

GOD'S TRUTH STANDS

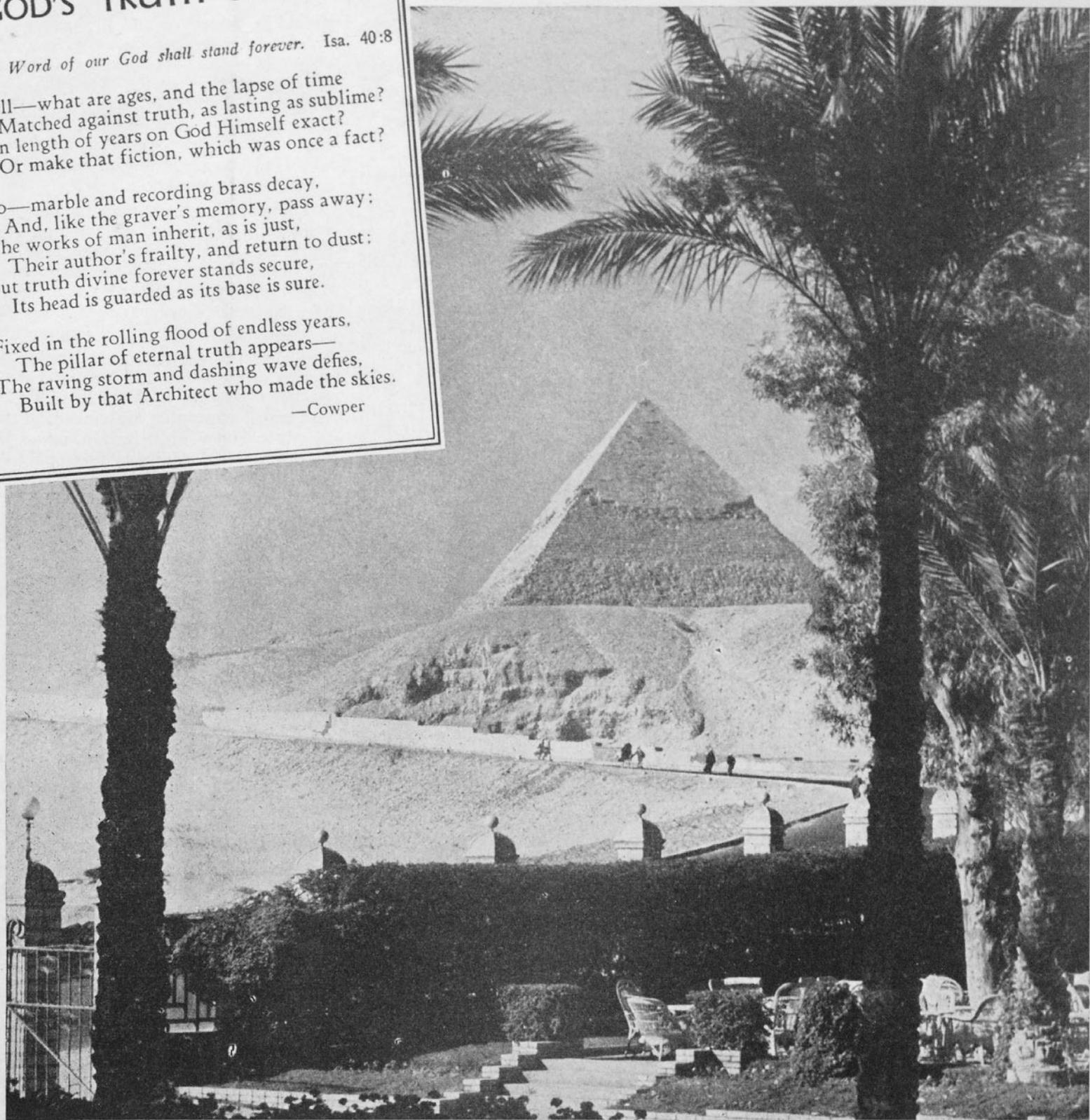
The Word of our God shall stand forever. Isa. 40:8

Well—what are ages, and the lapse of time
Matched against truth, as lasting as sublime?
Can length of years on God Himself exact?
Or make that fiction, which was once a fact?

No—marble and recording brass decay,
And, like the graver's memory, pass away:
The works of man inherit, as is just,
Their author's frailty, and return to dust:
But truth divine forever stands secure,
Its head is guarded as its base is sure.

Fixed in the rolling flood of endless years,
The pillar of eternal truth appears—
The raving storm and dashing wave defies,
Built by that Architect who made the skies.

—Cowper



The NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD
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Do not fail to read this remarkable article

"The Legion of Lucifer"

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WRITING to Timothy, Paul wrote, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Tim. 3:1. The Greek word rendered "perilous" is found only twice in the New Testament: *here* and in Matt. 8:28 where it is rendered "fierce." It occurs quite frequently in the Greek classical writings where it conveys the thought embodied in our words, "difficult, dangerous, hard to deal with, hostile, cruel, severe, troublesome."

That we are living in "the last days" we verily believe, and certainly the inspired prediction of the apostle has come to pass. No person can listen to the voice of the radio, read the daily papers, or look around him with an observing eye, without being fully convinced that these times in which we live could scarcely be characterized more fittingly than they were characterized by Paul when he wrote his last letter to his "son in the gospel" whom he exhorts to "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 2:1.

The world has not been getting better; conditions have not been improving; humanity has been on the downgrade ever since the beginning of human history. The other day Dr. Herman J. Muller, who has been awarded the 1946 Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology for his work in showing that biological changes in the course of years can be produced by X-rays, asserted that the Japanese who were exposed to the atomic bomb, and were not killed, may transmit hereditary ill effects to their descendants for many generations, and he went so far as to say that if they could foresee the evil effects in their descendants a thousand years hence they might well wish that they had been killed outright when the bomb burst. These are among the words he is reported to have said: "The A-bomb rays are the kind that cause changes in a species, and at Nagasaki and Hiroshima it is likely these changes will be manifest for one thousand years. The effects pile up with the generations."

It is not the purpose of this writer to attempt to establish the truth of this position; neither is it his purpose to deny what has been asserted. He is not prepared even to express an opinion. It is outside his province, and he accepts what the scientists say for what their sayings are worth, knowing full well that they often seriously err, as they discover afterwards.

On the other hand, as they have delved into the secrets of nature, they have made some very astonishing discoveries, and have uncovered some very startling facts. What Dr. Muller has said may be true.

Of one thing we are certain. Our first parents away back at the beginning of human history sinned, and the evil effects of their act they passed on, by means of heredity, to their offspring. Their first child became a murderer and their second child was murdered, and the history of the race from that day to this has been a record of crime, violence and bloodshed. How different it would have been had our first parents kept their first estate!

Concerning the conditions that obtained in the world prior to the judgment of the great flood, we read, "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Gen. 6:11, 12. Our Lord said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Luke 17:26. And all we need to do is to look around us in the world today, and we see the conditions obtaining that are very largely what the conditions were at the time God decreed that the flood should be sent. Conditions are actually *worse* than many people believe they are. Much that God sees, our eyes do not see at all. But occasionally something happens that lets a little light in on the conditions that exist. Ezekiel in Babylon perhaps wondered for a while why God had decreed that Jerusalem

should be destroyed and the people slain or carried away into captivity. God in a vision let him see the wickedness that was being perpetrated there. Read the eighth and ninth chapters of Ezekiel, and you will get a little conception of what Ezekiel saw in his vision. If he had wondered why God was purposing to destroy Jerusalem, he wondered no longer.

Things just as bad, or *worse* than what went on in Jerusalem, are going on in the world today; such things are going on in the United States, which boasts of its freedom, and of the progress it has made, and of what it calls Christian civilization.

A number of years ago, when I lived in Los Angeles, there existed in that city a cult that actually called themselves "The Pacific Coast Devil Worshipers." This was not a name that was given to them by their enemies; it was a name they themselves had adopted. They published a paper in the interest of devil worship; they had a shrine before which they bowed in adoration before the devil; they had a young woman who had been consecrated as a priestess, and who burned incense to the devil in a place of worship that had been dedicated to Satan; and the worshipers of Satan, in bowing before his shrine, trampled under their feet the likeness of our Lord upon His cross.

Whether that organization is in existence at the present time or not, I am unable to say, but there is another organization that is just as bad or worse. Its members recognize themselves as "The Legion of Lucifer." They frankly assert that the kingdom is at hand, but the kingdom that they assert is at hand is not the kingdom of the Son of man, but the kingdom of Satan.

Recently an evangelist was conducting a campaign in Los Angeles, and he received a letter from one of the members of this organization. Here are some excerpts from that letter:

"While listening to your broadcast last Sunday, I was impressed with your keen insight into the 11th chapter of Daniel. Up to a certain point you seemed to have discovered, in that important and ancient work, many of the hidden truths that many people have failed to comprehend. Without any attempt at flattery, I think I can say that men of your vision and power of oratory would be an asset to any faith and any movement, among the masses all over the world. I therefore wish to approach you in the light of this 11th chapter of Daniel, and other things you spoke about last Sunday night.

"Now we believe, we of the New Movement, that the great Prince, Michael, mentioned in the 11th and 12th chapters of Daniel, is the Archangel, Michael, who has foresworn allegiance to Jehovah and is now on our side. We believe that Michael is the *alter ego* of Satan, or

Our Blessed
Hope

*When these things begin to
come to pass, then look up, and
lift up your heads; for your re-
demption draweth nigh.*

Luke 21:28

rather, Lucifer, who takes on many names.

"First, let me explain that we have formed a movement, which is necessarily secret for the time being—a militant organization. We call ourselves THE LEGION OF LUCIFER.

"Contrary to popular misconception and Christian propaganda, Lucifer was not, and is not, an ugly, cruel entity; on the contrary, he is the most beautiful, intelligent, and resplendent of all the cherubs of heaven—that is, prior to the revolution against Jehovah, who feared his growing power and dominion.

"I agree with you entirely on the victory which is to be achieved soon by the king of the north. You have certainly identified this power. The Antichrist will eventually rule the world. That, too, you have envisioned; and the Antichrist, the Archangel Michael, and Lucifer are all one and the same, in a trinity, separate in action, but unified in purpose. That Armageddon is close at hand is, I think, easy for anyone to see, and the unleashing of the atomic bomb points to its outbreak and to the inevitable conclusion.

"The atomic bomb, I am glad to say, is of Satanic origin, a product of the infernal, and is to insure the final victory of Lucifer, not only over the earth, over which Satan has dominion (see Luke 4), but over the hosts and cohorts of heaven, who must fall before Lucifer's ultimate assault.

"You will recall that, in the contest between Jesus and Satan, Jesus, the younger Son of God, was given a chance by his elder brother, Lucifer, or Satan, to share his dominion, but he chose to become an opponent rather than to be second in command to his elder brother. At that time Lucifer simply departed from him for a season, and has been biding his time, content to see what a mess Jesus and his followers were to make of the world and humanity.

"Jesus and Christianity have, I think, demonstrated their weakness and inability to cope with the opinions and the minds of men, and we are now worse off and in more disharmony over the globe than in any previous period of history.

"The kingdom of Lucifer is nigh, and we, the Legion of Lucifer, have pledged ourselves to it; and the reign of Jesus, or his attempt to reign, is collapsing on every side.

"Our doctrine is simple. We believe in freedom from restraint, in the enjoyment of the desirable and pleasurable things of life. We believe in beauty, art, music, and the indulgence of one's natural appetites, limited only by allowing others to enjoy an equal and similar right to live as they please. The keynote is freedom unrestrained, and pleasure is the pass-

word. Sin is a mirage, a superstition that has been erased from our vocabulary."

