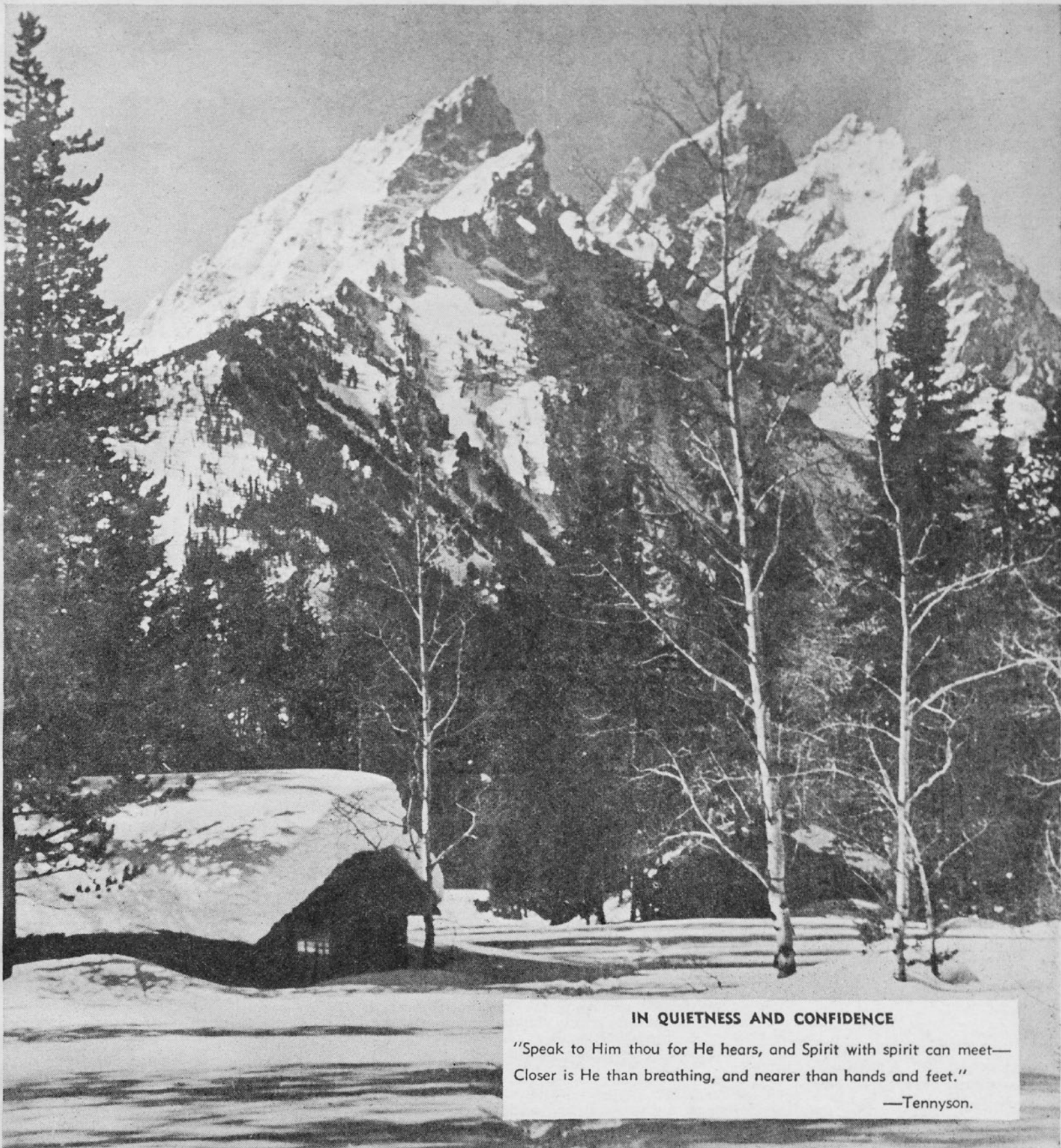




IN QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE

"Speak to Him thou for He hears, and Spirit with spirit can meet—
Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet."

—Tennyson.

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

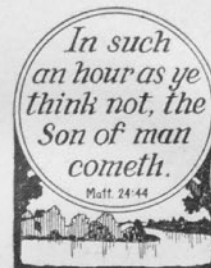
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THE LAST JUDGMENT

D. R. Davies



NOTHING so clearly shows the blindness of much of the thinking of the church during the past seventy or eighty years as the shock of surprise that was felt about the atom bomb and its implications. The blast of its explosion not only killed thousands of Japs, but also stupefied millions of professing Christians. It overtook them as a thief in the night. The atomic bomb suspends the civilized existence and probably the physical existence of mankind upon a thread finer than a spider's web.

The bomb shattered not only Hiroshima. It also shattered the modern, secular gospel of Utopia and inevitable progress. Man's future in this world is in deepest shadow. This present world, on which our generation staked its ace-card for yielding paradise, is now hanging on a thread above an abyss. The march of science has led man to the edge of doom.

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF HISTORY

Now against this grim and somber background, the New Testament vision of history as an advance into final judgment begins to appear less fantastic. In the irony of Providence, it is modern science, much more than modern theology, that is restoring the Christian view of history, making it necessary once again to believe in the Last Judgment, the Day of the Lord, and the return of Jesus Christ. It is worth while to look closely at what the New Testament affirms about history.

Whichever part of the New Testament we turn to it is impossible to get away from the vision of a *final judgment* in which Christ, the Crucified One, reappears once again on the stage of history, in its closing scene, but with this difference: that the cross has been transformed into a throne, a platform of judgment and power. History ends in a catastrophic, apocalyptic climax, not in an easy ascent into fulfilment and harmony. The vision is not of a world enjoying plenty and basking in sunshine, but of masses appealing to the rocks for shelter and mercy.

As events unfold, their baleful, catastrophic meaning will

become plainer and plainer. Life will become more insecure, existence more difficult and tormented. Society will become more deeply and bitterly divided. Suffering and tragedy will become so colossal and universal that for the sake of the saints, God Himself will cut it short. Accompanying this crescendo of disaster will be a decline in the numbers of the faithful. *"Shall the Son of Man, when He comes, find faith on the earth?"* That process is already in operation. The weeding has begun.

Now the fact is that the vast majority of professing Christian people don't believe in this New Testament interpretation of history and its ending. It is not even so much that they believe or disbelieve the New Testament vision of the end as that it seems so utterly remote or unreal to them. It is not the date of our Lord's coming that matters. For men to probe into that is pride of the most gigantic proportions. That is a secret locked in God's own mind. What matters is that believers should be prepared for His return, whenever it will happen. *"So then let us not sleep as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, since we are of the day, be sober... for yourselves*

know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."

SUDDEN DESTRUCTION

"As a thief in the night" is a phrase which almost exactly describes the character of modern historical development. Many of the outstanding events of modern history have exactly that character of unexpectedness.

And now history has definitely entered upon the era of stealth and insecurity. We have witnessed the last declaration of war. The nature of the new weapons, *which are only in their infancy*, demands swiftness, suddenness, and complete surprise for their decisive use. Rockets can already travel at a speed swifter than sound. The bomb that fell on Hiroshima contained only 66 lbs. of explosive. Rockets can be charged with ten times as much, and in less than an hour of their launching, every town and city within 1,000 miles would be in ruins. In less than an hour! So you must not afford the enemy even a minute's notice. Get your blow in first—swiftly, devastatingly. Let your atomic rocket descend on the enemy like a thief in the night.

So the new scientific weapons are a symbol of the manner in which history is now shaping and developing. Historic events now produce disaster and destruction from which it is becoming increasingly impossible to recover. Imagine a thousand super-loaded atomic rockets all exploding at the same moment! Do not those terrible words of the Book of Revelation acquire a new and sinister reality? *"And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich and the strong, and every bondman and every freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?"*

THE ERA OF JUDGMENT

The world has entered on the era of judgment, which may
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The Glad Home-coming

A. B. Simpson

I am waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom in the air,
I am longing for the gath'ring of the ransomed over there;
I am putting on the garments which the Heavenly Bride shall wear,
For the glad home-coming draweth nigh.

I am letting go the pleasures and the treasures worldlings prize,
I am laying up my treasures and ambitions in the skies;
I am setting my affections where there are no broken ties,
For the glad home-coming draweth nigh.

I am hasting on the coming of the Bridegroom in the air,
I am sending forth the Gospel of the Kingdom everywhere;
I am warning saints and sinners for the summons to prepare,
For the glad home-coming draweth nigh.

I am watching for the rising of the morning star's first ray,
In my heart its beams have risen as the harbinger of day;
Christ in me the hope of glory, every moment seems to say,
"Lo! the glad home-coming draweth nigh."

Oh, the joy of meeting Jesus, and the loved ones gone before!
Oh, to be where sin and sorrow, pain and sickness come no more;
All my heart is turning ever to that everlasting shore,
Where the glad home-coming draweth nigh.

FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST IN THE YOKE

God is faithful, by whom we were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Cor. 1:9.

John Wright Follette

HERE is a call sounding out from the heart of God to all of us. We are called *from* and *unto*. The call is sounding today by the power of the Holy Spirit down in the depths of our hearts. The will of God is calling us (the personal individual) out from the natural and into a life of the Spirit where a certain fellowship may be developed.

As we ponder over the Word we are conscious of hidden possibilities and of very intimate *communion* and understanding with the Lord Jesus Christ. As I studied over this question of *fellowship* I found that it was a matter of growth, and that there were phases of it which were logical and orderly.

We must have, of course, a common basis for fellowship. In creation we are given that capacity. We are created in the image of God. That image, in fact, is the capacity for spiritual communion with God. We find no tracings of His image upon any form of His workmanship. The new birth is necessary and all other subsequent experiences, in order to deepen and enlarge the power of reception. One may be tempted to think the experience of crisis is the fellowship, but we make a grave mistake often in resting in the experience and not allowing it to act as a *door into* a new phase of life and fellowship.

Experiences may be beautiful, wonderful and uplifting, but do not park on any one of them. They are never in themselves the life or fellowship. They are but doors. They are to work out, in and through us, a manifestation of the power and glory of God; to introduce us and give us qualifications for the life. Salvation gives us an introduction, as it were, to Christ, but we must have more than merely a *bowing acquaintance*. Many have that. They go to church on Sunday and bow to the Lord, but He wants us to come closer, to tarry often and to share in the interests which are upon His heart.

