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My Beloved

All, all that buds, and blossoms, and
rejoices,
Hath my Beloved made;
His wisdom and His tenderness and
gladness
Told forth in leaf and blade.
All moves unto the music of His
power
That fills the woodland glade.
But heaven and earth, in all their
radiant glory
To Him are midnight shade.

Alone with Thee to dwell; O my
Beloved,
Is heaven on earth begun;
While vanity of vanities out-
wearies
All hearts beneath the sun.
Above the midnight and the noonday
glory,
Our resting-place is won;
And Thou my joy, my everlasting
Heaven,
My pilgrim journey done.

—Gerhardt Ter Steegen



The NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD
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The Downgrade and Its Terminus

A NUMBER of years ago, while pastor of our First Church in Oakland, I had an experience that profoundly impressed me. I have thought of it many times. And since it was undoubtedly a divine visitation with which God favored me, and since He must have designed to teach me an important phase of truth, or, perhaps I should say, impress upon my mind a truth with which I was already familiar, I have thought that I might pass that truth on with renewed emphasis to others.

It was an all-day service in Bethel Tabernacle, the church that at the present time is pastored by Brother Moon. I think he was pastor at that time. It was a never-to-be-forgotten day. A number of the saints of the various assemblies had assembled there, and much time had been spent in prayer. The presence and power of the Lord had been in evidence. I had been in prayer and had been conscious of the fact that the Lord Himself was overshadowing me. The very atmosphere seemed to be charged with the energy of God. My eyes were closed, and I almost felt as did a man one day who said that he was so conscious of the presence of the Lord as he prayed that he was almost afraid to open his eyes; God seemed so very near he felt as though he could reach out his hand and touch Him.

What I saw must have been a vision. It was not a dream. We dream when we are asleep, and I was not asleep; I was wide awake. Prophets in the days of old saw visions and dreamed dreams, and they were of God. Those visions and dreams have been recorded in our Scriptures, and they constitute a part of the divine message to us in these days. And certainly God did not exhaust His resources in those days. Many have seen visions, real visions, in our days, days in which the Spirit has been poured out, and is being poured out as in the beginning.

In my vision I found myself in a car, and the car was gently moving on a downgrade. I had the consciousness that I could stop it at any time by putting my foot on the brake, or that I could turn the car around and start back up the grade. But, as the car continued to roll slowly downward, the grade became steeper, and it became apparent to me that if I did not stop soon it would not be possible to stop at all. The speed of the car was being accelerated, and I began to feel alarmed. I reached out my foot

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and put it firmly on the brake. The car came to a standstill. And none too soon. I saw clearly that if I had not stopped it at that juncture it could not have been stopped.

I looked on before me, and I saw that the grade was perilously steep, and that just a short distance beyond me there was a precipice, and away down at the foot of the precipice I saw what until then I had not seen. I saw a number of cars that had gone over and been wrecked. I saw the bodies of men and women who had been killed, and I saw others who had been seriously injured but were still alive; they were not able to stand, but were crawling along on the ground. Others had struggled, or were struggling, with great difficulty, and apparently with much pain, to their feet, and were trying to walk.

God seemed to be speaking to my heart and telling me that many of the saints had started on the downgrade. They did not realize that they were going downward instead of upward. The downgrade was so well-nigh imperceptible that they were only conscious that they were moving forward; but unless they called a halt, it would not be long until the grade would become steep; and then, if they persisted in refusing or neglecting to turn back, they would find themselves where stopping or turning back would be impossible, and ultimately they would be

plunged over the precipice into the depths below.

As in my vision I meditated, my attention was called to a stairway that up until that time I had not noticed. It was alongside of the road, and it reached from the bottom of the precipice all the way back up to the place from which I had started. I noticed that there were two or three of the wrecked travelers who had not been so badly injured, who had been able to drag themselves to the bottom of the stairs, and they were trying very laboriously, and evidently with a great deal of pain, to make their way up the stairs. God showed me that in His mercy He had made provision for the return to safety and to peace of any who might miraculously survive the wreck at the foot of the precipice; but that, if they succeeded in this way in saving their souls, it would be at the loss of all their spiritual accumulations of the years of service in the harvest field of the great Lord of the harvest.

I had been aware for some time of the fact that some of the dear people to whom I had been ministering had been slipping, and I had also been aware of the fact that they did not seem to know that they were on the downgrade and that the grade was getting steeper all the time. God evidently adopted this method to arouse me to endeavor to arouse them. And this I did. The vision I had seen was the subject of my sermon the next Sunday afternoon. I announced at a prayer meeting that God had given me a vision and that the vision would be the subject of my message. No announcement was put in the paper, no cards were printed, no special effort to get a crowd was made. When the time came for the service I was surprised at the number of people who were present. People I had not seen in the church for months had come. It is astonishing how news can spread. They had heard that I had been favored with a vision, and they wanted to know what I had seen. God evidently wanted them to get the warning He had commissioned me to deliver, and so He had caused the news to be given publicity; and the people came.

What was the truth then is the truth now. People were slipping then, and many are slipping now. Some of the dear people who listened to my message that Sunday afternoon did not heed the warning, and I could

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The Glory of the Yielded Life

PAUL BROWN

OUR Saviour teaches us that a self-centered life brings death to the soul. "He that loveth his life shall lose it." But a Christ-centered and Spirit-guided life is wonderful. "If any man serve Me, him will My Father honor." John 12:25, 26. Many a hero has been decorated by his general, making his family proud of him for generations following. How much more wonderful to be decorated by our heavenly Father. Praise the Lord, that honor may belong to any wholehearted follower of Jesus.

As recorded in John 14:15, 16, the Master said: "If ye love Me keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter (Helper or Counselor), that He may abide with you forever." So the lovingly obedient Christian has the third person of the Trinity as a constant indwelling Presence, infinite in wisdom and power, delighted to make this yielded life an ever-flowing fountain of salvation and blessing to many; yes, often to multitudes. "He that believeth on Me (and obeys, Gr.) . . . out of him shall flow rivers of living water. This spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him (and obey) should receive." John 7:38, 39.

But this is far from being all. The writer remembers listening, more than sixty years ago, as his lovely young mother sang:

"Have you on the Lord believed?
There is more to follow.
Of His grace have you received?
Still there's more to follow.
More and more, more and more,

Always more to follow.
Till you enter heaven's gate,
Glory then to follow."

Now notice John 14:21. "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him." As this yielded soul perseveres and perfects his obedience, an especial flow of the love of our heavenly Father will envelop him; while Jesus the Son manifests Himself to him—sometimes in visions as of old, sometimes in revelations of His character and attributes through the Word. How frequently now, as we read scriptures that have been familiar to us for years, suddenly a new light of understanding shines upon them and we see deeper and more wonderful truths that cause us to marvel and bow in worship. As recorded in John 17:26, Jesus said to the Father: "I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them." Hallelujah!

But the greatest promise is in John 1:23. Jesus said: "If a man love Me he will keep My words (obedience again): and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Can anything be more glorious on earth or even in heaven? The Holy Spirit our Guide and Helper; Jesus our glorified Saviour; and our ever-gracious heavenly Father—all three blessing us, enriching us in spiritual things, and loving us as the Father loved Jesus, and dwelling within us.

Do these things seem beyond belief? Then consider that after He had made countless suns and worlds in space God created man in His own image and likeness. Man's foolish self-will and rebellion have, in most cases, thwarted God's

lovely plans for him. But *the wholly surrendered* life gives our heavenly Father the opportunity to do His glorious utmost, both for and through that yielded soul. Paul by inspiration gives us a hint of how glorious that "utmost" will be. In Eph. 1:18 he writes: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is *the hope of His calling*, and what the *riches of the glory of HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS*." Oh, who can fathom the possibilities of a life wholly yielded into the loving hands of our infinite heavenly Father? The ensuing fruitage may be as gloriously immeasurable as our omniscient and omnipotent Lord may choose to make them. Even Jesus said: "The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works."

But what are the commandments with which the Lord charges us? There are three.

First, the law of heaven that is graciously given to us: it is LOVE. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." John 13:34. Notice that the Master, for emphasis, repeats the words, "love one another." Notice also that this "love" will make us an easily distinguished people: "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another." v. 35.

Did you know that this Christian law of *love* is also a law of *health*? Scientific medical researchers have proved that anger, hate, resentment, a critical spirit, selfishness, anxiety and fear are among the causes of more distressing diseases, such as arthritis, cancer, rheumatism, stomach ulcers, asthma, goiter, and others. So this blessed "new commandment" is the *greatest of health laws*.

I believe that the great commission is the second commandment. Jesus said to the fishermen: "Follow Me and I will
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Expect Great Things From God

READ the Acts of the Apostles, and consider the many mighty physical manifestations of the presence and power of God. God can repeat these. And if He can get consecrated people, He will. Through the individual or assembly that is simple enough to believe Him, and yielded enough to obey Him, God can work the supernatural. Expect miracles. It is the will of God that every one of His gifts should be restored.

Look at the Sanhedrin, nonplused at the wisdom of Peter and John. They perceived that they were ignorant and unlearned men, and marveled. The Sanhedrin had to go to their most learned man to get an answer for these unlearned men, and his only answer was, "Let them alone!" The gift of the word of wisdom in their words to the Sanhedrin, following the gift of miracles in the healing of the lame man, was followed by another miracle, the shaking of the place where they were assembled. Read the story of Paul's ministry and see how many times miracles were performed. God is not limited in His gifts or in the use of His gifts.