I have quoted the letter at considerable length, but there was much more that for lack of space must be omitted. The evangelist was invited to abandon his faith in Jesus and become identified with the *Legion of Lucifer*, and he was told that he could easily qualify for the rank of "general" in this new organization, which is now operating secretly, but which, in the near future, will be operating openly. "Should you qualify and come over on our side, you would be required merely to forswear your present allegiance to Jehovah and to Christ and to take the oath of allegiance, similar to that required of Jesus by Satan, in Luke 4, verses 6 and 7." So wrote this demon-inspired adherent of the *Legion of Lucifer*, and then added, "After all, who wants to be on the losing side? If you realize the opportunity, do not hesitate to make known to us, by some indication in your next broadcast, that you want to be one of us. Use the keyword 'Alpha' in your speech, and we will approach you more directly and less secretly." And the evangelist was informed that in the near future this organization expects to have its own broadcasting station and to broadcast its message to the world.

And who, in view of the conditions that obtain in the world at the present time, will be surprised at the announcement of the fact that this organization exists, and is planning to come out openly soon in the interest of the Prince of Darkness, "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of dis-

obedience"? We are most certainly living in "perilous times," in times that may well be characterized as "fierce," or, if conditions continue to grow worse, may *most certainly* soon be thus characterized. Many will then see that our translators might well have translated the word *chalepoi* "fierce" in 2 Tim. 3:1, as they translated it in Matt. 8:28, the only other passage, as I have stated, in which it is found in the New Testament.

In these days, in which the shades of the coming night are deepening, it behooves us who are followers of the Lord Jesus to gird ourselves anew for the conflict with the enemy. The time is at hand when the kingdom of Lucifer will seem to have come, but, thank God, that time will be of very short duration, and will be followed by the kingdom of the Son of man, and in His day righteousness will girdle the globe and the whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.

The conflict in the heavens will soon be fought. The great dragon will be cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world, and his angels will be cast out with him, and the earth-dwellers in that day will do well to heed the words found in Rev. 12:12. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

May you and I not be here when that day shall come! May we be numbered among those who shall have been caught up, and caught away, to meet Jesus in the air!

A JAPANESE TESTIMONY

When I found that Jesus bore my sins, I had a definite experience of forgiveness. I then consecrated myself to the service of the Lord, and went to a theological college. I am afraid, however, that the fighter was still strong within me, and so I spent more time in studying jujitsu than in studying theology. So much so, that it became a matter of comment, and eventually I was discharged from the college without a theological diploma. But I had a diploma for jujitsu. At that time, of course, I had studied the Bible, but I did not believe the whole of it; only those parts which seemed to sustain my own theories. I now swallowed it whole, becoming a Bible Christian, and recognizing in the whole Bible the Word of God. Then a wonderful thing happened. I came to believe that the Lord was coming again, and that soon.

Eight years ago, in Tokyo City, at an

evening service, I had preached on turning of other cheek, and at the close of the service was giving the benediction when a fellow came out from the congregation and gave me a stinging blow on the left cheek. I reeled. It stung me. Oh, it did hurt! My first instinct—that of the Samurai—was to hit back. But I found that I had forgotten the trick. It was unspeakable joy to me. And I offered the fellow my other cheek, but he looked at me in fear and ran away. I was so happy. I know that Christianity is the true religion; that the Nietzscheism professed by so many is of no value; that the call of Jesus Christ to come to the Father is the only means of salvation—Juji Nakada, a Japanese evangelist.

"Time is the gift of God. Its duration is uncertain, its loss irreparable; therefore spend it to the glory of God.

"He Sent His Word, AND HEALED"

EZEKIEL had a hard proposition. He was set down in the midst of a valley that was full of dry bones. And the Lord said to him, "Can these bones live?" Surely this was the hardest question a man ever had put to him. Ezekiel did not know. But he answered, "O Lord God, Thou knowest." The Lord told the prophet to prophesy to these bones, and to say to them, "O ye dry bones, hear the Word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live; and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord." Ezek. 37:4-6.

Ezekiel prophesied as he was commanded; and as he prophesied, there was a noise, and a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. At the word of the prophet, there was a perfect assortment, adjustment, and alignment.

The sinews and flesh came upon the bones and the skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. But the Lord bade the prophet prophesy again, and as he prophesied at the command of the Lord, the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

The Lord undertook when Ezekiel obeyed and prophesied. Ezekiel did not perform the miracle. It is our part to do the obeying, and we can then let the Lord do the shaking. We do the obeying and let the Lord do the adjusting. Our part is to give forth the Word of God in the power of the Spirit. There is unlimited power in the Word of God.

It is written, "He sent His Word, and healed." Psalm 107:20. No doctor has been able to analyze the creative power of the Word of God. He sent His Word, and healed men that were sick unto death. Men talk today of the power of cosmic rays and other rays, but none of these are compared to the rays from the Word of God.

He sent His Word, and healed. It lost none of its vitality in its process of going. There is creative power in the Word of God. He spoke, and the worlds were created. His Word in Ezekiel's day caused the bones to be adjusted. One is as simple as the other. There were very many bones in that open valley, and the prophet tells us, "Lo, they were very dry." That is nothing for the Lord.

There is nothing too hard for Him. His Word has lost none of its power, and never will.

In Genesis we find that the Lord spoke, and things were created. In the 19th chapter of Revelation we see the Lord coming forth as the Word of God, not in creative power here but in destructive power. God destroys His enemies by the Word, and that same Word can destroy disease and counteract all poison. The Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow. There is no salve that can penetrate there, but the Word can. "Dividing asunder!" Oh, the penetrating power of the Word of God! Men boast about X-rays, but they cannot be compared with the rays of God's Word. The disease of the bone has to go before the rays from the Word.

Christ is *the* Word. John 1:1; Rev. 19:13. God sent His Word, and *He* healed all that were oppressed of the devil. Christ is called the Word, and He ever is and ever will be the Word. Is Christ in you? If He is, then you have the Word within you. Then you have within you the healing properties of the Word, because you have the Word within you.

It is written, "And the Word was made flesh." John 1:14. The Word was made flesh, whole flesh, disease-proof flesh. The Word within you is better than all

medicine in or out. Is His Word in you? Jeremiah said, "His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones." Jer. 20:9. It is a great thing to have heart burn when you hear the Word of God. It is a great thing to have bone burn, the healing touch, the burning touch of the Word in the bone.

It is not your faith that heals you. It is *the* Word. Your faith must be in the Word. Will you let the Word do its work? Then your healing is very simple. You simply let the Word do its work of healing.

Remember that elation does not save, and experience does not save. Wonderful raptures do not save or heal. It is written, "The just—the justified ones—shall live by faith"—faith in the Word of God. Faith comes by receiving the Word. Faith is not an everlasting flower, dried up and put into a vase, and kept indefinitely. It is a plant. It grows by having water and sunshine. Your faith is a growing faith when it is nurtured—when you live on the Word and are constantly filled with the Spirit.

"The just shall live by faith"—not by experience. Experience is the result of faith. Faith comes by hearing, by hearing and believing the Word; by hearing, by obeying, by receiving the Lord Jesus, the Word. As you receive Him He will bring with Him grace and faith, and you can count on the faith that He brings being augmented day by day and moment by moment as you are ever looking to Him, the author and the finisher and the perfecter of your faith.

Ever remember that we walk by faith and not by feeling—faith in the Word, counting on Him who is the Word, who bore our sins in His body on the tree, by whose stripes we are healed. 1 Peter 2:24.

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A Suggestion

A missionary writes from India: "About a year ago some Assemblies of God Mission friends passed on to me a pile of *Pentecostal Evangel*s (a paper I was not acquainted with) and I have received many other copies since then. I have spent many pleasant and profitable hours perusing these, which has resulted in much blessing to my own soul, and I think I owe it to you to let you know how much I have appreciated the contents of the *Evangel*. The articles have proved most inspiring and full of spiritual instruction. I have also read many of your publications with great profit. My wife has also shared these 'good things' with me.

"May the *Pentecostal Evangel* increase in every way and prove a blessing and an inspiration to the Lord's people everywhere."

MRS. JONATHAN GOFORTH

Obedience — and God's Protection

AFTER the Boxer uprising, my husband returned to China; and, with my children, I left for China the following summer, leaving the two elder children at the Chefoo schools, en route to Honan. Mr. Goforth met me at Tientsin, and together we traveled by riverboat inland—a journey of about twenty-four days. During those long, quiet days on the riverboat my husband unfolded to me a carefully thought-out plan for future mission work.

He reminded me that six missionaries, from a mission station which had been destroyed by the Boxers, were now permanently stationed at Changte; and that the main station, now fully equipped, no longer needed us as before. He felt that the time had come when we should give ourselves to the evangelization of the great regions north and northeast of Changte—regions which up to that time had been scarcely touched by the gospel, because of lack of workers. His plan was that we—husband and wife, with our children—should go and live and work among the people.

To make this possible a native compound would be rented in the center, where we would stay a month for our first visit, leaving behind an evangelist to carry on the work; and we would revisit this and other places so opened as many times as possible in the year.

What this proposition meant to me can scarcely be understood by those unfamiliar with China and Chinese life. Smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and other contagious diseases are chronic epidemics; and China, outside the parts ruled by foreigners, is absolutely devoid of sanitation.

Four of our children had died. To take the three little ones, then with me, into such conditions and danger seemed literally like stepping with them over a precipice in the dark and expecting to be kept. But, on the other hand, I had the language and experience for just such work, the need was truly appalling, and there was no other woman to do it. In my innermost soul I knew the call had come from God, but I would not pay the price. My one plea in refusing to enter that life was the risk to the children.

Again and again my husband urged that "the safest place" for myself and the children "was the path of duty"; that I could not keep them in our comfortable

home at Changte, but "God could keep them anywhere." Still I refused. Just before reaching our station he begged me to reconsider my decision. When I gave a final refusal, his only answer was: "I fear for the children."

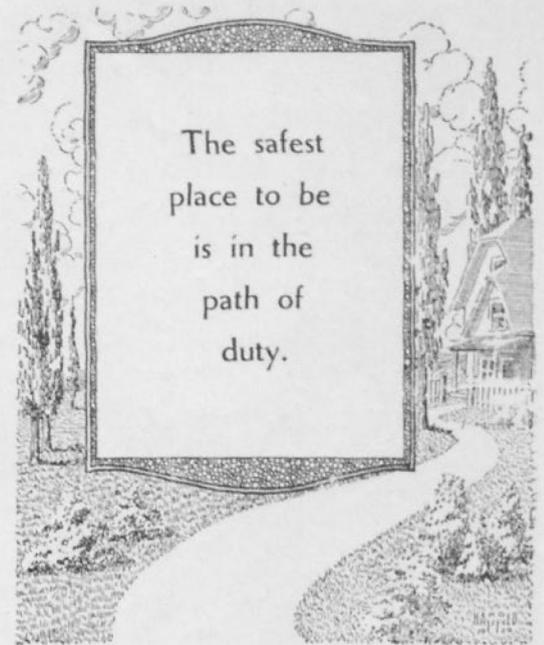
The very day after reaching home our dear Wallace was taken ill. For weeks we fought for his life; at last the crisis passed and he began to recover. Then my husband started off alone on his first trip! He had been gone only a day or two when our precious baby Constance, a year old, was taken down with the same disease that Wallace had. From the first there seemed little or no hope. The doctors, a nurse, and all the little mission circle joined in the fight for her life. Her father was sent for, but arrived just as she was losing consciousness. A few hours later, when we were kneeling round her bedside waiting for the end, my eyes seemed suddenly opened to what I had been doing—I had dared to fight against Almighty God.

In the moments that followed God revealed Himself to me in such love and majesty and glory that I gave myself up to Him with unspeakable joy. Then I knew that I had been making an awful mistake, and that I could indeed safely trust my children to Him wherever He might lead. One thing only seemed plain, that I must follow where God should lead. I saw at last that God must come first. Before the precious body was laid away preparations for our first trip were begun.

