

Safe, Secure, and Satisfied

Myer Pearlman

It is good for anyone occasionally to gaze at the starry heavens and do some serious thinking.

Apart from our wills we have entered a universe whose immensity dwarfs us to the size of a speck of dust; apart from our wills we must leave the earth, say farewell to loved ones and friends, and perhaps leave our work unfinished. The sins, oppressions, and injustices of earth depress us, and the questions that rise in our minds are these: "Is there security and satisfaction in a universe like this?" "Is the One who made it our Friend or our Enemy?"

The question calls for a definite answer because we all are pilgrims traveling from time to eternity, and we need to know our true destination and the right way to reach it. There are three classes of travelers on life's highway:

First class—those who have security and who know it.

Second class—those who are not sure of salvation but are anxious to be.

Third class—those who not only lack security but are totally indifferent to it.

So you are indifferent about the matter? Then, whether you realize it or not, your case is desperate. Think of the frightful risk you are taking. Supposing (for the sake of argument) that Christians *are* wrong about heaven and hell, they have lost nothing and gained much. But if *you* are wrong then you have lost your soul, and face an eternity dark with doom.

But perhaps you are a second-class passenger and your trouble is wrapped up in the word "uncertainty." What you need is certainty. Standing at a point where two roads diverge, you ask a passer-by the way to town and he tells you he *thinks* that such and such a way is the right way, and *hopes* you will be all right if you take it. Would "thinks" and "hopes" satisfy? Surely not. But you can **KNOW** that you have eternal life. For God has revealed the way of salvation.

I

THE WORK OF CHRIST
MAKES US SAFE

Not long ago newspapers

told how Lester Edward Grover, a seventeen-year-old Baltimore high-school boy, tried to serve in the army in place of his brother who was absent from military duty without official leave. Edward feared that his brother would become a deserter and knew that in time of war desertion is punished by death. At first the boy was unsuspected and he took without complaint the punishment coming to his brother. He almost succeeded in keeping his brother out of official trouble for the time being. Finally, however, the substitution was discovered.

But there is One who took our place—and who altogether succeeded in getting us out of trouble. He is the Lord Jesus Christ who "once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18. He "was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4:25. So God does not abate one jot of His righteous claims against sin, when He justifies (clears from all charge of guilt)

those who believe in Jesus Christ.

Security, then, is found, not in what you *do* for God, but in what Christ has *done* for you. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

II

THE WORD OF GOD MAKES US SURE

Perhaps you say, "I do wholly rely upon Christ for salvation, but I do not feel the certainty of it." Using that word "feel" betrays the fact that you are mistaking an effect of assurance for the assurance itself.

Did you ever hear of a captain trying to find anchorage by fastening his anchor *inside* the ship? Never. Always outside. In order to possess assurance, the soul must have an unmoveable anchorage outside of itself. The anchorage is the Word of God. "These things have I **WRITTEN** unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may **KNOW** that ye have eternal life." 1 John 5:13.

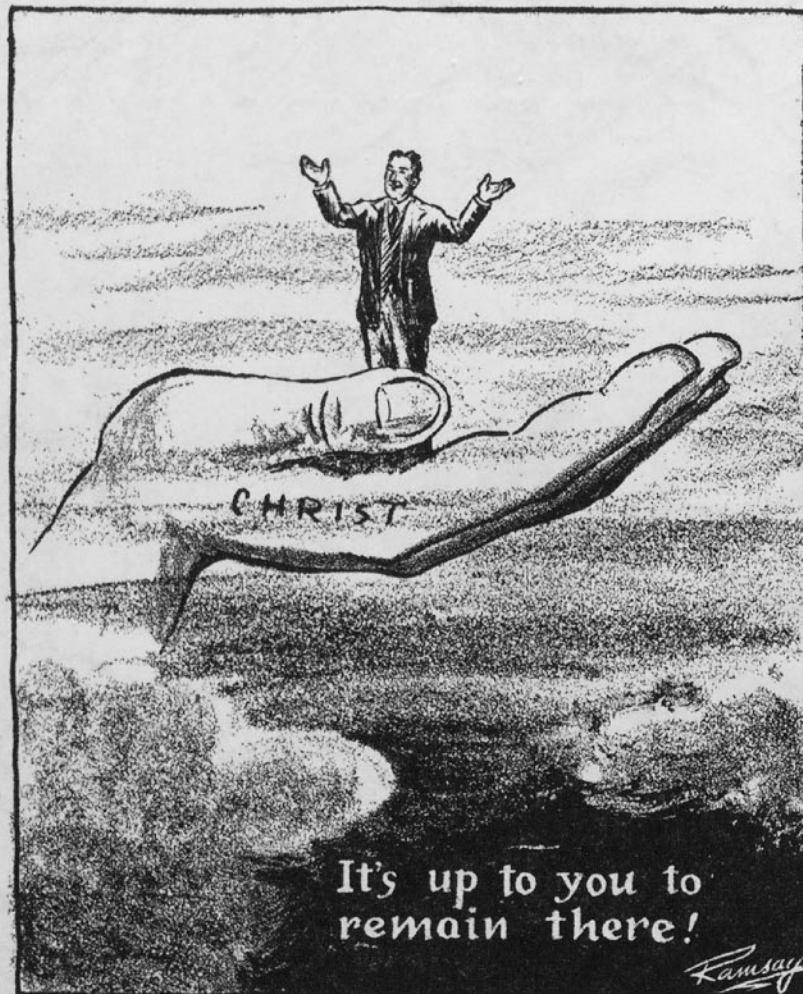
The atoning work of Christ makes us *safe*; the Word of God makes us *sure*.

Perhaps you inquire, "How can I be sure that I have the right kind of faith?" Simply by having confidence in the right person—the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not a question of the amount of your faith, but rather of the trustworthiness of the Person in whom you place your confidence. A young man complained, "But I just can't believe." The evangelist replied, "WHOM can't you believe?" Christianity is not merely a matter of accepting intellectually a number of propositions—it is a matter of trusting a divine Person. Surely you can trust Christ!

You say, "How may I be sure that I really do believe? I have tried to believe and have looked within to see if I had it; but the more I look at my faith the less I seem to have." No wonder! How much vision would a man have if he turned his eyeballs inward to see whether they were making images on the brain! You are looking in the wrong direction. Look at Christ, and faith will come

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SAFE IN HIM



It's up to you to
remain there!

Ramsay

A Call for Christian Leaders

NOEL PERKIN

at the 1947 General Conference of the British Assemblies of God

I WOULD like, by the help of God, to bring you a few thoughts concerning Christian leadership. The Scripture I want to read is found in Matthew 4:19: "And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

That is the aspiration of us all, I am sure—to be fishers of men. We are facing a world that is in confusion, facing conditions that perhaps present the greatest challenge the church of Christ has ever known. It seems that Satan is marshalling his forces for a last great effort; perhaps he knows his time is short. There have been revivals of Mohammedanism, even imitating some of the things done by the Christian church, to try and spread their doctrines, so actually today there are over 300,000,000 Moslems in the world. There is a revival in Buddhism. We have more non-Christians today than ever there were. But Christ is able to meet the situation, and we who have been honored of the Lord to be called out for some special form of service and leadership have a responsibility to look upon the situation, and seek, by the help of the Lord to find out how He would have us meet it.

The qualifications that every Christian leader needs are, I believe, different from those required by the world for leadership. We have to go a little farther. There are many things that are good in ordinary leadership in the affairs of this world, that perhaps can be made beneficial in Christian work, but we need something more than these. We must see not only the things that are visible, but the things that are invisible as well.

There are some who endured as seeing Him whom others could not see. We see beyond the natural. Sometimes we are hemmed in and perplexed as to how we are going to go through, and God opens our eyes and shows us the mountain full of the chariots of the Lord. Therefore, although seemingly defeated, yet we are victorious, because we see beyond the visible, see the One who is with us; we hear that which is inaudible, that which the world does not hear, the voice of the Lord. God has more ways of speaking to people than just by the audible voice.

I remember one time we had been congratulating ourselves because we had managed to keep our children free from the habit of chewing gum in church. My wife had been telling a friend that this was one thing she did not allow our children to do. One Sunday, during a special Sunday School program, the music started, the children began to file up, and at the head of the procession was our little boy with a Christian flag—chewing gum!

The little fellow went up to the front, his mouth still going, until he looked down into the congregation and caught his mother's eye. Just a finger and a warning look, and that mouth stopped! He had heard something, although not in an audible voice. So the Lord says, "I will guide thee with Mine eye." Look away into the face of God. The world cannot understand. The Christian leader has to see the invisible, hear the inaudible; we have a Leader who is ever present to guide and direct.

VISION

There are a number of things we should have, as leaders. We need vision, to see where we are going, and to see what is our task and our responsibility. If you consider the work of some Christian leaders you wonder if they do see what God intends them to be doing. Some seem to have settled down into their own little narrow corner and feel the sum total of responsibility is to get a little group around them and see they are settled comfortably into a nice living. If any other Pentecostal preacher comes into their territory they almost lose their sanctification! Our work is not just to build up a local church; there is a place where we have to gather the group by the help of God, and teach them all things which are given to us in His blessed



Word, but our task is unfinished if it is limited to that. God has a purpose to make His gospel known throughout the world, and it is our Father's business that we are occupied in, not our business.

I remember at one time, when I was in a pastorate in New York State, another group started working there, and somebody urged me to preach against them. But I did not feel free to do that. The feeling in my heart was, "If this brother has greener pasture than I, then I will go somewhere else; there is much to do." It is God's kingdom, not ours; if His kingdom goes on, what does it matter about us? Sometimes we get burdened and feel the whole kingdom is resting upon our shoulders; and we worry about what is going to happen, but we are taught to pray, "Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory."

DECISION

We need to see what God has called us out to do, but vision alone is not enough. Vision in itself does not accomplish anything. Vision must be followed up by decision. God speaks to our hearts and shows us a life in Him that is perhaps higher than anything we have ever had—we hear the song of saints on higher ground—and something in us says, "I would like to get up there." We read of the experience of some of the old pioneer saints, how they prayed through and what they accomplished for God, and something within us says, "I would like to get there." But unless this is followed by decision we don't make any progress.

It was this that caused some of the dark continents of the world to be opened up: somebody made a decision. They had much discouragement. I can imagine Carey as he was doing his shoe repairing with a map of India before him; the vision of those millions without Christ was so much before him it became a prayer, and finally he was able to open up India. Sometimes when we are faced with a situation we look in the wrong direction. We either look inside and say, "I will never make it," or we look around at others and think, "What are they going to do if I take this course?" These are the wrong directions. WE MUST LOOK UP! That is from where our help comes. Look around, look in, and we miss it, but as we look UP there will be strength for decision, as we see Him, blessed be His name!

