

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

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Great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend. For He saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth. . . . By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

Job 37:5-10.

First Things First

Hector Kirk

AWAY back in 1878, in eastern Ontario, my father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kirk, determined at the time of their marriage to put God first in their lives. They had little of this world's goods, and as children to the number of ten were born to them, there was a constant struggle on their farm for the bare necessities of life, especially during their first twenty years together.

Before her marriage Mother had suffered much on account of her health, but through suffering and disappointment she had gone very deep with God in consecration and faith. A book which came into her hand at that time, and which greatly influenced her life, was *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, by Hannah Whitall Smith. Its development of the truth that *all* things, including the wrongs and meannesses of fellow Christians, or even our own mistakes, God works together for our good, gripped Mother and gave her the Christian's heritage indeed—a happy life under any circumstances.

Another thing which Mother claimed from God was that, as she put it: "I will rear no children for the devil." She claimed Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Before her marriage Mother had volunteered for the mission field. She entered school to train for this service, but on account of poor health could not go abroad. Nevertheless, she kept her missionary vision bright to the end of her life.

Although we worked hard on a dairy farm, with its long hours, spiritual things we always put first. There was unhurried family worship twice a day, usually with comments on the reading, followed by an unhurried prayer. The evening prayers were held immediately after the evening meal so as to be sure as possible that no one was absent. Incidentally, many a neighbor or helper on the farm had prayers with us. We heard no fairy tales at home, but Bible stories and missionary experiences were as familiar to us as *Jack and the Beanstalk* is to most children.

Church and Sunday school were as much a part of our lives as our regular meals and, I think, as much enjoyed. I am always amazed at people who excuse themselves and their children from attending

church by saying, "I was forced to go as a child."

We not only attended the Sunday school of the local Presbyterian Church and the church service which immediately followed, but also attended a Sunday school in a needy district three miles from home of which Father was founder and superintendent. All this, together with chores night and morning, made a very busy Sunday, but these spiritual activities were considered just as important as the size of the milk check or the getting in of the harvest—and what a rich harvest it yielded!

I can still hear our neighbors saying, "I can't see how Andrew Kirk can find time to attend a church convention for three days during the summer time. I can't find it." Whenever I think of my parents' lives and their dominating motives I am reminded of a phrase from an old hymn: "Ever live with eternity's values in view." One of Mother's favorite sayings was: "We find time for the things we value most."

As I visit our old community from time to time, I am often reminded of those dear neighbors, most of them Christians, who could not find time for these extra things for God. Some of them made a little more money, but, as often as not, put it into a bag with holes, or left it to worldly children to quarrel over.

My parents received a wonderful spiritual uplift through revival meetings held in our Presbyterian Church by Andrew Russell and his cousin, Walter Russell. My father said that the Holy Spirit came upon him at that time in such a way that his Bible became his meat and drink. Even material things looked different. The sky seemed brighter blue, the grass a fairer green, and a great joy filled his heart.

This minister also led my parents into the life of sacrificial giving for foreign

missions. He taught this by example as well as by precept. From a salary of \$750, he himself gave \$100 to foreign missions.

My father pledged \$100 a year, which meant a great deal to him in the poverty of those early days. To make up our pledge we went without butter for at least two years, and used feed flour for baking. All we ever had for breakfast was well-cooked oatmeal porridge and milk. Father was led to take the insurance off his buildings, and not to insure his life as he had planned to do. He definitely took the Lord as Protector and Caretaker for the family. God met him in all these issues. All the time he lived on the farm with his large family there never was need to call a doctor. The buildings were never burned. Mother lived to be eighty-four, and Father to the age of eighty-seven. As a family we never lacked.

At that time it did require faith to give away year by year about all that could be made on the farm. To many it seemed foolish and even wrong.

Perhaps the hardest thing they had to bear at this time was the critical, uncomprehending attitude of neighbors, and particularly of relatives. Because things about our home were not as comfortable and prosperous-looking as others, it was often said, "They don't care much about the refinements of life. They are the uncultured type." My grandmother—a prominent Christian worker, a good soul and very kind to us—used to say of my mother (when things got into a muddle because Father was away in God's work and there was very little money, and

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Buy up for yourselves treasures in heaven

Matt. 6:20

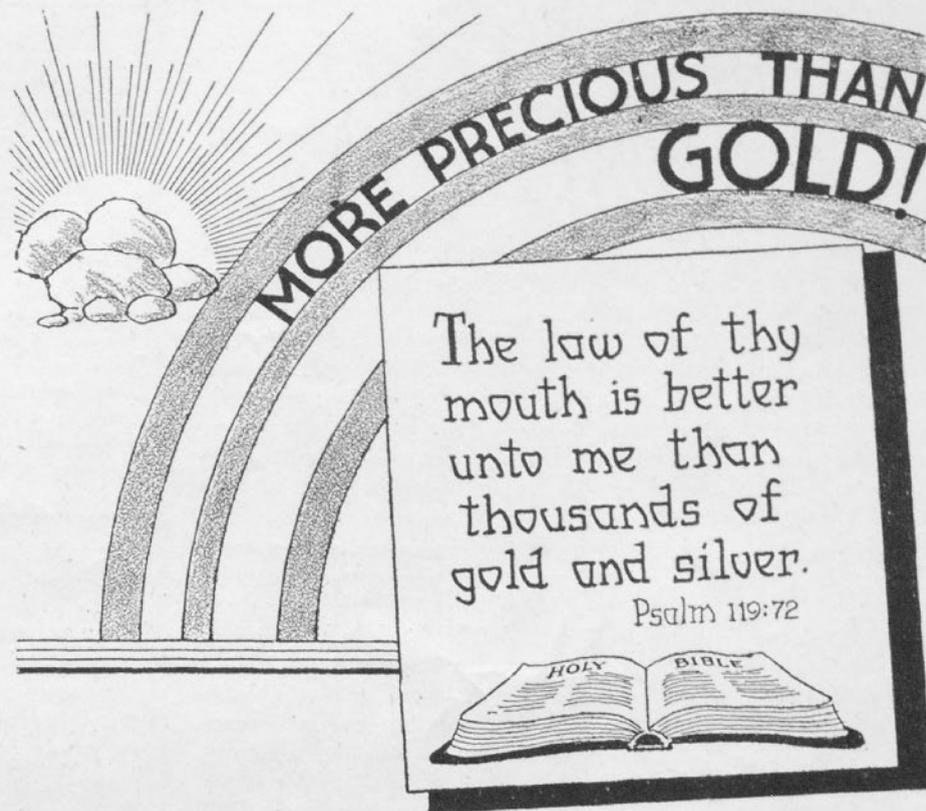
FOR several years I worked as a clerk in a jewelry store in San Francisco. One day a woman brought in a string of pearls to have them restrung. She asked our appraiser to fix a valuation on her pearls. To my amazement, they were valued at \$500,000! When I learned that string of fifty-five pearls was worth half a million dollars, I was dumbfounded. I thought, "Oh, how happy I am that nothing happened to those pearls when I handled them! Why, if just one pearl had been lost, it would have been enough to keep me penniless for the rest of my life!"

Those pearls were very precious; they were precious because they were costly. There are many precious things in life. Our health is precious, for it is priceless; it is something that cannot be bought. I suppose a man does not realize how precious health is until he loses it and tries to regain it. Another precious thing is liberty; it is precious because it has cost so much. However, the Christian has other priceless possessions which are more precious than any of these temporal blessings. Four of them are mentioned in the Epistles of Peter. The first is

PRECIOUS BLOOD.

Peter writes: "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:18, 19. Thank God for the Blood by which we are redeemed. It is precious blood because it was shed by the One who alone was sinless. It is precious also because it alone can wash away our sin. Oh, how precious the blood of Jesus Christ is to all of God's children!

There was a time when Peter didn't understand Calvary; he couldn't see why the Cross was necessary. As Jesus talked about Calvary, Peter said, "Not so, Lord! You can't go to Calvary! Why, if you, the King, should be crucified, the kingdom would be lost! We won't let you go to Calvary!" But, you see, he didn't understand that the Cross was a step to the throne, and that by the sufferings of the



PRECIOUS, PRICELESS POSSESSIONS

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Cross Christ would become, not only King, but Redeemer and Saviour as well, making a way whereby they could reach the throne also. And when after Calvary and after Pentecost he began to understand the program of God, and he understood that a fountain had been opened in the house of David for all sin and uncleanness, so that he, Peter, and all the world included, might plunge therein and find forgiveness and cleansing, he rejoiced in Calvary and wrote about "the precious blood of Christ."

Every blessing we enjoy as believers is traceable to the blood of Christ. If you have the peace of God within your heart, it is because of the precious Blood. In the Epistle to the Colossians, Paul writes of Christ's "having made peace through the blood of His cross." It is the blood of Calvary that brings peace in your heart, making peace between God and man.

As we gather in a worship service, one thing we glory in more than all else, more than the music and more than the preaching, is the fact that as we draw nigh to God, heaven comes right down and becomes very real and precious to us. And

the thing that makes all that possible is the Blood. Paul explained to the Ephesians: "Ye who sometime were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Oh, hallelujah for the Blood that can dissolve the distance, the vast distance, between the guilty sinner and a holy God! Precious blood of Calvary, that can bridge that distance and make it possible for men to draw nigh to God by faith and to know that God draws nigh to them also! No wonder we sing—

"Precious blood of Calvary,
Shed for many, shed for me;
This my all-availing plea,
Jesus shed His blood for me!"