Was God faithful to the vision he had given me? Or did He allow the children to suffer in the years that followed, when months each year were spent with them right out among the people? As I write this, eighteen years have passed since we started on that first trip, and none of our children have died. Never had we as little sickness as during that life. Never had we so much evidence of God's favor and blessing in a hundred ways.

Without one exception, every place in which we stayed for a month, and opened as my husband had planned, became in time a growing church.

And I found, to my surprise, that I was able to give more time to the children, that I was able to guard them better when on those trips than when in the Changte station. For the mission compound was large, and often the children were out of



my sight for hours at a time; whereas the outside native compounds we lived in were so small the children were always within sight and reach. Even when groups of women were listening to the gospel, I was able to direct the children's lessons. As I look back on that time, my heart is filled with overflowing gratitude to God for the wonderful grace and strength He gave for that life.—From "How I Know God Answers Prayer." Price \$1.50. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

God's Providence

Our Heavenly Father can serve our lives by anything—even a spider's web. When Claverhouse was seeking to kill the Covenanters they were driven to the hills and mountains to worship. There was one old minister that Claverhouse had for two years been longing to seize and kill. But God took care of His servant. One Lord's Day morning in one of the highland glens of Scotland, John Brown was preaching to his faithful flock. Claverhouse and his troops were much nearer than anticipated. John Brown, the faithful minister of Jesus Christ, rushed into the cave. Within two hours the soldiers arrived, searching the glen; and said Claverhouse, "We have him at last." There were at least thirteen caves in that glen, and they started to search the caves one after the other, but there was no John Brown there. They were about to enter the last cave where Brown was. It was about two hours after he had entered and Claverhouse said to his troops, "No use to go in there, he is not there. He has escaped once more." "Why?" they asked. "Don't you see that spider's web over the mouth of the cave? He could not get in there without breaking it." God sent the spider after John Brown got in. Once more John Brown was free.

WHEN CLOUDS WILL GATHER

He prayed again,
and the heaven
gave rain. James 5:18



ENCOURAGEMENT TO SEEK GOD

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on National Assemblies of God Radio Hour

MANY seem skeptical concerning prayer and a God who answers, but can you believe that the records of all those mentioned in the Bible who sought God and obtained His help are but myths? Do you believe it a fantasy in those who live at the present when they testify that God hears and answers prayer? If you do, what you need is to put yourself in a right attitude and learn for yourself the reality and benefit of prayer. God gives us the challenge: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. But, in order to receive answer to prayer, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

Jesus prayed, and at times spent entire nights in prayer. He said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me." Do you think He prayed from a mistaken idea, or do you believe He prayed earnestly, believing that God heard and answered?

The man spoken of as a publican prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and went to his home with the assurance that he was forgiven. It was said of Saul of Tarsus, "Behold, he prayeth," and assurance was given him that his sins were

blotted out. If you are not saved, pray first of all that you might be saved.

In the hour of trouble and need we ought to pray, and we have the promise, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." When we earnestly approach God's throne of grace He responds and meets our needs.

Prayer brought the gift of the Holy Ghost to the disciples at Pentecost. Prayer enabled the Christian church to go forward when faced by many foes. Prayer has brought supplies of temporal needs, has broken habits, dissolved doubts, and met the needs of people in every walk and condition of life. Prayer is the avenue of communion and fellowship with God.

We close with these words from the Bible: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive." He also said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him?" God bless you. Begin now to seek the Lord. He knows all about your need. Believe as you pray, and as you pray ask God to bless this message to many who hear.

"By My Spirit"

T. J. JONES

Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zechariah 4:6.

IN expounding the Scriptures the first thing is to understand the circumstances and time when these words were written. You can make the Bible teach the wildest things if you tear your text from the context.

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Here is the particular setting. The people to whom Zechariah prophesied were God's people, a godly remnant of God's people, who came back from the Babylonian captivity to rebuild the house of God. When they got to Jerusalem, it was enough to break the stoutest heart. The city lay in ruins. Everything was against them, but the people had a heart to work. When you have the zeal of the house of God in you, it will eat you up. They started to build. Some wept and some rejoiced. There were the weepers and the shouters.

OPPOSITION FROM THE ENEMY

The first thing was to lay the foundations. We must always begin there. Our gospel is based on Golgotha's blood. We know no other gospel but the gospel that is soaked with the blood of Emmanuel. It was a good beginning. The work was going on, and everything was lovely. Then opposition came. Do you think you are going to get souls saved and let the devil sit down? You are mistaken! When we set to build the house of God again, and do something to see God's work go on, the devil is going to get roused. There are those who are battling for God in lonely stations, witnessing against evil powers. This is the Word of God to you to strengthen your heart, to make you know that when we set our hearts to this work, heaven's strength and power will be at the back of us.

THE PEOPLE DISCOURAGED

Onward they went, and opposition grew. Some cooled off. They lost the zeal and they got cold. Maybe this message will go

to men and women that were once stable helps in the assembly, but because of certain things you have cooled off. The most important thing in the world is that which pertains to the kingdom of God. Opposition increased and the people lost their zeal. The work, which began with shouting and praise, ceased. What did the people do who were once on fire? They sat down and built beautiful homes. Do you think God allowed them to sleep on like that? No, God raised up two prophets to stir up the people.

The name of one prophet was Haggai, and he told them the truth of God. He said, "Is it right for you to say the time has not come for the Lord's house to be built; we are waiting for a more favorable opportunity when things are nicer and the devil not antagonistic?" Even those who have received the Holy Ghost can have their zeal die down and the flame burn low. Under the prophesying of Haggai those people whose hands had been idle began to build the house of God again.

THE VISION

Zechariah was the other prophet, and his ministry was to hearten and comfort the people. Zechariah came along with the oil. He had a series of visions. An angel came and waked him. He saw a lampstand of gold. This was not the lampstand in the Tabernacle, or the one in the Temple. Here was a seven-branch lampstand and a bowl receptacle as a reservoir on the top. Some folks say that the bowl was disconnected after the apostolic period. They say, "Don't you know there was a dispensation when the bowl was taken away?" Then how was it that in 1915 the Holy Ghost fell upon me and I spoke in tongues? You may say, "Do you think there is still a golden bowl filled with oil?" Of course I do.

There were seven pipes to the seven lamps, joined to the bowl at the top end, and connected to the seven lamps of the lampstand at the bottom. Is your pipe connected, brother? There is nothing like oil to move stiffness. It is a wonderful lubricant. I have met a lot of people so stiff that they could not even shout "Praise God"—what they needed was some of this oil.

CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF OIL

Next, there were two olive trees by it, one upon the right side, and one upon the left. These olive trees were rich and luscious with fruit, and the pipes were conveying the oil out of them to the bowl at the top. It means that there is a perpetual, eternal, absolutely inexhaustible oil supply, because the olive trees are growing and the berries ripening and the

oil is going out of these continually to the bowl at the top. There is a continuous supply of oil to keep the lamps burning all night, however dark, through the wildest storms. If only my pipe is connected it can get all it wants.

The whole purpose of this vision is to encourage some people who had become discouraged and had lost their zeal because of oppression. They were settled down, and the vision was to hearten them to move forward so that they should build the house of God again.

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

"The angel said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord." So the angel explained the symbolism, in verse 6. The word of Jehovah came unto Zerubbabel, saying, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." That is for us. What does that lampstand mean, with the bowl, the pipes, and the trees? What the oil was to the lampstand, the Spirit of God will be to you. I suppose you know enough about going on despite the opposition of the other churches. You cannot keep the Atlantic back with a broom. God is in the midst. In spite of imperfections and failures it is the work of the living God. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." Something that cannot be accomplished by natural might! The tendency of many young preachers is to forget that. Everything we have is due to the fact that the Holy Ghost has come.

THE MOUNTAIN LEVELED

The Holy Ghost came on Zerubbabel, and he looked at the mountain. He said, "Who art thou?" The mountain lifted its formidable head. He felt puny and insignificant against the obstacles that confronted him. God gave him the faith that removes mountains, that sinks every mountain to a plain. Give me the child-like praying faith that longs to build Thy house again. When we make the upper room the supper room, it is a bad business.

Who art thou, great mountain? One of those obstacles, one of those difficulties that are before you. Someone is held and fettered in chains of lust. Can he be delivered? Can these dry bones live? Ezekiel looked on them, and answered, "O Lord God, Thou knowest." Sometimes we look at the congregation and say, "Can these dry bones live?"

Who art thou, great mountain? Someone fettered and bound with the evil powers. You are a slave and you know it. The mountain can become a plain. A plain, a lovely piece of ground. Could you tell me where that mountain will go to? I don't know. It is for me to de-

clare that God can sink the mountain to a plain. God can break the chains off, make the bones to live. Who art thou, great mountain? You bind me, but in the name of Jesus I rebuke you. I am loosed by the power of God. The chains must fall off, the iron fetters yield. Jesus breaks the prisoner's chains, bruises Satan's head, and the mountain must become a plain. We tell you, men and women, if you are bound, the mountain that has lifted its head can sink before you by the power of God.

THE HEADSTONE COMES TO ITS PLACE

"He shall bring forth the Headstone with shoutings." Wherever the Headstone is, the mountain sinks to a plain. The Lord Jesus Christ is the great Headstone. God shall bring forth the Headstone thereof with shoutings—thunderings, crashing shouts. What does it mean? Whenever God is moving and the Spirit is outpouring, the Headstone comes to His place with shoutings and cryings. We have something to shout about. Don't blame me if I get happy. Hallelujah! It is a good thing to hear the shouts of the redeemed. Maybe, brother, your pipe is disconnected. You cannot shout unless you get the oil supply. Oil makes you shout. It is the oil that brings the mountain down, that performs the impossible. It is the oil supply that brings the Headstone to His appointed place. Oil raises the shouts of the redeemed.

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Hands that had been idle began again to be busy for God. When we are in touch with the oil supply, things get busy. Don't dream and say, "Carry me to the skies on flowery beds of ease." Say, "Wake me up, Lord, and let me do something." Hands that laid the foundations fifteen years before shall finish it. The Spirit puts a divine urge into our hearts. The urge stirs us and the zeal of the house of God literally eats us up.

"They shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel." You know, a plummet is to see that things are straight. We have had crooked things oftentimes, but when the Spirit of God comes upon us, He makes the mountains disappear, and brings the Headstone to His place; He encourages the people, and puts the plummet into our hands that we may be able to straighten everything out according to His precious Word. The secret of it all is, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit."

What the oil was to the lampstand, the Spirit of God will be to the believers of God today. I want God to make us sons and daughters of oil.

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Happiness in Marriage

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WHEN one begins to write or speak on human relations, he can accept as axiomatic the statement that he will soon be the target of critical remarks from nearly every quarter. Thus, in attempting a study of the most personal of all human relations I expect the criticism of many. Surely, however, it is a worthy intention that longs to correct the sickening, appalling breakdown in marriage relations which is a Number One problem today, the divorce rate being almost equal to the marriage rate in many places.

All marital trouble is the direct result of failure to heed God-given laws governing the marriage relation. This study is designed to prove this, and to point a way of escape to all who face marital shipwreck, and a means of healing to those who have already felt the pain of a maladjusted marriage.

Psychologists and psychiatrists talk of sex incompatibility, personality complexes, and a host of other ghosts that haunt and torment marriages. These are to an unhappy marriage what fever is to a disease—a symptom rather than the malady itself. To treat symptoms is to let the disease alone, while to cure the disease is to rid the patient of the symptoms. Even so, the maladjusted sex life and the personality complexes will disappear when the true source of marriage trouble is removed, it being assumed that each party has been properly instructed.

