

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

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"We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is God and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain."

—Jane M. Campbell

"I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord." Gen. 49:18.

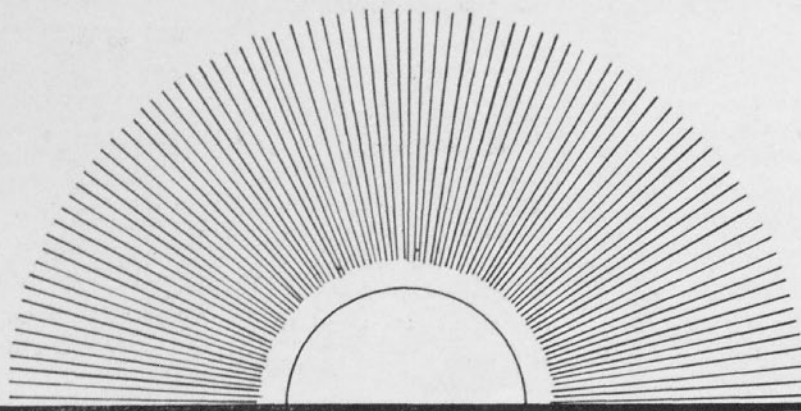
"Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:7.

AS Christians living in the dispensation of grace we have been recipients of the wonderful salvation predicted in the Old Testament. We see the flower, where they saw but the seed, the stalk, the bud; we bask in the blazing light, whereas they strained their eyes toward faint glimmerings; we have beheld the Sun of Righteousness, whereas they glimpsed the Morning Star piercing the darkness of the pre-Christian centuries.

Still, we have not seen or received our full inheritance; we are awaiting a consummation. The coming of the kingdom of God in our hearts is but the earnest of its coming in the nations; the Spirit who dwells within us is but the earnest of our completed salvation; the healing of our bodies is but the earnest of the glorification of the body; fellowship with God and with the saints here is but an earnest of a perfect, eternal, uninterrupted fellowship. That consummation is to be brought about by the personal coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as our texts indicate, we are in an attitude of expectancy in relation to that event—the blessed hope of the church.

Not only we, but earnest Christians from the times of the apostles have been looking forward to the coming of the Lord. But in waiting, eyes have become weary, hearts have become heavy, as each century has brought its measure of iniquity and ungodliness without witnessing the coming of Him who will destroy the wicked.

Perhaps we who are living in these last days have felt the pangs of disappointment unusually because some individuals, forgetting that they were only students of prophecy, have taken upon themselves the office of prophet and have set dates and made predictions that the passing of time has shown to be erroneous. Combined with this last-named fact, the abounding of evil in the world, the apostasy in the church, the prevalence of error, strife, and division even among the very elect, have all contributed to try the faith of some, to perplex many, to drive others to skepticism, and to provoke the sneer of the unbeliever.



But unto you that fear
my name shall the Sun of
righteousness arise with
HEALING in his wings.

MAL. 4:2

WATCHFUL WAITING

MYER PEARLMAN

But we still hope for His returning. Yet we would appreciate some words of encouragement, some comfort brought by those who have passed through similar experiences. Where shall we go for this? We answer, Where did the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews send the Hebrew Christians who, persecuted and despised by their compatriots, and disappointed in their hopes, felt that they were going through strange experiences? He sent them to the Old Testament, where they learned that their experience as New Testament believers had been paralleled by that of the Old Testament saints.

So to the Old Scriptures we turn, and we discover that as we of the new dispensation are waiting patiently for the second coming of the Messiah, they were waiting for His first coming. We discover the truth of Dr. Saphir's observation that all of the Old Testament may be summed up in two words, "Saints Waiting."

In the next section of our article we shall notice some of the experiences of Old Testament saints as they looked forward to Messiah's coming, and compare them with our own.

WAITING FOR MESSIAH'S FIRST COMING

Notice the following characteristics of the Old Testament saints as they peered eagerly into the future, straining their eyes to catch a glimpse of the morning star that should herald the Son of David's coming.

1. They always considered His coming imminent; i. e., likely to take place at any minute. The advent of the Branch from the stock of David was always in the near horizon of the prophet's vision. Was there a judgment on the nation? Then the seer saw in it a type of the last judgment of his people. Did Jehovah work a mighty deliverance for Israel? Then in the eyes of the prophet it was expanded and glorified into a type of the final deliverance of the nation. Read the first eleven chapters of Isaiah's prophecy. Notice how he rebukes the sin of the nations, mentions coming judgments, predicts the invasion of Palestine by the Assyrians and their defeat; then notice in chapters 10 and 11 how he leaps from his own day into the future, describing the coming of Messiah's kingdom.

With one bound he covers the millenniums that separate the coming of Messiah's kingdom from his own time. Why? Because the coming of the kingdom of the Son of David was always near to him, an event that he was earnestly looking for and one that might take place in his own days. What has been said of Isaiah may be said of most of the prophets.

Can we say that the prophet was mistaken when it is seen that the kingdom did not come in his time? To the unbeliever it may seem so, but as Christians we can say that he was not mistaken, for the coming of the Messiah was not with him a matter of knowing or pretending to state the exact time—for that, he knew not—but of *maintaining the right attitude*, that of watchful waiting and of keeping his robes unspotted.

Let us now briefly state the principle in relation to our own times. The Lord has not told when He will come, but has enjoined us to be always ready; therefore that Christian who expects the Lord's coming in his own lifetime and who prepares first and who dies without seeing his expectation realized cannot be called mistaken, for he has obeyed the Lord's command to be ready at any time. His responsibility was limited to maintaining the right attitude. And as for those who have *set their dates wrong*, we feel that the Lord *will bear* with them if *they have set their hearts right*.

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WHEN Jesus said, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" He was not speculating. He foresaw a spiritual declension, and was uttering an ominous note of warning.

This age of sin is brutal, merciless, and tragic in its effect upon men. To souls enjoying the refinements of grace, the language, appetites, and works of the unsaved are shocking. But they are under demon power. They do not know that, and can not know it until the Spirit of God reveals it to them. That is where the Church of Jesus Christ comes in with its divinely appointed work of intercession. But what shall we say when the impact of this brutal age shakes the very foundations? "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

We nod assent to the Lord's declaration, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," but the truth of this statement does not move us as mightily as it should to ponder the question, If a man be not born again, then what?

If the plight of the lost moved the Son of God to come from heaven to "save that which was lost," how His servants should be moved toward the same objective. What does being lost imply? Is it just a matter of bad luck, or of misfortune? If it were but that it might be remedied by man's own resourcefulness. Being lost is too horrible to contemplate. It is everlasting separation from the gracious presence of the Lord—not in unconscious oblivion, but in conscious torment; torment in the midst of those in like torment; in the midst of the wicked of all ages; in the midst of the members of the demon world, including the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and Satan himself.

This is the clear teaching of the Word of God. We state it not because we enjoy it, because we feel impelled by its very terror to sound an alarm. If it is true (and it is, no doubt) what emphasis we should place on the dread fact!

Even God Himself, who is ever actuated by His love for us, warns us with fearful emphasis. He makes the fact of hell so emphatic that it is a wonder that anyone should say, "I do not believe there is a hell."

Hell is revealed to us as a place of unquenchable fire. Mark 9:43-48. That in itself is a mystery to us. All the fire we are acquainted with requires fuel to keep it going, but hell

fire, like the sun's fire, is unquenchable.

To cite specific evidence open to the eyes of the entire world: God, in His faithfulness, has set great flares in various parts of the world to acquaint us with the fact of the internal fires of the earth. We call them volcanoes. There is no explaining of a volcano on any natural ground. It is mysterious; a phenomenon of the first magnitude.

A Glimpse of HELL

HARRY S. LANDIS

Ever since man has inhabited the earth there has been volcanic activity. There seems to be no diminution in the intensity of the emissions of volcanoes. The heat is as intense as ever. The new volcano in Mexico, now but four years old, Pericutin by name, rose from a cultivated field. The farmer had been plowing in that field the very day in which the volcano had its birth in the evening. Now it towers to a height of 1500 feet; the nearby country is devastated, and the town which was nearby destroyed. Every



God-Given Fear

IN a large Bible Institute in Canada it is the custom to take a survey of the Personal Evangelism class each year in order to learn the motive which moved each student to be saved. Out of more than a hundred young people, the majority always answer that they yielded their hearts to Christ because they were afraid of hell, of judgment, of death, of the Lord's return, or of the consequences of sin.

Fear was the motive in the conversion of 63.4% of the students. Love moved only 3.7% to be saved. The remainder were saved because they "just had a need," or out of a "desire for satisfaction, joy and peace," or else they answered, "Do not know why."

Says the Principal: "It is manifest that fear is God's great master weapon to move men heavenward. But modern sentiment and false philosophy have well-nigh filched this weapon from us."

six seconds it gives forth a mighty puff of sulphurous smoke and fire which rises to a height of 20,000 feet. The heat in its interior is so great as to melt granite rock, and the force of its exhalations so tremendous as to expel huge boulders which roll down its sides and help build the cone.

