utmost gratefulness, and as natives of a small country, reduced to poverty, we shall most likely never be able to reward such a great demonstration of Christian charity. But we feel sure that our Lord, who is also your Lord, has everything on record in His book and He will bless you for your most generous attitude in following out the spirit of His instructions, clothing the naked and feeding the starving. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.



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October 6 "The Sunday School, the Greatest Teaching Agency of the Church."

October 13 "The Triumph of Faith"

October 20 "Jesus Is Coming"

October 27 "Christian Stewardship"

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Hosea, the Deserted Lover

(Continued from Page Three)

scattered; Loruhamah—not believed; Lommi—not My people. The seed scattered, like Israel, instead of gathered. Not having obtained mercy, instead of mercifully received. Not My people, instead of My people. Gomer was away from Hosea. Israel was away from God. Are you?

But the love of God will reverse even His own decrees if He can find an honest heart of repentance, and a seeking heart of sorrow. His changeless love was illustrated in the new names of Gomer's children. Jezreel—sown now in the sense of planted, not scattered; gathered and planted in his inheritance. Ruhamah—having obtained mercy, dropping the negative Lo. 2:23. Ammi—My people, again dropping the negative Lo.

Rejoice, Gentiles! By the Spirit Paul uses these scriptures in reference to the inclusion of the Gentiles in the merciful eternal plan of God. "As he saith in Hosea, I will call them My people which were not My people; and her beloved which was not beloved; and it shall come to pass that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not My people, there they shall be called the children of the living God." Rom. 9:25.

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How was Gomer to return? How was Israel? How are you to return? On their part (Gomer, Israel, you) through defeat, calamity, and eventually of their own free will. Her corn shall fail, her silks and flaxes shall be stripped from her, her nakedness shall be discovered, even to her paramours. Her mirth shall cease, her carnivals shall be no more, her gardens shall moulder and her orchards rot. From this wilderness she shall be allured by immortal Love. She shall willingly return

in contrition and find a pardoning Husband, and an unailing God. "Then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then was it better with me than now." 2:6-14.

On Hosea's part—on God's part—she was to return (like Israel) by unailing love: "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for Mine anger is turned away from him." 14:4; 6:1-3. But why wait until immortal Love is compelled for very love's sake to drive you into this wilderness of wailing and tears?

Does not the wonderful story of love in Hosea provide a solution to your problem, beloved husband or wife whose mate has proved unfaithful? Seek not divorce. There are no divorces and re-marriages under the new covenant. Such things are unthinkable. "For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away." And even if you put away "yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not He make *one*?" Mal. 2:14-16. The Lord Jesus takes up the same argument. "One flesh" God made husband and wife, "in the beginning." Not merely two united, but two made *one*. One flesh. How can one become two again? "No more twain." "What God hath joined together (made one) let not man put asunder—not even the state—not even Moses.

Seek her through the world. Follow after him. And pray. Forgive her freely. Pardon him mercifully. Take him back. Lead her to your home and bosom once

more. This was Hosea's way with Gomer. The Lord will wash her uncleanness in His precious blood. He will purify his pollution in the crimson fount. This was God's clear way with Israel. It is His way for you. It is His marvellous way with us. "Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel." 3:1.

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Are you away from God? Has God been driving you through circumstances, like Gomer, like Israel, back to reclamation and Himself? Do not continue in sins and misery away from God. Do not destroy yourself. Do not continue in that course of life which, when He was on earth, would have broken the Saviour's heart. Yield to His marvellous love. Accept His wondrous mercy. Gomer! come home to weeping Hosea. He loves you—he seeks you. Israel! come home to Jehovah. He desires you—He calls you. Sinner! Come back to Jesus. He loves you—He waits for you. He will be as the dew unto thee. Thou shalt grow as the lily, and cast forth thy roots as Lebanon. Thy beauty shall be as the olive tree, and thy smell as Lebanon.

Nothing but the courageous love of God is brave enough to trust the soul of man to endure as seeing Him who is invisible; and nothing but the grace of God can carry that soul through in triumph.—Amy Carmichael.

