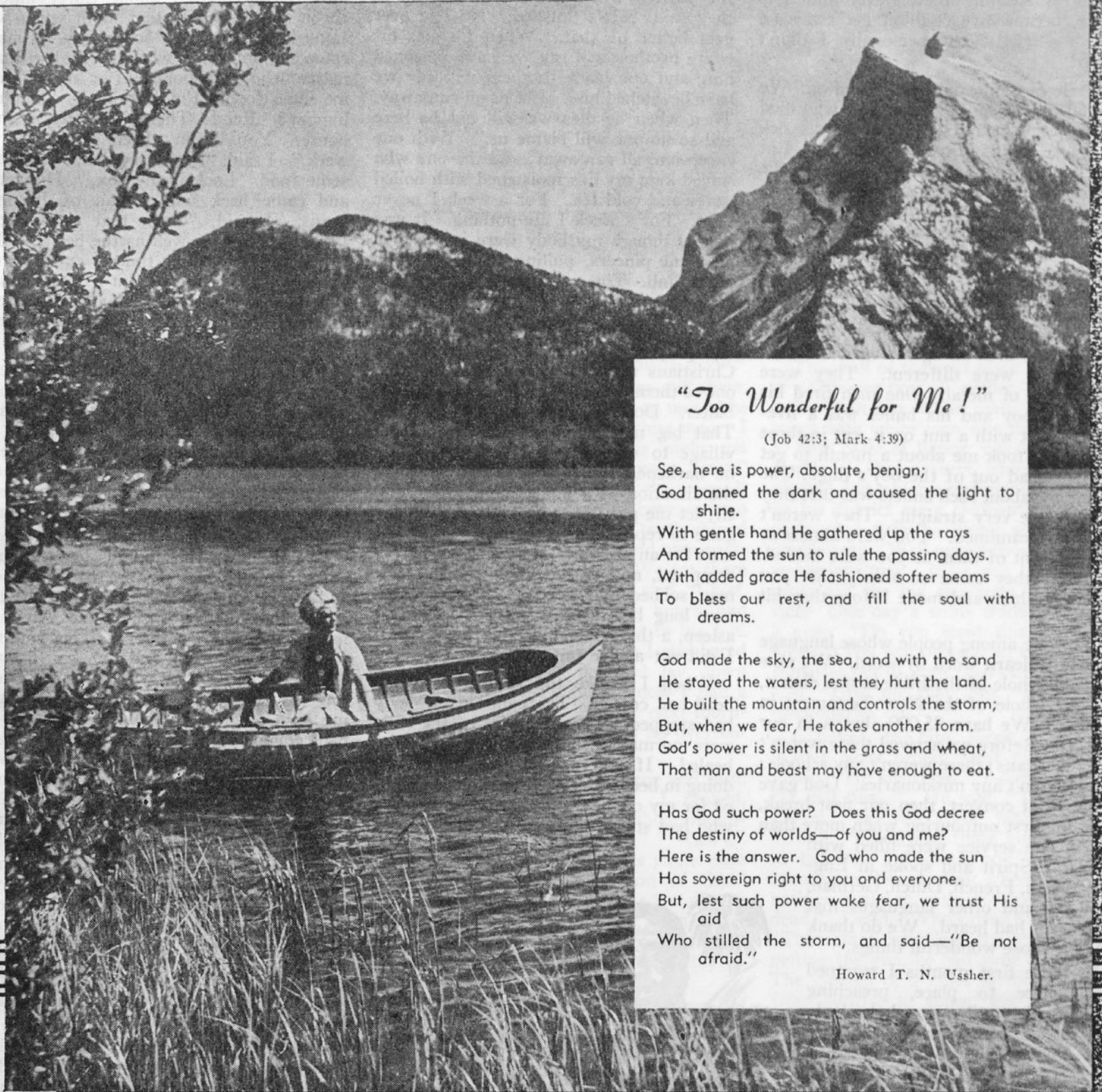


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"Too Wonderful for Me!"

(Job 42:3; Mark 4:39)

See, here is power, absolute, benign;
God banned the dark and caused the light to
shine.

With gentle hand He gathered up the rays
And formed the sun to rule the passing days.
With added grace He fashioned softer beams
To bless our rest, and fill the soul with
dreams.

God made the sky, the sea, and with the sand
He stayed the waters, lest they hurt the land.
He built the mountain and controls the storm;
But, when we fear, He takes another form.
God's power is silent in the grass and wheat,
That man and beast may have enough to eat.

Has God such power? Does this God decree
The destiny of worlds—of you and me?
Here is the answer. God who made the sun
Has sovereign right to you and everyone.
But, lest such power wake fear, we trust His
aid
Who stilled the storm, and said—"Be not
afraid."

Howard T. N. Ussher.

Called to the Congo

James Salter at Central Bible Institute

THIRTY-TWO years ago we arrived in the Belgian Congo. During our first night on the river, we disturbed a cannibal feast. They were cooking human bodies and eating them. We had intended sleeping there. We did stop there, because we couldn't get away (it was too dark), but personally I didn't sleep!

Early next morning we moved on. We buried one of our missionaries, who died of tropical sickness; and as I was sick too they left his grave open for me. But the Lord raised me up. We got to the interior among about a quarter of a million people. They poisoned our water and our food; they tried shooting poisoned arrows at us, and then bullets. It was easier to dodge their bullets than their arrows. There was enough poison on an arrow to kill an elephant, so if we had gotten a scratch from one of them we would have died an agonizing death. But the bullets were different. They were just lumps of metal. One man fired his gun at a boy and his bullet was a five-eighths bolt with a nut on it, cut in three pieces. It took me about a month to get the bolt-head out of the boy's thigh. The advantage about such bullets was that they didn't come very straight. They weren't exactly streamlined. You were almost as safe in front of them as you were behind. Anyhow, they came so slowly that you could see them and move before they hit you.

We were among people whose language we had to learn word by word. We now have the whole of the Bible in one dialect, and the whole of the New Testament in another. We have 25,000 always in our schools. Before we arrived there weren't any Christians; there weren't any schools; there weren't any missionaries. God gave us our first convert, then our first break, then our first outpouring when more than 160 in one service were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in English, Welsh, French, Dutch, German, Afrikans and other languages that they never had heard. We do thank God for those wonderful things.

In those first months I tramped from place to place, preaching the gospel, until my whole body was soaked with malaria. At that time my colleague did not know where I was. We had gone to the Congo a party of four. One had died, another left us, so that from four we were down to two—just William F. P. Burton and I. There

I was rambling around, and Brother Burton did not know where I had gone. I was lying in a native village and black-water fever developed, a disease for which there is no known human cure. When the natives who were with me saw it, they said, "He's finished. No one ever gets better of that. When he dies his white brother will say we have poisoned him, and our black brothers will say we have bewitched him. Let us all run away. Then when he dies we will not be here and so no one will blame us." With one exception, all ran away, and the one who stayed kept my lips moistened with boiled water and cold tea. For a week I never slept. For a week I ate nothing. It was just as though my body were in the grip of giant pincers, pulling me apart limb from limb. The pain in my back was beyond description.

God awoke my colleague. He got up and prayed, and then he got the native Christians to pray. Then he dispatched one of them, saying, "Go and find Brother Salter. Don't come back until you do." That big native followed my trail from village to village, and late one evening he darkened the doorway. He took in the situation at a glance, and said, "Oh, sir, let me pray for you." I was too far gone to reply, and fortunately he did not wait for an answer. He got down by my camp cot, and as he did it shook. The man sobbed and prayed. I don't know how long he was there, for I went fast asleep, a thing I hadn't done for a week. I did not awake until the next morning.

When I awoke the throbbing in my head had ceased. The pains in my body had stopped. The functions of the body were normal. I said, to myself, "You're healed. If you're healed, what are you doing in bed? Get up!" I sat up and looked for my clothes, and that faithful native who had stayed with me thought the end

had come. "He's gone light-headed. He doesn't know what he's doing," he said. He put a restraining hand on my shoulder, and pleaded, "Don't dress; lie down again." I said, "It's all right. God has healed me." "Really?" "Yes." "Indeed?" "Yes." "Have you no pain?" "No."

"Very well, if you're healed, there are a lot of people waiting outside to lead you to their villages to preach." I said, "You tell them I'll come." I dressed, went out, and worked the whole of the day. We must have traveled about thirty miles, for it was very late that night when we came home, so tired, so hungry. I had eaten nothing for a week. I said to that native who had looked after me, "Give me some food. I'm starving." "You're hungry? Food? There isn't any in the house. You haven't been eating for a week." I said, "Don't say that. Find me some food. Look in my box." He went and came back with a can of French beans. I said, "Open that quickly or I'll eat the can as well as the beans." It would take me a long time to explain the miracle in the healing. But why explain? We have a miracle-working God. Three times He has healed me of black water fever.

I said, "Now, Lord, ten minutes or ten years, just let me burn for you." Up and down those valleys, plodding my way along, I preached the gospel. As I trudged the narrow paths, the grass felt the tread of white feet for the first time. The natives never had seen a white person. They thought surely it was someone from the other world.