How shall we account for such a frightful spectacle—such a titanic exhibition of power? Isn't there something singular, too, in the fact that the emission of volcanoes is always fire and brimstone, the very description the Bible gives of hell-fire? No volcano ever emits coal smoke, so it cannot be due to a burning fuel deposit. There are burning coal deposits in the world but they never make volcanoes.

How shall we account for such violent outbursts as the explosion of Mt. Krakatoa in the East Indies in 1883, or of Katmai in Alaska in 1912? Whence is this titanic power? It is said that the explosion of Krakatoa caused the loudest noise ever heard by man, being heard as far as a thousand miles away. It is, as it were, the Almighty speaking in stentorian tones in an effort to arouse man out of his lethargy to the acknowledging of the truth.

The vents to the internal fires of the earth number thousands. Alaska has what is known as The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. These are all vents from the great furnace of fire beneath. Observers near Katmai, when it exploded in 1912, reported lightning bolt after lightning bolt flashing from the sky into the crater, and said that the noise of thunder with this lightning was louder than the crater itself. It seemed as if the powers of heaven were released to beat back the demons of hell.

As we examine the Word, we are given to understand that the present place of the imprisoned spirits, and that of lost souls, is beneath. In Numbers we read of the company of Korah going down into the pit. In Isaiah 14:9 we read, "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee," etc. In v. 15, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit," speaking of Satan. In Revelation 20 we read of Satan being cast into the bottomless pit, and shut up for a thousand years. These are but a few references pointing toward the direction of this dread place.

In Luke 16 we read of a man actually there and in torments. Can anyone deny that our Lord was not
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Coming Storms

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said concerning the Holy Spirit, "He will show you things to come." John 16:13. To the children of God it is written, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day." 1 Thess. 5:4, 5. The children of Israel traveled by a light when it was night. To the Egyptians who followed after, the darkness was intensified. We may look to the Spirit of God for light in the last days. It is written, "In Thy light shall we see light." Psalm 36:9. And, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isa. 9:2. Christ Himself said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

The wise men saw the star, a star unique in its movements, in its prominence, and also in its obscurity. It was sufficiently prominent to arrest the attention of the wise men, but it was an ordinary star unnoticed by those who should have been wise. We read in the Word of a day star that the world does not see. When the child of God speaks of the day star, the world thinks he is following a will-o'-the-wisp. But to the true child of God there is a day star heralding the rising of the Sun of righteousness. The apostle Peter says, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19.

The star of Bethlehem rested over the inn, or over the manger which contained the Son of glory. Signs are multiplying pointing to the rise of the Sun of righteousness. Will the signs further multiply? There will not be more than there are in the Word, but we need a keener perception of the signs. By increasingly powerful telescopes men are able to see stars that hitherto were invisible. The stars did not come into position to oblige the astronomer. The astronomer had to have more powerful telescopes, and to alter his range and increase it.

Christians are saying, "The signs of the Lord's coming are multiplying." It is rather that the Spirit of God is interpreting the signs to them. There are still more hidden signs, and the Spirit-enlightened Christian will be able to see them and interpret them, and he should act on the information gathered.

There are two potent signs that we have

been seeing during the past few years and are likely to see in days to come. One is the political condition in Europe and the other is the condition of Palestine. For a number of years the eyes of Christians have been upon Rome and upon the revival of the Roman Empire. But because of what took place during the recent war, eyes have been removed from this outstanding center. But it must be remembered that Rome is still the center of an ecclesiastical power that has the most extraordinary influence. We cannot but remember that Rome was the dominating influence at the time of the first appearance of Christ. Rome domineered the Jews in Christ's time, and was the power that crucified Him.

You may say, "The Jews incited Pilate." Pilate had the power of Rome behind him. He knew it. He could have refused the request that Jesus be crucified. The crucifixion of Christ was a miscarriage of justice sanctioned by the power of Rome. Rome confirmed this action later by killing the Christians. Rome took no steps to redress the evil she had done. Pilate could have referred Christ to the Emperor just as Paul was sent to him. Instead of that, he released Barabbas. As he released one, he could have released the other. We believe that we shall yet see Rome the center of the storms of God's judgments. "Barabbas instead of Christ," is the cry of apostate Christianity, and those who make the cry will suffer.

What about Palestine? The Scripture shows that this will be another storm

center for the Northern armies. The Jews are still God's people (Rom. 11:1, 2), and the nations that have repudiated the true God will seek to overthrow the people of God and take their heritage. There is a magnificent frontage from the Dardanelles to the Nile, and the temptation to possess it will not be resisted. The spirit is still on the earth that says, "Come, let us kill the heir, and the inheritance shall be ours." But men overlook the fact that the One who gave the inheritance, the God of their fathers, will fight for the Jews.

The destruction of the Egyptians who followed Israel is an earnest of what will be done. There will be a premium on timbrels in that day when the Miriams celebrate the victory over the hosts who seek to destroy Israel, and Israel will see a supernatural deliverance. They shall see the One whom they pierced, and after days of mourning they shall praise and worship their Messiah. This will not be followed shortly afterwards with their murmurings, as they murmured before Moses, but they will enjoy the land in peace and prosperity under the direct rulership of the Prince of Peace.

A storm is brewing. Politicians are working. Chemists are studying. The nations are anticipating yet further war and are making their plans. You say, "They will destroy civilization." They will destroy that which has been fitted for destruction. The hosts that came against Israel—Ammon, Moab, and the inhabitants of Mount Seir (2 Chronicles 20), the three nations bent on the destruction of God's people, brought destruction upon one another. The spoils were for God's people. And so in the future we may expect Israel to overflow from Palestine and gather the spoils in Europe and elsewhere. The Jew who has been held in contempt will prove again that he is indestructible, and he will thrive on the destruction of the Gentiles. This is all borne out in the prophecy, "Ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles." Isa. 61:6.

Jeremiah was given a vision of a seething pot, an overflowing cauldron, and the face of this was toward the North. And he was told, "Out of the north shall an evil break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land." Jer. 1:14. This is what we may expect in the last days. When is it coming about? When the cauldron has had enough fire underneath it, and the contents boil over and automatically put out the fire. The fire in Europe is being intensified under the cauldron, and the overflowing will come when it reaches the boiling point.

Seeing that these things are coming, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of our Lord?

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JOHN PROCLAIMS TWO BAPTISMS

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WE suppose you know of John the Baptist, the one who brought a great revival to Israel by calling the people to repentance and baptizing in the River Jordan those who believed. John also had the honor of baptizing Jesus, a privilege from which he shrank, realizing how much greater Jesus was than he. One day John declared, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." All ministers may baptize with water, but only Christ can baptize with the Holy Ghost.

Water baptism is vitally connected with the Christian religion. Jesus said, "Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." In obedience to this command the preachers of the gospel have practiced water baptism from the beginning. But baptism in water does not save. Peter says in his Epistle that water baptism is "not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God."

Baptism is a sign of discipleship. He who is baptized thus declares that Jesus Christ is his Saviour and Lord. He enters into a covenant of obedience to the leadership of Christ. Unless this takes place baptism in water has no value. It is a mistake to teach that baptism is a saving ordinance.

John came to baptize repentant believers in water, but Jesus came to baptize men with the Holy Ghost. John regarded Jesus as being so superior to him that he said he was not worthy to bear the shoes of Jesus, and he considered the baptism Jesus came to bring as being equally superior to the baptism he himself had brought. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire," he said.

Baptism with the Holy Ghost is essential to Christian experience. It is as much a part of Christian truth as is the fact that Christ is the atoning Lamb. The Atonement fails to meet our need unless it is applied through personal experience, and the same is true concerning being filled with the Holy Spirit. Theories are not enough. We must seek the Lord for a personal baptism. Although the Holy Ghost is in the world, He may not be in us.

What a change the Holy Ghost made in the disciples in the Early Church! When they were filled with the Spirit they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost were manifest through them. And with the enduement came a fortitude that sustained Christian graces and virtues in the face of imprisonment and martyrdom. Everywhere the Church went it triumphed. Men took knowledge of the believers that they had been with Jesus.

In these days of spiritual declension we need a revival of early-day Christianity. May God bless His people and fill them with His Spirit. First there must be redemption, through the Lamb slain; then there must be confirmation, through the in-filling with power from on high. The Word of God says, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." Jesus has promised, "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that ask Him." Will you ask Him to fill you with the Holy Ghost?

THE DIVINE ORDER



A Miracle in Argentina

Away in a little town in the far south of Argentina one day a soldier attracted by the sound of singing entered a little mission hall and heard the gospel preached. He stayed behind and spoke to the missionary who asked him if he were a Christian.

"Yes, I am," he replied.

"Where did you hear the gospel?"