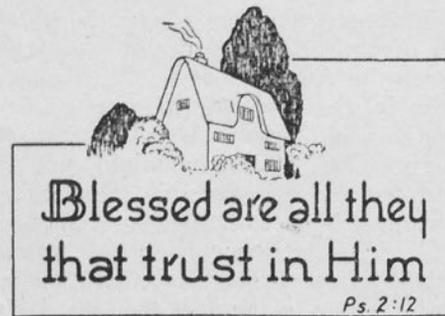
Marriage is God-ordained, God-designed. God does not have to experiment and learn by trial and error methods, for known unto Him are all His works from the beginning. Before Adam was formed He knew it would not be good for man to be alone and thus had plans for a helpmeet for him. Marriage, then, was not an afterthought on God's part. Jesus speaks in Mark 10 of certain thoughts and intents in God's mind from the beginning concerning this.

A brief search of the divine record will reveal that God, in instituting marriage, gave instructions concerning successful continuance of that relationship. These laws are not mere rules of conduct (though they include that); they are living, vital principles that bear as definitely on the marriage union as the law of gravity on the material substance of the earth.

When a builder plans to erect a structure, he must take into consideration the law of gravitation. If he builds in accord

with this law it serves to strengthen and perpetuate his work. But if he disregards it and in his construction defies this law, time will show his folly to all, by disrupting, damaging or destroying his work. God does not send an angel to chasten the violator of this natural law. The forces that chasten are ever present, emotionless, persistent, speedy factors inherent in the nature of things.

Even so with a married couple; if they co-operate with God's laws concerning marriage, and conduct their lives in the pattern He has set, these laws will strengthen and perpetuate their union. But if these laws are violated, they will find ever-present, live, dynamic forces



bringing pressure that will frustrate and confound, limit and mar the marriage union.

There are in human nature nerves and emotional capacities that will respond favorably to certain actions and treatment, but will revolt and rebel at others. For a party to a marriage to so act that his mate's nature responds happily is to insure success in marriage. To persistently do that which his mate's nature revolts against is to court marriage disaster. When both parties engage in these practices, the conditions resulting are intensified manyfold, for good or for bad.

God has laid down the rules by which both man and woman shall live in the marriage union. The peculiarities of humanity are legion, but each sex has its basic fundamental traits, and the Bible is fully mindful of these different traits. These rules are found scattered throughout the Bible. Here they are gleaned and compiled for the convenience of all.

I. THE HUSBAND'S OBLIGATION

1. Mark 10:7. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife."

God has decreed that in each new

marriage a new home is to be created. Old ties are to be severed, as far as living with parents is concerned. Note, it is a step for the man to take: "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife." Conditions may alter this—sickness and poverty, singly or in combined action, may require a different arrangement, but in each case the hazard is increased, notwithstanding the helplessness of the spouses to make different arrangements—and extra care must be exercised to avoid difficulty. Even where Christlike graces abound in the lives of all concerned, when married couples are forced to live with parents they are living beneath the level intended, and the waters of trouble will find access to that home unless the dikes of tolerance are kept well tended. The ideal is not good dikes, but higher levels—living separate from father and mother. This law must not be taken to mean that disregard for and lack of care of parents is to be permitted, for there is another law written, "Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother." One law is not to be kept by violating the other.

2. Deut. 24:5. "When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken."

The cheery atmosphere of home life can be marred by either party, of course, but the responsibility for a cheery home rests with the man.

Perhaps a closer study of Deut. 24:5 will reveal the truth behind so many wartime divorces. Young couples have defied God's law concerning the first year of matrimony in which the husband is to be at home. The persons involved, knowing duty calls them apart, should refrain from marriage until the conditions required can be met. Doing otherwise is like violating the law of gravity. The force violated pulls the victim down to defeat and sorrow.

3. Prov. 5:18. "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth."

The man is to rejoice (express joy) with his wife. A loving word is the soft answer that turneth away wrath. Words of endearment, expressions of joy, are like magic. The man is the one God has made responsible for this joyous home atmosphere.

4. Eccl. 9:9. "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity."

The third law is to express joy—the fourth is carry out in action what is expressed orally.

To insist on the pure joy of the Holy Ghost and the joy of salvation is proper

at this point. God, who decrees a life of joy, also tells us what that joy is to be. It is drawing water out of the wells of salvation. Isa. 12:3.

5. Eph. 5:25. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them." Col. 3:19. This should be the basis and starting point of all marriages, and the heart and essence thereof forever.

Note, in the context, the degree of this love:

(a) It is sacrificial. "Even as Christ loved the church." The extent to which Christ gave Himself, for our salvation and well being, is made the standard by which a man shall love his wife.

(b) It is personal. v. 28. "As your own body." Think of the concern one has for his own person. He never inflicts unnecessary pain upon it purposely; he never talks unkindly about, or to, himself. Even thus must a man love his wife. Man need never fear loving his wife too intensely; God has set the standard higher than any mere man can reach. Let all bitterness and similar evils be put away, and "be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

6. 1 Peter 3:7. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

Dwell with her wisely as a weaker vessel. The man is to treat his wife as something delicate. Her physical strength may exceed his; she may be as powerful as the proverbial ox, yet within her is a delicate spirit that can be broken. The man must realize this and act accordingly. Not only can her spirit be broken, but her health (and her heart, too) are vulnerable to harshness from her husband. As they pray together every day, God will cause them to inherit together an abundance of grace.

These are God's laws for the husband, and if he has Christ as his helper he will find that God's commandments are not grievous.

Someone says, "I know a Christian man who does not obey these laws." If any Christian is failing in these duties, he will have trouble before he is through. But if he will truly yield his life and will to God, the Lord will abundantly provide the enabling grace for him to live a happy, holy married life.

II. THE WIFE'S OBLIGATIONS

- 1. Eph. 5:22. "Wives, submit your-
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\$100,000 NEEDED FOR CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

At the present time funds are urgently needed to build a new Administration Building at our Bible training school in Springfield, Missouri. Nearly 600 students are enrolled this year, including many young men who served their country in World War II. The dormitories are crowded; many married couples are living in house trailers; emergency housing for 64 students is being provided by the Veterans Administration. The facilities of the school are being taxed to the limit, and yet there are a large number of young people who are being denied Bible training because there is not room for them in the school.

The chapel is much too small for the daily devotional services and so the large summer auditorium, formerly used for General Council Meetings, has been pressed into service. This auditorium was never intended for winter use, and great inconvenience is being experienced. The Directorate would like to erect a new Administration Building to provide adequate space for chapel, class rooms, and offices. In addition to providing these needs, the removal of class rooms and offices from the present buildings would make additional dormitory space available for the accommodation of many more students.

The new building will be erected as soon as funds are available. Are there not many in our fellowship whom the Lord has blessed with financial means, who will respond to this appeal and invest their funds in the training of young people for Full Gospel ministry—either by making an outright gift, or by purchasing Annuity Bonds, so that an Administration Building can be erected before another school year begins?

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MISSIONARY ADVANCE IN

Ring the Liberty Bell!

Lowell E. Dowdy

SOME forty years ago a baby boy was born in Venezuela of Italian parents, who, soon after his birth, returned to Italy. This boy grew up, heard the good news of salvation, was saved, and filled with a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. A few years ago Senor Antonio Lavieri, with his wife and four sons, returned to his native land. He secured employment as a trucker in the city of Maracay, trucking into the plains to the city of San Fernando de Apure.

About half way between these two cities is the city of Calabozo, which means "dungeon." Indeed, it well lives up to its name. With the believers of Pergamos, the citizens of Calabozo may well say, "We dwell even where Satan's seat is." In Calabozo there are three towering spires of Rome, one thriving industry in the manufacture of idols, seminaries to make priests, and also a nunnery.

The boast has long been made that in this headquarters city the "Evangelicos" would never gain a foothold. But, halle-

lujah; God is able to turn to naught the wisdom of this world. On his trucking trips, our Brother Lavieri made the "dungeon" his stopping place and, of course, preached the gospel with signs following. The devil has fought in every way possible, but there is now a fine group of believers there who mean business with God.

Last Saturday we were up at 2 a.m. to be ready for the Prensa, the bus that delivers papers, and which we hoped would also deliver us in Calabozo. As usual, in this country, we were off 3½ hours later! Late that afternoon we arrived at our destination.

We had a precious service Sunday morning and immediately afterward walked an hour and a half out into the country to a large spring where we had a water baptismal service. One woman whom we baptized had been saved two years, but for one year her husband, who was one of the worst drunkards in the town, forbade her attending the services. God rewarded her prayers by saving her husband a few months ago, and we had the happy privilege of baptizing them both that afternoon. At the night service, the little church was full and people even sat in the windows.

On Monday we went by burro (my first ride on a burro) to visit some of the Christians. This is the only mode of travel for many who live far from the church. I also had the new experience of crossing a river in a dugout!

We arrived home in Caracas late Tuesday, worn to a frazzle but so happy in the Lord! How we wish we could picture to you the need of workers in this dark land of Venezuela, and the joy of ministering to these hungry hearts! We are reminded of the chorus "Ring the liberty bell, sweet bell, Ring the liberty bell; For Jesus has risen to open the prison, And burst the bars of hell!"

Wendell S. Cole, Honduras, Central America.—We are encouraged with the progress of the work here, and see many evidences that God is moving. Only the power of God can penetrate the darkness of the hearts of this people so long steeped in the form of heathenism that you encounter here with all of its idolatry, adultery, lying, stealing, and drunkenness.

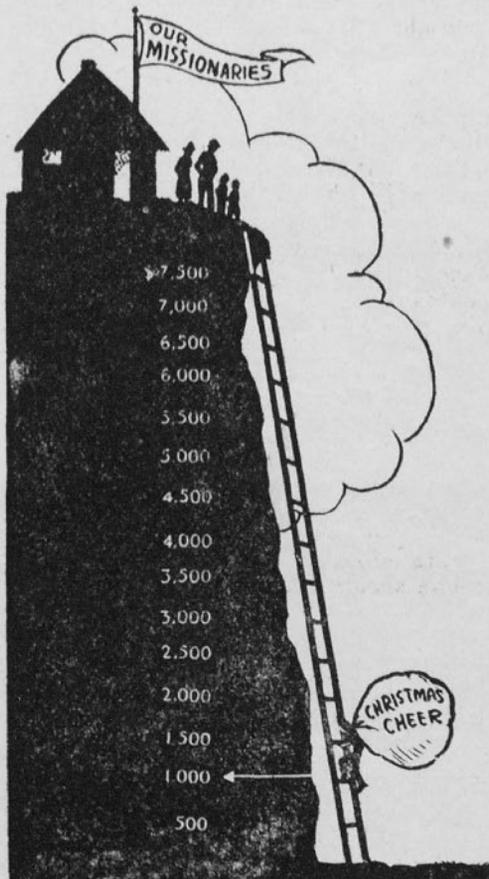
A few days ago we made a trip out into the country for a baptismal service by the river. It was a beautiful sight to see the large group of people that gathered from all directions. The presence and power of the Lord were greatly manifested as these, who not so long ago had come out from heathen darkness into the glorious light of our Lord Jesus Christ, were buried with Him in baptism. One was a well-to-do young man who has received the gift of the Holy Ghost and is already preaching in the power of the Spirit, having left behind a life of revelry and sin of the worst kind.

News Flashes!

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stohr, missionaries to Brazil, are announcing the arrival of a new addition to their family. Little Miss Esther Myrtle was born in Seattle, Washington, on October 22.

The Brazilian brethren wired the Missions Department on October 26, "National Convention of Assemblies of God of Brazil greet their American brethren with Hebrews six verse ten. (Signed) Samuel Nystrom and Jose Menezes."

A cable received by the Missions Department today from J. Edgar Barrick states that Mr. and Mrs. Barrick, Mollie Baird, Kenneth Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkes, and Elsie Bridgman have arrived safely in North India.