What is one of the reasons why these miracles are not being done? By our scientific training we have imbibed the belief, consciously or unconsciously, that the laws of the physical world are fixed. There was no such teaching at the time of Pentecost. Even the scribes and Pharisees asked for a sign, hypocrites though they were. They believed in the supernatural. The physical, the natural, the material, hold such a place with the people of these days, that they inwardly believe that there can be no alteration. But through a people simple enough to believe that God is above the natural law, God can work correspondingly. The natural education as to the physical laws has to give way to the supernatural education as to the spiritual laws.

One of the gifts of the Spirit, little understood, little appreciated, little desired, is "the working of miracles." *And miracles are necessary these days.* The early church prayed that "signs and wonders may be done in the name of Thy holy child Jesus." Acts 4:30. Has that name changed? Has Christ changed? When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together. In response to the prayer of faith, God can shake an individual, a place, or a community.

It is written, "The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind." Nah. 1:3. God can send a mighty rushing wind as at Pente-

cost. Ezekiel said, "I looked, and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north (Ezek. 1:4)," out from the presence of the Lord. Let us pray for the mighty rushing whirlwind of God, for tongues of fire to come afresh upon all God's waiting ones. Let us look for Pentecost to be repeated.

Learning to Pray

THERE is no way to learn to pray but by praying. No reasoned philosophy of prayer ever taught a soul to pray. The subject is beset with problems, but there are no problems of prayer to the man who prays. They are all met in the fact of answered prayer and the joy of fellowship with God. We know not what we should pray for as we ought, and if prayer waits for understanding, it will never begin. We live in faith. We walk by faith.

Edison wrote in 1921: "We don't know the millionth part of one per cent about anything. We don't know what water is. We don't know what light is. We don't know what gravitation is. We don't know what enables us to keep on our feet when we stand up. We don't know what electricity is. We don't know what heat is. We don't know anything about magnetism. We have a lot of hypotheses about these things, but that is all. But we do not let our ignorance about all these things deprive us of their use."

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We discover by using. We learn by practice. Though a man should have all knowledge about prayer, and though he understands all mysteries about prayer, unless he prays he will never learn to pray.

There have been souls that were mighty in prayer—they learned to pray. There was a period in their lives when they were as others in the matter of prayer, but they became mighty with God, and prevailed. In every instance there was a crisis of grace, but it was in discipline of grace they discovered the secret of power. They were known as men of God, because they were men of prayer.

To pray with all your heart and strength, with the reason and will, to believe that God will listen to your voice through Christ, and verily do the thing He pleaseth thereupon—this is the last, the greatest achievement of the Christian's warfare upon earth. Teach us to pray, O Lord, we beseech Thee.

Ask for Great Things

"Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full." Thus said Elisha to the widow woman who was in debt. And the Word tells us: "So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed." 2 Kings 4:3-6.

This widow had enough to pay her own debts, but what about the debts of her neighbors? When she only looked after herself, the flow of oil stayed; but if she had gotten more vessels she could have poured out sufficient oil for all the debts of her neighbors as well. Limiting the Holy One of Israel! Everyone does it. He has so much to give. We take so little.

Joseph did not limit God. He believed for and expected a great ingathering of corn, and he built accordingly. He had all the resources of the king at his disposal. And all his brethren came and saw the mighty ingathering. *Abundance of sheaves!* As we pray for "rain in the time of the latter rain," let us believe for and expect a wonderful ingathering for our heavenly Joseph. Let us have faith for our brethren, our denominational brethren, to come along too.

The Lord invites us, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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WHAT a restless world we live in. How greatly it needs a calm. The reason for this weary restlessness is that we are out of step with God in whom is peace. The Bible pictures fallen man as "the troubled waves of the sea when it cannot rest," and Jesus says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The world is anxious. Jesus bids us not to be so. Listen to His promise. "Therefore I say unto you, Take no (anxious) thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body than raiment?" "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth." Those who have the most things seem to have the least enjoyment. Peace is an inward reward. It cannot be bought with silver or gold.

Have you watched the happy birds as they gather their daily supply? They show no signs of worry. From them Jesus would teach us to trust. "Behold the fowls of the air. . . . Your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" "And why take ye (anxious) thought for raiment? Consider (so as to learn from) the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field . . . shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" "Take therefore no *anxious* thought for the morrow."

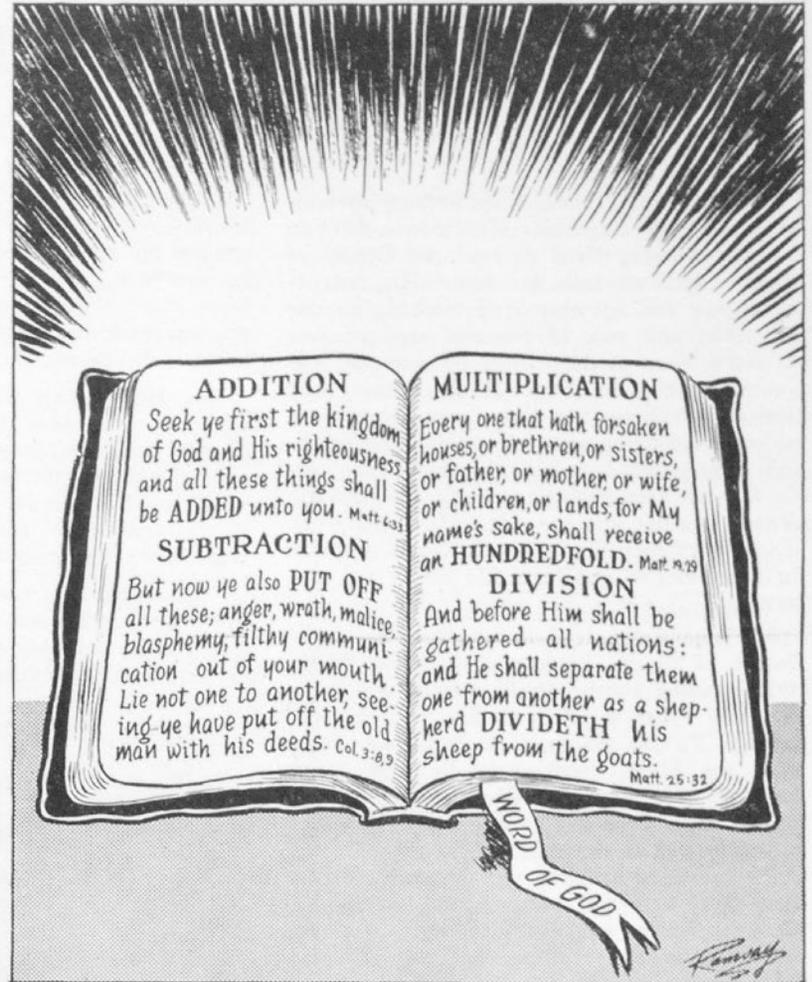
This teaching of Jesus does not encourage shiftless laziness. It is meant only to take anxiety out of our planning. When anxiety goes, hungry grasping after the things of this world goes also. We are to be industrious, judicious, and thoughtful, but we need not worry. If conditions become such that we cannot see our way through, we can put our trust in God. He knows our needs and will fully supply. Many tell how God has supplied when they saw no way for this to be done.

What needs primarily to concern us is the state of our souls. Many are too busy seeking earthly wealth or pleasure to give their souls, their vital and eternal qualities, the care they need. Jesus says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The kingdom of God is that which is under the divine sovereignty and will. It begins with the soul because the soul is eternal. "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" In seeking the kingdom of God, we seek those qualities of character that please God. When we have found God, have entered into the joy of His fellowship, desiring above all that His will may be done in us, we may then seek other things, keeping them subordinate to the will of God. If we will do this, our food, clothing, and every other need will be added unto us. God our heavenly Father will see to that.

Is God first in your life? If not, seek ye first the kingdom of God. Seek it without delay.

GOD'S ARITHMETIC BOOK



Does Tithing Pay?

BY A PASTOR

TWO families established themselves on several acres of land where there were two houses. One house faced one road, the other another road, and the land ran between these two roads. It was the same kind of land throughout, with not even a fence separating the two plots. One family farmed half of it, the other family the other half.

The two men worked at the factory, and farmed their land after working hours. Neither man professed religion, but their wives were Christians who believed in tithing. Both men learned from their wives and the Bible that they should pay tithes. As a result, one paid the tithe; the other did not.

They purchased their seed from the same place, the factory store. They planted the same things. They cultivated the same amount of soil. They used the same amount of fertilizer. They put the same amount of labor on their crops. It was as fair and equal a demonstration as I have ever seen or heard of during all the years of my life. I watched it all with my own eyes, for I lived near by for a whole summer.

One man's farm prospered. The other man's farm failed. The sun shone on them both. The same rain fell on both. They had the same attention, but the tomato worms, potato bugs, corn borers, and cutworms seemed almost to know that one man was a tithe payer and the other was not. And they seemed to have discovered which was which. At any rate, these devourers were all in the growing things of the non-tither, and the tithe

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A Potter's Vessel

H. A. BAKER

LOOKING at Whang, I see nothing naturally attractive about him. He sits over there on a bench working hard to read the Gospel of Mark, a difficult task for him. His hair is not closely cut, not even well combed; his one thin shirt and pair of trousers are not new or better than clothes worn by some of the poorest of the Ka Dos. They are not even clean, for Whang has been away from home for sometime living and sleeping in native conditions under which neither he nor I nor any Ka Do can keep garments clean. On this trip Whang has but this one suit. He would work in well with John the Baptist so far as ambition for fancy clothes and luxurious eating are concerned.

