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NOT BY MIGHT,  
NOR BY POWER,  
BUT BY MY SPIRIT,  
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A SURE SUPPLY

Say not, my soul, "From  
whence  
Can God relieve my care?"  
Remember that Omnipotence  
Has servants everywhere.

God's help is always sure,  
His methods seldom guessed;  
Delay will make our pleasure  
pure,  
Surprise will give it zest.

His wisdom is sublime,  
His heart profoundly kind;  
God never is before His time,  
And never is behind.

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# Consider the Lilies

David H. McDowell

**A**MONG all the preachers who ever preached the word of life to a dying world, none was more profoundly simple in message and style than our Lord and Master. He meets men where

men live. He talks to the common folk on the things that common folk can comprehend.

The simplicity with which the Master lays down some of the most profound principles of the Christian life are well illustrated in the Sermon on the Mount. Matt. 6:28 reads, "And why take ye thought (anxious thought) for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

"Consider the lilies of the field." The lily referred to by the Master is considered by authorities to be the one known as the "Huleh-lily." It is very large, and "the three inner petals meet above and form a gorgeous canopy, such as art never approached, and king never sat under, even in his utmost glory." This flower grows profusely in the valleys, but it is also found growing on the mountain sides.

A few characteristics of the lily are worthy of our best effort in obeying the instruction to "consider." The original thought of this word "consider" is, to *learn from*. First of all, God has provided a wonderful protection for the lily as it pushes its way up through the dark soil, so that it is neither marred nor injured in its tender stage of growth. Growing as it often does among thorns, its luxuriant, velvety softness is in sharp contrast to the crabbed, tangled hedge of thorns about it. Thus we see at once that in the Christian faith God has provided a protection for His children while they grow up in a world of darkness, sin and shame, as well as decking them with a beauty and tenderness, a mellowness, so to speak, as suggested by the velvety softness of these wonderful flowers, living, growing, smiling, beautifying, and otherwise making a somber and thorn-ridden world a better place in which to live.

The next thing noticeable about the lily is its protection against defilement. God has provided something for the lily so it automatically cleanses itself. As the defiling elements fall upon it they are just naturally cleansed away. Elements foreign to its nature do not adhere, so that it has become a common expression among us, "pure as a lily." So likewise the life that is in the cleansing blood of Jesus keeps us clean as we walk and abide in Him. As the stream washes over the pebbles in the mountain brook, keeping them constantly cleansed, so the blood of Christ protects the abiding child of God from the besmirching power of sin on every hand.

Again, the lily keeps looking toward heaven. No matter what the weather conditions may be—dark and cloudy, boisterous and stormy, sunshine or showers, peace and calm, night and day, the lily keeps its face looking toward heaven from whence comes all its help. The Psalmist says, "Shall I look unto the hills? From whence cometh my help?" And then comes the answer to the question. "My help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1, 2, R.V. Yes, in considering the lily, the example is set before us—keep looking up to Him who is above the hills, in fair weather or foul. No matter what comes, "we know that all things work together for good to those who love God."

The beauty with which the lily is decked may suggest the beauty of Christian character, the unsullied holiness of Christ

Himself imparted to those who are joined to Him. If the color be pure white, or a variety of colors blended together by His own unmatched skill, the thought is the same. All color comes from the light and is made manifest to our vision by being passed through a prism. That is, the speed with which light travels is slowed down to various speeds as it passes through a prism, and quite often a harmonious blending of color results. The Lord finds in the lily a wonderful medium to display the hidden beauties of light. "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." The glory of that light burst forth in all its might to a lost world as it shone forth through that wonderful prism, the human body of the Lord Jesus. In like manner it is the purpose of God that the glory of the divine light should be constantly reflected through His children. For that reason the Holy Spirit has been sent to make manifest the life of Christ in our mortal bodies. "Ye are the light of the world." Not only to show the way in the darkness, to reveal secrets or to guide our feet in the way of truth; but to brighten up the sinful world by the glorious contrast of reflecting the beauty of the Lord wherever we go. Oh, the need of that true love and mercy, of compassion and long-suffering, that marked the character of Him who was ever ready to say, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

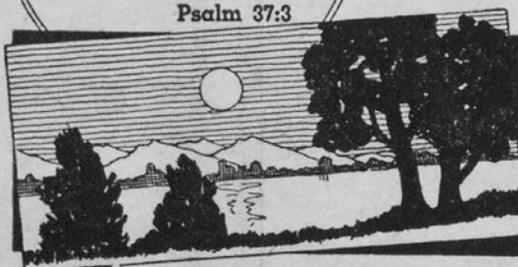
Contrasted with the sin and shame, the greed and avarice, the loathing and hate of a fallen world as it staggers its dizzy dance to a devil's hell, are the purity of life, the self-sacrificing spirits, the love, and the devotion of God's true children whom He has placed here among the thorns and briars, on the highways of life where men pass, that they may see and hear, and pause and consider. The world is sick of ritual, of ceremony and the paraphernalia of religious cults and systems; and God has no use for them in the midst of a dying world. Let us give Him our lives in whole-hearted surrender. Let the Holy Spirit have full possession of our whole being and He will manifest the realities of the gospel of Christ by a demonstration of its virtues in practical living. Anything else is a sham and mockery.

The gospel of Christ is just as full of beauty and fragrance, of help and encouragement, of precept and example, as the lily that grows among the thorns on Palestine's hillside. What God needs today is surrendered, prayerful lives through which He can manifest the character of the One who is the Lily of the Valley. The call is for a closer walk with God that takes us away from the carnal, selfish, backbiting, faith-blighting practices of a

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**Trust in the Lord,  
and do good; so  
shalt thou dwell  
in the land, and  
verily thou shalt  
be fed.**

Psalm 37:3



# Taking Things That God Gives

J. Narver Gortner

**A** MAN can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven." John 3:27. This is what John the Baptist said when some of his disciples told him that He to whom he had borne witness was baptizing and that all men were coming to Him. They were evidently greatly disturbed. It looked to them as though their Master was likely to lose prestige, or was already losing it. John had been very popular. Multitudes had come to him, and had waited on his ministry, and by him had been baptized. Now another to whom John had borne witness was attracting great attention, such great attention that the disciples of John, making use of a conversational hyperbole, said, "All men come to Him."

John was not disturbed. He had known from the beginning that he was merely the forerunner of Another, a greater than himself, the long-looked-for Messiah, the latchet of whose shoes he was not worthy to unloose. He knew that Jesus must *increase*, but that he must *decrease*. But—strange paradox!—as John *decreased* he *increased*, and the more willingly and gladly he *decreased* the more greatly did he *increase*, not only in the eyes of God but in the eyes of men. If he had been unwilling to decrease, he would have decreased against his will, and the glory that otherwise became his would have been sadly dimmed.

What a thought there is here for us! It is set forth in the oft quoted but frequently ignored words, "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, but he that exalteth himself shall be abased." John is great today because he humbled himself, in accordance with the divine plan, giving to Jesus the pre-eminent place in his life and ministry, characterizing himself as "a voice crying in the wilderness," so that Jesus was able to say, "Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist." Luke 7:28.

John began to quiet the fears of his disturbed disciples by saying, "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven." I have meditated much upon these words recently. The word that is rendered "receive" is of very frequent occurrence in the Greek Scriptures,

and more than a hundred times is rendered "take." Hence the rendering in the margin of the Oxford Bible, "take unto himself." That which a man takes he gets. Hence the rendering in the Smith-Good-speed translation, "A man cannot get anything unless it is given to him from heaven." In the Berkeley Version it is rendered, "No man is able to lay claim to anything unless it has been given him from heaven."

Faith, it is true, takes what God gives. We do not get the gifts of God until we take them. It is not enough that God give them; we must take them, otherwise we shall not possess them. After the death of Moses the Lord said to Joshua, "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." Joshua 1:2, 3. God had promised to give it, and He was as good as His word: He gave it. But the Israelites had to take that which God gave.

And so it is with us. God gives, but we have to take. We sometimes wonder why we do not possess some of the good things that we realize we need, and that we know God has promised to give. At times some among us have been almost tempted to question the dependability of God's promises. The fault is ours. God has given but we have failed to take. Anything that God gives we can have if we will take it. In the New Testament in Basic English the text we are considering is rendered, "A man is unable to have anything if it is not given to him from heaven." Of course, if it is given he can have it. But even though it is given, he will not have it, unless he takes it.



Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desire of thine heart.

Psalms 37:4



Mr. Moody was illustrating this truth one day to a class of boys. His subject was faith, and he wanted the boys to see that faith appropriates what God gives. He took out his watch, which was probably a cheap watch, and said, "I am going to give this watch to one of you boys, to whichever one of you will come and take it." And Mr. Moody held the watch in his hand, having disengaged it from the chain, and waited. The boys looked at one another, and giggled. No one of them ventured to leave his seat. "I mean it," said Mr. Moody. "I am going to give this watch. I am giving it *now* to whichever one of you will come and get it." Again the boys looked at one another, and giggled. They did not believe that he meant what he was saying. Mr. Moody waited, holding the watch in his hand. Presently one of the boys got up very timidly, walked up to Mr. Moody, and took the watch out of his hand. Then the boy stood there, and looked at the watch, and at Mr. Moody. "Is the watch mine?" "Yes," said Mr. Moody, "it is yours." "Mine for keeps?" "Yes, yours for keeps." And the little fellow walked proudly back to his seat. The other boys had stopped their giggling. Their eyes were wide open. They said, "If we had known that he meant what he said, we would have gone up and taken it."