Please Hurry!

The money for our Christmas Fund is coming in so very slowly that we have boosted our little man up to \$1,000 trusting that at least that much will be in by the time this reaches you. But we have a long way to go in order to reach our goal, which amount should be in our hands not later than November 30. God has been good to us in America, where in spite of shortage of some few things we still have abundance. In most other countries where our missionaries are laboring, food is still rationed and many essential things are very scarce. Let us send our gift NOW so that our missionaries may share some of our blessings. We believe that this will please the heart of God.

Send your offering, marked **Christmas Fund**, to Noel Perkin, Secretary, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

Laura Kritz, Alajuela, Costa Rica.—Many people have a very hazy idea of Costa Rica as I had before I came. Some think it is an island. The publishers of the home town daily addressed the paper to Costa Rica, South America! But Costa Rica is rightly called the heart of the Americas. It is a little gem of a country set in between the two continents. It is noted for having more teachers than soldiers, for its love of democracy, and its honesty. There are no iron bars on the windows here. The better class pride themselves on their culture. Of course, these conditions do not prevent them from needing the gospel. We sometimes almost despair in reaching these self-satisfied creatures, yet God is merciful and has sent His Spirit to convict some.

This is the season of the dreaded locusts. They come in clouds, settling on the coffee, corn, and other plants, and causing much damage. A family of land owners have a farm about a twenty minutes walk from here where we hold services when the weather permits. Last year their crops were miraculously saved by the hand of God. The locusts settled upon the plants three times, and the neighbors predicted complete destruction. (In fact, they seemed to want it so, as they think such a calamity would show that the family is being punished for being Evangelicals!) However, the crops were absolutely uninjured. This year the same thing happened, and again the crops were unharmed.

One of the sons of this family is a very faithful minister in San Isidro del General. Pray for other members of this excellent family that God will fill them with the Spirit and use them in His service. Pray especially for the lawyer son, and his wife. He is convinced but his wife scoffs, and he is so engrossed in politics that he needs a real experience with God. Last of all, pray for a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit in all of Costa Rica.



Advances in Peru

H. C. Ball

WHAT student of history has not studied about the famous Conquistador of Peru, Francisco Pizarro? With only a handful of an army he conquered the mighty Inca empire, cruelly reducing the proud Indians to abject slavery and forcing the religion of Spain upon them. Gone is the vast empire he built for Spain in the new world. Today his body is a mummy in a glass coffin and he who desires may look upon the shrunken features of the man once so cruel and arrogant.

Peru became Spain's favorite child in South America. Lima, founded as its capital, was the home of the Spanish viceroys, and from

their palace went the edicts that influenced the lives of men and women all over the continent. The poor Indian, who had but few friends, felt the heavy hand of oppression until the once proud and independent race was broken in spirit.

Eventually Peru won her independence from Spain and joined the society of free and independent republics. But the descendants of the Spaniards continued to rule; so that the Indian's lot under the Republic was not much better than it had been under the viceroys.

The first missionaries to Peru from the Assemblies of God arrived just a little over a quarter of a century ago. Their hearts were moved to pity as they beheld the Indian eking out a bare existence in his high mountain home, tilling plots of ground where the toilers seemed to cling to the rocks in order to keep from falling to the valley thousands of feet below. His already pitiful condition was rendered still more deplorable by chewing the stupefying coca leaves and drinking the white man's fire water.

The spiritual needs of the Peruvians, descendants of the proud Spanish conquerors and of the original Indian stock, weighed

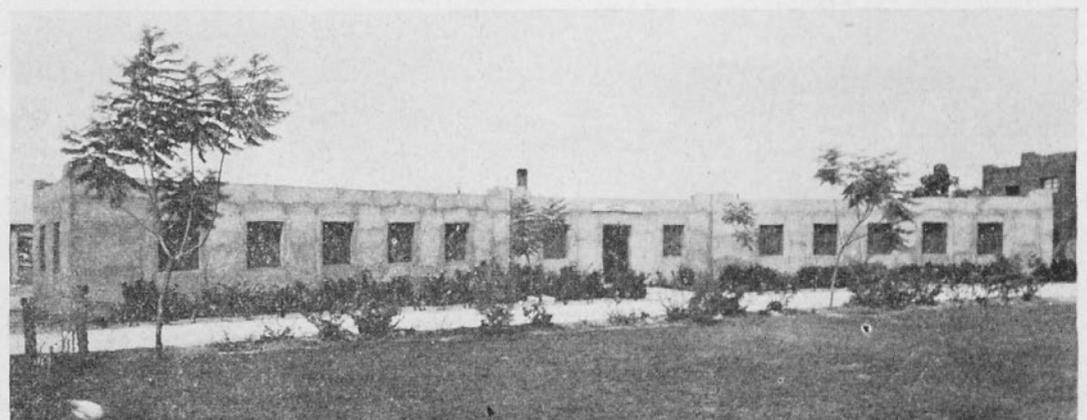
heavily on our missionaries. They knew that from America could never come sufficient missionaries to reach the almost ten million inhabitants with the message of salvation and deliverance from sin.

As a result of the cry to God for national preachers and evangelists, a little Bible Institute was started in one of the suburbs of Lima. Realizing that as a result of God's blessing young men and women would come in increasing numbers, land was purchased west of Lima, near the port of Callao, where buildings could be erected to accommodate a large student body.

Several of the graduates from this Institute are already pastoring churches, and the day is not far distant when pastors and evangelists from this institution will be found proclaiming the glorious message of Christ throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The General Council, realizing the need, has authorized the extension of the Bible School buildings to meet the growing number of students, and several thousand dollars are required to cover the cost. Would you like to have a part in this work for the Master? Send your offering to Foreign Missions Dept., 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

The first wedding in Santo Domingo, Peru, with the bride dressed in white representing a pure life. This Christian ceremony caused much favorable comment from the village people, among whom immorality is the rule until gospel teaching awakens them to a better life.



● Bible Institute in Lima, Peru.

Good Reading for Youth

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Mark Renton worked for the Canadian railroad. He was placed in worldly pioneer surroundings. The test of a true Christian is faithfulness to his Lord in a worldly atmosphere. How this man stood by his faith is aptly told in this fine Christian story. **Price \$1.25.**

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A Thrilling Home Missions Project

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THERE had been no resident pastor at Broken Bow, Nebraska, for a year or more, when a young evangelist named Carlyle Beebe became pastor. That was in February, 1943. A nearby pastor had kept the field open by holding Sunday afternoon services, and the little congregation was worshipping in a portable tabernacle belonging to the district. The Sunday school attendance was under 20.

Then several young people of the community were saved, and the work began to grow. In a year's time a house was purchased to be remodeled and become the first permanent church home. The Sunday school likewise grew and within a year the building was overcrowded, with a Sunday school attendance running up to 65.

At this time Brother Beebe was ordained and elected to the office of District C. A. President (later to become also the District Sunday School Representative). When he resigned the pastorate was taken over by Paul Wagner, who has been pastor for over a year.

The spiritual life of the church has had a continuous growth. One family after another has been saved in the regular services of the church and Sunday school.

One notable conversion was that of a Chinese university student in the employ of the Chinese Government, who had been sent to Nebraska to study soil conservation. His conversion was the result of personal work of a Sunday school teacher who worked in the county extension office. This Chinese man was invited to Sunday school, and the following Friday night at a prayer meeting accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. A few days later he received word from his wife and family in China, saying that they had been saved in an Assembly of God Mission in China, and had been baptized in water. For a month he never missed a service, and on the eve of his departure to take up further study, preparatory to returning to China to take a leading part in the reconversion program of the army, he told the congregation that his greatest joy was that in his work he would be able to present Christ to the young Chinese soldiers whom he was to help get established in civilian life.

Although there were no rich members in the congregation at Broken Bow, the Lord's will seemed to be that a parsonage should be purchased, a pressing need because of housing conditions. Accordingly, the District Superintendent, M. F. Brandt, was consulted and invited to be present for Sunday services, at which time the matter would be discussed.

At this service it seemed to be the will of God to receive pledges for this project. The enlarging of the present church, also, came up for consideration, and it was decided that this project should be included in the pledge.

A young working girl offered \$500 of her savings. Then others began to pledge—very slowly, at first. After a time, a spontaneous spirit of worship and giving fell upon members of the congregation, and they began to pledge

from \$100 to \$200 each—many showing a commendable spirit of sacrifice in so doing.

Pastor Wagner, who was accustomed to working each summer during harvest, had saved some funds which he expected to need for the support of his family. In his desire to see the work of God go forward he challenged his people by stating that he would give \$100 of his earnings for every \$600 contributed by the people of the church. This sacrifice greatly inspired the giving of the people.

At present the basement of a new \$10,000 church is almost completed. Pastor and Mrs. Wagner and their congregation have done a great deal of the construction work themselves—excavating for the basement, pouring cement footings, and laying the cement blocks. Mrs. Wagner and a couple of other women mixed the mortar for the cement blocks. With such a

spirit, and with faith in God, is it any wonder the work of God is going forward in Broken Bow?

During the 1944-45 year the Sunday school was awarded the Blue Shield in connection with the Lighthouse Plan, the attendance showing a fine increase. Recently the grades for the 1945-46 year were compiled and the Broken Bow Sunday school took first place for the whole of the U. S. A., having a grade of 99 points at the time of this writing.

The purpose of this article is to inspire many of our Bible school students to lift up their eyes and look upon the many fields in our country where laborers are needed to garner in the grain that is already white unto harvest. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2.

OUR HOME FRONTIERS

GREAT REFRESHING IN ALASKA

Our missionaries in Southeastern Alaska report a most blessed three-day fellowship meeting held in Wrangell the latter part of September.

W. R. Gunn, the host pastor declares, "In all the years of my ministry I have never witnessed a sweeter moving of God's Spirit."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker of Juneau write: "We have just witnessed a marvelous outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our Southeastern Alaska Fellowship Meeting, and we have been greatly refreshed. We have never before attended a fellowship meeting where we witnessed such a broken spirit and such wonderful unity among the workers."

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Personcus had just come in from their summer's work on the water with the gospel boat, the Fair Tide II. Their comment is: "The fellowship meeting in Wrangell has been a time of deepening in our experience with God. We have been in the Holiest of Holies with our Lord. As we waited upon the Lord in times of heart-searching, we felt the presence and working of the Master."

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barrans, in charge of the work in Craig, write; "Our Southeast Alaska Fellowship Meeting was one of the greatest meetings we have ever attended, and the blessing of the Lord was beyond description."

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bruhn of Sitka say: "We have witnessed a real Pentecostal fellowship meeting. The Lord ministered to us in the power of His Spirit again and again as we waited before Him. One of our native brothers from Sitka was filled with the Holy Spirit sitting in the congregation, and another native brother was filled later the same day."

Evangelist Wesley D. Hansen, who had been assisting with the boat ministry this summer reports, "I have been privileged to spend a wonderful summer of service and ministry on

the Fair Tide II with Brother and Sister Personcus and Brother Richardson. I was glad for the opportunity to attend the fellowship meeting, not only for the sweet fellowship with the other workers, but also for the outpouring of the Spirit of God."

Evangelist Ralph Fick, who has spent the entire summer ministering to the churches in Southeastern Alaska, writes: "I believe that the fellowship meeting has opened the door for a great revival here in Wrangell."

Evangelist Jean Benefiel, who has ministered to many of our Alaska churches this summer, was a blessing to the gathering the last night of the meeting while the boat on which she was traveling stopped in port for the one night.

It was suggested that a permanent organization, known as the Southeast Alaska Fellowship, be formed in order to encourage fellowship among the workers and to promote the work in general. This fellowship would take in our churches at Craig, Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka and Wrangell, and the staff of the Fair Tide II.

