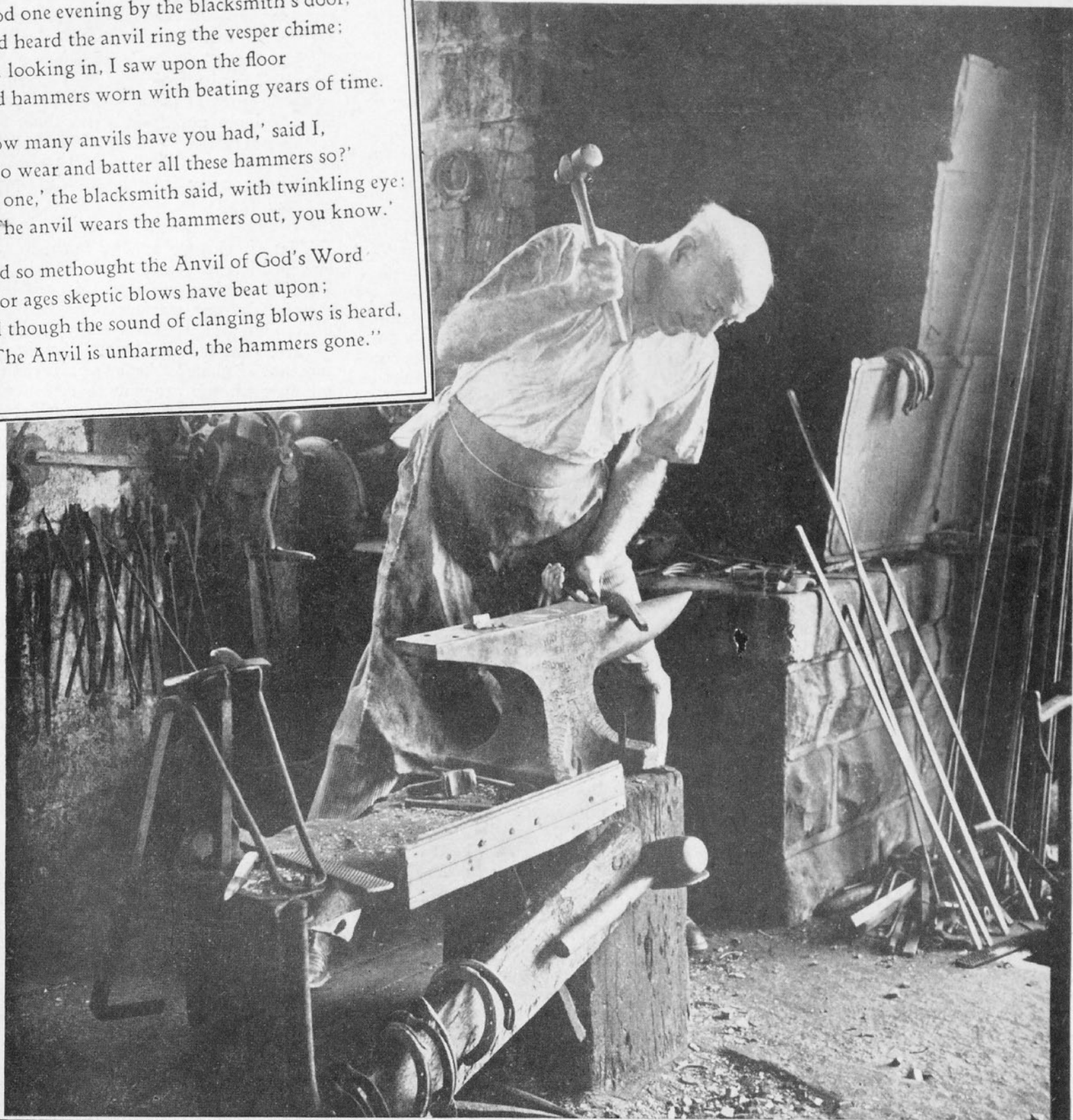


GOD'S ANVIL

"I stood one evening by the blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime:
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

" 'How many anvils have you had,' said I,
 'To wear and batter all these hammers so?'
 'Just one,' the blacksmith said, with twinkling eye:
 'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'

"And so methought the Anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;
And though the sound of clanging blows is heard,
The Anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."



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

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I FEEL the Lord would have me pass on a few seed thoughts, to be planted in our hearts and minds, and watered by prayer, until they bear fruit.

There is a word which keeps recurring in the Epistle to the Ephesians; it is "mystery"—a "sacred secret," as Rotherham calls it. It means something once hid, but now revealed to those whose eyes have been opened to see. "As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Cor. 2:9, 10. Have I begun to enter into the deep things of God in the meaning and outworking of this mystery?

It is worth noting the Holy Spirit's order in the Ephesian Epistle. The first three chapters are full of deep spiritual teaching, and the last three come right on to the practical plane of daily life. The Lord seems to be saying to us, "Vision must precede activity, and must develop into practice." We need to see the great truths clearly, and to go on in the light of them.

As I have studied this Epistle in recent weeks, the key word has been found in 3:11—THE ETERNAL PURPOSE. We hear a good deal these days about blue-prints or plans for the postwar world. Here in this Epistle is God's great, perfect, comprehensive plan of the ages unrolled before us, and that purpose is IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. If we make a study of the recurring words and phrases in Ephesians, they give us a clear outline of that plan. There are a few special points on which we may focus our attention.

The Epistle deals with the Church which is His body. The Greek word translated church is *ecclesia*, a chosen body, separated unto God, called out of darkness, out of the world, out of nominal religion, and into a vital relationship with the Head, even Christ.

The same thought is found in Romans 8:28—"them that love God . . . who are called (the invited) according to His purpose." And the next verse tells us what that purpose is—"predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son." And the body is again in view, in the mention of "many brethren." Here we come to a very important point. In the eternal purpose of God, as unfolded in Ephesians (and in other Epistles), the main emphasis is not on the individual. It may be a help to us in times of stress if we realize that all things are working together for good to them that love God; but the good really in view is the good of the whole body, and the glory of the Head, rather than my particular and personal good, or that of any individual person for whom I care. Am I ready for that? Is it "my earnest expectation and hope that . . . Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20), whether by personal loss or by gain? Am I ready to accept the same working in the lives of those I love? That may be much more difficult—to see my loved ones suffer and to remain unoffended. Luke 7:23.

Along this same line of thought we may notice that, while *our* inheritance in Christ is mentioned only once in Ephesians (1:5), *His* inheritance in us is in view three times (1:11, 14, 18; reading v. 11 as in the R.V.). And this leads to a yet more solemn word, in 1:23—"The church which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." We are familiar with the thought that we are complete in Christ; but here is the astounding fact that His fulness is incomplete without us! What dignity, what responsibility, what gravity this brings into our life as a body of called-out ones; and not only as a body, but as individuals, for the body cannot be what its members are not. Am I, is any one of those in my care, anyone for whom I am responsible in prayer, falling short of the glory of God, allowing something to be missing from the fulness of the beloved

Lord Christ? Will not this thought bring a new urgency into my life, my works, my travelling in prayer, until Christ be formed in me, in them? Gal. 4:19.

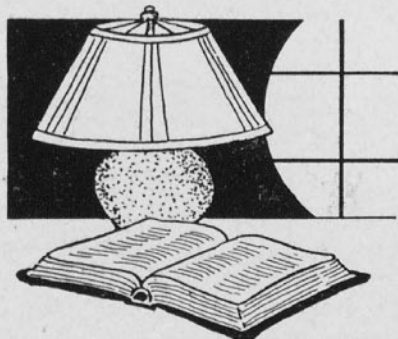
Then again, if in private or public prayer, if in vision or outlook, I am limited to the present passing need and problem; if I am not lifted above them and seeing out to the wide horizons of the eternal purpose of God; then there will be a pettiness in my life, my work, my prayer; and something will be lacking from the fulness of Christ.

That is why we are, by faith, to take our position as seated together with the Lord in the heavenlies in Christ (2:6); that is why our warfare is to be in the heavenlies. 6:12. Am I there now, and always, or am I living and praying on some lower plane? Are my prayers turning inward, concerned with selfish matters, or even concerned with unselfish but purely temporal and temporary matters? Let us beware lest, even in these respects, we should come short of the divine purpose for us.

So, then, let us ask afresh for a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (1:17), that we, strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man (3:16), holy and without blame before Him in love (1:4), may grow up into Him, the Head, in all things (4:15), fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, unto the building up of the body in love (4:16, R. V.), so that, individually and unitedly, we may be filled unto all the fulness of God (3:19), as the empty shell in the ocean is filled, and walk in those good works which God has afore prepared (2:10); in order that the Lord Jesus may be glorified in the riches of His inheritance in the saints (1:18), before the eyes of the watching principalities and powers in the heavenlies. 3:10.

We must be watchful against two possibilities; on the one hand, against failure to seek the revelation and knowledge of the deep things of God; and, on the other hand, against having our heads in the clouds, and failing to regulate our daily life in accord with the knowledge we have. So let us seek in prayer to understand more of the great eternal purpose of God, and in daily life to apply what we learn. For, if that purpose is to be fulfilled in us, we need a real grasp of these great truths, and that grasp must issue in practical holiness in deeper love and fuller surrender to God, in more effectual prayer, in more efficient service, in a more truly humble spirit, in a holier and a stronger love for others. It is possible, because of the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe, and because that power is at work in us. 1:19; 3:20.

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Thy law
is my
delight.

Psalm 119:77

UNCTION FROM ON HIGH

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GOD'S supernatural anointing on human beings has always been a mystery to the uninitiated. The direct manifestations of the Holy Spirit have baffled investigation by professing Christians devoid of spiritual experience, and sometimes even by those who have touched in some measure spiritual realities. Without unction from heaven all gospel preaching must perforce remain in the realm of the philosophical and results therefrom constitute mental rather than spiritual actualities.

Divine anointing is indelibly fixed in the sovereignty of God. The choice of instrumental channels could never be left to the decision of faulty creatures, without disastrous effects. Election (apart from theological controversy) and selection are divine prerogatives. However, such election never overrides human responsibility and co-operation. The prophet Isaiah was given the vision, and heard the selective call, but he found it necessary to say, "Here am I, send me." Samson did the will of God under a heavenly anointing just as long as he lived within the restrictive boundaries of his Nazarite vow. Any intensive and impartial study of the Bible must reveal the truth of God's sovereignty, coupled with the well defined responsibility of man towards God's sovereign grace. To magnify either of these truths out of true proportion is to land squarely into erroneous doctrine.