"From my mother."

"Where does she live?"

"She is a long way off; will you come and see her? She has never heard a preacher, and she will be glad to see you."

The missionary went, and found on a distant farm, where no missionary had ever been, an old Christian woman. She told him that years before a colporteur, passing that way, had left a copy of the Word of God. She had read it, her eyes had been opened, and she had come to know Jesus Christ as her Saviour. She had had no teacher but the Spirit of God. That old woman was the mother of fourteen children. At the time the missionary visited her, the youngest was twelve years old, and she had led every one of those children to Christ through the reading of the Scriptures left by an unknown colporteur.—*Mission Messenger*.

Cecil Rhodes swept his hand over a map of Africa and said, "All that for England, that is my dream; all the continent of Africa a British red!" Can we look at the map and say, "The whole world for Christ, with me doing everything in my power with all I am and all I have"?

Missionaries Have "Spoiled" Them

HARVEY McALISTER

ON a prewar tour of our mission fields, going down on a steamship from Calcutta to Singapore," Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer relates, "I met a much-traveled worldly-wise person, one of those very interesting Englishmen whom, when you penetrate through the crust, you find to be very charming personalities. He spent most of his time upon the upper deck aft under an electric fan, his only spoken words, 'Boy, whisky and soda, please.' Knowing that he was a much-traveled fellow, I said to him, 'I am going to the South Seas. Will you tell me where there are some raw heathen?' My superiority complex was working perfectly at that moment. 'I desire to see some raw heathen, some of the worst the world has produced.'

"So he puffed at his pipe and walked a little bit and finally said, 'Well, don't go to the Fiji Islands.' He didn't know that I was a missionary; if I had disclosed that to him, he might not have talked so freely. 'Oh,' I said, 'that is strange, because I remember as a boy in school, the pictures in my geography book showing the Fijians, as naked savages, with spears in their hands, engaging in some wild native dance. Why not the Fiji Islands?' 'Those missionaries have spoiled them!' he said, cursing. And so, in all the conversation after that, whenever he referred to the missionaries he cursed them. 'The missionaries,' he said, 'have spoiled them.'

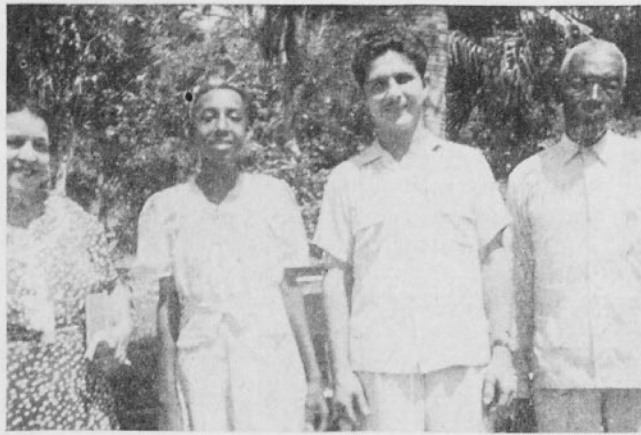
"I said, 'That is interesting. How did they spoil them?' 'Why,' he replied, 'they have sent them all to school. Such nonsense!' 'And what has happened?' I asked. 'Well,' said he, 'they have all got uppity! uppity!' ('Uppity' went into my soul.) 'They have all got uppity, and we can't do anything more with them.' The Wesleyans of London had practically converted the Fiji Islanders, and they are fast becoming a thrifty, self-respecting people.

"Well,' I said, 'can you refer me to a place where I can see some real heathen?' Then he told me about North Sumatra. He said, 'Maybe, if you will go into northern Sumatra, up in the hills, you will see some real heathen.'

But evidently that Englishman did not know that for upwards of seventy years the Rhenish Mission of Germany, under the leadership of Dr. Amundsen and Dr. John Warneck, had been creating a Christian community of a quarter of a million people, who worship in 1000 churches, 50 of them having over 1500 members each. During the Easter season of 1928 there was gathered in the city of Jerusalem 250 people in a conference, the theme of which was, "The World Mission of Christianity." A representative of those Battak people of North Sumatra was there to make his contribution as to what was involved in preaching the gospel to the people of the South Seas. In addition to Battak, his native language, he had learned Coast Malay, which is a different tongue. He had also learned German, because German missionaries were the harbingers of the new day among his people. He knew Dutch and spoke it fluently, because he was in the employ

of the Netherlands East Indies Government. More recently the Government had transferred him to Java and he had learned Javanese and spoke it fluently, too—and he was conversing at that Jerusalem conference in English. Six languages!

His ancestors had eaten the first two missionaries—two boys from Boston—who went to their territory to preach the gospel. Only 110 years ago Munson and Lyman sailed from Boston for North Sumatra to evangelize these heathen people, and within 24 hours they were



Group of Cuban Pentecostal believers about to be baptized in water. At extreme right is Cayetano Gonzalez, Spanish-American veteran, who served eight years in prison for the murder of five persons.

ambushed and slain, their bodies cut up, put in a boiling caldron, and later eaten in a great cannibal feast. Now these people of North Sumatra are no longer cannibals, but Christians. And yet there are people who say, "The missionaries have spoiled them."

On a missionary tour of the Island of Cuba, in January, 1945, I spoke in a mission station at San Antonio de los Banos. There sat in the front row a man named Cayetano Gonzalez, 79 years of age, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, proud possessor of many war medals. But, so the story goes, he had murdered five persons, and had served a sentence of eight years in the Isle of Pines Federal Prison. Some eighteen months before, he had been spoiled (gloriously converted and miraculously transformed) by coming under the influence of some of our own Assemblies of God missionaries.

At the conclusion of my address, a healing service was announced, a healing line formed, and Cayetano Gonzalez took his place in it. When his turn for prayer came, he said, "When I left my seat I was in pain; I have been in constant pain for three and one half weeks, but now it is all gone." Instead of praying, we all raised our hands in praise to the Lord for his healing.

This old man had saved up his money until he had \$100. He entrusted it to a business man for safe keeping. When Cayetano asked for his money, this business man denied he had received any money from him, and refused to

pay him. Not having anything in writing by which to establish his claim, Cayetano decided to forget it. He had read in the Bible the words, "Thou shalt not kill." Thinking in terms of these words and his past life in sin, when he killed five people, he said, "If I was not walking in this way, I would have killed that guy." It makes all the difference in the world when one is "spoiled" by a missionary, and "walking in this way."

Returning to Cuba in April, 1946, I was saddened, and gladdened too, to learn that this precious old man, saved by grace, had gone to be with his Lord, but, again visiting San Antonio de los Banos, I had the joy of witnessing a brother of Cayetano Gonzalez kneel at the altar, likewise to be eternally "spoiled." Thank God, an army of missionaries is still in the business of "spoiling" people for this world!

A GLIMPSE OF HELL

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speaking the truth? Hell is fearfully real. Being in the earth's interior makes it the bottomless pit. Gravity has its center in the very center of the earth. From every side of the globe the pull is toward this center. Sin is ever a down-pull. What a fearful thing to contemplate that any soul should sink into this horrible place made for the Devil and his angels—not for man!

Some years ago it fell my lot to minister, for nearly a year, to a man dying of a slow disease. The man was saved and enjoyed the consolation of the Scriptures. When the day of his death arrived he sank into a coma, remaining so for several hours. Finally, just before he passed into eternity, he began to talk, and this is what he said, "Pop, you in hell!" His wife said she knew he had reference to her father who had been a wicked man. From then on he named one after another whom he saw in that dreadful place, until he had named about twenty-five, all of whom the wife had known while they were living, and all of whom were wicked people, she said.

A strange and striking incident occurred in the midst of his recital. When naming one man, he suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, that will be paid!" The wife asked, "What will be paid?" but he did not answer her. She told me as she thought thereon she remembered that her husband had bought a floral piece for the funeral of this man, which had never been paid for. She said she paid or it the next day. Think of it; word sent back from hell about an unpaid bill! How careful we should be to pay our bills.

Now the scene changed. The dying man became more quiet as he named about a half dozen persons whom he saw in the glory land before he departed to go there himself. I had charge of the funeral of this man and can vouch for the truth of this statement.

For some strange reason some preachers

apologize when they preach on the subject of the awful fate of the lost. Would any sane man apologize for arousing a family whose house was afire? It seems to me that any man who has to apologize for preaching on this side of sacred revelation is not likely to make much of an impression on any lost hearers. The sermon preached many years ago by Jonathan Edwards in intense earnestness, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God," had a mighty effect on the hearers. Souls were brought under conviction and were saved.