Faith takes what God gives. God does not force us to take His gifts. He gives food for our bodies. But in the midst of an abundance a man would starve to death if he did not take the food that God has given and eat it. What is true in the natural is true also in the spiritual. Eternal life is one of the gifts of God. But it must be taken. Of course, God's spiritual gifts are not given indiscriminately. God does not scatter His gifts as it is said Antiochus Epiphanes sometimes scattered coins in the street, for the sheer fun of watching the people fall over themselves, and over one another, in an effort to obtain as large a number as possible. The

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## "Speaking Unto God"

IT is written, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." 1 Cor. 14:2. That is the inspired Word of God, and he who says contrary denies God's Word.

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." Critics ask, "Do you mean to say that no one is able to speak to God unless he speaks in tongues?" We say nothing. The Word indicates that there is praying with the understanding as well as praying with the spirit. Paul says, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also." 1 Cor. 14:15. And here it clearly states in the Word that he who speaks in an unknown tongue, speaks not earthward but heavenward, not to men but to God.

But the critic says, "I don't understand it." You are not meant to, *but you are meant to experience it.* People cannot understand salvation. They can experience it, and they will not fully know all that salvation means until they hear that song: "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God." Rev. 12:10.

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." Speaks unto God! Not in thought, not in the mind, but in actual voice with a God-given language. The God-inspired tongue speaks to God Himself, and He listens.

"What about all the saints who have gone before who have not had this gift, mighty saints, mighty men of God?" If they were mighty saints, mighty men of God, God made them mighty, and they knew God who made them mighty. That in itself was their reward. Your question in no way nullifies the statement that "he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." "But," the critic says, "I don't like to hear it. It is a jabber, it is a babbling. I don't understand it."

Nor do the matter-of-fact, old-fashioned, stereotyped bachelors understand the prattling of a babe. Ask the father what he thinks of his first-born's prattle. He will close the victrola door and open the nursery door in preference. Caruso takes a back seat and the babe takes a front seat.

By and by the babe grows older and can converse with his father. There are babes in the spiritual, yes, and in their experience of the Baptism in the Spirit; and there are those who by exercise have become strong.

"He that speaketh in an unknown

tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." Argue against it, underrate it, explain it away, vilify it, say it is from below, criticize the ones who practice it, empty the dictionary of abusive adjectives, and yet the inspired Word of God still holds good, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." Sin broke the converse between God and Adam. God came down in the cool of the evening to speak with Adam. Adam had hid. But the last Adam restored the communion, the conversation. He said, "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me." And He it was who also said that believers should speak with new tongues. Mark 16:17. The new creation entitles you to the new tongue, and the Holy Spirit supplies the need.

"Speaketh . . . unto God!" Communes! What on? Mysteries—sacred secrets. *The Holy Spirit takes the Spirit-filled man, the child of God, into the holy of holies.* And God has declared, "And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat." Ex. 25:22. There will be an uttering of sacred secrets, mysterious things concerning the kingdom.

This gift brings the soul so near to God that God makes a confidant of him, though the natural man may not understand. There is a spiritual language to the Father of spirits, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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No wonder the apostle was inspired to write the words, "Forbid not to speak with tongues." 1 Cor. 14:39.

Every soul that forbids speaking in tongues is going contrary to the Word of God, and will suffer greatly for opposing God's command. Those who do not know the law of God and break it will be beaten with few stripes, but those who know the Lord's will and do it not will be beaten with many stripes. Do not be a candidate for many stripes by forbidding to speak with tongues. But rather, drop the fighting and seek to be brought by the Holy Spirit into the secret place where you can speak to God of mysteries and sacred secrets through the power of the Holy Ghost.

## An Advocate

On one occasion the writer and his brother were attending the Supreme Court in a certain city, when a young man was brought before the judge on a serious charge. The men of the jury were all in their places and the prisoner was brought forward and sworn. Then the question was put: "Guilty or not guilty?" He pleaded, "Not guilty."

The policeman from the village was sworn, and gave his evidence. It looked very black for the young man, and my brother remarked, "He is guilty." I said, "Yes, it looks so." The prisoner, however, never answered a word in defense of himself. The chief witness was brought forward. The evidence seemed to grow stronger and stronger against the young man. Still the prisoner was silent.

Then the attorney for the young man began to defend his client. He made the policeman look foolish. As the attorney proceeded, the case seemed to change its aspect. He put question after question to the chief witness and at last put one question. There was silence in the court. Then when the witness had to say, "Yes," the terrible character of the witness was seen. The judge cried out, "Stop the case." He then addressed the jury and asked if they desired the case to go on. They answered, "No." Then the judge turned to the prisoner. "You are free, and discharged without a stain on your character."

"If any man sin we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous." It's a good thing to secure the Advocate now, and He can be had without money or price. It may be too late tomorrow.—A. W. FrodsHAM.

Tears wash the grime of the world from the cheek down which they flow. Tears often clarify the spiritual vision.—Emma Garber.

A Father Prays — —

Harvey McAlister

# The Lord Answers

— — at the Same Hour

**H**E went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. . . . Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed. . . . Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. . . . Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was AT THE SAME HOUR, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth." John 4:47-53.

It may not be our privilege to have a face-to-face interview with the Son of Man, as in the days of His flesh, as this father did have, and as many another did have in those days of old. Yet any father may still go to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer and beseech Him, as that father "besought Him," in behalf of his son, and He still hears and answers—and sometimes still "at the same hour," as evidenced by the following remarkable story.

While touring last year in the Island of Jamaica, British West Indies, encouraging the hearts of the missionaries and preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, pulling in the gospel net at the conclusion of the gospel message on the first of a series of eleven nights' ministry in the great Ward Theater in Kingston, our hearts were gladdened to find we had 115 fish in the net; for that night 115 penitent sinners knelt in the prayer rooms at the rear of the stage and took the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

One of the workers in the prayer rooms that night was Stanley Harris, a humble and devout follower of the Man of Calvary, with a heart bursting with gratitude to Christ for the bountiful catch of fish just taken from the Gospel net. He drew me aside and related to me a most inspiring story of how the heavenly Father had answered his prayers in the salvation of one of his sons. He said:

"In the year 1921, when my son Stephen was the youngest of our five children, I was on my way to work on a street car one morning, occupying my time in silent prayer for my children, when I opened my pocket Bible and my eyes fell on the words, 'And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.' Isaiah 54:13. I accepted it as the answer to my prayers; and ever since, when praying for my children, I have pleaded this promise, asking

God my heavenly Father to 'remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.' Psalm 119:49.

"By the year 1938, my family had increased to six girls and five boys. The four eldest and two of the younger ones had publicly accepted the Lord as their Saviour, but my fifth child, Stephen, was still unsaved. Stephen left Jamaica in May of that year as a steward on the steam yacht *Southern Cross*, belonging to a Swedish multi-millionaire. The name of this yacht was in the news as the rescuer of many survivors of the *Athenia*, torpedoed at the outbreak of the war.

God's  
**PROMISE**  
Call unto Me, to you  
and I will answer  
hee, and show  
hee great and  
mighty things,  
which thou knowest  
not.

Jer. 33:3



"On Saturday, November 26, 1938, at about three o'clock in the afternoon, feeling a strong desire to pray for my children, I dropped to my knees and poured out my heart before the Lord for them. The Spirit of intercession came upon me so strongly that my supplications were 'with strong crying and tears.' I again reminded the Lord of His promise to me, 'And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.' I prayed for them in turn, making mention of each by name; and, not having heard from Stephen for some time, and not knowing his whereabouts, I specially asked my heavenly Father to protect him from the dangers of the deep

and, above all, to bring him to the foot of the Cross of Christ and save him.

"I 'prayed through' until I had the assurance that my prayers for him had been heard, but before rising from my knees I was reminded that I had not as usual torn off my daily calendar text that morning. To my astonishment and great joy, the text for that day was 'And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.' I tore off the sheet and, after a season of thanksgiving to my heavenly Father in acknowledgment of my faith that Stephen would be saved, with a little mucilage I stuck it on the inside cover of the front of my Bible.

"My giving of thanks, by faith in advance, for the saving of my precious boy, somewhere on the high seas or in some foreign port, was crowned by realization when I received a letter from him stating that he had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, without any visible human instrumentality influencing him, while at work on the yacht in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"However, it was not until several months later, when he returned to Jamaica, that I learned the remarkable coincidence of the answer to my prayers and tears. When I asked Stephen the date of his accepting Christ as his Saviour, he brought me his diary. I turned at once to the date of my prayers in his behalf, November 26, 1938, and there I read in that diary the simple but profound words, 'Received my salvation.' I praise God my heavenly Father with awe as I compared the date in the diary of my son with the date of the calendar text pasted on the inside of the front cover of my Bible.