He wants our hearts to understand Him and desires a platform upon which He may begin a spiritual adjustment so that when we are released from this present *here and now* we will know how to move. The Lord always had such lovely long-distance vision; He never seemed to be upset with the immediate present but was continually looking beyond. Had it not

been for that "long distance vision" He never would have dared to put into the hands of those trembling, weak apostles the glorious torch of divine revelation of light. Do you not think that He knew they had wiggly, wobbly natures? Did He not know that Peter would lie and swear and curse? Certainly He did, but I have a God who can look at those things and yet never be phased by them, because He saw Peter way down through the years to come, serving Him as a strong man of

Make me to go in
the path of thy com-
mandments; for there-
in do I delight.
Psalm 119:35



God. Vision and faith did that. It was because of these that He refused to be upset by the manifestation of that local, present condition. Are you *bound* by your immediate present condition? Are you interpreting your life by the things which just now touch you? If so, you are missing what He has in store for you. These present material things are only passing and effervescent. Make them serve you; get out of them everything you possibly can. Try to get something out of everything that touches your life, even the tragic experiences.

When Christ ministered He did so first and primarily to the House of Israel. But He found no receptivity there, for Israel refused the message. He worked His miracles, desiring to help Israel, but she refused His help. Our Lord knew that if they would not receive it someone else

would, and I have often thought of this in connection with our Pentecostal Movement. The Lord started something wonderful, but if we do not watch our step someone else will come along and walk off with the blessings and that which He planned for us. Are we aware of the full meaning of the moving of the Spirit? and do we know why the Spirit is moving here and being lifted there? Keep sensitive to God and know why He deals with you as He does.

When the great mass refuse to follow, Christ begins to deal with the remnant. Did you know that God was a God of remnants? When Israel failed He had a remnant. When the Church as a body failed to testify and move on with Him, He took from her midst a remnant. He is continually sifting and sifting, and then He takes the few kernels and sifts again. Have you ever felt Him sifting you? He is after saints to bring them into His highest purpose for them. When the great masses refuse to respond to the message and have no ear to hear, He begins to sift till He can get a remnant that will listen.

Sensing the national failure He turns to the individual and says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It is as if He would say, "You have walked with this burden upon you now for centuries; you have walked to the temple but you have walked home again with the same burden; you have walked to the Pharisees, to the scribes and leaders with your burden but have walked home without any peace or victory in your life. Let Me tell you what to do." He doesn't say, "Come to the temple," nor does He invite them to any shrine; He doesn't invite them to any priest or philosopher, but only to Himself, for *He* is the center and supply for all that any heart may need. He says, "Come unto me." By that He means to come to an individual, personal contact with Him.

When Jesus came He didn't come just to bring us happiness or joy; He didn't come just to bring us rest. All of these are included in one great element which He brought, and of which He knew the world was in desperate need. He came to bring *life*. Death reigned everywhere—spiritual death. Oh yes, they could run and jump and sing and dance, but it was all physical. So when Jesus came He said to them, "I have come for this purpose,

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Do You Want Revival in 1948?

WE NEED an awakening, deep, widespread, in the power of the Holy Spirit," said Dr. R. A. Torrey. "Ahead of us is either a revival, or the dissolution of the church, of the home, of the state. A revival, right from God, is the cure, the only cure. That, and that alone, will stem the awful tide of immorality and unbelief. Mere argument will not do it; but the wind from heaven, a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a true, God-sent revival, will. What shall we do? Pray. Take up the Psalmist's prayer, 'Wilt Thou not revive us again; that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?' Take up Ezekiel's prayer, 'Come from the four winds, O breath (the Spirit of God), and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' Hark, I hear a noise! and behold, a shaking! I can almost feel the breeze upon my cheek. I can almost see the great living army rising to their feet. Shall we not pray and pray and pray, until the Spirit comes and revives the people?"

THE GREAT NEED

The above was written in a world-wide call to prayer sent out in 1900. In it Dr. Torrey told of Moody's revival work in England, Scotland and Ireland, that later spread to America. And he states that the whole secret of these great ingatherings was prayer. He says: "Moody made little impression until men and women began to cry to God. Indeed, his going to England at all was in answer to the importunate cries to God of a bedridden saint." We understand that, because of this woman's mighty prevailing prayer, there were five hundred souls saved the very first Sunday night Moody preached in London. Torrey adds: "While the spirit of prayer continued, the revival abode in strength; but in the course of time less and less was made of prayer, and the work fell off very perceptibly in power." He states that the reason for the decline in revival spirit was "more dependence being put upon man's machinery than upon God's power, sought and attained by earnest, persistent, believing prayer. We live in a day characterized by the multiplication of man's machinery and the diminution of God's power. The great cry of our day is work, work, work, new organizations, new methods, new machinery; the great need of our

day is prayer. Prayer could work as marvelous results today as it ever did, if the church would only betake itself to it."

WHY A DECLINE IN REVIVAL?

Charles Finney, in his lectures on revival, especially appeals to his fellow ministers to give themselves to prayer. He declares: "We have turned aside in a great degree. We are running here and there to attend conventions, councils, and entering into church politics, and jangling about church government and other things; and so it is no wonder that the church is asleep on the subject of revival." He urged a convention for prayer, where there would be a deep humbling of hearts before God, a confession of faults one to another, and a getting into the revival spirit.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

As we enter the year 1948, there will be prayer conventions the world over for eight days, from January 4 to 11, and we

would like to see one in every Pentecostal assembly. There is much power in united prayer for revival. The great awakenings have usually come when a few earnest, whole-hearted saints have met together for definite prayer and intercession. Dr. Cuyler wrote of a great revival that came to the city of Philadelphia in his day. Three young men literally wrestled in prayer in the pastor's study. They made a clean breast in confession of sin, and they humbled themselves before God. One and another church officer came in and joined them. The heaven-kindled flame soon spread over the whole congregation in one of the most powerful revivals ever known in that city.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYING

Finney tells of how much he owed to the prayers of certain individuals who knew how to travail in the Spirit. Among these were Abel Crary and "Brother Nash," who frequently would accompany him to his meetings. He states that one Sunday, while in Auburn, New York, he saw Crary sitting in a pew, together with his brother who was a doctor. At the close of the service the doctor invited Finney to go home with him for the noon-day meal. When they sat down to eat, the doctor said: "Abel, will you ask the blessing?" Abel began to pray, broke down, and rushed from the table to his room. The doctor, thinking he was sick, ran after him. He came back a few minutes later, saying: "Mr. Finney, Abel is calling for you. He said you will understand." Finney went to his bedside, and Abel cried out, "Pray, Brother Finney!" A measure of the same spirit of intercession that was on Abel came on Finney, and together they cried to God. What was the result? In the six weeks that followed, five hundred souls were converted.

Crary was with Finney right through the greatest revival he ever had—in the city of Rochester, New York—a revival the effect of which was felt within a radius of a hundred miles. Thousands were converted—some estimated a hundred thousand. What great things can be accomplished by the effectual fervent praying of righteous men and women!

CONDUCTING PRAYER SERVICES

May we give a few hints on how to
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Chance and Change

Chance and change are busy ever
In this world of sin and sorrow,
And today we cannot picture
With real certainty the morrow,
But we know the God of heaven
Is a God who changes never,
And His love and grace and goodness
Will endure forever.

Empires fall and waning kingdoms
Lose their light and life and glory;
Thrones of mighty monarchs totter:
'Tis the old historic song—
Statesmen pass from out the picture,
Leaders, strong and brave and clever,
But God's love and grace and goodness
Will endure forever.

Men grow old and death approaches,
Days grow dark that once were sunny,
Failures all around recorded;
Health and fame and might and money,
March of progress, as men call it,
From man's grasp is seen to sever,
But God's love and grace and goodness
Will endure forever.

Suns that blaze in yonder heavens,
Blazing there in countless millions,
May grow dim as pass the ages,
Numbered by uncounted billions,
And this thought all minds may baffle,
As to grasp it they endeavor,
But God's love and grace and goodness
Will endure forever.

—J. Narver Gortner.

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PREPARING FOR RAIN

W. T. Gaston

Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12.

ALL know that if God could have His way with us, He would certainly bless us wonderfully; but not even Christians know the extent God would go with us, if He could have His way. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards Him." God is looking for a chance to manifest His power, to pour out His strength, to do things. Just give Him a chance; He is looking for a chance to pour out His blessing.

These are really wonderful days for a few folk in this world. God is doing wonderful things, "and the end is not yet. Praise the Lord." We are just on the border of things, having passed through the Red Sea, through the wilderness and across the Jordan, "over against Jericho," and the whole land is before us. Yes, truly, "God hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad"; but He is going to do greater things as we "follow on to know the Lord."

You might say, "If God wants to do it and is able, why doesn't He go ahead?" God cannot do any more than you let Him do. There are things that God cannot do—I say it reverently. Jesus had been doing wonderful things in the country round about, but of His own country we read, "He could there do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk and healed them." It was "because of their unbelief." Mark 6:5; Matt. 13:58. Unbelief hindered Him from doing there what He was able and willing to do for all. He had as much power there as over in Judea, but their unbelief tied His hands. God help you and me to get out of the way of the mighty God, and give Him a chance to work.

"Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord." The preparation of your ground—your heart—determines the measure of God's blessing upon your life. If we want a mighty outpouring from heaven, we must prepare our heart. He is sending His rain on prepared soil.

We have to get things out of the way and make ready. A woman came into one of the meetings "fearfully and wonderfully made up," all be-painted and be-fixed. She sat far back in the crowd with

a hungry heart, and the hunger showed clear through the paint. She kept coming, and finally found her way up to the preacher. She had been very rich, but had lost most of her wealth. When she lost her money she lost her friends and became very lonesome. She wanted to talk; and it soon developed that, while her heart was hungry, she was looking for a cheap way. But the cross was held before her; if she would have life, and the joy she longed for, she must die to sin, the world, and self. She kept coming and finally made her way down the aisle and fell at the altar, somewhat broken; but after about five minutes of self-conscious effort to frame a nice prayer, she arose and "went away sorrowful"; she had only begun to break. If we are going to play at humility we cannot have the Lord. We must find the place of humiliation at the cross; and when we get a real vision of ourselves, and repent in sackcloth and ashes, we can get anything from God.

If your heart is thirsting for the "showers," begin working on your "fallow ground." God's prophet, speaking to a nation of farmers, declared, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5, 6. Oh, the preciousness of a mellow, tender, and broken spirit. God says He will not despise such; yea, He says, "I dwell with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit." If we are dry and unfruitful there is no use for us to begin to blame others. God has not made our happiness to depend on others. There is no one in your way but yourself, for as soon as we humble ourselves and find our proper level, which is zero, God starts up the watersprings, and the devil himself

cannot hinder us from having a good time, a good life, and a fruitful service. As surely as we go through on this line we will land over the ramparts of glory with our little wagons groaning with beautiful sheaves for the Master. Praise His name!