All Whang can read is five chapters of the Gospel of Mark. Because his age is thirty-eight, reading comes slowly, but he will learn to read. Just a common Ka Do, just an average Ka Do, no more no less—aside from what the Holy Spirit does for him. But the Lord sees in this Ka Do something which makes him a piece of clay that can be moulded unusually well in the hands of the great Potter. What the inner qualities are, the expert Potter alone fully knows. I see in part: humility is there, an easily moulded disposition is there, self-disparagement is there, and a willingness to obey the Lord at any cost is there. Who knows how much the Lord can pour into and then out of this moulded-clay, fire-burned vessel of His—inflow, outflow.

VISIONS

We come to visions. Ka Do Whang has had some Spirit-given visions. Why not? Does not the Bible say, "In the last days, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions"?

Whang, a young man less than forty, is also young in his Christian life. Some years ago he first came to my home for a convention and the following ten days of Bible study. Although the weather was very chilly, long before day-break each morning he left his warm blanket to go far up into the mountain to pray.

One morning while praying Whang heard a commotion and loud voices shouting "Da ta! Da ta! Da ta!" (Beat him! Beat him! Beat him!)

There before his face he saw the Lord's nail-pierced hands stretched out to him. The nails, driven through the wrists just above the hands were there, and the blood was flowing. Whang never forgets that scene. He cannot forget those pierced hands held out to him in love.

Not long before his vision I had read that in some methods of crucifixion the nails were driven through the wrists in order to better support the body. In spite of the fact that Whang had previously seen a picture of the crucifixion portraying the nails driven through the palms of the hands, that was not the way he saw it in his vision. Be that as it may, the important thing is that he saw the hands and the blood which the Holy Spirit made a personal matter to him.

A few minutes later Whang heard boisterous laughter. Could some of the other men be coming up the mountain so early for prayer? he wondered. No one appeared. Whang then knew that he had heard the scornful laughter accompanying the Lord's suffering. And then he saw the thorns.

The Holy Spirit did what Jesus said He would do: He took the things of Christ and showed them to Whang—the hands of love, the nails, the thorns, the mockings, the hope of the world, and the hope for Whang and all Whang's Ka Do friends. No wonder Whang then loved Jesus more than ever before.

I now recall one morning of that Bible study after all the others had left the morning service, that Whang still lay prostrate on one of the narrow, backless benches in the tabernacle lost



A smiling inhabitant of Yunnan Province, South-west China, the home of the Ka-Do tribe.

to all his natural surroundings. For a long time he lay there speaking mysteries to God in a language He alone understood. It was there he also saw the Holy Spirit descend as a dove upon him.

HE FASTED

As I have already said, Whang despised himself. Now he became more than ever disgusted with the man he knew himself to be. He was too cold, he thought, and too heartless. His lack of love for others was appalling. He could not lead men to Christ as he ought. This condition must not continue. He would go up in the cliffs and there fast and pray. Perhaps the Lord would do something for him.

Hoping that he might be able to fast for nine days, Whang left home taking neither food nor water, not even a blanket. Up in the cliffs a few nights later he heard leopards howling near by, and that meant danger. But Whang trusted the Lord whom he had already found so sufficient and he was not afraid, not even in the early morning light when he saw a leopard unconcernedly pass by. Whang was in God's hands. Why fear?

For nine days Whang fasted.

"Did you not get very hungry?" I asked.

"No. When I was hungry, I prayed; the hunger left. I prayed at intervals both day and night."

"Did you experience anything unusual?"

"I heard a voice from heaven as distinctly as any man can speak."

"What did it say?"

"You are now praying. When you have finished, you should preach. Jesus is coming soon."

At the end of nine days Whang returned home in good spirits and well in body. He was happy. Immediately his family told him that his work had been too long neglected. Important jobs must be done at once. Without arguing, the next day he went out to mow tall weeds and wild grass in order to clear a plot of ground for plowing. In some unknown way a sliver of grass penetrated his ear. All effort to remove it failed. That ear soon became deaf. The strength with which he had returned from his fast left him. Unable to work, he lay on his bed. A little later two of his children became ill.

Whang now decided that he was being chastized by the Lord for not preaching the gospel in obedience to the voice he heard from heaven. Although very weak in body and with one ear entirely deaf, nevertheless he started out to obey the Lord.

How the grass was removed and his hearing restored he cannot tell. Neither can he explain how his two sick children were healed as soon as he left home.

The Lord helped Whang give a clear and fearless testimony in several settlements. He also talked personally to each unsaved one in his own community. He spoke in a quiet, humble spirit of love such as the people had never before heard. "His talking was different," they said, "not like the other workers' preaching."

Sometime later Whang became much occupied with his secular work of providing for his family—a wife, five children and an old father. Without any apparent reason his ear became deaf the second time and his two children ill. Again deciding that his trouble was due to his neglect of the Lord's call, once more he went on a preaching trip. His hearing was restored, and his two children recovered. There has been no recurrence of the afflictions.

Once again Whang went on another fast—seven days this time. Farther from home in more distant cliffs he prayed while leopards howled at night not far away. When he returned, his old unconverted father criticized him for being away so long. The fire wood was used up. He must cut more at once.

A DYING CHILD AND ANOTHER FAST

Whang's little daughter of three had an incurable ailment. One morning an older sister took the little child with her when she went out to pasture the cows for the day. Because it was cold, the older girl made a fire with cornstalks. By accident the smaller child stumbled and fell into the live coals. Before the older one, herself quite small, could drag the younger child out of the fire the skin on one side of the neck and face was burned away. The older sister managed to get the injured girl on her back and carried her home in Ka Do fashion. All day the child cried from the terrible pain she suffered. Friends wanted to apply home remedies. The father said: "No, we

will trust the Lord alone. If Jesus sees best to take my daughter to heaven, He may, but He may want to heal her for a testimony to His power. No remedies."

By the following morning the injured child was unconscious. Both head and neck were swollen. Her eyes were swollen shut. Through puffed lips she breathed with difficulty. Her feet moved in spasmodic jerks. Again Whang commanded: "No remedies. I will go to the cliffs to fast and pray for three days."

AN ANGEL

From a ledge wide enough to lie on, Whang prayed much of the first day. In the evening he cut a few bundles of grass with which to cover himself. As Whang lay in the darkness partly covered with wild grass he had cut, a cold wind swept the cliff.

"Jesus, I am here to fast and pray for my dying child," he prayed. "I did not bring even a blanket. I trust You alone for my child and for myself. Although it is cold here, I know You can keep me warm for the night."

As the chilling wind blew through the grass that partly covered him, he continued talking to Jesus. Soon he heard a rustling sound. Nearer and nearer it came.

"Jesus must be sending someone to care for me," thought Whang. In the darkness he could see nothing, he could only hear the sound approaching nearer. Fearless and motionless he lay. The rustle was at his side. Beginning at Whang's feet, the unseen visitor carefully pressed the loose grass close to Whang's body along the side on which the cold wind blew. Wherever the invisible hand touched Whang's body he felt a warm glow as if the tropical sun were shining upon that particular spot. After the grass was silently pressed close to Whang's side this caretaker touched Whang's eye, his head, and his breast; then his whole body became warm. As the unseen visitor moved away Whang heard a sound like the distant flapping of a great eagle's wings. "That must be an angel," thought Whang. Do we not read that angels are "ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation"? Heb. 1:14.

Whang heard the rustling and occasional flapping of wings all that night and the next and the next. He was warm and comfortable each night. God and the angels are alive, and Ka Do Whang believed that Jesus would care for him. He did. Angels camp around them that love the Lord, and the angels are here.

AND WILD BEASTS

After sunrise of the second morning of the fast Whang was surprised to hear a leopard howling not far away, for leopards are seldom seen or heard in broad daylight. No mistaking that howl. No one can question a Ka Do's knowledge of a leopard's howl. Since childhood they have heard them.

When the leopard was only twenty yards away Whang remembered something.

"I was not afraid of that leopard," he later explained, "for just then I recalled what you had told us at Bible study about Sundar Sing, the Indian saint by whom a leopard crouched while Sundar stroked its head. I also thought the Lord would care for me. But it was time to pray, and so I shut my eyes. While praying, I could hear the animal stealthily approaching me. No howling, just footfalls which I could clearly hear."

How can a man pray without fear while hearing a leopard stealing upon him? Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit powerful enough to make the approach of a leopard a mere incident, it can be done.

Whang heard the leopard come near enough for him to touch it, but his eyes were on Jesus, not on the leopard. As the animal crouched or sat by Whang's side a flock of angry crows flew down flapping about Whang's head in angry protest with the leopard. After a short time the leopard slowly went away followed by the cawing, squawking crows. When the commotion ceased, Whang opened his eyes to see the crows serenely sitting on a tree top in the distance.

I insisted that since Whang did not actually see the leopard this time perhaps he was mistaken. I cannot convince him. He distinctly heard the leopard come to his side. He knew it was there. He is as sure of that as that he is alive. He was there; the leopard was there; the crows were there; and the angels were there. Whang feels as sure of one as of the other.