KNOWLEDGE

Decision!—but then that should be followed by knowledge. There should be some reason and knowledge backing up our action. I don't believe there is any

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Pentecostal Power

FROM time to time God used consecrated instruments for the overthrow of the enemies of His people. His might and power were seen in Samson's victories over the Philistines.

God's people were oppressed by the Philistines. God had to interfere, and He chose a weak thing—a man. And the man chose a contemptible thing—the jawbone of an ass. Judges 15:15. The man in God's hand, and the ass's jawbone in the man's hand! The enemies of God were slain by the jawbone of an ass! The weak things, the contemptible things, the base, the despised, to bring to nought the things that are! And God is today picking up weak women and ignorant men to defeat and send to the abyss evil spirits, who are the enemies of God and the enemies of His people.

HOLY CHANNELS FOR GOD

We read of Samson, "His anger was kindled." There is a righteous wrath against the enemies of God. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he did exploits. God wants His men today on whom the Spirit of God can come in a similar way. The Spirit of God is so mighty, that if He can only find vent, there will be no difficulty in overthrowing all the forces of the enemy. Our Lord declares to those who follow Him wholly: "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19.

A CALL TO WATCHFULNESS

A man chosen of God is also a special target for the enemy, because he is destroying his kingdom. And he sends the agent most likely to trap. In Samson's case it was Delilah. She did not find out the secret of his power at first, but she persisted until she did. Samson was warned three times of the subtle evil in the heart of Delilah, and that should have been enough. He paid a cruel price for yielding to her enticements. God's saints must watch and pray. It is written, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." God

is faithful, and will not let those who are His be unduly tempted, but will always provide a way of escape. 1 Cor. 10:13.

The Philistines put out Samson's eyes, bound him in brazen fetters, and made him grind in the prison house. But God did not utterly forsake him. With the Lord there is forgiveness, with Him is plenteous redemption. The hair of Samson's head began to grow again.

A MIGHTY VICTORY

The lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice, for they said, "Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand." All the lords of the Philistines, all the leaders in that nation's government, were assembled for the occasion, and thus Samson came in contact with the rulers and leaders in a way he never could by going up and down the country. The enemy made sport of the man of God, blind and helpless, but they forgot God. Samson cried to God. The

mighty Spirit of God came upon him, and he overthrew their temple. Thousands were slain and the heads of the nation were wiped out. Thus the Spirit of God won the victory. The instrument the Spirit used was destroyed, but the Spirit of God was triumphant.

Samson slew more at his death than in his life. Better for the enemy had they never led him captive! His capture was their overthrow.

TRIUMPH IN DEATH

How they made sport of Samson, but he kept quiet. He was waiting on God, and God heard his cry. And oh, how the enemy exulted when Christ was led captive! "We have Him now!" They made sport of Him. They crucified Him. "He is finished," they said. But with a louder cry the Son of man and Son of God cried, "It is finished." Finished! God's purposes for past, present and future for the salvation of the race had been consummated with that cry, "It is finished." Better for his enemies had they never bound

Him and led Him away from the garden. There at Calvary Christ brought to nought the devil and all his hosts.

PENTECOST'S VICTORY

Samson's work ended at his death. Christ's mightier work commenced after His death. For after His resurrection and ascension He received the promise of the Father, and He poured forth the Holy Spirit on the one hundred and twenty. And through that sermon of Peter's on the day of Pentecost, at the voice of a man, a man who a short while before had been frightened of a maid, three thousand persons trembled and were snatched from the kingdom of the enemy.

Our Lord Jesus died and rose again, and is set down at the right hand of God; "from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." Heb. 10:13. Peter declared on the day of Pentecost: "Being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He (Jesus) hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." This same blessed Holy Spirit is being poured out today, and is available to all His saints.

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

God's Spirit is seeking channels today through whom he can overthrow the spiritual Philistines. But they have to mind the leakages and keep watch for and beware of the Delilahs. In Samson we see the exuberance of divine strength overflowing. His mighty deeds were through the abundance of the Spirit within. And we are warned not to be drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but to be filled with the Spirit that we may have supernatural utterance and supernatural deeds. A man filled with the Spirit has supernatural strength. It is written of the people in the wilderness that they "limited the Holy One of Israel." And today men have limited the Holy One of Pentecost. But He waits to be gracious, and to bestow His mighty power once again on those who will cry unto Him.

WRESTLING FOR SOULS

"I wrestled for the ingathering of souls, for multitudes of poor souls, personally, in many distant places. I was in such an agony, from sun half-an-hour high till near dark, that I was wet all over with sweat; but oh, my dear Lord did sweat blood for such poor souls: I longed for more compassion."—David Brainerd in his Journal.



Thy law
is my
delight.

Psalm 119:77

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The Revival in Ireland in 1859

THE Irish revival had its beginning in the place of prayer. The reading of what God was doing for George Muller in the way of answering prayer gave the desire to four young men in the north of Ireland to meet together for prayer. They met near Connor, in County Antrim, north of Ireland, and prayed "that their labor and that of others in the prayer meetings and Sunday Schools might be eminently owned of God."

This prayer meeting, attended by four anxious young men, probably was the birthplace of the great religious wave that swept over Ireland. The first prayer meeting was held in the same month of the same year (and if not on the same day, then near the same day) that saw the first Fulton Street prayer meeting in New York City. Though unknown to each other, the same God was leading in His own wonderful way. This prayer meeting was the first of many, before any great visible results were noticeable. Then faith was rewarded and suddenly a great number of sinners was converted.

This directed the eyes of many to the importance of the prayers of God's people, and soon thousands of God's people were praying that the wave of blessing might become general. With wonderful rapidity it spread through Antrim, Londonderry, Down, Donegal, Armagh, Tyrone and all north Ireland. From the north it went to the central, the south, and the west of Ireland. At times it was estimated that a thousand a day were professing conversion. Ulster alone saw one hundred thousand profess conversion.

It is difficult, in fact impossible to describe chronologically the history of such a movement. We know its birthplace, time and origin. Eternity alone will reveal its widespread influence.

The first convert in Ballymena was a lad, sixteen years of age. After weeks of deep anxiety he found Christ as his Savior. For a month he was the only convert. Then two women of mature years came to Christ. These were followed shortly by the conversion of a Roman Catholic and an Arian. The Presbyterian minister was away attending a meeting of the Synod when the spiritual cloud-burst came.

On his return he found the town profoundly stirred. Christians everywhere were meeting in little bands to pray. Meetings were held at all hours of night and day, and young and old were smitten with deep conviction.

A resident of Ballymena, who took part in the movement, gave William Gibson the following impressive statement:

"The week which began with May 17th can never be forgotten, though it cannot easily be described. When the great outpouring came, worldly men were silent with an indefinite fear, and godly men found themselves borne onward in the current, with scarce time for any feeling but the overpowering conviction that a great revival had come at last. Careless men were bowed in unaffected earnestness, and sobbed like children. Drunkards and boasting blasphemers were awed into solemnity and silence. Sunday School teachers and scholars became seekers of Christ together; and languid believers were stirred up to unusual exertion. There was great earnestness with all, and enthusiasm with some; but little extravagance or ridicule was known. Ministers who had often toiled in disheartened sorrow suddenly found themselves beset by inquirers, and wholly unequal to the demands which were made. Every day many were hopefully converted: passing through an ordeal of conviction more or less severe, to realize their great deliverance, and to throw themselves with every energy into the work of warning others, or of leading them to the Lord.

"It was in the opening summer that the revival came, when the darkness lin-

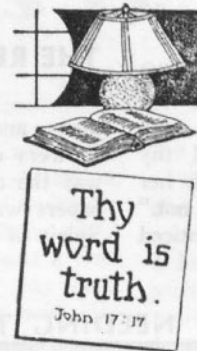
gers so long at nightfall, and the bright mornings break so soon. We can remember how many lighted windows there were though the night was far gone, and how prayer-meetings were prolonged till the day had returned again. Every evening the churches were crowded, and family worship became almost universal. In the country, large meetings were held in the open air, and hundreds were often visibly impressed by strong conviction. Part of the dinner hour was generally devoted to singing and prayer, and the sound from numerous groups of worshippers could be heard far at a distance as it was borne on the summer breeze. Thousands of tracts were circulated and read with avidity, and long-neglected Bibles came into general use. The order of an accustomed formality was gone, and while exhausted ministers were compelled to leave, the people reluctantly dispersed—some to pray over unimpressed friends, others to feel the workings of an awakened conscience, and many to rejoice in their new liberty, and to glory in their King."

From Ulster the revival spread to Cavan County. In Corglass one could see the power of God working. The large church was crowded to the doors and the entire graveyard, surrounding the church, was then filled with praying Christians and anxious sinners. The preacher would be interrupted time and time again as from various parts of the church and graveyard would come the cry of anguish and prayer. One compared this particular meeting to a "house on fire with all the doors shut." The burial ground was covered with the prostrate

forms of praying people. At ten o'clock at night this otherwise secluded and peaceful churchyard was one vale of sorrow and of tears.

When the fire of God fell on Ballymena the Christians in nearby Coleraine met to pray for a similar blessing in their city. Churchmen and Dissenters forgot their differences and were united in their prayers for a revival. Meetings were held in cot-

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Because of Unbelief

"And He could there do no mighty work"—Mark 6:5

There was a town in Galilee, when Jesus walked on earth,
Wherein His coming brought no joy, His going left no mirth;
No leper hailed Him from afar; no crippled child was brought;
No blind man groped a way to Him; no sick His healing sought.

He could not free them from their sin, or give their pain relief,
He could not work His miracles, because of unbelief.
The hand that fashioned all the worlds and spread the heavens above,
The mighty hand of power divine, the tender hand of love,
Was impotent to help or save, or cast the demons out,
The arm of strength grew weak and small before men's scornful doubt.

Today, as then, Christ's mighty works the world will not receive;
Omnipotence is powerless when men will not believe.

—Annie Johnson Flint

UNDER HIS WINGS

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

I SUPPOSE some would say that the ministry of Jesus was not very dignified, but we believe He had dignity of the right kind. He spoke in terms that the common man could understand, and He found all about Him lessons for their learning.

In our lesson for today Jesus was deeply disturbed. His soul was torn in anguish. The people to whom He had come to minister had rejected Him and He looked into their future. You also have a future, which is hidden from you—but not from Him. He saw the destruction of their city that would take place, the dispersion which should follow, and their sorrows that were to result through rejection of Him. Think not that Jesus is unconcerned about you. He has as much concern for you as He had for those among whom He labored while He walked on earth.