Yes, there is a hell; it is a terrible fact. Why did God make it? He didn't make it for man. This is what He made it for—"everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41. Because men refuse God's proffer of mercy, the Lord shall one day say, "Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

This being so, what must God, who would have all men to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4), think of our dilatory way? We can enthuse in song far better than we can weep over the lost. Only too often, when the spirit of prayer is weak at the altar, we sing and sing. Singing is fine in its place, but an altar service can be killed with too much singing. Oh, for a holy zeal for lost souls that will fire us to wait at the altar that we might obtain power with God for men. Men are perishing without God. The situation is tragic. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." For every soul that is saved, somebody prayed. The Church of Jesus Christ has a fearful responsibility as it works with God. The Church in her intercessory work enables God to move to do what

is written in John 6:44—"No man can come to Me," Jesus said, "except the Father . . . draw him"—and then Jesus can do His work of receiving repentant sinners. "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

The popular modern attitude of the unsaved is to shun every thought of God, except to use His name in vain. Men show this shameless arrogance because they do not know the stupendous facts about themselves or of the universe in which they live.

As we contemplate the magnitude of the unsaved man's loss, it seems as though the saved of earth should be moved with Christ-like compassion in an all-out effort through the power of God's Spirit to reach men for Christ. Nothing short of God's power through Christ will move men. The great magnet is still the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I, if I be lifted up from earth, will draw all men unto Me." John 12:32. He has been lifted up on the cross; He died there to save men. What attraction can we add to aid the One who loved so mightily? More and better sermons will not do it; finer musical programs cannot take the place of the moving of God's Spirit. These things are all right as a medium in heralding the glad tidings, and in praising God, but it is the movement of divine power that extricates men from the shackles of death, delivers them from the danger of hell-fire, and translates them into God's everlasting kingdom of life.

Finally, let us look the question squarely in the face: If the lost really go to hell, what is my responsibility, as a child of God on my way to heaven, toward them?

BRIELLE, N. J.

A FAMILY ALTAR

in Every Believer's Home

L. C. Honderick

GOD places the responsibility of Christian teaching and training, first, with the parent. Why did God call Abraham to become the father of the faithful? It was not because of his ability as a warrior, nor as a conqueror, nor as a thinker, nor as a man of worldly achievement. It was because God knew that he would be faithful—not only in the great commandment to love the Lord his God with all his heart, soul and might—but, as well, in commanding his children and his household after him.

The following Scripture quotations emphasize this important point:

"For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him." Gen. 18:19.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine

house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. . . . And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." "The father to the children shall make known Thy truth" Isa. 38:19.

THE JEWISH HOME

On the Western prairie, far from any synagogue, a Jewish merchant of orthodox faith was asked, "How can you expect your family as they grow up to adhere to your religious teachings? You are miles from a synagogue; where they can receive instruction from your rabbis." His answer was, "Don't forget, my friend, that every Jewish home is a Jewish synagogue, and every Jewish father is a Jewish priest." These words express volumes in explaining the reason for the existence of the Jewish people throughout the world as a distinct race today. The Jewish parents of old were admonished in the most impressive manner concerning their children's religious instruction. The customs of the home meant that the child clinging to his

Something for Every Family

Every family in every one of our assemblies should have a copy of our newest publication, "The Family Altar Guide." The first issue is now ready, covering the months of April, May, and June.

We are recommending that every pastor instruct his Sunday School secretary to order a quantity when ordering Sunday School literature for the coming quarter. You can afford to give a copy free to each family. The price is only 4c a copy in lots of 100 or more; in smaller quantities, 50c a dozen, or 5c each.—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

mother's skirts became familiar with the practices of Judaism. The Jewish father assumed his responsibility of teaching the Law, for ignorance on the part of his child was a reflection on himself.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

The practices of the Jewish home were carried on in the early Christian homes. This was one of the factors responsible for the growth of the Christian Church at its inception. In its beginning the homes were the schools of the early Christian Church. Although Timothy was the son of a Greek father and not living in a Jewish city, Paul was confident that he had a knowledge of the Scriptures because of the careful instruction of his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice.

We believe that the hope of the Church today lies in making our homes natural, spiritual fortresses. Home must be a haven of desire and happiness to our families. It must be a place where there is an active and strong love that will be a means of strength to every member of the family. This in turn will help them to help others find the same Christian joy.

The joys and sorrows of the family must be shared together at all times. Parents should plan for their evenings at home and then spend them together with their families enjoying each other's joys.

We cannot wait to do this until our children have grown up. If we do it will be too late. Our children will be wrapped up in the spirit of the world because of our neglect, instead of in the Spirit of Christ.

Bible games will help our children master a great deal of Scripture knowledge. Games such as table tennis, checkers and croquet can be enjoyed by all and will be a real blessing, too. The Lord has put His endorsement on the playing of the children in Zech. 8:5, so we can encourage them in all wholesome games.

We must be interested in each other's hobbies. As parents, investment in good hobbies for our children is money well spent. This will provide activity for them during evenings at home keeping them occupied and free from other temptations. Books and good periodicals have their place to fill. We can secure these from Christian book houses.

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Our Missionary



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Mrs. Plymire



Donald A. Rich



Mrs. Rich



Robert B. Tangen



Mrs. Tangen



J. Philip Hogan



Mrs. Hogan



George Wood



Mrs. Wood



Thelma Hildebrand



Beatrice Hildebrand



Evelyn Hatchett



Mrs. Jarmila Wagner

Rejoice With Us!

THE Lord is opening the way for a number of our missionaries to return to their adopted homes in foreign lands, that they might continue to tell the wonderful story of salvation to those who have never heard. Going along with them are some new recruits, who will also help them in carrying out that yet uncompleted great commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Epler and family left for Colombia, South America, on February 14, to begin their missionary labors in the city of Sogamoso. A cable received from them several days later states that they arrived safely.

The following great band also sailed for China, February 14, on the "Marine Lynx." Bound for **North China**: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davidson and two boys, Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Rich and two boys, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tangen and two children. Bound for **Northwest China**: Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Plymire and two children, Mr. and Mrs. George Wood and three children. Bound for **East China**: Mr. and Mrs. J. Philip Hogan and two children. Sailing to **South China**: Evelyn Hatchett. To **Southwest China**: Beatrice Hildebrand, Thelma Hildebrand, Mrs. Mary E. Lewer, Katherine Lewer, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Morse and three children, Mrs. Jarmila K. Wagner and son.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Plymire give their address in China as: Hwangyuan, Tsinghai, China.

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A lovely letter of appreciation, signed by twenty-two missionaries not under our appointment who had enjoyed the hospitality of our new missionary home in China, was recently received by the Missions Department. The missionary home is located at

Lane 1186 House 183, North Szechuan Road, Shanghai.

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Attention! There are a few missionary calendars still available. As long as they last, anyone sending an offering to the Foreign Missions Dept., 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri, will receive a calendar upon request.



Of his trip by boat to New Zealand, **Brother H. D. Ferrell**, evangelist, writes: "At **Suva**, in the **Fiji Islands**, I was privileged to spend the day with our missionaries. That night I spoke in the mission, and God blessed in a very real way. Brother Borst urged me to remain for a time of evangelistic activity, but since the brethren here in New Zealand were expecting me, I felt that I must come on as had been planned. I was touched as the people from the church came down to the docks for a time of singing before the ship sailed. If the Lord makes a way I will return there for a time of evangelistic meetings before leaving this part of the world.

"The new church which our Brother Borst has constructed for the Indian work is real nice. They were to have the dedication on the night following my visit. I should have enjoyed staying but, of course, had to move on.

"At present I am in the midst of a tour through the Assemblies of God churches here in New Zealand. The people are reserved but they do appreciate the real moving of the Holy Ghost, and God is moving for which I am grateful. There is a shortage of pastors, and until a short time ago there were no evangelists at all. Now one brother has gone into the work as a pioneer evangelist. Pray for us."



Emil Bernaldes, Cotabato, Philippine Islands.—All of our Christian people came here in 1939 as settlers. When the war broke out

Advance in the Regions Beyond

in the year 1942, I left Koronadal for Bohol. Brother Ignacio Janiola is in charge of the work in Polomolock Creek. Brother Solomon Patayan is in charge at Lagao and Clinan. There is a church at Polomolock Creek, and another one under construction at Lagao. At Clinan the meetings are held in a house. Koronadal Valley is a large place, but has only a few workers. May God send us more laborers for the work.

During the Japanese occupation all our former saints received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many new ones also received as in Acts 2:4. Our Christians are sometimes called a noisy people because, since receiving this wonderful power from on high, there is always shouting, singing, and praising the Lord in the camps. Many healings also have been manifested among our saints and the dear Lord even raised some who had been given up to die. Praise His Name!



Bethel Bible Institute

Rudy C. Esperanza, Philippine Islands

WE thank the Lord Jesus for this group of precious young people who feel their need of Bible School training. Although all are in the first year of our three-year course, some of them already have a call of God on their hearts for the ministry. These students are proving to be a blessing indeed to our church in Pozorrubio. Three of the girls came from the mountain regions, where the people have hardly heard the gospel.