In one big place hundreds had gathered in the shade of a large banyan tree, and the missionary was doing his best to press home the gospel. Our African natives can do two things at once quite easily—they can talk and they can listen. While the missionary was doing his best to get the gospel to them, they were nudging each other and saying, "Hasn't he a baby face? He must be very young; and if he is so young, his mother can't love him or she'd never let him come here by himself. Where is his father? His father ought to be here to look after him. Wonder if his feet are white too!"

Right at the back was a very tall man, his face a picture of agony. He paced to and fro like a caged animal. As soon as the missionary was finished, this man turned to him and said, "White man, I heard what you've been telling these people. They're my people. I'm their king, their chief. But listen to my story." Pointing to the huts, he counted ten of them, and said, "In each hut I had a wife and children. I don't have now. The wives have gone, the children have gone. My money has gone, my clothes have



Have you
PRAYED
for the
HEATHEN
today?

gone. My chickens, goats, sheep, pigs, all I had has gone, and this arm is the cause of it all. I paid the witch doctors with money, with clothes, with chickens, with ducks, with pigs, and with all I had. Then the children went. Then the wives went. The witch doctors took all I had, family and fortune, but they failed to cure me. White man, the arm is worse now than it ever was. What can your Jesus do for that?"

The missionary looked at the chief's right arm. It hung helplessly in a filthy rag sling. Then he answered, "My Jesus can heal." "Please, tell Him." The missionary put his hands on the man's arm, and talked to his Father God about it. When he had done that, he said, "Chief, how is it?" The big, tall, colored man felt from shoulder down to elbow and wrist. "White man," he said, "it doesn't hurt any more!" He took it out of the sling, swung it around, and said, "White man, white man, it will do."

Standing in rows were the idols and charms that the witch doctors had given him. They were supposed to cure him. He had paid his fortune and his family for them. He went over to those idols, white-faced idols and red-faced idols, some with beads around their necks, some with horns in their heads, and he began to pull them up from the ground with the arm that had been the cause of the trouble. As he lifted them he pitched them into a nearby stream. When all the idols had gone, the charms followed; he got rid of the lot. One was reminded of the passage in Hosea 14:8—"What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard Him."

Brethren, we have a God and a gospel that does not need any implementing, supplementing, or complementing. His name, or one of them, is El-Shaddai, "The God who is enough," the All-Sufficient One. When you have Him, you can always say, "Such as I have give I unto thee." You're on the giving hand when you have a God like that. The chief said, "White man, I never gave you anything, did I?" "Chief, you can't pay for that. God did it." "Did God do that?" "Yes." With his face turned to the skies, he said, "Thank you, God." That district is dotted with Assemblies of God now.

In another place there was a fallen tree in the middle of the village, so I sat on it next to the chief. He had never seen a white man before; he didn't know such a thing existed. Slyly, as we sat there, he'd wet his finger and rub it on the back of my hand. He thought surely there would be black under the white! He was hearing about Christ for the first time.

The sun set, and the moon rose, and I was still talking to him about his soul. "You are a funny man," he said. "Are all white men like you? You're a stranger, and the first time you come you



A CONGO SCENE (drawn by W. F. P. Burton)

want to change everything and get me saved. Stop a bit, and talk to us. Let us know what it's all about." I said, "Chief, before five o'clock in the morning I'll be off. It's now, or perhaps never."

Midnight came and we were still there. The stars were looking down on us and he still thought I was a funny white man. I said, "Chief, you must this night get God and God's Christ in your heart." Judging from the position of the moon, it must have been somewhere between two and three o'clock when the truth shined into that dark heart and the old man passed from darkness to light. We sat there hand in hand as we prayed. I said, "Chief, go and rest. You have two hours, and then it's goodbye." He went to his hut. Without kicking off my boots I clambered under my mosquito net and lay down on my camp cot. I didn't know I had a snake for a bedmate until the next morning when I found it had left its overcoat there.

At five o'clock the chief came and said, "Stop a bit, white man." I replied, "Chief, I'm going over to those mountains." "Stop just a bit." "Can't." "Well," he said, "tell me His name once more." "It's 'Jesus, the Son of God.' You say it." Just on the edge of the village, he called, "White man, go in peace, but don't forget we want a missionary." I called back, "I'll not forget. Stay in peace."

My words had scarcely died down before the big drums began to boom. "Get your guns," cried the natives. "Get your arms." We had spent the night in an ambushed village, surrounded by soldiers from another district. "Let the white man get out first," they said. Then the battle began; and the first to die, pinned to

the earth with a spear through him, was the old man with whom I had spent the night. He had only one chance to hear the gospel; he took it.

The chief of the next place I visited was of a different type altogether. He dressed better than any white man. He was in touch with white men who made presents to him, cases of liquor, whiskey, bicycles, clothing. One present which he always wanted, but which never came, was a gun. In his district were elephants with great tusks, one tusk as much as three men could carry. Well over a thousand dollars was in one tusk. If he only had a gun he could kill the big elephants and become rich. One day a white trader came with a gun. "Do you want this gun? It's yours if you will promise to keep the missionaries out of your district." The chief said, "Give me that gun. I'll keep the missionaries out."

I talked to him about the gospel. "Chief, your people want missionaries," I said. He answered, "I don't." I said, "Is that final?" He said, "That's final." I said, "Do you know where I live?" "Yes." "I'm going there and I'm going to talk to God about you." It hadn't been more than a week when one of my natives came running to say, "Sir, he's dead." I said, "Who's dead?" He replied, "That chief who got the gun." After getting the gun, he had gone out hunting. The custom of a chief is to eat nothing from sunrise to sunset but to drink as much as he likes. He traveled with his gun, lots of his wives behind, each with a pot of beer on her head. He kept drinking and drinking, so that when he came up to the elephant he saw a whole herd of them. He fired that big gun at

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Plentiful Rain for Weary People

THERE are two symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Word—the wind and the rain. Go to the Word and study how God's winds have worked in the earth, and how His bountiful rains have refreshed it from time to time. In the days of Noah "God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged." Gen. 8:1. The wind dried off the water from the earth and made it possible for man to live here. It dried the wood that kindled the sacrifices, and the burnt offerings came before the Lord.

GOD'S MERCIFUL WIND

When God destroyed the Egyptian army in Pharaoh's time, the wind had its part. In Israel's extremity, the Egyptian army was behind and the Red Sea was in front. At the word of Moses, the wind came to the rescue and the Red Sea was blown back. The intangible drove back the tangible. "The Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land." The invisible worked upon the visible, and Israel stood still and saw the salvation of the Lord. Moses and Israel recognized that it was the Lord's doings, and so they sang, "Thou didst blow with *Thy wind*, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters." They saw the result, they never saw the instrument. The wind was invisible but none the less real. Not only was the wind the instrument of Israel's deliverance, but later on it brought quails in abundance to sustain their bodies. "There went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp." Num. 11:31.

GOD'S WINDS AND HIS RAINS

In semi-tropical lands, great winds precede great rains. A wind preceded the great rain in the days of Elijah. 1 Kings 18:45. The earth was scorched; there was no prospect of a break. Circumstances or times were not instruments to bring abundance of rain. It was the prayer of Elijah that brought the rain. The drouth might have gone on for another three and a half years, because in Joseph's time there were seven years of leanness and famine. The rain was not due through lapse of time. The heavens were shut up

and only prayer could open them. The New Testament emphasizes the prayer of Elijah, saying, "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed . . . and the heaven gave rain." James 5:17, 18.

FOR THE THIRSTY ONES

In Psalm 68:9 we read: "Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance when it was weary." Weary, what with? The prevailing conditions. God sent a plentiful rain to counteract the weariness of the conditions under which the people were living. It is the weary people who will have the plentiful rain. The self-satisfied ones, those whose barns are full, who have much goods laid up, and who say, "Let us drink and be merry," they are not weary and they will not have the spiritual rain. "I will give unto him that is *athirst*." Rev. 21:6.

SPIRITUAL REFRESHING

Simeon was weary. How he had looked for the Lord's Anointed! And his soul was watered so abundantly that he was perfectly rested. He declared, as he took the child Jesus in his arms and looked upon Him, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Luke 2:29, 30. He saw God's salvation in the person of His Son, prior to his departure.

BEFORE OUR DEPARTURE

As the Lord in the last days pours forth His Spirit upon all flesh, according to His promise, and in response to the prevailing prayers of those who ask for rain in the time of the latter rain, great companies shall be obedient to the faith, seeing the salvation of God manifested on the earth. Then will the cry go forth, "Lord, now let Thy servants depart. Our eyes have seen the salvation of God—salvation in operation on the earth." And then presently they will see the Author of salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees." Heb. 12:12. Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

The Cross of Christ

I am crucified with Christ. Gal. 2:20.

THE cross of Christ is His greatest glory. Because He humbled Himself to the death of the cross, therefore God hath highly exalted Him. The cross was the power that conquered Satan and sin.

The Christian shares with Christ in the cross. The crucified Christ lives in him through the Holy Spirit, and the spirit of the cross inspires him. He lives as one who has died with Christ. As he realizes the power of Christ's crucifixion, he lives as one who has died to the world and to sin, and the power becomes a reality in his life. It is as the crucified One that Christ lives in me.