Hear the heart-rending words of Jesus, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Have you seen a mother hen? Have you noticed how she clucks, calling her chickens to her shelter, as she squats and spreads out her wings? She seeks to protect them. Neither rain nor fire can move her.

God calls to us, "Come unto Me." We have an adversary, the devil. Do you know that? What is wrong with many is that they are in the hands of the devil. The devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Perhaps you think God is not a protecting power, but He is. Do you remember the record concerning Job? Satan said he would cause Job to blaspheme God, were it not that God had put a hedge about him and about all that he possessed. Are you familiar with the experience of Elisha? His servant stepped out of the house and found it surrounded with enemy armies. Breathlessly he rushed back in, giving warning to the prophet. Then Elisha said, "Lord, open the young man's eyes," and suddenly the young man saw that the mountains round about were filled with a supernatural protective army.

You may have felt that you would like to be a Christian, but you have feared to make the start, lest, having taken the step, you might falter and fail. You can commit that all to the Lord.

To try certainly would not leave you in a worse place than you now occupy. Instead, you would find underneath you the everlasting arms of a great and mighty God. The best proof of what I am now saying is in personal experience. For many years I have proved the faithfulness and strength of God, as have multitudes of others. If you can trust the words of a human friend, the word of Christ can be trusted much more. All you have to do is to say, "Jesus, take me under Thy care; lead me and keep me by Thy grace and power." Oh, that today He might gather you as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings. Look to Him to supply your need, and with the song writer you will then say:

"Under His wings I am safely abiding,
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild.
Still I can trust Him, I know He will keep me;
He has redeemed me and I am His child."

Are you bruised in heart, broken in spirit, and discouraged? Put yourself into the hands of Jesus now. He loves you. He will make you His child, and He will be your shelter in every storm of life.

THE REVIVAL IN IRELAND IN 1859

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tages and in churches. Heaven heard and showers of blessing fell upon them. So great was the conviction that one of the town newspapers was compelled to delay publication. The Spirit of God had seized the composers, and

instead of setting type they were wrestling in the agonies of prayer. Their new town hall was about to be formally opened with a great opening dance. So great was the conviction of sin and the desire to attend church services that the hall was engaged to accommodate the crowd. When the opening day came the interest was at such a place that the dance was called off and instead of the stirring music of the dance one could hear the groans and prayers of anxious sinners. On the streets and at midnight you could see praying groups. In the schools, the teachers would send the convicted children home to pray in private. So disturbed were they that study was impossible.

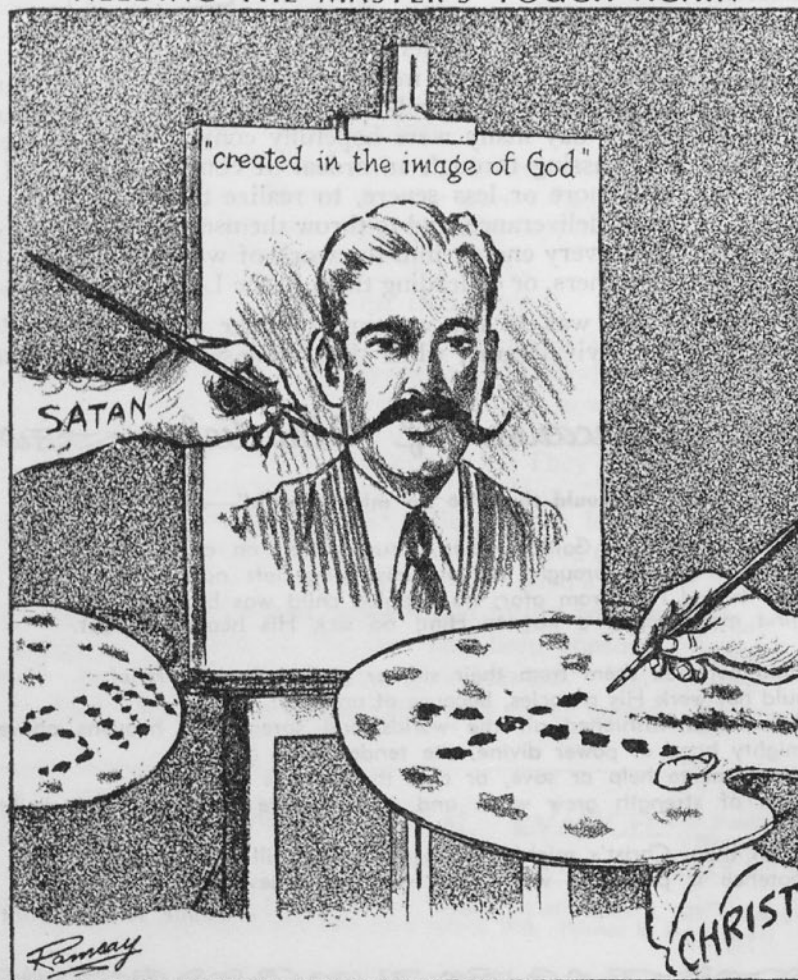
The revival wave went south. The work was not superficial. At one place a factory was compelled to close its doors for three days. Benjamin Scott, the Chamberlain of London, visited this place and studied its character. He knew the looseness that prevailed before the revival and he gave his witness of the far-reaching and genuine results of the movement.

An eye-witness wrote: "Many strange incidents are connected with this period when thousands were set free from the bondage of evil. Some have escaped so gently that they scarcely knew when their chains fell, and the freedom came. Others have writhed and struggled in their bonds so long, that reason almost sank in the strife. We have heard of some who wandered about in morbid gloominess for months, while on a brother or sister the light has broken in a day. One can tell how he has hardly been saved from his diabolical enemy, whom a racked imagination made almost visible; and another can speak of nothing but the story of a wondrous

Deliverer, and how He brought light and liberty to the darkened soul. When the mind has been stored by previous training, there is needed only the quickening life; but when conviction of peril finds no trust to fall back upon, there is a fearful groping in darkness and in doubt.

"This brings us many lessons in reference to the early teaching of the elements of truth. These life-seeds cannot perish; they lie till the life swells them, and the spring-time of the soul comes round. 'God's Word,' says Samuel Rutherford, 'will come to God's harvest.' The psalms and lessons of Sunday School have been reproduced so clearly, that many thought the revival miraculous. A minister was astonished to hear a woman of his charge, who had been convicted, repeat with great feeling and striking accuracy the instructions of a communion class at which he had labored about thirty years before. This quickening of the memory brings back the truth, when every nerve is strained in the grasping after safety, and fits workers for their duty when the need is felt. Sunday School teachers! do not neglect this patient, painstaking labor. Fill the mind with truth. This light from heaven is the best safeguard against error on earth."

NEEDING THE MASTER'S TOUCH AGAIN





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Director

When Moses gave commandment to commemorate the redemption of the firstborn, he definitely admonished the parents to be sure to explain the memorial to their children. He says, "And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the Lord did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt."

It is the privilege, and I do dare say duty, not only of the parents but also of the pastors, Sunday School teachers, and those whom we honor as fathers and mothers in Israel, to show the sons and daughters of this day what the Lord has done in bringing us out into Pentecostal victory and freedom.

Last March we were privileged for the first time to recognize the progress of our young people by designating a certain Sunday as National C. A. Day. On that day our Christ's Ambassadors had a part in the services in most of our churches. Some of our pastors devoted the services of the entire day to their young people.

The purpose of that first National C.A. Day was to review the growth and development of our Christ's Ambassadors movement; to enumerate some of the accomplishments, such as our missionary giving channeled through Speed-the-Light; to stimulate vision, consecration and further development; and also to re-emphasize our Pentecostal testimony. All of these phases were aimed toward the vital end that all our C.A.'s would re-dedicate themselves to a greater effort of evangelism and surrendered service than ever before.

This year, National C.A. Day falls on March 7. The theme of the day is, "Live Christ—Give Christ." I am sure the message is apparent. The appeal to all Christ's Ambassadors is first to "Live Christ" through a life of holiness, in recognition of the fact that the coming of Jesus is very near, and that having this hope we must purify ourselves. We want to live Christ by allowing Him to live through us. This means a complete surrender to His purpose and will for each life.

The second half of the theme, "Give Christ," suggests evangelism, the utilizing of every talent to attract others to our blessed Savior. A primary objective in this regard is to reach backsliders. One of our ministers estimated that if all those who had once belonged to our fellowship in a certain community could be reclaimed for Christ, there would not be a church building sufficiently large to hold them at one time. This is a sad fact, but it is also a tremendous challenge. We want to exert ourselves to the utmost to win back as many

backsliders as we can in an all-out drive against the inroads of Satan. Some denominations have been working feverishly to regain those who have been lost to the church, but we want to win the lukewarm and backslidden back to Christ. Almost every C.A. group and the majority of our churches have those whom they long to see restored, and all of us have unsaved loved ones whom we want to win ere Jesus comes. A concentrated, united effort, backed by prayer and the aid of the blessed Holy Spirit, should accomplish great things for God.

Missionary vision will be emphasized through Speed-the-Light. Laymen's consecration will be urged by stressing the Vocational Volunteers plan; the propagation of Pentecostal truth will find a new impetus through a widespread subscription to our youth publications; and we are praying that a nation-wide revival will result from our united efforts on National C.A. Day.

Our "Sermons in Song" radio program on March 7 will feature a special C.A. Day "Call

to Action." We are ordering 200 extra records which we purpose to send to pastors and C.A. leaders throughout the land, urging them to arrange to have this record released over the local station. We will furnish the records at cost, which will be approximately \$3.50 per record.

Last, but not least, we are looking to the Lord to move upon the hearts of all the C.A.'s to the end that a special love offering may be received to help the National C.A. Office promote youth evangelism on a scale never attempted before. We covet your prayers, co-operation, and interest.

SELF-DENIAL

Our superfluities should be given up for the conveniences of others. Our conveniences should give place to the necessities of others, and even our necessities give way to the extremities of the poor.—John Howard.

Hogs are content with the mire, but eagles are not satisfied with anything but the heights.

"THIS IS THAT"

Lola Newbery

Around the little smoky wood fire, where the natives love to sit and tell their stories, a little group of men huddled together trying to get some warmth from the dying embers, while one of their number told a story. It was a true story, the sweetest story that ever has been or will be told, that of the Savior and His redeeming love.

The hour was late as one by one the men rose, stretched themselves, said their brief "good night" and ambled away to their huts for the night. Just two remained, the evangelist telling his story, and a boy of about seventeen listening intently.