And we join with Peter and say, "Thank You, Lord, for Calvary. Thank You for the consciousness that the Blood makes me free from my sins!"

But Peter said that not only has God given us the precious blood of Christ, but

He has given us the

PRECIOUS PROMISES

as well. In 2 Peter 1:4 we read, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." This Book of books, this Holy Bible of ours, is full of promises, precious promises, God-given promises, promises that God pledges to all who believe, promises that have been signed with the blood of our blessed Savior, promises that God will fulfill to the dotting of the *i* and the crossing of the *t*.

Whenever I think of the power in these precious promises to bless and to bring life, I think of a young man who came to the church which we were privileged to pastor in western Minnesota. His mother, a very choice woman of God, had been praying for quite some time for her son. Her son was a very popular young chap in town; he was one of those persons who have the faculty of being the life of the party wherever they go. He was an expert dancer; he was one of those lively

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VICTORY THROUGH THE COMING DAYS

THE marginal rendering of Psalm 3:8 is, "Victory belongeth unto the Lord." And it is His joy and delight to share His victory with us, so that we are enabled to enthusiastically exclaim: "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" All the blessings of heaven are ours through Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is always Victor. He was Victor in the manger. The Wise Men from the East said, "We have come to worship Him who is *born King of the Jews*." And they worshiped Him, the King who is destined to rule all nations. He was Victor over Herod, for Herod was defeated when he sought to destroy the young child. The absent Babe brought defeat to the ruling king!

Pilate asked Him, "Art Thou the King of the Jews?" He replied: "To this end was I born." The manger was an improvised throne, and so was His cross.

During His life there was continually a controversy between Himself and the powers of darkness. Satan was ever seeking to destroy His life, and yet He was King and Victor all the time. Even when He was crucified, there was the superscription put above Him on the cross: "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS." There was victory in His birth, victory in His life, victory in His death, victory in His resurrection—for the representatives of Rome—the soldiers—fell to the earth at the tomb.

He came forth from the tomb a Victor, with the declaration: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." He proved it by leaving the earth. He was victorious in His ascension. The tomb could not hold Him, and the earth could not retain Him. God raised Him far above all principalities and powers and He is Victor in the heavenlies.

He was Victor on the day of Pentecost, when He poured His Spirit upon the hundred and twenty and the three thousand. And in spite of the seeming defeats, in spite of the temporary triumphs of Rome, of paganism, of heathenism, of Mohammedanism; in spite of the floodgates of infidelity breaking forth from time to time, He is still Victor. God has declared: "Yet have I set *My King* upon *My holy hill of Zion*"; and all the earthquakes that heli has sought to devise have never been able to shake that hill.

Jesus is still Victor today. In spite of apostasy, in spite of modernism, in spite of gross infidelity, in spite of the falling away, in spite of the coldness and indifference everywhere, Jesus is Victor. Not only is He Victor on the throne in heaven but He is Victor on the throne of the heart of every humble saint on the earth.

How are we entering into the new year? Are we fortifying ourselves with resolutions? Are we bracing ourselves up with fresh determinations? Are we starting a factory of our own to manufacture spiritual weapons and spiritual ammunition? We may not think we are, but unconsciously there may be a determination in the flesh to do better. We say, "We *will* do better; *we* will do better." But the resolutions of the flesh profit nothing. Let us go back to our first scripture, "*Victory belongeth unto the Lord*." We cannot improve on His victory. Accept the Victor, invite the Victor to dwell within. He will bring with Him all that you need. He will bring the spiritual weapons and the spiritual ammunition and you will not have to go to battle at your own charges.

Paul learned a lesson. He went to Damascus at his own charge, and he was taken in charge instead of taking others in charge. He became blind and had to be led. The leader was led! Henceforth he was a leader for *the* Leader. On his knees he cried: "Lord, what wilt *Thou*

LET US DRAW NIGH

The same share we have in Jesus on the cross, we have in Jesus on the throne. Let us be willing to sacrifice the earthly for the heavenly, to follow Christ fully in His separation from the world and His surrender to God's will; then Christ in heaven will prove in us the reality and power of His heavenly priesthood. Let the cleansing from sin He provided for us at the cross be our means of entrance into the Holiest. He who provided the cleansing on earth and applies it from heaven, will assuredly lead us into all the fulness of blessing it has opened up for Him and for us.

have me to do?" He acknowledged the Victor. He surrendered abjectly. But Paul was no abject. Surrender to the Victor. Invite Him in and He will bring victory into every department, providing every department has the Victor. Yield your whole being to Him. Say to Him, "Come in, Thou Beloved; come in, Thou Victor!"

In the world there is defeat, crumbling, despair, uneasiness and restlessness. In spite of the veneer of happiness there is rottenness within. There is antagonism, fierce, determined, resolute, and accelerated from below, against the Lord and His Anointed. Yet Christ is Victor over all; and if His saints have a vision of His victory, they can have the victory also.

Christ is Victor. But He can only manifest His victory through His saints who are conscious of and believe in His victory. Faith, prayer, praise and surrender make it possible for the victorious One to come forth in His power, to show that He is Victor.

Do you believe it? Take time to examine yourself and see whether you are honoring Christ by believing that *He is Victor*. God says He is. He Himself said, "I have all power." The disciples went forth confident in that power. The Acts of the Apostles spell victory to and for our Lord Jesus, and He wants the Acts to be *acted out* in these last days.

Impediments which would prevent the sun's rays from reaching the earth have to go before the rising sun. The fog, the swamp mists, the smoke screens of earth, are dissipated by the rays of the sun. The Sun of righteousness is rising, and His rays are far more penetrating than the natural rays or the X rays. God wants every Christian to emanate those rays, and he will in proportion as he receives them. And they will dissipate the fogs and swamp mists and smoke of the earth. In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, He wants us to shine as lights in the world.

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The Precious, Imperishable Word

A New Year's Message by
ZELMA ARGUE

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8.

FOR prosperity and good success, meditate day and night in the scripture!

It is Moses speaking—greatest law-giver, yet meekest man who ever lived. He is disclosing to the younger Joshua, who must now succeed him, a secret impenetrable to the outside world, yet known in some degree by great souls throughout the millenniums since.

Some centuries ago, in a monastery in the old world, a strongly competitive spirit arose among the monks living there. There was strong striving as to which among them should be elected for highest honors within their circle. Some who strove the most arduously achieved the goal they sought, and have long since been forgotten. But among the monks was one who quietly withdrew from the spirit of competition, and gave himself instead to meditating upon the sweetness of Jesus, as unfolded in the Scriptures. Out of these sweet meditations he wrote one of the hymns that lives on down the centuries, beginning familiarly:

*"Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast."*

Meditating as he did day and night upon the Scriptures, he brought about the fulfillment of the prophecy in our text (Joshua 1:8), and Bernard's name and bright influence will never die in the Christian church.

It was Woodrow Wilson who said, regarding the influence of meditating much upon the Scriptures, "It is very difficult for an individual who knows the Scripture to get away from it. It haunts him like an old song. It follows him like the memory of his mother. It remains with him like the word of a revered teacher. It forms a part of the warp and woof of his life."

Open its pages! At once you are ushered into the association of some of the greatest souls that ever lived. We meet Moses, and learn his meekness. We meet Job, and learn his patience. We meet Abraham, and learn his faith. We meet Isaiah, and take wings to soar. We meet Daniel, and learn unswerving purpose and courage to do the right. We meet Paul, and stagger as we glimpse

what a life aflame for Christ can be. Best of all, we meet Christ, and learn what love can be when it is love to the uttermost. How can our own puerile limitations of vision but begin to fall away in the presence of such nobility, such integrity, such majesty!

Not only did Moses disclose the secret of meditating much in the Word, but listen to others whose names have become imperishable because of their relationship to the imperishable Word.

Jeremiah: "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." Jer. 15:16.

Ezekiel: "So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. . . . Then did I eat it, and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness." Ezek. 3:2, 3.

Daniel: "I Daniel understood by books . . . the word of the Lord . . . to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face . . . to seek by prayer . . . with fasting . . . and made my confession. . . . Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel touched me . . . and informed me . . . and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding." Daniel 9:1-22.

Here Daniel, like his predecessors, takes us into his secrets, and lets us perceive that it was as he meditated upon the Scriptures that he was stirred to prayer, and given by angelic visitation the wonderful further prophetic word which we pore over until this day.

When we come to the sweet singer of Israel, it seems he can never unfold all his delight in the Scriptures. The 119th Psalm, longest of all the Psalms, is devoted throughout its 176 verses to at-



For all the cards and loving wishes received during the Christmas season we are deeply grateful. It is not possible to thank each of our friends individually, and so we take this means of expressing our appreciation and best wishes in return. May God's richest blessing be the portion of each one during 1947.

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tempts to tell what he found therein. However, his rapture bursts all bounds. It is beyond expression. In the Scriptures he found:

Cleansing power—v. 9. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word."

Illuminating power—v. 105. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Eternal assurance—infallibility—v. 89. "For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven."

Power to elevate above passing offense—v. 165. "Great peace have they which love Thy law, and nothing shall offend them."

Solace when princes persecute—v. 23. "Princes also did sit and speak against me: but Thy servant did meditate in Thy statutes." Meditation inspires confidence in God.

When we fill ourselves daily with the Word, by making it our constant meditation, by "eating" it daily, then it becomes a part of us, and that part of us is an imperishable part.

In making the Scriptures the theme of one's daily consideration and meditation (rather than such passing material as the newspaper's trivialities), one tunes in on the rhythm of the greatest thoughts and spiritual illuminations of the great spiritual conquerors of the ages, given them by the Holy Spirit, and how greatly is one enriched.