Our Lord called His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him. Did they understand this? They had seen men carrying a cross, and knew what it meant—a painful death on the cross. And so all His life Christ bore His cross—the death sentence that He should die for the world. And each Christian must bear his cross, acknowledging that he is worthy of death, and believing that he is crucified with Christ, and that the crucified One lives in him. "Our old man is crucified with Christ." "He that is Christ's hath crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof." When we have accepted this life of the cross, we will be able to say with Paul: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This is a deep spiritual truth. Think and pray over it, and the Holy Spirit will teach you. Let the disposition of Christ on the cross, His humility, His sacrifice of all worldly honor, His spirit of self-denial, take possession of you. The power of His death will work in you and you will become like Him in His death, and you will know Him and the power of His resurrection. Take time, O soul, that Christ through His Spirit may reveal Himself as the crucified One.

There is a beautiful passage in the book of Proverbs where it says, "He that winneth souls is wise." Notice, he that "winneth" souls; not he that scolds, drives, browbeats, but wins. We get the word or thought "winneth" from courtship. Just as a young man wins the heart of a bride by kindness, wooing, tenderness, politeness, good manners, so we apply these means to winning souls. It will work wonders.—*Herald of His Coming*

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This testimony will encourage you to pray for revival.

The Great Welsh Revival

As described by a witness, G. Campbell Morgan

LET us look at the Welsh Revival more generally. Let me speak of some of the incidental peculiarities of the Revival as I saw it, and gathered information concerning it on the ground. In connection with the awakening, there is no preaching, no set order, no hymnbooks, no choirs, no organs, no collections, and no advertising. Now, think of that for a moment again will you? Think of all our work. I am not saying these things are wrong. I simply want you to see *what God is doing*.

There were the organs, but silent; the ministers, but among the people, rejoicing and prophesying with the rest, only there was no preaching. Yet the Welsh Revival is the revival of preaching to Wales. Everybody is preaching. No order, yet it moves from day to day, week to week, county to county, with matchless precision, with the order of an attacking force. No song books, but ah, me, I nearly wept tonight over the singing of our last hymn. When the Welsh sing they abandon themselves to their singing. We sing as though we thought it would not be respectable to be heard by the one next to us. No choir, did I say? *It was all choir!*

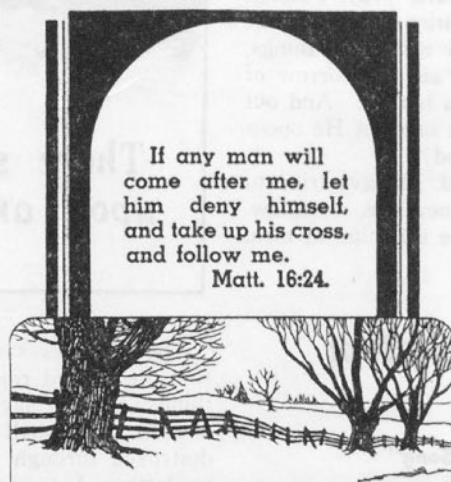
And hymns! I stood and listened in wonder and amazement as the congregation sang hymn after hymn without hymnbooks. Oh, don't you see it? The Sunday School is having its harvest now. The family is having its harvest now. The teaching of hymns and the Bible among those Welsh hills and valleys is having its harvest now. No advertising. The whole thing *advertises itself*. You tell me the press is advertising it. I tell you they did not begin advertising it until the thing caught fire and spread. And let me say to you, one of the most remarkable things is the attitude of the Welsh press. Many were converted by reading the accounts in the newspapers.

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE MOVEMENT?

In the name of God let us all cease trying to find it! At least, let us cease trying to trace it to any one man or convention. You can not trace it. And yet I will trace it tonight. Whence has it come? All over Wales—I am giving you roughly the result of the questioning of fifty or more persons at random in the week—a praying remnant has been agonizing before God about the state of the beloved land, and it is through prayer the answer of fire has come. You can tell me that the revival originates with Evan Roberts. I

can tell you that Roberts is a *product of the revival*. You tell that it began in an Endeavor meeting where a young girl bore testimony. I tell you that was the result of a revival breaking out everywhere.

If you and I could stand above Wales, looking at it, you would see fire breaking out here, and there, and yonder, and somewhere else, without any collusion or prearrangement. It is a divine visitation in which God—let me say this reverently—in which God is saying unto us: See what I can do without the things you are depending on; see what I can do in answer to a praying people; see what I can do



through the simplest, who are ready to fall in line, and depend wholly and absolutely upon Me. *Within five weeks, 20,000 have joined the churches.*

LIFTING THE TORCH

What effect is this work producing upon men? First of all, it is turning Christians everywhere into evangelists. There is nothing more remarkable about it than that, I think. People you never expected to see doing this kind of thing are becoming personal workers. Let me give you an illustration. A friend of mine went to one of the meetings. He walked down to the service with an old friend of his, a deacon of the Congregational Church, a man whose piety no one doubted, a man who for long years had served in the church as deacon, but a man who never would think of *speaking to men* about their souls, although he would not have objected to some one else doing it. As my friend walked down with the deacon, the deacon said to him, "I have eighteen young men in an athletic class of which I am president. I hope some of them will be in the meeting tonight." There was a new manifestation.

Within fifteen minutes he left his seat by my friend and was seen talking to a young man down in front of him. Presently the deacon rose and said, "Thank God for this man, he has given his heart to Christ right here." In a moment or two he left him, and was with another young man. Before the meeting closed the deacon had led every one of those eighteen young men to Jesus Christ, who never before thought of speaking to men about their souls.

My own friend, with whom I stayed, who has always been backward about speaking to men, told me how, sitting in his office, there surged upon him the *great conviction* that he ought to go and speak to another man with whom he had done business for long years. My friend suddenly put down his pen, left his office, went and saw the man, and going up to him, said, "What do you think of this revival?" And my friend looked him squarely in the eye and said, "How is it with your own soul?" The man looked back at him, and said, "Last night at twelve, I had to get out of bed and give myself to Jesus Christ, and I was hungering for someone to come and talk to me." Here is a man turned into an evangelist by supernatural means. If this is emotional, then God send us more of it! Here is a cool, calculating, business ship-owner, that I have known all my life, leaving his office to go and *ask a man about his soul*.

Another characteristic is that you never know just where this fire is going to break out next. A preacher in one of the towns down there said, "I went down to my church three Sundays ago with a sermon prepared, my notes in my pocket, and that morning some man broke out in testimony and it was followed by prayer and singing, and it has never ceased, but two hundred people have joined the church."

The other day down in one of the mines—and I hope you understand I am only repeating to you the instances that came under my personal observation—a collier was walking along, and to his great surprise he came to where one of the principal officials in the mine was standing. The official said, "Jim, I have been waiting two hours here for you." "Have you, sir?" said Jim. "What do you want?" "I want to be saved, Jim." The man said, "Let me get right down here," and there in the mine, the colliery official, instructed by the collier, passed into the kingdom of God. When he got up he said, "Tell all the men, tell everybody you meet, *I am converted*." Straightway confession! The revival is characterized by the most remarkable confession of sin, confessions that must be costly. I heard some of them, men rising who have been members of the church and officers of the church, confessing hidden sin in their heart, impurity committed and condoned,

and seeking prayer for its putting away. The whole Welsh Revival is marvellously characterized by a confession of Jesus Christ, testimony to His power, to His goodness, to His beneficence, and testimony merging forevermore into outbursts of singing.

The revival is far more *widespread* than the fire zone. In this sense you may understand that the fire zone is where the meetings are actually held, and where you feel the flame that burns. But even when you come out of it, and go into trains, or into a shop, a bank, anywhere, men everywhere are talking of God.

THINGS IN THE WAY OF REVIVAL

The Church needs first to set itself to get things out of the way for God. What things? *All the things* that are in His way: Your habit that you know is unholy; your method in business that will not bear the light of day; your unforgiving heart towards a church member. Oh, God forgive me, that I mention anything! You know, you know! *They are in God's way*, these things. They must be cleared out. That is the first thing. There may be other things in God's way. Any organization in church life that does not make for the salvation of men is a fungus growth, and the sooner we drop it off the better. Are we ready to put things out of the way for God? Oh, we must be prepared to sweep everything out for God to have high-way. That is the attitude the Church must be prepared to take.

O GOD, LAY THE WORLD'S NEEDS ON OUR HEARTS

There is nothing so important as the saving of men, and when the church says that, and is ready, God will come. We need then to wait upon Him in earnest, constant prayer. Oh, brothers, sisters, *pray, PRAY, PRAY* alone! Pray in secret! Pray together! And pray out of a sense of the world's sin and sorrow. It is easy to be familiar with these things, until they have lost their power to touch us. Oh, the sin and sorrow of the whole world! May God lay it upon our hearts as a burden. And out of that agony let us begin to pray, and go forward the moment He opens the door and indicates the way. Are we ready for God?

I have tried to talk of *fire that cannot be described*. I have tried to talk out of the desire that I cannot express—that somewhere, somehow, He may put out His hand, and shake the world for the salvation of men.