"I have never heard this story before," said the boy. "I, too, would like to get saved." "All right, you can get saved right now," replied the evangelist, and kneeling down together in the darkness the boy asked the Lord to save his soul. "If you have never heard this story before you must stay here for a little while, and I will teach you more about it," the evangelist told his convert. "No," replied the boy, "I can't do that. I must get away to my cotton garden. Tomorrow morning early, I shall be gone."

Rather sorrowfully—for this often happened—the evangelist saw him leave. What person, he thought, could stand for the Lord when he had only heard the gospel once! In a week's time he would surely have forgotten all about it. So as ships that pass in the night, their ways divided, not to cross again for many months.

The missionary was all packed up to be away at dawn the following morning, on a visit to some of his bush churches. Persistent coughing was heard outside—the native way of knocking at the door. In the darkness, illuminated by the light of a hurricane lamp, stood a group of nine youths. Their story revealed that they had walked fifty miles from their own village that they might follow the Lord through

the waters of baptism.

"Who is the teacher in your village?" inquired the missionary. "Oh we haven't a teacher!" replied their spokesman. "But many months ago I heard the gospel one night when I went to visit the village of Edsoni Lufuanga, the evangelist, and I believed on the Lord. I went back to my own village the following day and told the story that I had heard to everyone there. These boys and myself want to be baptized because we met someone who told us that we should be. Back in the village there are others, too, old people and women who have believed on the Lord, but they are not able to walk in all this way."

Next morning, at the riverside, the nine youths stood shivering as they prepared to follow in obedience to the Word of the Lord, and rejoiced at being able to do so, even though the water was so cold because the sun was not yet up.

Then as the missionary prepared to set off on his journey the leader came running up. "Please, bwana, before you go there is just one thing that I want to ask you. One day while I was praying in the forest, I had a most wonderful experience. My body was warm and tingling all over, and before very long I found myself speaking fluently in a language that I did not understand. Can you tell me what it was?" It didn't take the missionary long to unravel that mystery. Yes, praise God, "This is that." Acts 2:16.

They spent a few days with the village Christians, to learn a little more about the things of God. Then fifty long miles back again to their village, carrying their newly acquired Bibles and hymnbooks, back to another church of God, founded because a faithful old black evangelist took the trouble to witness to just one boy—even though he was tired!

KATOMPE, BELGIAN CONGO.

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Through Pestilence and Fire at Assiout

Lillian Trasher, Assiout, Egypt

You have heard of the cholera which struck Egypt, September, 1947. Thousands died with it. We decided that we had better not take in any new children until the cholera died out. With our hundreds of children packed in as they are, we did not know what might happen if it started here. Cholera spreads so fast and kills within a few hours.

On a Sunday afternoon, a few days after we decided not to take in any new children, a very poor man in rags walked up just as we were coming out of church. He had two very thin ragged little boys with him, one about four years old the other perhaps seven. He said that their mother was dead and that they had walked ten days to reach here. Well, we looked at each other and smiled as we remembered our new rule of not taking in any new children until the cholera was over. Of course we accepted them.

Cholera began to come near Assiout. We made a large door to keep out strangers. A short time after that, early in the morning one of the girls on night duty, who had been in charge of the second size babies, came to me to tell me that the little new boy was vomiting and had very bad diarrhea. I went to see him, as these are the two main signs of cholera. He looked very ill. I sent for our friend Dr. Risgella. He was very worried. By afternoon I feared that the boy would not live through the night. So I sent for the doctor again. We decided that the case must be reported at once. The child was removed after half an hour. A culture was taken and sent to Cairo for examination. It was positive! The little boy died with cholera.

Can you imagine my feelings? This little boy was in the nursery with nearly fifty other little children like himself. The whole place was put under quarantine.

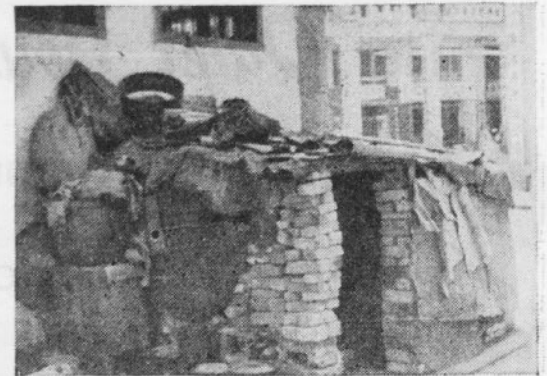
Doctors and health inspectors crowded the buildings. All of the children were again in-

jected against the cholera. Men were sent from Cairo to bring D.D.T. to spray all of the rooms in the whole building. The sick child had vomited all over the nurse, the bed and the floor. **God took care of us and NOT ONE CHILD caught cholera.**

The quarantine was lifted and everything is normal again. I wish you could have been at the meeting we held to give thanks after the soldiers, who had been surrounding the Orphanage, left. There was one of the most wonderful meetings of thanks one could imagine.

In the middle of the night, a short time before the quarantine was lifted, I heard an awful noise. There was screaming and our big school bell began to ring furiously. I jumped out of bed and looked at the boys' building. I think as long as I live I will shudder at the sight I saw. The building was on fire and flames were three stories high. There were forty little boys sleeping in the room where the fire was coming out of the windows. I rushed to the telephone and called for the fire engine. Then I put on my shoes and some way got over to the other building. Our older boys had all of the little boys out of the big bed room, and were throwing the mattresses out into the yard. We broke open the store room where we had about 150 new buckets which we had bought from the army and the boys all rushed to the pumps for water. Before the fire engine arrived, the fire was out. No one was hurt.

Next day, I saw a window about three feet from the hottest part of the blaze packed with old paper bags, just next to the kerosene tanks. Only God could have saved all of that paper from catching on fire as the window was open. The First Aid telephoned to ask if we needed the ambulance for the injured. We replied, "No thank you, no one has been hurt."



● A crude hut has been thrown up on a Chinese street for a dwelling place. A housing shortage has turned the Chinese to any kind of shelter for protection against the bitter winter weather.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1947

Congo	\$ 4,060.44	Brazil	4,685.71
Dahomey	1,506.06	Chile	1,559.00
Egypt	11,235.88	Colombia	414.00
Gold Coast	6,357.24	Paraguay	398.89
Ivory Coast	11,689.39	Peru	3,008.59
Liberia	7,544.88	Uruguay	512.56
Nigeria	6,974.53	Venezuela	3,465.49
Nyasaland	583.59	British West	
Sierra Leone	1,908.79	Indies	2,108.24
Tanganyika	1,051.12	Burma	339.40
Union of South		Fiji Islands	554.91
Africa	1,778.12	Hawaiian Islands	1,438.87
China	19,983.84	Japan	669.92
Ceylon	3,680.89	Netherlands East	
India	32,029.38	Indies	1,427.21
Europe	6,882.76	Philippine Islands	1,789.59
Palestine and		Samoa	262.50
Near East	1,886.30	Straits Settle-	
West Indies	8,301.24	ments	313.00
Mexican Work in		Retired Mission-	
United States	979.84	aries	1,393.00
Mexico	2,237.98	Non-Council	
Central America	7,482.53	Missionaries	9,081.63
Argentina	1,187.40	Miscellaneous	
Bolivia	996.15	Fields	2,797.25

Total Disbursements \$176,558.27
Credited to Designated Accounts 17,492.74

Total Receipts \$194,051.01

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS December, 1947

Alabama	\$ 1,231.43	New Hampshire	27.93
Arizona	1,057.54	New Jersey	4,145.03
Arkansas	2,762.62	New Mexico	1,027.57
California	26,159.36	New York	8,098.16
Colorado	3,559.25	North Carolina	349.58
Connecticut	685.36	North Dakota	5,078.63
Delaware	954.59	Ohio	13,370.18
District of		Oklahoma	7,530.69
Columbia	4,182.08	Oregon	7,676.91
Florida	5,130.01	Pennsylvania	9,553.89
Georgia	1,830.27	Polish Branch	53.00
German Branch	781.86	Rhode Island	364.67
Hungarian Branch	242.00	South Carolina	120.92
Idaho	1,716.54	South Dakota	2,649.02
Illinois	7,354.55	Tennessee	745.32
Indiana	3,503.51	Texas	23,099.18
Iowa	2,816.39	Ukrainian	
Kansas	6,111.74	Branch	323.59
Kentucky	529.20	Utah	11.49
Louisiana	435.60	Vermont	97.80
Maine	143.55	Virginia	973.80
Maryland	1,095.95	Washington	18,886.75
Massachusetts	1,086.80	West Virginia	1,488.72
Michigan	10,350.28	Wisconsin	3,848.44
Minnesota	10,766.85	Wyoming	307.92
Mississippi	544.17	Alaska	94.24
Missouri	7,991.73	Canada	864.69
Montana	2,354.10	Foreign	69.43
Nebraska	2,991.73	Legacies	806.76
Nevada	259.30	Miscellaneous	16,013.42

Total Amount Reported \$236,306.09
District Fund 10,974.37
National Home Mission Fund 1,871.60
Office Expense Fund 3,075.67
Literature Expense Fund 153.17
Given Direct to Missionaries 26,180.27
42,255.08

Amount Received for Foreign Missions 194,051.01
Amount Received for Home Missions 14,501.22

Baptismal Scenes in Italy

Frank B. Gigliotti

On September 12 we had fifteen baptisms in the assembly in Rome, Italy. Ten women and five men went down into the water confessing their faith in the Redeemer. The service took place in the Baptist Church which was so kindly given to us by its pastor. On October 8 we came together on the banks of the Tiber River with our hearts overflowing with joy. More baptisms! The family of God is multiplying and the walls of Zion are expanding. Four women and four men went down into the waters of the river to testify to their faith in the Savior. The youngest was a girl of thirteen years and the oldest a sister over seventy years of age.

The redeeming word of the gospel is continuing without difficulties to the conquering

of souls for the Kingdom of God. The service was glorious and everyone, both saved and unsaved, was deeply impressed. The scene brought to our minds events which occurred on the banks of the Jordan River.

Two women were recently filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray that God will continue to work among those who are still waiting for the heavenly gift.

WANTED: Harold Horton's book on "Gifts of the Spirit." Write the Foreign Missions Department if you have the book, stating price. The book is wanted by John Jackson, of Cuba.

Hidden Harvest

Melvin L. Hodges, El Salvador

Toward the end of this year's school term in the Bible Institute of Santa Ana, El Salvador, I was chatting for a few moments one evening with some of the students in one of the dormitories. As the conversation advanced, one of the men remarked:

"Brother Hodges, do you know that I am your son in the faith?"

"How is that?"

"Well, do you remember when you preached at such-and-such a place about four years ago?"