It is their desire to hold their fellowship meetings twice a year, the distance between these towns being too great to permit more frequent meetings at the present time.

KINDLY REMEMBER

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The Passing and the Permanent

A CONVERTED ACTOR

Ku Jen-en, a converted movie actor, is attracting large crowds to "Youth For Christ" meetings in Korea and North China.

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

According to the latest report of the U. S. Military Government, a total of 52 Protestant missionaries have been "cleared" for return to Japan to date. Two thirds of them will engage in educational work.

BOOM IN BIRTHS

From Jan. 1, 1942 to July 1, 1945, wartime births were almost a million greater than the U. S. Census Bureau had predicted, and births are continuing at a high rate. By 1950 there will be 5,025,000 more children under ten years of age than there were in 1940—a warning and challenge to church and Sunday school planners.

MISSIONARY GIVING

The Regular Baptist Churches of the North have outdone our Assemblies of God in their rate of missionary giving. They gave more than \$750,000 for missions last year, which was \$13 per member. The Assemblies of God, while giving a larger total, gave only half that much per member. These Baptist churches are not to be confused with the Northern Baptists. They are an association of 350 churches which seceded from the Northern Baptist Convention some years ago.

A JEWISH TESTIMONY

"I am one of the Jews who escaped from Germany. I thank God for all the strokes with which I was driven from darkness to light. It is better that we arrive beaten and bleeding at the glorious goal than we decay happy and contented in darkness. As long as things were all right with us, we did not know anything of God, and the salvation of our souls, and the world beyond. Hitler's arrows and our misery have led us to the innermost heart. We have lost our earthly home, but found the heavenly one. We have lost our economic support, but won the friendship of the ravens of Elijah. On the bitter ways of emigration we have found Jesus, the riches of all worlds."

A WORLD FOOD CZAR

According to Revelation 13, an individual is to arise who shall control all buying and selling the world over. That time may not be far hence, for even now there is a demand for a world food czar. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, UNRRA head, has proposed sweeping powers for a world food board that would purchase world surpluses, control prices, and control export of food from one country to another. Mr. Hoover suggested the same thing a few months ago. When the plan materializes it will put tremendous power in the hands of one man, or a small group of men. The time is much shorter than we realize. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh!

CHRIST IN THIRD PLACE

Results of a survey recently conducted among high-school students in America by Harvard University's psychologist, Donald V. McGrannan, were published in the *Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology*. When asked to select "the greatest men in world history," the youngsters answered: (1) F. D. Roosevelt; (2) Lincoln; (3) Christ; (4) Washington; (5) Columbus.

To list our Lord simply as a man among men is bad enough—but to rank Him below Roosevelt and Lincoln is nothing short of blasphemy.

PENTECOST IN ITALY

There are about 200 Pentecostal assemblies in Italy, according to our Field Superintendent for Europe, Gustav Kinderman. They are located in and around Rome, and south of that city. God's blessing is resting upon them as they preach His Word in that needy land. Open-air meetings are being conducted by the Methodists, Baptists, and Pentecostals together. As many as a thousand people gather for such occasions, and souls are being won to Christ. They are in great need of gospel literature; not one piece of literature is at their disposal. Will you pray that this need may be met?

A GOSPEL SIGN

According to *The Evangelical Christian*, new ideas are being used in Mysore, most beautiful city in South India, to draw the people to Christ. A large poster, five feet by twelve, is placed in the heart of the city. In bold lettering are the words, "The Holy Bible—God's Word. Own it, Read it, Believe it, Obey it." Then follows the reference from Proverbs 14:34—"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." It will be read again and again by many of Mysore's 150,000 inhabitants, and by many visitors as well.

FOR A BETTER WORLD

The passing of H. G. Wells, the famous British author, reminds us of the inadequacy of human measures to make a better world. Mr. Wells achieved his reputation by revolting against what he called a decaying Victorianism, and preaching the doctrine that only material progress could save the world. By inventing better things for better living he claimed men could attain their dream of a Utopian world. However, he saw his theories of evolutionary progress lead the world into the worst war in history, and then lived on to see the world engulfed in a war that was yet more terrible. He must have died a somewhat disillusioned old man. He could have accomplished more, undoubtedly, by calling for new men, instead of a new order. Ideals impossible to human nature alone become laws of life to those who are born again by the Spirit of God. Man seeks to produce a better world by means of better things, but God's plan is to make a better world by making better men.

NATIONAL DIVORCE RATE

The first national report on divorces has been issued by the Federal Security Agency. It reveals that the unprecedented number of divorces last year produced one family break-up for every three marriages. There were 502,000 divorces granted in the U. S. A. in 1945, or 25% more than the preceding year's record.

DIVORCES IN FLORIDA

During the first six months of 1946, there were 16,507 marriages in Florida and 14,137 divorces. In four counties there were more divorces than marriages, including Dade and Duval counties. In Brevard County there were almost twice as many divorces as marriages; in St. Johns County there were over three times as many. But Florida is not exceptional. All over the country there are indications that when 1946 is ended the divorce total will be even more alarming than it was for 1945.

OPENED WITHOUT PRAYER

There was no public prayer when the General Assembly of the United Nations met in New York last month. The only reference to God was made by the President of the United States, who said, at the close of his address, "May Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, guide us and sustain us as we seek to bring peace everlasting to the world. With His help we shall succeed." But no united petition for His help was made. The official reason was, "Too much diversity of faith," but the true reason may have been, "Too much departure from faith."

A NEW CHINESE BIBLE

According to *Missionary Digest*, Chinese scholars are now working on a new translation of the Bible. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has felt for a long time that the present Chinese version is unsatisfactory because it was written by missionaries who did not know the language thoroughly and who consulted with poorly-educated Chinese. The Generalissimo and his wife are personally directing the work; the scholars bring the manuscripts to them each week and they suggest changes and lay out the following week's translation program.

BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

Says Malcolm P. Hinckley, in *The Gospel Advocate*: "In the book of Exodus the Scriptures tell how the enslaved Hebrews were forced to build cities for the Egyptians. The names of two cities thus built are mentioned, Pithom and Raamses. In 1883 Pithom was uncovered, and later another archaeologist uncovered Raamses. Still more remarkable is the fact that in these uncovered cities of long ago it was found that the bricks in the lower levels have straw, while those farther up have stubble, and the highest levels have no straw at all. The Bible student will find the answer to this seeming mystery in Exodus 5, where the Egyptian taskmasters, in order to oppress the Hebrews more severely, took away the straw that formerly had been furnished them for brickmaking and yet required the slaves to produce the same amount of work. To fulfill this demand the Hebrews must have scattered through all the land, endeavoring to gather stubble for straw. All this minuteness of detail is confirmed by the bricks of cities uncovered by archaeologists some three thousand years later!"

Healed of Cancer

THERE was never a time in my life when I did not believe that Jesus Christ could heal as in the days of His flesh; and that He would heal should one be far from a physician or medical assistance when taken sick, if God was called on. But it seemed foolish and unreasonable to insist that the Lord should heal at all times independent of means, especially when a doctor or drug store was near at hand.

However, when I felt the mighty power of God surging through my body at the time I was baptized with the Holy Ghost, I said, "Now I know that the Lord can heal always, independent of means, for this is the power that raised Jesus from the dead; this is the power by which He raised Lazarus from the tomb, and the power by which He wrought His wonderful miracles when on earth. He, by this power of God, can do anything today that He ever did, and even the greater works which He said should be done after His glorification at the right hand of the Father. I can trust Him now for the healing of my body if I get sick, and this same power will keep me well, if I walk according to His statutes and keep His commandments."

My faith, I knew, would be challenged; the enemy sooner or later would put me through some "fiery trial" to test my loyalty and obedience to Christ; but God had promised grace sufficient, and He said He would not permit us to be tempted beyond what we were able to bear.

For fifteen years I was kept well and strong with no need for medicine of any kind, for internal or external use. But all this time I was constantly expecting something in trial of my faith. However, I was unprepared for it when it came; it was like a bolt out of a clear sky.

For some weeks I had been losing weight and my nerves seemed to be going to pieces. I did not know the cause of it, so I shut myself up for a period of quiet waiting upon the Lord. I soon discovered a hard lump over my left breast. I went to a hospital for an examination and X-ray, and was shocked to learn that I had a well developed cancer over the valve of my heart! It had been developing so secretly and unconsciously to me that death seemed within a hand-breadth of my face.

What was I to do now? I had no faith big enough for a cancer! If I turned to a doctor now, it would mean sure death; if I let it go, it would mean death. I finally decided to put my case in the hands of the Lord. Some years before, I had presented my body unto

Him as a "living sacrifice"; my heart was His, and my life was wholly given unto Him. If it should be His time for me to go, all the doctors in the world could not keep me here. If it was not His will for me to go, all the devils in hell and out of it could not take me out of His hand.

I remembered Paul's word, "We which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." 2 Cor. 4:11. Also that, "To die

is gain," and that to be "absent from the body" is to be "present with the Lord."

My faith was not large enough to trust God for the healing of a cancer, but I was willing to die and go home to the Lord. I went to church to a prayer meeting. At the close of the service, I asked the people present to anoint me, lay hands on me and pray that God would give me grace to trust Him; that I was facing a serious physical crisis and needed more than human help. I knew what I was to do, but I did not know what God was going to do.

I did not feel any unusual manifestation of power when they prayed for me. I was so resigned to the will of God that I was just as willing to die as to live, and



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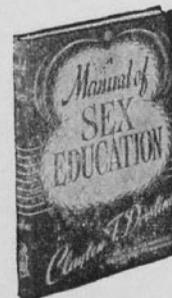
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would not have raised a finger to change His purpose. In fact, I firmly believed that I was going to die and rejoiced at the thought. Was extremely nervous, suffered from weakness, and had lost twenty-five pounds.

So I wrote my people, gave instructions as to disposition of my personal effects, and in regard to my burial; I wrote my own obituary, and had everything in readiness for the end. Then I went calmly to bed and slept like a babe.

Next morning, when I awoke, the whole earth seemed aglow with the glory of God. I knew God had heard and answered prayer, but what the outcome would be I did not know. I felt no more painful symptoms, but the cancer was still there. As the days went by, I found that I was regaining strength and taking on weight, and that the cancer was gradually passing away.

Ten years have now elapsed and I am still alive, well and happy, rejoicing in the will of God. Because I laid down my life that the will of God might be wrought out in me, Jesus Christ smote that cancer the night I was anointed and prayed for, and He raised me up for His glory.

My will is still that God's will, not mine, shall be done in and through me.—
(Miss) Ada R. Bagwell, R. F. D. 1, Sword's Creek, Va.

A CHURCH SERVICE OF THE SECOND CENTURY

For the first 150 years the church seems to have retained that simplicity of conduct and worship, and purity of faith, of which we read in the Acts of the Apostles.

Justin Martyr gives us an interesting account of the practices in his day. "We meet on the Lord's day (Sunday, not Saturday) for worship in towns and villages," he says, "read as much of the prophets and the memoirs of the apostles as time permits: the reading finished, the president or bishop, in a speech or sermon, exhorts the faithful to follow these excellent examples. Then all rise and pour forth united prayer. Then bread and wine are brought forth, the president utters prayers and thanksgiving according to his ability, and all the people say 'Amen.' Distribution is then made of the things blessed to each one present, and to those absent is sent by the deacons. Those who are prosperous and willing, give what they choose, each according to his own pleasure; and what is collected is deposited with the president, and he carefully relieves the orphans and widows and those who, from sickness and other causes, are needy, and also those in prison, and the strangers who are residing with us, and in short, all those who are in need of help."