The Scriptural Baptism of the Holy Ghost is essentially a POWER experience. "Ye shall receive POWER after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The Biblical tarrying time for the seeker is the EMPTYING time, wherein he empties himself of all pride, of selfish ambition, of impatience, of worldliness, of all that is contrary to the nature of Christ, so that God can fill him with the Holy Ghost and power. The Baptism is an endowment with power, intended to bring to the recipient such a spiritual upset that his witnessing for Christ becomes accentuated with the dynamic of tremendous reality and the mystery of the "things not seen" is partially solved. His previous acceptance of the Word changes into the powerful utterance of intimate contact. The apostle Peter walked and talked with Jesus prior to the day of Pentecost, but after passing through the overwhelming outburst of divine power in the upper room, he spoke with irresistible authority

and powerful results. It evidently was not what he said, but it was HOW HE SAID IT—he was unctionized by the Holy Ghost.

Wilbur Chapman once said that, when he went to Philadelphia to be pastor of Wannamaker's church, after his first sermon an old man met him in front of the pulpit and said: "You are pretty young to be pastor of this great church. We have always had older pastors. I am afraid you won't succeed. But you preach the gospel, and I'm going to help you all I can."

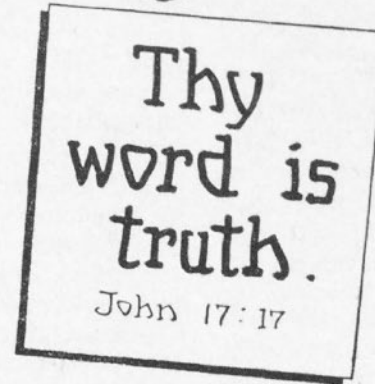
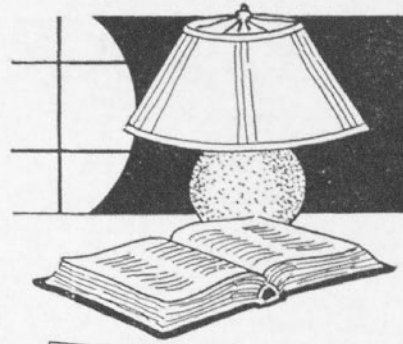
"I looked at him," said Dr. Chapman, "and said to myself, 'He is a crank.'"

But the old man continued: "I'm going to pray for you, that you may have the Holy Spirit's power upon you, and two others have covenanted to join with me."

Said Dr. Chapman: "I did not feel so bad when I learned that he was going to pray for me. The three became ten, the ten became twenty, the twenty became fifty, and the fifty became two hundred, who met before every service to pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me. In another room the eighteen elders knelt so close around me to pray for me that I could put out my hand and touch them on all sides.

"I always went into my pulpit feeling that I would have the anointing in answer to the prayers of the two hundred and eighteen men. It was easy to preach, a very joy. Anybody could preach with such conditions. And what was the result? We received eleven hundred into our church by conversion in three years, and six hundred of them were men. It was the fruit of the Holy Spirit in answer to the prayers of those men."

God always has His special instruments for harassing times of spiritual poverty. John Berridge (1716-1793), was the son of a wealthy farmer. He had an amazing career. His biographer well says that he did not move in a regular orbit, but "like a planet steered his course with great irregularity." He had splendid piety, and his labors were incessant to promote the interests of Christ's kingdom and the welfare of immortal souls. Although he was Vicar of Everton he conceived that his



parish was the world, and in spite of episcopal admonitions he wandered about preaching wherever he listed. His sermons were not remarkable for their eloquence, but the effect of his preaching was stupendous.

Eyewitnesses tell of crowds being convulsed, many crying out, especially children, whose agonies were amazing. A girl was thrown into violent contortions of the body, weeping aloud and incessantly during the whole service. The churches were thronged wherever he preached, people walking thirty and forty miles. "When poor sinners felt the sentence

of death in their souls what sounds of distress I did hear!" "Men shrieked and roared aloud, or breathed like people half strangled and gasping for life. Others fell down as dead with violence inconceivable. When the convulsions were over, they sighed, were filled with joy and peace, smiled beautifully, UTTERED ECSTATIC WORDS, and had a clear sense of pardon, praising God with a loud voice."

Berridge used to preach in the open fields to five thousand people, and the same extraordinary effects were witnessed, some of his hearers slightly wounded, others miserably torn by Satan, falling down in convulsions and receiving true heartfelt conviction. Even bold scoffers and profane folk felt the fire of the Spirit and were subdued after terrible agonies until body and soul were eased.

What man was this who could thus wield the Sword of the Spirit? In boyhood he was destined to be a farmer, but when he showed great incapacity for the work his father said, "He should be sent to be a light to the Gentiles."

At Cambridge he was not remarkable for his piety. Even after his ordination and appointment, his teaching was not remarkable. He fluctuated between the rival systems of Arminianism and Calvinism and then adopted a less rigid faith. Talking to a friend on the works of Arminius and Calvin, he said, "I have them on my shelves in my library, where they are very quiet; if I take them down they will begin to quarrel and disagree. He was indeed wise in his day and generation, and such wisdom might be useful to doctrinal antagonists in these last days.

Someone said to Berridge that some little difference of opinion existed between

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IN HIS LIKENESS

GOD declared His eternal purpose at the beginning: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Gen. 1:26. The desire of God was thus expressed.

And God formed man out of the dust, and breathed into him the breath of life—the breath of God Almighty. Man became a living soul; the dust of the earth with the imprint of heaven—the likeness of God impressed upon a tabernacle of clay.

All things were made by Him who is known as the Word of God. It was Christ, the Word of God, who carried out the mind of God in producing a new order of created beings. Man was made with the image of God upon him—a distinct order from that of the angels, and separated by a great gulf from the animal creation.

Man was under the dominion of God and had dominion over the creation of God. Man was unique in his relationship to God and to the material world. But through sin man became earthly and lost the heavenly nature.

The image of God in man was marred and his power was lost. Had God failed? No. Before the expulsion of the first pair from paradise, God gave to Eve the promise of another One, a new Adam, who would regain the lost paradise and man's lost position. God pronounced His curse upon the serpent who had beguiled the woman, and He declared to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." Gen. 3:15. Christ is the last Adam, who is to restore all things.

The prophet Isaiah foretold, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel"—that is, God with us, God manifested in the flesh. Isa. 7:14. When Christ came into the world, He declared: "A body hast Thou prepared Me" (Heb. 10:5), a prepared body through a prepared woman, distinct from any other body ever made or born. Adam's body was perfect, yet frail, innocent, susceptible, vulnerable. Christ, born of the Spirit, controlled by the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, could meet the spiritual forces that assailed the first Adam. When the serpent did tempt him, Christ was more than conqueror.

The great dragon, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan, attacked the first Adam, the son of God, in his frail tenement. Later Satan attacked Christ in a

body prepared of God, controlled, dominated, empowered by the Spirit of God Himself. Satan, meeting a man who was none other than God, but in the form of a frail man, was really meeting the Spirit of God incarnate. It was the created meeting the Creator. When the Creator spoke the word of authority to the serpent, "Get thee behind Me, Satan," the serpent receded and Christ came forth triumphant.

We see in the gospel story the serious conflict on earth when the last Adam met the conqueror of the first Adam. Seemingly the enemy triumphed when the Heir was killed, and the serpent and his brood thought the inheritance was theirs. But Christ was triumphant in the resurrection. He was triumphant, He is triumphant, and He ever will be triumphant. His victory over Satan was not for Himself alone. He had in view the bringing of many sons unto glory. And He says to all the sons, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19.

Why do Christians fail today? Because they fight in their own strength. But defeat is unnecessary if they will put their whole trust in Christ the Lord. Victory means a daily, hourly, momentary appropriation of the fact that the incarnated, suffering, tempted, crucified, risen, glorified Christ is available for the weakest saint. He was manifested to destroy, to undo, to nullify the works of the devil.

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and to save completely His people from their sins.

Christ says to us, "Abide in Me, and I in you. . . . If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:4, 7. You can ask to be more than conqueror over the enemy, and He will make you more than conqueror.

God is pleased when His Son, indwelling the saint, is allowed to triumph over Satan. Christ's redemption is to bring us back to the original purpose of God, that we should be in the image of Him who created us. The creation of Adam was no mistake, no error of judgment, for it opened the way for the incarnation of the last Adam, who was to overcome, to defeat, and to destroy the archenemy of God and man.

Those who have accepted and yielded to the redemptive work of Christ can say, "Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." 1 John 3:2. But the Spirit of God warns us, "Be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:14.

True Humility

W. Graham Scroggie

THE higher a man is in grace, the lower he will be in his own esteem. The more fruit a bough bears, the more does it bow to the earth. He who goes the lowest, builds the safest. "A fault which humbles a man is of more use to him than a good action which puffs him up with pride."

Humility is not humiliation, but a Christian virtue, much admired, but little practiced. Many think that humility is weakness, but the Bible represents it otherwise. A generation which is scrambling for place, power and pleasure, is not one in which humility is praised or pursued.

Neither the world nor the Church believes that the humblest is the greatest; that the highest is the one that serves. Christ humbled Himself, and was meek and lowly in heart. Phil. 2:8; Matt. 11:29. He took the lowest place, but God has exalted Him to the highest.

God has declared, "I dwell with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isa. 57:15.

If you cannot come to Christ with faith and repentance, come to Christ for faith and repentance. He can give them to you.—Spurgeon.

BOGGED!

W. F. P. Burton, Mwanza, Belgian Congo

THE Saboi runs out into the broad Lualaba River through a nasty, sticky swamp of papyrus.

Mujinya village is perched on the bank on the south side, and we had been spending a few weeks among the villages to the north. We were returning with a number of young fellows who wished to get training in our Evangelists' Bible School. Sister Burton was being carried by four men in her hammock, while I rode just behind on my cycle.

We were to camp the night at Mujinya, and it seemed as if our day's journey was finished when we stood on the far bank, with the village a few hundred yards away. The path led right through the swamp, and even if the water was deep, it was evident that people were getting through it, so in we plunged with a song.

However, the mass of tangled papyrus roots seemed to get more and more exasperating as we proceeded, while the mud clung with an almost living tenacity. I wondered however I should get to the other side.

My cycle was on my shoulder, and the water was up to my armpits, when Mrs. Burton's carriers, just ahead of me, eventually got into difficulties. They literally stuck. They could neither move forward nor back, and every attempt took them deeper into that vile clay.

"Yell!" I told them. "Perhaps we can make someone hear in the village."