After a moment's reflection it came back to me: the brush arbor, the crowd of listeners, even the text that I had used for my message. I had felt a special burden that night as I preached and had been a little disappointed when not more than three or four had responded to the invitation. A group of young men had appeared to be under deep conviction but had left the service without accepting Christ.

The young man continued, "I was there that night and the Word pierced my heart. I was so interested in what you were saying that when my friends endeavored to distract my attention, I became so angry that I wanted to strike them to make them be quiet. I left the service that night without accepting the Lord; but I went home wounded in my very heart. Though my parents were Christians, I had never in my twenty-eight years felt a desire to seek God. I was living an awful life of sin. I sold liquor in my home and the young men of the community were always asking me to accompany them in their revelries. I was living with a woman as my companion without being married to her.

"When I reached home that night, the message was still deep in my heart. I said to my woman companion, 'We are not going to sell liquor any more. You must get converted and marry me. If you will not, you will have to leave this house. I do not want you here even while we are waiting to get married. If you will get converted, I will sell my oxen to pay for the cost of our marriage and we will get married at once.'"

The two of them got down and prayed that night, but still the young man did not find peace.

"I have made my decision," he said. "I will not go back to the life of sin."

All that week conviction continued heavily upon him. He forsook his evil companions. They could not understand the great change that was coming over him. At the end of the week he went to ask forgiveness of his aged parents for the way he had treated them and disregarded their counsel. When he did this, peace came to his heart. That same week he made up his mind that he would go to Bible School to prepare for the ministry. His companion was also converted and they were married. Some time after, he started out to preach. This year was the first time he had had the opportunity to attend Bible School.

He has already been pastoring a church for two years.

"I had never seen you since that night you preached that sermon," he told me, "but I remembered your name and when I saw you here in the school, I said, 'That is the man that brought me the message.'"

Sometimes we are not permitted to see the fruit of our labor, but this time the Lord permitted me to know that this soul had been won for Christ. It came as a real encouragement to me to believe that God is working even when we do not see visible results.

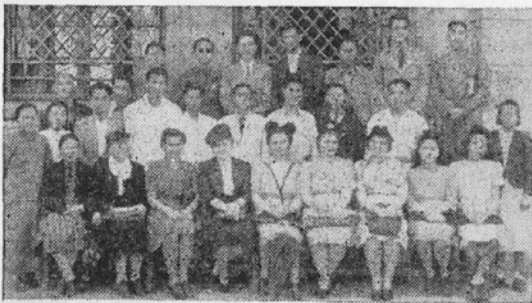
To such as this young man, we minister in the Bible School at Santa Ana, El Salvador. Fifty-six students were enrolled this term. El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica were all represented in the student body. Most of them are either pastors or feel the call to the ministry. The greater part are simple and unlearned men, but they are outstanding examples of the results of the transforming power of the gospel.

You, too, may help spread the gospel in Central America by helping some of these worthy students through school. \$25 will pay the way of one student through a four month term. Eternity alone will reveal the fruit of our sacrifice and labor.

MEETING THE NEED OF EUROPEAN MISSIONARIES

OWING to restrictions imposed on certain nations against sending funds to foreign lands, we find that some missionaries sent from Europe to countries such as South America are in difficulty. We would like to help these missionaries who have apparently done a good work, particularly some Finnish missionaries in

South America. They have promised to repay us whenever it is possible to send funds from Finland to America. \$1,000 is needed immediately to help these good people. We shall deeply appreciate any offerings that may be sent to the **Foreign Missionary Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.** for this need.



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THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN

General MacArthur says: "I believe that in ten years Japan will be Christian—if not by actual conversion, at least in the way the majority of its people think and act."

He continued: "The world's problems are basically spiritual. . . . At the root of most of our troubles is the lack of religious faith, and the sooner we realize it, the sooner we will have peace and order."

OLD-FASHIONED EVANGELISM

Roger Babson, the noted statistician, said recently: "People are getting information by the newspapers, radio, and movies; but not wisdom and self-control. These latter are spiritual qualities which we get only by our mother's knee, or on our own knees. We question the crude dogma of the old-fashioned revivalists; but they have changed more lives for the better than have all the school committees of America."

A RADIO-ACTIVE AREA?

Will "the great city of Babylon" be destroyed by an atomic bomb, thus becoming a radio-active area from which people will "stand afar off"? Read Revelation 18 and notice the words, "standing afar off for the fear of her torment." We hear much these days about the radio-activity that is set up by the explosion of an atomic bomb, making it dangerous for anyone to enter the area for a long time. It seems that modern science is catching up with ancient prophecy. Suddenly the Book of Revelation reads like current literature!

BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

Scientists fear the outbreak of biological warfare even more than they fear the atomic bomb. Says Rear Admiral Zacharias, in *United Nations World*: "A single milliliter of the highly infectious psittacosis virus could kill 20 million men. This virus can be produced cheaply in bulk by a small laboratory anywhere in the world." There can be no safety in a Christless world. Only in Christ can the soul find peace, and only with Christ reigning on earth can the nations be secure.

A SILENT AIRPLANE

A recent addition to the list of the world's deadly weapons is the Stinson L5. Its five-blade propeller is driven at 1,000 r.p.m. by an engine geared down to a ratio of 2.8 to one, as compared with a direct drive by an engine operated at 2,500 r.p.m. The reduction in speed, the Army states, is responsible for the comparative quiet in travel. Silent planes in peacetime are a boon, but silent bombers, traversing the skies at night with loads of destructive missiles, will add to the terror by night from which the people of the next war will suffer. And another war may not be far off—but to the person who dwells in the secret place of the most High God has promised, "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night." Psalm 91:5. Now is the time to make the Lord thy habitation, that in the time of trouble He may be thy refuge.

THE TWO-A-DAY CLUB

A Christian businessman in Detroit has a telephone evangelism plan, which he calls a Two-a-Day Club. Each member is assigned a page in the city directory. If he has not spoken to two souls about Christ on any given day, he is to call one or two telephone numbers and witness for the Lord in that way. He asks for the man of the house, then tells him that he is a businessman, and, as such, would not hesitate to call him if he had a good piano, auto, or vacuum cleaner to sell; then he tells what Christ can do for a man, quoting John 3:16 and other suitable passages.

A WELCOME SHORTAGE

From *The Pattern*, a paper published in England, we quote as follows: "At least one good thing has come out of the crisis. That is the embargo on American films for Britain. Too long have we had to endure their demoralizing influence. Ninety per cent of them portray a way of life which, to express it mildly, is immoral and anti-Christian. A generation of British youth has grown up believing that drunkenness is the normal state of the modern American; that marriage is the interlude between divorces; that politics are controlled by women of beautiful features if not beautiful characters; and that religion is synonymous with crooning Catholics."

TOBACCO AND LONG LIFE

Does the use of tobacco have any effect on the length of one's life? Dr. Raymond Pearl has made biological studies which reveal that it does. He has found that tobacco is causing a great increase in death rates in the U.S.A., as shown by the following figures:

Only 8.18 non-smokers, out of a thousand, die at the age of 30, whereas 16.89 heavy smokers die at that age (over twice as many).

Only 8.78 non-smokers die at the age of 35, compared with 21.27 heavy smokers.

Only 10.01 non-smokers die at the age of 40, compared with 23.91 heavy smokers.

Only 12.04 non-smokers die at the age of 45, compared with 25.61 heavy smokers.

PENTECOST IN POLAND

A report in *Pentecost*, the magazine edited by Donald Gee, tells how God is blessing the Pentecostal assemblies in Poland. In the Bialostok district quite a number of White Russians have found the Savior during the past year. About fifty were baptized last summer, in various villages there. In the town of Hajnowka there is an assembly which numbers 150 members, and there are 43 other Pentecostal assemblies scattered throughout Poland. It is difficult to get exact figures as to membership. Before the war, there were 20,000 Pentecostal people in Poland, but most of them were White Russians who now are on the other side of the boundary, where it is believed they are working zealously to win souls. Pray for Poland, that the Lord might pour out His Spirit in greater measure, saving many more souls.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

The Fifth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held at Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., May 3—6.

FIVE GLASSES OF BEER

Five persons were killed, over 200 injured, subway traffic between downtown Manhattan and the New Jersey side of the Hudson River was tied up for five nights and four days, and more than three million telephones were out of service for several hours—all because a subway motorman who indulged in beer-drinking failed to slow down for a curve and thereby derailed a six-car train. What an indictment against "five glasses of beer"!

"PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF"

If the above saying applies to anyone, it applies to a certain Dr. Morrison, who is reported in *Newsweek* to have been divorced by his third wife not long ago. For Dr. Morrison is a marital-relations expert. His wife alleged that her husband had used vile language, and hit her with a broom. Morrison told the court that he had only "swished her out of the way." We do not know whether his domestic trouble lay in following his own marital-relations theories, or in failing to follow them; but we do know this: it is better to take the Word of God for advice on marital problems than take the word of man.

REVIVAL REPORTS FROM ITALY

A letter from Hermann A. Parli states: "The Pentecostal Assemblies in Italy are organizing in order to have full religious liberty. The wind of revival is sweeping over the country. New churches are being established in many localities.

"A beautiful work is in progress in St. Apollinare, a few miles from Cassino, where such heavy fighting took place in the war. In that village of about 4,000 the greater number are interested in the evangelical meetings, and 2,000 attending a baptismal service in the River Liri. Many are coming to the Lord. The meetings started in a private house where some friends had asked a Pentecostal brother to bring the message of full salvation. In a few days the house had become too small, and the meetings had to be held in the open air, where the full moon had a light as clear as the flickering lamps in the house.

"In another locality they found it impossible to secure a hall large enough to hold the crowd, and so the brethren held the breaking-of-bread service in the marketplace. The table was set, and the elders gave out the emblems to some hundreds of Christians, while 800 spectators silently watched this moving scene, and eagerly listened to the Word. Even the local authorities, including the Mayor, were present at this Pentecostal service."

Another report tells of a wonderful revival in Sicily. There is a town of about 3,000 population, in which 1,000 of the people are Pentecostal. Nearly half of the people one meets in the street are of like precious faith. In the homes and shops and throughout the countryside the praises and songs of the Lord can be heard everywhere. The work is not without opposition; however, God is guarding His people. In most places in Italy at least eleven services are held each week. Don't forget to pray for our Italian brethren.

The Lord's Healing

OUR RESIDENT PHYSICIAN

Suddenly in 1943 I was taken very sick. The next morning at 1:30 I was burning with fever. My husband said my body felt like a furnace. My breath was so labored that I felt death was nigh. My husband jumped out of bed and prayed. The words, "Death's door," kept passing through my mind. I knew definitely I was there. My husband got out again and really prayed. Soon I felt a divine hand over me slowly driving the fever from my body. I had passed from death unto life. I was healed. The next day I was up doing my work.