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REVIVAL IN THE CONGO

A letter has arrived from W. F. P. Burton in the Belgian Congo, dated July 4. Readers of the *Evangel* will remember that prayer was requested for Brother Burton more than a year ago. An eminent Johannesburg surgeon had diagnosed his case as malignant cancer, giving him only six or possibly twelve months to live. But saints all over the world began praying for him, and God performed a miracle. A later examination revealed not the slightest trace of cancer.

He writes: "I have returned to Mwanza an absolutely normal man, able to tramp and preach in a way I have been unable to do for over two years; and I do thank you and your readers out of a full heart for all your lovely help and prayer. God bless and reward you.

"We are seeing wonderful revival here in the Congo. Many are turning to the Lord Jesus. Whole villages are stirred. The Spirit started falling on the young evangelists in our Bible Training School, then in the Girls' Rescue Home and in the women's meetings. So many have been filled with the Spirit that we've lost count, but there have been four or five at a meeting all through the weeks. The prayer meetings are heaven on earth. Souls are being saved and big batches of converts are going through the baptismal grave.

"Two of the most powerful chiefs in this part of the Congo have come out boldly for Christ. One of them has seventy wives—I wonder what he will do about that!!! One chief has just sent in, to be burned, charms that must have cost him thousands of francs.

"In our northernmost station a threatened rebellion against the government has fizzled out before revival power. Many are having visions of the Lord and incurables are being healed."

It is possible to sing, "My all is on the altar," and yet be unprepared to sacrifice a ring from one's finger, or a picture from one's wall, or a child from one's family, for the salvation of the heathen.—J. Hudson Taylor.

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NOTICE TO ALL PASTORS

We, the undersigned District Superintendents, take this means of notifying pastors in our respective districts that they will soon receive a Sunday School Checkup Form for rating the Sunday School for the year October 7, 1945 to September 29, 1946. Each District Superintendent whose name is printed below endorses this questionnaire and will appreciate the pastors' efforts in helping to get these Checkup Forms filled in and returned to their District Office at the earliest possible date, preferably by October 4.

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A poor woman, living in Scotland, had only a tiny house and a very large family, but others could see that she lived very close to the Lord Jesus. "You always seem so near to the Lord," said the minister to her one day. "How is it possible when you can never get alone with Him for a quiet prayer?" "Ah, Meenister, that's whar ye mak' the mistake. When I wint tae shut all out I jist sid me doon in ma chair, an' throw me apron ovr ma heed, an' I'm in ma tabernacle alone wi' me Lord in a moment."

Among the Assemblies

ARKOMA, OKLA.—We have just closed a 2-week revival here. Evangelist Odis Osburn of Los Angeles, Calif., was in charge. Fifteen were saved, 6 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 12 were baptized in water.—Ed Williamson, Pastor.

CROWELL, TEXAS—We have enjoyed a 4-week revival with J. B. Smith and daughter Inez of Teague, and Mary Dean Sherrill of Dallas. This revival was the best in the history of our church. The building was filled and the grounds were crowded with people. Great interest continued throughout the four weeks. Twelve were saved, and 10 were baptized in water. The revival spirit still continues in our regular services. One of those who gave their heart to God was my seventy-year-old father, in answer to many prayers. The neighboring churches at Quanah and Vernon helped out wonderfully, and some came from Pampa. The interest in this Pentecostal message is much greater in our town since this meeting.—W. W. Everson, Pastor.

WADENA, MINN.—August 25 we concluded a great revival with Evangelist William L. Andrews of Seattle, Wash. Forty souls sought the Lord for salvation, 18 were baptized in water, and 4 testified to having been healed. Thirty-one have been taken into the church. This was the opening campaign in our new church.—Clinton Fick, Pastor.

WASCO, CALIF.—We are praising God for the three-week meeting just closed with Evangelist and Mrs. E. G. Eskelin from Detroit, Mich. Fourteen were saved and 6 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The blessing of God was in every service. This was said by many to be the best revival the church has had in five years. We thank God for the ministry of Brother and Sister Eskelin.—T. Chas. Gameson, Pastor.