God has been blessing in our work. Our Sunday School has increased, backsliders in true repentance have returned to the Lord, and newcomers are regularly attending the services. Lately there seems to be a special dealing of God with the young people.



Mrs. Mary Lewer

Katherine Lewer



Paul Epler



Mrs. Epler



Paul Davidson



Mrs. Davidson

We need your prayers that God will continue to save souls from the darkness of traditions. We desire an opportunity to give religious instruction in the public high school of this town. Pray with us that God will open the door. Pray for the needs of the Bible School, students, faculty, and all our workers who are valiantly preaching the full gospel.

After seven months of investigation and observation by agents of the National Library, we are now permitted to solemnize marriages. This means that our application, through registering in that office as a religious organization of good reputation operating in the Philippines, has been approved. Next week I go to Manila to see the Director of the National Library and our lawyer, to arrange for the application of the ordained brethren in our fellowship. We are praising God for this answer to prayer.



L. F. Morse



Mrs. Morse



© Elim Church (A. of G.) congregation in Singapore, taken Christmas morning, 1946.

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

* DIVORCE IN ITALY

Divorce will not be permitted under Italy's new constitution, if the Constituent Assembly endorses an article approved by the Constitutional Committee.

V. B. S. IN ETHIOPIA

The first Vacation Bible School to be conducted in Ethiopia was held at Addis Ababa last summer by workers of the Sudan Interior Mission. It lasted for four weeks, and had a total enrollment of 250, with a daily average attendance of 225. The Ethiopian children were hungry for the gospel.

TO EVANGELIZE OKINAWA

A new experiment is to be tried on battle-scarred Okinawa island. A group of Protestant missionaries will be sent there by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America to work on an interdenominational basis, and the denominational affiliation of the missionaries will not once be mentioned.

SUBMARINES OF THE FUTURE

They tell us that submarines in the atomic age will travel under water at the speed of forty-five knots, and will be able to remain submerged for months at a time, with a hundred men inside. And yet they scorn the thought that God could make a fish capable of containing Jonah and keeping him alive under the water for three days!

MODERN YOUTH TO BE PITIED

Says J. Edgar Hoover: "Human nature reacts to the tempo of the times. There was the spirit of wartime abandon, for example, with its last-fling philosophy, which provided justification to less resolute wills to violate the conventions of society. Lessons in school became secondary. Girls sacrificed virtue on a false shrine of patriotism. Arrests for prostitution increased 375%, disorderly conduct 357%, and drunkenness and driving while intoxicated 174%, among girls under 18 in the wartime years. The youth of today have more information at their fingertips, have lived more, and are far advanced mentally over youth in any other generation, but physically and spiritually they are to be pitied."

A RURAL DECLINE

Rural sections of Iowa, as in other states, are dotted with empty or seldom-used churches. Recently the Federal Council of Churches made a survey. The report stated that there are "too many competing small churches, and that rural Iowa is seriously over-churched; over half of the congregations are standing still or declining, and effectiveness of the average church is rather low." The modernists' solution to this problem would be to close half the churches. A better solution would be to seek a Holy Ghost revival which would fill the churches once again. Such a revival will come if preachers will again proclaim the old-fashioned gospel, and if Christians will again dedicate themselves to the task of praying for souls and witnessing for Christ.

ISRAEL'S UNQUENCHABLE HOPE

Said Dr. Weizmann, during memorial services for six million murdered European Jews who died without catching a glimpse of Palestine: "Remember, we are going to have a Jewish state—if not in my generation, in the next."

THE WAY OUT

The prophets of Israel were realists, but they were not pessimists. Take the darkest passages you can find in their writings. Though they unmask the injustices, idolatries, immoralities and hypocrisies of the nation, and leave no hidden thing untouched, they end up on the note of hope and recovery. "There is a way out!" is their invariable cry. "It is God's way. It is costly. It runs counter to our pride. But it is sure. It will pay out." Thus the trumpet of alarm becomes the trumpet of assurance.

MERE HUMAN OPINIONS?

Some radio announcers are well informed in every matter except that which is most important of all—the matter of spiritual things. Not long ago Orson Welles spent most of his broadcast time in reading passages from the Bible. At the close of the broadcast the announcer said, "The opinions expressed by Mr. Welles are not necessarily those of his sponsor or of this network!" Evidently he thought Mr. Welles had been reading just another book on religion. Surely there should be no hesitation in endorsing God's own inspired Word!

BIG BUSINESS

Apart from the Government itself, the making of beer has come to be one of the biggest businesses in America. The brewery plant of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., in St. Louis, Missouri, covers an area larger than the famous "loop" in Chicago. It has 150 individual buildings, covering 70 city blocks, with more than four million square feet of floor space.

A new neon sign advertising this company's beer has been erected in New York City, at a cost of \$600,000 for three years. It is the biggest sign on Broadway. It uses more electricity than a city of 10,000 people. No other industry could afford to be so lavish in advertising as the brewing industry.

THE COMING CRISIS

Says Kenneth de Courcy, writing recently in *Review of World Affairs*: "A general attack on the Church in Italy is expected, and the Vatican believes that the Communists will in the end seize power. All this they expect to happen by the autumn of 1947, thus involving the Pope and the ecclesiastical hierarchy in a first-class physical crisis, a crisis of their very lives. The Communists, certainly possess arms; it is true that Russia hates the Roman Church with growing and deadly hatred. To smash the center of Catholicism is a Russian project."

Is this the way in which Revelation 18:8 shall be fulfilled? When divine judgment falls upon "Spiritual Babylon" she shall suddenly be plagued with death, mourning, famine, and fire. Could this refer to Rome?

LAWLESSNESS IN PALESTINE

The lawlessness which reigned in the days of the Judges reigns in Palestine again. Martial law has been proclaimed in Jerusalem. The British troops are staging sham battles to show their strength. All British women and children have been ordered out of the country. Jewish terrorists, bent on gaining control, seem determined to stop at nothing. Bombings, kidnappings, and killings are the order of the day.

History is being repeated. There was lawlessness in the days of the Judges because "there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Judges 17:6. Not until the reign of King David did Israel enjoy the fulness of peace and prosperity which they had been promised. Today there is no king in Israel. The Jews will not recognize the crown of Britain or of any other power but their own. Neither are they ready yet to accept Jesus, the Son of David, as their King. The throne is empty, and without the King they struggle in vain for the blessings of His kingdom. But one day soon their Christ shall return, and their eyes shall be opened. And when they crown Him King the new day for which they now strive in vain will be ushered in by the Word of His power and the might of His majesty.

CRUMBLING MORALITY

America, Britain, and Sweden are among the nations with the highest moral standards in the world—yet what is happening? There are said to be 7,000,000 divorced persons in America today. The divorce rate has multiplied from 68,000 divorces per year, in 1905, to 502,000 in 1945. In Great Britain the rate has increased from 7,293 divorces in 1940 to approximately 16,000 in 1945. In Sweden "a divorce is obtainable within a year at the wish of either party; no other ground is required, and the population, especially the middle classes, shuffles itself like a pack of cards." Men have departed from the only firm foundation, the Word of God, and the moral foundations of society are crumbling. Yet one professor at Edinburgh University makes the silly statement that "since over 50% of divorcees remarried, divorce did not necessarily indicate that the institution of marriage was breaking down"! God Himself designed the family as the structural basis of human society and its preservation is a vital Christian responsibility.

A MODERNIST AND THE BIBLE

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend," wrote one leading modernist. "There is treason in the camp. Probably few people who claim to believe every word of the Bible really mean it. That avowal held to its last logic would risk a trip to the insane asylum." The writer of these words was Dr. George A. Buttrick, former president of the Federal Council of Churches. They appear in his book *The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt*.

We would rather risk a trip to the insane asylum for believing every word of the Bible than risk a trip to hell for doubting any part of it! Dr. Buttrick should have read Revelation 22:19 where the Lord tells what will happen to any man who "shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy"—but then, this might be one of the parts of the Bible he refuses to believe!

OUR.....

HOME.....

FRONTIERS

ANNOUNCING "EVANGELEAF" No. 1 Our New Evangelism Sheet

IN all parts of our country, and also in Canada, a cry has arisen for a small, attractive paper setting forth in simple style our four major points of doctrine. Many of our ministers and lay members see the need for such a paper, which can be handed out to everyone—those who know little or nothing of salvation, those who would welcome the truth of divine healing for the body, Christians who are hungering for a deeper life in the Spirit, and those who need to be encouraged with our blessed hope—the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"LIFE" is the name which has been selected for our first Evangeleaf—presenting life for the soul, life for the body, life for the spirit, and the truth of eternal life. In itself our Evangeleaf will carry a complete message for spirit, soul and body. The way of salvation is made so clear that even the most untaught in the Scriptures should feel his need of the Saviour, and should be able to find Him. The same is true of the other three points featured.