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Among the Assemblies

COLQUITT, GA.—The Assembly has closed a 2-week meeting with Evangelist Harry Snyder, 2935½ Fifth Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla. We greatly appreciated his ministry. The saints were built up and some sick people were healed.—L. W. Comer, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—We recently concluded a 3-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd L. Garver of Amarillo. This is the third campaign that Brother Garver has conducted here, and each one has been a blessing to our church. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and are still going on for God.—J. W. Nash, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—We have just closed a very successful 3-week revival at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God with Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Slavens of North Kansas City, Mo. This was the second revival conducted in our church by Brother Slavens and again the Lord met with us in a very precious way. The blessing of the Lord was upon the services from night to night as both sinners and backsliders were broken before Him and wept their way through to joy and victory. There were some 20 saved and 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We feel that this revival will be a lasting benefit and blessing to our church.—Christine Watson, Church Secretary.

MARION, IND.—In a revival with Roy L. Buckley of St. Louis, Mo., as evangelist, God poured out His Spirit in a marvelous way. Several were saved, several were filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. A high school girl was so marvelously filled that she spoke in tongues for hours. The Spirit fell in our church bus one night and 4 were under the power, others were dancing in the Spirit, others shouting and praising God. Even our bus driver was under the power but God kept the bus on the road with never a waver. Brother Buckley is a real Holy Ghost preacher. His lectures on the Plan of the Ages were enjoyed immensely. Philip Shabaz, missionary from Persia, was with us, and we enjoyed his heart-felt messages. Truly God has blessed us at Marion with the ministry of our Council brethren, the best ministry in the world.—B. E. Hillman Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—Lee Krupnick, Jewish Christian Evangelist, conducted a meeting at the Dodson Avenue Assembly, October 6—27. The house was packed almost every night. Many Jews came out to hear the message about the love of Jesus. One old man said it took him back sixty years and did his soul good to hear that "boy" speak. He left with tears in his eyes. Many people were saved and about as many received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Truly Brother Krupnick is a Holy Ghost preacher. His wife, Bonnie Jean, was with him for a week. She preached with a passion for souls. There were many healings. People came who had never been in our church before. The power of God was in every service, until people from other churches were made to realize that they needed the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.



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The last night of the meetings, we had to set chairs in every available space to accommodate the people. Brother and Sister Krupnick preached a life separated from the world—a Spirit-filled life.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

GULFPORT, MISS.—The year of 1946, thus far, has been very successful. We have had four revival meetings. Our last campaign was conducted by Evangelists Melford and Paula Hensche of Inglewood, Calif. We had one of the greatest outpourings of the Spirit we have seen in years. God baptized people with the Holy Ghost and many came to the altar for salvation. The Hensches have an outstanding ministry in praying for the sick. God certainly honored their faith with some real results.

Our average Sunday School attendance this year is 114. Last summer we set a new record for the church of 158. In June Lillie Underwood conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School with 133 children enrolled. The daily attendance was around 100. Besides those who were saved and filled with the Spirit in our special meetings, God has given us souls and Holy Spirit Baptisms in our regular services. A number of new members have come into the church.—Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McKinney, Pastors.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—We accepted the pastorate of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Seventh and Riverview, about 9 months ago, leaving Bartlesville, Okla., where we had pastored for more than five years. We are enjoying a precious ministry here and have seen some growth. This is a well known work, having been pastored by very able ministers in years past.

The Smith and Rogers Evangelistic Duo, Charles Dobbins, and John H. Bostrom have all labored with us in evangelistic efforts since we came. A goodly number have accepted Christ, 25 having been baptized in water. About 30 have been filled with the Spirit. The Lord has added many to our number and to the church membership. We have seen Him stretch forth His hand to heal. We could tell of several outstanding cases. One of these has been of special blessing to us all. A lady had sugar diabetes and had almost lost her sight because of tumors formed in the back of her eyes. In a specially called divine healing service she was instantly healed. The eye specialist told her the tumors were gone and a few days later the medical doctor took away the insulin that she had been compelled to take. She is still perfectly delivered.—U. S. Grant, Pastor.

CAMANCHE, IOWA—We just closed a very successful meeting, in which several souls were saved and the church received a spiritual uplift. Our fellowship meeting came in the midst of the revival, and it was one of the best we have had, and best attended. Lucille Hening of Quincy, Ill., and Vernice Stephenson of Cora, Mo., were the evangelists.—Carl Bergman, Pastor.

BOISE, IDAHO—For some time there has not been an Assembly of God in this city of some 40,000 population. We came here seven weeks ago and God has given us some very precious people. In this short time our Sunday School has grown to 45 in number. The Lord has helped us to secure a year's contract with the radio people, and we are on Station KGEM each Sunday at 8:15. If you have friends moving to this locality or living here, please help us contact them. This is a District project. We have found a welcome in this new and needy field.—Pastor and Mrs. V. J. Boutwell, Boise Motor Court.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. B. Owen Oslin of Big Springs, Texas, came to Rockford Assembly on October 13 for a 2-week revival. The interest, crowds and blessings of the Lord were such that they remained until November 1, but the revival continues into the fourth week. The eloquent preaching and talented instrumental music of Brother Oslin and the inspirational singing and prayer life of Sister Oslin proved a great blessing to our hearts. We appreciated the fact that the chief interest of these evangelists is in souls. We also appreciated the interest Brother Oslin had in helping the local church and pastor. As an example, he personally received, on the last night, an offering amounting to \$500.00 to apply on the proposed Sunday School annex. Souls were saved, reclaimed, and blessed of God in this meeting.—C. L. Bell, Pastor.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—The Full Gospel Assembly, located on the corner of Montford and West Chestnut Streets, is experiencing a steady growth. This work has a remarkable history. Only a few Assembly members were gathered together at the first cottage prayer meeting four years ago. Through God's faithfulness and the efforts of those who continued to pray and to work for a Pentecostal assembly, we now have a lovely building, recently renovated, attractively located in a splendid section of the city.

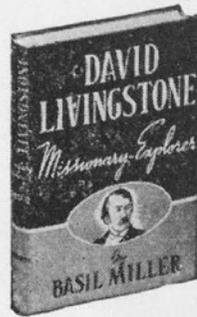
All activities of the church are developing regularly, and a real spirit of revival is evident among us. Contacts and follow-up work are proving invaluable. The Sunday School attendance has grown in the past month from 17 to 50, and we are just starting. A sweet spirit of unity accounts for the forward move. W. E. Hadden had served as part-time pastor until our acceptance of the pastorate one month ago. His faithful efforts are bearing fruit.

Anyone having friends in this locality or knowing of servicemen who are at the Moore General Hospital or the Oteen Veterans' Hospital please contact us or ask them to attend the Full Gospel Assembly.—R. Stanley Berg, Pastor.

TUPELO, ARK.—We started special meetings July 14 which continued until September 29. Sister Willie Davis from near Tuckerman was with us two weeks. The Pilfer Brothers from Bradford conducted the meetings from September 18 to 29. God richly blessed our efforts, in that 25 were saved, 14 were baptized in water, 6 received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4, and 12 united with the church. The evangelists

are real children of God, preaching old-time Pentecostal messages under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Our second year in this assembly will be finished November 5. God has blessed us this past year in the building of a new 4-room parsonage. We have a real band of praying saints here, and God still hears and answers prayer.—Pastor and Mrs. T. R. Hastings.

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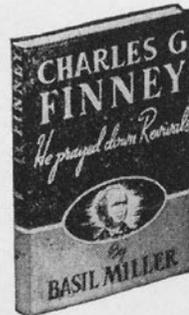
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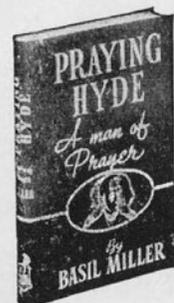
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COLUMBIA, S. C.—We have enjoyed two good revivals at the First Assembly of God Tabernacle since June. William Vaughn was with us for two weeks, and the Lord's presence was in every service. Thirteen were saved and 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. We have just closed an 11-night meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. I. J. Bolton. God gave us a real revival. Five were saved and 7 were filled with the Holy Ghost in the old-fashioned way. We baptized 8 in water on the closing Sunday of the meeting.—J. C. Hunnicutt, Pastor.

HERMOSA BEACH, CALIF.—The Ziegler Evangelistic Party of Nebraska just closed a very successful revival here. God graciously blessed every effort. Good interest was shown and the convicting power of God was felt in every service. Some young people prayed through to salvation and many others received a deeper experience and were brought into a closer walk with the Lord. Special numbers sung and played by the Ziegler Sisters were enjoyed by all. The revival spirit still prevails in the regular services.—Lee Trowbridge, Pastor.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 24th Annual District Council of the New England District was held at Augusta, Maine, October 14-17. The Gospel Tabernacle where Brother and Sister Albert W. Earle are pastoring was host to the Council session this year. The presence of the Lord was especially manifest throughout the conference, every one in attendance sensing the moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

The opening session of the Council was held Monday evening, with Arthur H. Graves of Norfolk, Va., as the special speaker. Brother Graves spoke each evening and several times during the day sessions, and his messages were inspiring, thought provoking, and, above all, uplifting.

The keynote address of the Council was delivered by the District Superintendent, Roy Smuland, who heralded forth a challenge to every pastor and Christian worker to press the battle of faith to glorious victory in Christ.

The business sessions were much owned of God. Reports from the various officers revealed a growth in God, spiritually as well as materially. The New England District has 119 ministers engaged in the work of the Lord, and of this number a large percentage attended the Council sessions. The following were elected to office for another Council year: Superintendent, Roy Smuland; Assistant Superintendent, Frederick Eide; Secretary, Lyle W. Butler; Treasurer, Paul R. Buchwalter. General Presbyters: C. C. Garrett and Wm. J. Mitchell. District Presbyters: Wm. Wight, M. Spencer, E. N. Stanley, A. W. Earle. Missionary Secretary, Robert Wallace; Sunday School Director, J. R. Ashcroft; C. A. President, John A. Lindvall.

It was the privilege of the Council to hear our General Secretary, J. R. Flower, of Springfield, Mo., who ministered the Word at one of the afternoon sessions.

Two were ordained to the Full Gospel ministry: George E. Flower of Waterville, Me., and Anne Scirmont of Claremont, N. H.—Lyle W. Butler, District Secretary.

RIPLEY, TENN.—The Central Assembly recently closed a meeting which had been conducted by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Baker of Springfield and Irene Dennert of Columbia, S. Dak. Good crowds attended and the numbers increased as many in the community were stirred. Evangelist Dennert preached soul-stirring messages which brought lasting results in the lives of those who heard. Thirteen prayed through to old-time salvation and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

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VICTORIA, TEXAS—L. Wayne Pitts of Fayetteville, Ark., was the evangelist in a good revival recently concluded in the assembly here. The crowds were good throughout, and souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Pitts worked in the interest of each department of the church, especially the Sunday School, the attendance of which increased to a new record.—B. V. Robison, Pastor.

NEDERLAND, TEXAS—We recently closed a very good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Coe of Waxahachie. One outstanding feature of this revival was the growth in our Sunday School. A woman 73 years old was saved and healed after having walked with crutches for ten years. Many children found the Lord as a result of Sister Coe's work among the Juniors. Brother Coe is a straightforward preacher.—W. D. Metzgar, Pastor.

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Last February our National Sunday School Plan was revised and simplified. This was done when 400 delegates gathered for our National Sunday School Conference. Since then a new four-color Lighthouse Chart has been printed for our Sunday schools to use during the Sunday School year, 1946—1947.

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Happiness in Marriage

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selves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

The woman must realize that her place is not that of directorship in affairs that

involve the man's activities. She is to be in subjection. Too much "spunk" here is a sure cause of trouble; it is well-nigh impossible for a man to respond amiably to a bossy wife. Her position requires tact, and God has provided her with a means of winning her point even while being submissive.

Note this submissiveness is "unto your own husband." Many a wife is submissive to every man except her husband. To a neighbor, the butcher, the baker, the salesman, she is courteous, polite, kind, while to her own husband she is rude, rebellious, and contentious.