COVINGTON, TENN.—We accepted this pastorate last November and since that time God has blessed. We have had two revivals. The first one was conducted by J. R. Harris of Tulsa, Okla. Many were saved, and we enjoyed the anointed ministry of Brother Harris. Then in July we had our Vacation Bible School and enrolled over 100. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. This School was conducted by Nell Gaines Cheek and Bessie L. Fisher of Memphis. Their ministry was a blessing to our church. Olin E. Brown of Tulsa, Okla., came to us in August. The Lord blessed Brother Brown's message to our hearts, and we enjoyed the large charts which he used to illustrate his prophetic messages. About 25 were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. We have baptized 15 in water, and 16 have united with the church. The Sunday School attendance has increased from 27 to 111.—C. W. Quattlebaum, Pastor.

HEBER SPRINGS, ARK.—After two successful years of ministry at Green Forest, Ark., we resigned the church and accepted the pastorate here. We found a band of saints who love the Lord and have the vision and zeal to move forward for Him. They have recently built a nice parsonage, with 6 rooms and bath, adjoining the church property. We follow Ralph Roberts, the previous pastor, who has done a very commendable work here. Council ministers passing this way are invited to stop over with us.—Hugh A. Still, Pastor, Box 304.

ALVARADO, TEXAS—Evangelist J. R. Goodwin and family, of Wright City, recently conducted a revival here. The Lord graciously blessed every effort with signs following. Believers were under the power of God and there were several instances of healing. The final count showed 25 baptized with the Holy Spirit, 12 saved or reclaimed, 14 received into church fellowship, and 9 baptized in water. The last Sunday of the revival, our Sunday School attendance reached 123. Our church was greatly encouraged by the Spirit-filled messages of Brother Goodwin and the special music and singing rendered by the family.—Otis W. Keyes, Pastor.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CAMPS

The tenth annual Camp Meeting of the Michigan District came to an end, Sunday, August 4, in a blaze of glory. Allan A. Swift, Principal of Eastern Bible Institute, who served as Bible Teacher, and Allen Mallory of Tallahassee, Fla., the camp evangelist, were made a blessing to the many who attended this year. A large number knelt at the altar to accept Christ as their Savior and to renew their vows of consecration, while many received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many testified to having been healed in the two great Divine Healing services. The peak attendance was reached on the second Sunday when close to 2,000 people thronged the grounds of beautiful FA-HO-LO Park.

Children's Camps

The first two weeks of July were devoted to the boys and girls of the District who attended the Children's Camps. There were 76 boys present the first week and 104 girls in attendance the second week. Bertie Doss was in charge of the religious instruction. Various speakers brought the messages at the nightly vesper services. A number of boys and girls were converted during their respective camps, and several others were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Youth Conference

The second annual Youth Conference was held after the Camp meeting, with 78 in attendance. From beginning to end we were all very conscious of the presence of God. The ministry of J. Bashford Bishop in the night services was made a real blessing to the young people. Consecrations were renewed, and lives were dedicated to the Master's service. The subjects taught by our excellent faculty, Ralph M. Riggs, Allan A. Swift and A. L. Hoy, will long remain as a strengthening influence in the lives of those who sat under their teaching in the daily morning classes.—Chas. W. H. Scott, District Superintendent.

COLUMBUS, GA.—We have enjoyed two revivals at the Linwood Assembly, with Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Snyder, of 2935½ Fifth Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla. They came to us in April, and God poured out His Spirit in every service. Forty were saved and 23 were filled with the Holy Ghost. They were with us again in July, and souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. They were a great blessing to our church.—John V. Nash, Pastor.

JASPER, TEXAS—We came here from the Oklahoma District 18 months ago. There was no church, and only one or two families had been members of the Assemblies of God elsewhere. We felt God's call and began to pray for a church. Today we have a two-story wood building almost completed. The building has a 32x40 auditorium, 2 prayer rooms upstairs, 2 Sunday School rooms and modern conveniences downstairs. We wor-

shipped in the County Courthouse and private homes until the church was ready for occupation. Since moving into the building, we have witnessed a steady increase in attendance and interest.

We had a one-week meeting with Sister B. L. Greene of Beaumont as evangelist. God certainly used her to break down prejudice, and interest was created throughout the city. Several were saved, 4 united with the church. The spirit of revival continues to be manifest.