Break ALL your heart; don't leave any stony places and briary patches. If there is a hard spot in your life, God sees it, and it will stop His power that otherwise will come surging through your whole being. Turn over the soil, let the sunshine into your heart and it will search your life and show you yourself and things you never knew you had in your nature. Yes, if you want the streams of glory in your heart, go right through with this breaking business. When we want the old-time power we must go to the bottom of things, give up everything and everybody. Break until you are willing to go to Africa or to stay at home—willing to let Him send you where He will. Be true, clear to the core, entirely yielded, subdued. "O Lord! if there are any little patches not broken up, just show me." Are you afraid to let God have His way in your heart? God pity you if you are.

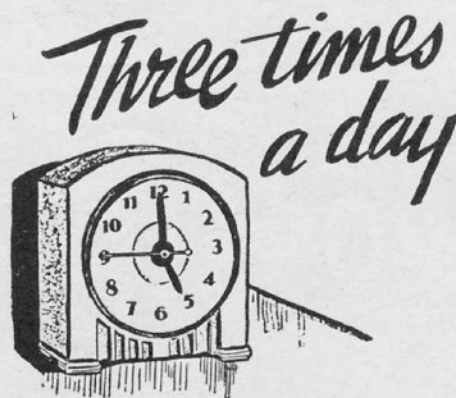
BREAK DEEP. Shallow plowing has been responsible for many crop failures in the natural realm. Wise farmers have learned to break deep—to loosen up the hardpan and subsoil, thus retaining and conserving the rainfall that otherwise would run off and into the creeks and rivers. Herein is a great lesson for Christians. No one will deny that the Christianity of our day is a shallow affair. I am happy to be associated with a people that, in comparison with other bodies of Christians, are doing well spiritually; but when we compare ourselves with primitive Christians, we, too, are a shallow lot. And moreover we never will be spiritually "deep" until we are spiritually "broken."

I sometimes illustrate this lesson by three characters in meetings where God's Spirit is falling in copious showers and souls are being greatly blessed.

No. 1 attends all the services, but it seems that the devil has treated him with his "dry duck" process, for he doesn't get a thing. He grumbles and finds fault, but, though God's blessing falls in torrents, he remains dry as a duck. Why so? He has not broken his patch; his old, hard, leathery, matted, crusty heart is impervious to the tender, melting influence of the Holy Spirit, and he receives no blessing.

No. 2 has a smile and a little joy in his heart. He likes the singing and preaching and squeezes out an occasional "Amen." You can tell he is getting wet. He has been scratching his ground on top and the rain is coming in.

No. 3 is drunk, right in the pew with
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**Evening, and morning, and at noon,
will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall
hear my voice.**

Psalm 55:17.

Go Forward

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

WE wish you a New Year filled with blessing, and we recall a New Year many years ago. Israel had just celebrated their New Year in Egypt. After they had been spared the judgments that fell on the Egyptians (through sprinkling the blood of the passover lamb on the lintels and door posts of their houses), Moses said, "This shall be the beginning of months unto you." They were starting off with a new record. This illustrates the position of the sinner who accepts the salvation which has been provided by Christ. It brings to him a new beginning. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." All of the old, wasted life is gone. A new record is begun in the accounting of God. He who was a sinner before he accepted Christ, is now a child of God. Hear the Bible concerning this. "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Peace with God! Wonderful peace! Do you enjoy this peace? Has the old record gone from your life?

Everything looked promising to the Israelites until they came to the Red Sea. Pharaoh with his army was pursuing; mountains towered on either side; the sea lay before: now what should they do? You have had your times when all looked bright and all you could see was victory. How buoyant emotions became in times like that. Then comes a change. Suddenly you are plunged into circumstances that would take the heart out, and you see no way of escape. You are hedged in on every side. It is times like this that try the soul. But be of good cheer. God is with us even then.

We are facing a new year. Some wonder what it holds in store. None of us knows for sure concerning this. One thing we can know. If we have put our lives into the hands of God, He will be with us whatever life may bring. When those of Israel, recently delivered from bondage, faced the sea ahead, with enemies rushing on them from behind, they responded in various ways. Some prayed; others threw accusations against Moses; while all seemed to forget the cloudy pillar which God had sent to guide them.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." God never tells us to retreat. He who goes back loses his place of fellowship. I do not know what effect the year now passing may have had on you. I hope it has not been harmful. If it has, if you have submitted to discouragement, take fresh courage. The God of Israel is our God. As He went before the people of Israel, opening the sea that they might advance, He will

open the way before us. We must step into the future in faith, then obstacles will begin to part. Beware of unbelief which promotes dissatisfaction, murmurings, and discontent.

If the year passing has not been what it might have been, make a new beginning as we enter the new year. Be sure you start it rightly. If you depend on yourself, you may be disappointed. If you start in covenant with God, putting your trust in Him, He will carry you through in victory. Let me give you a good promise for the New Year. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring to pass."

FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST IN THE YOKE

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that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly. Not merely life enough to put a little breath in you, and perhaps get you to heaven, but life that will expand into an abundant display of God." We don't know very much about this abundant life. We may know something of its joy and exhilaration. But the life more abundant means something far above all that, and I fear most of us are touching only the fringes of the possibilities that this life holds.

Now here we are, strange personalities, yielded and surrendered, washed and lined up on the sin question and possessors of this marvelous life. We contact Him and the Spirit thrills us, and we are conscious of that wonderful new life so that we feel we want to go out and convert the world. This new life wants to express itself, and it is right that it should. It wants to go and preach and serve the Lord.

The Lord understood all this, and He knew that the first movement in this new life would be manifested in a fellowship of service for Him. He was very wise in meeting the situation for He said, "Now just wait a minute." But someone may say, "Wait? Why, I have peace and victory; my burden is lifted, and why should I wait?"

But He bids us listen till He has finished what He was about to say—"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give." And as we look we see a yoke—yes, a yoke. And we hear Him say, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me." But we say, "What do I want to do with a yoke? That great, big clumsy thing to hang around my neck, when I am free! No, no," and we turn away.

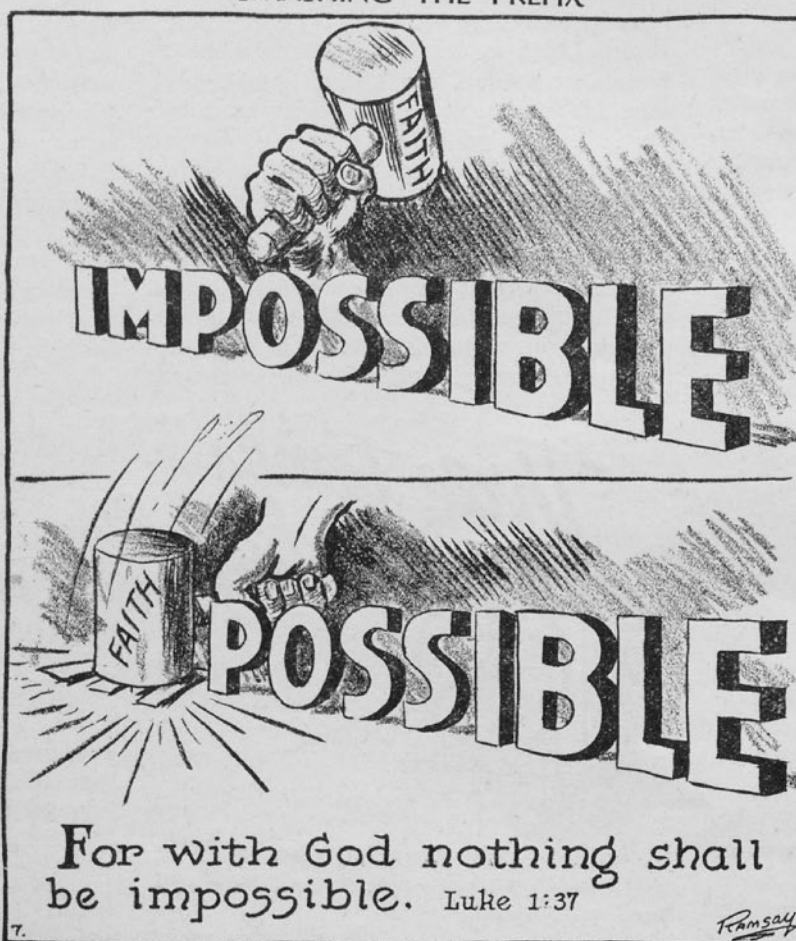
But if we are open to His voice we will hear Him say, "Come, wait, till I put this yoke upon you. I bore a yoke; and I am not quarreling with you because you have this new life. I know you have it; but if I left you alone in the manifestation of the new life you might never know the full meaning of real fellowship with Me. New life alone never brings to you the burden that I am bearing." We say, "Oh, I am willing to do anything! I want to go as a missionary and work for You." But He answers, "Yes, I know you want all of that; but I wear a yoke because I am bearing a particular burden, and I want you to fellowship with Me in service. Remember, I have My head under one of these yokes, and there is a bow in this yoke for you."

As long as you have your head in that yoke, you will not be doing the wrong thing. All this energy that you feel, all this desire to serve, and all these gifts will run in a channel which will be effectual in glorifying God, for this yoke is His will, and as long as you are yoked with Him His will is being accomplished. When He stands still then you will stand still, and when He pulls, you will pull. In this way we will be having fellowship in service; we will be co-workers with Him, not for Him. Serving with Him because we are yoked up.

I was born on a farm and I remember we had two oxen called Punch and Judy. I learned many a lesson there. One thing I noticed was that when those two oxen were obedient to walk in the path which was directed for them, everything was all right; but just as soon as they started wandering their own way—as folk will do sometimes when they don't want to do the will of the Lord—then there was trouble. One ox would pull one way and the other ox the other way, and that was a tragedy; for when night came and our man, David, who helped Father on the farm, would take off that yoke, their necks would be badly rubbed. The will of their director had galled them because they refused to obey that will.

Did you ever have your neck galled? If so, let me suggest for it a fine remedy. Take the ointment of the Name of the Lord

SMASHING THE PREFIX



and apply it as a salve to the sore neck. He says, "My name is as ointment poured forth."

Another thing I noticed about these oxen was that whenever they had to stop, they would look around and see some green grass that they wanted. They didn't see it as long as they were moving along and pulling together, but just as soon as they stood still they saw it; and oh, they wanted it so badly! It looked so green and fresh. "Why not have it? We are just standing still." Do you know when the most severe temptations come? It is when you are standing still. When you are moving along in the conscious presence of the Lord you do not think about the green grass, but you stand still and see if you don't get taken up with things that you never noticed before. They have been along the road, but you were so occupied with Him that you didn't see them. But now that you are standing still your vision gets filled with other things.