Since "the angel of the Lord encampeth about

them that fear the Lord," would they not encamp about Whang who serves and fears the Lord? If an angel kept Daniel safe in a den of hungry lions, would He not keep a trusting Ka Do safe from a leopard? Jesus is still alive. Love prevails over evil. But it must be the Holy Spirit's love, the life of the King of the Curse.

THE DYING DAUGHTER

At the end of his three-day fast Whang returned home to find the great burns on his little daughter healing. In less than ten days new skin covered the burned face not leaving even a scar. Just a little scar remained on her neck—perhaps left as a reminder of what God had wrought. Her other ailment was gone.

Jesus answers prayer. Whang believed He would, and He did. Whang thinks that Jesus can be trusted to take care of his own body and the bodies of his children.

(To be continued)

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Do You Drink?

MYER PEARLMAN

Mr. Drinking Man, we shall not take time to enumerate in detail the evils that follow in the train of intoxicants—crime, broken homes, shattered health, poverty, degradation. You know them as well as we do. Your own conscience would endorse any good temperance lecture.

We aim not to denounce drink, but to find out *why* people indulge in intoxicants. We may surprise you by saying that to a large extent the desire for intoxicants comes from the desire for inspiration, the craving to rise above oneself, and be lost in a power greater than oneself. Life's humdrum bores us, its adversities distress us, and we long to be lifted up above it all. So some indulge in intoxicants or dope, and while the stimulation lasts their troubles are forgotten and they feel like multi-millionaires. But when the exhilaration wears off, their misery remains, and they are worse off in every way.

This human craving for exhilaration and inspiration of some kind is good in itself; but when dragged in the mud and perverted it becomes slavery to dope and intoxicants. It is encouraging to know that the Creator, who made us with this desire, has provided something to satisfy it; namely, the Holy Spirit—the divine Drink that quenches the thirst of the soul. One day Jesus, perceiving the spiritual thirst written in the faces of a Temple congregation, cried out: "If any man thirst, let Him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me . . . from within him shall flow rivers of living water."

You cannot create a bubbling spring by pouring water into a hole. You cannot produce true happiness by pouring liquor down your throat. Real joy must be a well of living water bubbling



up from within you. That is exactly what Christ promised.

Someone will say, "Before I can receive God's Spirit I must get rid of the liquor habit." Right you are. "But I've tried many times, and in vain." Then try this method. Kneel alone in the presence of God and say: "O God, I'm a slave to liquor. I'm whipped, and can't deliver myself. But You can, so do the miracle and make me free. I turn from sin to Christ. I give my life to Him. Forgive my sins, and set me free, for His sake. Amen."

Perhaps you feel the need of counsel and help. We suggest that you visit one of those churches where they preach the old-fashioned gospel, and that you ask for an interview with the preacher. He will be glad to help you and pray for you.



● Almost a thousand people gathered for the thirty-fifth anniversary service of Bethel Mission at Ningpo, China on January 22, 1947. "The picture was taken in front of our Thanksgiving building," writes Pastor Joshua Bang.

Ningpo Enjoys Blessings In Spite of Hardships

J. Philip Hogan, Chekiang, China

The voyage of the "Marine Lynx" is now all history. We were in quarantine off Wosung for a day, but finally sailed into Shanghai. The Missionary Home was a real comfort even though we all nearly froze the first few days. Brother Bang and Lily Ganz met us. After four days we came on to Ningpo.

We were awakened early in the morning by the sound of explosions. To our surprise, it was not a Chinese revolution, but several hundred Christians from Bethel exploding fire-crackers as our official welcome. We were hurried off by a mob of coolies, friends and others, and only after some minutes could we be rescued and gotten into a customs building where a ricksha parade was formed to take us to the compound. The city's official welcome was tendered by Brother Daniel Lee, as astute and staid an old Mandarin as you ever saw. He is commissioner of the local bank and magistrate for the North River area. He led the procession. We found several of the customs people, the chief of detectives and any number of that class of folk, all members of Bethel.

The buildings and compound were really more than I expected for China. Our rooms are very comfortable; indeed, the whole compound is well built and for the most part is in good repair. We all spoke at last Sunday's services and played our instruments and the children sang.

Bible School opened the day after we arrived, and it is the most encouraging thing I have seen recently. They have enrolled 100 which is the largest ever. The spiritual tide among the students is high. They pray night and day—only in the deep hours of the night is the compound silent. Many of them are undersized from lack of nourishment and some are older from being held up by the war.

The compound is really in the country with hardly any residences near it. There was a fine free spirit in the service. They welcomed us and the official lay representation spoke of Mother Nichols and her thirty years of work. There is no doubt that this place is a vine of God's own planting, and Mother Nichols is a mighty woman of faith.

China is a land of strange contradictions. They took our American cash off us upon arrival and gave us CNC at the rate of 11,640 to one. Two commodities that are out of sight are rice and fuel. Today is the first day it has been above fifty in our rooms here. Coal is 200 gold a ton, kerosene is one dollar a gallon, and wood is higher yet. Yesterday, a couple of small boats delivered wood to the compound here which I judged to be less than three cords of American wood measurement, and it was really brush, not firewood. To my amazement they paid over a million and a half CNC or nearly 150 dollars gold for three cords of wood. Some other things are not so bad. Gasoline in Shanghai was only thirty-five cents a British gallon. Transportation is high. Ricksha and pedicab coolies make a dollar an hour gold. I paid coolies in the customs a dollar an hour to load my baggage. They were all smoking American cigarettes which

are considered a luxury here. The folks all say that the coolies now make much more than the so-called long garment class, who are the ones that are really hard hit by the inflation.

Kehrs Reach Canton

Albert Kehr

Coming up to Canton was one of the hardest trips we ever made. We had to leave our trunks, crates, boxes, and everything we had out in the open with robberies occurring in broad daylight as well as at night. While worrying about it, the Lord spoke "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." So committing it into His hands, we went home and slept. Though we were on the road for three days and nights, not one thing was lost or even broken.

The Christians were so happy to see us back. Welcome meetings were arranged where we had ministered before. Sorrow, sadness, and heartache are evident on every hand. Many of our Christians starved to death. Others were killed. The landlord of one of our chapels was chopped up piece by piece because he wouldn't turn against his own people. Heart-breaking stories come from every home. Thank God, many of them through all this have been drawn closer to the Lord. Those that were left tried to keep the church going. We are glad God moves upon them, and that they feel their responsibility toward their own people.

A Miss Williams who had worked here, and who had been in China for over twenty-five years, died just before Hong Kong fell. The people were held together by a young girl that Miss Williams had raised. Now they have been asking us to take over the work. We had helped her in baptizing her Christians, and often when going through Canton we stopped off and visited her, and preached for her. So they say we know most of her Christians, and were the closest to her. They say, "She labored so hard for all these years, though she is dead; should her work die?" May God help me to take up the torch that she laid down and continue to blaze the trail for Christ, that many more may find Him precious to their souls. So, God helping us, we will do all we can for Christ.

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CHINA: The Land of Gospel Opportunity

Youth for Christ Meet at Peiping

B. T. Bard

It is Saturday evening. The school chapel bell loudly clangs to announce another "Youth for Christ" meeting in the spacious auditorium of the Truth Bible Institute. Young students from various universities in Peiping soon fill the chapel and extra benches are brought in to accommodate the crowd. The service is unique in that it is held in both the English and Chinese languages. "Ye must be born again," is the theme of the message of the evening. Brother Yuen, a fine young Christian, interprets. His ringing testimony is:

"I am a Cantonese, but my family has lived in North China for many generations. My father worked in a big theatre in the city of Peiping. Therefore, I grew up and was educated in the old city. We have a large family. Our faith is "Buddhism." When I was young, very often my mother took me to a temple to bow to idols and to give offerings. They worshiped only because of fear and selfishness.

"The Christian school which I attended was full of social services. I heard that Jesus was a great example, a good Man, but I did not learn to know Christ as the Savior of the world. During that time my father worked in a theatre and I could go to the theatre free. Yet there was dissatisfaction in my heart. Nothing in the world could quench the inner cry of my heart.

"In school there were two of my teachers who had joy on their faces and their lives were different, showing me how the true religion affected men's lives. I spent half a year visiting temples and hearing lectures on different religions. My great trouble was that I doubted the existence of God. I decided, "Seeing is believing." I knew the need of religion, but in my heart I just couldn't believe there was a God. At last I gave up all hope!

"I remember very clearly a few years ago I was alone in my room. God told me 'He is.' He put faith in my heart. Then I turned off my light, knelt on the ground and confessed what I had done. God showed me what my real state was—evil thoughts and deeds.

"After the confession it was as if a heavy stone had been rolled away from my heart and I was full of joy. Everything was beautiful. The whole world was changed. I had joy which is unspeakable! That is when I began to love Christ my Savior whom I had mocked before. That is why I tell you I hope your heart may have the same joy, hope, and peace, and above all, that greatest gift—eternal life."

"I came to the 'Youth for Christ' meeting," said another young university student who

came a day or so later to my home, "and I want you to speak to me about God." We read the Bible together and after explaining to him the way of salvation once more, he knelt down with me and prayed for the salvation of his soul. The Holy Spirit is working especially among the university students here in Peiping. What a power of righteousness they may become in this land of darkness and sin if they yield their lives fully to the Lord. How we need to pray the Lord of the harvest that He will lay His hands upon them for service in this greater harvest field of China.