2. 1 Peter 3:2. "While they behold your *chaste conversation* coupled with fear."

A coarse, uncouth woman is a trial to any human, while a soft-spoken, gentle lady is refreshing to all. Oh, that women everywhere would practice, would cultivate ladylike refinement! Our text reads, "chaste conversation," but the word includes conduct as well as speech.

3. 1 Peter 3:4. "The ornament of a *meek* (mild, unresenting) *and quiet spirit*, which is in the sight of God of great price."

In the verses that precede we see the meek and quiet spirit of Christ, who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not. Women are ruled by their emotions more often than men. Men too are emotional creatures, but they are more capable of logical decisions than women. This contrast of dispositions affords room for misunderstanding. It is the wife's duty to maintain the equilibrium with a meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value in God's sight. The world teaches otherwise, urging the woman to "stand up for

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her rights," but in many cases to do so is to fly in the face of the forces involved in God's law.

4. Titus 2:4. "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to *love their husbands*, to love their children."

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Coming Meetings

HAMILTON, MONT.—Nov. 26—Dec. 8; Parlotz Evangelistic Party.—Vernon D. Griggs, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—5th and Peoria, Nov. 24—Dec. 15; M. L. Davidson, Evangelist.—Glenn E. Millard, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—3238 The Paseo, Dec. 8—22; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—L. R. Sturgis, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Youth for Christ Rally, Grand Ave. Temple, 9th and Grand Ave., Dec. 14; Christian Hild, speaker.—L. R. Sturgis, Pastor.

BRIDGETON, N. J.—Bank and Washington Sts.; Nov. 24—Dec. 15, or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Vernon Cardiff, Pasadena, Md.—John D. Tubbs, Pastor.

ELKHART, IND.—Johnson and Baldwin Sts., Dec. 3—15; A. E. Gidman, Evangelist.—Truman S. Lowell, Pastor.

STURGEON BAY, WIS.—Nov. 17, for 3 weeks; Ernest L. Powlesland, Evangelist.—A. C. Abrahamson, Pastor.

PARK RAPIDS, MINN.—November 24—; N. R. Dickerson, Pawhuska, Okla., Evangelist.—Orrin Kingsrider, Pastor.

DANVILLE, ARK.—Meeting in progress; Hundley Brothers Trio from West Texas, Evangelists.—C. E. Turner, Pastor.

FARMINGTON, MINN.—Dec. 4—15; Paul and Myrtle Hild, Fargo, N. Dak., Evangelists.—David Schreppe, Pastor.

QUINCY, ILL.—Dec. 3—; The Gospel Music Makers, Frank, Gladys and Dorothy Lummer.—F. R. Davidson, Pastor.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Bruce Ave. and London St., Nov. 24—; Arthur Otteson, Evangelist and Gospel Singer.—Wm. Fitch, Pastor.

BEND, ORE.—Dec. 1, for 3 weeks or longer; Velmer and Wilma Gardner, Seattle, Wash., Evangelists.—D. W. Phillips, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—935 W. 11th Ave., Dec. 1—22; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—V. Shannon Sanders, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—2204 Highland Ave., Nov. 24—Dec. 8; Stanley P. McPherson, Santa Monica, Calif., Evangelist.—Curtis W. Ringness, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—East Highland Assembly; Nov. 20, for 2 weeks or longer; Clyde C. Goree, Evangelist.—J. D. Stevens, Pastor.

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—1600 W. Third St., Nov. 17—; Arthur Arnold, Evangelist.—W. M. Lamar, Pastor.

GRESHAM, ORE.—Nov. 24—; Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews, Seattle, Wash., Evangelists.—Geo. A. Bullock, Pastor.

WORTHINGTON, MINN.—1518 Miller St., Dec. 3—15; Evangelist and Mrs. D. Leroy Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo.—Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor.

EDINBURG, TEXAS—Tent Meeting, 12th and Fay Sts., Nov. 20—; Evangelists Olive Burns, Clara Classen, and Joe Ragsdale, main speakers.—W. Ray Averitt, Pastor.

WATERTOWN, S. DAK.—201 Fourth Ave., S. W., Dec. 3, for 2 weeks; A. A. Allen, Lamar, Colo., Evangelist.—Grant A. Wacker, Pastor.

SENATH, MO.—Dec. 9—22; W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo., Evangelist. Broadcast Station KLCN, 900 kilos., by remote control, Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.—Clarence Winand, Pastor.

STAMFORD, CONN.—Second Missionary Convention, Gospel Tabernacle, 247 Main St., Nov. 28—Dec. 1. Services 7:45 p.m. Fifty minutes from Grand Central, New York City. Missionaries representing Latin America, Asia, Europe, and Africa will participate. John A. Lindvall is pastor.—Ella Mae Nelson, Secretary.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.—2d Annual Thanksgiving Missionary Convention, Hartford Gospel Tabernacle, 31 W. Beacon St., Nov. 24—Dec. 1. Evenings, 7:30; Projected pictures, 6:30. Speakers: Roy Smuland, Lloyd Shirer, Grace Walther, Esther Fritz, M. B. Sequiera, M. S. Shucair, Nicholas Nikoloff, J. Robert Ashcroft.—E. Culver, Missionary Secretary, 371 Laurel St., Hartford, Conn. Telephone 3-7170.

SPECIAL SESSION, MONTANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

GREAT FALLS, MONT.—The Board of Presbyters of the Montana District Council calls a special session to be held at 213 Ninth St., N., Nov. 27, at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., to consider purchasing a Camp Meeting site. Every minister and church should be represented as the matters of purchasing and paying for such site and its development, must be given thorough consideration.—Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent, 616 Fourth Ave. S. W., Great Falls, Mont.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—C. A. Rally, Section 1, Central Assembly, 9th and Court Sts., Nov. 28. David Hastie, speaker, afternoon and evening. Gerald Houk is pastor.—Vinton E. Huffey, Sectional President.

WEST PRESTONBURG, KY.—Annual Thanksgiv-

ing Fellowship Meeting, First Pentecostal Assembly, Nov. 28. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Dinner and supper served by the church, free. Lodging provided all who stay over night. Speakers: A. C. Trimble, L. A. Jollay, and others. A number from Peniel Bible Institute expected. Bring musical instruments.—G. R. Fannin, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Annual Missionary Convention, Calvary Tabernacle, 2715 North Ave., Thanksgiving week, Tuesday through Sunday. Evening services. Special speakers: Noel Perkin, E. Phillips, Mrs. Nicodem, and others.—Loren D. Doss, Pastor.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Thanksgiving C. A. Rally, Calvary Pentecostal Church, Prospect and S. Main Sts., Nov. 28. D. P. Holloway, Cleveland, Ohio, special speaker. Services 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m. Noon meal served by the church. Fellowship dinner at Gretchen's Kitchen (Smorgasbord), 5 p.m. Bring musical instruments.—Wm. L. Devereaux, Pastor.

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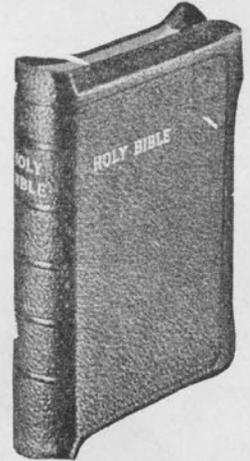
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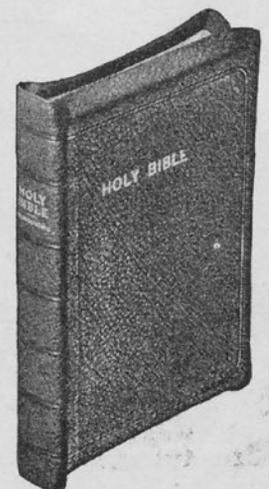
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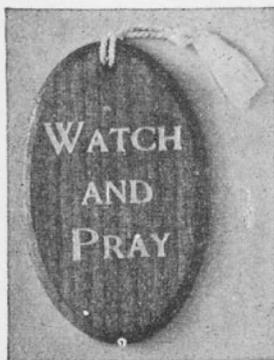


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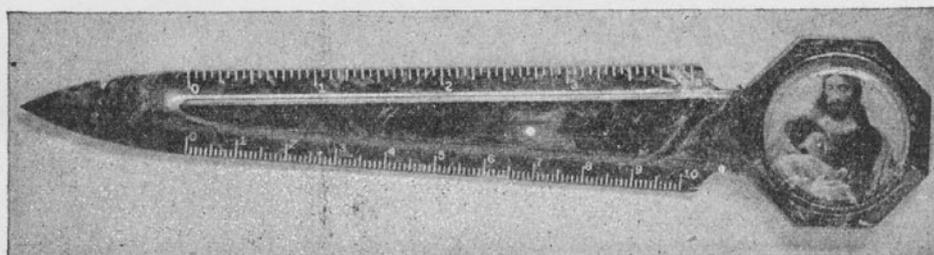
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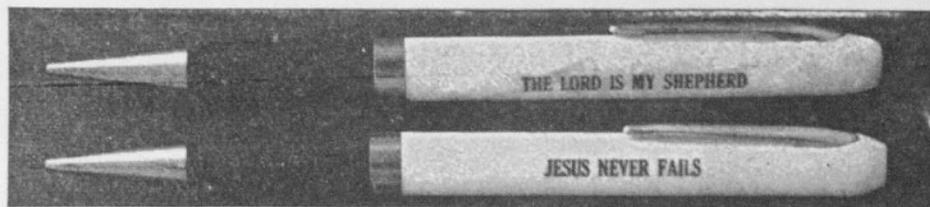
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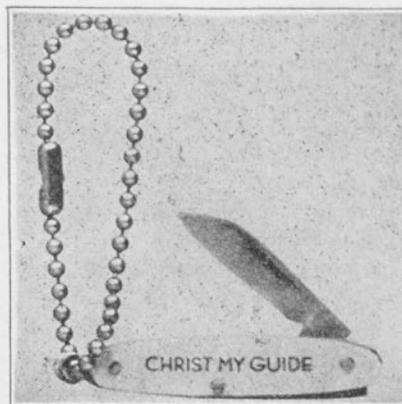
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To Every Member of Our Evangel Family:

Greetings!

Frequently our friends subscribe for the Evangel to go to some preacher that they think should know what we have to say. We recently received the following letter from a well-known Presbyterian preacher who had in the past been somewhat outspoken against Pentecost:

"May I say in passing that I frequently find some very helpful thoughts in your paper. While we would disagree in our definitions and applications of some of the verbs used of the Holy Spirit, I am quite sure that we are one in Christ Jesus and I rejoice that the Lord is in you."

Milton Summers, of Dallas, Texas, tells us that the Pentecostal ministers in Dallas have been subscribing for the Evangel for a number of different ministers in that city, and it has resulted in a marked change in the attitude of these ministers towards Pentecost.

We were encouraged by the following testimony: "I subscribed for my sister to get the Evangel. One day her son-in-law came into her home, picked up the paper and read it. He was a backslider, but it was the means of his getting back to God and once more going into evangelistic ministry. At his first meeting after this, two hundred souls found Christ."

During one week alone we received letters from three different people who said that the Evangel had been the means God had used for their salvation.

Many churches are now taking a bundle of Evangel's each week and giving a copy to every one who attends. Fifty copies only cost \$1.00 per week. A number of Sunday Schools are giving Evangel's each week to those who attend the Adult classes.

We would like to encourage the members of our Evangel family to subscribe for their friends to receive the paper during 1947. The cost of a year's subscription is only \$1.00 (outside U. S. A. \$1.50). We will send a special Christmas card to your friends telling of your gift. Why not send a subscription for a number of your friends and also for others who you know would be benefited by the Evangel's ministry?

With best wishes to you all,

Sincerely yours,