"And then, wonder of wonders, the climax to it all was when my son told me that the time of his salvation was five o'clock in the afternoon, which, allowing for the difference in time between Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Kingston, Jamaica (two hours), was 'at the same hour' as I had asked my heavenly Father for his salvation."

My earnest desire is that your hearts shall be stirred by the reading of this account, as mine was stirred by the hearing of it, and is again being stirred by the writing of it, and that all of us shall be quickened in faith to believe in our God to witness definite, decisive answers to our prayers. For the Lord still lives, still hears, and still answers—often still "at the same hour."

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Little things are no longer little when prompted by an honest, great spirit. The ones who are nearest to the world's great heart, are those who do little things WELL.

## A Word to Workers

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

on National Assemblies of God Radio Hour,  
August 31st "Sermons in Song"

**T**OMORROW is Labor Day, a holiday in remembrance of those who provide their living by "working with their hands." Now I must correct that statement. It used to be "working with their hands," and in many instances this is still correct. But what changes the years have brought. When I was a youth we pitched hay by "main strength and awkwardness." I can remember pitching hay from the wagon to the stack, and one day I pitched two young rattlesnakes to the stacker, which he promptly killed. Those were the days when I tried to claim the promise, "They shall take up serpents," my hope being that I would not handle any serpents, but if I did chance to come upon one I wanted to be delivered without a bite. I never was very brave when it came to snakes.

But now hay is gathered by machines, potatoes are dug by a similar process, and in industrial plants the ability of machines astonishes one. And yet labor is still required. Where physical effort may be less, mental skill is needed all the more. The world has moved from the simple to the complex, and in spite of all the present-day devices we humans are hurried more than ever!

We salute those who labor, whether it be by hand or by brain, or by both. We wish both employer and employee the blessing of God. One thing I believe needs to be called to our attention. In too many lives God is crowded out. Time and thought are given to other things, but there is no time to meditate on the needs of the soul, or to ask ourselves where we are going when the hurry of the present has ceased and we are laid away to silence.

Some even think religion is a barrier to progress. This we believe to be quite incorrect. The Bible says, "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Another scripture says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain." A contented heart in the midst of poverty is better than a discontented heart that is surrounded with wealth. This does not advocate poverty. It advocates contentment.

Godliness saves a man many

a waste of money on things which do not satisfy. It brings harmony into the home so that families live in happy contentment. It brings peace, goodwill, and blessing wherever its possessor goes. We have made a mistake in thinking we must bite and devour in order to succeed. "Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work," and where confusion is, misunderstandings prevail.

We bid our listeners a restful, encouraging Labor Day. We wish you, above all else, the blessing of God which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. Jesus labored, first as a carpenter, later in behalf of the souls of men. We behold Him in weariness as He sat on the well of Samaria. We follow Him fainting under His cross as He goes to Calvary. May God make this Labor Day a day of rest to your bodies and minds, and may the rest of soul provided in Christ's salvation be your everlasting portion.

Only one Man can right earth's wrong; only one Man can bring order and peace out of the present world confusion and unrest. And that Man is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.—E. L. Langston.

A holy life consists of an unbroken chain of holy moments, lived in full harmony with the love of God.

## Would-Be Leaders

A Warning Against Independents

**T**HE flock of Jesus Christ has ever been a mark for the wolves. Paul said to the elders of Ephesus, "I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Acts 20:29, 30. Here was a double warning against wolves and perverse speakers—outside and inside foes. These grievous wolves prosper at the expense of the flock. The true shepherd prospers when the flock prospers. The wolf is destructive. The true shepherd is constructive. Sometimes the sheep are keener in detecting the approach of the wolf than even the shepherd. A true shepherd sometimes detects and gets warnings of the approach of the wolf through the action of the sheep.

Shepherds of the flock should be on the alert against the ravening wolves. They have devoured the prey that they have already got, and they are hungry for more. The wolf lives on prey and is never happier than when he is preying.

Next to the wolf in point of danger are those who arise in the midst, speaking perverse things. Beware of the voluble speaker, the subtle speaker, who tries to draw a band of followers from the beaten, orthodox, regular, tried course. In the last times we may expect to find these. Be on your guard. They pose as leaders and they desire a following. What is behind it all? Lawlessness. Rebellion against authority. It is the same spirit that those had, who said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name." Independent building—building in the direction of heaven, to take an independent way to heaven. God is still scattering and will scatter

Beware of independents. They denounce unity, and the fellowship with others, in order to further their own aims of drawing disciples after themselves. The true man of God will never seek followers after himself. He whom Jesus called the "greatest man born of woman" lost his disciples and gloried in the fact. He said, "He must increase, but I

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must decrease." Every independent leader seeking to draw disciples after himself says, "I must increase and Jesus Christ must decrease." They are self-labeled, and the sheep need the eyesalve to detect the wolf in sheep's clothing.

Paul told the Ephesian elders, "Watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Paul was conscious that there were prowlers round about, seeking to undo his work. If you will follow Paul's warnings, Paul's writings, Paul's example, you will be safe. If he were living today he probably would designate these independent movements under a different category. He, doubtless, would call it lawlessness, bolshevism—ecclesiastical bolshevism. It is manifested in the detestation of authority, in independence, in love of freedom run riot, and in works under the semblance of bringing in a reformation.

Beware of self-appointed, would-be leaders. "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." Mark 9:35. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3, 4. The great characteristic of a child is its teachableness.

Then we are also commanded to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3. Every saint should be an endeavorer, not for an impossible world-peace, but for peace in the assembly, peace in the home, and peace in his own soul.

### REAPING

**A millionaire was taken to court and convicted of bootlegging. While serving a sentence in prison he was given the job of sewing burlap sacks. A friend visited him and said, "I see you're sewing." The millionaire replied, "No—just reaping." He had done his sowing. Now he must reap. Such is the inexorable law of God for all who persist in sin and refuse to repent. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."**

Trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment. Trust in your friends and they will die and leave you. Trust in money and you may have it taken from you. Trust in reputation and some slanderous tongue may blast it. But trust in God and you are never to be confounded, in time or eternity.—D. L. Moody.

"A man may go to heaven without health, without riches, without honor, without learning, without friends, but he can never go there without Christ."

## In the Potter's House

GLORIA E. MYERS

**I**N a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

I took me down to the Potter's house where I saw Him there at work. He sat on a bench before a table whereon lay some very sharp, severe-looking tools; and I noticed He was busily engaged with the material which was in His hands. In fact, He was so lost to the surroundings that my entrance seemed entirely unobserved. So I just quietly sat down, thinking this a fine opportunity to gaze around and perhaps learn something about the creation of vessels.

I watched very closely to see what was

being made, as His hands were molding, shaping, turning, viewing, filing off, and sometimes using severe pressure to make a certain imprint. As He used a sharp tool or chisel I would hear Him whisper a few encouraging words such as these, "Never mind now, it may hurt you some but you'll be one of My most beautiful creations when you are finished, and everyone then will admire your fine workmanship. Be patient just a little longer." And I saw a very beautiful vessel, quite different from many others which were there, and being fashioned according to a special plan which was followed very closely. I also noted it was not yet completed but the work was progressing rapidly.

To the left of the Potter were three high shelves, each one holding a goodly supply of material. Upon notice of my presence He began to explain some of my unvoiced questions. Said He, "I presume you would like to know about some of the strange things which you see here, so I will endeavor to help you understand. Now on those shelves to My left, you will see three different grades of material. The first grade is very fine and pliable. It has been thoroughly refined, taken through many different processes, and is very, very valuable. The second grade is fairly good and much used; however, it can't be used for the finest work as it doesn't have the pliability and endurance; hence, it cannot possess the beauty in the finished vessel. The third grade is much cheaper and just used for commonplace things. It will not submit to the punishment of many refinings, and does not very well separate from the grit and foreign materials. The vessels do not wear well, and very often do not even hold together, because of this. The result you may see out there," and He pointed to a huge pile of many broken pieces, shapes and sizes. "When I remold them many times and find that nothing can be done, I must then throw them to the waste. However, I always do the best I can.

"Now here at My right you see what appears to be a useless mass, but which has just been brought in to Me. All those pieces of flint, sand and dirt must be removed and then it shall be graded (as you see this is) on the shelves. My best material once looked like that, when first brought here, but notice the beautiful vessel over yonder, whereon the sun is now shining, and you'll see what the

### Going to Grand Rapids?

Are you one of the fortunate people who are privileged to attend the General Council meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., this month? If not, you will want to read all about the proceedings. What went on in the business sessions? Who were chosen as executive presbyters? What did the speakers preach about?

We are pleased to announce that, beginning next week, the *Evangel* will carry a running account of the meetings. Reports of the various departments of the General Council work will be given in next week's issue, along with Brother Williams' opening message. After that, for several weeks, each *Evangel* will contain more about the Council. You will see many pictures of the folk who were present, and you will be able to read the sermons that were preached.