In March, 1947, owing to much exposure I had a bad cold with much coughing. About 12:30 a.m. March 26 I awoke with a burning fever. I began calling on God and praising. My husband got onto his knees and prayed until he had the assurance that I would be healed. Within two hours the fever was gone. On this 20th day of July I am still feeling fine.—Mrs. Helen Mikal, 731 West 18th Street, Chicago 16, Illinois.

BROKEN KNEE HEALED

In the year 1936 I had a bad fall, landing on my right knee. The femur was broken and came right down over the knee so mutilating the flesh and tendons of the knee joint that the bone specialist said there would have to be two operations. After the second operation he put the leg in a cast. When he took the cast off about a month later he said I would never walk without limping. I had been on crutches with my leg in a cast. I prayed the prayer of faith and then stepped out on that faith. I discarded one crutch and the same day got down the front steps and walked ten blocks. The next day without a crutch I walked about twice as far. The knee joint when the specialist left me was entirely solid. That is the reason he thought I'd always limp. But after prayer before getting up I bent the knee, and it works perfectly now. I do not limp and am very active. I am 69 years old. I give God all the glory.—Mrs. Mation S. Metz, 913 South Fairmount, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

HEART TROUBLE HEALED

On May 23, 1945, I suffered a severe heart attack. On May 26 I had another, and a stroke. All summer I was very ill. Several times it seemed I could live but a few minutes more. At times I gave up all hope and wanted to die, I felt so hopeless and helpless. On November 4, 1945, God spoke and I began to weep and fell to my knees. God gave me a marvelous revelation. I saw my healing in a white shining form just beside me. God showed me it had been that close all the time I had been struggling to believe. God let me realize that my healing had been bought and paid for at Calvary, and that it was mine. All I needed to do was to reach out and take it. The way God showed me to take it was by thanking Him and praising Him. I could gladly thank Him for every test and trial. They seemed as nothing.

Just one glimpse of Jesus' face was worth it all. I appeared to be lifted up into the holy presence of God, and for about a week I seemed to be walking on air.

On November 6 God showed me that I was to make my bed, putting on the bedspread which had not been done since May. He showed me I was going to enter a test, and how to defeat the devil. The testing was terrible. I seemed to be going through the fire. I appeared to be alone with the devil in a room, fighting. The devil tested me in every conceivable way; but in spite of all the pain and the symptoms I knew I was healed. Thank God! I would rub my hand over my heart and in Jesus' name command the devil to go. Jesus always came to my rescue.

God wouldn't permit me to lie down to rest in the daytime, and the devil tried to get me to complain and say I was tired of the testing, and I almost yielded; but I felt the finger of God point and say in a commanding voice, "That is the devil." Each time I knelt in prayer I was carried into the presence of God. It was like heaven.

Everyone I came in contact with seemed so carnal, so in the flesh. I cannot be satisfied with anything short of heaven, now that I have tasted of heavenly things.

Many people lose their healing because they do not know how to fight the devil when the test comes. Thank God, all the heart trouble is gone. Several Pentecostal people are amazed because God so wonderfully healed my body. Some come to see if I can actually do my work as I have testified. I want to give my testimony of healing that it may help someone else. My husband also had heart trouble until Evangelist Hildreth Etheridge and I prayed for him and he was healed last February. This is written on October 22, 1946.—Mrs. Oscar H. Bolen, 319 West Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

WANTED—A PRAYER REVIVAL

B. A. Hall writes in *The Pattern*: "Beloved I am persuaded that the revival that we need most, and the revival that would bring the greatest results for the glory of God and the advancement of His cause, is a revival of prayer like that which preceded Pentecost. *Slowly but surely the supernatural and miraculous are being crowded out of our modern theology.* As I behold the prayerlessness and powerlessness of God's people I throw up my hands in alarm. My heart bleeds and my spirit sinks within me as I look on the awful sight. Like Paul, 'I could wish myself accursed for my brethren's sake,' if only they would return to the powerful spiritual religion of the early Church. I believe I fully realize what I am saying when I state that I would gladly have both my legs severed from my body. Yes, God help me, I would give up both my legs and arms if only with my lips I could speak the message that would bring my straying, formal brethren back to the gospel that knows only Christ and Him crucified for the lost, and a crucified body and Spirit-filled soul for the saved."

"Prayer is so simple. It is like quietly opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God, there in the stillness to listen to His voice: perhaps to petition, or only to listen—it matters not. Just to be there, in His presence, is prayer."

OUR HOME FRONTIERS

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Send all offerings for this work to the
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Fred Vogler, Director
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Indians Being Saved And Healed

A most touching incident has just been brought to our attention. God is moving in a marked way among the Indians on the reservation at Browning, Montana. The Indians are becoming hungry for God, and they are flocking to the services to hear the Word and to be saved and healed—that is, they are coming whenever they possibly can. But winters in Montana can become very severe, and some of the Indians possess only very scant clothing. Many of them have to walk long distances to hear the message of salvation, and walking miles in the extreme cold is endangering their health and even their life. We would like to help them purchase a station wagon or small bus.

"HOW BADLY DO YOU WANT IT?"

Our missionary put the question to them: "How badly do you want a bus?" In about ten minutes pledges were received amounting to one hundred dollars toward the purchase of some means of transportation. In a letter to the Home Missions Department, the missionary writes:

"They will give the money at great sacrifice, as they receive only eighteen dollars every three months. God only knows how they can give it, but we are trusting that the Lord will send funds to add to what they can give so that we can have transportation soon to bring these precious Indians to the house of God.

"We, ourselves, have to drive forty-five miles to carry on this work, but God is greatly repaying us with souls. Many are finding the Lord as Savior and Healer. Great changes are coming into the homes through the Lord and His Word. One young married man sent for us to come and pray for him. He was very ill with tuberculosis in his throat and jaws, and it seemed that he could not be here long. God wonderfully touched the young Indian! He can talk now, comes to Sunday School and church services, and brings his wife and two children. We gave him a New Testament for Christmas, and he proudly carries it in his shirt pocket wherever he goes. Please pray for this work and for our dear Indians."

I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquors. I always felt I had a better use for my head.—Thomas A. Edison.

"When you are no longer criticized you have finished and the world will speedily forget you."

Safe, Secure, and Satisfied

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into your heart. "I looked at Jesus and a dove came into my heart; I looked at the dove and it was gone." The outward look brings the inward peace.

III

A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE BRINGS US JOY

You should bear in mind that every converted person has to resist the "flesh"—that is, the old nature. The Holy Spirit in him resists the flesh and is grieved by any activity of it. When the believer is walking in a manner pleasing to God, the Holy Spirit will be producing in his soul such fruits as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, self-control, and patience. When the believer yields to the temptation to live on a lower plane, these fruits are more or less lacking; so he misses the full joy of salvation. Remember three facts—

1. Your SAFETY hangs upon Christ's work FOR you.
2. Your ASSURANCE rests upon God's Word TO you.
3. Your ENJOYMENT depends upon not grieving the Spirit IN you.

Consider the following illustration. It is a beautiful moonlit night. The moon is full, and shining with more than ordinary silvery brightness. A man is gazing intently down a deep, still well, where he sees the moon reflected, and so he remarks to a friendly bystander: "How beautifully fair and round she is tonight! How quietly and majestically she rides along!" He has just finished speaking when suddenly his friend drops a small pebble into the well, and now he exclaims: "Why, the moon is all broken to shivers and the fragments are shaking together in the greatest disorder!"

"What gross absurdity!" is the astonished reply of his companion. "Look up, man! The moon hasn't changed one jot or tittle; it is the condition of the well that reflects her that has changed."

Your heart is the well. When there is no allowance of evil, the Spirit of God takes of the glories of Christ and reveals them to you for your comfort and joy; but the moment a wrong motive is cherished in the heart, or an idle word escapes the lips unjudged, the Holy Spirit begins to disturb the well; your happy experiences are smashed to pieces, and you are all restless and disturbed within, until, in brokenness of spirit before God, you confess your sin (the disturbing thing), and thus get restored once more to the joy of communion.

But when your heart is thus all unrest, need I ask, has Christ's work changed? No, NO. Has God's Word changed? Surely not. Then what has changed? Why, the action of the Holy Spirit in you; instead of taking the glories of Christ and filling your heart with the sense of His worthiness, He has had to turn aside from this delightful office to fill you with the sense of your sin and unworthiness.

He takes from you your present comfort and joy, until YOU judge and resist the evil thing that HE judges. When this is done, communion with God has again been restored.

Perhaps you are saying, "All this sounds good. I should like to be a Christian. But

I am afraid I might not hold out—and I don't want to be a hypocrite, professing what is not real to me."

An English nobleman, Lord Radstock, was once engaged in conversation with a Swedish officer, whom he was urging to accept Christ. The officer replied, "I am worldly by nature, and if I profess faith in Christ I may disgrace Him by falling away."

Taking a pencil, Lord Radstock held it upright on the table and asked, "Why does not this pencil fall?" "Because you hold it," was the reply. "Yes," said the Englishman, "there is no power in the pencil itself, but a power outside of it holds it up. Just so, God knowing the sinfulness of human nature, does not call men in themselves to stand upright, but brings to them an external power—Himself. The question of falling depends not upon the power of man but on Almighty God who is able to keep you from falling."

The officer saw the point. Years later they met again, and the testimony of the officer was, "God has never let the pencil go for a minute."

The weakness of human nature may express itself in errors, judgment, failures, and sins. But the experience of thousands testifies that Christ gives abundant power to live the Christian life. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

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A Call for Christian Leaders

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place for a minister of the gospel, or a missionary of the Cross, who says he does not need to study the Bible. One of our good brethren in the States, one we very deeply respect, is a great man for study and likes to get into books and read what others have said, to glean the fruit of others' experiences and labors. A woman came to him at the close of one of his meetings and said, "There is one thing wrong with you, brother. . . . You are displeasing the Lord in studying as you do." "Why!" he said, "I did not know I was displeasing the Lord; I thought I was pleasing Him, that I was perfecting myself and helping my ministry." She said, "Don't you know it is written, 'In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.'" It is strange what some people get out of the Word! Of course, he had other scriptures that would counteract that: "Give attention to reading;" "Study to show thyself approved unto God."