So He says, "Take My yoke upon you, for My will is the most blessed thing you can ever have." It steadies us; it holds us; it is the means of helping us bear our burden with ease. Suppose the yoke were tied around the hind leg of the ox. The hind leg is strong, why not tie it there? You know that if that were done it wouldn't be long till the hind leg would be out of joint. How are you bearing the burdens that God has laid upon you? Is your leg pulled out of joint so much that you cannot walk in the Spirit any more? If so then you have been bearing your burden in the wrong way. "Oh," but you say, "I cannot understand what the Lord is trying to do with me. I don't seem to be getting anywhere with Him." Perhaps you have the yoke tied around your middle and you are bearing the burden in a way He never intended you should. Let the yoke be fastened about your neck. The neck stands for *submission*; when the will of God rests upon my neck I show that I am in submission, that I am working in perfect co-operation with my divine Companion.

One of the Gospels is called the Ox Gospel—Mark, the Gospel of Service. An ox was sometimes used as a sacrifice. You may either be a sacrifice or a servant. Can you be an ox for Him? You know, when you get yoked up with Him you get so close to Him that you can get His very breath; you can see His eyes, sense the pressure, and feel the pull that is upon His heart so that you are occupied with Him instead of scampering around on some hill-side. It is then that our service is sanctified, and owned of Him; kept where He wants it because we are yoked up with Him.

Our first service for Him is always manifested in some kind of activity. Then how wise He is! The instant that He finds our love going out in service He says, "Now wait a minute! Get yoked up with Me and you will be safe. Otherwise that manifestation will get you nowhere; it may be a display, but there will be no fruitage."

The next thing He says, after He mentions the yoke, is this: "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and you shall find rest unto your soul." He wants us to learn of Him. Learn what? You say, "I am all right." No, we are but babes in Christ, little inquiring babes. Little babes can be saved and sanctified and baptized and have gifts; all of this is not a sign of maturity. He wouldn't even give them to

us, except that in their reaction they mature us. Remember, it is never a sign that we are deeply spiritual or wonderfully developed in God when He baptizes or gives gifts. He baptizes us because we are babes that need life and help, and then upon these weak bodies He deposits the gifts of heaven.

So Jesus said, "Take My yoke . . . and learn of Me." "Learn, when we have had all these wonderful experiences?" Why, bless your heart, He has only started to get you ready to introduce you to the school room. He saves, sanctifies, baptizes, and gives us the gifts, and then sets us down in the primary department, puts a primer in our hands, and says, "Now learn to spell." And then we begin to learn all sorts of lessons in obedience, lessons which will develop us and make us mature; and then He moves us up to the second grade. Oh, I know some of you thought you were graduated and ready to sit on a throne with the Lord! Whatever would some of us do sitting on a throne as we are now? If in the next age He should give us some divine commission which required certain elements of character, and we had not had our training here, whatever would we do? I am sure it would be a merciful thing to keep us from such a throne experience. Capacity, power, development—these are the things that will qualify us for such positions, and nothing else will ever do it.

Knowing all this, He says, "Take My yoke . . . and learn of Me." We think we are serving Him so wonderfully when we are bearing this yoke, but let me enlighten you. He lets

us think we are doing something when all the time *He* is bearing the burden and pulling the load. "Take My yoke upon you, and *learn of Me*." Do you see what He is trying to say? "I will take care of the pulling; for I am doing it anyway, only you don't know it." We are to learn of Him because we are stupid and ignorant; blessed beyond words to express, but stupid and untaught.

Just one little secret in connection with this: if the burden gets too heavy and the yoke too hard to bear, there is something wrong, for He says, "*My yoke is easy and My burden is light*." His yoke is His will, and the burden is that which we incur by doing His will. So when we find the yoke becomes uneasy and the burden too heavy, very likely it is because we are doing our own will and bearing some burden which He has not laid upon us.

In this verse we find two *rests* mentioned. First, the rest which He gives in salvation—the burden of sin is lifted; and the soul, worn and tired from that burden, enters into the "rest" thus mentioned. However, as we journey down life's road there will be many burdens to bear, and our hearts oftentimes will become weary. But ample provision is made, for He says, "*Ye shall find rest to your souls*." This second rest is the progressive discovery. His yoke (His will) is upon us, the power of His Spirit is thrilling the heart, and life finds a proper channel for its movements. Then God's heart is satisfied, His name glorified, and we enter into an understanding of His will and purpose.

How God Answers Prayer

A True Story by Robert W. Cummings

THE sight of two naval officers entering the Mission Church in Calcutta during the war was so unusual that it attracted every eye. Only front seats were vacant, but the uniformed men marched unhesitatingly forward and sat down.

After the service the minister asked those who wished to accept Christ to come forward and pray for salvation. The two officers instantly knelt and began praying earnestly. Evidently they knew what they were doing and meant business.

When they stopped praying the pastor asked, "Is there anyone who wishes to testify that God has heard his prayer?"

Immediately the Senior officer rose, saying: "Friends, I am the commander of a vessel which has just reached Calcutta. One of our sailors, whom we call Buddy, is a Christian. He never hesitates to talk to officers or men about Christ, and spends much time praying for their salvation. We used to think him crazy, and we made fun of him—even though we had genuine respect for him.

"Recently we were in the Bay of Bengal, headed for an unknown destination. At a designated spot I was to open my sealed orders. The Japs were destroying shipping in the Bay of Bengal and were threatening Calcutta, and no one knew where they would strike next.

"One day Buddy was praying for his shipmates. While praying he had a vision: from the east flew a Jap bomber; right over us it dropped a bomb. Our ship blew up with all on board.

"In agony, Buddy continued to plead, 'O God, You cannot allow the ship to sink now with my mates unsaved. I've prayed for them, and you must hear my prayer, for Your Word promises it!'

"While praying Buddy seemed to hear a voice saying, 'If you will persuade the Captain to stop the ship, I'll save it.'

"But, Lord, he'll not listen to me. He'll think I'm crazy.'

"Get the Captain to stop the ship and I'll save it,' the voice seemed to persist.

"Lord, please save us anyway. You know the captain is under orders not to stop the ship. He'd never listen to me.'

"Persuade the Captain to stop the ship, and I'll save it,' was the only reply Buddy got. Reluctantly, he decided to see me.

"Getting permission, he came to the bridge. After saluting, he said, 'Sir, you know that I'm a Christian, don't you?'

"Why, Buddy, what's the matter with you? We all know you are a Christian.' 'But, Sir, you

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Christ's Conquest of PERU Continues

Wilfred H. Morris, Peru

PERU, once a highly respectable nation in a state of advanced civilization, was reduced to a state of slavery and poverty by Pizarro, his band of renegades and other plunderers who followed. Peru's royal lineage was destroyed. Its high standard of ethics was distinctly lowered. People who were reported to hold in high esteem the given Word, who respected the rights of their neighbors and who placed womanhood on a level became a people who countenanced lying, thieving and even adultery. Peru is a land where over fifty percent of the births are illegitimate. Poverty and dirt become close companions, and sorrow and wretchedness followed in their train. The cross of "Rome" was seen on every hill but the Christ of the cross was completely obscured.

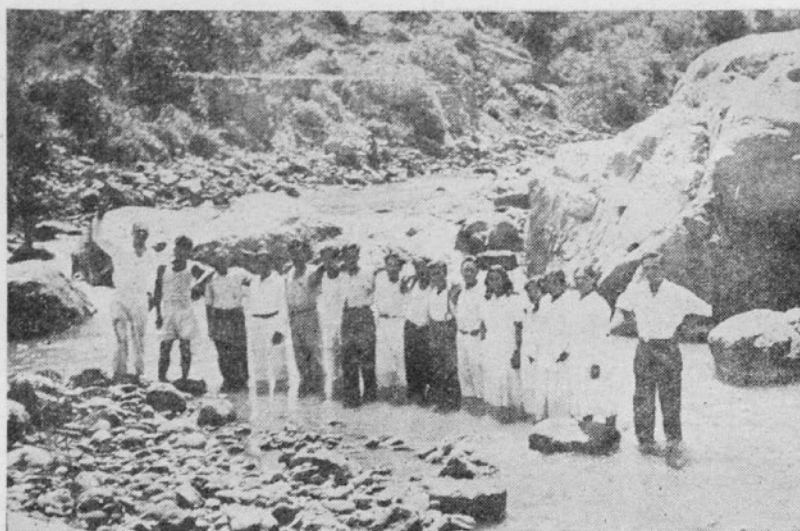
CHRIST'S CONQUEST COMMENCES

In 1888, Francisco G. Penzotti, a representative of the American Bible Society, came to Peru on a quest for the souls of men that he might bring them to God. Because of selling Bibles and portions of the Word of God in the city of Arequipa, he was imprisoned for almost a year in the ancient "calabo de Casa Matas" in Callao. He was charged with violating "artículo 4 de la Constitución" which said, "The State professes and protects the Roman Catholic Apostolic religion and prohibits the public exercise of any other." In legal proceedings that were of international interest he finally won his release. This was on March 28, 1891, the beginning of Christ's conquest of Peru.

It was not however, until October 1915, after two eventful years of campaigning by an ardent Scotchman, John Ritchie, that the constitution of the State was changed and the clause which read "and prohibits the public exercise of any other" was deleted from Article 4. Today the conquest is still going on, only it is taking on proportions never before experienced, and the enemy is being routed.

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CONQUERS FOR CHRIST

One of the important contributing factors in this conquest is "Las Asambleas de Dios del Peru" (The Assemblies of God in Peru). This organization is an association with legal status, and is in affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God of U.S.A. Its membership is two-fold, consisting of "miembros Ordinarios" and "Miembros Representativos." The former make up the body of the local assemblies while the latter are the voting members of the General Assembly. These consist of the ordained and licensed ministers of "Las Asambleas de Dios," the delegates from the various local assemblies and the missionaries of the General Council resident in Peru. The Association is the indigenous church which has sprung forth out of the combined efforts of the Assemblies of God missionaries. Our missionaries commenced to labor effectively in Peru a little over twenty years ago. Over



Water baptismal service at the Caraz Convention in Peru

that period of years much sacrifice, labor and prayer have been expended. These combined with faith and patience have brought forth a movement which today is equal to that of any other evangelical group in Peru. The movement is growing and the association has every promise of a healthy future.

VARIOUS ANNUAL CONVENTIONS CELEBRATED 1947

During the past year several conventions have been held in Peru. These have varied from local fellowship meetings to the General Convention which took place September 2 through the 10th. One of the most outstanding local conventions was that which was held in La Pampa, where they have established the custom of celebrating a convention once a year.