Tune out the trash that is not worth remembering. Tune in the song, the lilt, the quickening and life-giving energy of the eternal Word of God. "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Listen again! "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21.

Christ confirmed the Scriptures, cherished and taught the Scriptures and asserted that by the Word we should be judged in the last days. He asserted: "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." "Men shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

The Book of Acts abounds with such appreciative statements as, "Desired to hear the Word of God"; "preach the Word of God"; "spake the Word of God with boldness"; "receive the Word of God." Blessed Word! Cherish it! Eat it! Ponder upon it! Delight in it! Have it constantly within the heart, upon the lips, and resounding often in the air. Be enriched eternally by it. It is the greatest treasure that life affords. "Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and thou shalt have good success."

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Facing the Future

Ernest S. Williams

on National Assemblies of God Radio Hour

THE old year is passing, the new year is before us. We hope you have had a good 1946, and we wish you a still better 1947.

In some things we are carried on by the inevitable. We are citizens of this world, and as such we share such benefits as prosperity might bring and we suffer such losses as depressions, wars, and storms inflict. None can escape world conditions.

Nor can we peer with certainty into the future. Beyond the present lies a veil. Often we would like to pierce it, or to have it rolled back that we might see what lies ahead, but this is not possible.

The Psalmist spoke well when he said, "My times are in Thy hand." The rich farmer reasoned wrongly when he said to himself, "Thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease." Little did he know that before the rising of the sun the next morning his soul would be taken from this world. In some measure we may anticipate that which the coming year will hold by reflecting upon the year that is passing. We have eaten and drunk, labored and lived. We may therefore make certain plans for the new year such as we made for the old. But let us never forget that events unknown and unknowable may overtake us.

While in a measure we all are carried forward on the wings of the inevitable, the Christian is carried forward in the will of

God. What a difference it makes whether we are in the will of God or are opposing the will of God. The Christian knows that it shall be well with him whether he should live or die, whether he should meet encouragement or disappointment. God is his Father. Heaven is his home.

Facing the future, with its unknown and its known, how earnestly we should seek to place our lives in the hands of God, looking to Him to guide our feet aright. The prodigal son chose a course of his own which led him to disappointment and sorrow. Later, in remorse, he retraced his steps until he was again at his father's home. Back in the place where his father wished him to be, he found a welcome; a loving father's kiss of forgiveness was bestowed upon him, and a new life with a new vision became his portion.

We wish you God's blessing as you face the new year. Above all else we hope that your life may be placed in the hands of God. If you have sinned, tell Him all about it. Ask His forgiveness and trust in Christ as your Sin-bearer. No matter what the passing year may have been, may the coming year be one of spiritual blessing, rich in fellowship with God; and should death knock on your door and call you away before 1947 has closed, may you have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of God, redeemed through the blood of Christ.

GOD WITH US

A. B. SIMPSON

CAN we give you a better watchword for the coming year than this: "Thou shalt call His name Immanuel, which is, being interpreted, God with us"?

Listen to it as God gives it to Moses: "Certainly I will be with thee." After that it mattered little what Pharaoh might say or do; God was with him, and before His presence all hostile power must melt away.

Listen again as He proclaims it to Jacob on his stony pillow: "Behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest . . . for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

Listen again as God renews His promise to Israel through Moses: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." This was Israel's great distinction; they were the smallest of nations, but they had the greatest of Beings with them. This may be our distinction too: that we carry with us the presence of the Lord of heaven and earth.

Listen again as the promise is renewed to Joshua: "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee." What are the men with such a Presence and such promise! How it dignifies our character! How it guarantees our success!

This was the reliance of Caleb as he dared to claim the highest and hardest of all the strongholds of the land. This was the confidence of Gideon, as he went forth transformed, not by anything in himself, but by the Presence that was with him. It was this that made Samuel the great restorer of Israel. "The Lord was with him. . . ."

This will give stability, influence, and power with God and man, and our words will tell as the messages of the Eternal if men but know that God is with us:

The conclusion and climax of all is Immanuel Himself, God's sign to us, God's living Word to us, God's last message to us. That name just means "God with us."

WHEN NEW YEAR BELLS OF HEAVEN RING



"God never is so far away
As even to be near;
He dwells within the yielded heart
And makes a heaven here."

As if to gather up all the echoes of the past in one last note of loving promise, we hear Him saying as He rises from our midst to His ascension throne: "Lo, I am with you all the days even unto the end of the age." "I Am." It is not an occasional visit, but a residence. It is not for great occasions or special times, but "all the days"—dark days, sad days, days of danger and of trial, "all the days." Blessed Presence! Blessed promise! Blessed Friend!

IT SHALL BE SO

The Hebrew word for faith is that from which comes the word "Amen." And what is the meaning of Amen? Not "let it be so," but "It shall be so," which is much more emphatic. If at the end of my prayer I say "Amen," meaning "Let it be so," I am simply adding another petition. But if I mean, "It shall be so" then on the ground of God's promise, and my asking in the name of Jesus Christ, my "Amen" is a prophecy.

"Faith is an affirmation and an act
That bids eternal truth be fact."

Some things are so simple that they almost defy definition and analysis. Faith is so simple that to define and analyze it involves the danger of losing sight of its simplicity. Abraham said to God, when God made a promise, however impossible it might seem: "It shall be so." "Blessed is she that believeth; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." "Sara . . . judged him faithful who had promised." And Paul said in the shipwreck, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." And if you will accept it, this is all there is in faith—saying in your heart to any word of God: "It shall certainly be so."—A. T. Pierson.

THE PRAYER OF FAITH

The prayer of faith is the key that unlocks the door of God's storehouse. Mr. Moody's wonderful work in England, Scotland, and Ireland had its origin in the importunate prayers of a bedridden saint. The spiritual needs of her church lay heavy on her heart.

Reading in a paper of the revivals of D. L. Moody in America and of his passion for souls, she from that day, with importunity, asked God to send him to her London church. One Sunday morning her sister returned from the morning service and going to the room of the invalid, said, "Who do you think preached in our church today? It was D. L.

Moody from America!" The invalid sister, realizing God was answering her prayers, refused to eat dinner, but spent the entire afternoon pleading with importunity, that God would use Moody to bring revival to their church. During the morning service Mr. Moody had been discouraged the way his message had been received, and he had some trepidation as to the evening service. But as he began to preach, he realized the Holy Spirit was present in power. At the close of the service he gave opportunity for those who desired to accept Christ to stand, and to his amazement over three hundred people arose.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

The firmament of the Bible blazes with answers to prayer, from the days when Elijah unlocked the heavens to the days when the petitions in the house of John Mark unlocked the dungeon and brought liberated Peter into their presence. The whole field of providential history is covered with answered prayers, as thickly as bright-eyed daisies cover our Western prairies. Find your happiness in pleasing God, and sooner or later He will surely grant you the desire of your heart.—*Theodore Cuyler.*

MYSELF— MY LORD

Mine be the pomp and glory
And Thine be Calvary!
Give me the ease of living—
The scourge, the thorns, for Thee!

Ah, how we prate of treading
The path the Master trod—
Laurel and gold our portion;
Thorns were the crown of God!

Mine the respectful gesture;
Thine be the bloody thong!
Mine be the titled leisure—
And Thine the jeering throng!

Yea, and we call Him "Master"!
Our hands are pale and fine,
Too good for blood or wounding—
His blood ran down like wine!

Mine be the chant and candle;
Thine be the pain and loss;
I am too good for trial!—
Thine, judgment and a cross!

Say, can we call Him "Savior"—
We, with our place and pride?
Hast Thou dominion o'er us,
God of the spear-pierced side?

And if thou bear no wound-prints,
For Him thou hast not died,
Prate not! Nor boast thou love Him
Ere thou art crucified!

—C. T. STUDD

Pentecost

H. J. McAlister

RECENTLY heard something of interest which took place in an Ontario community. A certain woman was invited by a neighbor to attend a gospel service. She was converted and a short while later received the Baptism in the Spirit in Bible fashion, speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

When she returned home that night, she found that her husband, who had opposed her in her new-found faith, had retired. I might say that this man had spent a number of years in the army in India, and had a good grasp of the Hindustani language. As she slipped quietly into her bedroom that night, her husband began to berate her. Without any particular anticipation on her part, the Spirit suddenly welled up in her soul and she began to speak in other tongues.

In amazement, her husband leaped up, and said something like this: "What is this? You are preaching to me in Hindustani, and telling me to repent of my sins." He knew that she did not understand Hindustani. It was a sign to him. He went with her to the services and was soundly converted. I tell you, friends, that was not gibberish—that was God, and it was glorious.—*Pentecostal Testimony.*

ALEPH TAV

"Do you know," said Rabinowitz, "what questioning and controversies the Jews have kept up over Zechariah 12:10, 'They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced'? They will not admit that it is Jehovah whom they have pierced. Hence the dispute about the *whom*; but do you notice that this word is simply the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet—Aleph, Tav? Do you wonder, then, that I was filled with awe and astonishment when I opened at Revelation 1:7, 8, and read these words of Zechariah quoted by John: 'Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him'; and then heard the glorified Lord saying, 'I am Alpha and Omega'—the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet? Jesus seemed to say to me, 'Do you doubt who it is whom you pierced? I am the Aleph Tav, the Alpha Omega, Jehovah, the Almighty.'"

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to the Lord, and a scourge to the devil.—Bunyan.

If God's time is too soon for your repentance, your time may be too late for God's acceptance.