Watch for next week's *Evangel*. Get it from the *Evangel* box in your assembly, or order it by subscription (\$1.00 a year in the U. S. A., \$1.50 in Canada). If you want extra copies, please send your order in at once.

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# An SOS Call From China

Noel Perkin

WE were visited recently by two of our Russian Pentecostal Brethren, Brother Gouroff of San Francisco and Brother Matysuk of New York City, who are ministering here in the United States. These brethren called our attention to the pitiful plight of over 200 Pentecostal Russian refugees who fled from Soviet Russia and have been traveling through China with the hope that they may eventually secure refuge in the United States.

The latest report is that there are seventy of these people including men, women and children who are in Shanghai being cared for in a refugee center until such a time as permits to enter our country and transportation can be secured. These people have fled from their homeland in order that they might have freedom of worship. They have been given sympathetic consideration by United States government representatives in Shanghai. If we can be sure that there are those here who will provide a place for these people to work when they arrive, they will be allowed to enter. There are all kinds of trades represented in the group. Many of the men are farmers, some of the women could do housework, dressmaking, clerical work, etc. Others of the men are carpenters and mechanics.

We have pictures of all the seventy who have reached Shanghai; some of these pictures appear in this issue of the "Evangel." Pastor John Seregow, 207 S. Townsend Avenue, Los Angeles 13, California, who knows the Russian language, has kindly consented to act as contact man in the United States. Any who are interested and feel that you have employment which could be given any of these people, please write Brother Seregow and state what you are ready to offer.

In addition to securing places for these people to live, it will be necessary to raise about \$13,000.00 to cover the cost of their transportation, since they are destitute.

We are told that in the hardships of their journey across China that some died. One truck containing thirty passengers got out of control and a number were killed. To quote from a letter signed by representatives of this group, "We have been driven out first from Soviet Russia because of our religious beliefs and later from Turkestan for the same reason. Many of our brethren have died because of persecution. We have suffered and those who were left alive found themselves in a desperate position without funds and without work. Many of us had good farms and cattle, but everything was destroyed when the Russians and Chinese Communists drove us from their midst.

"We were finally obliged to flee, leaving our lands and property behind. We traveled by horse, by cart, and in trucks through bitter cold so intense that in order to save the lives of the children we had to put on them all the clothing we could get. For some of our older people it was too severe an ordeal and we buried them on the way.

It took us six months to travel from Kuldjow to Lanchow, which was the first place where we had a chance to rest. There we found several American missionaries who gave us shelter and supplied us with food and clothing, and gave us a place for religious services. They also helped us obtain special permits from the Chinese authorities so that we could proceed to Shanghai.

"After a stay of six months in Lanchow we were provided with money from Canada through the kindness of a Canadian missionary and we started the last lap of our journey to Shanghai. Now we are in Shanghai, but the situation is still tense and dangerous. It is our heart's desire to go to the United States of America because it is a country where God is respected. We wish to live and die in that country which is free from fear

and where we can freely worship our Lord for the rest of our lives.

"We wish to assure you that financially we shall never be a burden to you. We will all work and pay you back every dollar you will spend on us, so that you may help others as we hope you can help us now. We know what it means to be in need and to be persecuted. We will gladly pay back what is sent for us just as soon as we have the opportunity to work. Please pray for us, and we shall never cease to thank our Lord for whatever you can do for us." Signed by representatives of the Pentecostal Christians from Russia.

We would suggest that any offerings sent in to help these people be designated "for Russian refugees" and should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



The difficulties of their flight from Communist persecution have left their indelible stamp upon the faces of these ten. They are a part of the seventy who have thus far reached Shanghai in an endeavor to seek refuge in the United States.

## Working Out From Divinopolis

Gustave Bergstrom, Brazil

EVERY week a number have come to Christ here in Divinopolis. Some have also been filled with the Holy Spirit. A group of new converts are ready to be baptized.

Many new outstations are being opened near by Divinopolis. In the month of May I went with a young man to Claudio and some farms near by, and here we had several meetings. Many heard the gospel for the first time and some bought Gospels, Testaments, and a few Bibles. A soldier

opened his home for meetings in the city, but our old enemy, the priest, turned on his public address system and denounced me as a deceiver, wolf, etc., who had come to destroy their faith in Mary by my books and preaching.

Two Sundays ago we rented a truck and some twenty Christians and myself left early in the morning to visit Claudio to hold street meetings and give out tracts and sell Gospels. We were five miles from Claudio going down a steep hill when the brakes

failed to work. The truck turned completely over with all of us underneath. God marvelously undertook so that the majority of us had only a few scratches. One of the young ladies was hurt quite badly and was unconscious for some time, but after much prayer God wonderfully undertook for her so that she is now up and working again in the factory.

God also spared the lives of the driver, his small son and another young man who are not Christians.

In **Carmo da Matta** we also have open doors for preaching the gospel. In **Lagoa da Prata** we found many hungry hearts. God blessed our meetings from the very first by saving sinners. Here we have sold hundreds of Gospels and many Testaments and Bibles and have given out many tracts. On my recent visit seven sinners accepted Christ as their Saviour. After teaching them more, we expect soon to have a number ready for water baptism. The doors are wide open here for the gospel and many who live on the farms are very interested and plead for visits.

We are handicapped in reaching out by not having a car to help us in reaching these distant places. Roads are fairly good and a car would help to speed the gospel. Anyone wishing to give an offering for the car may send it to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., designated for a "car for the Bergstroms, Divinopolis, Brazil."

### Current News

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Weston and their two young daughters left New York for the Gold Coast on August 23.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Bedell and son, Richard, sailed for Shanghai on August 22.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Leonard and family returned to the States from Argentina in July.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pugh and family arrived from Santo Domingo in the United States on August 16.

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Gustave Kinderman, field secretary for Europe, has returned home from Europe.



Mr. Arnold Weston  
Gold Coast



Mrs. Arnold Weston  
Gold Coast

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

# When the Sun ECLIPSED

Lloyd H. Aud, Nigeria

**O**UR problems and trials sometimes seem great, but when we look into the homes of the Africans we realize that we have little reason for complaint. Our standards of living and theirs are as far apart as the poles. As we visit their compounds, we find the dead lying on the ground with a few old mats under them; we see the sick with the ground for a bed and no blanket to cover their bodies in the cool of the night. Sometimes there is a mother in childbirth lying on the ground in filth, attended by a dirty old woman.

Poverty and hardships are all that most have ever known. If death would end their suffering, these things would not seem quite so bad, but most of the people are still in their sins. Many have never had the opportunity to receive the gift of eternal life.

During the first ten days of last month I visited about twenty churches and conducted several compound services. After a gospel service, there is usually a little palaver service. Some want to know when they will be baptized, or when communion will be served. Others want a pastor, but we do not have enough pastors to go around. Then there are cases of sin to deal with. I faced all of these questions and problems as I made the visits last month. However, in these compound services we contact new people and sometimes find people that have never heard the gospel message.

In one of the compound services of last month, we had preached and were ready to pray when one man said that he was glad we had come as he thought his brother would die that day. I told him that we would see his brother, but it was now time that he should be saved. After praying for those lying on the ground, we went into the mud and stick house.

We found a young man lying naked on an old mat and two boards. One board was propped against the wall to raise his head. He could not speak. We talked to him of salvation and prayed for him. The next day he was able to talk and it was not long until he was able to come to our church. He seemed to have a desire to serve the Lord.

There are many important duties connected with missionary work. A very serious one is approving the marriages of our obedient members. We not only perform the ceremony, but tell them whether or not they can marry the one they have chosen. One of the reasons for this is to safeguard girls from being married too young. As the parents receive from \$65.00 to \$200.00 for their daughters, they many times are willing to let them go into marriage too young. This also helps to prevent old men that already have a number of wives from adding one of our Christian girls to his number. Another reason is that some men like to start paying on a small girl, so he can pay as he is able and have a long time to pay the dowry before marriage. This is not approved because they do not know whether or not they love each other. Then also, we try to see that they are not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

This month one of our workers brought his "chosen one" to me to get my permission for marriage. The girl looked to be about twelve years of age and far from being large enough for marriage. I asked him if he loved

her. "Yes, too much," was his reply. I told him of the seriousness of marrying so young a girl, and that it was not good for either of them. I refused to give my permission or to perform the ceremony. He finally decided to take her back to her parents and find a larger girl. Then I asked him about his love for that one and about waiting until she was old enough for marriage. He answered that he would love any girl that would take care of his properties. There is seldom any love before marriage in this part, and very little more after marriage.

### Our Twins

We are possessors of twins at our house. We have named them Esther and David. We think they are fine, but a lot of the natives think twins are a curse. That is the reason we have the twins at our house. The father is a polygamist with eighteen wives and about fifty children. He said that if we did not take the babies they would die. They would not kill the babies outright, but they would starve them. We felt if we refused to take them that we were contributing to their death. We asked that the mother come and live on the compound. They agreed, so we put them in the car and brought them home. They are living in the garage. I made a bed for the babies out of a goods box, and Mrs. Aud made them some clothes. They are very cute, but the boy surely knows how to cry. The father came today to see them and thought we had them fixed very nicely.