At the Central Region Convention there were three services held daily with intervening times of prayer and waiting upon the Lord. The members of the Huancayo church played host and really outdid themselves in providing most excellent fare. They had things in fine order, and it was difficult to bring the convention to a close so rich was the blessing of the Lord.

One of the interesting features of this convention was the water baptismal service, at which time seventeen believers followed their Lord through the waters of baptism. Leroy Williams together with Oscar Segura baptised the candidates.

The Caraz Convention was also blessed of the Lord, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson are to be commended for their faithful and fruitful ministry in that region. At the General Convention, some of the night services were held in the new church of Santa Beatriz.

A special feature of the Convention this year was the addition of the "Ministers' Institute." The last three days of the convention were dedicated to special messages and studies. They were arranged particularly with the purpose of instructing those who have not had the advantage of Bible School in some of the deeper things of the Spirit. These meetings were greatly blessed of God. Time was allotted for questions and answers.

A REMARKABLE CONVERSION

A remarkable conversion took place in Huancayo this past year. Returning late one night from a service that had been held in an adjoining town, Brother Justino was greatly surprised to find what appeared to be a bundle of rags lying upon the doorstep of the church. Upon investigation he found it to be an unshaven, dirty creature much the worse for liquor. He prodded him with his foot and got no answer except a sullen invitation to go away. However, Brother Justino shook the unwilling creature into a state of semi-wakefulness and asked him if he knew where he was. The answer was "no." So he then informed him that he was lying on the steps of the evangelical church and that he had better come in, and he, Justino, would pray for him and ask the Lord to help him. The only reward he got for his thoughtfulness was to be informed that this offscouring of humanity, for he was a well known drunken wretch of that city, cared nothing for any religion. Failing to arouse any interest, Justino went upstairs to the living quarters and then to bed.

He could not sleep. God laid the need of the poor creature upon his heart, and so he went to prayer on his behalf. For ten days thereafter, during every opportunity for prayer, he prayed for this lost soul for whom Christ died. On the tenth day as the evening service was in full swing who should come in but this same down and out creature. He asked for prayer and declared that he wanted to get right with God. The brethren prayed for him and he was saved.

The next day they washed him, shaved him, and gave him clothes to replace his rags. They fed him and provided him with room, bed and blankets. For weeks they helped him both spiritually and materially. He was a new creature in Christ Jesus. Gone was the craving for drink. Instead of looking like an old man he began to look his age, for he was a young man in his twenties. He has steadfastly grown in the knowledge of the Lord and today is a stalwart faithful member of the Huancayo Assembly. He has a good job, and the whole city has been moved. Even the Archbishop testified to the fact that the Protestants were doing more than they, the Catholics, to help the poor and needy. Christ's conquest of Peru goes steadily on. "Las Asambleas de Dios" is playing its part.

A Child Shall Lead

Anna Tomasek, North India

ABOUT five years ago a wee sick girlie of two years old was sent to us. The mother had died of T. B. The father never even took the trouble to bring the sick child to us, but sent her on the train in care of the Hindu guard (conductor). Apparently the child had been drugged for the journey as she was under an opiate for two days after her arrival. She was very ill. We feared that she had T. B. of the bowels and sent her to a hospital for care. After six months they sent her back to us, no better, and they verified the fact that she had T. B. Much prayer prevailed for Daisy. It was a joy to watch the healing power of the Lord work in her frail body. In two years she was a well, normal, happy child, playing with the other children.

This summer I had made arrangements to send her to Bettiah for schooling. One day in June the grandmother appeared and demanded the child. We had no papers on the child so we had to let her go. I felt concerned about her going into such an irresponsible home and much prayer followed her. During the five years that Daisy was with us no interest in her had been shown by the family. Several times the father had been in Rupaidiha and did not even take the trouble to call on his daughter.

The other week the pastor was in that city and I asked him to call and see how our Daisy was getting along. She is not being sent to school, but otherwise she is getting along. She is a great little singer and her songs about the Lord Jesus were heard by an Anglo-Indian lady who came and inquired about them. The grandmother told her what she could. She took Mr. Thomas to see the Anglo-Indian lady. She has become very much interested in the things of God, reading her Bible and searching for the truth. Every few days she calls for Daisy to sing for her. The Lord used the song, "There is none other Name," Acts 4:12, to her need. Mr. Thomas was able to point this lady to the Lord.



C. M. Good
South India



Mrs. C. M. Good
South India



Mrs. M. P. Leslie
South India



Melvin P. Leslie
South India

Up-to-Date News

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin P. Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Good sailed November 28 for South India.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kinderman, Miss Papiernik and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Steiner sailed from New York on November 28 for Europe.

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Ruth Couchman arrived in the States in November from Peru.

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California	28,192.96	New Mexico	610.21
Colorado	2,438.82	New York	6,834.62
Connecticut	767.38	North Carolina	258.14
Delaware	609.00	North Dakota	3,312.93
District of Columbia	1,439.57	Ohio	10,789.79
Florida	4,345.52	Oklahoma	7,201.96
Georgia	693.97	Oregon	8,392.52
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Idaho	1,570.25	Rhode Island	159.44
Illinois	6,381.15	South Carolina	112.38
Indiana	3,951.59	South Dakota	1,356.75
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Michigan	8,688.11	West Virginia	424.74
Minnesota	8,017.23	Wisconsin	3,560.93
Mississippi	508.76	Wyoming	291.84
Missouri	6,605.36	Alaska	49.70
Montana	2,811.54	Canada	1,275.60
Nebraska	3,240.58	Foreign	518.54
		Legacies	102.17
		Miscellaneous	20,790.70

Total Amount Reported	206,489.44
District Fund	9,953.44
National Home Mission Fund	1,588.01
Office Expense Fund	2,477.47
Literature Expense Fund	145.21
Given Direct to Missionaries	19,135.23
	33,299.36

Amount Received for Foreign Missions	173,190.08
Amount Received for Home Missions	11,326.52

STATEMENT

Received for Foreign Missions	\$173,190.08
Drawn from reserves	1,474.25
	\$174,664.33
Disbursements	\$174,664.33

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1947

Congo	\$ 4,365.00	Brazil	7,807.22
Dahomey	272.00	Chile	4,749.38
Egypt	8,061.00	Colombia	407.94
Gold Coast	5,557.70	Paraguay	605.20
Ivory Coast	6,118.40	Peru	4,075.70
Liberia	3,829.19	Uruguay	316.39
Nigeria	3,578.83	Venezuela	5,223.85
Nyasaland	601.79	British West Indies	2,040.63
Sierra Leone	915.00	Fiji Islands	695.91
Tanganyika	785.44	Hawaiian Islands	1,018.27
Union of South Africa	3,656.90	Japan	1,016.40
China	27,128.12	Netherlands	
Ceylon	4,068.28	East Indies	2,472.35
India	26,416.63	Philippine Islands	2,876.00
Europe	4,740.24	Samoa	121.00
Palestine and Near East	1,731.00	Straits Settlements	418.12
West Indies	7,611.07	Retired Missionaries	1,645.33
Mexican Work in United States	534.20	Non-Council Missionaries	3,986.26
Mexico	5,047.81	Miscellaneous Fields	8,704.99
Central America	8,010.76		
Argentina	2,333.78		
Bolivia	1,120.25		

Total Disbursements	\$174,664.33
Charge from Reserve Funds	1,474.25

Total Receipts	\$173,190.08
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Missionaries present at the General Convention at Lima, Peru

The Passing and the Permanent

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

The international headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance have been moved from London, England, to Washington, D. C.

BAPTISTS IN TEXAS

According to *The Watchman-Examiner*, one half of all the church people in Texas are Baptists. The 2,300 Baptist churches of the Texas Convention alone have more than a million members!

LITERATURE FOR JAPAN

All restrictions have been removed on the sending of religious literature to Japan. Bibles, tracts, books, and "all other sacred writings of all religious faiths and sects" may now be sent, provided 50% of the content of such literature is devoted to matters generally regarded as religious.

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

As of Oct. 30, 1947, there were 1,120 Catholic missionaries in Japan, and only 220 Protestant missionaries, reports *Time*. What is wrong with the Protestants? Are we blind to the great opportunity that exists in Japan today, or have we drifted so far from the great Lover of Mankind that we don't care for the souls of men?

THE GENERAL'S GOOD ADVICE

According to *Biblical Missions*, it is reported on General Douglas MacArthur's own authority that the Emperor of Japan had sent to him inquiring as to what the General might think of his becoming a Christian! The General stated that he had sent word back that "it must be a matter of the heart, and that he must not do it for political reasons."

THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIN

A train recently left the West Coast bearing food and other relief supplies which citizens of the U.S.A. had contributed to relieve the needy in France. As it crossed the continent, the people in various cities and states added their contributions, until by the time it reached the East Coast there were 278 freight cars full! What a beautiful way to express friendship toward a traditionally friendly nation! Christian people must not permit others to outdo them in giving toward the relief of those in need.

IT'S LOVE THAT WINS

"I once knew two pastors," said W. P. White—"one a Fundamentalist, and the other a Modernist who severely criticized his brother minister. In an accident the Modernist's wife was horribly burned, and the Fundamentalist immediately raised \$200 among his business friends for special medical treatment. Within half an hour the husband knocked at his door. With tears rolling down his cheeks he said, 'May I join your Monday night Bible class, my brother? I want to study your theology.' Today that man is preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, a thorough-going Fundamentalist and premillennialist. *Love won him.*"

THE LEANING TOWER

It is reported that plans are under way to straighten the famous "Leaning Tower of Pisa," in Italy. Difficult as that task may be, it will be easy compared with that of saving the tottering structure of modern civilization. Governments are crumbling. Rioting and bloodshed prevail in many lands. Men have tried to build the postwar world without God—and the Bible says, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Psalm 127:1.

THE LIQUOR BILL

The American liquor bill for 1946 amounted to \$8,700,000,000. That figure means very little to most of us, so someone has reduced it down into terms we can understand. The liquor bill was around \$1.25 per week for every man, woman, and child in America. It was enough to place a new \$4.00 Bible in the hands of every person in the world. It was enough to support 4,350,000 missionaries all over the world at the rate of \$2,000 each!

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

The officers and staff members of all departments of the General Council are deeply grateful for the many greeting cards and other expressions of Christian love which they have received this Christmas. They pray that God's richest blessing shall be the portion of all their friends throughout 1948 and until Jesus comes.

PRAY FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

An American preacher just returned from Europe says: "Hearts in Czechoslovakia are hungry for the Word of God. Everywhere we went people asked us for it. Czechoslovakia gives perfect liberty for the preaching of God's Word and for His work. Open doors and open hearts are on every hand." Pray for Czechoslovakia.