Yell they did, with the result that soon three athletic young fellows came hurrying into the bog. They knew it well, and with their help the hammock was lifted. The carriers extricated themselves, and before long we were all safely on the far bank, where we flung ourselves down exhausted.

Of course we thanked our deliverers warmly, and took advantage of the situation to tell them of One who "brought us up out of a horrible pit, and out of the miry clay, and set our feet on solid ground."

How little we can see to the end of such a simple testimony. A few weeks later those young men followed me two days' journey to Mwanza, asking for work.

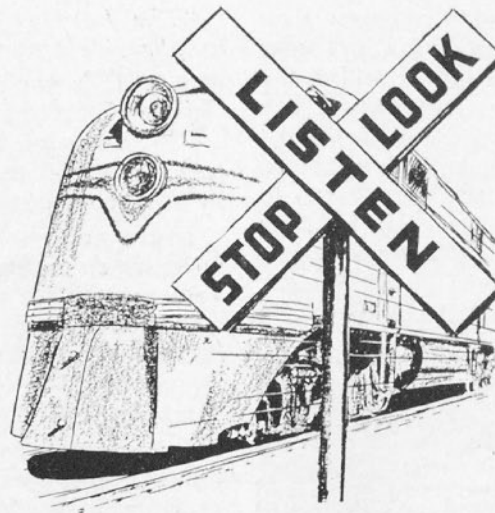
They said frankly that, though our words had stirred them, they had not come to be saved. They wanted to understand first what it all meant. Might they attend our school, and support themselves by some kind of labor?

Of course we were only too glad. Be-

fore long they not only learned reading and writing, but also found life eternal in the Lord Jesus. They began to accompany our evangelists to the open-air meetings, and testify of God's amazing grace to them. Then they left her home.

Some time ago one of these lads, Isake, came through with his little wife, who has been a pal of Sister Burton's ever since she was a wee girl. They wanted to greet us and to praise God for restoring us. Also they brought their wee baby to show us.

For several years now they have been carrying the Word of Life to those villages around their home. They thanked us again warmly, and Isake said: "Bwana, I never wade through the Aaboi Swamp without thanking God that He brought you there, to tell us of salvation. Now my favorite text is in Psalm 40. It is the



Take heed, and beware of covetousness. Luke 12:15

one you quoted to us that day on the banks of the bog: 'He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock.'

Praise God, Isake and Mangasa have a blessed tale to tell of others who have been saved through their testimony, and so that simple word at Mujinya continues to bear fruit.

SIN IS SIN

Abraham Lincoln once asked a deputation, "How many legs would a sheep have if you called his tail a leg?" The deputation promptly answered, "Five." "No," said Lincoln, "it would not, it would only have four—calling a tail a leg doesn't make it one." Sin is sin no matter what people call it. We are so apt to make it less hateful if we call it by softer names, but sin is sin.

A Chinese Child's Conversion

Jean Davies, Door of Hope, Shanghai

MAYBE you don't know that in China mere babies are sometimes stolen by those who run the brothels of the cities. Or that sometimes these tiny girls are sold to such places by desperately poor parents, or by people whose care the little girls are since the parents have died. But they are! While only three or four years of age they are taught to dance and sing and thus entertain those who patronize such dens of iniquity. To hold children in such places is against the law, but there are frequently ways of evading laws. Fortunately, however, sometimes such children are rescued. Into the love School, run in connection with the Door of Hope in Shanghai, China, came one of these tiny rescued girlies.

The new home was all so strange to her. There were so many things to see. And so she had been allowed to walk about from one room to the other, taking in the many new things she had never seen before. With her was another child her age, though a bit larger.

And now they were standing before a picture—a picture of Jesus on the cross. For some time she stood, silently taking in all she could of what she saw. "Who is that?" she asked.

"That's Jesus," answered her "guide," in a tone of voice that said, "Don't you know who *He* is?"

The tiny one looked still more, fascinated by what she saw. "Was He a bad man?" she asked.

"No," answered the other, stamping her foot for emphasis. "He was very, very good!"

"Then why is He there?" asked the little stranger.

"He died for us," said the four-year old guide. "He took our sins. He died because we were bad."

The tiny One burst into tears. "I—I should be there," she cried, pointing to the cross. "I'm the sinner." And in that hour Christ was revealed to her heart. Those who have known her well are sure of it—sure that then and there she received Him, and the eternal life that He is!

HEAVEN'S ARITHMETIC

"While you aim at great things for the Lord, yet keep in view the arithmetic of heaven's exultant joy," says Weibrecht's Memoirs—"joy over ONE sinner that repenteth."

John the Baptist

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

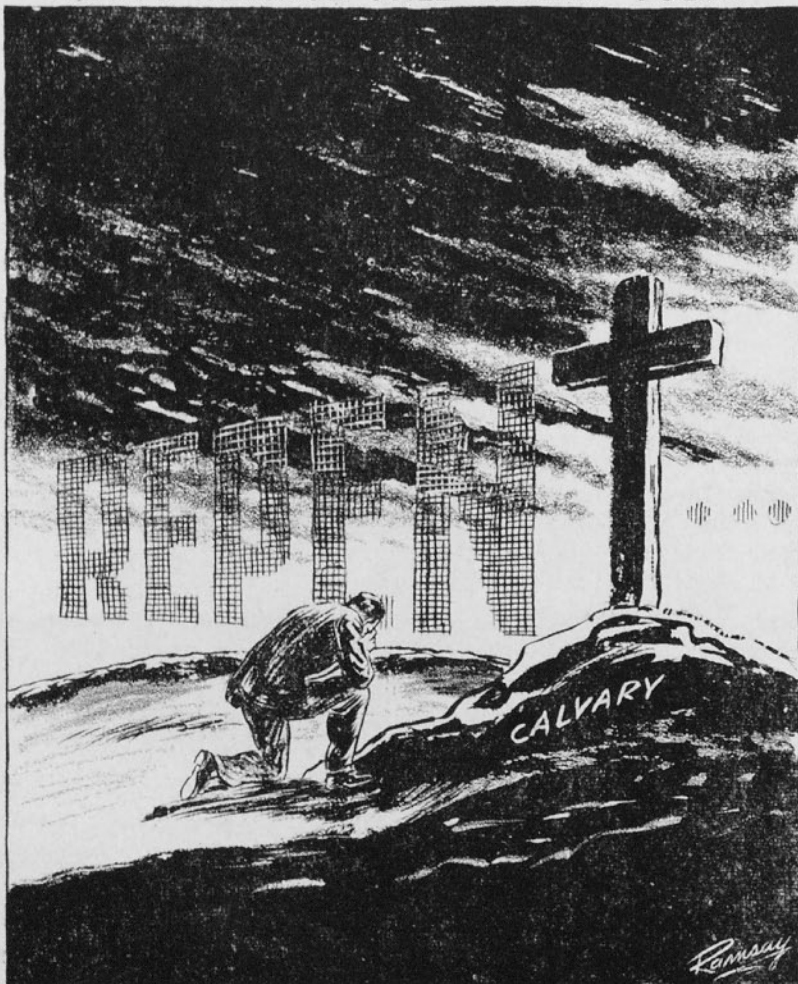
on National Assemblies of God Radio Hour

JOHN the Baptist had been brought up in a home of refinement in the hill country of Judea. His father was a priest in Israel; and, unlike ordinary men, John was filled with the Spirit of God from his birth.

When he entered upon his ministry he had no splendid temple in which to minister. His were the wide, open spaces in the vicinity of the River Jordan. But he had drawing power—the power of the Holy Ghost—which drew men to hear his message and to repent. We are in danger of putting too much emphasis upon beautiful buildings, delightful choirs, and the endowment of natural equipment, and too little emphasis on the power of God. We would not frown on the artistic but we do plead for the all-essential thing—the working of the Holy Ghost—for it is He who convicts of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Only through the Spirit are men brought to God.

The ministry of John drew men of all sorts. The Pharisees came from as far away as Jerusalem. The Sadducees came also. These two groups represented two schools of thought concerning religion. The Pharisees believed in angels and spirits, and in the resurrection of the dead, and in life beyond the grave. The Sadducees were skeptics concerning these things. Both groups were religious in their way, but far from God in their hearts. John discerned their state and asked, "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" John fully believed in a future life, a time of judgment, and in divine wrath that would overtake the sinner. He denounced false profession, sinful practice, and religious front which was a libel to the state of the heart,

JOHN'S MESSAGE STILL NEEDED TODAY



saying, "The axe is laid at the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

But John did not leave his hearers without hope. He spoke vehemently that he might shake them out of their lethargy. Then he extended to them the means of making their peace with God. He said, "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance." In other words, "Let God know you are sorry for your sins, by turning from your evil ways. Stop counting on ancestry or religious relationship, and put your trust in the living God who will abundantly pardon."

Are you sure you are right with God? Are you prepared for the day when divine wrath will be poured out on the ungodly? If not, talk to Him in prayer just now and ask Him to forgive your sins. Jesus knows all about your struggles. He loves you, and waits to save you.

A GOD OF KNOWLEDGE

ZELMA ARGUE

"The Lord is a God of knowledge; by Him actions are weighed." 1 Samuel 2:3

WHEN one's spirit needs a tonic, it is a great thing to open the Word and read the triumphant song of Hannah. She sings of a God who can laugh at circumstances and turn events all upside down, reversing all the apparent order by sovereign power.

In the noble song of Hannah these words are found: "Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed." 1 Samuel 2:3 Peninnah, her adversary, had a fine family of sons and daughters. Hannah had none. Apparently the former "talked exceeding proudly," allowing "arrogancy to come out of her mouth."

But Hannah wept and prayed before the Lord, and God observed. She was given the son Samuel. The names of none of Peninnah's children have survived, but Samuel's good name will live forever. For this thing was planned and given by the Lord, "who maketh poor, and maketh rich; He bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust . . . to set them among princes."

It is good to have our eyes upon the Lord, and keep our expectancy directly from Him. Then our hearts sing along with Hannah's of the all-sufficiency of our God, who reigns above all trying circumstances.

God can still discomfit the proud, the arrogant, the overly confident. God can still show undreamed-of favor to the humble and contrite of heart. This has been God's delight and pleasure through the ages.

A Pharaoh sat upon the throne decreeing the death of all Hebrew boys at birth. God's mill grinds slow, but it grinds exceeding small. Eighty years later the infant Moses, saved from death through use of the tiny ark in the bulrushes, became God's instrument and mouthpiece. On the Passover night, the death angel visited every Egyptian home, and the firstborn in every home was taken. Yes, "The Lord is a God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed."