OUR



MISSIONARY ADVANCE IN

The Burden of an Unbuilt House

A plea from our missionary body of French West Africa.

THE rolling grassland of the Sudan is beautiful during the rainy season, although one is rarely able to find a high enough elevation to obtain a panoramic view. Sitting on the porch of the French West African Bible School, one can drink in its beauty. But the glory of the scenery is marred by a burden—the burden of an unbuilt house!

Six years ago, the French West African Bible School was built with the understanding that the second residence would be constructed the following year. Then the war started, our staff was depleted as missionaries were unable to return, our Bible School suffered because it was inadequately manned, months slipped by and became years.

One hundred and nine adults plus forty children crowd into the little chapel, hungry for teaching, anxious for separate classes so they can learn to read more quickly, have an opportunity to recite, or express their problems. Sick babies, fevered mothers, and injured fathers must all be cared for by the lady missionary. Supervising the planting, storing and harvesting of crops, repairing of

mud buildings, and division of food fall on the man.

Then the midnight oil must be burned in order to translate and arrange study courses to be taught by already weary bodies. There is a tremendous need of adequately trained native workers. The missionaries in French West Africa can never hope to reach the thousands in this vast territory who have never had a witness. The Gold Coast missionaries, also, are begging for Mossi evangelists and pastors to work among the French West Africans who have migrated to the Gold Coast in large communities. Also many of the surrounding tribes have never yet had a lighthouse among them. But one man and one woman can do only so much.

Now the war is over, missionaries are coming to fill in the gap, but the Bible School still lacks the proper teaching staff because there is no available housing. The missionary body feels that another building should go up during this dry season. Since God has promised to honor steps of faith, the missionary at Koubré is beginning immediately to assemble building materials. Pray with us that God will honor this step of faith, supply what is needed to complete the building, and give us four missionaries or two couples for the French West African Bible School. Thus, we shall be able to train more workers to carry the Light to those who have never heard the gospel message.

at home are moved by the letters that they receive, but they should know that these letters are sent out by the score, and those who write them are only seeking to help themselves.

"One man set himself up in a very nice palm-oil business with the money he received, and in the last mail I noticed a number of packages addressed to him. Two of our pastors have backslidden as a result of writing to America and receiving such gifts. The books and Bibles are not being distributed for God's glory, but sold for personal gain. After seeing his friends receiving so much, one of our teachers also wrote for Bibles, using a number of different names. When we discovered it recently, we found him getting a fairly good business started.

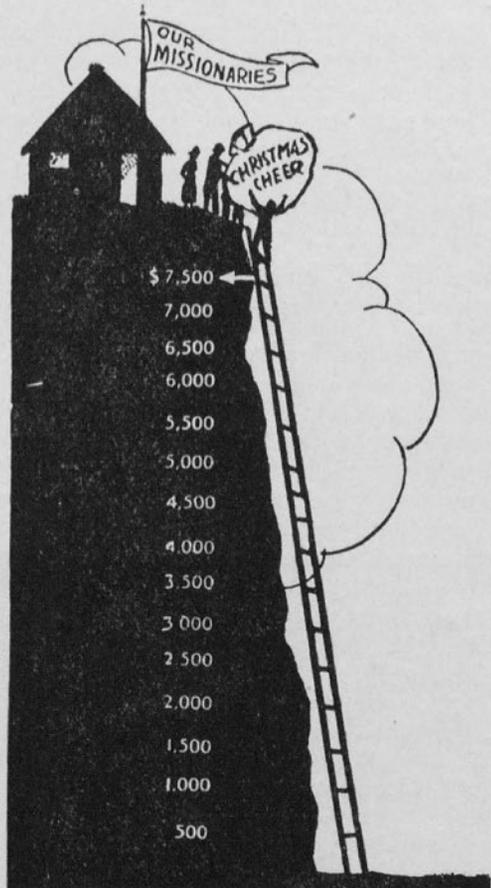
"I know you have put notices in the Evangel before, but the situation is getting worse. Of course, most of the letters are sent by those who are not our members, but this racket is becoming a source of temptation and backsliding to many of our own. I don't know whether you feel it would be wise to put a stronger article in the Evangel, or what, but I surely wish something could be done."

Editor's Note: All funds and gifts for Nigeria should be sent through our accredited missionaries and never direct to the natives.

Lloyd H. Aud, Nigeria.—Our work is in the section of Nigeria where the Man-Leopard Society operates. About 180 persons were killed by members of this society in the last year. They even murder little children in order to make it appear that a real leopard is doing the killing. They also eat the internal organs of their victims.

When they join the society, the members take a strong oath to a certain juju. They are, in fact, more afraid of this juju than of the British Police. Consequently, the British find it very difficult to get evidence to stop the killings. However, eighteen Man-Leopards were hanged here last week.

The police are making the people repair



Bible Racket in Nigeria

Rex Jackson writes from Nigeria, Africa: "I do not know what we are going to do to stop people in the United States from sending money, books, and Bibles direct to the natives. It has become such a racket that it is now a definite hindrance to our work, rather than a blessing. I realize that people

Thank You!

We regret, that, since copy goes to press almost three weeks prior to the publication date, there has been an unavoidable delay in announcing the triumphant arrival of our little man at the top of the Christmas Fund ladder. You will be happy to learn, however, that your splendid co-operation and sacrificial giving have once again provided a little Christmas cheer for our missionaries. We of the Missions Department also take this opportunity to join with our missionaries in saying a most hearty **Thank You!**

THE DARK CONTINENT

churches and attend services. A new fence has been built and some other work done at one of our churches. But many of the Christians are suffering because the native police take their goats, pigs, chickens, yams, and anything they see to eat. There are about five hundred police living off the people of that section as a penalty for the crimes the Man-Leopard Society is committing.

In our compound work we find people who have never heard the name of Jesus. But, praise the Lord, He has helped us to turn some from their idols to a living Christ. We have even burned some jujus. However, many of our people here are still in darkness and need much prayer.

G. Burdette Wiles, Kumasi, Gold Coast.—The Lord has been blessing the work in town as well as that in the bush. People have been warned by various groups that they should not attend our services, but we are constantly seeing new faces in our midst. Some of the visitors continue to return, and we believe that they will some day accept Christ as their Savior too.

A number of our Christians are showing a real zeal to go forth and proclaim the news to their own race. I am training a group for a period of three hours every Monday evening. One of the new converts who is now ministering to villages in the bush had quite an experience recently with a demon-possessed girl who was in chains. After he prayed and rebuked the demon, the girl was restored to normal. What a difference this has made in the attitude of that community toward the gospel.

Attention!

In order that packages of used clothing and shoes intended for the orphanage in Haiti may be admitted free of duty, the name of the church sending the package and the name of the pastor and church receiving should both appear in the address, thus: From (Church, Town, and State) to Pasteur W. Lawrence Perrault, for Assembly of God Orphanage, P. O. Box B 138, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Send contributions to Noel Perkin, Secretary, Foreign Missions Dept., 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.



Cornelius VanDalen



Mrs. C. VanDalen



Raymond L. Zents



Mrs. Raymond Zents



Henry I. Dahlberg



Robert W. Edwards



Mrs. Robert Edwards



Ruth Melching

News Flashes!

A cable from Martha McLean states that she has arrived in Hardoi, India.

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Cornelius R. VanDalen sailed early in December to begin missionary work in Nigeria. Mrs. VanDalen and the children will fly later to join him.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Zents sailed for Ivory Coast on December 6.

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Mr. and Mrs. John S. Richards, missionaries to Tanganyika, have returned to the States on furlough. Pray that they may be strengthened in body.

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Ruth Melching has returned to Habana, Cuba, to continue her work there until it is possible for her to re-enter her former field in China.

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Lula Ashmore, who has been ministering among the Chinese in Habana, Cuba, returned to the States in November for a furlough. Miss Ashmore hopes soon to renew her ministry in Singapore, where she was laboring prior to the war.

The Missions Department is happy to announce the marriage of Mrs. Doris N. Maloney to Robert W. Edwards, which took place on November 30 at Lodi, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards expect to sail the middle of December for India, where Mrs. Edwards formerly labored before the death of her husband, Clarence T. Maloney.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coffey have notified the Missions Department that they will be transferring from Sogamoso, Colombia, to Venezuela on December 10.

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Henry I. Dahlberg, another recruit for Ivory Coast, left the States in November.

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Recent word from Walter Erickson in Peru tells us that he and family escaped injury during the earthquake which struck their region on November 10. He writes: "Four tremors were felt between 1 and 2:30 p. m. Here in Caraz no damage was done, but back of the White Range of the Andes there was severe damage with considerable loss of life. We have believers through all that region, but so far have been unable to get any word concerning them."

The Passing and the Permanent

THE BIBLE IN JAPAN

In the little village of Yose, near Tokyo, about 1,000 Christian young people recently bought Bibles, and they have organized by themselves study groups and secured teachers to teach them the Bible twice a week, paying three yen a month for tuition.

PENTECOST IN BERLIN

Donald Gee in Great Britain has received the following word from Bruno Bartknecht in Berlin: "The building-up again of the Pentecostal Assemblies in Germany is made difficult by the zones. A united work is not yet possible. In Berlin there are many houses destroyed by the bombs and brands, and there are no rooms for the assemblies." Our brother is in the Russian zone.

CIGARETTE MONEY

Wake Forest College, a Baptist college in North Carolina, has been offered ten million dollars from the Smith-Reynolds Foundation, and expects eventually to receive forty millions more. Comments *Sunday School Times*: "This is cigarette money. One would like to see it given to hospitals, for the cigarette is an important weakener of health; but to Christian education, no! Its associations are too foul."