THE CHIEF TEXTBOOK

The Bible is the chief textbook in the largest school system in the world. It is estimated that the Sunday School movement, operating in 51 countries, has 34,000,000 pupils and a faculty of 3,150,000. Though we have quarterlies to aid the teachers and pupils in studying the lessons, the Bible is our Textbook, not the quarterlies. A quarterly is to the pupil what a teacher is to the class. It does not take the place of the Bible, but merely leads you to it.

This month a new series of lessons has begun. In it we are following the outlines prepared by outstanding evangelical leaders in the National Sunday School Association. The comments in all our quarterlies are still written by our own Spirit-filled writers, the same as formerly, but we believe we have a more comprehensive course of study in our new series than we ever have had before. It embraces every part of the Bible that can be embraced in a Uniform Series of Sunday School Lessons. Let us resolve in 1948 that we shall study God's Word more earnestly than ever before, and that it shall remain our Chief Textbook in every way.

"MY CALLING TO FULFILL"

A refreshing little story is told by F. J. Miles, in *Christian Life and Times*, about the governor of Texas. It seems that when Beauford H. Jester took the chair in January, 1947, he found that the outgoing governor had left an open Bible there with the text of 2 Tim. 2:15 marked—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The new governor rose to the occasion, and sent out to the churches an appeal for prayerful support, using the words of a well-known hymn which begins, "A charge to keep have I." He emphasized the second verse:

"To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will."

THE JEWS AND CHRIST

In *Newsweek* recently a book by Rabbi Milton Steinberg, entitled *Basic Judaism*, was reviewed. The volume confirms Israel's historic beliefs, hope and aspirations. What is of particular interest to Christians is his restatement of the Jewish estimate of Jesus Christ. Rabbi Steinberg believes Him to be "neither God, nor uniquely His Son, nor the Messiah, nor a moral prophet, nor even an impeccable human being," but, rather, "a great man, a gifted and exalted teacher."

We are reminded of Jesus' own words regarding His Messiahship and Deity, spoken to the Jewish rabbis of His day: "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."

DIVIDING THE LAND

The General Assembly of the United Nations has voted two million dollars for the carrying out of the Palestine partition plan, and has appointed a five-nation board to see that the land is divided by Oct. 1, 1948.

We are reminded of the Lord's words in Joel 3:2; the wording in the Jewish Masoretic Text is especially significant: "I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there for My people and for My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and divided My land."

Two charges are made in this verse, and a sentence is pronounced. (1) They have scattered His people among the nations. (2) They have divided His land. His people have been scattered for centuries; but only now has His land, the land promised to Abraham's seed, been divided by the nations through mutual consent. The nations now are guilty on both counts, and we may expect punishment to follow in God's own time—perhaps very speedily.

And what is the sentence? It is this: "I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat (or Armageddon); and I will enter into judgment with them there." Notice the words, "All nations." In the U. N. all 57 of the member nations are equally responsible to carry out the decisions of the General Assembly. If armed intervention is needed to make the partition plan effective, each nation probably will be asked to send forces to Palestine. How simple, then, will it be for the Lord thus to gather all nations to Armageddon for that great battle! Oh, these are tremendous times. Christ's coming must be near at hand. Are you ready and looking for Him?



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WESLEY R. STEELBERG
National C. A. Director

The forest fire was raging down the sides of Topango Canyon. Valiant fire fighters were striving to stem the stride of the fiery demon, but so far they had failed to check the advance of the flames. Something more must be done or homes would be destroyed, lives endangered, and the landscape left a wilderness of ashes and charred ruin. Suddenly the ranger in charge of operations ordered a group of his associates to retire to a point lower down the canyon, and instructed them to start a fire in that area. To those unfamiliar with proceedings, it sounded absurd; but the ranger, realizing the imminent danger, had resorted to a strategic plan of burning a limited area directly in the path of the oncoming blaze, so that when it reached the area already burned it would die for lack of fuel. Thus, the trained ranger fought fire with fire.

Through the medium of the printed page, Satan is making a prey of our youth in these days. Like the ranger in the preceding illustration, we must utilize every facility at our command to overcome his destructive power. The very agency which we recognize as being essential to our education and intellectual development can also be turned into a hideous weapon of evil. A flood of literature is sweeping over America, much of it beamed directly to youth. A large portion of this reading material not only lacks the essential elements of educational instruction but is positively poisonous to the mind and may even destroy the soul.

In order to combat the influences of this flame of death, we are producing publications like the CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS HERALD. Such literature lights the heart and mind of the reader, leaving neither space nor appetite for the tasteless and unedifying literature which surrounds us.

Pastors, evangelists, fathers and mothers, Sunday School teachers, we appeal to you. We know that you are fully aware of the vital importance of placing good reading matter in the hands of our youth. Perhaps you have left it largely to the discretion of the individual, feeling that if he loved the Lord he would choose edifying reading matter. However, it is your privilege and responsibility as a spiritual leader to exercise a valuable influence in this important sphere of spiritual development. A word from you may prompt believers, especially young people, to select literature which will contribute to their spirituality. Thus you will not only be a blessing to them, but you will advance the cause of Christ.

We are proud indeed to recommend the C. A.

HERALD as an outstanding youth publication worthy of recognition and acceptance in all circles. The staff behind this fine youth magazine is composed of consecrated, prayerful workers, who strive to do more than publish a paper. They pray over the selection of articles and seek in every way, not only to prepare interesting reading matter, but also to preserve a spiritual tone and a vital message.

Each issue of the HERALD emphasizes a theme, embracing various phases of truth. Among these, such subjects as Entire Consecration, the Christian Home, World Missions, Pentecost, and other kindred subjects have been featured, so that a well-rounded doctrinal understanding might be afforded the reader. The missionary vision is also kept alive in each issue through the publishing of news concerning the progress of our Speed-the-Light enterprise. This missionary enterprise has aroused such widespread interest that many other denominations have written articles concerning the zeal of Assemblies of God youth.

So many and varied are the interests of this splendid publication that space forbids our enumerating them all. Suffice it to say that if we would stem the tide of apostasy, counteract the influence of destructive literature, fill the minds and hearts of our youth with sound doctrine and inspiration, we must place good reading matter in their hands, homes, and magazine racks.

During the next two months, you will have an unusual opportunity to call attention to the HERALD. A nation-wide contest is being sponsored to secure new subscriptions to the paper. The awards for the two groups which secure the most subscriptions from January 1 through March 7 will be: First place: a unique, portable C. A. emblem, made up with neon lighting. Second place: an eye-catching bulletin board. In addition there will be an attractive award for each group obtaining fifty or more subscriptions, and an award for those securing more than twenty-five. Rules and contest blanks may be obtained from the C. A. Department, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri. For your information and convenience we are listing the HERALD subscription rates below:

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A RIGHT ATTITUDE

We need to take constantly the attitude that the disciples took when they said, "Lord, teach us to pray." It is not going into the presence of God seeking to get all we can from Him. The true purport of our praying should be that we go into the presence of God for the glory of Christ. When I kneel at the bedside of someone dear to me, I am taken up with my own heart, and with the sick one; and it takes me a long time to get to the place where I can say, "Glorify Thy name." When things are pinching me, and beating me down, and I am possessed by them, it takes a long time to get away from those things that are possessing me, and to say, "Glorify Thyself." But He will do it, bless His name. And that is the best for you, and the best for me. And—may I say it reverently—it is best for Christ.—H. T. Chilvers.



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A TESTIMONY

In a recent letter, W. J. Koepke of Lodi, Wisconsin, gives this testimony: "We have five Pentecostal preachers in our family, and one missionary family (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, now in India), all because in 1915 someone gave us two back numbers of the Evangel."

Think of it! Over thirty years ago someone gave these friends two Evangels. As a result, they were led into the Pentecostal way, and several members of their family now are Pentecostal preachers and Pentecostal missionaries. Who can tell how many have been won to Christ as an outgrowth of that simple act of handing out two Evangels!

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Who knows which of the Evangels you give out may be the means of raising up five or six more Pentecostal preachers and foreign missionaries?

When orchids grow on icebergs, and wheat fields are found on glaciers—then, and not until then, may we expect the flowers and fruits of the Spirit to flourish in anti-supernatural and non-evangelical soil.—A. G. Ward.

CHILD EVANGELISM Our Hope for the Future

BILLIE CRAWFORD DAVIS

WE hear people talk about the good old days and bewail the present state of affairs in some of our Pentecostal circles, but it is difficult to believe that such people are really concerned unless they put forth some genuine effort to win and train the children. It is within the power of the present always to influence the future, at least to some degree. So if there is a spiritual lack among some of our younger people today, it is because the children of yesterday were neglected. If we recognize this we need not wonder and worry about the future of our Faith. Whatever we sincerely desire for Pentecost of tomorrow, we will start shaping in our children of today!

Precious indeed it is to win a soul, but oh, for the most blessed privilege—to win a soul-winner! This is what gives child evangelism a purpose and challenge that is unsurpassed by any other form of ministry. To think that even though we may never be able to preach, we can win a preacher! Perhaps we cannot make music, but we can win that talented child next door. Maybe we are too old or physically unfit for the mission fields, but we can send a Junior boy to China if we will impart to his alert young being our missionary zeal. The wonder to us is that Christians are not simply clamoring for more opportunities to win more children, before the evil influences of this world ensnare them forever.

By the expression "child evangelism" we do not merely mean children's services. We certainly do not mean gatherings where children are emotionally stirred by some sad tale which has nothing to do with Jesus. Child evangelism includes patient guidance and family altar every day in the home. It takes in Holy Spirit anointed teaching and ample opportunity for decisions in the Sunday School. It demands that children be urged to attend morning worship, revival services, and prayer meetings, and that they be invited to unite with the church as soon as they become eligible.

In other words, "child evangelism" is a principle rather than an activity. It is a willingness

to work for results which we may never see in this life. It is love for souls. It is patience, wisdom, charity, faith and good hard work. It is the hope of Pentecost. It is the assurance that there will be faith on earth when Jesus comes. And if you will let it, it can become the greatest joy you have ever known. It will fill your heart with untold gladness to feel that even if you must pass on before the coming of the Lord, you have helped to impart life to a child who may in turn be one of those "faithful men, able to teach others also." And who but God can know the final result of one life yielded in the perfect submission of unblemished childhood?

The General Council of the Assemblies of God recognizes the overwhelming importance of child evangelism, and so will offer this year, in connection with the National Sunday School Convention, a great child evangelism rally. While the adults are meeting from February 15 through 19 in the large Shrine Mosque auditorium in Springfield, Missouri, the children will be having their own "convention" in the basement auditorium. These services will be called "Christian Workers' Reserve Corps Convention." Our children are the workers of tomorrow—the workers in reserve—and so we must train them now. They will be registered just as are the adults. They will have their own badges, and also colorful "overseas" caps bearing an insignia to show that they are Christian workers in reserve.