We can well afford to watch the Hand Divine. It is true in apparently trifling and insignificant incidents, and it is true in the great events of our day, that the eyes of God are over all. As Christians, when we lift ourselves up, God sets us down. When we humble ourselves, in due time He finds ways to remember us with His own blessing and honor, which is best. And though proud forces rear themselves in the earth, God will not fail to cope with them. As the Psalmist prophetically sings,

"Yet have I set My king upon My holy hill of Zion." Psalm 2:6. There is coming a day when all shall acknowledge Him.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter.

If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it.

If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it.

If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it, and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.

If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.

If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life.—F. B. Meyer.

ONE OF GOD'S WAVES

All that matters is that we let ourselves go to the driving force behind, to be sent just as fast and as far as God wills, then falling back content, as the wave that has

spent itself, into the heart of the ocean whence we came, waiting there to see the hour when the tide has won.

EVER HONOR THE BLOOD

In the life of Billy Bray, the Cornish miner who was so greatly used of God in the last century, we read the following: "In a little company of praying people, he once shouted with deep feeling, 'The blood! the blood!! the precious blood!!! the precious, precious blood!!!!' and the effect on himself and others was truly extraordinary."

Billy Bray had touched the spring of all victory here. If the Pentecostal revival of the past few years has done nothing else it has brought back to us the secret of the power of the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is victory, mighty victory, glorious victory, at all times and under all circumstances, through the precious blood of God's dear Son.

You need to be filled with the Spirit in order to learn in some measure God's estimate of the blood of His Son.

Had these two men known each other, it would have been not only unwise but actually untruthful for either to have accused the other of not having a sufficient knowledge of the Scriptures. The Bible was their life-long textbook! Neither would one have said to the other, "Well, I accept the Word of God one hundred per cent," which bluntly would infer that the other did not. Far from exhibiting extreme dogmatism, they were the soul of tolerance toward those who did not agree with them. They exhibited the real Spirit of Christ. Their only intolerance was to sin.

It is easy for a Christian to become dogmatic, and to feel that a thing is right because he believes it. However, many a Christian has had to undergo the humiliation of finding that some greatly cherished and strongly defended doctrine was not correctly understood and that he was wrong. One learns through experience!

During more than twenty years of pastoring in another denomination, the writer was very dogmatic on one thing—that Pentecost was past and that the beliefs of the present-day Pentecostal churches were not according to "the clear teaching of Scripture." So definite was this belief that the assertion was made many times that Pentecostal believers were sincere but deluded—yes, in some cases, even demon-possessed!

The day came, however, when the light dawned. Objections vanished, fully explained by Scripture. The longing for the Holy Spirit came, the blessed experience was sought and—praise God!—received. The Holy Spirit came in His fullness. The dogmatic stand of over twenty years was gone! Doctrinally, the writer had to "eat humble pie"—but it was good for him.

Many of our brethren diverge on fine points of doctrine. Just what the answer is on some of these points we may not know until we gather before Him. Maybe it is just as well that we do not know all things, for it may cause us to search the Word more. However, shall we not do it with more tolerance in our hearts toward our brother? He *may* be right!

Our hearts rejoice when we read of the wonderful work done by such heroes of the Cross as John Wesley, John Knox, and Martin Luther. Yet, on much of doctrine these men were as far apart as the poles. Their differences are now settled—at the feet of Jesus. Let us search the Scriptures, let us ask the Holy Spirit for guidance, let us rejoice in our beliefs, but withal let us be gracious toward our brother who loves the Lord just as much as we do, but can't see eye to eye with us on all points. Remember, he *may* be right!

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

The Danger of Dogmatism

BRIGGS P. DINGMAN

A FEW years ago the writer sat in a large church, listening to the morning sermon. The preacher told how he had waited upon God for his message and therefore he felt quite sure of His leading in the matter. He was defending a certain doctrine of that particular denomination. He was very dogmatic. He felt that his word was final, that his teaching was the clear and unmistakable interpretation of Scripture. He was resting, so he said, upon the Word of God alone—and was not, like some others, taking man-made teachings or inserting his own ideas. His was the voice of authority, and if any of his hearers didn't agree with him they simply did not accept the Bible!

This is not an unusual picture: we see many such. It is so easy to feel that we are right, and that there can be no other interpretation than ours. We read the Word of God; we seek His face and ask for enlightenment. Then we are sure—quite sure—that ours is the right position and that we cannot be in error. Sometimes we even go to the point of ridiculing the beliefs of the other Christian. It seems so very foolish that he cannot see things as we see them—he is obviously not well enough acquainted with the Word.

Two departed saints of God, whom the writer knew personally, serve well to illus-

trate the point. They were both saints in the fullest meaning of the Word. They were of two different denominations—denominations that varied greatly in their doctrinal teachings. Each had a doctor's degree; one was the president of a theological seminary, and the other was a world-wide evangelist and prolific writer. To be in the presence of either was to feel the presence of God, so completely did they reflect Christ. To them the Lord was everything in life. Although scholarly, these men were the acme of humility, so great was their desire to be like Him in every detail of their lives. Both men were very familiar with the Word of God. They knew the Greek New Testament, and doctrine was meat and drink to them. They spent many hours on their faces before God, seeking divine illumination and guidance.

Yet, with all this, they varied widely in their beliefs concerning the details of doctrine. In the blessed reality of the New Birth they were united, but from that point they diverged. They disagreed in doctrine until their death, although it is quite probable that they never knew each other. They have gone to be with the One whom they loved more than life itself, their doctrinal differences still unsettled, but united in their love for Him.

OUR



MISSIONARY ADVANCE IN

An Urgent Appeal

Things have been stirring in our Foreign Missions Department during the past few weeks and yet this is not an unusual condition. Practically all the time there is a constant rattle of typewriters as the mail pours in with important matters that have to be dealt with promptly in connection with our missionary activities. The special news that causes the present stir is the fact that approximately sixty missionaries are leaving within two months, that is, if we count the number by fares which include some children.

Early in January three of our young lady missionaries took passage in the great Constellation plane at the Newark airport. Within a few hours they were above the clouds headed for Newfoundland and Paris, France. After a brief stopover in Paris, they were on their way to Nigeria where they will take an active part in our rapidly growing school work. There are about fifteen schools in Nigeria where young and old are taught not only the elementary subjects of reading and writing but the blessed truths concerning God's Word and His great salvation.

Just the other day another group left by ship from New York for the West Coast of Africa, including some for Ivory Coast, some for Liberia, and others for Gold Coast. A large number will be leaving very shortly for East, North, West, and South China, where they will need all the grace and wisdom that only God can give to meet the troubles and perplexing problems of that war-torn, suffering land. Another little group will soon be leaving to supplement our forces in the East Indies and still others leaving for India.

The cost of sending this large company will be many thousands of dollars not covered by the offerings given to the missionaries themselves. Very few have sufficient funds to meet the cost of their outfit and travel expense, so the large part of the burden falls on the general travel fund at headquarters.

Many may be surprised to learn that this fund will likely be exhausted by the time this group leaves; in fact we are wondering if we shall be able to meet these expenses. If sufficient contributions do not come in, we shall be obliged to borrow from the funds that ought to be used for missionary support. To avoid such a necessity, we ask the co-operation of God's people in helping our missionary forces to keep moving forward.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pettenger, Transvaal, Africa.—In the beginning of 1946 the Holy Ghost seemed to burden us with His vision of lost souls. It was "souls, souls, and souls for Christ" that was the theme of our heart's cry. Is He answering? He always does.

Several of our Christian workers and men in Brakpan and Benoni felt an urge to hold services in various locations. There were no funds available to hire halls, etc., but night after night they have been holding services. One Christian man, who had saved a few

pounds from his wages, quit work and took his savings to pay for the hall rent. Some went further afield where train fare was involved. Did they count their sacrifices? With their faces all aglow, they told us how God is working.

Simultaneously, revival meetings were going on among our men in seventy-five compounds. A visiting missionary and Mr. Pettenger went for many weeks from compound to compound, with God's blessing upon their ministry.

The cost of living in practically every land has risen tremendously and there has been a corresponding increase in cost of transportation, in the erecting of missionary residences and churches, in fact, in everything that pertains to missionary work.

We trust that the situation may soon be eased, but just now it is imperative that we have the co-operation of God's people everywhere who are interested in the salvation of souls and the hastening of our Lord's return so that the young men and women who have felt the call of God may be sent on their way. It seems to be the plan of God to work through His people.

We believe that as God has helped us in the past He will help us now. Any funds sent in either for general missions or for our missionary travel fund will be deeply appreciated.

Noel P. Brown

Missionary Secretary

After a period of several year's correspondence with the Chamber of Mines, we have been granted a free site for a church building in the Brakpan Area, just a short distance from our home. There is ever an expansion of the mines. We must keep in step by winning for Christ the men who come to work here. The compound men are beginning to share the financial responsibility, and with them we are looking to the Lord to erect a church for His glory.

Our Opal

Florence Steidel, Liberia

MAMA, there is a stranger at the door who wants to see you," cried one of the orphan girls the other day as she came rushing to me.

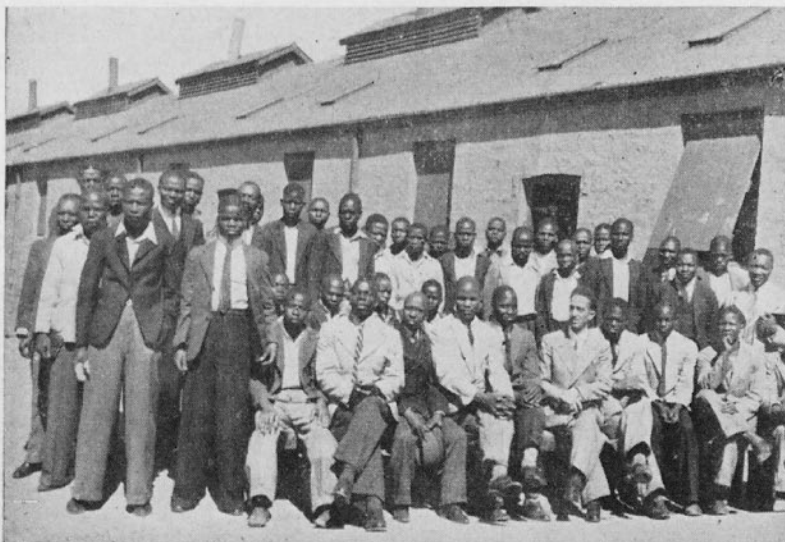
"Is the man sick?" I asked.

"I think so," she answered.