Facing our task, I believe it is pleasing to the Lord to get all the knowledge we can. The greatest of all knowledge we need is to know Him. Two things—to know Him and to know man. That is a life study in itself. We don't get that just by theology; it is not to be found in text books. You can never know the comfort of the Lord until you have been down in sorrow, then you can comfort others with the comfort

with which you have been comforted of God. Sometimes we wonder why these things are, but we ministers will find that if we are going to meet the people in all conditions of life, we must drink the cup in a measure. We cannot help the world in its need unless we have been down where it is. It is easy for us to say, "There is healing for you," but when you have been in the valley you know what it is to be down there, and for God to lift you up, and you can go down with somebody else, with compassion, and in the spirit of grace you can lift them up.

It means so much to understand one another. We look on the outward, but God looks on the heart. In a doctor's office in the city of London a number of years ago, a woman entered, looked at me, and started to give the doctor, one of the grandest lectures I have ever heard. The doctor sat and quietly listened. She disapproved very strongly of what he had done, and went out and slammed the door. "Well," I said, "you certainly heard something just now." He smiled (I have known him for a long time) and said, "She does not mean all that. I understand her. She will feel a lot differently tomorrow." It's a good thing if we can understand one another. It will help us in our ministry not to get too alarmed if our people go off like that—they don't mean it. Be patient with one another. I think the Lord deals with us in that way.

Acquiring knowledge is part of our responsibility. We would like to get on an easy path. Carey mastered French, Dutch, Greek, Latin and Hebrew before he went on to the field, and after he landed in India he mastered Bengali and Sanscrit, and translated the Scriptures. He was willing to prepare himself, and then to go out to be spat upon and to be considered the offscouring of the earth for Jesus' sake. Let us, by the help of the Lord, prepare ourselves for the task that is before us.

PASSION

When we have vision, make our decision, and back it up with knowledge as far as we are able to acquire it, we still might have a very cold ministry. We need something still more. I read of the experience of one of our missionaries going up one of the mountains in India. The old car was driven by a Hindu driver and did not look so safe, but the missionaries climbed into it. They did not know what preparation the driver had made for the journey; they supposed he had put lots of gasoline in the tank and had filled the radiator with water, but seemingly he had but a little gas and water. Then he got down before the machine and prayed that God would take him through! Of course, he got half way up and stopped, because the motor did not work—it needed fire, combustion, something to take the machine along.

There is a place in the plan of God, I am sure, for us to have conferences and committees, but they cannot take the place of communion; they have their place, but they are not substitutes, and that is the danger in these things. It is not that these things are wrong; it is when they substitute the essential communion that there is danger. Some people want to rule all those things out and say they are wrong, but they are not wrong. The thing that is wrong is that we have left the other undone. We need the gasoline in the tank; we need passion to set decision and knowledge on fire, and that

passion comes through the Holy Spirit of God. Get ignition, combustion, and then you get life; and it is the Holy Spirit that gives us that—"Tarry ye. . . ." PASSION is necessary, and passion can only come through association with God and the power of the Spirit of the Lord resting upon us. If we, as a Pentecostal church ever get to the place where we think we can get along without tarrying, being filled with the Spirit of God, we shall just be placed in the long line of those who have come to the light, had the vision, and been blessed of God, but then have become crystallized. May God give us His passion for souls.

SACRIFICE

With passion must come self-sacrifice. I don't believe we are going to accomplish anything unless we are willing to sacrifice something. Henry Martyn faced the call of the mission field; he was a man who had been benefited by the best that education could give, and he had a beautiful home, with opportunities for a good ministry in the homeland. He said the thing that stood out before him as the biggest test was the possibility of poverty. He could hardly make up his mind whether he was willing to become poor, but finally he made the sacrifice, said goodbye to the girl whom he loved and hoped to marry, but whom he felt he would have to leave for the time being, and set off for that distant land where conditions were so unfavorable to a foreigner in those days. Many of our missionaries have a pleasant time compared to what those old pioneers had to face in those days of unbroken territory. He set out, willing to become poor for the Lord's sake, following the example of the Lord, who for our sakes became poor that we through His poverty might become rich. God may not call you to go down into poverty, but the thing is, have we really said in our hearts, "Lord, if it means that, I am willing"? One of the good visitors at the little assembly of which I was in charge came to me one day and said, "Brother, I have been having a terrible fight, but I have the victory. The devil came to me and said, 'You will land up in the Poor House if you go on in that way.' I did not want to go to the Poor House, but finally I got the victory and I said, 'Lord, if I finish up at the Poor House, I will be a witness for You there; if I end up there in Thy will I shall be happy.'" "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

In the early days it seemed that nothing was too great a sacrifice to make, that the work of God might be established. I remember what a thrill I had when, as a young unmarried man, I had my little room, with rug and furniture; and the pastor announced that they were in need of a rug, and that some of us might be able to give our rugs. He said, "What a blessing you would have in seeing people being baptized in the Holy Ghost on your rug." I took mine down and had great joy over my bare floor. We miss those thrills when we are not willing to make a sacrifice.

One of our dear brethren in India who was in charge of a Bible school had been trying to impress upon the boys what it meant to serve Christ and live for Him. One of the boys was particularly unruly, and finally he did something which really brought considerable concern to the leader. Our missionary felt he must make an example of the boy. So he went to him

and said, "Now if I don't punish you, the other boys will feel they can do the same thing. Don't you see I shall have to do something about it in order to set an example to the other boys?" The boy said, "Yes, I see the reasonableness of it." The missionary then said, "Well, are you willing to take the punishment?" "Yes," replied the boy, "I am willing to take it." He brought the boy before the others, announced what he had done, and again, before the boys, asked, "Are you willing to take the punishment?" "Yes," replied the boy, "I am." The missionary said, "Well, I think you should have sixteen lashes. Can you take it?" The boy said, "I can take it." He took off his shirt. The missionary lifted up the whip and twice brought the whip on to his shoulders.

Then he stopped. The boy had braced himself for the strokes. "Now," the missionary said, "you told me you would take whatever punishment I gave you—can you?" "Yes, I think I can take it." "All right," he said "you take the whip." The missionary took off his own shirt, and said, "I am going to bear the rest. If you do not lay it on hard, you will give me two more stripes for every light one—don't let it go lightly on my shoulders." The boy laid fourteen lashes on the missionary's shoulders and broke down, knelt at the altar, confessed to the Lord how he had failed. It cost that missionary something to give that lesson, but he said it was worth it, for it brought that boy and all the others down before the Lord. It made them realize what Christ had borne for them.

We shall find, perhaps, that often it is a path of LONELINESS. As far as the world is concerned, it looks as if we are going a lonely way—but He is there. If we are going to accomplish anything for God, I believe it is going to mean the surrender of our whole lives. The world needs us; only One can meet the need of the world, and that is the Lord Himself, and He is in us. While we were in Rome we saw the place where a Pentecostal pastor had been imprisoned sixteen times for the Lord's sake. We asked the congregation how many of the people had been in prison for the gospel's sake, and hands went up all over; that, of course, was during the time of the war. Some of them were put in prison and then set free. When they would gather together again, they would be imprisoned each time, but the work of the Lord prospered. Just as the little plant pushes towards the light, the church lives on in spite of the devil's efforts to suppress it. It is an organism that God has created, and that life principle that is in the church seeks for expression. So, as leaders, God has given us a wonderful privilege to be living today and to meet the world's need. It can only be met in Christ. I trust that as our Assemblies of God fellowship grows the Lord will help us to keep the heavenly vision. Many material blessings are being given us in these days, and there is a temptation to lean on these things. But if our hearts are full of compassion for the lost, and if we are willing to take the way of self-sacrifice, God will keep us in a place of usefulness and we can be fishers of men.

If God has blessed you with trouble, take it from His hand as a gift.

What a person says about another tells more about himself than about the other fellow.

If Paul Were Writing in Modern Vein

Dear Brethren:

Doubtless you will remember the invitation you extended to me to come over to Macedonia and help the people in that section. . . . There are a number of things I should like to learn before giving my decision, and I would appreciate your dropping me a line, addressed to Troas.

No mention was made of a salary I was to receive. While it is true that I am not preaching for money, there is the certainty that these things must be taken into account. I have been through a long and expensive course of training; in fact, I many say with reasonable pride that I am a Sanhedrin man! The day is past when you can expect a man to rush into a field without some idea of the support he is to receive. . . . Kindly get word to the good brethren to get together and see what you can do in the way of support.

I recently had a fine offer to return to Damascus at an increase of salary, and I am told that I made a very favorable impression on the Church at Jerusalem. . . . For recommendations you can write the Rev. S. Peter, D.D., Jerusalem, Palestine.

I will say that I am a first-class mixer, and especially strong in argumentative preaching.

If I accept the call I must stipulate for two months' vacation and the privilege of taking an occasional lecture tour. My lecture on "Over the Wall in a Basket" is worth two drachmas of any man's money!

Sincerely yours, PAUL.—*Moody Monthly*.

CHALLENGE TO PRAYER WARRIORS

Where are those who have a ministry of intercessory prayer? To those who are willing to give themselves in prayer, we ask that you shall bear us up in the work of our Sunday School Department, especially in our plans for the National Sunday School Convention, February 15-19, 1948.

This should be the largest National Convention we have ever held, but weather can either greatly help or hinder. Sleet and snow would be a terrible hindrance to those who travel from a distance. Pray that the Lord may give us a week of good weather. Pray that we may have 5,000 Sunday School delegates in this Convention. Pray that they may be the means of directing the Sunday School forces in increasing our Sunday School attendance by 100,000 during 1948.—M. L. Grable.

A KEY TO HAPPINESS

"Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward." Psa. 19:11. I have been a lover of Holy Scripture; and I love it more now than I ever did.

It has been my habit to read the Scriptures through four times a year; and it is important to read it in a prayerful spirit, to meditate upon what we read, and to apply it to our own hearts. Do I understand this? Do I obey this? What has this Word for me? Then we must practice what we find in the Scripture; and the result will be a happy man, a happy woman.—George Muller.

Space for address or church announcement

Among the Assemblies

CLEBURNE, TEXAS—We have just concluded a 4-week revival at the First Assembly of God. Our pastor, C. D. Evartt, was the speaker the first two weeks, and then Evangelist Vera Holmes of Granbury spoke the last two weeks. The Lord met with us graciously. Twelve were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.—Mrs. F. L. Erickson, Church Secretary.

(Near) **BEN WHEELER, TEXAS**—God visited the Flat Woods Church with a refreshing 10-night revival recently, in which 5 were saved and 3 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The power fell on praying and praising saints at different times, and they shouted for joy as the blessings of salvation overflowed from yielded vessels. We praise God for the fearless, uncompromising, and anointed ministry of Evangelist H. D. Skelton, of 4103 Denley Dr., Dallas.—W. Leo McClure, Pastor, Route 3, Ben Wheeler, Texas.