Revival in Nanking

W. W. Simpson

Brother Nathan Ma and I began the work in Nanking on a very small scale in June, 1914. I soon left, but Brother Nathan and his modest but capable wife have continued the work there ever since, with the exception of the eight years (1938-1946) of the Japanese occupation. They returned on March 13, 1946, and began repairing the damages wrought by the enemy. With slender resources but magnificent courage they have again opened the assembly and their Faith Industrial Orphanage.

On the invitation of Brother Nathan and his wife, I preached in their assembly three times a day. My preaching was confined to the full gospel. With characteristic hospitality, the Christians from other assemblies were invited to attend, and many did so. Since the National language is spoken in Nanking, everyone understood me, and gave close attention. The Spirit confirmed the truth; and many were filled as at Pentecost; some had visions; and all were edified.

Most remarkable is Mrs. Kuan's testimony.



● This is a picture of those attending the revival meeting in Lintao, Kansu, China welcoming Pastor W. W. Simpson.



Charles F. Petroskey
Ivory Coast



Mrs. C. F. Petroskey
Ivory Coast



Howard L. Fox
Ivory Coast



Mrs. Howard L. Fox
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Since receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, she has testified in thirteen villages. When she spoke to Mr. Tu, teacher of a school, about his need of a Savior, he was convicted and knelt on the ground, asking her to pray for him as he wished to repent of his sins. Thus the Spirit used an illiterate woman who knows not a single word in her Chinese Bible to bring one of China's proud scholars to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only God can produce such results.

News Flashes

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Petroskey sailed March 28th for Switzerland, where they will engage in language study preparatory to their work in French West Africa.

Melvin L. Hodges, Editor of THE MISSIONARY CHALLENGE, and missionary to El Salvador, is now itinerating through Central America. He is visiting Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Mexico.

The Passing and the Permanent

RELIEF FOR EUROPE

The War Relief Commission of the N.A.E. has sent nearly one and a half million dollars' worth of relief to Europe. Of this amount \$1,393,361 was spent on clothing and \$33,248 was spent on food, a good share of the gifts coming from members of our Assemblies of God churches.

A NEW MISSIONARY RECORD

The People's Church, Toronto, Canada, which probably gives more to foreign missions than any other single church on earth, broke all records in 1946 by giving \$141,000. A little over \$100,000 came from the congregation itself; the balance was sent in by interested friends. Oswald J. Smith is pastor.

RUSSIAN CHURCHES

In the Soviet Union today there are 22,000 Russian Orthodox Churches, and only 3,000 churches belonging to the Baptists, Pentecostals, and other evangelicals. Only 30 per cent of the evangelical pastors give full time to their church ministry; the remainder have other occupations as well, mainly in factories and offices and on collective farms.

SYPHILIS AMONG VETERANS

It cost 82 million dollars to treat syphilitic veterans of World War I, up to 1940; but the Veterans Administration estimates that it will cost 328 million dollars to treat syphilitic veterans of World War II, during the next 25 years. In other words, syphilis was about four times as prevalent in the late war as in 1917-18, in spite of the great lengths taken to guard servicemen against contracting the disease when they indulged in sin! Who says that the world is getting better?

V. D. AND RUM

According to *Christian Life and Times*, in Chicago alone 24,800 new cases of venereal disease were reported in 1946—over a third more than the previous year. The W.C.T.U. investigated 3,720 of these cases and found that almost half of the new victims contracted their infections from pick-ups in taverns and bars. Next largest number of infections originated with persons met in hotels and dance halls, long notorious as drinking centers. Liquor is one of Satan's most effective aids in dulling men's conscience and greasing the toboggan slide to hell.

AN AIRBORNE ARMY

The U. S. Army is endeavoring to transform all its elements into airborne units. To this end it is developing a powerful "flying crane" helicopter capable of lifting mechanized military equipment, up to ten tons in weight, from one bank of a bridgeless river to another, or of setting down heavy artillery in relatively impenetrable places.

Men may develop mighty airborne armies, but one far mightier is pictured in Revelation 19:11-21. In that epochal conflict it will be God's airborne army that shall triumph.

THE SCHOOL BUS QUESTION

Seventeen states have adopted the policy of furnishing public money for the transportation of parochial school children, just as they do for public school children. Protestant groups have vigorously contested such a policy, believing that it violates the American principle of separation of church and state, but recently the appeal reached the Supreme Court of the United States, which by a five to four decision has supported the bus service for parochial schools. It is feared that the Roman Catholics, having won the right to public funds for bus service, may now seek public funds to finance their entire separate school system. Is one of America's most cherished fundamental principles in danger?

DENYING CHRIST'S DEITY

The Universalists deny the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ—and yet they were almost admitted to membership in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America recently. The vote of the Federal Council was 63 for admission, 70 against it. Urged Mrs. Harper Sibley, president of the United Council of Church Women: "We have moved away from the faith of our fathers and are moving toward our own living faith for today. There are men amongst us who do not go as far in the doctrine of the divinity as do the Universalists. There are others who do go as far as the Universalists." The Federal Council closed the matter by making a friendly refusal, but invited the Universalists to make another try for admission in two years. By that time the progress of apostasy may have reached the point where even the name of Christ can be dropped from the name of the Federal Council!

SPIRITUAL AID TO GREECE

Will the granting of \$250,000,000 to Greece and \$150,000,000 to Turkey, by our Government, prepare the way for American churches to send more spiritual aid to these countries as well? The gospel can do more to preserve democracy in Greece than can economic or military aid. It is a day of opportunity. An open letter, signed by 181 Greek scientists, artists, and men of letters, was published recently in *Aktine*, organ of the Christian Union of Scientific Men in Greece. It said:

"The future of humanity in general and Greece in particular depends primarily on laying spiritual foundations which are true and firm. It is impossible to lay such a foundation unless contemporary mankind makes use of the values preserved in the Christian faith. . . . The need for the complete reconstruction of political and social life on a basis of justice and morality can be fulfilled only when the lives of individuals and the life of the community are inspired by Christian faith and the moral driving power derived from that faith."

For these "spiritual foundations" men must turn to the written Word of God. The Word must be preached; the message of repentance and regeneration must be proclaimed, and men and women must accept it, if the waves of atheism and anarchy are to be stayed.

AIDING FOREIGN JEWS

Through the United Jewish Appeal, the Jews of America aided a million Jews in foreign lands in 1946, at a cost of \$58,500,000.

JEWISH TERRORISTS CONDEMNED

The World Zionist Congress at Basle, Switzerland, in December condemned "murder and the shedding of innocent blood as a means of political warfare," and pledged full support to the Jews of Palestine in their efforts against terrorism.

BETTER THAN NYLON

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, former president of the World Zionist Organization, has perfected a new plastic fabric said to be better than nylon. It is made from fibers of a certain shrub that can be grown on arid land, and that is suited to the soil of Palestine, so it may bring one more thriving industry to the Holy Land.

RUSSIA AND PALESTINE

Says an exchange: "A year ago, effort was exerted to get Russia out of Iran. Now pressure is put forth to keep her out of Greece and Turkey. But Russia is determined to reach the Mediterranean, and if she is blocked through other lands she may by-pass them and come through the Holy Land. That's what I see—Gabriel getting his trumpet ready to sound!"

PALESTINE JEWS

The Jewish Agency hopes a million Jews will immigrate to Palestine within the next ten years, and is planning on that number. At present a third of the people of Palestine are Jews. There are 600,000 Jews and 1,185,000 Arabs in the land. The Jews own only 6% of the land but they contribute 45% of the revenue for the government. In 1919 there were only 65,000 Jews and 573,000 Arabs, so the population proportion has changed greatly in the past 28 years. Ten years from now will the Jews be in the majority? Time will tell, but one thing is certain: the coming ten years promise to be the most momentous decade in the history of the world. By that time Christ Himself may be reigning in Jerusalem.

"GO WEST, YOUNG MAN!"

William Keenan, a general contractor, has sold his home in New York City to go west, and has chosen Montana as his future home, where his wife and four children will be safe from the atom bombs which he thinks will begin to fall on our coastal cities as soon as another war breaks out.

"Sparsely settled areas will be safest. They offer nothing for the enemy to bang away at with an atom bomb," he said. "When a fellow thinks of his family, he's got to visualize the future twenty years from now."

It is a wise man who visualizes the future and prepares for it. Our earthly future should not be our only consideration, however. A time is coming when God's judgments will be poured out upon sinners everywhere, and the only refuge in that day will be at the cross of Calvary. "The day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty," the prophet warns. Isaiah 13:6. Prepare for the future—not simply for twenty years from now, but for eternity. Accept Christ today.

Pentecost in French Canada

CAPTAIN C. P. SMALES, CHAPLAIN, U. S. ARMY

A FEW weeks ago I was flown to Montreal, Canada, to purchase supplies for our U. S. Army Chapel in Labrador. I was supposed to be there for only three days. However, because of engine trouble the plane was delayed for several days, and so I was able to learn something of the remarkable Pentecostal work that is going on in that great city.