The Destruction of Jerusalem

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

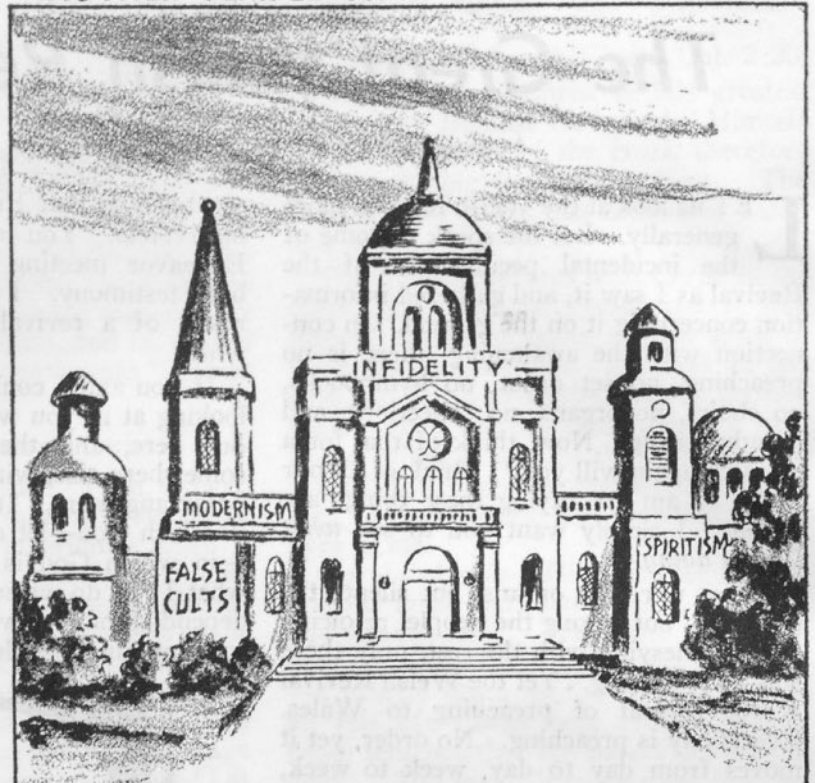
on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

IN Matthew, chapter twenty-four, Jesus gave some startling predictions, first concerning the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersion of the Jews, and then concerning the end of the age in which we now live. Are you acquainted with these predictions? If not, let me tell you of some of them.

We will begin with those which concern the destruction of Jerusalem. You remember that a week ago we considered together the homely but impressive parable of the hen who would gather her chickens under her wings; and we saw that the parable referred to those who, instead of heeding the words of Jesus, refused. And we must be careful lest we also refuse, for national distress, as great as, if not greater than that which befell Jerusalem, is sure to come to the Gentile nations because of their sin and rejection. Have you been told of this before? If you have, I hope you have given careful heed and have accepted our Lord Jesus as your Savior. If you have not accepted Him, God help you to do it now. You know, the Bible is the only permanent book. Let scoffers say what they will, the Bible is given by inspiration of God. It foretells the end, because it was given by Him who knows the end from the beginning.

Now concerning Jerusalem: the disciples of Jesus took great pride in their gorgeous temple. It says: "His disciples came to Him for to show Him the buildings of the temple." How majestic was its appearance as the shining sun flashed its rays upon its golden roof! And was it not the place that had been dedicated to the service of God? I hope, my hearer, that you have as much respect for the place of worship as was shown by the disciples of Jesus. The trouble with the temple, however, was that, while it was rich in outward splendor and in ceremonial worship, its worshipers had rejected the Christ who should have been the center of worship. Ritual and respect may be all right, but it takes Christ to save. We cannot properly honor God if we reject His Son. If you have not taken Jesus into your heart as your Savior and Lord, your religion is in vain, no matter how religious you may be.

ANOTHER TEMPLE THAT WILL BE DESTROYED



There shall not be left one stone upon another. Matt. 24:2

Ramsay

The disciples saw the outward splendor of their temple, but Jesus saw the inward rejection of Him, and He replied, "See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." The temple should not be destroyed through any malice of Christ. Ah, no. He had come not to destroy, but to save. But He foresaw. And He foresees your life. You do not know what lies before you, whether it be blessing or sorrow, health or sickness, life or death. You do not know what may be even tomorrow, but He knows. He could foresee the coming of the armies of Titus the Roman, and the destruction which, when it took place, so accurately confirmed His words.

We cannot speak further with you today. Join with us again next week as we pursue our discussion further. In the meantime, meditate on the truth, and if possible read Matthew 24. And if you have not yet opened your heart to Jesus, open to Him now.

Night Vigils

I have been in that old church in New England where Jonathan Edwards preached his great sermon, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God." He had a little manuscript which he held up so close to his face that they could not see his countenance. But as he went on and on, the people in the crowded church were tremendously moved. One man sprang to his feet, rushed down the aisles, and cried, "Mr. Edwards, have mercy!" Other men caught hold of the back of the pews lest they should slip into perdition. I have seen the old pillars around which they threw their arms when they thought the day of judgment had dawned upon them.

The power of that sermon is still felt in the land today. But there is a bit of history behind it. For three days Edwards had not eaten a mouthful of food; for three nights he had not closed his eyes in sleep. Over and over again he had been saying to God, "Give me New England! Give me New England!" and when he rose from his knees and made his way into the pulpit they say that he looked as if he had been gazing straight into the face of God. They say that before he opened his lips to speak, conviction fell upon his audience.—J. Wilbur Chapman.

"SAVE AMERICA" Prayer Crusade

GEORGE T. B. DAVIS

OUR land is in deadly peril at the present moment—from communism, drunkenness, and other evil forces. It is only a great outpouring of God's Spirit, and another mighty spiritual awakening that can save us. And the history of the Christian church shows that such an awakening comes only through earnest, intercessory prayer.

At the beginning of the 19th century our land was in dire peril. Atheism, agnosticism, skepticism and other evils were rampant and raging. Christian people realized the great danger, and entered into a solemn covenant to spend "a definite portion of their time in prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit of God for the salvation of men." The Lord heard and answered the great volume of intercessory prayer. The great revival known as "The Awakening of 1800" followed. In his "History of American Revivals" Dr. Frank G. Beardsley says: "Infidelity became a vanishing force, while the religious character of the United States was assured for generations to come."

After nearly 150 years, our land is again in great peril. Unless a Heaven-sent revival comes speedily—through prayer, repentance and returning to God—our country is doomed to destruction. Freedom will vanish, and we shall awake one morning to find ourselves slaves of totalitarianism.

But, praise God, there is a way out! Long ago Jonah proclaimed to the people of Nineveh: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." Jonah 3:4. The people "believed God, and proclaimed a fast," and cried "mightily to God," and turned "from their evil way." The Lord heard their cry and the destruction of Nineveh was withheld for more than 200 years.

The situation here in America and in Europe and China is getting more desperate day by day. Quick action is needed. Sending money is urgent and imperative. But these material things will not stop the onward sweep of communism.

It is a spiritual battle. Communism is inspired and motivated by Satan, and only Spiritual forces are able to overthrow it. Prayer is our secret weapon. It is only a great volume of earnest, believing, faith-inspired prayer on the part of multitudes of God's children that can turn back the enemy and give glorious victory. The words of the apostle John are just as true today as when they were uttered long ago: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

Christians, awake, awake! God's children! Let us arouse ourselves before it is too late, to the terrible danger that confronts our own land and other countries across the seas! Are we willing to sit idly by or to go along serenely on our daily round of duties, and never lift a finger or raise a cry to God on behalf of millions that are trembling on the brink of an awful precipice?

It must have brought sorrow to the heart of

God when He uttered these poignant words through the lips of the Prophet Ezekiel: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30. God forbid that we should fail to "stand in the gap" by earnest intercessory prayer on behalf of our own and other lands in this hour of supreme crisis!

Here are some of the practical methods for mobilizing the prayer forces of the nation, and helping to bring mighty revivals to America and other lands:

1. *Through prayer meetings in the churches.* A Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia has an attendance of nearly 100 at his weekly prayer meeting. At the close of the regular prayer meeting he asks all who wish to do so to stay for a revival prayer meeting—to pray only

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, February 13, 1948

The churches of many denominations in many lands will be observing February 13 as a World Day of Prayer. We urge all our assemblies to have special prayer meetings on that day, and pray for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in all the world, as well as in our own land and in our local communities.

for revival. The pastor says that 40 to 50 stay each week to intercede for real revival.


If hundreds and thousands of churches throughout our land would adopt such a plan, the churches themselves would be wondrously quickened and it would be a tremendous forward step in helping to bring another spiritual awakening to our country.

2. *Cottage prayer meetings in homes.* Such prayer meetings have always been a tremendous factor in bringing revival. It was such cottage prayer meetings that brought down the power from heaven in the Billy Sunday Campaigns. A woman who recently started such a prayer group for revival said: "What a wonderful time we had! Tears flowed. Cries went up to our heavenly Father to save the souls of the lost and to revive the children of God."

3. Another factor in bringing revival is *individual and united prayer in the home.* In one home the husband and wife are deeply concerned for revival and for the future of our nation. They make it a rule to have united prayer for revival each day, and on Sunday endeavor to have an hour of earnest intercession. They pray not only for revival in America, but in Europe, Palestine, China, and other lands.

4. *Individual intercessors* can have a real and vital share in bringing revival to our country and throughout the world. There are great numbers of praying people who may not be

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."
2 Chron. 7:14.



able to attend a revival prayer meeting at a church or even to go to a cottage prayer meeting. But they can have earnest individual intercession wherever they may be.