SLATON, TEXAS—Evangelist and Mrs. Louie E. Shultz of Blytheville, Ark., came to us for a revival and God's blessings were manifested from the first service. As the evangelist preached, we began to see a great moving of the Spirit and people began to turn to God. In this meeting about 15 were saved and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The revival fires are still burning. Brother Shultz shows a fine spirit of cooperation with pastor and church and also encourages unity in the work of God.—Claud E. Holt, Pastor.

MOBILE, ALA.—The Crichton Assembly enjoyed a glorious revival with Evangelist O. L. Jagers. Many things, too numerous to mention, were accomplished in this great out-pouring. Approximately 75 people were gloriously saved, and 40 to 50 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Many testimonies of divine healing were given. Many nights we were unable to accommodate the crowd. During this 5-week meeting, our Sunday School attendance averaged over 450. Brother Jagers' ministry attracted hundreds of people who never before had attended our church.—D. V. Williams, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—The Annual Thanksgiving C. A. Conference of the Rocky Mountain District was greatly blessed of the Lord, as young people from the ten sections of the District came together in Denver's Central Assembly and filled it to overflowing with record-breaking crowds. The anointed messages of Evangelist Owen Oslin brought a new desire to our hearts to do more for the Lord, sinners came to the altar, and hungry hearts began seeking the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Special classes were a great part of the conference, giving the C.A.'s much material for use after getting home.—Milton Newman, C. A. President.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—The spiritual tide of the Western Slope Sectional C. A. Conference ran high as the C.A.'s from that section and Utah met over the New Year season. Special visitations of the Holy Spirit wrought works of grace in our lives. The first morning after the anointed message on personal work from our speaker, Joseph Neely, the young people left the building during the noon hour to testify for Jesus. At the afternoon service, a show of hands indicated that 75 percent had testified or invited someone to the services. Special classes were held, and Grand Junction's First Assembly was filled with capacity crowds.—Milton Newman, C. A. President.

FLAT RIVER, MO.—We recently concluded a series of special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Ragsdale of Oklahoma City, Okla. Record-breaking crowds attended the services. More than 50 were saved and over 15 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Recent reports and testimonies evidence that a number of outstanding healings took place in answer to prayer. Among those saved were 3 men who had never sought

God before, one who had been attending this church for more than 15 years. We praise God for Brother Ragsdale's messages, which were soul-stirring and inspiring, and also for the singing of Brother and Sister Ragsdale.

Nothing less than a modern-day miracle has happened to us. Tonight is the third Sunday night since the close of the meetings, and to date 13 have been saved and 6 filled with the Holy Spirit. Great waves of glory come over the congregation, and people come to the altar without invitation or preaching.—Pastor and Mrs. Powhattan Huffman.

FORT MORGAN, COLO.—We are glad to report one of the most blessed Holy Ghost meetings that we have ever experienced in the church. G. B. Cunningham of Denver was the evangelist. Many received wonderful experiences as they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Definite healings were performed in answer to prayer. A man who had three spots on his lungs and ulcers of the stomach, and also was bound by the tobacco habit, was delivered and baptized with the Holy Ghost. In two weeks he has gained twelve pounds. A woman was healed of cancer of the stomach. The power of God came down night after night. A girl, 13 years old, was saved and given a vision of heaven. She said she saw Jesus sitting on a big white thing, her little brother was standing beside Him, and there were lots of people there. Her little brother had been hit by a car and killed. God was made very real to her. It was a wonderful meeting for the children; a goodly number of them received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.—R. C. Harris, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

PETALUMA, CALIF.—Feb. 1—; C. E. Lebeck, Evangelist.—Wm. Savidge, Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—885 N. W. 27th Ave.; Feb. 8, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley McPherson.—Orville C. Smith, Pastor.

MONROE, LA.—Central Assembly of God, Feb. 8—; Otto J. Klink, Miami, Fla., Evangelist.—L. O. Waldon, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Orchard Park Assembly of God, Feb. 8—; Wesley Goodwin, Evangelist.—C. W. Shumway, Pastor.

TAYLOR, NEBR.—Feb. 1, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Baxter, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.—Erwin E. Rohde, Pastor.

MCCOOK, NEBR.—Feb. 1—15; W. A. and Mrs. Hawkins, Evangelists.—C. T. Beem, Pastor.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—22nd and Franklin; meeting in progress; James Villani, Evangelist.—M. and Mrs. C. C. Crace, Pastors.

BROOKFIELD, MO.—216 Market St.; Feb. 9, for 3 weeks; Richard Dobbins, Evangelist.—R. P. Elliott, Pastor.

ST LOUIS, MO.—5195 Maple Ave., Jan. 21—; Mrs. M. Hart, Evangelist—Eugene D. Weiss, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—4502 Lake Ave.; Feb. 1, for 2 weeks; Smith and Rogers Evangelistic Party.—Ray R. Soper, Pastor.

ABILENE, TEXAS—Meeting in progress; Ernest and Virginia Berquist, Evangelists.—Wilson G. Estes, Pastor, First Assembly.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Central Assembly; meeting in progress until Feb. 8; Arne Vick, Evangelist.—Emil A. Ballett, Pastor.

CHICO, CALIF.—1518 Park Ave.; Feb. 10, for 3 weeks or longer; Eddie and Ruth Washington, Evangelists.—E. Wm. Anderson, Pastor.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—12 Howard St.; Feb. 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Bristol from Texas.—R. A. Babcock, Pastor.

LAMESA, TEXAS—Second and Roosevelt Sts.; Feb. 8, for 2 weeks; James A. Villani, Clarksville, Ark., Evangelist.—Neil Sawrey, Pastor.

STIGLER, OKLA.—Feb. 9, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. S. F. Peters, 711 Chestnut St., Murphysboro, Ill.—Walter D. Clonts, Pastor.

BROKEN BOW, NEBR.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. A. C. Phillips.—Paul Wagner, Pastor.

COLFAX, WASH.—Feb. 15, for 3 weeks; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Andrews, Evangelists, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, Musicians, all of Seattle, Wash.—Ralph E. Mader, Pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—1441 Ellis St.; Feb. 15, for 2 weeks; Anna B. Lock, Evangelist.—L. R. Keys, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Fourth Ave. and Forrest St., Feb. 15—; E. L. Slavens, Evangelist.—Sam Wilson, Pastor.

UNION CITY, TENN.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 15—March 7; W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo., Evangelist.—S. Clyde Bailey, Pastor.

THAYER, MO.—Feb. 1—15; E. E. Templeton, Evangelist. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—N. Cleo Tapp, Pastor.

HOUSTON, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, West Plains Section, all day, Feb. 10. Basket lunch at noon. Also night service. Harry Collison, Host Pastor.—N. Cleo Tapp, Sectional Secretary.

STONEWALL, OKLA.—Fellowship Meeting, Ada Section, Feb. 5. All-day service. C. A. Rally at night. Everyone urged to attend.—Mrs. C. M. Rhodes, Sectional Secretary.

MODESTO, CALIF.—Airport Assembly of God, Benson and Sierra Ave.; Feb. 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Lois Sparks Alexander, Evangelist.—Ernest M. Adams, Pastor.

SAND SPRINGS, OKLA.—C. A. Rally, Tulsa Section, Feb. 16. Raymond White of Nowata, guest speaker. L. G. Flowers, Host Pastor. All C. A.'s of Tulsa Section urged to attend.—C. E. Turner, Sectional Representative.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Sixth Annual Southern Idaho District Council will convene at the First Pentecostal Assembly of God, Gooding, Idaho, Feb. 25—27. Opening rally, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m., in charge of C.A.'s W. E. Long of Pasadena, Calif., main speaker. Those wishing to make reservations for rooms or cabins, should contact R. H. Buck, Host Pastor, P. O. Box 426, Gooding, Idaho.—J. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Thirty-first Annual District Council of the Rocky Mountain District, Denver Revival Tabernacle, 9th and Acoma Sts., Denver, Colo., Feb. 9—13. A big District C. A. Rally, Monday, 7:30 p.m., opens Convention. Special services for ministers and their wives, all day, Tuesday. Convention proper opens Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

SIXTH NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Sixth National Sunday School Convention, Springfield, Missouri, Feb. 15—19, for all pastors, superintendents, and laymen interested in Sunday School work. Register at once, enclosing \$1.00 registration fee. State whether you prefer hotel room, dormitory room, cabin, or room in private home. Address National Sunday School Convention, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

TEXAS DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Texas District Sunday School Conventions: Yoakum Section, First Assembly, Yoakum, Feb. 10—11; San Antonio Section, First Assembly, San Antonio, Feb. 12—13. Houston Section, 204 Clifton, Houston, Feb. 24—25. Waco Section, 18th and Pine, Waco, Feb. 26—27.

Austin Section, 501 W. 37th St., Austin, March 2—3. Beaumont Section, Ave. A and Wall St., Beaumont, March 4—5. Lufkin Section, Nacogdoches, 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.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: Feb. 9—11, Antlers-Eufaula Sections, McAlester, Nos. 4 and 5. March 8—10, Tulsa-Seminole Sections, Stroud, Nos. 7 and 8. March 15—17, Muskogee-Poteau Sections, Poteau, Nos. 2 and 3. April 12—14, Altus-Elk City Sections, Elk City, Nos. 15 and 16. April 19—21, Pawhuska-Vinita Sections, Bartlesville, Nos. 1 and 6. May 10—12, Oklahoma City-Anadarko Sections, El Reno, Nos. 11 and 12. May 17—19, Cherokee-Woodward Sections, Alva, Nos. 10 and 14.

All licensed ministers and exhorters are required to get renewal blank at one of the above Sectional Councils, fill it out and turn it in to the District Secretary for renewal of papers for 1948-1949 fiscal year. Those desiring license or exhorter's permits are requested to get the proper blank, fill it in with the endorsement of their Sectional Presbyter, and present it to the board at any of the above Sectional Councils.

Services: Monday, afternoon and night, C.A.'s. Tuesday, morning, WMC; afternoon and night, S.S. Wednesday morning and afternoon, Sectional Fellowship Meeting, election of officers and licensing service; night, Missionary Rally and Fellowship Meeting. Examination of applicants for licenses and exhorter's permits will be held during entire Council. For further information write V. H. Ray, District Superintendent, or Robert E. Goggin, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—P.O. Box 234, Yucaipa, Calif. "We have accepted the call to pastor the Full Gospel Church here."—Paul R. Keeth.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Pastoral

C. M. Oxford, 2701 N. 17th St., Kansas City, Kansas—"We have resigned the pastorate of Cedar Vale Assembly, and are open for pastoral calls. Special music and singing."