At the door I found a man who appeared to have a tumor on his abdomen. However, he didn't seem to be very sick.

"Are you sick?" I asked him.

At this question the man began to untie the cloth which was around his waist. I thought to myself as the girls began to gather around, "Is he going to disrobe to



● Christian men of several different tribes in one of the mine compounds where the Pettengers are taking the gospel message in South Africa.

THE DARK CONTINENT

show me the tumor?" But as he withdrew the cloth, he uncovered a wee infant!

Four days before, the mother had died when the baby was born. The father now begged us to take her. We could not refuse, as we knew it would mean her certain death, for there is no milk in this land except what we buy in tins, and the natives are too poor to buy that.

The canned milk we gave her agreed with our wee baby girl, now named Opal, and she gained in weight. When she was six weeks old, we dedicated her to the Lord in the church service. As her father witnessed this it became the means of leading him to the Lord.

Opal's bed was a pillow in a box, but soon this became too small. She didn't like it either, because she couldn't look out. Opal is a care in addition to all we have to do. However, this is missionary work too; so Mrs. Hixenbaugh, Miss Bassett, and myself take turns caring for her at night in order that it may not be too hard for any one of us. We are glad that she is healthy and a good baby.

At seven months, Opal weighs twenty-one pounds, has three teeth, can sit alone, and has the sweetest smile you ever saw. Today, she started to make funny faces so that the people would laugh. She also can say "mama," although she does not know what she is saying. But she does know her name, as well as her bottle, dish, spoon, and toys. We are glad that we opened our door to the stranger who brought us our Opal.

Fruits of Faithfulness

Flourish

Lois V. Shelton, Liberia

RECENTLY I spent the week end with the Sabbo Tribe, where a new church was awaiting dedication. Several boys from the Bible School went along to carry hammock, camping equipment, and to help in the services. Being misinformed as to the distance, we started late and thus walked nearly an hour in the dark before reaching the village where we planned to sleep. Pastor Johnson Tuah and others met me there and arranged for an evening service.

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As the people never come in from their farms until darkness falls, it was nine o'clock when they were ready to begin evening worship. How encouraging it was to hear some who have recently turned to the Lord, voicing their new-found joy and faith. One man told me that not long ago he was a very sick man and would have died had not Pastor Johnson and the Christian men of his church come regularly to pray for him. He exclaimed, "When Johnson came, all the men came. Not

rejoice with them in the dedication of their very attractive church. Our Saturday evening worship was held in a large house in town. It was late when I reached my room after two hours of refreshing fellowship.

Early Sunday morning a messenger came, "The clan chief, the town women, and the Christians want to see you at the Pastor's house."

My, my! What a greeting! They had brought rice, a dozen chickens, two young goats, a load of sugar cane, and seventy pieces of dried meat for the missionary and the other guests who had come. Truly, their poverty abounds unto liberality.

Though the dedication was set for eleven o'clock, it was now nine o'clock and the day's food was still alive. If we began at the appointed hour, the women could never be ready. So we postponed the service, with no inconvenience to anyone.

All morning, and until the service actually began, the Christians kept coming with the plea, "Please, you must write to the people in your country and tell them we need a missionary here. Please, you must send us a teacher. Please, you are our mother; you must come and stay with us."

When the service began, the new church, seating about one hundred comfortably, was uncomfortably packed with many more. However, no one seemed to mind the discomfort. Instead, there was much singing and rejoicing as we dedicated the house to the Lord. In the evening, we fellowshiped together in the Lord's supper. My thoughts went back to the first communion service held in this village fourteen years ago. Weary and ill, I had stopped for a few days with them before going on to the coast and America. We had observed the Lord's supper in humble joy, yet with fear and trembling, lest in their immature state wolves come in and scatter the flock.

Johnson, unable to read the Word, but truly born again, was their leader. Through the years he has learned to read haltingly, and has stored much of the Word in his heart. He has been a fearless, consecrated, zealous minister, going with his people from victory to victory. Storms of persecution, of ridicule, of temptation, have swept over that group of believers, but today they shine out as lights in heathen darkness. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes it.

Monday morning I was up early preparing for the homeward trek. Many were the warm handclasps, the good wishes, the "pray for me's." Won't you pray for them too, especially for those who have only recently forsaken their idols to serve the true and living God and to wait for His Son from heaven?



● Florence Steidel and native children at the girls' school.

one was left behind!" As it was an hour's walk from their homes to his village, I thought this was a lovely thing to say about a group of Christians.

This man is now building his house and making a farm in the high bush between Feloka and Sabbo, four miles from the village, so travelers that start late will have a shelter for the night. Pray that great faith and grace may be his in order that some who enjoy his hospitality may also find a resting place in God.

My arrival at Sweaka, home of the mother church, was indeed joyful. They never forget those through whose ministry they have accepted Christ. They came to greet me, to show me their children, to bring their problems, and to introduce new Christians whom I had not met. Some believers from other towns, with their pastors, had also come to

The Passing and the Permanent

GIDEON SCHOOL TESTAMENTS

The Gideons, as of Nov. 30, 1946, had already distributed 1,152,997 of the forty million Testaments they have set out to give to the school children of America.

RELEASED-TIME TEACHING

Released-time Bible teaching now reaches over 1,500,000 public school students, according to *Watchman-Examiner*. Students are excused from school to go to the church of their choice for an hour's Bible instruction, and receive the same credit for this as for other classes.

A PAPER FOR THE BLIND

A Sunday School paper called *The Braille Baptist* is now being published by the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. It will be sent without charge to any blind person desiring it, provided he can read 1½ Braille.

DRUNKEN WOMEN

According to the National Chairman of Alcoholics Anonymous, there are 600,000 chronic female alcoholics in the U.S. Out of the 2,508,000 chronic drunks in this country, one out of every four is a woman.

LUTHERANS IN POLAND

Membership in the Lutheran Church in Poland has fallen, through persecution, from 500,000 to about 120,000, states *The Christian* (London.) The number of ministers has fallen from over 300 to 63. During the war 67 ministers were cast into concentration camps, where 21 died. The faith of those who have endured was severely tested.

LIQUOR AND LAW-BREAKING

F.B.I. reports show how the increase of law violation is keeping pace with the increase of liquor consumption in America. They reveal that arrests for drunkenness during 1945 were 134.2% greater than in 1932, per 100,000 population. Arrests for driving while drunk increased 45.2% during the same period, and liquor law violations nearly quadrupled.

SPEEDING THE LIGHT

During 1946 our C. A.'s contributed \$63,446.92 to their Speed-the-Light Fund. The young people of the Northwest District led with a total of \$8,660.40. The money is being used to buy vehicles for our missionaries to use on foreign fields, and this excellent exhibition of missionary spirit on the part of our young people certainly is most commendable.

NO WHISKY ON PRESCRIPTION

If the U. S. were to go back to Prohibition in the near future, whisky no longer would be available on prescription, for whisky no longer will be listed in the U. S. *Pharmacopoeia*. The standard book of authority on drugs and medicines, which is the guide and counselor of prescription clerks, will hereafter omit mention of spiritus frumenti as a remedy. The announcement comes from those who are working on the twelfth revision.

JEWES IN HUNGARY

"During the calm years of peace-time, scarcely more than 40,000 to 50,000 Jews were converted," says a report on Hungary, "but during the period from 1938 to 1945 about 300,000 Jews joined the Christian churches." How many of these were genuinely converted, we wonder.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN AUSTRIA

David Brill, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, expressed fear if the occupation forces were withdrawn from Austria, Nazi activities would be renewed and widespread anti-Semitic demonstrations would break out. In addressing a crowd of 1700 Austrian Jews he asked if they wanted Allied occupation troops to leave the country. "No!" they shouted. Evidently Nazism has left its evil poison in the hearts of many still.

TWO HUNDRED PROOF TEXTS

Rabbi Slostowski, professor of the Talmud in the rabbinical seminary at Tel Aviv, Palestine, was riding in a train from Haifa to Jerusalem when he noticed a young man reading a New Testament in Hebrew. So great was the learned Israelite's resentment that he sharply criticized the young Jewish convert. The young man replied by giving Slostowski his New Testament. That very night the rabbi, alone in his room, read on in the Gospels until three o'clock in the morning. He fell on his knees and prayed in the name of Christ. Today he writes, "I have already found more than 200 passages of the New Testament which prove beyond a doubt that truly Jesus is the Messiah."

REVIVAL IN MONTREAL

Reports of revival come from the French-Canadian city of Montreal. According to *United Evangelical Action*, 64 Protestant pastors of the city joined in a three-weeks' meeting in a large theater building. Around 950 souls were won to Christ, including hundreds of young people. Pastor H. H. Savage of Pontiac, Mich. was the preacher. The special meetings were preceded by weeks of city-wide prayer under the leadership of Col. James Bryant, former U. S. Army Chaplain. All the Protestant churches of Montreal were stirred, and the revival spirit is spreading to other large cities in Canada.

AN OFFERING OF GOLD

A story reminiscent of Exodus 35—the gifts of the Israelites for the building of the Tabernacle—comes from Budapest, Hungary. "Gold rings, bracelets, and family trinkets were sacrificed by Budapest's largest Lutheran congregation to rebuild its war-damaged church," reports *Religious Digest*. "Because of Hungary's sky-high inflation, gold was the only value the contractor would accept. Members of the congregation decided, therefore, to hold collections of gold ornaments on three consecutive Sundays, and in this way raised the equivalent of 500 grams of gold, enough to meet the builder's bill."

LIQUOR AND DIVORCE

Superior Court Judge Edwin M. Robson says: "From an examination of some 300 cases in my court, I have found that in approximately 72% the causes of the marital difficulties were directly or indirectly attributable to liquor."

BRITISH DIVORCES

The number of divorce petitions in Great Britain has increased from 670 in 1905 to an estimated 38,000 in 1946. Opposing a motion for cheaper and faster divorces, the Archbishop of Canterbury said in the House of Lords: "When many people are coveting their neighbors' wives and husbands, and then by easy legal process are obtaining them, it is an encouragement to others to think of doing the same thing."

CATHOLICS IN ENGLAND

The newly published Catholic Directory reports that 2,443,600 people in England are Catholics. Conversions in 1945 totaled 9,767—a gain of 1,045 over 1944. There were 36,553 Catholic marriages in 1945. To be recognized as a Catholic marriage, the wedding vows must be exchanged before a priest, and both parents must sign a document agreeing to rear their children as Roman Catholics. Many participants in mixed marriages sign this document without realizing the far-reaching consequences of their deed.