Here are one or two practical ways in which each one who reads these lines can have a real share in the crusade to save America in this hour of tremendous danger. First, you can cut out the following pledge, sign it, and keep it in your Bible. Second, you can pray daily for revival and the spread of God's Word, and for the preservation of free government in America, Europe, Palestine, China, Japan, Korea, India, Africa, and other lands.

Send for a supply of leaflets containing this article, and distribute them in your church and community, in letters, by announcement over the radio, and in every possible manner. Price 3 cents a copy, 25c for 10, 60c for 25, \$2.00 for 100. Order direct from "Save America" Prayer Crusade, Room 1302, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

"SAVE AMERICA" PRAYER CRUSADE

I enlist in the "Save America" Prayer Crusade by making it the rule of my life to pray daily, alone or with others, for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and for the salvation of souls in America and other lands—that they may not be destroyed in this hour of crisis.

Name _____
Date _____

SUGGESTIONS

1. Ask God to show you what to pray for, and to help you to pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. Pray for revival and the spread of God's Word, and the preservation of free governments everywhere.
3. If possible, form a prayer group for united intercession for revival.
4. Do all in your power to enlist others in the Crusade.

PAUL'S COUNSEL TO TIMOTHY

"Shun the lusts of youth and aim at integrity, faith, love and peace, in the company of those who invoke the Lord out of a pure heart. Shut your minds against foolish popular controversy; be sure that they only breed strife. And the Lord's servant must not be a man of strife; he must be kind to everybody, a skilled teacher, a man who will not resent injuries; he must be gentle in his admonitions to the opposition." —Moffatt's translation of 2 Tim. 2:22-25.

"They Shall Speak With New Tongues"

Margarete E. Stephenson

CAN God cause a person to speak today in a language he never has learned? I am glad He can, and does—in spite of all men's teaching to the contrary.

In a certain denominational church I heard the minister speak slightly of those who "claimed to speak in other tongues," so at the first opportunity I told him I had received the gift of tongues. He decided he would settle all argument in support of such a thing, so he asked, "But who understood you?" I replied, "The Spanish people."

It was in a mission in Los Angeles. The meeting was being conducted by Ysidro Martinez in the Spanish language. The Holy Spirit came upon me and I spoke in a tongue unknown to me. There was a great response to the altar call. The space around the altar was filled with praying people and they were kneeling down the aisles. After the service Sister Martinez came to me in tears, and said, "Sister Stephenson, did you know you were speaking in Spanish?" I said, "No." She said, "I have spoken Spanish all my life but I cannot speak the language as well as you did." She told me I had spoken a higher class of Spanish than is generally used now, but the people had understood, and they had been moved to praise the Lord and to seek His face.

This is entirely in accord with the Scriptures. On the day of Pentecost the hundred and twenty "were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4. There are some, however, who will not admit that on the day of Pentecost the disciples spoke in tongues they never had learned. They contend that the disciples simply grew excited and reverted to their native tongues. They do not contradict the fact that God caused the people to speak in new tongues at the tower of Babel, but they deny that He could make them speak with new tongues on the day of Pentecost! They claim that the disciples were from far countries, where other languages were spoken.

But the Bible plainly says that Christ chose His disciples as He went about His own country and the regions close by. At the time of Christ's ascension, after the disciples had watched Him go up out of their sight, the angel addressed them by saying, "Ye men of Galilee." And on the day of Pentecost those of the multitude which gathered "were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?"

Again in Acts 10:45, 46 we read that Peter and other Jewish believers from Joppa were astonished "because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." When the apostles at Jerusalem learned what had happened, they glorified God and rejoiced. They did not rejoice because the Gentiles had spoken in tongues; but they rejoiced because the Gentiles had been baptized with the Holy Spirit, and they knew this to be so because they had spoken with other tongues.

I am glad the Lord led me into this Pentecostal experience. I began teaching Sunday School when I was about fourteen years old, and of course I studied the Bible some, but I was well past thirty before ever I heard that people could still receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues as the disciples did on the day of Pentecost.

As a teacher in a denominational Sunday School I felt led to go into the homes of my pupils, if they were not regular in attendance, regardless of what kind of homes they were. My pastor would not go into some of these homes, and he tried to discourage me from doing so. He even persuaded others not to go with me. About this time the Lord sent a Pentecostal woman into our neighborhood, and soon I found she was going into these homes and helping the people just as I wanted to do. At first I resented this. I had been teaching for years, while she, according to her own testimony, had lived several of those years in sin. But as time

Lord to show her just what it meant when she said, "Hallelujah!" Being foreign-born, she had had quite a hard time learning to speak English, but the word "Hallelujah" was familiar since it was the same as in her native tongue, and so she had especially enjoyed using that word. Somehow it just seemed to satisfy her soul and express her joy. The Lord gave her a dream or vision, in which she was going up a ramp. She was surrounded by devils, so she looked up and began to say "Hallelujah" over and over and over again. As she repeated the word, all the devils fled. Light shone round about her, and angels appeared all around her where the devils had been. Then she knew that the shout, "Hallelujah—praise ye Jehovah," puts every devil to flight. How true it is:

"The weakest saint may Satan rout
Who meets him with a praiseful shout."

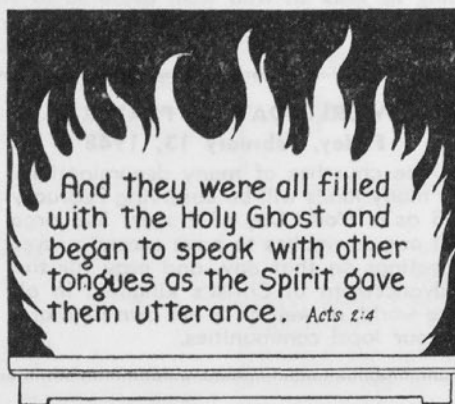
This Pentecostal blessing is real, my friends. A Norwegian maid whom I know became so happy in the Lord, while busy setting the table, that she began to speak in another tongue. There was a Methodist minister in the next room who was of Finnish descent. He heard her speaking, and he called the man of the house and asked if the maid were Finnish. "No," replied the man, "she is just out from Norway." "Well," said the minister, "she has been talking plainly in the Finnish language."

It is more than mere emotionalism. I heard a denominational minister in Indiana say a very dangerous thing. The church had hired an evangelist, and the minister, in urging the people to prepare for a revival, said this: "I don't know, but I have an idea that the time they had on the day of Pentecost was about as much worked up as it was prayed down." I was alarmed, and I tried to speak to him in private; but he never had time. Not long afterwards his wife became very ill, so the meetings were postponed. Finally I wrote a note, telling him that he had denied the truth of the Scriptures, as well as the power of the Holy Ghost, and that unless he made it right with God he would have no success in his ministry. I even had the courage to go to his home and pray for his wife, who soon got much better.

The evangelist came, but after two or three services his car skidded on the ice; it was badly damaged, and the minister was hurt, so the meetings were closed. Some time later, not being able to get the evangelist who was first engaged, the church asked one of a different denomination to come. They thought that such fellowship ought to bring good results. He came, and preached his heart out for three weeks; but not a single soul was saved or reclaimed, as far as I know. The next thing I heard was that the minister was so discouraged that he resigned from his pulpit and left town.

May God help us to realize that we must honor Him if we would have Him honor us. We must follow the Scriptures if we would have scriptural results. The Bible tells us how meetings should be conducted. In 1 Corinthians 14:26 to 31 we read:

"When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue,



went on I began to see that she really lived a Christian life, even in the little things, and she prayed constantly about everything.

She invited me to her church. I began going to the meetings with her, where I heard the deeper teachings of the Word, and eventually I received this mighty Pentecostal baptism. Oh, how my heart was filled with love. I had loved the Lord and my Bible as long as I could remember, but after being baptized with the Holy Spirit the love of God was shed abroad in my heart in fuller measure; it seemed my heart became larger so that I might contain more, and still the love increased until it overflowed in a stream of thanksgiving and praise to God.

The Lord gave me a definite call to be a teacher in Sunday School. Oh, it's a great privilege; to me there is no higher calling than that of a teacher of God's Word, especially to the Juniors. I am so glad the Lord poured His blessing into my soul until there was an abundant measure, and there was an overflow to bless others. There is only one expression that seems in any way adequate to express my joy, and that is, "Glory to God. Hallelujah!"

I love that word, "Hallelujah!" It is the same in every language. It means, "Praise ye Jehovah." A dear little "mother in Christ" whom I knew in Tacoma, Wash., asked the

hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

"If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

"But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

"Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

"If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

"For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted."

God wants the gifts of the Spirit to operate in the body. When we gather in His name, He wants each one of us to contribute to the service in some way—by singing a psalm, or teaching, or bringing a message in another tongue, or by interpreting such a message, or by prophesying, or telling of a spiritual revelation, or speaking words of exhortation and comfort one to another. If the people are required to hold fast to a previously-arranged order of service, how can the Spirit of God move in the body and bring forth that which He wills?