We now have 25 members and our Sunday School attendance was 44 on August 25. We are using all the helps from the Gospel Publishing House and departmentalizing the Sunday School according to recommendations from Springfield.

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CANALOU, MO.—Evangelist Louise Copeland has just finished a 3-week tent meeting here. God greatly blessed her ministry, especially in the Divine Healing Services. A little girl who was deaf and dumb was healed, and a number of others were healed of different ailments. Seventeen were saved, 3 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 10 were baptized in water. Sister Copeland has a message worth listening to, for what God can do.—Clarence Hampton, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Evangelist C. C. Robinson was with us in Bethel Temple for a 2-week revival and God's blessing was upon every service. Then Victor H. Smith came to us for a 2-week campaign, and his dynamic messages were a great help to our church. A number accepted Christ as their Savior. Later, M. E. Stubblefield conducted a 2-week meeting in which a number received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed under the ministry of each one of these brethren.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CAMP MEETINGS

The Rocky Mountain District Camp Meeting held annually at the District Camp Grounds, near Denver, Colo., closed August 23. G. F. Lewis spoke each morning at the Ministers' Meeting and brought the message at the regular morning service. Arthur S. Arnold, Hebrew Christian, who had been selected as evangelist for the camp, was the evening speaker. This was one of the best camps in the history of the District. A goodly number were saved, and around 58 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. At the Divine Healing service, held on the last night of the camp, many were anointed and prayed for, and some received a definite touch from the Lord.

The teaching of Brother Lewis was wholly accepted and appreciated by the ministers. Every evangelistic message delivered by Brother Arnold brought marked results. Altars were crowded throughout the camp with hungry souls seeking God. These altar services would last until about morning, with few exceptions.

With the large attendance at the camp this year, it now seems imperative that we enlarge our tabernacle and camp ground space.

Other Camp Meetings held in the Rocky Mountain District this summer, were conducted in the following places:

Western Slope Sectional Camp, at Grand Junction, Colo., June 25—July 4. A. C. Bates, Home Missions Secretary of the Texas District, guest speaker.

Utah State Camp, at Salt Lake City, Utah., July 7-14. Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent, special speaker.

Youth Camp, Cedaredge, Colo., July 16-19. Dean Duncan, of Taft, Calif., camp evangelist.

Wyoming State Camp, Wheatland, Wyo., July 23-August 1. Arthur S. Arnold, main speaker.

Each camp was singularly blessed of the Lord. The speakers seemed especially anointed for the section in which they were chosen to minister. The Rocky Mountain District has experienced a full and rich summer of harvest for the Lord.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

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Coming Meetings

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McCOOK, NEBR.—811 East C St., Sept. 30—; A. A. Allen, Evangelist.—C. T. Beem, Pastor.

ANTHON, IOWA—Sept. 24—; Evangelist and Mrs. N. D. Sheneman, Oxford, Nebr.—Elsie Tapper, Pastor.

BOYD, TEXAS—Sept. 15—29; Alberta Utz, of Ft. Worth, Evangelist.—J. T. Bayless, Pastor.

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Revival in progress; L. Wayne Pitts, of New Mexico, Evangelist.—F. H. Beard, Pastor.

HAVRE, MONT.—Bethel Assembly, Sept. 18—29; Evangelist and Mrs. LeRoy Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo.—E. A. Born, Pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—1441 Ellis St., Sept. 29—Oct. 13; George Hayes, Evangelist.—Oville C. Smith, Assistant Pastor, Glad Tidings Temple.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—285 Wilnot Ave.; Sept. 22—Oct. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Reynolds Kennedy, Bethlehem, Pa.—M. Q. Spencer, Pastor.

KERBY, ORE.—Sept. 25, for 2 weeks; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists.—Don Wantland, Pastor.

SQUIRE, W. VA.—District Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 28. Revival, Sept. 29—Oct. 13; R. D. Dobbins, Akron, Ohio, Evangelist.—Joseph Caetta, Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—Dodson Avenue Assembly of God, Oct. 6—27; Lee Krupnick, Christian Jewish Evangelist, and Mrs. Krupnick.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—2025 Orleans St., corner Castle, Sept. 29—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. McIntosh.—A. H. Clattenburg, Pastor, 3505 Gibbons Ave.