AMONG LAND-BASED SAILORS

No drinking is allowed on board ship but with the land-based personnel of the Navy it is a different story. In July, 1946, the *Brewers Digest* was able to boast: "Talk of a beer drought this summer doesn't bother the Navy in the Pacific area, as the bell-bottom boys have approximately 1,800,000 cases on hand. In fact, the Navy is literally drenched with beer. . . . Now the only restrictions on the amount allowed are dictated by a man's thirst."

PROMOTING PEACE

The Mennonite Brethren have shipped 2,801 head of cattle to Europe, and they plan to send 350 heifers to Ethiopia this winter. Six men will accompany the animals and will work for a year aiding the Ethiopians in working farm machinery and caring for the cattle. They are convinced that such measures of international kindness will do more to promote and preserve peace than the shooting of cannon and the dropping of bombs—and so do we.

THE "PEACE" CONFERENCE

Graham Scroggie writes: "We are hearing much today about a Peace Conference—which anyway is misnamed—but what we need is a Righteousness Conference. The world is trying to build a house from the top; it is trying to grow fruit on a tree which has not a root; it is trying to draw a circle without having a center; it is trying to secure an effect without its necessary cause; and so all is, and must be, in vain. God's order is irreversible, first righteousness, and then peace. Psalm 72:2, 3; Heb. 12:11."

RACE-TRACK GAMBLING

The American Veterans Committee of Chicago has refused to approve a bonus plan which the Illinois legislature has offered. Their reason for refusing, according to *The Presbyterian*, is that a tax on race-track betting would be involved. The Chicago Federation of Churches had pointed out that the adoption of the bonus plan would, in effect, legalize race-track gambling for at least twenty-five years.

CONVERTED DRUNKARDS

Drunkards are still being transformed by the power of the gospel among the haunts of sin in the big cities. During his recent tour of America, General Orsborn of the Salvation Army visited the Bowery corps in Detroit. He had breakfast with 150 men, all of whom have been saved from the slavery of strong drink, and have become active evangelists among their former associates. Only three years ago the Captain of the corps, before his conversion, was sent to a mental hospital as an incurable alcoholic. An open-air meeting following the breakfast resulted in many being brought to the Savior.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY

Though the Nazis have been driven from power, the seeds of Jew-hatred sown during their regime are still bearing fruit. A news dispatch from Munich states that there is no evidence of regret among the German people over their anti-Semitism. Instead, Dr. Dehler, prosecutor general of Bavaria, declared that there is a mounting wave of anti-Semitism reviving in Germany. "The Germans," he said, "consider it anti-national for anyone to speak of German guilt in connection with the Jews." "Thou hast been forsaken and hated," said the Lord to Israel, but He has promised to make the nation "an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations," when they would accept their Christ and repent of their sins. Isa. 60:15.

A DEFENSE OF PENTECOSTAL YOUTH

An unsolicited tribute was paid our Christ's Ambassadors by Paul Peterson, Director of San Francisco Youth for Christ, in the November issue of their official organ *Victory News*. "One of the most severe criticisms has come in regard to the co-operation of the Pentecostal groups in the Youth for Christ movement," he said. "Many evangelical movements eliminate these groups from their fellowship. . . . However, it has been my happy experience in working with the Pentecostal groups to discover that the great majority of them are co-operative, sane, and deeply spiritual. There has been a deepening of the spiritual tone of the Youth for Christ Rally by the attendance and participation of these Pentecostal friends. . . . We should have an honest and sincere appreciation of the doctrines of the Pentecostal movement so that we might understand this growing group of Christian people."

UNIVERSAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN

The wall of illiteracy, that has hindered missionary work for so long, is gradually receding before a world-wide literacy campaign. Just as Russia moved up, between 1920 and 1944, from 9% literate to 90% literate, and Mexico, in the one year ending March 1, 1946, rose from 10% to 48% literate, so China, India, Brazil, and vast areas in Africa are campaigning to make their people literate. Dr. Frank C. Laubach says that within a few years 500 million people now illiterate will be able to read. Today 62% of the world's population cannot read. Illiteracy still prevails among 70% of the people in China, 88% in India, 90% in the Moslem world, 95% in the East Indies, 98% in non-Christian Africa, and 99% in Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkestan, and Arabia.

But people of every tongue are rapidly learning to read, and it is our responsibility to place in their hands gospel literature that will lead them to Christ.

THE PROMISE TO ISRAEL

Says E. M. Leathes, writing in the *Prophetic News*: "We cannot but see that God's promise to Abraham that his seed should possess the land from the Nile to the Euphrates has not yet been fulfilled. The whole Bible is teeming with promises regarding the settlement of Israel in the Land of Promise. Meanwhile the Arabs are fighting for possession, and the British Government is at its wits' end to know how to act. The Jews are pressing into Palestine, defying both the British and the Arabs. In the meanwhile the Holy Spirit must direct our prayers. If God's time has come for the Jews to possess the land, neither British nor Arabs will be able to frustrate His purpose. Let us lift our eyes to the throne and persevere in prayer for God's will to be done. We need not be disappointed at the drawbacks or the struggles that go on; let us stand with Him on the Mount for His supreme purpose to come to pass."

FROM BENCH TO BARS

In Kansu Province, China, Judge Meng became burdened with the spiritual needs of the prisoners brought before him, so he resigned his judgeship and applied for a job as city jailer. According to *Christian Life and Times*, thirty men have been baptized during the past year in the jail where he is stationed. The prisoners think so much of Mr. Meng that they are trusted to work in the open fields, and in three years none of them has tried to escape. All the leaders in one church in Kansu are ex-prisoners converted during Mr. Meng's term of office as jailer in their city. The story of the Philippian jailer (in Acts 16) has been reversed!

JEWES IN MUNICH

For many years, Rosh-ha-Shanah, the Jewish New Year, meant little more this year than any other year, but not so in the German city of Munich. By order of the American military authorities the auditorium of the university was put at the disposal of Jewish residents, and 1500 Jews crowded into the room to take part in the ancient ritual. There, in the city which Hitler, archenemy of Israel, had made his own, Israel met in the city's finest auditorium to worship God, a free people. Their enemies pass away but the Jews live on.

Kentucky Children's Home

An interesting letter from Mrs. M. D. Hartshorn, supervisor, tells of the lovely ministry God is giving them at the Kentucky Children's Home in Carlisle, Ky. She writes:

"God has been blessing the Orphanage. I only wish it were possible for all our friends to visit us and see His goodness. At times I can hardly believe that so much has been accomplished during the past thirteen months.

"There have been thirty-two little ones admitted to the Home. Most of these have been small infants that have been deserted or unwanted from birth. I cannot express in words the joy that fills our souls as we take these little ones in and give them the love of which they have been deprived.

"God has been so good to give us consecrated workers. Until April I had only one helper, and we were unable to do all that our hearts yearned to do. Now we have a staff of six, and our babies have more individual care and attention.

"The Lord has been faithful to supply the many needs of the Home. Praise His name! There have been times when I have consented to admit little ones without having a crib for them to sleep in, and without having clothes for them to wear, but by the time the child arrived a crib and the other necessary things had been supplied. It was necessary for us to heat all our water on the coal range, which was quite a task, as we have so much laundry, so many babies to bathe, and so forth; but after we made this need a matter of definite prayer God provided us with a lovely oil-burning hot water heater. So many times He has proven Himself a Father to the fatherless.

"Three weeks ago we rescued a little three-year-old girl that was starving. The parents had forsaken her. We took her from the county jail, where she was taken because no one wanted her—dirty, sick, and neglected. She could hardly stand up, her little legs were so thin and weak. The mother stated she had never had any milk to drink. The day we took her she looked so helpless and hopeless; but after a good bath, a change to clean clothes, and having her pretty curls brushed, she looked so different. We offered her a limited supper because she had been without food for so long, but she cried for more and more. The Scarred Hand of the great Unseen Physician has touched her and now her large brown eyes smile, and she toddles all over the house.

"We are called on to give aid to some child nearly every day, but we can only take the most unfortunate ones at present. The State Welfare Division has marvelled as they have watched the little ones come to us and have seen how quickly they are strong and healthy. We especially thank God for giving us two good Jersey cows. The babies before coming to us have been used to various formulas of milk, but we give each one the cows' milk from its first feeding and we never have had a sick baby, which is remarkable for having so many children.



Kentucky Children's Home, Carlisle, Ky.

"Several of the children have been adopted out. Recently little Melody went into a lovely Christian home and has brought much happiness. It has been a great pleasure to care for these little ones and later release them to Christian couples. Many more applications for adoption have been received than we can fill. I have appreciated the many kind letters that I have received from members of our Assemblies of God fellowship, and wish it were possible to make each home complete with a child, but out-of-State adoptions are very difficult to arrange, and so we place our children within this State as far as possible.

"I especially want to thank our friends for their prayers and interest in this work. The boxes of clothing and supplies that have been sent have all been useful. We thank God for the vision He is giving His people for the children that will carry our Pentecostal message in the future."

Gifts for this excellent work can be sent to Mrs. M. D. Hartshorn, P. O. Box 96, Carlisle, Ky.

First Things First

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Mother refused to scold or complain): "Oh, Maria doesn't care!"