But beyond the force of "LIFE" in itself is the fact that it will provide a keen wedge in making openings into hearts and homes, and eventually a strong tie between the local church and the individuals of the community. "LIFE" is designed to create an interest in the personal need for the full gospel, and to bring the wel-

come news that there is a church within reach which teaches the truth of this more abundant life.

"LIFE" is an attractive two-color paper which you can be justly proud to hand to anyone with an invitation to visit your church. On the back of the paper, space is provided for your local church identification, either to be printed or rubber-stamped. It is our aim to reach every home in America with "LIFE." Subsequent issues will be published as the demand warrants.

"LIFE" is a folded leaflet, measuring six by nine inches, and opening to a size of twelve by eighteen. We are endeavoring to have "LIFE" off the press early in April. A free sample copy will be mailed to each of our General Council ministers. We are confident that our ministers and our assemblies will recognize in "LIFE" the leaflet which they have been desiring to place in every home in their respective areas. We suggest that plans be made NOW for a HOME EVANGELISM CRUSADE, which can be put in operation within the next few weeks.

The Gospel Publishing House will furnish the Evangeleaf at cost. Watch Our Home Frontiers for exact price, date of release, and

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further details. All correspondence regarding this new home missions project and offerings for its promotion should be sent to Fred Vogler, Home Missions Secretary, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

PENTECOSTAL WORLD CONFERENCE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

May 6 to 9, 1947

The purpose of this World Conference is to endeavor to obtain a correct vision of the present world-wide situation, and to secure a clear understanding of the will of God for the present needs and for the tasks for the future which are set before the Pentecostal people. It has been deemed wise that during the daytime there shall be private sessions which will be open to all Pentecostal ministers, recognized as such, who bring their credentials with them. Each night there will be large public meetings.

Those who are not official delegates will be directed to the hotel, but they should write and secure accommodations a full month ahead of time. The hotel cost will be approximately \$3.00 to \$4.00 a day; we gather that this will include meals.

Among those who are expected to be present are the following: From America: Ernest S. Williams, Noel Perkin, G. Kinderman, C. W. Loenser, V. G. Greisen, Lester Sumrall and K. Leonard. From England: Donald Gee, James Salter, E. J. Phillips, George Jeffreys, and others. From France: Pierre Nicolle and R. Burki. From Sweden: Lewi Pethrus and S. Nystrom. From Holland: P. Van der Woude and P. Klaver. From Italy: U. N. Goriotti. From Brazil: J. P. Kolenda. From the Congo: E. Hartmann. From Mongolia: Joseph Payne. From Denmark: S. Bjorner. From Greece: H.

Mamalis. From Finland: A. Ericson and E. Manninen. From South Africa: David J. du Plessis. Delegates are expected also from Germany, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Belgium; and of course there will be a large Swiss delegation.

Our Swiss brethren write: "Why did we decide to call this World Conference? Our answer is quite simple: Because we believe that God has called us to do this; and because the love for our brethren and the solemnity of the present hour urge us to do so. May God make it a blessing to the whole church of Christ and to the world in such dire need of salvation."

All who expect to attend this World Conference should write ahead to the Secretary, Leonard Steiner, Societe Suisse de Mission de Pentecote, Colmarerstr. 120, Basel, Switzerland.

INDUSTRY IN PALESTINE

Palestine has a growing diamond-cutting industry which employs thousands of workers, principally in Tel Aviv and Nathanya. Her diamond exports gave her a favorable trade balance with the U.S.A. during 1945.

Palestinian shipbuilders turn out fishing trawlers equipped with Diesel engines manufactured in the Holy Land.

Palestinian medicines, serums, vaccines, cosmetics, vitamins, salves, and penicillin are found in drug stores from Casablanca to Cairo. Soft drinks made from Palestinian fruit concentrates are popular throughout the Near East. Tel Aviv is the fashion center of the entire Near East.

Haifa steel is said to be equal to Swedish; and from the Dead Sea come potashes, bromides, chlorides, bleaching powders, and fertilizers.

Europe's best industrial workers of every kind have fled to the Holy Land, and business is booming to such an extent that the Jews of Palestine have raised many millions of dollars for the relief of their suffering brethren in Europe. No wonder the Jews have set their hearts on making it their national home. To them it is a land of great promise. It is indeed a "Promised Land"—a land promised to them by God Himself. "Ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers," the Lord has said—but first they must be cleansed from all filthiness, from all idols, and in place of their stony heart they must receive a new heart and a new spirit. Read Ezekiel 36:16-38. Because of their stony heart God is permitting them to suffer beneath British military rule. Because of their stony heart they will even enter into a covenant for a time with the Antichrist when he shall arise. But God will give them a new spirit—a spirit of grace and supplication—and when they mourn for Him whom they pierced they will be saved out of their troubles.

LOST

"Lost—
Somewhere between sunrise and sunset,
Two golden hours,
Each set with sixty diamond minutes.
No reward is offered
For they are lost forever."

Radio News Flashes!

It has been necessary to eliminate further stations from the list of those releasing SERMONS IN SONG. The program will no longer be heard over the following outlets: WSFA, Montgomery, Alabama; KWOC, Poplar Bluff, Missouri; WHLD, Niagara Falls, New York; and WORD, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Negotiations are in progress to obtain the facilities of a number of other radio stations, both in the United States and abroad. Pray that God may direct in these negotiations so that the most effective means of spreading the gospel by radio may be obtained. Our National Radio Hour is one of our greatest missionary projects, reaching many thousands of English-speaking people throughout the world, and it merits the support and co-operation of all.

PRAY! GIVE! We will send radio logs and "Melody Maker" dime cards, free of charge, upon receipt of your request.—Assemblies of God Radio Hour, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

Watchful Waiting

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2. The next thing to be noticed about these Old Testament saints is that they did not always understand the full meaning of the Messianic prophecies. See 1 Peter 1:10-12; Dan. 12:8, 9. Not understanding these prophecies fully it could not be expected that they would be agreed as to the *details* of the event; but on this they could agree, that He was coming, and that it was necessary to wait, and to be ready. Many in our days have been perplexed in the face of conflicting explanations of the events connected with Christ's coming.

The following facts will perhaps help us to keep steady, in the face of these perplexities: (a) As the time draws closer or the fulfillment of the prophecies, they will become clearer; so let us agree on the *main fact* of His coming and agree to disagree on the non-essential details. (b) There is so much we do understand in the Bible, that it is a waste of time to speculate and split hairs about the things we do not understand. (c) If there are any things in the Word of God that should occupy us they are the things that we understand and can practice. Why should we be distressed because we cannot fully understand the Book of Revelation? Let us rather be distressed that we do not always live out such practical teaching as is found in the Sermon on the Mount, and measure up to such spiritual standards as are found in 1 Corinthians 13, and elsewhere. (d) If there are shadows that fall around the doctrine of the Second Coming, let us remember that it is the *light* that casts shadows. Let us thank God for the Light and let us walk in it.

3. They were often perplexed by the great problems of life; e. g., the seeming toleration of evil on the part of God. Read Psalm 73. Listen to the writer as he laments the inequalities of life, as he observes that the wicked prosper and enjoy peace, while he who has loved God and hated iniquity suffers, is chastened, and is plagued with fears and doubts. "Verily," he says, "I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency." In this strain he continues till he enters the sanctuary. There,

in the presence of God, the light breaks upon him, and he leaves the temple delivered from his doubts; for there the latter end of the wicked and of the righteous was revealed unto him. The lesson here for us is that we take our doubts and problems to the *sanctuary!*

4. They had often to endure the opposition of infidels and scoffers. Isa. 5:19; Zeph. 1:12; Mal. 2:17; 3:14, 15. Unbelief and infidelity are not new things. Where there was a prophet with a message from God, there was an emissary of the evil one to gainsay it. Where there was faith to see the glories of the kingdom of God, there was unbelief attempting to blot out the wisdom glorious. And this same thing is true in our day. Where is seen the bright face of Isaac, the child after the Spirit, there will be seen also the mocking glances of Ishmael, the child after the flesh.

5. Their hope gave them the character of pilgrims and strangers in the earth. Heb. 11:13-16. Given a glimpse of God's kingdom, of the material and spiritual glories of the world to come, of the city whose Maker and Builder is God, they glanced at earthly kingdoms and splendor, but their fleeting look was one of farewell for they had decided this world was not their home.

6. Lastly, they were not disappointed. One day, in the days of Herod, king of Judea, as a certain old man entered the temple, he was met by a pair who looked like Galilean peasants, and who carried a little babe. As if moved by an unseen influence, the old patriarch stopped and, taking the babe from the arms of its mother, solemnly said: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel." The old man was Simeon; the babe was the Lord Jesus; the man and woman were Joseph and Mary. After centuries of patient waiting, the Old Testament saints, represented by Simeon, had gazed upon the Messiah.