THE CHAPLAINS CORPS

There were 81,000 chaplains in the American armed services during World War II. One out of every four won a decoration for valor or meritorious service; one out of every twenty received the Purple Heart; 84 were killed in action; and, in spite of regulations forbidding their accompanying air combat teams, ten won air medals. Next to the Infantry and Air Corps, the Chaplains Corps had the highest casualty rate in the Army.

MORE WITHOUT CHRIST

"There are actually more men, women and children without Christ today than there have ever been before," says Dr. K. S. Latourette. "In almost all countries where foreign mission work is carried on, although the rate of growth of the Christian community is higher than the rate of growth of the general population, the immensely greater numbers in the general population mean that there are more non-Christians today than there were half a century ago."

TERRIFYING TRENDS

In a solemn call to prayer directed to Southern Baptists, Dr. Louie D. Newton speaks of the "terrifying trends" now "hourly gaining momentum" in this country and throughout the world—"bitter conflicts of dominant ideas manifested in economic breakdown, social revolution, political impotency, and diplomatic defeat."

Despite the fact that months have elapsed since the surrender of Germany and Japan, "the world," says Dr. Newton, "waits desperately for the first word of assurance concerning peace." Meanwhile "lawlessness stalks the threshold of civilization, engaging pampered and impoverished youth alike in drunkenness, gambling, and every subtle device of the prince of darkness. Crime, divorce, and disregard for every sanctity increase with every tick of the clock."

THE HORROR OF HIROSHIMA

The *New Yorker* recently devoted its entire editorial section to an account of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. "Of 150 doctors in the city, 65 were killed and most of the rest wounded. Of the 1780 nurses, 1654 were either dead or too badly wounded to work. In the largest hospital in the city, only 6 doctors out of the 30 were able to function, and only 10 nurses out of the 200. The sole uninjured doctor was Dr. Sasaki.

"After the explosion, Dr. Sasaki hurried to a storeroom to get bandages. The room was chaotic. After hurriedly bandaging the chief surgeon, he went out into the corridor and began patching up patients, doctors, nurses. He had to work without method, taking those nearest him first. The corridor got more and more crowded, and he realized that casualties were pouring in from the outside. Before long patients lay crouched on the floors of every room, and for blocks each way in the streets outside. Disfigured families leaned together; many were vomiting. In a city of 245,000 nearly 100,000 had been killed or doomed at one blow; 100,000 more were hurt. At least 10,000 of the hurt made their way to the hospital. . . . Dr. Sasaki lost all sense of profession; he became an automaton, mechanically wiping, daubing, winding; wiping, daubing, winding."

Such scenes as were witnessed at Hiroshima and Nagasaki are so horrible that humanity wishes they might never happen again. But we read in the Word of God of similar scenes yet to take place. "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." Zech. 14:12. Who are the people to be smitten by the Lord with this plague? "All the people that have fought against Jerusalem." When shall this be? In "the day of the Lord," when His feet shall stand again on the Mount of Olives and He shall set up His kingdom on the earth. The time may not be far away. Happy are those who shall be on the Lord's side in that day!

SECRET SOCIETIES

The General Council of the Assemblies of God looks upon secret societies as essentially of the world, worldly, and many years ago a Bylaw was passed to the effect that all ministers affiliated with us shall refrain from belonging. The character of these lodges is shown in the following statements made by leading preachers of various denominations.

Charles P. Krauth, leader in the General Council of the Lutheran Church, said: "If the church cannot break down, by the truth, the oath-bound secret societies, they will break her down everywhere, as they have already done, virtually, to a large extent."

Joseph Swartz, a minister in the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, is an ex-Mason, and he says that "Freemasonry's religion is anti-Christian. Its prayers are blasphemous. Its use of the Bible is sacrilegious. The whole is a compound of Judaism and paganism."

George F. Pentecost said:

"God's Word prohibits the believer from forming alliances with the ungodly in society. Whenever the Christian surrenders himself to the society of the unbelieving world, his heart will be led away from God. This is especially

true of thousands of Christian men who have deliberately yoked themselves up with unbelievers in all manner of secret societies. This course of false alliance is doing more mischief to individual Christian men by turning their hearts away from God and His service, and to the church by depleting and robbing her of her male membership, than any other one enemy of Christ."

Stephen Merritt, a godly layman connected with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, said: "I was a Mason of high degree for many, many years and greatly honored, respected, and beloved. The Holy Spirit suggested to me, if I desired Him to be my Guide, it would be proper form for me to abjure every other allegiance and receive Him fully. I had never viewed it in that light; but the suggestion was all that was necessary; it was immediately adopted, and an army of friends who had helped me much in business became cold or avowed enemies, and I am paying the penalty. Hallelujah!"

Simon P. Long, a United Lutheran minister of Chicago, Ill., asks: "Pray tell me who is the god worshiped by worldly organizations which are made up of Jews and heathen and so-called Christians, who have chaplains and a form of worship that intentionally omits the name of Jesus and expresses the certain hope that all will meet in the grand lodge above? And yet there are people who think we are fools because we call attention to this form of devil-worship."

D. L. Moody said: "I do not see how any Christian, most of all a Christian minister, can go into these secret lodges with unbelievers. They are unequally yoked with unbelievers. Give them the truth anyway, and if they would rather leave their churches than their lodges, the sooner they get out of the churches the better. I would rather have ten members who are separated from the world than a thousand such members. Come out from the lodge! Better one with God than a thousand without Him. We must walk with God, and if only one or two go with us, it is all right."

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PENTECOST IN GERMANY

Pastor G. Standwald, Gelsenkirchen, Westfalen, Dresdenerstrasse 59, British Zone, Germany, writes:

"Our town has been almost destroyed by air bombs. Our meeting hall is badly damaged. Many families in our assembly have lost all their earthly possessions. Only ruins are left. Nevertheless, God taught us a great lesson in this way. At first, we could only say with Job, 'The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away,' as we had to meet the hard fact of the destruction of homes, etc. But 'blessed be the name of the Lord'—in spite of all trouble, He gave us grace to give thanks to God for everything. This lesson He gave us to lift our eyes above all earthly affairs, and look for His blessed appearing; to please Him and to wait for His blessed return, that is our aim. Hallelujah! It is not our custom to complain of want. We have only one answer: Phil. 4:19. Our God shall supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. We know that our King will come to fetch His people home.

"At present we meet in the cellar of a damaged schoolhouse, and prophesying, revelations by vision, and other spiritual gifts are very much in evidence. But the most important sign is this, that in all ways God is proclaiming that the return of our blessed Lord is at hand to fetch His own to gloryland as He has promised in His Word.

"But we need oil—not only to pray and to sing when we have our meetings, but we need oil—God gives it if we desire it—sufficient oil to keep our lamps burning in the radiant light of our returning Lord. He will take us triumphantly home. We will be free from all earthly desire. Soon, 'at midnight,' the cry will be heard: 'The Bridegroom is here!' And all who loved and longed for His appearing will be caught up to meet Him in the air. May our faithful Lord grant that we shall be prepared for this great day. Amen!"

GANDHI'S GOD

Is Mohandas Gandhi a Christian? Some missionaries believe he is, but an enlightening report was published in *The Times* of India, coming from New Delhi: "Mr. Gandhi put his prayer-time audience," said the report, "through a course of 'spiritual drill.' He asked them to shut their eyes, utter 'Ram Nam' a dozen times, and then open their eyes. He himself set the example for the gathering, which at his bidding repeated the course three times."

"Ram Nam" means "The Name of Ram," who is one of the millions of Hindu gods. The report reminds us of an interview of some years ago in which Gandhi told two high American churchmen: "My whole nature revolts at the assertion that Rama is not a god—and my god." He declared: "We shall not allow conversions to continue. You Christians must stop preaching to and making disciples among the depressed classes. If you do not, we shall make you. We shall prohibit by law any change of religion, and shall back up the law by the force of the state."

It is not hard to imagine what the future of Christian missions in India might be should the government be turned over to the Hindus and Moslems. Pray that God's will shall be done in that "land of a million gods."

THE LORD'S HEALING

DEFECTIVE HEART HEALED

About October 1, 1944, when our baby Dixie Joy was a month and a half old, she was not gaining weight. She lay in an unnatural position when she was drinking from her bottle, and when she had finished her breath would make a wheezing, whistling sound. She was taken to the doctor every month and when she was three months old he said he could now say positively that she had an abnormal heart opening, and that she could never be a normal, active child; that she must not be permitted to cry or become excited.

On the following Sunday I had our pastors, Brother and Sister O. E. Gaddis, anoint and pray for her in the church. Within ten days all evil symptoms had disappeared. A year later I took her to another doctor who said she was a perfect baby. He said a sure test of heart trouble in children is to toss them up and catch them in your arms. Ever since we had her prayed for she has enjoyed playing that way and never caught her breath nor turned blue in the face. She is now past two years old and is in perfect health.—Mrs. Dale Perdue, Vale, Oregon.

HEALED WHEN DYING

I was taken to the hospital for a minor operation, and as I went I promised the Lord if He would let me get on my feet again I would serve Him. He did, but I didn't. However, I wasn't well. I became desperate and cried, "O Lord, if it takes death, save my soul." Then the Holy Spirit came down and I was saved.

But I had a pattern for my life which was not God's pattern. So the Lord had to bring me to death's door. Much prayer was made for me; but I was taken again to the hospital, very nearly dying on the way. I was too sick to have an X ray. An opening was made in my right side and a pocket of water drawn off. Another large incision was made and a drain placed. Adhesions had made the normal action of the bowels impossible. I had a tube running through my nose and down into my intestines through my stomach. I lay in misery, the tubes fastened to the pillows so I could scarcely move my head.

Every day seemed my last. The doctors gave up all hope. I was given a shot to enable me to die easy. I was conscious of passing down into the valley. I was in such agony that I cried, "O Lord, how long can I stand this?" It was then that I came to Him and my pain stopped. Then I began to pray asking Him to let me come back and raise my little girl right, and be a soul winner for Him. He let me come back. They were rubbing my back, and to do so turned me on my side. Suddenly I felt better and said so. I went home to wait for more strength to endure the operations that seemed to be necessary.

When I went back to the hospital for the other operation, the X ray showed that all that they had known should be done, but which they had very little hope of accomplishing, had been

done. God had undertaken. I reminded the doctor of my having told him before that I was relying on the Lord to take me through. This was in September, 1946, and now on December 20, I feel wonderful, and praise the Lord.—Mrs. Ada Harrison, Somerton, Arizona.