BURTON, NEBR.—Sept. 29—Oct. 13; Roy Denny, Long Pine, Nebr., Evangelist.—F. D. McClellan, Pastor.

VERMILLION, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 12—; Eugene C. Bishop, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—A. M. Selness, Pastor.

FESTUS, MO.—October 6—20; Horace A. and Mrs. Booker, Lakeland, Fla., Evangelists and Musicians.—Carl Roberts, Pastor.

SALEM, ORE.—The Armory, Ferry at Liberty St., Oct. 6—27; Fox Party, Evangelists.—W. S. Frederick, Pastor.

BEARDEN, ARK.—Sept. 29, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Edwin Burris, of Russellville.—O. R. Ball, Pastor.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Montford and West Chestnut Sts., Sept. 15—29; R. Stanley Berg, speaker.—C. Schwager, Treasurer.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—1131 Knox St.; Sept. 12, for 2 weeks or longer; I. J. Bolton, Lakeland, Fla., Evangelist.—J. C. Hunnicutt, Pastor.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.—907 South Twelfth St., Sept. 22—Oct. 13; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists.—Jos. P. Wannemacher, Pastor.
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MICHIGAN PRAYER CONFERENCE

Michigan District Prayer Conference, 902 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich., October 7—8. For reservations write R. Elmer Baker, 910 N. Cedar St.—Mrs. E. D. Cooley, Secretary.

SIREN, WIS.—Prayer and Bible Conference, Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 29—Oct. 6. Clarence H. Jenson, Alexandria, Minn., special speaker. Neighboring assemblies will participate.—Robert Spencer, District Superintendent.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Alabama District Council, City Auditorium, 8th Ave. and 20th St., Birmingham, Ala., October 7—9. First service, Monday night, Wesley R. Steelberg, guest speaker. Daily schedule for Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30—9:30 a.m., Ministers' Institute, only ministers and their wives admitted; Brother Steelberg, speaker. 9:30—10:00, Prayer and Consecration Service; 10:00—12:00, Preaching and Business. 1:30—5:00 p.m., Worship and Business. 7:30 p.m., big Evangelistic Meeting. For free rooms or hotel reservations write W. T. Davis, 4737 Second Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala. Each local church should send one delegate. All ministers of the Alabama District should attend the Council. Ministers of adjoining Districts urged to meet with us. For further information write Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile, Ala., or Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary, Box 276, Slocomb, Ala.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—2115 Garland Ave., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. T. W. Stark, Newton, Iowa.—W. G. Hinecker, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Bethel Tabernacle, 1421 25th Ave., Oct. 3—6; Howard Carter of London, England, speaker. Two services daily. This will be Brother Carter's only meeting in Northern Calif. Accommodations for friends who wish to stay over night. Please communicate with Pastor R. H. Moon, 1527 54th Ave., Oakland 1, Calif.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The annual session of the Arkansas District Council will convene at the Assemblies of God Camp Ground (Ozark Lithia), 9 miles from Hot Springs, Ark., 2 miles off Highway 70 on State Highway 7, September 23—26. District W.M.C. meeting, afternoon, Sept. 23, Mrs. Cora Jennings, President, in charge. State C. A. Rally, night, Sept. 23, in charge of C. C. Grace, State C. A. President. Council sessions begin morning, Sept. 24. David Burris, District Superintendent; by H. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The first convention of the National Sunday School Association will be held at Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill., October 2—6. Work study groups and departmental sessions conducted daily. For further information and room reservations, address C. V. Egemeier, Executive Secretary, National Sunday School Association, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, Ill.

ELMER, MO.—Annual Fellowship Meeting, October 1—3; A. A. Wilson, of Kansas City, morning and evening speaker. Meals and rooms free.—James A. Call, Pastor.

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Albert D. Pyle, 809 Ninth St., Woodward, Okla.—"After a successful ministry of four years and two months as pastor of the Assembly of God Tabernacle, Woodward, I have resigned to enter the evangelistic field. Am ordained, in fellowship with Oklahoma District Council."