The auditorium where they meet will be appropriately decorated, the best children's workers available will minister to the children, and every effort will be put forth to win boys and girls to Christ and to enlist them for future service.

Every Christian who is concerned for the future of our Movement, should Jesus tarry, should pray sincerely for these services. And every Christian should follow the example set by the General Council, and do everything within his power to win the boys and girls of his own church and neighborhood to the Lord.

From time to time, the leader can direct the saints to some of the prayers of Scripture, for the Word of God contains hundreds of Holy Spirit prayers that we can make our own. And when we enter into these Scriptural prayers, we know that we are praying according to the will of the Lord, so we can be assured of answered prayer, and therefore can give Him thanks.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

There are some things for which we are definitely told to pray. The leader can watch the saints and call upon those who are most in the Spirit to lead in prayer for some special need; such as, praying for all men everywhere, for rulers and those in authority, for the thrusting forth of laborers, for a new and mighty outpouring of the Spirit. Prayer can be made for all in the ministry, for the mission-

aries, for our children, for our young people, for those in prison, for those in deep poverty, for the poor and needy in Europe and Asia, for the drunkards and the harlots, for many who are starting out on the road to ruin; for the restoration of the backslidden and lukewarm and those who are leaving their first love. Let us constantly pray for the saints, that they may be all of one accord, and that the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we all may be one, may be fulfilled. We are bidden of the Lord to be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for *all saints*." Let us pray also for unsaved relatives and for those who are sick.

PRAYER THAT PREVAILS

There are times when the leader will be led to call on all to lift up their voices with one accord, just as they did in that memorable prayer meeting described in the fourth chapter of Acts, when God shook the very house and refilled with the Spirit everyone who was in it, as they cried for victory over opposition, for boldness in testimony, and for signs and wonders to be wrought in the name of the holy child Jesus. This prayer resulted in the coming forth of great grace, great power, great love, and great generosity. As we pray with importunity, and constantly bombard heaven with our petitions, we shall assuredly see a repetition of that which is described in Acts 6: "The Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." We can expect to have the kind of revival that they had in Ephesus, where there was a great bonfire of evil books, and the Word of God mightily grew and prevailed.

MEAGER OR GREAT RESULTS

We must face this fact as we enter the New Year, that with little praying we shall have little in the way of blessing, and with much prayer we shall see great results. As Torrey has said, "A true fire of God, kindled in America, will soon spread to the uttermost parts of the earth." The only thing needed to bring this fire is prayer. Great revivals always begin first in the hearts of a few men and women whom God arouses by His Spirit to believe in Him as the living God, as the God who answers prayer. Upon their hearts He lays a burden from which no rest can be found except in importunate crying unto God. Let us ask that the spirit of grace and supplication shall be poured out upon us, and that we shall enter the New Year with much praying in the Holy Spirit.—S.H.F.

THE LAST JUDGMENT

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well be the Final Judgment. The signs of the coming of the Last Judgment are visible in our tormented world. Wars and rumors of wars, famine and hunger, growing social strife, persecution, treachery, disloyalty, deception, delusion, and declining faith. *Every one of these signs is visible today.*

Mankind has now entered upon an era of distress and intensifying contradiction. The contemporary situation of the world is an almost exact fulfillment of the warnings of Christ in Matthew, chapter 24. Never has the world been so profoundly and bitterly divided. Mankind

DO YOU WANT REVIVAL IN 1948?

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conduct a good prayer meeting?

The first requirement is that the one in charge should give himself to prayer for the meeting long before it begins. As he prays, he will assuredly get the mind of the Lord concerning the things for which definite prayer should be made. A leader who is truly anointed by the Spirit can lead the saints into the Lord's plan for every meeting.

We have seen, again and again, that it is a good thing to begin with an altar service as an encouragement to worshipful praise and adoration. As the saints give themselves to God for prayer, many will come under a mighty prayer burden. At intervals there can be a worshipful chorus and an encouragement to prayer.

is being torn by racial and class conflicts. Men and women have endured such a revelation of evil in these lurid days that faith has emptied into despair. What can one say about such a world except that it is a world undergoing divine judgment? That it is experiencing the beginning of the end?

The revelation of the evil in the heart of man afforded by the events of our time may perhaps mercifully spare us all further chatter about the fundamental goodness of human nature, "every man a Christ," age of plenty, and history's march to Utopia. It is too much to hope that the vast calamities of our age will convince the modern, secular man that his trust in human nature is a delusion. It will take still greater calamities to bring him to that point. History will produce those calamities. Let there be no mistake about that. They are already brewing in the cauldron of destiny. But what about the church? Hope rests, not in any vaunted powers of man, but wholly and only in the reappearing of the Lord Jesus and the judgment that He will bring. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is a divine and dynamic reality which cannot be side-stepped. Hasn't the time come for the church to see and evaluate our age and society in the light of the Last Judgment?

"The world is very evil; the times are waxing late, Be sober now and watchful—*The Judge is at the gate.*"

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

What then, is the gospel, which the church is going to proclaim to our tormented world, to this generation which has become nearly insane through its frustration and suffering? What is the church to tell men today? Is she merely to mount the secular band-wagon and say: "Repent, and you will be able to enjoy a shorter working day and more wages to kill the longer hours of leisure"? Or hasn't the time come to announce that the game is up, that God is going to present the bill and that accounts have to be squared, at last?

When our world is moving into the dark shadows of the Last Judgment, men and women, whoever or whatever they are must be warned that Christ is coming nigh. Let the church be faithful in her witness to that grim reality—and leave the rest with God, whose mercy at the terrible end will be the one and only hope both of the sinner and the saint. "Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

PREPARING FOR RAIN

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Nos. 1 and 2. He is just all soaked, and if you touch him he says, "Hallelujah!" You do not have to pump him at all. He can hardly get home, and he doesn't care if he doesn't! His face shines, his testimony rings clear, his radiant life is an inspiration and blessing to all. Is he one of God's pets? No! he has broken his "fallow ground," and his heart, while closed to the world, is open to God like a sponge. Praise the Lord! THE PREPARATION OF OUR HEART DETERMINES THE MEASURE OF OUR BLESSING AND FRUITFULNESS.

In conclusion, let me remark that one breaking won't suffice for life. If we cannot weep our hearts out at the Master's feet at frequent intervals, as we see a renewed vision of the world's need, we are sure to become dry again.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and Paul warned "day and night with tears." Oh, beloved fellow-Christian, let us keep our hearts broken, tender and compassionate, and God will keep us happy, anointed, and fruitful!

There was one of God's "bright clouds" hanging over Jerusalem many years ago, and one would think that it would have rained on the temple and on the priests. It is but natural to suppose that certainly God would have poured out the Spirit on the leaders at Jerusalem. But no! the high priest and religious leaders had failed to prepare their hearts; therefore they remained dry, critical, and censorious, while God poured out His power and blessing upon the 120 yielded lives in the upper room. Yes, and when you are as humble as that little crowd, God will rain it on you, too. There is no need for us to be empty and lonesome for God; we are in the time of the "Latter Rain." There is victory for you, there is wonderful blessing for you, for surely "it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you."

HOW GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

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know I'm a real Christian, don't you? You know I always tell the truth and act my religion, don't you?' 'Out with it, Buddy—what do you want? I know you never lie.'

"Then Buddy told me of his vision, and pleaded with me to stop the ship.

"'Why, Buddy,' I said, 'that's impossible. My oath as an officer, my sealed orders—why! It's unthinkable!'

"Finally Buddy said, 'Well, Sir, if a Jap plane comes toward the ship, will you stop it? If you stop it, God will save it.'

"'I can't promise, Buddy,' I said as I dismissed him, 'but I will keep it under consideration.'

"Hardly had he gone before a plane was reported on the horizon. A few minutes later we saw it was a Jap bomber.

"I gave orders immediately to reverse the engines and come to a dead stop. I knew the ship would be a 'sitting duck' out there in the ocean, but something in my heart told me to obey God rather than my superiors.

"The ship had hardly ceased moving when out of nowhere a mist began to gather, and an impenetrable fog surrounded us. You know what a miracle that is at this time of the year in the Bay of Bengal, where there is never a trace of fog.

"We heard the plane droning towards us, then passing directly overhead, and then disappearing toward the west. When the sound had ceased, the cloud lifted, and my fellow-officer and I dropped to our knees and promised that if God brought us safely to land, the first thing we would do would be to go directly to a church and accept Christ as our Saviour, and give our lives to Him. That is why we came here tonight."

My missionary friend is still in touch with that Captain, and he knows he has been true to his word. He has had to suffer, for his wife turned against him because he became a Christian.

If you are a Christian, can you not feel the

need of your shipmates, those who are with you on the good ship "Earth"? They are in terrible danger. Will you not follow the example of the sailor Buddy, and plead with God to save your friends and neighbors, who are ready to perish and know it not?—*The Soul-winner.*

Among the Assemblies

TULSA, OKLA.—We have just closed another successful revival at the West Tulsa Assembly, with Evangelist Allen Shull. Ten came forward for salvation and 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. All the church was greatly blessed in this 2-week meeting.—H. Kennemer, Pastor.

NEWARK, N. J.—The meetings just concluded in our assembly with Evangelist E. N. Stanley of Burlington, Vt., were unusually blessed of God. Thirty-five received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost in 18 days. Several were definitely healed. Others found Christ as their personal Savior. Brother Stanley's ministry was in the demonstration and power of the Spirit.—Milton T. Wells, Pastor.

PAULS VALLEY, OKLA.—A revival meeting was recently concluded here, with J. B. Oaks, Evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knight, Musicians, all of Oklahoma City. God gloriously met us, and saved 17, among whom were four married couples—a substantial addition to the church. This revival was preceded by much prayer, and we feel that this meeting was definitely ordained of God.—E. L. Van Horn, Pastor.