From such passages as 1 Cor. 4:8-13 it is evident that there are two distinct types of believers, often living side by side and both saved—but how different! Some believers live like kings, as though the cross has already given place to the kingdom. But others in apostolic succession seem "appointed unto death." Like Paul they are made a spectacle unto the world and to angels, and to men. They are "fools for Christ's sake . . . are weak, are despised . . . are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things." My parents were indeed "speckled birds" in the midst of the neighbors.

I well remember my uncle, himself a good Christian and an elder of the church, coming to Father to try to get him to be "sensible" in these things. He pointed out the danger of fanaticism, quoting Ecc. 7:16: "Be not righteous overmuch." He directed Father's attention to the fact that his children would need all he could give them for education, etc. When Father would not agree to stop giving at that rate, he quoted 1 Tim. 5:8: "If any provide

not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." Father, knowing that God was leading him, only laughed at this, and Uncle left him saying, "I'll give you five years to get away from this foolishness." But Father never did get over giving. He continued laying up treasure in heaven as ardently and as carefully as any financier invests in government bonds.

He and Mother used to say, "Be as careful in investing your Lord's money as you are in investing money in worldly business." They prayerfully sought guidance in these matters, and when they found evidence that any work they were supporting was no longer profitable in spiritual returns, they sought to give where they could be sure of eternal reward. What a joy they had in giving! And their prayers and interests naturally became world-wide. They loved to save to give as so many save to hoard.

Although my father had little academic education, he knew his Bible as few men know it. He had large portions committed to memory, and I have heard very few men lead a Bible class as well as he. Many were saved in his little Sunday school and went into full-time service for God.

I can recall, as a child, sometimes accompanying Father on errands of mercy, for which he took time from a busy life. Often he would slip some money into a needy hand as he said good-bye.

For years Father conducted cottage prayer meetings in our own and neighboring homes. And he was always at the fore to help in special meetings of any denomination in the district. He was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for some years. He began also to be in demand as a local preacher, filling pulpits for various ministers in the vicinity.

The absence of worry or anxiety in my mother's life and her quiet contentment were a source of wonder to all who knew her. This was not the result of a naturally easy-going temperament, nor of a trouble-free life, but of a wonderful faith and trust in God's love and power. Father's absence from the farm in Christian work often meant greatly increased responsibility and work for Mother in the home and on the farm, yet she always encouraged him to engage in such work.

Beginning about 1895, and for several years thereafter, Father spent his winters out in Manitoba preaching the gospel. He was promised \$3.50 per week by the Home Mission Board. Then came a period when he was not needed.

Meanwhile the Lord had done what Father always claimed He does for those who give to Him. God had given him back far more than he had given. We experienced a real degree of prosperity. But at such a time of testing many Christians are sidetracked. Their very God-given prosperity, given to those who sacrifice for Him, becomes a snare. We must keep re-investing our bonds in the Bank of Heaven.

I have no doubt that my father became at that time unduly taken up with making money. He still continued to give liberally (though not in proportion to his earlier giving), and also kept up his Christian work. But it was evident to some of us that his heart and mind were becoming absorbed in the farm. We had bought

more land, had double the size of our farm, and were renting a neighboring farm. But God is faithful and wondrously kind, and He dropped a reminder into the midst of this absorption in worldly things.

In 1907, when I was eighteen and the only boy left on the farm with Father, we were in the midst of getting off a large harvest when a letter arrived from the Presbyterian Board asking my father to go to the west that fall and continue his home mission work. Father immediately replied, saying that he could not get away. God dealt with him. I am sure, too, that Mother said something. How often a wife turns the balance either way at such a crucial moment, and with what far-reaching results. Had Mother not helped Father to make this decision, or, on the other hand, had she considered her own well-deserved comfort, or had she shrunk back from the responsibility and burden of caring for the home and family, the balance doubtless would have turned the other way. As it was, a few days later Father said to me, "Hector, I feel I have not done right. If that call should ever come again, I would have to go. But it is not likely it will come, since I have told the Board that I am so involved here that I cannot go."

But how good God is! The following autumn we had just as great a harvest to gather—added to which the weather was wet, making it more difficult—when the same appeal came from the church. In less than a week Father was on his way west. This was a turning point of tremendous importance to us all. I verily believe that had this decision not been made then, we would have become just another respectable family! Father never came back to the farm. The Church ordained him and asked him to continue in full-time work in the west.

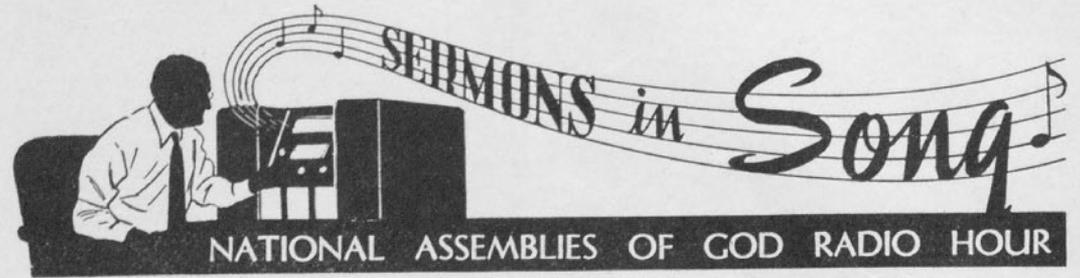
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PRECIOUS, PRICELESS POSSESSIONS

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fellows who keep the pot boiling. So, because of his popularity, it looked like a very difficult thing to win him to God.

One summertime, this young man, with his

sister and his girl friend, went out to spend a vacation by one of Minnesota's many lakes. Among the other things they prepared to take with them was a box of detective stories and a lot of these other pulp magazines. They were going to read these books in their leisure mo-



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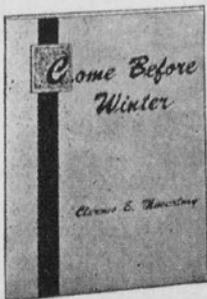
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ments. However, they forgot the box of magazines, so they wrote home to their mother, asking her to send it. She thought to herself, "Shall I send those magazines, or shall I send what I would prefer to send—the Word of God?" After prayer she decided to send some Evangelists, some tracts, and a copy of the Word of God. She packed these in the box and sent it out to the lakeshore.

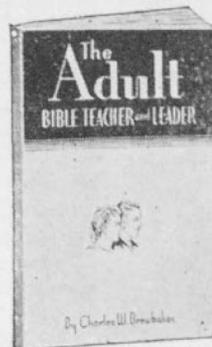
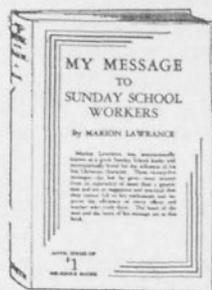
When they opened that box they were simply disgusted. "What on earth is the matter with Mother?" they said. "Is she so far gone in the Pentecostal way that, when we make a simple request for some magazines, she has to send us this stuff—these Evangelists and these tracts and this Bible! All we wanted was some light reading, and look at what we get!" And they shoved the box in one corner and proceeded with their fun. After a while they got tired of boating, swimming, fishing, and the other things they were doing, and wanted something to read. In desperation, they read some of the gospel literature; then they started reading from the Word of God. They couldn't have started in a better place, for they started in the Gospel of John.

Here they were, young people sitting around in their playclothes. One started reading from the first chapter of John, then the other took a turn, then the other took a turn, and in the midst of that vacation the Spirit of God, honoring this precious living Word, these precious promises that a godly mother was claiming off in a distant town, began to work. Young Byron told me afterward that something hit him like a thunderbolt out of the sky. He couldn't explain why he felt as he did, but he ran out of that cottage, went to the lakeside, threw himself in the sand by the shore, and wept and cried out to God as though his heart would break.

His girl friend went into one room and his sister into another, and those three young people, out on a vacation by one of Minnesota's lakes, were won to God simply by reading the Word of God! That young fellow came back to church when his vacation was done, and it wasn't long until he was baptized in the Holy Spirit. In due time he was given the honor of being one of the deacons in that church. Oh, what a change in that man's life! He was a salesman in a downtown store, and what a difference there was in Byron from that moment on. The old gang came around and they said, "We'll be looking for you tonight." And he answered, "Don't look for me, unless you come down to the Tabernacle, because I'll be spending most of my time down there from now on."

During his noon hour, when he went home for lunch, his pockets would be filled with tracts, and he'd make it down by the railroad tracks where the bums knew him quite well because they used to touch him for little "loans" now and then. Now he no longer handed out quarters and fifty-cent pieces alone; he would say as he gave a little help, "Here, you read this, and you'll find the way of life; you'll find a way out of all your problems and out of all your troubles as I have, by letting Christ come into your life."

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In 1 Peter 1:7 we read of another priceless possession of the believer; it is

PRECIOUS FAITH

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

God has a beautiful pattern for every life. When trials come it is not easy to see how all of them can be for our good, but faith causes us to rejoice even in our tests and trials. Gold that is precious must be purified by fire, and faith that is precious must be able to stand the purifying fires of adversity. The working

of God's plan in our lives is somewhat like the working of a weaver on a piece of material. On the under side there is such a tangled, matted mass of threads, that one would wonder how anything of beauty could come of that, but when we look at the other side we see the beautiful design that is being woven. Often we see just the under side of our trials. It doesn't seem that they are making any sense at all; it all looks like a mass of confusion. But if you can look from the top side, the eternal side, you'll see that there is a very beautiful pattern being worked out.

God has a plan for our lives. His will for His children is the very best, the most wonder-

ful plan that could be conceived. And as He works it out, it is necessary to go through many experiences. You need the sun in the summer, and you need the winter's rain as well. You need the hard places just as much as you need the easy place. You need the unpleasant as well as the pleasant, to combine and to work into your life the fullness of God's blessing and God's grace.