In 1 Corinthians 14 we have some very clear teaching concerning the gift of tongues, the gift of interpretation of tongues, and the gift of prophecy. If we speak in an unknown tongue we should pray that we may interpret. On the other hand, the Word says, "Forbid not to speak with tongues." It also says, "Covet to prophesy," for prophecy does not need to be interpreted. There is prayer in an unknown tongue, and prayer with the understanding. There is singing with the spirit, and there is singing with the understanding also.

I have three lovely songs that were given to Mamie Olson, of Lomita, Calif., by the Spirit. Sister Olson sang them in the service in tongues, and the Lord gave me the interpretation of the words. These songs are what Paul calls, in Ephesians 5:19, "spiritual songs." We rejoice in the Lord that He has given such marvelous gifts to His people; yet we, like Paul, would rather testify to some lost soul and lead him to Christ than to do any amount of speaking in tongues.

Oh, if you have not received this glorious Pentecostal baptism, you are missing the best thing the Lord has for His born-again people this side of heaven. He will give you this infilling with the Holy Spirit if you will ask Him for it. The promise is, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:13. Humble yourself, wait on the Lord, obey His Word, and He will give the Holy Spirit to you in overflowing Pentecostal measure and in the Scriptural Pentecostal way.

CHICAGO, ILL.

CALLED TO THE CONGO

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a fine, big old bull. The animal turned around and, like a fork in a potato, put his tusks right through the chief, pinning him to the ground. The chief who followed him was not quite so opposed to the gospel and asked us to send missionaries there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Springfield, Missouri

February 15—19, 1948

The sixth National Sunday School Convention will be preceded by a Mass Youth Rally in the large auditorium of the Shrine Mosque, on Sunday afternoon, February 15, beginning at 2:30 p.m. (Kenneth Haystead, speaker). On Sunday night a city-wide evangelistic service will be held in the Mosque auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m., all Springfield assemblies co-operating (A. A. Wilson, speaker). First session of the Convention will be held Monday night, at 7 p.m. (R. M. Riggs, speaker). Three sessions daily on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All sessions will be in the Mosque auditorium.

Every pastor, superintendent, and layman interested in Sunday School work is urged to attend. A registration of 5,000 is our goal. Rooms will be available at moderate rates to those applying in time. Write to National Sunday School Convention, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri, stating whether you prefer hotel room, dormitory room, cabin, or room in a private home. Kindly tell us how you are coming (by train, bus, or private car) and approximately the time of your arrival.

I returned to England and met again a certain young war veteran. I had met him first when he was fourteen; I had pushed him into the open-air ring to give his testimony. At sixteen he had said, "Mr. Salter, I'm coming to Congo. I'm going to be a missionary." At seventeen he was an apprentice to a very good trade. At eighteen he had joined the British Army, as the first World War was on, and before long he was sergeant major. In 1917, the year of the big test, he took his men across to France, and got in a front-line trench. Orders were that next morning they were to go over the top. There seemed little hope of surviving. He knew the next morning there would be scarcely any of them left. There in the trench God stopped him. God doesn't put all of His Jonahs in the whales' bellies. They're sometimes in the front-line trenches, but He gets them. "What about Congo?" the Lord asked. The sergeant major answered: "Tomorrow this time there may be none left to go to Congo. If You want me in Congo, get me out of here." He went over the top the next morning. He hadn't gone far when a big shell burst right on top of them and he got a good share of it. It knocked him out. They took him to a clearing station and picked a lot of shrapnel out of him; then they sent him to a hospital. When he was discharged he had one permanent injury. He had been an instructor of musketry, but this permanent injury had hurt the tendon in the trigger finger, cutting it through. At that time they were sending lads back to the front with three and four wounds, but they said, "Get out. You're no good. You can't pull a trigger." They taught him building construction.

When I got home he was in business, rolling in money. The night I arrived at his house there was a chap there with a check for a tremendous amount to buy machinery to do business in a big way. I said to him, "What

about Congo?" He answered, "We're going into business. This check is to put down machinery." I urged, "What about Congo?" There was a real tug-of-war in that young man's soul. Finally he said, "Well, God kept His part of the bargain; I'll keep mine." I got my man, and when I got him in the Congo I took him first to the village where the man had been killed with the spear. Today there is a fine, big mission station there with about seventy-six native missionaries. That young man began it.

Later he started at the place where the man was killed by the elephant. His training in construction was put to good use. He built quite a number of boats which help a great deal in the missionary work. Today he has 175 native missionaries, self-supporting, self-propagating, self-governing. Not a cent of foreign money goes for their support. Right at the place where we saw them cooking and eating human bodies, he now has twenty-eight Assemblies of God with thousands of members. In one visit we made there, more than 800 of those men were saved, personally and knowingly.

I mention this to let you see the possibilities of a life that is put into God's hands. God and a man (or God and a woman) can do anything. The possibilities are boundless. I wonder how many such men and women God is going to find in this building tonight.

THE SECRET OF MOODY'S POWER

Wilbur M. Smith

Great crowds came to hear Moody preach in those early days. But he was depressed and often in his closet cried out, with tears, "O God, what's wrong with me?"

Soon his congregations began to decrease, and he came to the most tragic decision a Christian minister can ever know: the gospel would not draw—by itself. He would have to resort to sacred concerts, or get someone to lecture to get his crowds back again.

In the fall of 1871, when he was speaking in Brooklyn, his congregation dropped to eighteen. And then one night after the service was over, some unnamed woman quietly said to him, "We have plenty of preaching in Brooklyn, but if you will tell us something about the Bible it will be blessed to us."

That broke his unfruitful methods forever. The next afternoon he gave a simple Bible reading, and the ravishing, sweet fires of God at once came down. He had a heart for nothing now but the glory of the Word.

One November night of that year (he was thirty-four), he walked the streets of New York, sobbing, "O God, why don't you compel me to walk close to you always? Deliver me from myself! Take absolute sway! Give me the Holy Spirit!" And so mightily did the Spirit of God come upon him that he had to rush to the home of a near-by friend, and ask for a room where he could be alone, where there followed hours of which he seldom spoke.—Dawn.

It is easier to declaim, like an orator, against a thousand sins in others than to mortify one sin in ourselves; to be more industrious in our pulpits than in our closets; to preach twenty sermons to our people than one to our own hearts.—Flavel.

A special dedication service was held at Adentem village Sunday afternoon, October 12, with quite a number of other villages represented. This little church building, 16' x 36' has been erected and is being paid for by the natives themselves. It is a credit to the Mission. The believers had constructed an arbor of palm branches in front of the house where the preliminary service was held. Here they sang, prayed and collected the offerings, after which the chief, his elders, and the writer headed the procession into the church for the formal dedication ceremony. The joy of the Lord filled our hearts as we stood praising Him who had redeemed us from sin and who had enabled us to erect a house of worship for His glory. There are twenty or more believers at this place, and ours is the only church. A young man from the Takoradi assembly has been assigned there as pastor and teacher, full time, and is supported by the Mission.

Our Liberian group has been active here over eight years, though it is quite small. Because of the language barrier, they have been meeting apart from the main assembly here, except on special occasions. But since they are learning both the local vernacular and English, it was deemed wise to merge the group with the main body for the sake of a closer tie and a more concentrated effort among all the believers. Now the only service the Liberian believers have apart from the main group is their Sunday School class, and that is in the same building where the other classes meet. The merger is proving a success and a wholesome spirit of fellowship exists in the assembly.

Last Sunday we organized the Sunday School with 100 in attendance; 80 children and 20 adults. The only resemblance to a Sunday School we have had before this was a children's service on Sunday afternoons under the supervision of Mrs. Friend. And while it had been one of the most attractive features of our work here, it was felt necessary to give both the children and adults the advantage of a regular teaching ministry. There are but four classes—the children, English, Fanto and Kru.

If only the friends at home knew just how important Sunday School cards and papers

Gold Coast Colony Mission

E. L. Friend, Gold Coast

with pictures are here, they would save up all used and unused ones and send them out to us. Any amount of these can easily be utilized. (Send literature directly to E. L. Friend, P. O. Box 19, Takoradi, Gold Coast, West Africa.)

A short time ago Bamford Akoto, one of our fine Gold Coast preachers, came to Takoradi to assist in special evangelistic services. One man accepted Christ in one of the street meetings. Early prayer meetings from 5:30 to 6:30 A. M. were started while Bamford Akoto was here. These meetings have kept up since the evangelistic campaign with twenty or more attending regularly. Only a relatively few have experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as yet, but there are some indications that others are becoming concerned.

It is difficult for Christians in civilized lands to appreciate the African's superstition that the Holy Spirit has something to do with juju, and so they are slow to accept it. Much prayer and teaching are necessary to break down this barrier so that individuals will receive the full Pentecostal blessing. My assistant, Brother Appiah, has experienced the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Please pray that he will be enabled to lead his people into this full gospel way.

Takoradi, City of Opportunity

One phase of our responsibilities here at Takoradi, the port city of the Gold Coast, is to be host and agent for our incoming and outgoing missionaries from both Upper Ivory Coast and the Gold Coast, helping to get their goods through customs and making other legal contacts. But with all the hard work connected with such duties, it is a joy to serve in this manner. We have entertained many missionary families these past two years.