We are planning to go north to the plateau country for a vacation. Mrs. Aud and the two younger sons have had low fever for several months. They need a more healthful climate for a while. We had planned to go earlier, but I got down with the fever; then the car had clutch trouble and each of us was out of order about two weeks.

### Sun Eclipse

The sun was in total eclipse yesterday at 4:20 p. m. It became dark enough to see the stars. The natives were very frightened and thought it to be the end of the world. People fled from the market places and many went to the churches to pray. The heathen came running to our pastor's house at Nquot calling "Teacher! Teacher! Beat the stick, call the people to prayer!" He asked them "Why should we pray? What have you been doing?" They wanted prayer as they thought the world was now coming to an end.

We do believe that Jesus will soon come. The day of labor will be ended but many have never heard the story of Jesus. Let us be faithful to the trust He has given us to give forth His Word.

# The Passing and the Permanent

## THE BIBLE IN SCHOOL

Attorney General Harry McMullan has ruled that there is no state law in North Carolina against using public school money to provide an optional course in Bible.

## HANDING OUT TRACTS

Asks Clyde Dennis: "Did you know that last year the Roman Catholic Church made plans to distribute 100,000,000 leaflets *each week* in America? I think it's time for Bible-believing Christians to wake up and do the same—don't you?"

## ITALIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

According to Leonard Steiner of Switzerland, the situation among the Italian Pentecostal churches is easier now. Various protests, made against the persecutions they had suffered recently, were heeded by the authorities. As a result, all dispositions made by the police against the churches have been revoked.

## A GOOD INVESTMENT

When you send an offering to the World Missions Department for European relief, your money goes a long way. For example: 8½ cents buys and delivers one pound of relief cereal to Europe; \$1 pays for enough to sustain a person for two weeks; \$1 provides dried milk for 32 glasses in the liquid form; \$3,750 would buy a carload of relief cereal—60,000 pounds.

## WORLD CRISIS

A statement made in 1874 by Disraeli, one-time prime minister of England, and the only Jew that ever held that position, is reprinted in *Dawn*: "The great crisis of the world is nearer than some suppose. Why is Christendom so menaced? I fear civilization is about to collapse. Turn wherever we like, there is an uncomfortable feeling abroad, a distress of nations, men's hearts failing them for fear. No man can fail to mark these. Some gigantic outburst must surely fall. Every Cabinet in Europe is agitated. Every king and ruler has his hand on his sword-belt. We are upon times of unusual ghastliness. We are approaching the end."

What would Disraeli say if he were living in 1947?

## COMMUNISTS

Throughout the world there are some 67 Communist organizations that are known, but there are many that are not known. At a recent conference it was estimated that there are 18,500,000 Communists throughout the world. There are 6,000,000 in Russia (the Russian people on the whole are just serfs of the Communists and do not belong to the party). In Italy there are 2,200,000; in France, 1,300,000. In Latin-America some 16 Communist parties have been organized with a total membership of 491,800. A recent statement of the Konsomolas, or Young Communist League of Russia, says: "If a Konsomol believes in God and goes to church, he is not yet doing his duty; he is not yet a fully conscious human being."

## ROSH AND GOMER

D. M. Panton writes: "Gomer is to be a satellite of Rosh in the final invasion of Palestine (Ezek. 38:6), and Germany is already heading toward that Satanic ideal." Says *The Nineteenth Century*: "The Germans are coming to see no future of their own except in league with Russia's future. This is the new hope that has begun to stir among Germans—that they will share the world with Russia."

## QUITE A DIFFERENCE!

On the Cuyahoga County courthouse in Cleveland, Ohio, are inscribed in great letters these words: "Obedience to law is liberty." A judge recently awakened to the fact that this is a misquotation. It is taken from Richard Hooker's *Ecclesiastical Polity* and should read, "Obedience to *divine* law is liberty." The omission of one word makes a great difference—for only the divine laws are perfect. Psalm 19:7.

## A CAUSE OF ALARM

"The gradual breaking down of the American home is beginning to be reflected in the national behavior pattern and is a real cause of alarm," said J. Edgar Hoover recently, trying to explain the 7.6% increase of crime in 1946 over that of 1945. Murder increased 23.3%; robbery, 15.7%; aggravated assault, 12.9%. The only good item in the FBI report is that arrest of girls under 21 dropped 33.1% although they are still above any pre-war year by 40%.

## RELIGION IN INDIA

When asked whether Christian missionaries will be free to remain in India when it becomes independent, Mahatma Gandhi replied in the affirmative. He said also that Indian Christians will be at liberty "to occupy high official positions in the Indian Dominion." But when asked if non-Christians will be permitted to embrace Christianity, he declined to answer. This, he said, will depend on the rules and laws framed by the Indian Constituent Assembly.

## SWEDISH GENEROSITY

During the Nazi occupation of their country, the great majority of the Jews in Denmark, some 7,000 in number, managed to escape to Sweden. The Danish Government incurred a debt of fifty million dollars for the care of these refugees. Now the Swedish Government, in a generous move, has cancelled this debt.

According to the *Hebrew Alliance Quarterly*, 85% of Denmark's native Jews and refugee guests reached Sweden alive, some escaping in garbage trucks, police cars, and even hearses. When they crossed Oresund to Sweden, Swedish destroyers protected them from Nazi pursuit into Swedish waters. Swedish pilots led vessels into harbor, and when the refugees landed they were greeted by whole villages crying, "Welcome to Sweden." When, finally, the Jews returned to Denmark, they found their homes refurnished, their commercial establishments functioning and in good order.

## BIBLES

The American Bible Society states: "The Bible Society, which last year surpassed all former years by distributing 12,243,355 copies of the Scripture, is facing the greatest opportunity in its decades of service."

Last year, the British and Foreign Bible Society had a record income of more than a million dollars. Five new languages have been added, so that the Scriptures are now provided in 1,073 languages.

## A MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

A survey made by the Foreign Missions Fellowship shows the following ratio of Christian forces in the world: Africa, fifty-six missionaries per million people; Mexico, Central America, and the West Indies, thirty per million; India, fourteen per million; China, thirteen per million. The United States has 1,945 ministers per million people.

Jesus pronounced a woe upon Chorazin and Bethsaida, saying: "If the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." Is He saying now of America: "If the 1945 Christian workers per million that are in you, had been in India and China they would have repented long ago in deep soul surrender"? "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

## A LETTER FROM GERMANY

A minister in Bournemouth, England, received the following letter from Germany appealing for help. "Six years we cannot buy a Bible or any Christian book," it said. "Millions of families are without a Bible. Millions lost their homes and with it their good books. Healing will only come from within if people get a new heart. We experienced last year that everything is all right if the heart has contact with the Lord.

"Now you hear always the cry, 'What shall we eat and wherewith shall we be clothed?' It is true we do not know what to eat and be clothed until the moment comes when we all learn, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.' We personally experienced this. Elijah's ravens came to us all these six years."

## THE GOSPEL IN CHINA

Bishop Houghton, the Director of the China Inland Mission, considers that 80 per cent of the Mission's work is unaffected by the political situation. "The Gospel message," says a writer in *World Dominion* (June, 1947), "is going forth in China with an impetus and on a scale that is unprecedented. One large vessel, alone, in three trips from the United States to the Far East, has transported well over 1,000 missionaries and their families, of various denominations, most of whom disembarked at Shanghai and Hongkong *en route* to the interior of China. On her second voyage, the *Marine Lynx* carried a missionary complement of over 400, who represented twenty-three different Protestant denominations. This mass movement of missionaries represented the largest number of Christian emissaries ever to sail at one time on one ship in the history of the Church. On her third trip to Asia, the *Marine Lynx* exceeded her former record, this time transporting more than 600 missionaries to the Oriental mission fields."

# The Substitute

A grief-stricken mother, Mrs. Connie DeBartolo, begged President Truman that she be allowed to serve the life sentence imposed on her son, who is now 23.

He served in World War II and was wounded in the battle of Cassino, Italy. After four months in the hospital he disappeared. Last November he reported to UNRRA headquarters in Rome, claiming he had been a victim of amnesia. The authorities doubted his story, however, and he was given a life term in prison for desertion.

In her telegram to the President, Mrs. DeBartolo said:

"May I serve the long life sentence given my son? . . . There is one honor I have. That is the wounds he received at the battle of Cassino which put him in the hospital for four months. . . . As long as he has those wounds I will still call my son an American hero.

"I beg of you to let me serve my son's sentence. I still remain the Purple Heart mother because my son's wounds cannot be removed. But I am broken-hearted. I am depending on you and praying that justice will be done."

A mother's love touches the heart. No doubt President Truman was moved as he read this mother's plea, but he could not be swayed by his feelings. Though he had the power to pardon the young man, he could not accept the mother as a substitute. It would not be lawful to punish Mrs. DeBartolo for the wrongdoing of her son.