I made my home with my good friend and brother in Christ, Pastor E. L. Lassegues, with whom I used to work in California. Brother Lassegues is the pastor of a prosperous French Pentecostal Assembly in Montreal. It was my privilege to attend eleven services there, and to speak in one service through an interpreter. At present the services are being held in an entirely inadequate upstairs hall. The people are praying daily that the Lord will soon open a way either to buy or to build a new church.

It really was inspiring to hear the people sing and testify. I could not understand one word they were saying, but I certainly could feel the presence and power of God in their midst. Many young boys and girls attend the church services regularly.

Since there is no provision in the schools of Montreal for French-speaking Protestants, the assembly has established its own Christian Academy to take care of the week-day education of the boys and girls. A very nice building which formerly was used as a convent was purchased for the Academy. In October, 1943, the first classes were held, in another part of the city. This year there are 212 students, about half of whom are boarding students coming from various sections of the Province of Quebec, and the rest are from private homes in various parts of the city of Montreal. The school is overcrowded, over 200 having been turned away because of lack of accommodation in the 1946-47 term. New applications for students are being turned down daily. Sister Margot Tasse, a qualified French-Canadian teacher, is in charge of the Academy. Before her conversion Sister Tasse spent six years in a convent in preparation to be a nun. (Her story was told by Lester Sumrall in the *Evangel* of Feb. 24, 1945, under the title, "Abandon the Convent.")

Some of the boys and girls who come to the school hardly have enough clothes to keep them warm. Some have to be clothed entirely by the school. Meals, rooms, bedding, etc., have to be provided also for the resident students, and there is the cost of school books, support for the teachers, etc., as in other schools. The expenses are rather heavy, but God has been supplying the needs through the faithfulness of His people.

Sister Tasse has the assistance of several graduates of the French Berea Bible Institute in teaching and carrying on the work of the Academy. This French Pentecostal Bible School was opened in October, 1941, by Brother W. L. Bouchard, who then was pastor of the French Assembly. In order to have textbooks for the students, it was necessary to translate English textbooks and notes into French. Two of

the teachers translated the courses and then they were mimeographed. What a task!

This year there are seven young men and seven young women enrolled in the Bible Institute. At the first graduation service in June, 1944, there were eight graduates, nearly all of whom are spending full time in the work of the ministry. The Bible School is very crowded. Plans are under way to enlarge the present building as soon as possible.

There is a great future for the French Berea Institute, if Jesus tarries. The spiritual need is great in the whole Province of Quebec. There are more than three million French-Canadians in this great Province. Comparatively little is being done by the Protestant churches to evangelize these gospel-starved people, and God is giving the Pentecostal people a constantly expanding ministry. Today there are at least eight French Pentecostal assemblies in the Province of Quebec, besides some six outstations. These are in addition to the English-speaking assemblies.

Three gospel broadcasts weekly in the French language are sponsored by these French Pentecostal assemblies. Recently seven children in

the Montreal Christian Academy received the Baptism of the Spirit in one week.

CANADIAN CATHOLICS

The number of Roman Catholics in proportion to Canada's population is steadily increasing. Within ten years the Canadian Protestants may have a majority no longer, according to *Christian Life*. The reason is that Roman Catholic families, to whom birth control is strictly taboo, are from two to four times as large as Protestant families. In her campaign to fill English-speaking lands with Catholics the Roman Catholic Church counts on natural generation more than on spiritual regeneration.

A GOOD FRENCH PAPER

The Assemblies of God in France publish a Pentecostal paper which some of our readers who speak French might like to read. If you would like to subscribe, just send a dollar to the editor, whose address is: P. Nicolle, 26 Rue Lethuillier Pinel, Rouen, S. I., France.

A HEART SONG

Oh, to be emptier, lowlier,
Mean, unnoticed and unknown,
And to God a vessel holier,
Filled with Christ and Christ alone!
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Naught of self the light to dim,
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ALL-ALASKA CONVENTION

The second biennial Assemblies of God All-Alaskan Missionary Convention will be held in the Fairbanks Gospel Tabernacle, June 11 to 17, 1947. Fred Vogler, Home Missions Secretary, will be present. For details write the Home Missions Department, or Pastor Charles O. Hirschy, P. O. Box 1096, Fairbanks, Alaska.

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The Downgrade and Its Terminus

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now name some who have entirely backslidden. It is to be feared that they are numbered among those who have gone over the precipice, and lost all. It is to be hoped that they will see the stairway upon which it is possible for them to make the ascent from the depths to which they have fallen, and that they will put forth the effort to climb back to the top. How terrible to be lost! And it is more terrible indeed, when the lost one is a man or a woman who once knew God, and was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and lived for a while under an anointing of the Holy Ghost.

I know that some tell us it is impossible for those who have thus known God to ultimately perish. But this is not the teaching of the Word. Saul, the first king of Israel, was certainly genuinely converted. He was given a new heart. He was turned into another man. He prophesied among the prophets. The Spirit of God came mightily upon him. But he was lost. Judas was one of the disciples of our Lord. We have the best reasons for believing that at one time he was a genuinely converted man. But he too perished in his own iniquity, and went to his own place. Let us not forget that the New Testament, as well as the Old Testament, has furnished us with examples of men with whom "God was not well pleased," and that concerning the New Testament records of failure, as well as concerning the Old Testament records, it can be said, "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." 1 Cor. 10:6.

It is not necessary that any of us fail. The grace of God is sufficient to keep every born-again Christian in the hour of temptation. God's strength is made perfect in weakness. So weakness is no excuse for falling. It would be well if every saint would occasionally examine himself and ascertain whether or not he is "in the faith, and is rising to higher heights as the days come and go, or gradually rolling downward on a grade that is almost certain to get steeper as he descends and ultimately reaches

a precipice over which he will be plunged into a ruin of a most lamentable nature in the depths below.

The only people who are really safe are the people whose eyes are upon the Lord, and who are saying, as said the great apostle to the Gentiles, "I count not myself to have apprehended. But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This is the only perfection that is attainable in this life. The perfect people are the people who are thus striving, and who continue to thus strive until the end. And so the apostle says, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded." Phil. 3:13-15.

BERKELEY, CALIF.

The Glory of the Yielded Life

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make you fishers of men." What a high promotion! As high as an immortal soul in God's image is above a dying fish or a piece of paper printed by the Government! This comparison makes self-seeking and greed seem inhuman. For many years volunteers for mission fields have been far more plentiful than the means with which to send them; while millions of professed followers of Jesus are living in solid comfort that may keep them among those mentioned in 1 Cor. 3:15, who will be saved "yet so as by fire."

A third commandment is given in John 20:22. "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49. "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to those that obey Him." Acts 5:32.

We believe that these commandments concerning the Holy Spirit are of the utmost importance. If the disciples had not obeyed these commands, we believe there would have been no Christian Church. Without the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the murderous

hatred of the Jewish leaders would have conquered those timid and discouraged disciples. But when they were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, as John the Baptist had prophesied, they became at once an invincible army of spiritual giants. And so may we men and women of today, if we will make an unconditional surrender to our Lord and wholly follow Him as did the disciples and the early church.

We believe that all the other commands of Jesus may be grouped under these three great ones.

What a glory of grace that our infinite Triune God should consent to dwell in these hearts of ours in blessed fellowship with our heaven-born spirits, filling us with joy and peace and power. But let us never forget that if and when we cease our *loving obedience* to the commands of Jesus, our power and sweet fellowship shall also cease, until confession and repentance have brought us cleansing.

Blessed Lord, give us grace and zeal to keep our obedience loving and perfect. Amen.

SYCAMORE, PA.

Does Tithing Pay?

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payer was not troubled greatly with them. The result was astonishing. The non-tither complained incessantly that the land would not grow anything. The tither exhibited his products all about as the prize products of the region.

And there before my eyes for an entire summer I saw worked out in a way I can never forget what it means to have God working in behalf of man. No one can ever convince me that it does not pay, even in temporal ways, to serve the living God faithfully, and make His service first in everything. Yes, lives of devoted faithfulness do have some connection with material safety and temporal welfare.

Thirteen years ago I held a series of evangelistic meetings in New York City. Among those who attended was an elderly spinster who later came to be affectionately known among us as "Sister Clancy," for she joined the church. I need not add that she was Irish. She followed the Bible lectures with the deepest interest. It was plain she already knew God.

When she learned about tithing, she was troubled. She waited until I had shaken hands with all the others after the meeting, and then approached me. In her delightful brogue she said:

"I want a few words with you."

"Yes, sister."

"You said that all God's children should pay one tenth of their income to Him."

"Yes; that's is, I read it from the Bible."

"That's what I mean. Now, I want to know if you think I should pay tithe."

"Why, surely—"

"Wait a minute. You don't know about me yet. Wait until I tell you. And then say whether God expects me to pay Him one-tenth of my income. I am alone in the world. I have no relatives but one niece. She lives in Boston and is married. I have no income, no pension, from any source. I am beyond the

age when I can work. And my sole support is furnished by this nephew by marriage. He sends me \$6.00 a week. He doesn't need to send it, but bless God, he does. That is all I have in the world."

"Well—"

"Wait a bit longer until you hear more, and you will be better able to tell me what I ought to do. The cheapest room I can get costs me \$4.50 a week, and it remains that low because I have lived there a long time, and a good-hearted landlord has never raised the rent. And so I have \$1.50 a week to live on, and that's all I have. Now, if I pay tithe on my income of \$6.00, or 60 cents a week, I will have, after paying my room rent, just 90 cents a week to live on. So now you know all about me. Do you think God expects me to pay tithe?"