FILIPINO BRANCH

The 10th Annual Convention of the Filipino Branch of the Assemblies of God was held at the Layne Memorial Tabernacle, Pasadena, Calif., November 12—14. Percy King is pastor. The presence of God was sensed in every part of the building, and the operation of gifts was beautifully manifested. The messages of our main speaker, Wm. E. Long, Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern California District, were uplifting. Ministers and saints were drawn closer to the Lord, and many have been inspired to greater service for Him in the coming year.—E. C. Lagmay, President.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—We have been seeing the mighty hand of God stretched forth in the Piedmont Sectional C. A. Rally and Fellowship Meetings. In our service at the Assembly of God in Greensboro, December 1, we had a mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit. One soul was reclaimed, and a young man possessed with an evil spirit, was delivered from the Satanic force that bound him. We praise God for the way He is moving in the Piedmont Section of North Carolina. The attendance is increasing, and the revival spirit is in the hearts of the Christians. We are glad to see this section going forth for God. We are very grateful for the hospitality which the church provided for those who attended.—Harry R. Rupp, Presbyter.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—During the past year, we have seen the working of God in a precious way. Souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and a great number have been wonderfully healed. We have had the joy of fellowshiping with several earnest and hard-working evangelists, who did not spare themselves. Among them were the following: Imo Hissrich of East St. Louis; Kolenda brothers of Clio, Mich; H. E. Hardt of Falling Waters, W. Va., and Oral Roberts of Tulsa, Okla.

The attendance at Sunday School and morning service has steadily increased. Financially, we have had the best year in the history of the church. We have, in the last two months, called Evangelist May Woods as our home missionary, and her work in the hospitals and homes is bearing precious fruit. We have also been able, after nearly four years, to get time on our local radio station. In all things we give God the glory, and praise Him for His wonderful works to the children of men.—A. A. Anderson, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.



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SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI

(Near) AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Brother and Sister Arthur Pannell report a very successful revival meeting held at the Hornsby Bend Assembly. Bob McCutchen, 1703 Canterbury St., Austin, Texas, was the evangelist.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.—Our vision of Home and Foreign Missions was increased greatly at the annual Missionary Convention of the Hartford Gospel Tabernacle, held through the third week of November. The Lord truly spoke through the following anointed speakers: Grace Walther, John Johnson, J. R. Ashcroft, Esther Fritz, Godfrey Bender, Mrs. Bender, Dorothy Chapman, David Leigh, Mary Martin, Ellen Yamada, and James Vigna.—Mrs. A. C. Culver, Missionary Secretary.

WATONGA, OKLA.—We recently concluded a 3-week meeting with Carl Wattenberg of Taloga doing the preaching the first week, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Anderson from Texas, the last two weeks. In this meeting, 12 were saved, 29 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 2 were re-filled. Our Sunday School attendance reached 94.—E. A. Gooch, Pastor.

HATFIELD, MO.—We recently concluded a 2½-week revival meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Huffey as our evangelists. The church was greatly built up in the Lord, and 6 were saved.

God has been blessing in the work here. In all, 12 have been saved since we have been here. Our Sunday School attendance has increased to 25. We had 3 the first Sunday I was here.—Ethel Nervig, Pastor.

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—The Liberty Grove Assembly of God has enjoyed a very good revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. L. Wayne Pitts. Four received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Three of these were adults. Two were gloriously saved. The church was richly blessed by the old-fashioned preaching of Brother Pitts.—J. Calvin Carlile, Pastor.

SALEM, MO.—A most blessed 4-week revival meeting was held here by Harold Moll of Owensville. Some 40 or 50 sought the Lord for salvation, a number received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the church and Sunday School were greatly built up and edified. Our Sunday School attendance is now double our average of last year. Brother Moll's Spirit-anointed preaching stirred the entire community.—J. I. Kronk, Pastor.

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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.

CAMAS, WASH.—First and Dallas Sts., S. E., Jan. 4—18; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.—Jan. 4—; Hazelle Reed and Evelyn Bethurum, Evangelists.—E. M. Clark, Pastor.

HERCULANEUM, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, Flat River Section, Jan. 13. Services 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Bring basket lunch.—J. W. Allen, Secretary.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS—Jan. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. George Brown, Springfield, Ore.—Ralph Hillegas, Pastor.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.—33 Masters Drive, Jan. 11; Flem Van Meter, Green Lane, Pa., special speaker.—C. R. Inman, Pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Youth Revival, 960 S. Third St., Jan. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb.—J. E. Hamill, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—Olive and Ardmore Sts., Jan. 4—; Lummer Evangelistic Party, Davenport, Iowa.—E. W. Odell, Pastor.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—1917 Central Ave.; Jan. 4, for 2 weeks or longer; Lyle W. Butler, Secretary New England District, speaker.—Harry and Grace Rupp, Pastors.

WASCO, CALIF.—6th and Broadway. Special meetings, beginning with watch night service, Dec. 31; G. S. Koontz of Los Angeles, Evangelist.—C. E. Shields, Pastor.

SALINA, KANSAS—Kansas District Midwinter Convention, Dec. 30—Jan. 1. Fred Prather, Host Pastor. Wm. Kirschke, Guest Speaker.—Everette Ewing, C. A. President.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

Cherokee Sectional Sunday School Rally, Mayfield Assembly, in connection with All-day Fellowship Meeting, 2 p.m., Jan. 13.—N. B. Rayburn, Sectional Representative, 300 S. Missouri St., Waynoka, Okla.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—Baldhill Assembly; Jan. 11, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Peters of Murphysboro, Ill., Gospel Preachers and Singers. Sister Peters will conduct children's meetings, using flannelgraph.—U. E. Hopkins, Pastor.

CHICO, CALIF.—District Fellowship Meeting, Assembly of God, 1518 Park Ave., Jan. 1. Meetings 2:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. Night service in Veterans' Memorial Hall.—W. T. Scott, Presbyter.—E. Wm. Anderson, Pastor.

SALEM, N. J.—New Year Bible Conference, Salem Pentecostal Church, 322 Grant St., Dec. 31—Jan. 4. Byron D. Jones, speaker. Watchnight service begins 9:30 p.m., with communion service.—A. D. Skyrner, Pastor. Phone 1224.

FISHMINGO, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Ada Section No. 9, Jan. 1. Assistant Superintendent R. L. Steger, guest speaker. C. A. Service at night. Floyd L. Poag, Sectional Presbyter.—Mrs. C. M. Rhodes, Secretary.

STATESVILLE, N. C.—Fellowship Meeting, Piedmont Section, Winston and S. Meeting Sts., Jan. 5. C. A. Vesper service, 6:30 p.m., W. W. Rimes of Texas, speaker. District Superintendent Andrew Stirling, speaker, 7:30 p.m.—Harry Rupp, Presbyter.

SIX-DISTRICT PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

The annual Six-District Prayer and Bible Conference will be held at Clovis, N. Mex., Jan. 13—15. First service, night, Jan. 12. Districts participating are: West Texas, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico. For further information write Roy H. Stewart, Box 709, Clovis, N. Mex., or H. M. Fulfer, Box 353, Mountainair, N. Mex.—Roy H. Stewart.

N. E. OHIO MINISTERS' MEETING

CANTON, OHIO—Ninth Annual Ministers' Institute, Bethel Tabernacle, 130 Third St., S. E., Jan. 12—14. A. E. Gidman, Indianapolis, Ind., guest speaker. First service 7:30 p.m., then 3 services daily. Theme, "The Gifts of the Spirit in Operation." For room reservation write Pastor Neils P. Thomsen, 1009 Auburn Place, N. W., Canton, Ohio.—Howard R. R. Davidson, Secretary, N. E. Ohio Fellowship.

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ILLINOIS MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

10th Annual Ministers' Institute, Illinois District, Assembly of God, 917 Franklin St., Normal, Ill., Jan. 13—15. A. A. Wilson, Kansas City Mo., and F. J. Lindquist, Minneapolis, Minn., guest speakers. Rooms available to all at moderate prices. Free rooms as long as they last. Requests for rooms should be sent as soon as possible to F. A. Mitchell, Host Pastor, 1204 W. Locust St., Bloomington, Ill.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Third Annual Sectional Sunday School Conventions, Michigan District: Jan. 3, Christian Trinity, Detroit; Jan. 5, Trinity Tabernacle, Flint; Jan. 6, Gospel Tabernacle, Alpena; Jan. 7, Rapid City; Jan. 8, Central Assembly, Grand Rapids; Jan. 9, Kalamazoo; Jan. 10, Ann Arbor. Services 2:00, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. Theme: "The Sunday School Advance." Speakers: Chas. W. H. Scott, District Superintendent; James A. Davis, Sectional Presbyter and Sectional S. S. Secretary.—Mrs. E. D. Cooley, District Secretary.

ALABAMA MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

Alabama District Missionary Conventions, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Greenaway of French West Africa, speakers: Jan. 4—6, Crichton; D. V. Williams, Pastor, Jan. 7—9, Emmanuel Assembly, Whistler; E. R. Schultz, Pastor, Jan. 11—13, Victory Assembly, Eight Mile; L. V. Clark, Pastor, Jan. 14—16, Oak Grove Assembly, Frisco City; J. W. Hunt, Pastor, Jan. 18—20, Enterprise; P. D. Creel, Pastor, Jan. 21—23, West Highlands, Andalusia; W. C. Ward, Pastor, Jan. 25—27, First Assembly, Dothan; Gordon Earls, Pastor, Jan. 28—30, Glenwood; Carnell Bruce, Pastor.

Two services each Sunday; only night services through the week.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile, Ala.

YORK, PA.—Combined South-Central Section Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, First Pentecostal Church, 474 S. Perishing Ave., Jan. 1. Services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Harry Strickland, Martinsburg, W. Va., guest speaker.—J. Vernon Ruth, South-Central Section C. A. Leader.

TEXAS DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Texas District Sunday School Conventions: San Angelo Section, Brownwood, Jan. 8—9. Wichita Falls Section, 2014 Kemp Blvd., Wichita Falls, Jan. 13—14. Ft. Worth Sections, Vickery and Riverside Drive., Ft. Worth, Jan. 15—16. Dallas Section, 210 E. Jefferson, Dallas, Jan. 20—21. Greenville Section, 3033 Cornelia St., Greenville, Jan. 22—23.

Paris Section, Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 27—28. Tyler Section, 4th and Marshall, Longview, Jan. 29—30. Valley Section, 11th and E. Madison, Harlingen, Feb. 3—4. Corpus Christi Section, First Assembly, Corpus Christi, Feb. 5—6. Yoakum Section, First Assembly, Yoakum, Feb. 10—11. San Antonio Section, Feb. 12—13. Houston Section, 204 Clifton, Houston, Feb. 24—25.

Waco Section, Feb. 26—27. Austin Section, 501 W. 37th St., Austin, March 2—3. Beaumont Section, March 4—5. Lufkin Section, First Assembly, Lufkin, March 9—10.

All services begin 10 a.m., first day, unless local changes necessary. Notice given in such cases. Loine C. Honderick, National S. S. Representative, main speaker; James McKeehan, District Representative, presiding. For further information write Sunday School Department, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—167 Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill, Fla. "We praise God for the way He has helped in the erection of a new church building, here, which is nearing completion and will soon be ready to move into. Due to my physical condition, I have had to resign the pastorate."—Wm. F. Voodre.

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