But in the kingdom of God there is a different law. God has agreed, within certain limits, to accept a substitute for the wrongdoer. That is why, in Old Testament times, He told the high priest to place his hands upon the scapegoat and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat—and then to let the goat escape alive, running into the wilderness, there to have its liberty. How was it possible for a just God to permit the goat to go free when it was bearing such great sin? It was because another goat had been slain in its place. There were two goats, and the high priest drew lots to see which goat should go free and which goat should die in the other's place. See Leviticus 16:5-22.

This was a wonderful object lesson, by which God was trying to teach to the people of Israel the marvelous truth concerning their Redeemer who was to come. The Redeemer is our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him no sin was found. And yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him. In Isaiah 53 the provision of a Substitute is made very clear. It was prophesied that this Righteous One should "justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities." His soul was made an offering for sin, though He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

Have you ever puzzled regarding Calvary? Have you wondered why an innocent Man, one so pure, so kind, so faultless, should be cruelly wounded, bruised, beaten, and nailed to a cross to die? The answer is given here: "He was wounded for *our* transgressions, He

was bruised for *our* iniquities: the chastisement of *our* peace was upon Him; and with His stripes *we* are healed."

How true it is that "all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." For so doing, we deserve the sentence of death. But go on and finish reading the same verse, for it adds, "and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." So we, in spite of our sin, may be forgiven. We are like the scapegoat—we may go free, because another, even the Lord Jesus Christ, has died in our place.

But notice that before the scapegoat could go free, the sins of the people must be confessed over him. And before any one of us can be free from sin we must confess that we are sinners deserving eternal death. Thank God for the Bible promise that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." He is both faithful and just—faithful to do it for each one who asks, and just to do it because Another has borne the punishment in our place. That is why, as Paul says, God at the same time can be both "just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Romans 3:26.

Peter makes it very plain when he says: "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18.

Equally plain are the words of the Lord Jesus Himself: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

There are two requirements of man. Christ has suffered for your sins, but there are two

things you must do to be saved. *First*, confess that you are a sinner deserving eternal death, and repent, asking God to forgive you, for Jesus' sake. *Second*, believe that Jesus did bear the full punishment that should have been yours, and therefore that God does forgive you, just as surely as you ask Him to do so. That is all you have to do. You must receive salvation from the Lord as a gift, simply through believing.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Will you accept the gift?—R.C.C.

Someone has said: "Fear God for His power, trust Him for His wisdom, love Him for His goodness, praise Him for His greatness, believe Him for His faithfulness, and adore Him for His holiness."

Take care not to be so busy with work for God that you have little time for prayer.

## Taking Things that God Gives

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gifts of nature God gives in a most lavish manner, and men, whether righteous or unrighteous, can take what God gives, and enjoy the gifts taken. But His spiritual gifts are given upon conditions that must be complied with. When the conditions are met, the gifts are immediately made available. God holds His hand out, and they are there, just as the watch was in Mr. Moody's hand—but they must be taken.

It is the will of God that all the gifts of the Spirit be in evidence in every well ordered assembly of the saints; and they *would* be in



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evidence, were it not for the fact that they have not been accepted when given. There is a well-known story that we are assured is not fiction, but absolute truth. It is the story of a man who was convicted of a crime and was sentenced to death. He was in his cell awaiting the day of execution, and that day was drawing near. Someone made a successful appeal to the governor of the state, and secured his pardon. The pardon, signed and sealed by the governor, was brought to the condemned man, but he refused to accept it. The authorities knew not what to do. The man had been pardoned, but he had refused to accept the pardon. Should they force him to leave the prison? The court was appealed to, and the judge rendered a decision to the effect that a pardon is not valid until it is accepted. The governor may pardon a condemned man, but the man must accept the pardon in order that he may go free. So the condemned man, who had been pardoned but had refused to accept his pardon, was duly executed. He might have gone free; but his freedom or lack of freedom hinged upon his acceptance or rejection of that which had been given.

Think of God's numerous gifts. They are indeed manifold. God wants us to have them. That

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is why He has given them. Would that by faith we would take them from His outstretched hand! How much more efficient we should be in the doing of the work He has appointed us to do! The gifts of the Spirit are the equipment of the church for the task which has been committed unto it. That equipment is essential to the full measure of success with which God desires to bless our efforts. All the way down through the centuries, since the days of the apostles, the church has not met the situation as effectively as it might have met it, and the inadequacy of the church has not been an inadequacy of the equipment provided, but has been due to a failure on the part of the church to take this equipment in full measure, and use it in the power of the Holy Ghost, in meeting the onslaughts of the adversary, and waging an aggressive warfare against the world, the flesh and the devil.

We are nearing the end of the church age. We see everywhere the evidence of the truth of the prophetic utterance to the effect that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." How important that we take unto ourselves the whole armor of God, that we may stand in the evil day, and, having done all, stand! Weymouth's rendering of Eph. 6:13 is excellent: "Therefore put on the complete armor of God, so that you may be able to stand your ground on the day of battle, and, having fought to the end, to remain victors on the field."

"A man cannot get anything unless it is given to him from heaven." But if it is thus given he can get it, if he will but take it from the outstretched hand of God. Surely God wants us to have the necessary equipment, and what He wants us to have He has given. Let us take it that we may render the effective service He would have us render.

A number of years ago I was speaking each evening for a period of time to the saints of an assembly in Washington, D. C. One evening we were singing, "Jesus has a table spread, where the saints of God are fed." The power of God came down in marked measure upon the people. A good sister had a vision. She looked out through an open door, and she saw a table covered with a white table cloth, and Jesus standing by it. He was saying, "Come and dine." She looked, and on the table she saw a number of covered dishes, and she was made to know that these dishes contained the things God had provided for His people during this church age. One was labeled, "Forgiveness." Others were labeled, "Cleansing," "Divine Healing," "The Baptism in the Spirit," and there was one particularly large dish that was marked. "The Gifts of the Spirit." She told us about the vision afterwards, and said, "The Lord made me to know that all these things had been provided, and that all we have to do is to accept the invitation of the Master, 'Come and dine.'"

Oh, that the Lord would teach us the importance of taking that which God has given, that we may be as efficient as He would have us be in the rendering of that service which He has appointed us to render! "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." Have we received it? Maybe the reason so many among us are without it is because we have not taken it from the outstretched hand of the Lord. Let us stir ourselves up to lay hold of, and *take*, God's gifts.

## Consider the Lilies

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life of empty profession; a walk that takes us into the depths of the Living Word of God, into the secret chambers of hours of prayer and communion with Him, the Saviour of men; a walk that breathes the breath of heaven as one moves about the marts of life; a walk that has transformed the gaze from earth to heaven. "Looking unto Jesus" ought to be the life motto of every believer.

Away up in the north of Scotland a scientist was spending a little time wandering through the hills, delighting his soul in feasting on the rich things of the Creator. Among the objects of his search he took time to examine the lowly heather bell, and while examining the tiny flower through his powerful lens he was observed by an old Scot. The old fellow, somewhat curious to know what the scientist was doing, ventured the question, and was invited to look at the heather bell through the magnifying-glass. Long he gazed, as though he was held in a trance, and when he lifted his face from the glass his eyes were moist and the tears were coursing down his weathered cheeks. The scientist asked, "Why do you weep, Scot? What is there to make a man like you weep?" In the dialect characteristic of the northern Scot, he replied, "Mon, ah been a tramplin ma heavy boots over them flowers aw ma life and ne'er did ah ken they were so beautiful." Oh, that we might pause and consider! That we might take up the lens of God's Word and see the beauty of the gospel of Christ! Then we would remove our shoes from our feet and walk softly all our days.

If the glory of Solomon pales to insignificance before the grandeur of God's lilies, it is to tell us that nothing on earth, no matter how grand or resplendent it may be, can compare in any respect to the glorious gospel of the Son of



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God. Do not go hobnailing around all your life, trampling under foot the crowning achievement of the Creator. Pick up the lens and examine this Lily of the Valley. Bow before Him, the Author of all life and grandeur. Open your closed heart to the light of heaven. Breathe out that prayer that has been pent up in there for years. Let the fountain of your deep break up before the Lord. Weep in humble penitence before Him, that you have been so long trampling the grace of God beneath your feet.

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Pause! consider! learn! yield! receive! go forth! The world needs a practical Christianity. "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

ELIZABETH, N. J.

## In the Potter's House

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result can be after I'm through."

I looked, and I saw a most wonderful piece of art, cut into so many niches and corners that, as the sun shone upon it, there appeared to be hundreds of diamonds with a reflected rainbow in each one.

I fairly gasped as I beheld its rare beauty; but He said, "You must remember that, that one required a lot of time and work. Each little cut that now reflects the light, like a shining jewel, was very, very painful. Much patience and endurance was required of both Potter and vessel, while only the highest grade of material could have endured."