I confess there never was a time when I wanted so much to say, "No, you poor soul, God can get along without your 60 cents a week. You keep it and feed yourself with it."

But who was I to change the eternal requirements of God? What authority do I, or does any other preacher, have to modify or abolish His commandments?

Looking down into those earnest eyes of the dear old Irish lady, I told her that it was my understanding that she should obey God and pay tithe, and that while God did not need her money, she needed God's abundant blessing that faithfulness in tithe paying would bring. And she replied, contentedly:

"Very well, Pastor. If God's blessed Word says so, I'll pay tithe. He has never failed me yet, and I've walked with Him many years. He will not fail me now."

The next week she brought me her 60 cents. How I did want to return it to her, and tell her that God's cause would somehow manage to struggle along without her 60 cents. But I did not dare to interfere with God's arrangements. So I turned her tithe over to the church treasurer, who wrote out a receipt for it and gave it to Sister Clancy.

Week by week she faithfully and gladly brought her 60 cents. And it became a habit with me to stoop down and whisperingly inquire, "Is everything going all right, Sister Clancy?" Invariably her reply was, "It is, thank God."

Once when I so inquired, she added, "It is amazing how kind the neighbors are since I began to tithe. They bring me in things, so many things. And they never used to do it. And do you know, Pastor, that somehow my 90 cents seems to go farther and buy more than ever my dollar and a half did? Ah, Pastor, the good Lord can be relied upon to fulfill His blessed word."

Months later she came into my study, where it was always a pleasure to have her, squared her shoulders, gave her head a bit of a shake, and said:

"I've had my wages raised."

"Tell me about it."

"That nephew of mine by marriage, blessings on him, wrote me a letter. Here 'tis. And he tells me in it that his income has increased, and as he thought of how to use the extra money, it was borne in on him that I might not raise any protest if from now on he sent me \$10.00 a week instead of \$6.00. And here

is the first \$10.00 payment. And now, praise be, my tithe goes up to \$1.00 instead of 60 cents. And instead of having 90 cents a week to live on, I now have \$4.50. I dunno, I dunno whatever I'm to do with all my money. Ah, Pastor dear, how faithful the good Lord is to do all He promises!"

God promises to bless the faithful tithe payer. And God's blessing upon our lives amounts to something. You may learn for yourself that nine-tenths of your income, with the blessing of God upon it, will go much farther

and do much more than ten-tenths of your income with the curse of God upon it.

Faithfulness in tithe paying in God's ancient recipe for immunity against financial depression and disaster. God invites us to a test. Shall we not test Him on this point? Let us be faithful in tithe paying, not for the purpose of getting more money, but in order to be in union and harmony with our Maker. Then all the agencies under His control will work for us. And when God is for us, who can be against us?—*Evangelical Christian.*

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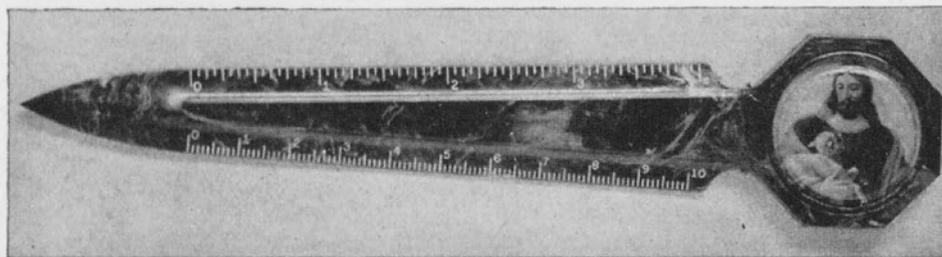
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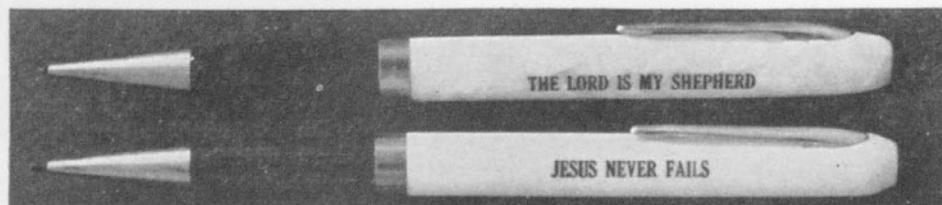
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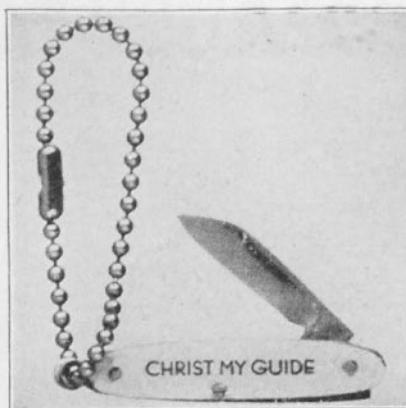
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Among the Assemblies

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Calvary Church has just closed one of the most progressive revival campaigns in its history, R. E. Whitmire being the evangelist. Many were saved or refilled with the Spirit, and many outstanding healings were reported.—W. T. Miller, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—God is still blessing at the Bethel Temple Assembly. We had one week of meeting with Evangelist M. L. Davidson, and God's blessings certainly did come down upon the people under the dynamic preaching of the Word. The last night, people literally came running to the altar for prayer. We are looking forward to the time when the evangelist can come and stay until the Lord says it is enough.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor.

TRANQUILLITY, CALIF.—March 9 brought to a close the special meetings conducted by our son, Roma Gaither. In this revival 22 were saved and 3 or 4 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many afflicted were healed, and many followed the Lord in water baptism. The town and community was stirred. Our Sunday School attendance reached a new high. We started one year ago with 35 in Sunday School, and we have reached a high of 107. We are adding two rooms to our parsonage.—Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Gaither.

CLANTON, ALA.—The First Assembly of God has enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Carl C. Haas of Birmingham. Our brother was with us at a time when his messages on Divine Healing were most needed. We had a siege of sickness in and around Clanton, and God healed many of the sick ones, including many who were seriously ill. This revival was well attended. In fact, several nights we had some of the largest crowds that have been seen here in many years. Several young people prayed through to salvation.—Thos. D. Rachels, Pastor.

SLATER, MO.—Three nights of special Divine Healing services were conducted here by Pastor Roy Sherrill of Steele. The crowds increased each night, until the last night the building was full even though the weather was bad. Brother Sherrill's stirring messages inspired real faith in God. A number of people were prayed for and many were definitely healed of the Lord. One man was reclaimed, refilled, and healed of stomach ulcers. Another was healed of acute appendicitis. Many others testified to having been healed of various ailments. Our church has been greatly blessed as a result of these meetings and a spirit of revival now prevails in our midst.—J. M. Graham, Pastor.

WAMPUM, PA.—We are praising God for one of the most successful revivals ever held during our pastorate here at the First Pentecostal Church. Our evangelist was J. G. Gott of East Liverpool, Ohio. The messages in song and sermon, given under the anointing of God's Spirit, stirred the revival fires. Several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and a number were reclaimed or saved. Even the Sunday School felt the effects of the revival, and the attendance increased from an average of 70 to about 100. The revival spirit continues, people are being saved or reclaimed in our regular services, and several have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit since the campaign closed.—Edwin Cook Schmid, Pastor.

OWOSSO, MICH.—We are reporting a real outpouring of Pentecostal power in our midst. In 3 weeks of meetings with various pastors of the Michigan District, and 2 weeks with Sister M. Lee of Dearborn, 5 were saved and 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many of these were young people. The older people were refilled, and some saw visions of Jesus and of God's power coming down like rain in our midst. Those saved and baptized may not seem like a large number, but if you could know the praying and waiting on God we have done for nearly four years, for just such a visitation in a small church, it would really mean to you what it does to us. There were quite a number healed also.—Pastor and Mrs. R. L. Berthume.

CORCORAN, CALIF.—Nine months ago we took over the work here. We found a great need, as well as an opportunity. We have completed and furnished a nice, 2-story parsonage, valued at \$14,000. Of this indebtedness, only \$2,300 remains. A 35-passenger Sunday School bus has been purchased. Our Sunday School attendance was running in the seventies when we came, but God has so blessed that we have seen it go up to 176 in our regular services, and in recent revival we reached an all-time high of 275.

We have had three evangelists. Last August, Frank J. Mack of West Texas was with us for a week; J. Phillip Johnson came in November, and Jack Coe just closed a meeting here. God saved souls and filled believers with the Spirit in each of these meetings. Our regular attendance in the church services has more than doubled. We are undertaking an expansion and remodeling program at this time.—James E. Hart, Pastor.

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOOL

Southwestern Bible Institute had a very successful Summer School in 1946, and will have another Summer Term beginning May 26 and lasting for 12 weeks this summer.

We are expecting 200 or more students to take the course. A good faculty will be retained and courses will be offered in the Junior College, Bible School and Seminary Departments. College students may earn 12 hours of College credit, and Bible School students may earn 15 hours of Bible School credit.

The spiritual blessings were exceptionally good last summer and the weather was very pleasant. The breeze from the Gulf makes most of the nights cool and pleasant. The days are usually warm, but classes are over by 12 o'clock each day.

The Summer classes are especially helpful to the ex-servicemen and others who desire to complete their schooling as soon as possible.