It is when we look from God's side that we'll be able to say, "Thank you, Lord; you're making all things work together for good because I love you, because You've called me, and because I submit myself to Your way and to Your will. There are these things that I can't understand; I don't know why they've come my way, but instead of asking why, I'm just going to submit myself to You and say, 'Thou knowest best, and I surrender, sweet will of God, to Thee.'" If you can do that, you'll find the honey in the hard place; you'll find the way through in every testing, every trial of life.

I often think of that little widow down in Zarephath. Depression was on; there was a famine in the land. The heavens had been shut up and there were no crops; there was nothing coming in. She was at the end of her human resources. It was a hard place, but in the difficulties she was trusting God; she was believing that God would make a way for her. At length she was reduced to the point where there was only a bit of meal left and a little bit of oil, and she was out in the yard gathering some sticks with which to make a fire and to prepare the last bit of food, and then, with her child, to face certain, slow death by starvation.

Suddenly she heard a voice. She turned around, and there was the prophet Elijah. And Elijah, the man of God, meeting with this widow, the child of God, was impressed by the Spirit to say, "What are you doing?" And when she replied what her mission was, he said, "Make me the first cake." And don't think it wasn't a test of faith on her part to make him the first cake. I think it would have been easy in those circumstances to say, "What? Make you the first cake? Listen here, you big preacher, go on your way, and don't you take the last bit of bread from a poor widow's mouth! Nothing doing; I'm going to look after my own first, and you take care of yourself."

But not the widow of Zarephath. She was in touch with God. And say, if you're in touch with God, you'll find the God who can take you through all your troubles. She felt the leading of the Spirit, and by faith she went inside the house and made that first cake for the prophet. And you know what happened. Why, the cruse of oil failed not, the bit of meal in the bottom of that barrel continued, and she was carried right through the remainder of that famine period until the first crops came in. I venture to say that after that experience, God could have sent the whole school of prophets down there and she would have roomed and boarded the whole bunch of them, knowing that God would see her through, that God would never fail her.

We've had many problems in connection with our Bible school in Minneapolis. There have been times when we couldn't see our way through. We knew, though, that God would help us through. There were times when we simply related to the student body some of our

problems and needs, and we'd go to prayer and seek the face of God, quite often with the windows open and a student body of sometimes 350 students praying and seeking the face of God. Of course, the volume of prayer would spread out through that neighborhood, and N.C.B.I. got a name in that particular community in Minneapolis. They began calling us the "Hallelujah, God-won't-let-me-down" people. We liked that title; we felt that it was a very good title to be given to us by the unsaved. Oh, Christian, that's just what we are, the "Hallelujah, God-won't-let-us-down" folk. We trust a God who never fails—Jehovah-jireh, who has all power in heaven and in earth!

May I call your attention to just one more passage. It is 1 Peter 2:7, "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious." Precious blood! Precious promises! Precious faith! But even more precious than all of these is our

PRECIOUS SAVIOUR

Himself! As a boy of eleven I knelt in our Full Gospel church out in San Francisco and asked God, for Christ's sake, to forgive my sins. You know, the burden and pressure of sin can be real even to an eleven-year-old-boy, and it was real to me. I knelt down and asked God, for Jesus' sake, to forgive me and to make me His child, to wash me from my sins. Oh, how wonderful Jesus became to my boyish heart! But down through these years, in the process of growing up, in the entrance into marriage, in the beginning of a new home, in the process of endeavoring to serve my Lord, I have found that at every turn of the road, in every testing circumstance, in every changing situation, Christ was all sufficient, blessed, real, wonderful, satisfying.

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local assembly. I remember, on one occasion, when I was standing in the lobby of the church, Brother Craig came out of the church office and said, "Emil, I want you to go with me. We are going to the county poor farm. There is an elderly woman out there who is dying. She has asked for communion. Come along with me."

It was my first visit to the institution and I shall never forget it, because as we walked down the long corridor and into a little room, here was an elderly woman lying on what was most certainly her death bed. Gathered about the bed were members of the family. It was rather a pathetic scene that was taking place as we came in. A young woman had this elderly woman by the hand on one side of the bed. She was saying, "Grandma, Grandma, don't you remember me?" This poor old soul was gradually slipping out of life into eternity and couldn't recall her granddaughter's name. There wasn't even the faintest spark of recognition. On the other side of the bed stood a big husky man with tears rolling down his cheeks; he was saying, "Mother, this is your son," and he gave his name. "I would like a word from you. Won't you just speak to us?" I could see there was the glaze in her eyes and she was slipping farther and farther away from time into eternity. She showed not the faintest recognition of either son or granddaughter.

When they saw Brother Craig they stepped aside and he walked to the bedside. He realized that this poor soul was so far gone she would hardly be able to understand what he was doing. He just took the bread and lightly touched her lips; he took the wine and touched her lips with that. Then he began to pray. I shall never forget what I saw. My eyes were opened as he began his prayer. He raised his hands and began to say, "Our Father, in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ." The very moment that he uttered those words, "Precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ," I saw a wasted arm rather waveringly being raised heavenward. I watched the lips of that dear old woman as she began to say, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!"

Something began to break on the inside of me. I realized that right before my very eyes, Psalm 23 was being fulfilled. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me." She had reached the point in her experience in which she could no longer recall the name of her son; she couldn't remember the name of her granddaughter; but when you mentioned the name of Jesus, oh, there was recognition, there was remembrance, because the Christ who was precious to her all down through her earthly pathway, through all the experiences of her life, was now leading her right across the River Jordan.

Jesus will go with us all through life and right into eternity. Praise His wonderful name! He is a Saviour who never leaves; a Saviour who never disappoints; a Saviour who never fails; a Christ who supports us in every experience in life if we will just submit ourselves to Him and let Him be our Friend of friends. "Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious."

YESTERDAY is gone; forget it.
TOMORROW never comes; why worry.
TODAY is here; GET BUSY.

Coming Meetings

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

CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—Jan. 5—; Evelyn Vaden, Evangelist.—T. S. Miles, Pastor.

CHICO, CALIF.—December 29—; Cantelon Musical Messengers.—E. Wm. Anderson, Pastor.

SEDALIA, MO.—Dec. 22—Jan. 12; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—Bird H. Campbell, Pastor.

WINLOCK, WASH.—Dec. 29—; Evangelist and Mrs. N. D. Sheneman, Oxford, Nebr.—J. Chris Jensen, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—7th and Riverview, Dec. 31—; Chas. E. Blair, Evangelist.—U. S. Grant, Pastor.

WINDSOR, COLO.—Jan. 5-19; Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris of Ft. Morgan.—Kenneth Crouse, Pastor.

MATTOON, ILL.—Jan. 5—; Smith and Rogers, Evangelists.—A. L. Todd, Pastor.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—Youth for Christ Rally, Masonic Temple, January 4. Christian Hill, Speaker.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Bethany Baptist Church, 2009 W. 61st St., Jan. 5-19; J. E. Barnes, Evangelist.—E. J. Maisch, Pastor.

COAL HILL, ARK.—Meeting in progress; Milton C. Godwin, 16-year-old Evangelist from Hot Springs.—Vernon H. Chappell, Pastor.

HOLDENVILLE, OKLA.—Jan. 5, for 2 weeks or longer; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.—R. M. Catlett, Pastor.

McALESTER, OKLA.—Third and Delaware, Dec. 31—Jan. 19; S. B. Douglas of Tulsa, Evangelist.—L. H. Arnold, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—Mt. Zion Assembly, Jan. 1—; Ossie B. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—E. D. Penton, Pastor.

LXINGTON, KY.—New Year's Day C. A. Rally, Maxwell St. Christian Church, W. Maxwell and S. Mill Sts. Services and speakers: 10:30 a.m., A. C. Trimble; 1:00 and 6:30, A. B. Crabb.—Waldo E. Risner, President.

CHICO, CALIF.—New Year's Day Fellowship Meeting, 1518 Park Ave., Jan. 1. Services 2:30, 6:30, 7:30 p.m. Speakers: R. J. Thurmond, Winston B. Nelson, and Cantelon Musical Messengers. Wm. Scott, Presbyter; E. Wm. Anderson, Pastor.

CLAREMONT, N. H.—New England District, Central Section, Fellowship Meeting, 2 Vine St., January 13. Services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Speakers announced later. Dinner served by local church. Annie Scirmont is pastor.—E. N. Stanley, Presbyter.

MUNCIE, IND.—Fellowship Meeting, Southeast Section, Glad Tidings Church, 915 E. Memorial Drive, Jan. 13. Roy Davidson, Host Pastor. Services and speakers: 2:30, A. B. Crabb; 7:30 p.m., Cecil Good.—Mrs. B. E. Hillman, Sectional Secretary-Treasurer.

ENID, OKLA.—All-day New Year's Day services, Jan. 1. Carl Holleman, Host Pastor. Sectional Fellowship in connection with services. Services and speakers: Morning, J. S. Murrell; afternoon, Ted Vasser; Night, V. H. Ray. Bring instruments.—Olen T. Craig, Secretary.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.—Prayer and Bible Conference, Gospel Tabernacle, 31 W. Beacon St., Jan. 5-19. Services Sunday, Tuesday through Friday 7:30 p.m. E. N. Stanley, Bible Teacher.—J. Robert Ashcroft, Minister, 16 Lockwood Terrace, West Hartford 7, Conn. 32-2008.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

HAVANA, CUBA.—The Annual Convention of the Assemblies of God in Cuba (Iglesia Evangelica Pentecostal) will convene in Havana, January 27-31. Pastor and Mrs. Watson Argue, Winnipeg, Canada, special speakers. Latin-American ministers cordially invited.—Hugh P. Jeter, Superintendent, Apartado 1372, Havana, Cuba.