I then asked Him how long the material could be preserved before being used, to which I received a most interesting reply which held much weight and meaning. "Oh," said He, "grade number one is always in fine condition, retaining its valuable characteristics. I can forget it for many months and find it just as yielding and pliable. Grade two will submit for just a shorter length of time, but requires closer observance and more care. Grade three is quite inferior and, if not put into use almost at once, it becomes hard, cracked and useless. However, there are a lot of third grade vessels on the market, for many folk are unwilling to pay the price for the better ones."

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And then He led me to the front of the room where there were dozens of vessels of many shapes, sizes and patterns. Some were exquisitely beautiful, some had matched designs, and some were very plain. I marvelled at the variety of patterns. He proudly assured me they were all according to His specific purpose and plan, very carefully worked out and clearly pictured in His mind before any of the work began. Thus, He had a right to admire with pride the results of many weary hours, and enjoy the beauty produced by His own hands.

As I asked what kind of vessel the unfinished one was yet to be, or to what important place it would be assigned. His voice became tender, His words very low, as He said, "That's a secret; you cannot now know." But I learned there some lessons I'll never forget. I left with new light which I could profit by yet. For as I was leaving, a small Voice said to me, "My child, I'm the Potter, and thou art the clay."

"O Lord, Thou art our Father; we are the clay, and Thou our Potter; and we all are the work of Thy hand." Isaiah 64:8.

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### INTERVIEWS POPE

Pastor Henry H. Ness of Seattle, Washington, sent us a cable from Italy: "Private audience, thirty minutes, with Pope Pius XII. Topic: Religious, economic, and political conditions, present, and future."

### SENTIMENTAL SACRILEGE

In one of Philadelphia's largest churches (Baptist Temple) a chapel is to be named in honor of the four chaplains who stood together on the deck of the sinking troopship *Dorchester* and gave away their life belts, refusing places in the overcrowded lifeboat. Two of them were Protestants, one was a Jew, and the other was a Catholic. Therefore the chapel will contain a three-sided altar so that Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, entering the chapel "through the same door," may "worship at the common altar." Did not Jesus say, "I am the door"? Yet the Jews deny Him, and endeavor to approach the Father in another way. Where in the Bible is there any teaching to the effect that Christian believers should bow at an earthly altar? The altar we have (Heb. 13:10) is in heaven. It is sprinkled with the blood of God's Lamb, upon whom the fires of divine judgment fell outside the city walls. How could a true believer stand quietly by and watch Jews and Catholics go through vain forms of worship, without raising his voice to point them to the truth? The story of the unselfish heroism of the four chaplains is very touching indeed, but sentiment is no excuse for sacrilege.

## The Lord's Healing

### NERVOUS BREAKDOWN HEALED

After getting rapidly worse for many months I was taken on March 31, 1946 to the hospital. They wanted to operate on me but said I was in such a nervous state that it was out of the question. They were determined to break the sleeping-tablets habit that I had been a slave to for two and a half years, and so sleeplessness, without the tablets caused me untold torture to mind and body. Not being able to relax and sleep, day or night increased the agony. Only when sheer exhaustion came was I able to sleep and then only for a few hours. The moment I would awake that terrible torment would flash into my mind that I had sinned against the Holy Ghost and must spend eternity in hell away from all my loved ones. This although I had been saved for several years.

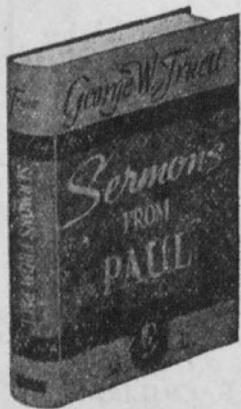
My pastor, Brother Bersinger who himself had had a like attack, came often and encouraged me to believe God would heal me. The saints held on steadily in prayer, and my husband's mother who came to take care of me was instant in prayer. I was prayed for by many evangelists, and I think they considered me pretty hopeless. Finally Dr. Chas. S. Price came to Civic Auditorium to hold a campaign. November 3rd he prayed for me and God won-

derfully healed me. What a relief! what an untold blessing to be able to lie down and just sleep! This I was doing by the next week, and I am still doing it, enjoying life so much, and so thankful to God, this August 15, 1947. I never miss an opportunity to testify to the healing power of my precious Lord, Jesus my Saviour, who set me free and gave me this wonderful peace and joy and bodily strength.—Mrs. M. H. Lapum, 20 Peralta Avenue, Los Gatos, California.

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We have a supernatural work to do, and we must have supernatural power with which to do it.—A. J. Gordon.



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## Among the Assemblies

FORT SMITH, ARK.—We recently closed a very successful revival with the Lummer Music Makers, and after three weeks the church is still feeling the effects of the revival. Last night we baptized a goodly number in water, and many still speak of the blessing of the Lord that was present during the meeting.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

WELLINGTON, TEXAS—We recently closed a 3-week "open air" revival with Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jolliff as the evangelists. Several were saved in this meeting and the church as a whole was revived. Many outsiders came to hear and enjoy the wonderful sermons.—Walter Lane, Pastor.

PLYMOUTH, IND.—Our recent revival with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pickthorn proved a real blessing. Five found the Lord as their Saviour and the entire church appreciated the Bible teaching of Brother Pickthorn. We are now in the midst of a building program and hope to have our new parsonage completed early this fall.—William Van Winkle, Pastor.

MILLPORT, ALA.—A revival campaign was conducted at the Liberty Gospel Tabernacle by Evangelist Robert Boddy, in which about 32 prayed through to old-time salvation. The revival fire is still burning and we are looking forward to greater things. Our Sunday School is still growing, and we have a C. A. Class of about 25.—Mrs. B. H. Shelton, Church Secretary-Treasurer, Route 1, Ethelsville, Ala.

OCALA, FLA.—We just closed a 3-week meeting with Evangelist H. S. Gillespie of Daytona Beach. It was the most outstanding revival we have seen since the early days of Pentecost. People flocked to the altar for more of God. Twenty-four received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 18 were received into church fellowship, and 23 were baptized in water. A great number were saved and reclaimed.—Chas. S. Brown, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS—We came here 2½ months ago, and found a wonderful group of people, a very co-operative people, and we are seeing God work in a precious way. Souls are being saved and our Sunday School is growing each week. We also have a very active C. A. band, wide awake and working for God. We are very happy in the work of the Lord here.—Pastor and Mrs. J. E. Inlow, First Assembly of God.

SULLIVAN, MO.—We have had a good 10-day meeting with Evangelist Roy Sherrill of Steele, Mo. The Lord manifested His power in every service. One night, 7 came for salvation. In all, quite a number were saved, 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 13 were baptized in water, and 11 were received into the church. Nineteen have united with the church this year. As a result of Brother Sherrill's messages on Divine Healing, and prayer for the sick, many were healed. Our Sunday School attendance has reached the 250 mark.—D. C. Plake, Pastor; by Herman Spindler, Church Secretary.

(Near) LUFKIN, TEXAS—We have had a very successful revival campaign at Clawson Church, 6 miles from Lufkin, on Highway 69. The evangelistic party was composed of Brother and Sister Wills and Jim Anderson, all from Alto, Texas. God blessed far beyond our expectations. Sixteen were saved and filled with the Spirit, 6 were reclaimed and refilled, and 9 came for salvation. Four were saved and filled after the meetings closed. We had a dedication service, when 15 children were dedicated. Finances were good; around \$250.00 came in.—Grace A. Anderson, Pastor, Route 1, Pollok, Texas.

DOTHAN, ALA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Denver C. Ogden of Siloam Springs, Ark., have been with us in special meetings for the past two weeks. Brother Ogden's anointed ministry was used of God as a blessing to the church, and the unsaved were stirred to seek God. At the close of Sunday School on the first Sunday of the meeting, the desire for a Sunday School bus was mentioned by the Sunday School secretary. Immediately the Spirit of God began to move, and over \$400.00 was given without any plea, a large part of it in cash. The next Sunday, a nice bus was in operation, and there were 161 in attendance, which broke all previous records.—Gordon Earls, Pastor.

WINTERHAVEN, CALIF.—We accepted the work here January 20. Since then, 23 have been saved, 21 have received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4, 25 have been baptized in water, and 19 have signed the church roll. The Sunday School attendance has reached its highest record of 92. All Council ministers will find a welcome at the Assembly of God.—N. L. Locke, Pastor; by Dora E. Smith, Secretary.

DOROTHY, W. VA.—We assumed the pastorate here over 3½ years ago, and the Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. We have had two revival campaigns, in which from 75 to 100 have been saved and many have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The membership of the church has doubled and the Sunday School attendance has increased from an average of 90 to an average of 165 the past quarter. The Lord has also helped us to build and pay for a nice parsonage during this time. We trust the blessing of the Lord will continue upon the fine congregation here. We are resigning to re-enter the evangelistic field.—Pastor and Mrs. W. Glenn West.

DEWITT, ARK.—We are praising the Lord for a soul-stirring revival with Evangelist W. M. Sutley, 1501 Missouri Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Twelve were saved, 4 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 14 were baptized in water, and many were healed. The Methodist pastor's wife received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. One woman who had testified for years that she was saved and had the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, confessed she had a secret sin in her life and said she was not saved. The saints were moved to a closer walk with God. There was good interest in the Sunday School. Our brother is a booster for Sunday Schools. We feel that this revival will be remembered in eternity.—T. L. Miller, Pastor.