There are many future possibilities for God

in Takoradi and her sister town, Sekondi. There are only five miles between the cities now and soon it is expected that they will be joined. Already they are one municipality and may in the near future grow to become one of the largest cities in the Colony. As yet no attempt has been made to open the work in Sekondi, due mainly to lack of a qualified worker, but, God willing, we expect to. The bungalow for the missionary and the main church for this area are to be built in Takoradi. Nice sites for these buildings have been secured, and erection of the bungalow will soon get under way.

Chief's Son Converted

It was my happy privilege a few weeks ago to lead Abel, a young Nigerian, to Christ. His father, a chief over a large territory in Nigeria, was sending Abel to America to study medicine. As his boat was delayed at Takoradi Port, I had several days in which to teach and instruct him further in the new way, and to warn him of the many pitfalls awaiting him in the States. Having publicly accepted Christ as his Savior, Abel insisted on my baptizing him by immersion before he should leave Africa for America. He said he wanted to be a 'proper' Christian to go to America. I consented to take him out to the river and to baptize him for I was convinced of his sincerity. Not only did some of our group witness the service but also some villagers looked on, mostly in astonishment, as baptism by immersion is little known here. A few days ago I received a letter from Abel, who was then waiting at Monrovia, Liberia for another boat that would take him on to his destination. He was staying with Mr. Dennis, secretary of state, who is a friend of his father. It greatly thrilled me to learn that he was rejoicing in his new life and that he had purposed to study medicine a while and then attend Bible school. Later he would return to his country as a medical missionary. Please do not forget to pray for Abel. Let us claim this young man for God. He begged me to have one of our missionaries sent to his father and his tribe to establish a Mission, for we have no missionary in that part of Nigeria. He said that he would instruct his father, the ruler, to assist in the work.

Join us in prayer for lost souls in West Africa.

Hawaiianettes

by

E. E. Decker, Hawaii

The word Laupahoehoe means—smooth lava leaf.

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The Island of Hawaii is almost twice as big as the rest of the Hawaiian Islands together—4,015 square miles.

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The temperature over a twenty year period averages 75 degrees.

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Many opportunities for secular work exist under fine conditions.



● "Calvary Mission" at Nambalan, Sta. Ignacia, Tarlac, Philippine Islands. Lorenzo Sebastian, minister, may be seen in the center of the next to back row.

Missionary Calendar Bank

Save to Serve

The purpose of the calendar bank is to provide an easy way to lay aside daily a coin for the work of God.

Coins from a nickel to a fifty-cent piece may be deposited in the bank. A portion can be set aside for special needs in the family budget, but we urge that the equivalent of at least five cents per day be given for World Missions as a token of appreciation of God's great gift of salvation. This should not be our total giving, but a self-denial offering in addition to what we usually give.

Thirty-five cents per week is the equivalent of a very cheap lunch. Why not go without one meal a week and give the cost that others may eat the Bread of Life.

The changing of the date in the calendar bank each time a coin is deposited is a reminder if you should omit depositing a coin some day.

In order to cover the cost of the bank send \$1.50 for each bank. They will be mailed immediately with full instructions regarding operation. The amount sent for the banks may be recorded as a missionary offering, since it will be credited in the Missions Department expense fund. All orders for the banks should be sent to the **Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.**



Sophie Erhardt
India



Edith Imhoff
India



Mrs. L. E. Spencer
Honduras



L. E. Spencer
Honduras

Serving While China Bound

Gladys Knowles, China

"Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heavens above, Deep, deep as the deepest sea, is my Saviour's love!"

How would you like to sing this chorus while actually sailing on the ocean? That is just what we did in our Children's Band on board the S.S. Marine Lynx. As the children sang they could look as far as they could see and there would be nothing but the ocean, so they knew that God's love must truly be very great.

On September 12, this large ship pulled out of the New York harbor. On it were missionaries bound for China and the Philippines to bring the gospel to those who had never before heard the story of God's love. There were also many children on board this ship with their parents. Some of these children had never been to Sunday School or D.V.B.S., and we thought it would be nice if we could have a children's Bible Story Hour every day on board ship. The purser told us they had never had any such children's meetings on that boat before, but that if we wanted to try it we could do so.

The next morning we heard a loud voice coming over the loud speaker on the ship. It said, "Attention! There will be a Children's Story Hour at 10 o'clock every morning on the sun deck. All children are invited." About 10:15 that day the chief officer came around to the sun deck—and to his surprise he found twenty-five children seated on some boards and all singing, "Wide, wide as the ocean" to the accompaniment of a piano accordion. The sun was very hot then, as we were getting close to the equator. We prayed that God would send a cloud so that the hot sun might not make the children sick. The Lord did not send a cloud, but He answered prayer in another way by causing the Chief Officer to see our need. He put up a nice large piece of canvas so that we could have shade every day.

As the days went by we had more and more

The paramount chief told me that they had beaten one missionary that had come there several years ago. He wanted to confess this sin before the people and before God so that I would pray for them that God's wrath would no longer be upon that town for the sin of beating this missionary. I believe a real work has been started in the town of Youbleke. Pray for Liberia.

children come. One day a Chinese girl about ten years old said that she wanted to give her heart to Jesus. We were so glad when she told the other boys and girls the next day that Jesus had come into her heart and had washed her sins away. A Jewish girl named Diane also wanted to be a Christian. She learned the 23rd Psalm by heart and also many other verses, and sometimes she would stay behind a long time after the other children had gone so that she might hear more about Jesus. She wanted to ask God to bless the food before eating, and she loved to sing the songs and choruses about Jesus. One day her unsaved mother said to her—"My, you are a little missionary too." A Chinese boy, a Filipino girl, and some American children all gave their hearts to the Lord.

Sometimes the weather was rough and some of the grown-ups were seasick, but the children wanted to have their meetings just the same. We were on board ship for thirty-two days, and our last day was the best of all. About fifty children gathered for the meeting. They sang so lustily that before long stewards and stewardesses and other grown-ups came to see what it was all about. A New Testament was given to the little Jewish girl, Diane, because she had learned more Bible verses than anyone else. We had our last Bible story together, and as our big ship neared the port of Shanghai, we prayed that God might cause these children to be shining lights for Jesus wherever they might be.

Keeping Up To Date

Misses Sophie Erhardt and Edith Imhoff sailed for India on January 9.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Spencer and family left for Honduras, Central America in January.

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The present address of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Marocco is 21 Syed Amir Ali Ave., Park Circus, Calcutta, India.

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Missionaries who come to the Oakland, California area can find entertainment at the Christian Home, 108 Lake St., Oakland 12, California, under direction of Watson T. Moore.

Vision Becomes Reality

C. J. Crabaugh, Liberia

Ten years ago I saw in a vision hundreds of the natives standing in a semi-circle, with eager eyes and listening ears, accepting the Word of God and coming to Christ as their Saviour. Today that vision has become a reality. The natives are bringing their jujus or hand made gods to us to burn. They are confessing Christ as their only Saviour and their hope. Rejoice with us.

We had approximately forty acres of "bush land" given to us by the paramount chief for our mission station. It is a good location on top of a hill.

Recently I made a preaching trip back into the interior to Youbleke, one day's journey from here on foot. The native boys and I walked for five hard hours through a heavy tropical rain, wading through water and mud, and crossing swamps. I was tempted to turn around and come back when my feet began to get sore. But as I thought how the Christian native worker had sent a letter by one boy who walked through the rain for two days to bring me the letter asking me to come and then how the native worker himself walked down to see me and begged me to please come, I was ashamed for even thinking of turning back.

At the close of our first evening's service I gave the altar call and about fifty raised their hands for salvation, including the paramount chief. Every one of them came forward to pray. Many tears fell as they sought God. I shall never forget the smile on their faces as they left to go to their huts.

The following morning we dedicated the building of the new church, and put in the corner post. God's blessing rested upon us.

The Passing and the Permanent

"A MISSIONARY SPIRIT"

A visitor in Europe was talking to a devotee of Karl Marx, in Warsaw, Poland, recently. "We communists possess what the early Christians had, a missionary spirit!" he said. "But modern Christians have lost it altogether." The communist's charge is true of many; is it true of you? Are you as zealous for Christ as the Reds are for Communism?

SURPLUS CHAPELS SOLD

The U. S. Army and Air Force have disposed of 500 surplus chapels to date. Of this number, 470 were awarded to religious denominations (Protestant 379, Roman Catholic 86, Jewish 5) and the remainder to colleges, civic groups, etc. Approximately 100 surplus chapels are still available, according to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

SUDDEN DESTRUCTION

According to Dr. Albert Einstein, "No corner of this planet is safe against *sudden destruction*." The famous scientist was thinking of atomic bombs and other modern weapons of warfare. He made the declaration on Armistice Day. Little did he realize he was using Scriptural language—for the Bible says, "When they shall say, Peace and safety, then *sudden destruction* cometh upon them." 1 Thess. 5:3.

WISHFUL THINKING

Bishop Herbert Welch, retired Bishop of the Methodist Church, declared recently that under a long-range view, the world is improving, society has been permeated by the influence of religious leaders, and the United Nations will be successful in preventing any more war.

Comments *Our Hope*: "Such wishful thinking is done by so many religious leaders that the people are starved for the truth. Blind leaders of the blind! The Bible says, 'In the last days grievous times shall come.' 'When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?' 'And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars . . . for nation shall rise against nation.' What about these scriptures, Bishop Welch?"