KENNETH, MO.—New Year's Convention, Kenneth Section, Dec. 30—Jan. 1. R. C. (Keetah) Jones, main night speaker. Other speakers: J. S. McMahan, Claude Maple, Gayle Jackson, Mrs. Agnes Stokes, W. P. Campbell, Jessie Wengler. Rooms furnished for all attending. G. P. Hertweck, Host Pastor.—Clarence Wiegand, Sectional Secretary.

MICHIGAN S. S. CONVENTIONS

Southwestern Section, Three Rivers, Jan. 13; West Central Section, First Assembly, Grand Rapids, Jan. 15; Northern Section, Central Lake, Jan. 17; East Central Section, Gospel Tabernacle, Saginaw, Jan. 20; Eastern Section, Ferndale, Jan. 22; Southeastern Section, Brightmoor Tabernacle, Detroit, Jan. 24.

Convention theme: "The Sunday School in Action." Services 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.—Everett D. Cooley, S. S. Promoter.

ALABAMA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES

Southwest Alabama Ministers' Institute, Crichton Assembly, 119 Mobile, Jan. 20-22. First service Monday night; then 3 services daily. D. V. Williams, Pastor.

Southeast Alabama Ministers' Institute, Enterprise, Jan. 23-24. First service Thursday night, 3 services next day. Robert Body, Pastor.

North Alabama Ministers' Institute, First Assembly of God, 4737 Second Ave. N., Birmingham, Jan. 27-29. First service Monday night, then 3 services daily. W. T. Davis, Pastor.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Youth for Christ Rally, Milwaukee Auditorium, Plankinton Hall, January 11, 7:15 p.m. Christian Hill, Speaker. Assemblies of God co-operating.—John Wannenmacher.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—1722 Suwannee Drive, Jan. 7—; Roy Johnson and Party, Darien, Ga., Evangelists.—D. J. Haidt, Pastor.

DUQUESNE, PA.—Sectional C. A. Rally, Carnegie Hall, Jan. 1. Services 2:30 and 7 p.m. Charles Elliott, Cumberland, Md., speaker. Bring musical instruments.—David A. Berquist, Sectional C. A. Leader.

VERNON, TEXAS.—Fellowship Meeting, Wichita Falls Section, Jan. 7. Services and leaders: 10:30 a.m., S. W. Williams; 2:00 p.m., Mrs. C. R. Love; night, C. A. Rally, H. E. Allen.—V. W. Marcottell, Sectional Secretary-Treasurer.

PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

Tenth Annual Southwestern Prayer and Bible Conference, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., Jan. 14-16. Sponsored by Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, West Texas, and Texas Districts.

Fellowship Meeting, evening, Jan. 13. For further information write E. W. Davis, Box 71, Bossier City, La., or A. C. Bates, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.—A. C. Bates

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

State Sunday School Convention, Faith Tabernacle, 13th and Trenton Sts., Tulsa, Oklahoma., January 2-3. Wm. E. Kirschke, Centralia, Wash., principal speaker. Other speakers: Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Little Rock, Ark.; T. A. Kessel, Springfield, Ill.; and F. C. Cornell of Oklahoma City. First session, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.—Paul Copeland, District Sunday School Superintendent.

ILLINOIS MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

The Annual Ministers' Institute of the Illinois District. Peoria, Ill., January 14-16. Gayle F. Lewis, Springfield, Mo., and Arthur H. Graves, Norfolk, Va., guest speakers. Hotel rooms and cots in dormitories provided as far as possible. Accommodations available to all who plan to attend. Those sleeping in dormitories must provide own bedding. For reservations write H. C. McKinney, Host Pastor, 201 Randolph St., Peoria, Ill.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Southeastern Fellowship Meeting, West Gate Assembly, 1722 Suwannee Drive, Jan. 6. Thomas Waldron of Clewiston, evening speaker.—D. J. Haidt, Host Pastor.

OHIO MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Northeast Ohio Ministers' Institute, First Pentecostal Church, N. Howard and York Sts., Akron, Ohio, Jan. 13-15. Flem Van Meter, Host Pastor. James Van Meter, Chambersburg, Pa., special evening speaker. First service 7:30 p.m., then 3 services daily. For room reservations write Flem Van Meter, 498 Schiller Ave., Akron, Ohio.—Howard R. Davidson, Sectional Secretary.

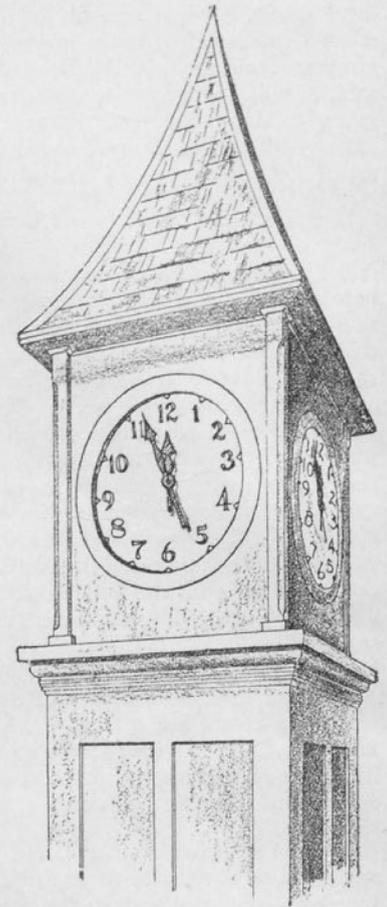
MICHIGAN C. A. RALLIES

Michigan New Year's Day C. A. Rallies: Metropolitan Detroit, Brightmoor Tabernacle, J. P. Kolenda, Speaker, E. A. Manley, Chairman. North Central, Saginaw Valley, Thumb Zones: Riverside Tabernacle, Flint, A. L. Hoy, Speaker, A. Hashman, Chairman. Central, Grand Rapids, Southwestern Zones: Church of Four Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Glen Horst, Speaker, Orie Robinson, Chairman. Northwestern, Rapid City, F. Neubauer, Speaker, Brother Reedy, Chairman. Northeastern, East Tawas, Irving Mitchel, Speaker, Gene Hogan, Chairman.—Bertie Doss, Secretary.

Space for address or church announcement

Three Minutes to Twelve!

WATCH, THEREFORE, FOR YE KNOW
NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR
WHEREIN THE SON OF MAN COMETH.



THE MIDNIGHT HOUR is upon us. The long-foretold hour of darkness unparalleled in the world's history. A darkness like the darkness of Egypt—a darkness that could be felt.

One by one the lights go out. Church worship and attendance; observance of the Lord's Day; legal restraint on the grosser evils like gambling, and the liquor traffic; there is a growth of immorality, a loss of home sanctity and marital faithfulness. Black, dark, foreboding, and fearful midnight is close upon us. "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth"—world calamities; international suspicion; class hatred; revolutionary epidemics; all these are like the brazen tongues of so many bells booming out the advance notes before the striking of the Midnight Hour.

Let it not take us by surprise. The Book has warned us; history has taught us the utter futility of the feverish efforts of unregenerate men to accomplish the purposes which God has put into the hands of His beloved Son.

"Man's day" is almost over. The darkest night in the world's history is straight before us.

THE MIDNIGHT HOUR is near. Rejoice, ye Saints! Ere long the sweetest sound in all earth's history shall break upon your straining ears. Faint not; hold on. Let fear be banished; let hope revive; the great hour for which you have waited is about to strike.

The King, long absent, for whom your loving hearts have secretly mourned, for whose honor you have prayed, at the mention of whose Name your hearts have oft-times leaped for joy—the King is on His way.

Blessed Midnight Hour! Hour of hope; hour of joy; hour of transport and gladness, for the King is the Bridegroom, and the Bridegroom is thy Lover and thy Saviour. The Bridegroom is on the way.

Awake! Arise from the dust! Shake from thy garments all the soiling contacts of a fallen world. Wipe away thy tears; lift up thine eyes to the shining of the glorious Sun of Righteousness.

Wait patiently, for yet a little while and the hour shall strike. The Midnight Hour of gladness and of joy, when thou shalt go to ever be with thy Lord.

Look up! Lift up your heads! Your redemption draweth nigh.

THE MIDNIGHT HOUR is upon us. The hour of judgment. The hour of fate and doom. Cringe, ye traitors. The King is on His way. Hide thy face, thou hypocrite, and let thine empty professions return to burn and sear thine own hell-tossed bosom. Ye merciless tyrants who have filled your coffers from the sweat of your neighbors' brow; who have lived at your ease, and pocketed the unearned gains; howl and lament, ye that have "robbed widows' houses, and for a pretence made long prayers."

The hour is about to strike; the hour of your doom; the hour of your judgment.

It shall return to your own bosom. The measure you gave is the measure you shall receive. The seed you have sown shall now bear its full harvest.

Quickly shout! Cry for the rocks to cover you. Howl for the ground to open and swallow you, to hide you from the wrath of the King, for the King is your Judge. He will punish your wickedness, and disclose your hypocrisy. You who despised the blood of the covenant and counted it an unholy thing, listen—

The King is on His way. It is almost the Midnight Hour.

"And AT MIDNIGHT there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage; and the door was shut.

And afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." Matthew 25:6-13.