#### HOUSTON SECTION C. A. CAMP MEETING

The first Houston Section C. A. Camp Meeting was held on the bank of the San Jacinto River, at Highlands, Texas. Brother White, Presbyterian of the Houston Section, was the morning speaker; his messages were both inspirational and instructive. Ernie Reb was the evening speaker; God used him in a remarkable way in bringing messages on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Although the camp lasted only five nights, 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The interest and co-operation of the churches in the Houston Section was splendid. We were very much encouraged by this pioneer effort and plan to have an Annual Camp Meeting in the Houston Section, God willing.—Bracy I. Greer, C. A. President, Houston Section.

SNEADS, FLA.—The Lord has given us a very successful 4-week revival at El Bethel Assembly. S. P. Danford of St. Andrews was our evangelist the first two weeks, and his services were greatly appreciated. His Bible lectures were very effective. Several souls were saved, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. After Brother Danford left us, Carl C. Haas of Birmingham, Ala., was with us two more weeks. His straightforward messages were given under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. His theme was, "The Revival of Old-time Holiness, especially the Ministry of Divine Healing." God's Word was confirmed with signs following. Many were stirred, and a goodly number were saved. The last service found 5 influential men praying for forgiveness of sins. Eight new members were added to the church and 5 were baptized in water. The effects of this meeting will long be felt in this rural section of Florida.—W. A. Parker, 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.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—4211 Hunt, Sept. 14-28; Gladys M. Lutke, Evangelist.—Thomas E. Todd, Pastor.

GALESBURG, ILL.—266E. South St.; Sept. 17, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kofahl, Evangelists.—E. R. Bucher, Pastor.

SAN MIGUEL, CALIF.—Youth Crusade in progress; Irene and Wesley Kaufman, Tacoma, Wash., Evangelists.—D. J. Henderson, Pastor.

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS—Sept. 14-; A. A. Allen, Evangelist.—J. Orley Rosenberg, Pastor.

WASCO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 14-; Bobby Clark, Evangelist.—C. E. Shields, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, TENN.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 14-28; Carl C. Haas, Birmingham, Ala., Evangelist.—James M. Turner, Pastor.

HAMBURG, PA.—The Tabernacle of the Full Gospel, Sept. 9-21; Evangelist and Mrs. Reynolds Kennedy.—M. Mastro, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—West 5th Ave. and Fox St.; Sept. 14, for 3 weeks or longer; W. M. Stephens of Denver, Evangelist.—Gilbert B. Cunningham, Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—12th and Madison Sts., Sept. 14-Oct. 5; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists.—J. P. Wannemacher, Pastor.

MONTREAL, QUE.—1243 Drummond St., Sept. 14-Oct. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, Seattle, Wash.—Erskine Holt, Acting Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Youth for Christ Rally, Sept. 13; Evangelist Arthur Otteson, Speaker.—Roger Malsbary, Director.

MIDLAND, MICH.—1110 Jerome St., Sept. 14-28; D. C. Manley, Speaker.—G. W. Hunter, Pastor.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—1224 Race St., Sept. 14-28; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson.—A. B. Crabb, Pastor.

CLINTON, IOWA—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 14-; Evangelist and Mrs. Vinton Huffey.—C. E. Thompson, Pastor.

HUNTSVILLE, ONTARIO—Sept. 14-; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.—Lloyd Johnston, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—4735 Second Ave. N., Sept. 14-28; Doreen Justus, Mansfield, Ark., Evangelist.—Wiley T. Davis, Pastor.

MANHATTAN, KANSAS—700 Vattier; meetings in progress until Sept. 14; Bill Durbin Evangelistic Party.—F. H. Frey, Pastor.

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JOLIET, ILL.—Clay and Parks St., Sept. 16-21; Christian Hild, Evangelist. On Sept. 20, Evangelist Hild will speak at monthly Youth for Christ Rally, High School Auditorium.—Wilbur E. Weides, Pastor.

CAMPBELL, MO—Sept. 14-28; Chas. Hurst, 1011 Shelby Ave., Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—A. A. Bradley, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Tabernacle, North Capital and K Sts., Sept. 14—; Hildreth Ethridge, Ponca City, Okla., Evangelist. In walking distance from Union Station.—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor, 413 Douglas St., N. E., Washington 17, D. C.

CHADRON, NEBR.—Meeting in progress; B. R. Harris, Ft. Morgan, Colo., Evangelist. This new field project sponsored by Nebraska District C.A.s. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—R. A. Paul, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Bethel Tabernacle, 1421 25th Ave. We are calling a week of prayer and fasting, Sept. 21-28, not to talk about prayer and fasting but to really pray and fast; no set program, but pray as early and as late as the Spirit may lead while we fast.—R. H. Moon, Pastor

#### TENNESSEE S. S. CONVENTIONS

Tennessee District Sunday School Conventions: Covington, Sept. 22; Dyer, Sept. 23; Madison, Sept. 24; Scott St. Assembly, Knoxville, Sept. 25. Services daily, 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Speakers: M. L. Grable, Promotional Director of National Sunday School Department, and James E. Hamill, District S. S. Representative.—J. E. Hamill

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The 32nd Oklahoma District Council will meet at Convention Hall, Corner Brady and Boulder Sts., Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 6-10. First service, C. A. Rally, Monday, 7:30 p.m., with District C. A. President L. B. Keener in charge. Business session will open Tuesday, 10 a.m., District Superintendent F. C. Cornell in charge. Those desiring ordination will secure the proper blank from the District Secretary, fill it out in ink, and present it to the Credentials Committee during the Council Session. For further information write V. H. Ray, District Secretary, Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

#### TEXAS DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCES

Texas District Fall Bible Conferences: San Angelo Section, 1002 N. Oakes St., San Angelo, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Wichita Falls Section, Church and Gra d Sts., Olney, Oct. 2-3. Ft. Worth Section, Boulevard Assembly, 14th and Boulevard Sts., Ft. Worth, Oct. 7-8. Dallas Section, Mt. Auburn Assembly, 703 Beacon St., Dallas, Oct. 9-10. Greenville Section, Morgan and Barrett Sts., Denison, Oct. 14-15. Paris Section, Sulphur Springs, Oct. 16-17. Tyler Section, Kilgore, Oct. 21-22. Lufkin Section, First Assembly of God, Lufkin, Oct. 23-24. Beaumont Section, Glad Tidings Assembly, Beaumont, Oct. 28-29. Houston Section, Magnolia Park Assembly, 79th and Baltimore, Houston, Oct. 30-31. Waco Section, Calvary Assembly, 18th and Dutton, Waco, Nov. 4-5. Austin Section, Luling, Nov. 6-7. San Antonio Section, Eastland Hts. Assembly, Walters and Grimes Sts., San Antonio, Nov. 11-12. Yoakum Section, 609 E. North St., Victoria, Nov. 13-14. Corpus Christi Section, Houston St. and Ireland Ave., Aransas Pass, Dec. 2-3. Valley Section, Brownsville, Dec. 4-5.

Over-all theme, "The Minister." The headquarters staff will be the speakers. Services daily, 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. For further information write your Presbyter or the Headquarters Office, Waxahachie, Texas.—J. O. Savell, District Superintendent.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

WANTED—100 Seats, in good condition, for Cody Church. Write W. V. Bentley, Box 1027, Cody, Wyo.

WANTED—Passengers, one to three, on trip from the East to California leaving about Oct. 13 ('46 auto).—Pastor M. R. Searles, Chestnut Grove Road, Salem, Ohio.

BROADCAST—Wellington, Texas, Assembly of God program, Sundays, 5:00-5:30 p.m., Station KCQX, Childress, Texas, 1510 on your dial.—Walter Lane, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 396, Donalsonville, Ga. We have been called to pastor the church here.—"The White Trio," by J. A. White.

## THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

September 13, 1947

NEW ADDRESS—810 E. Defee St., Goose Creek, Texas. Phone 961-R. "Have accepted the pastorate of Trinity Tabernacle, East Jack and North Second St."—Clyde C. Goree.

NEW ADDRESS—810 Hickory St., Peckville, Pa. "We have resigned as pastor of the First Pentecostal Church in Pitcairn, and have accepted a call to the Pentecostal Tabernacle in Peckville."—David A. Berquist.

NEW ADDRESS—After Sept. 7, 1947, all mail addressed to the Secretary of the New England District should be sent to the District Office, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.—Lyle W. Butler, District Secretary.

FOR SALE—Sunday School Bus, all-steel, 70 passenger, good tires, good running condition, Studebaker 1937. Write Forest T. Nelson, 426 Chestnut St., Pottstown, Pa.

NOTICE—Any Assemblies of God people contemplating coming to the great expansion program at Richland, Wash., please contact me for information. A fine established church, with a fine group of C.A.'s and a large growing Sunday School, is awaiting you.—Pastor Wesley Banta, 1306 Stevens Drive, Richland, Wash.

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