WAITING FOR MESSIAH'S SECOND COMING

As surely as the Christ came the first time, so surely will He come the second. As surely as there was a representative of the Old Testa-

AN APPRAISAL OF THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

by a Presbyterian Minister

The article with the above caption, which appeared in the Evangel of February 8, has received such nation-wide favor that it has been impossible to fill all orders for the issue of the paper. We are therefore printing a special "Extra" edition of the Evangel containing four pages, and are letting our readers have copies for \$5.00 per thousand, or 50c per hundred, cash with order. The remarkable healing testimony of Henry Rose, the crippled ex-serviceman, will be included, together with a short article by Myer Pearlman on Salvation and a short item on the Second Coming.

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ment believers who lived to see Him, so there will be a representative company of New Testament believers who "are alive and remain" to see Him.

But will all be waiting for Him? "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Let us notice what classes of people will be present in the world when He appears:

1. There will be scoffers. 2 Peter 3:2-4. There have always been those who have scoffed at the thought of judgments coming upon the earth, and who have sneeringly pointed to what seemed like delay on the part of God. In the time of Ezekiel, some who heard his prophecies concerning the destruction of Jerusalem were saying, "The days are prolonged, and the effect of every vision;" that is, "a long time has passed, and nothing has happened." Jeremiah was arrested as a menace to the state because he prophesied the same event. But in spite of sneers and violence to God's prophets, the city fell. When our Lord predicted the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, nothing seemed more improbable, or more wild and visionary. We can imagine the scorn and hatred with which the early evangelists were met when they were bold enough to repeat this prophecy. Yet Jerusalem fell, and the temple.

Israel's glory was destroyed, till not one stone was left upon another. And this temple was destroyed in the face of an order to the contrary, made by a Roman general to an army whose discipline was iron-bound. We, like messengers of old, will meet with unbelief and ridicule when we preach the message of a coming Christ to judge the world; but, as He promised, He will come, and the kingdoms of the earth shall fall before Him.

2. There will be unwatchful and unprepared servants. In Luke 12: 45, 46 we have the picture of a servant of the Lord who once believed in His coming and waited, but who allowed subtle unbelief to whisper in his heart, "Your Lord delayeth His coming; it is now many years since you first heard this doctrine, but nothing has happened. Were you not mistaken?" This unbelief grows in his heart till it comes to outward manifestation in a life of self-indulgence and lack of love toward his brethren. The result: when his Lord comes he is classed with unbelievers. Why with unbelievers? Because the scoffer said, "Where is the promise of His coming?" This man said in his heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming." These two were companions in unbelief.

3. There will be watchful, but unprepared servants. In Matt. 25:1-13 is a picture of ten virgins going to a marriage. In appearance they

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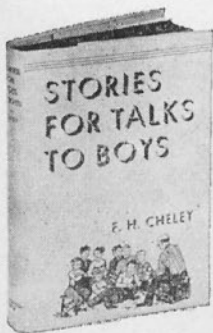
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are all alike, but the coming of the Bridegroom reveals five as wise and five as foolish—five prepared and five unprepared. The five foolish virgins were waiting for their Lord, but they were not ready. Here we have represented a class of believers who have a knowledge of the doctrine of the Lord's return; possibly they have made a special study of the subject; they may be familiar with every theory concerning the Antichrist; they may be able to pigeonhole in a dispensational chart every event; and yet, notwithstanding the possession of this theoretical knowledge, they have neglected to obtain experimental knowledge of the Lord's return—

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that knowledge which results in real holiness and consistent Christian living. May the Lord give us that kind of knowledge, and help us to see what constitutes virgins—wise or foolish! Read Matt. 7:24-29.

4. But there will be watchful and prepared servants. Of these, Simeon may be taken as a type. Luke 2:25. Notice what is said concerning him: (1) He was just and devout; i.e., he was walking faithfully according to the light he had, not depending for present victory on past experiences, but making past experiences live in present victory. (2) The Holy Ghost was upon him. (3) Having this power of the Spirit gave him the assurance of the nearness of Messiah's advent; and (4) that same power that revealed to him Messiah's coming was the power that led him to the Lord. So here we have a description of the overcomer—One who is living up to the light he has, who is under the anointing of the Spirit, which anointing makes him feel the nearness of his Lord's advent, and which anointing will be the connecting link between him and the Christ when He shall come for His faithful ones. So living, the day will come when we shall say of the glorified Christ what Simeon said of the infant Christ, "Our eyes have seen Thy salvation."

"Wherefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses (Old Testament overcomers), let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2.

**A FAMILY ALTAR IN EVERY
BELIEVER'S HOME**

(Continued from page seven)

Much of today's literature has become degraded to literature of lust. A New York committee found that in certain popular short-story magazines 80 percent of the stories were off color. The "art" of pictorial publications peddled to our public and high school youth show the debauchery of Sodom and Gomorrah even in our land. From 50 to 90 per cent of the true story magazines are most deceptive and so-called confessions are mostly fictitious. A writer of this trash admitted, "I have made a thousand confessions, but this is my last, and the first sincere one I have ever made for publication."

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Among the Assemblies

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—We have enjoyed a splendid 5-week revival with Evangelist Bill Durbin. About 10 sought the Lord, many new contacts were made, and the church was greatly benefited. Brother Durbin is a mighty preacher of the Word. He specializes in the message of Salvation which he presents with real conviction. We had fine attendance every night during the meeting.—Philip H. Hawtin, Pastor.

WINK, TEXAS—Pastor and Mrs. Brown report a wonderful 6-week meeting, which started October 15, with Dora Lane as evangelist. Eight were saved, 10 received the Baptism, and the saints were revived. The Sunday School attendance is running from 35 to 40. God is blessing and sending in new people to the services. This church had been closed three years when Brother and Sister Brown came and began to hold services.

LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.—We recently concluded a 3-week revival with Evangelist Otto J. Klink of Miami, Fla. The meetings were well attended and a large number of non-Pentecostal people came to the services. The deep messages of Brother Klink were greatly enjoyed by our saints and by the outsiders as well. Some were saved, and some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The last day of the campaign we raised about \$3,000 for our extension program. Every department of the assembly was built up.—Paul A. Fleming, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—We of the Evangelistic Temple are thanking God for a recent revival under the ministry of Evangelist Paul and Lura Johnson Grubb. Sister Grubb's description of her resurrection from the dead, after she had been permitted to see heaven and be in the presence of the Lord for some 45 minutes, thrilled our hearts and made us desire to reach the city "whose builder and maker is God." Some 20 souls found God as their personal Saviour, and 6 young people were filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was blessed and edified, the revival fires are still burning and people are still being filled with the Spirit. We recently bought the Temple Baptist church at 1200 Atlantic.—J. Lon Hale, Pastor; by Clarah Anderson Clark, Secretary.

ROMNEY, W. VA.—A 3-week meeting was conducted here by Evangelist Joseph L. Pittman of Hedgesville. The blessings of the Lord were upon us throughout the meeting. Eleven souls prayed through to old-time salvation and two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One backslider, who had told us that the Baptism was not for her, came back to the Lord and received the Holy Spirit Baptism according to Acts 2:4. The whole church was revived and our Sunday School attendance reached the highest number in the history of the church. Many nights the presence of the Lord was so real that we had no preaching. The whole community enjoyed the dynamic preaching of Brother Pittman. He surely did preach old-time Pentecost. When in Romney, stop at the East End Tabernacle and enjoy God's blessings with us.—Louis L. Trotta, Pastor.

FORGOTTEN WOMEN... IN CONVENTS

By Helen Conroy

More than fifty years have gone by since this pitiful story of persecution of sisters and nuns in convents by priests was penned by a nun, whose heart was broken and whose splendid work for the illiterate Irish was wrecked. But the same condition exists—will exist—for Rome, the infallible church of the infallible popes, does not change.

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EMINENCE, MO.—We came here in July, 1946, and found the church ready to go forward for God. The Sunday School attendance was averaging 82 at that time; our average now stands at 135, there being 173 present today. In a town of a little over 400, we feel this is a good Sunday School, yet we are believing God for more. In our regular services, the last week in January, 24 have been saved and 7 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The only meeting besides the regular services was the C. A. rally Friday night, in which one received the Baptism. It is a common sight to see men and women under the mighty power of God. In our last Saturday night service 14 were saved and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There is a real revival spirit in our church. We have outgrown our present building and are planning an extension. We are constructing a parsonage at this time. Council brethren will always find a welcome.—E. E. Hembree, Pastor.

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.

HEDGESVILLE, W. VA.—March 2, for 3 weeks or longer; Joseph Pittman, Evangelist.—James L. Pittman, Pastor.

MARION, IND.—1005 E. 29th St., March 11—; Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill., Evangelist.—B. E. Hillman, Pastor.

GREELEY, COLO.—March 2, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Wells, Taft, Calif.—W. Keith Reed, Pastor.

AUBURN, WASH.—Fourth and E Sts., N. E., March 16—30; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough.—J. E. Southard, Pastor.