HEALED OF STOMACH TROUBLE AND KEPT

For two years after 1895 I was a great sufferer from stomach trouble. I tried many kinds of medicine—took some before meals, after meals and with meals. One doctor told me I had a very bad case of indigestion, but that he thought he could fix me up. He gave me a prescription which I had filled, but did not take all of. It did me no good. I remembered that the great Oliver Wendell Holmes had said it would be better for humanity if all the medicines were dumped into the sea—but worse for the fishes—and set the bottle away.

I was sick every day and gave up all hope of ever being well. But soon after I was saved from sin in 1897 I discovered that God would heal my body, and for forty-six years we have trusted our bodies and those of our six children with the Lord for their healing, so long as they were at home. Medicine bottles and pill boxes disappeared from our home. When I was forty my eyes began to fail, and at forty-five I could hardly see to read my Bible at night. Then I happened to get into a Pentecostal meeting that lasted all night. God healed my eyes that night, thirty-three years ago, and they are still good. After trusting my body with the Lord for thirty years He told me when I felt sickness touching me to praise Him for a well body. This I have been doing for sixteen years, and so far it has worked fine. He is keeping me from getting tired at work, and also from getting hungry.—H. P. Grimsley, Shenandoah, Virginia.

CAVED-IN SKULL HEALED

Some time before July, 1946, our eleven-year-old son Bobbie was thrown from a runaway bicycle. His head struck a concrete step. He was rushed to the hospital at once, but when the doctors had examined him they said there was no hope for his recovery as his skull was not only cracked but also caved in. They did not clean him up, leaving that for the undertakers to do. Thus he lay for forty-eight hours.

Someone's question stirred faith in our hearts and we sent for Pastor Hansel Vibbert, who left his service and came at once. When he came in the room where Bobbie was, he asked if we believed God could heal him. Being assured that we did, he laid hands on him and prayed a simple prayer; then he left. From that hour Bobbie showed improvement. The next day the minister came again and prayed with us. That same afternoon they sewed Bobbie's head up, the doctor saying he would live but that he would be blind and possibly foolish. We told Brother Vibbert what the doctor said, but he reassured us, telling us simply to trust God. Reporting to the church, he led them all to join in prayer for Bobbie's eyes and mind.

COMFORT TO SPARE

By J. K. Van Baalen

Here are words of comfort from the heart and experience of one who has passed through the "deep waters," and has stood "in your shoes." He has come up from the dark place of bitter suffering and loss and has a message for you while you are passing through the valley, or perchance before you must needs pass that way. He has drunk of the well of living water, and received the peace that passeth all understanding, precious gift of the Saviour. There is no other answer to grief. It does not exist. We must find God's answer. Cloth Bound. Price \$1.00.



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The next day when we went to see Bobbie they had removed the bandage and he was out on the sun porch reading a book. He was made every whit whole. The doctor made public statement that God had healed the boy after he had been given up to die; and that he wanted no praise, for it belonged to a higher power. Now (November 3) Bobbie is a normal boy, with scarcely a scar to show that he was hurt.—Mr. and Mrs. William Bonds, 2836 Egmont, Apt A, Evansville 15, Indiana.

THE HERDSMAN

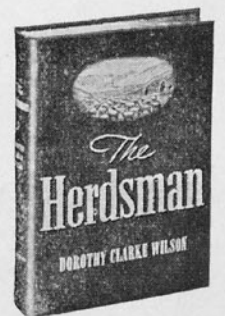
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Unction From on High

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Whitefield, Wesley, his brother and himself, but that they would unite in perfect harmony in heaven. "Ah, yes, that we shall, for the Lord washed our hearts here, and He will wash our brains there."

His advice regarding preaching was arresting: "Lift up your voice, and frighten the jackdaws out of the steeple; for if you do not cry aloud while you are young, you will not do it when you are old."

This man's ministry was one anointed by the Holy Ghost. The record of such spiritually powerful manifestations, although unusual, is not exceptional. The stupendous human reactions to the outpoured Spirit of God may be varied and sometimes as eccentric as human frailty is, yet the truth remains that the ultimate result of such powerful demonstrations of supernatural phenomena was to convict those moved upon of sin, and lead them to contemplate Calvary where sins are washed away. Much ignorant criticism has been leveled against revival excitements and emotional reactions by those who have never experienced the power of God, but the fact remains that such physical manifestations are the result of extraordinarily powerful advances by the Spirit of God to turn men from the gross darkness of sin and rebellion to the blessed light of God's mercy and grace.

Whatever other needs may seem to face the Pentecostal ministry and may rise up to claim attention, the greatest need of all is that the holy anointing of the Spirit of God shall rest upon the ministry, of whatever caliber it may be. Polished oratory, ornate rhetoric, educated logic, mathematical precision, dreamy mysticism, or psychological processes may all have their advantages, but none of them is worth anything in the light of eternity without the real touch of God upon the preacher's heart and life.

The Eternal Purpose

(Continued from page two)

Let us pray: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any way of pain in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23, 24, R.V. margin.

Have I begun to enter into the deep things of God, especially in the knowledge of His eternal purpose?

Is it my earnest expectation and hope that Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death, by loss or by gain?

Is that also my hope and prayer for those I love, my own nearest and dearest, for those committed to my charge?

Am I now, and always, seated in the heavens, in Christ?

Are my prayers heavenly prayers? Do I know anything about travail in prayer?

Am I allowing in my life, or in the life of another, something to be missing in the fulness of my beloved Lord?

Am I contributing in due measure to the life of the body of Christ, or am I holding back something I might be giving? Am I yielding

myself to be drawn in and knit together with others in the body?

Have I, in the past days—have I now, at this moment—really yielded myself to the great wave of God's power, that it may lift me out of myself, and lift us all together into the understanding and fulfillment of His purpose in us, in the family, in the Church which is His body?

Upon the sandy shore an empty shell,
Beyond the shell infinity of sea;
O Saviour, I am like that empty shell,
Thou art the Sea to me.

A sweeping wave rides up the shore,
and lo!
Each dim recess the coiled shell within
Is searched, is filled, is filled to overflow
By water crystalline.

Not to the shell is any glory, then;
All glory give we to the glorious sea.
And not to me is any glory when
Thou overflowest me.

Sweep over me, Thy shell, as low I lie;
I yield me to the purpose of Thy will.
Sweep up, O conquering wave, and purify,
And with Thy fulness fill.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever." Eph. 3:20, 21, R.V.

Thy grand and wondrous will, my God,
With triumph now I make it mine;
And faith shall cry a joyous Yes,
To every dear command of Thine.

Among the Assemblies

SWEET HOME, ORE.—Our Assembly has enjoyed a real visitation from the Lord. Evangelist and Mrs. Walter Guenther of Madison, Wis., recently conducted a 3-week revival effort here, in which God confirmed the Word with signs following. Several were saved or reclaimed, and there were definite healings, some being healed of hernia, arthritis, and other ailments. The Holy Spirit was poured out in good measure; some received the Baptism and others were refilled. The attendance continued to increase until on the last two Sunday nights the church was filled. The able ministry of Brother and Sister Guenther in song and in the Word was greatly appreciated by young and old.—Ingwald M. Henriksen, Pastor.

Boxes of Blessing

Some boxes bring food to the hungry. Some bring clothes to the needy. Some bring precious gifts from loved ones far away. Boxes can be such a blessing—but none can bring greater blessing to the souls of men and women than the Evangel boxes, for in them is the message of Calvary, of Pentecost, and of all the riches of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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WEST MEMPHIS, ARK.—We are praising God for a week's meeting conducted recently at the First Assembly of God here. A number were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. W. H. Shands of Letona was the evangelist. Those who attended the meetings were greatly blessed.—Houston L. Holt, Church Secretary, Route 7, Box 675, Memphis, Tenn.

COAL HILL, ARK.—A 3-week revival was held here with Milton C. Godwin, sixteen-year-old Evangelist from Hot Springs. Forty-nine were converted, 12 followed the Lord in water baptism, and 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. All previous Sunday School records were broken.—Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Chapell, Pastors.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Mt. Calvary Assembly, 2421 S. Tenth St., recently closed a glorious meeting with Evangelist Louise Copeland. About 20 were saved and 7 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance broke all records. There were several definite healings as the power of God came on the services night after night.—Fred H. Brand, Pastor.

OPELIKA, ALA.—Since our accepting the Opelika church as pastors, God's blessing has been upon our efforts. The National Week of Prayer was blessed with souls being saved. The Sunday School attendance has doubled in the last few weeks. We hope for greater things to come.—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Noles, Pastors.

PLYMOUTH, IND.—Our recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. George Tomko of Cairnbrook, Pa., was certainly blessed of God. Six found Christ as their Saviour, one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and a number testified to God's healing power after having been anointed and prayed for according to the Word. We praise God for His goodness and mercy in our midst.—Wm. Van Winkle, Pastor.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—A 2-week revival was conducted at the Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. R. V. Kemp of Russellville. God's blessing was upon the services and every department of the church and Sunday School was blessed with an increased interest. There were 5 additions to the church. Sister Kemp's singing and musical numbers proved a great blessing in the service.—L. L. Riley, Pastor.

MILTON, WASH.—During the past 3 weeks we have had with us Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer J. Gardner of Wenatchee. Night after night the power of God was manifested in healing for the sick and salvation for the lost. There was a grand spirit of revival for which we do praise the Lord. The straightforward preaching of Brother Gardner proved a blessing to the people in the church.—Wm. R. McNutt, Pastor.

DEER PARK, OHIO—We were privileged to have Arthur Arnold with us for two weeks, and were blessed with a real visitation from heaven during the time he ministered to us. Eleven received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the unmistakable evidence. Among the number was a young man who was saved one night and received the Baptism the next night. A goodly number were saved or reclaimed.—Elmer Smith, Pastor, Christian Assembly.

WASCO and GARDENA, CALIF.—After pastoring the church in Wasco for practically 2½ years, during which time we purchased a lot, moved the church and parsonage and also built a basement at a cost of \$10,000 or better, we left the church with an indebtedness of only \$1,000. We were called to the church at Gardena, and have found a fine group of saints—real workers.—T. Chas. Gameson, 16319 S. Western Ave., Gardena, Calif.

REVIVAL AMONG THE INDIANS

LAPUSH, WASH.—We are rejoicing at the greatest revival in the history of our Indian work here. We have just concluded an 18-day meeting conducted by Evangelists Wm. L. and Irene Andrews of Seattle. About 50 knelt for salvation. We held the first baptismal service in the history of the reservation, when 31 followed the Lord in water baptism. We have established a temporary roster with about 40 names inscribed. We thank God for this visitation to us after nearly four years here. A record attendance was established with 68 in Sunday School.—Pastor and Mrs. George Effman.