The regular Spring term will end May 23, and the regular Fall term will start September 1, 1947. For additional information write M. E. Collins, Dean, Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas.

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

SHELBY, MONT.—April 15-May 4; E. W. Fagerstrom, Evangelist.—W. A. Buck, Pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—April 20, for 3 weeks or longer; Virgil R. Jackson, Evangelist.—John R. Hardt, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—Fellowship Tabernacle, April 22-May 4; Evangelist and Mrs. A. C. McGaugh.—Joseph M. Bell, Pastor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—First Assembly of God, May 6—; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—David Pearce, Pastor.

GARDEN CITY, KANSAS—April 14, for 3 weeks or longer; A. A. Allen, Lamar, Colo., Evangelist.—L. Glen Ahlf, Pastor.

CLARK'S SUMMIT, PA.—Pentecostal Church, North State St., April 27—; J. B. Woolums of Carlisle, Evangelist.—F. L. Strength, Pastor.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Gospel Tabernacle, April 29-May 11; Mr. and Mrs. William Gunderson, Evangelists.—Mrs. C. Jensen, Secretary.

PERCY, ILL.—May 4, for 2 weeks or longer; Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Evangelists.—Charles Leming, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, April 22—May 4; Lee Krupnick, Evangelist.—J. L. Schaffer, Pastor.

TULARE, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, May 4—18, or longer; Smith and Rogers, Evangelists.—Paul B. Franklin, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Hemphill Heights Assembly of God, April 15—27, or longer; Jean Benefield, Grand Rapids, Mich., Evangelist.—A. L. Parker, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—North Side Assembly of God; meetings in progress through May 4; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Boyd Wolverton.—Herman R. Rose, Pastor.

RIVER ROUGE, MICH.—April 13-27; T. E. Gannon, former Superintendent of Kentucky District, Evangelist. Male quartet from Bob Jones College will be with us April 27.—S. R. Balmer, Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—Ft. Smith Sectional C. A. Rally, Dodson Ave. Assembly of God, April 25. Services and speakers: 2:00 p.m., Edwin Burris, State C. A. President; 7:30 p.m., Dual Tanner, Vice-President.—C. E. Turner, Sectional Director.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, April 20-May 4; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists.—A. A. Wilson, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Lake City Assembly, 127th and 30th Ave. N. E.; meeting in progress; Wayne Fagerstrom, Evangelist.—Martin Sumner Jr., Pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE
Eastern District Ministers' Institute, Bethel Pentecostal Church, Third and Washington Sts., Chambersburg, Pa., April 22—24. Sessions daily 9:30 a.m., 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Special Speakers: Ralph M. Riggs and A. G. Ward. All ministers urged to attend.—Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

INDIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Indiana District Council will convene at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 5549 Sohl Ave., Hammond, Ind., May 5—8. J. Roswell Flower, guest speaker. Opening rally, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Contact local pastor, Wilbur J. Cox, 1010 Bauer St., for reservations.—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 17th Annual District Council of the West Texas District will be held in the City Auditorium, Plainview, Texas, April 21—24. Monday night, C. A. Rally. For room reservations write Pastor W. H. Magee, 511 W. 12th St., Plainview, Texas.—H. M. Sheats, District Superintendent.

WISCONSIN BIBLE CONFERENCE

Annual Spring Bible Conference, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District Council, Bethel Tabernacle, 18th and Brown Sts., Milwaukee, Wis., April 21—23. T. J. Jones, nationally known Bible teacher, guest speaker. For further information write Pastor R. L. Scharnick, 1227 N. 28th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

OKLAHOMA S. S. CONFERENCES

Pawhuska, April 28—29; Waynoka, May 1—2; Cyril May 5—6; Hammon, May 8—9; Sulphur, May 26—27; Muskogee, May 29—30. Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Little Rock, Ark., guest speakers. Conferences begin 1:30 p.m., first day; 3 services on closing day.—Paul Copeland, Oklahoma S. S. Superintendent.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Appalachian District Council will convene at the Big Stone Gap, Va., Assembly of God, April 22-23. District-wide Fellowship Meeting, night, April 21. For information write Woodrow W. Smith, Host Pastor, Big Stone Gap, Va.—Wallace P. Odum, District Secretary.

WEST FLORIDA SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS

West Florida Sectional Conventions will be held as follows: Section 3, Marianna. First Assembly of God, April 22—23. Section 4, Millville, Assembly of God, April 24—25. Section 5, Quincy, First Assembly of God, May 13—14. Section 6, Perry, Assembly of God, May 15—16. Write G. H. Blair, District Secretary, Box 11, Midway, Fla.

OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL

CANTON, OHIO—The Ohio District Council will convene at Bethel Temple, 130 Third St., S. E., May 5—8. Opening rally, Monday, 7:30 p.m. First Council Session, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Wesley R. Steelberg, evening speaker. For reservations write: N. P. Thomsen, 1009 Auburn Place, N.W., Canton 3, Ohio.—T. E. Hartshorn, District Secretary-Treasurer.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Illinois District Council will be held at the Assembly of God, Wood Fiver, Ill., May 6—8. M. M. Brewer, host pastor. Bert Webb, Superintendent Southern Missouri District, guest speaker. Credentials Committee will meet May 5, 3 p.m. Rooms provided as far as possible. Write Pastor M. M. Brewer, 76 E. Jennings St., for reservations.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

POTOMAC DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

Annual Spring Convention of the Potomac District, Glad Tidings Church, Colonial and Spotswood Aves., Norfolk, Va., April 21—24. An added feature this year will be a Ministers' Institute. Marvin L. Smith, Superintendent of the Alabama District, and Carl F. Graves, returned missionary from Ceylon, speakers. Both of these men have had years of experience in their respective fields and will prove a blessing. Those who plan to attend, please write the pastor, Arthur H. Graves, 5907 Grandby St., Norfolk 5, Va.—Obie L. Harrup, District Superintendent.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Third Annual Michigan District Council, Berea Tabernacle, Fourth Ave. and Forest St., Detroit, Mich., April 28—May 1. Opening Rally, April 28, 7:30 p.m. R. C. "Keetah" Jones, Council speaker. Business sessions during day services, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; missionary program, Wednesday afternoon; communion service, Thursday morning; ordination service, Thursday evening. Presbyter Board will interview new applicants for credentials, after 2 p.m., April 28. No new applications considered after Monday.

For reservations write: The Housing Committee, 404 W. Saratoga, Ferndale 20, Mich. Host Pastors: Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wilson.—Mrs. E. D. Cooley, District Secretary.

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INDIANA SUNDAY SCHOOL REVIVALS

LaFayette, April 20-27; Carl Isaac, Pastor. Evansville (Calvary Assembly), April 29-May 4; H. P. Vibbert, Pastor. D. B. Ballard, Sunday School Evangelist, working in co-operation with General Council Sunday School Department, Springfield, Mo. Workers in nearby assemblies or visiting friends invited.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 4th Annual Council of the New York-New Jersey District will be held in the Covenant Presbyterian Church, East Ferry and Michigan Sts., Buffalo, N. Y., May 5-8. C. A. Rally, night, May 5; Council sessions all day, May 6-8. Bartlett Peterson, Superintendent North Central District, guest speaker. Wednesday morning, Communion; Thursday night, Ordination. Missionaries heard throughout conference. For entertainment address: Pastor J. Heinrich, 629 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo 11, N. Y.—Thomas R. Brubaker, District Superintendent.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS

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

Following convention, 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.

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

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: Panhandle Section, Woodward, April 21-23; E. A. Willeford, host pastor, Northeast section, Miami, May 12-14; W. C. Shakelford, 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. Main speaker: Wesley R. Steelberg, in April; and Fred Vogler, in May. Write F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, or V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Kansas Sunday School Conferences: May 6, Victoria Tabernacle, 934 Scott Ave., Kansas City; Hershel Barnett, Pastor. May 7, North Topeka Assembly, 1014 N. Tyler, Topeka; Oliver Hollis, Pastor. May 9, Assembly of God, 118 S. Eighth St., Salina; Fred Prather, Pastor. May 12, Assembly of God, 120 S. Buffalo, Oberlin; Harold Hollis, Pastor. May 14, Assembly of God, 709 N. Ninth, Garden City; Glen Ahlf, Pastor. May 16, Assembly of God, Ninth and Hubbard, Great Bend; J. O. Rosenberg, Pastor. May 19, Glad Tidings Assembly, 14th and St. Francis, Wichita; Floyd Dennis, Pastor. May 21, Assembly of God, 11th and Beech, Coffeyville; C. H. Asher, Pastor. May 22, Assembly of God, 607 N. Joplin, Pittsburg; Charles Peak, Pastor.

Meetings open at 9:45 a.m., and continue throughout the day and evening. National S. S. Representative Paul Miller, guest speaker, assisted by approximately 100 of the choicest Sunday School workers in Kansas. Everyone interested in the Sunday School, even in States adjoining Kansas, invited to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

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BROADCAST—"Gospel Echoes," Sundays, 1:00-1:30 p. m., Station KTRF, 1230 on dial, Thief River Falls, Minn.—Pastor and Mrs. G. Raymond Carlson.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Tune in to "The Full Gospel Messengers," Sundays, 11:00-11:30 p. m., Station WIBG, 990 kilos. Sponsored by Highway Tabernacle.—W. S. Bragg, Pastor.

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