GARNETT, KANSAS—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. A. Devenport, Detroit, Mich.—Austin Amerine, Pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA.—March 11—30; Evangelist Karl P. Steffens, formerly Lutheran pastor in Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor.

CAMAS, WASH.—First and Dallas Sts., S. E., March 11—16; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

LAKE NEBAGAMON, WIS.—Hawthorne Gospel Tabernacle; meeting in progress; Wm. L. Williams, Evangelist.—Walter P. Tyson, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—15th and G Sts., March 16—; Stanley P. McPherson, Evangelist.—Donald G. Weston, Pastor.

OSHKOSH, WIS.—Youth Crusade, Gospel Tabernacle, March 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. DeVore Waltermann.—Elmer Bilton, Pastor.

CACHE, OKLA.—March 15—30, or longer; J. V. Cardiff, Box 136, Winchester, Va., Evangelist.—Fred Carrington, Pastor, Box 48.

HAMBURG, PA.—Tabernacle of the Full Gospel, March 11—23; Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Kohl, Linden, N. J.—M. Mastro, Pastor.

MILTON-FREEWATER, ORE.—Meeting in progress; Velmer and Wilma Gardner, Seattle, Wash., Evangelists.—R. E. Parrish, Pastor, Freewater, Ore.

LANCASTER, PA.—West Orange and Concord Sts.; March 9, for 3 weeks or longer; C. S. Tubby, Evangelist.—Boston W. Turner, Pastor.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—1739 S. Greenwood Ave., March 9—30; Edna K. Jacks, Nelsonville, Mo., Evangelist.—D. N. Asbury Jr., Pastor.

HAMBURG, ARK.—March 2—16, or longer; Fred C. Sampson, Red Oak, Okla., Evangelist.—C. I. Myers, Pastor.

WELLSTON, OKLA.—March 9—23; R. V. Kemp, Russellville, Ark., Evangelist.—J. C. McCluskey, Pastor.

LE MARS, IOWA—Meeting in progress; Dale and Milo Harmon of Creston, Evangelists.—Vinton E. Huffey, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE.—Columbia River Assembly, March 9—23; Ortha Jones, Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—F. J. Huntley, Pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO.—First Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles E. Blair.—Joseph and Helen Dunets, Pastors.

NORFOLK, VA.—Glad Tidings Church, March 2—16; Evangelist and Mrs. D Leroy Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo.—Arthur H. Graves, Pastor.

PEORIA, ILL.—300 Closen Road; March 3, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Dick Dobbins.—Robert D. Shaw, Pastor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—St. Claude at Friscoville Ave., March 2—16; Evangelist and Mrs. S. J. Scott, Oklahoma City, Okla.—David Pearce, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—South Modesto Assembly of God; March 2, for 2 weeks or longer; Fox Evangelistic Team of California.—Chas. F. Parker, Pastor.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Missionary Convention, March 13—16. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mock, Alva Walker, and H. C. Ball, speakers.—Arthur Berg, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—First Assembly in God; meeting in progress; Jacob Filbert, Pastor of Ft. Worth's North Side Assembly of God, and workers conducting this revival.—Leonard L. Norville, Pastor.

MARION, IND.—Southeastern Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Shawley Memorial Church, 1005 E. 29th St., March 10; B. E. Hillman, Host Pastor. Services and speakers: 2 p.m., District Superintendent Roy H. Wead; 7:30 p.m., Evangelist Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill.—Mrs. Nora A. Hillman, Sectional Secretary.

LACONIA, N. H.—669 Main St., March 10 Ministers-Workers' Meeting 11 a.m.; Fellowship Meeting 2:30 p.m.; Lyle W. Butler, N. E. District Secretary will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wm. E. Bailey is Pastor. Visitors from other denominations expected and welcomed.—E. N. Stanley, Sectional Presbyter.

QUINCY, MASS.—Vacation School Conference, Glad Tidings Church, Washington and Elm Ets., March 7—8. First service, Friday 7:30 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Geo. H. Davis, Roy Smuland, J. Robert Ashcroft, and others. Philip Brauchler, Minister. Lodging provided for those who write.—J. Robert Ashcroft, S. S. Department Director, 16 Lockwood Terrace, West Hartford 7, Conn. 32 2008

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Nebraska District Council meeting will be held at Grand Island, Nebr., April 1—3. Fellowship meeting, March 31, 7:30 p.m. G. F. Lewis, special speaker. For further information write M. F. Brandt, District Superintendent, 601 N. 28th St., Lincoln, Nebr., or H. D. Champlin, Host Pastor, 322 W. 6th St., Grand Island, Nebr.

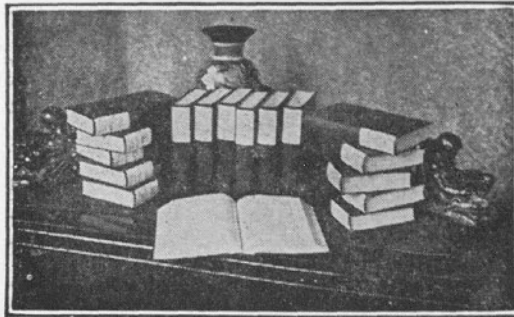
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Ashland, 923 Sixth St. W., March 4, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Elzo L. Wilcox, Pastor. Iron River, Mich., 301 West Maple, March 5, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., E. Lutz, Pastor. Pound, March 6, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., John Timm, Pastor. Appleton, Durkee and Harris, March 7, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., C. C. Wilcox, Pastor.—Sunday School Department.

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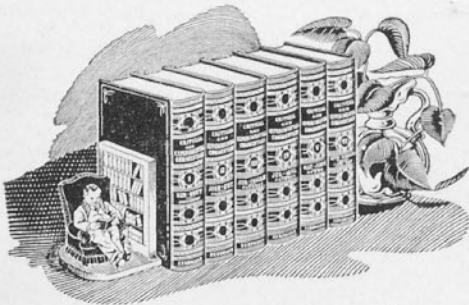
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IOWA STATE CONVENTION

The Iowa State Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held at Mission Covenant Church, E. 10th and Lyon, Des Moines, Iowa, March 17. Dr. Leslie R. Marston will speak at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Fellowship dinner at Bishop's Cafeteria on Locust St., 6 p.m. Out-of-town guests wishing to stay all night, write Pastor Bolinder, 808 Small St., Des Moines, Iowa.—Edward Boone, State Chairman.

NORTH DAKOTA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES

North Dakota District Ministers' Institutes: Grand Forks, March 4-6; Dickerson, 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.

SOUTH FLORIDA SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS

The following South Florida District Sectional Conventions will be held for two days in each section. All applicants and those wishing renewal of credentials meet the Committee in their section. First service 2 p.m. Day services: Election of Presbyter, Sectional business, and Credentials, Evening services: Fellowship Rallies with District Superintendent preaching.

West Central Section, Tampa, Oak Park Church, March 3-4. East Central Section, Winter Haven, March 6-7. Southern Section, Miami, Evangel Temple, March 10-11. Central Section, Leesburg, March 17-18. Northern Section, Jacksonville, Riverside Church, March 24-25.

For further information write, J. W. Collins, District Secretary, Route 4, Box 700, Lakeland, Fla.

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. North east 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, Slocumb, Ala.

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TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS

Following conventions, first service 7:30 p.m.: Corpus Christi Section, Hillcrest Assembly, Corpus Christi, March 4-5. Valley Section, Harlingen, March 6-7. Yoakum Section, Yoakum, March 11-12. San Antonio Section, Millett, March 13-14. Paris Section, Paris, March 18-19.

Following conventions, first service 10:30 a.m.: Dallas Section, Bethel Temple, Dallas, March 20-21. Austin Section, First Assembly, 501 W. 37th St., Austin, March 25-26. Waco Section, Marlin, March 27-28. Beaumont Section, Magnolia Park Assembly, Beaumont, April 1-2. Houston Section, Denver Assembly, Houston, April 3-4. Tyler Section, First Assembly, Tyler, April 8-9. Lufkin Section, Crockett, April 10-11.

Following convention, first service 7:30 p.m.: Greenville Section, Greenville, April 22-23.

Following conventions, first service 10:30 a.m.: Fort Worth Section, Bethel Tabernacle, Riverside Addition, Galvez St., Fort Worth, April 24-25. Wichita Falls Section, South Side Church, Wichita Falls, April 29-30. Following convention, first service 7:30 p.m.: San Angelo Section, Brownwood, May 1-2.

At the time of our Spring Conventions, we always renew all our ministers' fellowships with the District Council; therefore all ordained ministers, licentiates, and exhorters are expected to meet the Presbyter and Sectional Committee in their respective sections for renewal of their affiliation. Those desiring to make application for ordination must be present and make application to their Sectional Committee. Also those desiring exhorter's papers or license to preach.

For information write your Presbyter or the District Council Office, E. B. Crump, Secretary, or F. D. Davis, Superintendent, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.