BRUNSWICK, GA.—The Assembly here is engaged in holding cottage prayer meetings, and these meetings have been in progress every week-day night since the first of the year. The power of God is being manifested mightily in our midst, with several precious souls weeping their way through to God and believers seeking a greater endowment of Holy Ghost power. These services are marked with an intense desire to pray. The prayer services are held in any home which is open to the Pentecostal message, and after nearly a month there is no sign of a letup. Nearly every night the various homes are packed out with both saved and unsaved. Truly, we believe the Lord is urging the saints, as never before, to watch and pray for His blessed coming, which we believe is so very near.—J. Foy Johnson, Pastor; Andrew C. Jensen, Associate Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—On October 23, I was chosen pastor of the fine group of people at Bethel Temple in this city. We thank God for His stamp of approval on our ministry here. The congregation has almost doubled. Many are finding Christ as their personal Saviour, while some have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in their homes. I report a few of the outstanding healings as an encouragement to others.

A man had suffered for over two years with stomach trouble, had gone to many doctors and also to clinics but could not get relief. Not being able to eat, he was daily becoming weaker. When his day's work was done, he would walk to the corner to get a bus for home, and sit on the curb letting two or three buses go by before he could gain enough strength to take a bus. He started to put his affairs in order for he did not expect to live much longer.

In a Wednesday night service he requested prayer. The Lord touched his body and healed him instantly. The following morning he ate a hearty breakfast, and has been able to eat ever since. He gained eight pounds in six days. That was on November 10, and he is still in good health and gaining weight.

The same night his wife was in the service. She had been going to a doctor for shots every day, and without her even being prayed for the Lord healed her while she was sitting in the congregation.

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on her intestines causing her daily distress, so much so that she had to resort daily to forced elimination or she would become violently ill. She had suffered for 23 years. The Lord definitely healed her. Since her healing she has gone to California. We received a letter from her and she is still in perfect condition.

Another young woman suffered from colitis for two years. The doctor said she would have to have an operation. She was scheduled to go for the operation in two weeks. In the meantime, she was prayed for. The suffering did not cease immediately but she kept continually praising the Lord. She did not go back to the doctor until the end of three weeks, and when she was examined he told her to go home, she did not need an operation.

A woman, through a fall, had injured herself and for twenty years she could not lie on her back. The Lord instantly healed her back and also a few minor ailments. Today she is rejoicing in her healing.

A man was suffering great pain from what the doctor called iritis. His eyeballs were a flaming red, and he had to wear dark glasses constantly. When the Lord touched him the pain left instantly and all the redness disappeared.

A young woman last June was thrown from a horse and dragged, breaking the sinus bone and slivering the jawbone. She suffered terrific headaches every day and all day, until the Lord undertook and completely healed her. Others have been healed of back trouble. A young boy had his hip injured playing football, and the Lord instantly healed him.

We have the names of these people in our files, if anyone would like further information. All ministers passing through Tulsa will find a hearty welcome at Bethel.—Robt. R. Fairchild, Pastor, Bethel Temple, 2805 E. Second St., Tulsa 5, Okla.

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.

ABERDEEN, IDAHO—Feb. 23—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Boyd Wolverton.—G. L. Coleman, Pastor.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—5029 Hudson Blvd., Feb. 18—; Harvey McAlister, Guest Speaker.—Nicholas Nikoloff, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—823 W. 9th St., March 2—; R. E. Gilliam, Evangelist.—H. Donald Skelton, Pastor.

ENGLEWOOD, COLO.—Lincoln and Oxford Sts., Feb. 16—March 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—M. W. Roll, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—9th and Kalamath Sts.; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. N. D. Sheneman.—V. S. Sanders, Pastor.

BELLEVIEW, ILL.—Meeting in progress; DeVore and Joyce Walterman of Chicago, Evangelists.—T. Kimberlin, Pastor.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CAN.—928 Eighth Ave. W., Feb. 18—March 2; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Fleming May, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Fourth Ave. at Forest; Feb. 16—March 2, or longer; Jean Benefiel, Evangelist.—S. H. Wilson, Pastor.

HOISINGTON, KANSAS—Feb. 11, for 2 weeks or longer; George Brown, Bismarck, N. Dak., Evangelist.—V. H. Glendenning, Pastor.

MALVERN, ARK.—North Assembly of God, Feb. 26—; W. M. Stevens, Evangelist.—W. E. Hand, Pastor.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Fourth St. and Second Ave.; March 2, for 2 weeks or longer; J. C. Kofahl, Evangelist.—E. L. Stalons, Pastor.

WESTPORT, ORE.—“Deener Life” Meetings; Feb. 23, for 2 weeks or longer; Beauford F. Miller of St. Helens, speaker.—Wm. H. Reeve, Pastor.

TORONTO, ONTARIO—833 St. Clair W., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Ossie B. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla.—H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

LANCASTER, CALIF.—11th and Date Sts.; Feb. 23, for 2 weeks; Stanley McPherson Evangelistic Party.—D. W. Throne, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS—1228 E. Fourth St.; Feb. 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. E. K. Jones, Davenport, Iowa.—Oria Bray, Pastor.

CAMAS, WASH.—First and Dallas Sts., S. E., Feb. 23—March 9; Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Clark, Bakersfield, Calif.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

CLARKSDALE, MISS.—Third and DeSoto Sts.; Feb. 23, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Denver C. Ogden, Covington, Tenn.—W. C. Buchanan, Pastor.

WAUSAU, WIS.—Missionary Convention, Christian Assembly, Feb 25—March 2 Afternoon and evening services. No services on Saturday. Speakers: H. T. Waggoner, Foreign Missions; H. B. Pencovic, Home Missions; and D. H. Walterman, Radio Missions.—H. J. Walterman Jr., Pastor.

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EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO—926 W. 8th St., Feb. 18—; George Tomko, Cairnbrook, Pa., Evangelist.—J. G. Gott, Pastor.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA.—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle; Feb. 9—March 2, or longer; Virgil R. Jackson, Mt. Vernon, Mo., Evangelist.—H. M. Strickland, Pastor.

MICHIGAN MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Annual Michigan Ministers' Institute, 420 E. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 24—26. Theme: “Spiritual Life.” W. Clifford Nelson, Kitchener, Ontario, evening speaker. John P. Kolenda and other Michigan brethren will be ministering in day services. For reservations write: D. G. Foote, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.—Mrs. E. D. Cooley, Secretary.

FREDONIA, KANSAS—All-day Fellowship Meeting and Dedication of New Church, February 28. Services 10, 2:30 and 7:30. District Superintendent V. G. Greisen will be speaking at each service. Brother Sanderson will also speak at one of the services.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crowder, Pastors.

NORTH DAKOTA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES
North Dakota District Ministers' Institutes: Minot, Feb. 25—27; Grand Forks, March 4—6; Dickinson, March 11—13; Valley City, March 18—20. Morning and afternoon periods devoted to Institute work. General theme, “Scriptural Discipline in the Church.” Evening services of a promotional nature: Home Missions, Tuesday evenings; Sunday School work, Wednesday evenings; C. A. Rally on closing night. All District ministers urged to attend. Visitors welcome.—Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.

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ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.—Monthly Fellowship Meeting, Northeast Section, 712 Greenleaf St., Feb. 24. Services 2:30, 6:30, and 7:30. N. E. Haupt, Speaker. G. W. Burkhart is Pastor.—D. Ward Loughlin, Presbyter.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Fifth Annual District Council of the Southern Idaho District will convene at First Pentecostal Assembly of God, Second and Montana Sts., Gooding, Idaho, February 19-21. Opening rally, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will be guest speaker through Council. Tentative schedule: World Missions meeting, Thursday evening. Ordination service Friday afternoon, C. A. rally Friday evening. District Presbytery will meet Monday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., and all day Tuesday. Those desiring to meet the Presbytery, plan to do so Tuesday afternoon. Roland H. Buck is host pastor. O. C. Arnesen is District Superintendent.—John E. Shaw, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 390, Caldwell, Idaho.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: North Central Section, Cushing, March 10-12; C. A. Rich, host pastor. Northwest Section, Enid, March 17-19; Olen T. Craig, host pastor. East Central Section, Okmulgee, First Assembly April 7-9; R. R. Morrison, host pastor. South Central Section, Duncan, April 14-16; Haskell Rogers, host pastor. Panhandle Section, Woodward, April 21-23; E. A. Willeford, host pastor. Northeast Section, Miami, May 12-14; W. C. Shackelford, host pastor. Southeast Section, Antlers, May 19-21; W. R. Davis, host pastor.

First service, C. A. Rally 7:30 p.m., C. A.'s of the respective Sections, and District C. A. President, L. B. Keener, in charge. All licensed ministers and exhorters required to be present and secure a renewal blank for the renewal of fellowship. Those desiring license or exhorter permits, meet the board at any of the above Sectional Councils. Main speakers: Gayle Lewis in February; R. M. Riggs, in March; Wesley R. Steelberg, in April; and Fred Vogler, in May.

For further information write F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, or V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

ALABAMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Alabama Sectional Councils and Ministers' Institutes: Southwest Central Section, Toxey, March 3-4; Hubert Loper, Presbyter. South Central Section, Phenix City (Girard Assembly), March 10-11; W. P. Hughes, Presbyter. Southwest Section, Mobile (Crichton Assembly), March 17-18; T. H. Spence, Presbyter. Northwest Section, Beaverton, March 24-25; H. R. Shelton, Host Pastor. North Central Section, Clanton (First Assembly), March 31-April 1; James Standifer, Presbyter. Southeast Section, Kinston, April 7-8; Elbert Jackson, Presbyter. Northeast Section, Warrior, April 14-15; R. W. Hicks, Presbyter.

Daily program for each Council: Monday, 7:30 p.m., Home Missionary Rally; D. H. Browne, speaker. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., short message by Sectional Presbyter, followed by prayer; 11 a.m., message by District Superintendent; 2 p.m., Fellowship Meeting and sermons by ministers; 7:30 p.m., Howard P. Trawick, speaker.

All ministers expected to attend the Council in their respective Section. Ministers and one duly elected delegate from each Assembly in the Section will elect their District Presbyter.

Ministers required to meet the Credentials Committee in person are: Those applying for credentials for the first time; all licentiates and exhorters to renew their permits; and all applicants for ordination.

Pastors should come prepared to make a Home Missionary pledge for their Assemblies. Individuals also come prepared to make pledges.

For additional information, write Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile 17, Ala., or Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary, Box 276, Slocomb, Ala.

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