PRIORITIES IN BRITAIN

"According to the scale of priorities fixed by the British government in allocating building materials, the churches are eighth on the list," says Roy L. Smith, editor of the *Christian Advocate*. "A total of 87% of all church properties in England—including halls, settlement houses, social institutions, and parsonages—was damaged or rendered useless, and there can be no rebuilding of any of these properties (except parsonages) until all theaters and moving-picture houses have been restored."

How can God bless a government which encourages theaters, moving pictures, smoking, liquor drinking, and legalized betting? Britain pleads with her people to work harder and produce more, but still permits half a million people to be employed full time in the betting business where they produce nothing but reproach. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." When will governments learn the lesson?

NO LACK OF LIQUOR

A missionary who sailed from Amsterdam to Africa last fall has written: "I'm impressed with one thing on this trip. Europe hasn't enough bread to eat, and yet we are unloading liquor, in one form or another, in every port. It all bears the mark of some destitute European country. Such is life among the unregenerate peoples of this earth."

NEW RADIO RULES

The National Association of Broadcasters has adopted a new code of radio rules, one of which prohibits the solicitation of funds and the sale of Bibles, hymnals, etc. on the air in religious broadcasts. Comments *The Covenanter Witness*: "This code does not forbid appeals for the community chest, clothing sales, new kinds of drinks, etc.—therefore it does not seem fair to discriminate against religious appeals."

THE MONEY CAME

This interesting story is told in *Sunday School Times* by a missionary in South America:

"On one occasion, three of us prayed for a thousand pesos, and then trusted the Lord to send it for a certain day. The day before the money was due, the one thousand pesos were given. We went to thank the person who had given the money and were told that he had won a lottery and was giving this portion to us as to the Lord.

"We continually teach the believers against the vice of buying lottery tickets, and now we were faced with this question. Had not we asked God for this money at this stated time, and had it not come? But we turned the money down; and some three months later the Lord gave it to us from a clean source, and added about two hundred pesos more."

ISRAEL'S ULTIMATE TRIUMPH

The Prairie Overcomer observes that when "the king of the north" enters into the land of Palestine, it was revealed to Daniel that "many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon." Dan. 11:41. These elements are doubtless included in the present Arabian world. They shall remain unsubdued by Antichrist himself. But restored Israel, rescued by Christ at His appearing, will "lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them." Isaiah 11:14. It is remarkable that the very three nations which Daniel says shall remain unsubdued by Antichrist will at the very opening of the millennial reign be subdued by Israel herself.

Until that time Israel will have a stormy sea. Palestine will be the trouble spot for many days. It is refreshing to read Balaam's prediction of Israel's final pre-eminence when the "Star out of Jacob" shall subdue Israel's enemies: "and Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession which were his (Israel's) enemies; while Israel doeth valiantly." Num. 24:18, r. v.

THE JEWS IN HUNGARY

The Jewish population in Hungary was decimated by the Nazis, but a gospel worker says that there is a spiritual movement among the Jews of that land which looks like a continuation of the Acts of the Apostles. A converted rabbi and his wife are among Christ's witnesses there. More Jews are reading the New Testament today than ever before in all their history.

THE WORLD BANK

For over a generation the world has been talking about a world bank—and now it is a reality. "The other day," says Eugene Meyer, first president of the world bank, "thousands of American investors took \$250,000,000 of their funds and eagerly purchased the first bond issue of the world bank—The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to give it the official title. The world bank is off to a good start."

This is one more link in the chain that will make world rule by the coming world dictator a possibility. One thing the False Prophet of Revelation 13 will do will be to control all economic life, so that "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark . . . of the Beast." Rev. 13:17.

UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

Winston Churchill and other prominent men are advocating that a federation of European nations should be formed at once. Russia would be welcome to be a member but since she does not seem interested Churchill urges that a United States of Europe be organized without Russia. France refuses to welcome Germany into such a federation. As for Scandinavia, the lands of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark are unfavorable; Sweden's Foreign Minister said, "We will absolutely abstain from joining any bloc in our international relations; our place will be in the United Nations and nowhere else." So it looks as though the United States of Europe, if and when it materializes, will be limited to that territory which was embraced by the Roman Empire. Is the Roman Empire to be revived, as many prophetic students have been predicting for so many years?

THE FLIGHT TO BABYLON

The Book of Revelation and other Bible prophecies have much to say about "Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth," and some expect the Pope to move to the ancient land (which today is known as Iraq). It is possible that political developments may force him to flee thither. It is now known reliably (*Universe*, June 6, 1947) that Hitler proposed such a move. In a book just published the Maestro di Camera to the Pope—the principal member of the papal household—says:

"One morning there came to my office a distinguished-looking officer who told me he was a colonel in the German army, attached to Hitler's Supreme Command. He told me he had a very urgent and important matter to impart to His Holiness. After the Pope had blessed him, the German officer said: 'I am a Catholic, and in obedience to my conscience I have come to tell you there is a plan in the High Command to make the Pope leave Rome.' The Pope replied: 'It would be necessary to bind me and carry me away, for that is the only way in which I could ever leave.'"

ITALIAN MINISTERS ORGANIZE

History-Making Convention Held at Syracuse, New York

More than thirty representative Italian brethren responded to a call for a convention to be held in Syracuse, New York, January 15, 16 and 17. The meeting was held in Grace Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God, at 662 South Street, by courtesy of the pastor, Joseph R. Flower and the Tabernacle Board of Deacons. A number of telegrams and letters were received from Italian ministers who found it impossible to be present, but who expressed goodwill and assurance of prayers for God's blessing upon the convention.

The purposes for the call were expressed in a letter which had been mailed to about 250 of the Italian Pentecostal brethren in the U.S.A., and included cooperative help for the Pentecostal work in Italy, and the possibility of forming a Branch of the Assemblies of God in America in keeping with the organizing of the Assemblies of God in Italy, which occurred in the summer of 1947.

The three days were blessed of God in an unusual way, all decisions being reached unanimously. The first day included an explanation of the origin and practices of the Assemblies of God, made by the General Secretary, J. Roswell Flower, followed by the momentous, unanimous decision of all present to take steps to organize an Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God. A committee was then appointed to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws. The work of this committee was presented on the second day, and approved in its final form on the third day. Then followed the election of officers in accord with the provisions of the By-Laws which had just been adopted.

An Executive Presbytery of seven members was elected to serve on a temporary basis, until the Branch can meet for permanent organization. This decision was reached for the purpose of giving all the Italian brethren who are interested an opportunity to share in the choice of officers. The meeting for permanent organization will be held on Memorial Day, May 30, the place of meeting to be announced in good time by the Italian brethren.

Requests for information may be addressed to any one of the three officers who will serve until May 30, as follows: Quirino Grilli, Superintendent, 1004 Melrose Avenue, Morrisville, N. J.; Dominick Lisciadrello, Secretary, 33 Bleecker Street, Brooklyn 21, N. Y.; Alexander Mauriello, Treasurer, 1609 Jackson Street, Philadelphia, 45, Penna. The Executive Board was made complete with the election of four Presbyters as follows: Joseph Diglio, Frank Maccarone, Felice Rizzo and Samuel Totaro. A full report of officers elected and plans for the future will be mailed to all who are interested.

The ministers and laymen who signed the roster for the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God are as follows: Cesare Avignone, Thomas Benvenuti, Frank De Marco, Joseph Diglio, Joseph Giusti, Quirino Grilli, Rosario and Mary Italiano, Louis Iannetoni, John G. Leardi, Dominick Lisciadrello, Eugene H. Luckette, Frank Maccarone, Bruno Maiolo, Alexander Mauriello, Mauro Nesta, John Pagano, Anthony Piraino, Agnes and Felice

Rizzo, Sebastino Russo, San Schiavone, Samuel Totaro, Thomas Tarantino, Louis Tarantino, Andrew Arace, Anthony Fedele, John Fittysoldi, Thomas Ippolito, Reno A. B. Ventre, and Samuel F. Villani.

Brother Lisciadrello, acting secretary for the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God, will welcome correspondence with all who may be interested.

POSTGRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY TO BE OFFERED AT CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

At last General Council it was recommended that Central Bible Institute enlarge its services to the fellowship by providing a fourth year of Bible training, and eventually a fifth year of training also.

Recently, a committee was appointed to arrange for the fulfillment of this recommendation made by the General Council and we are happy to announce that, beginning with the fall term of 1948, Central Bible Institute will offer a fourth year of training, and in 1949, a fifth year of training will be added. This decision is in keeping with the standards being adopted for Bible Institutes by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Colleges which was organized recently.

No important changes will be made in the regular three-year Bible Institute courses, which provide a diploma for students at

graduation. The fourth and fifth year's training will be advanced work for those who desire further training in the fields of music, Christian education, missions and theology. Graduate students who may desire to return to Central Bible Institute for these advance courses will be allowed full credit for past work by the Accrediting Association.

STRANGE CURRENCY

When Allied occupation troops moved in to Berlin, they found they could use their cigarettes in place of money. Strange currency, indeed! But cigarettes were so scarce, and the Germans wanted "smokes" so badly, that they were willing to trade furs, gowns, silverware, and any other goods to get them. Berlin was not on the gold standard, or the silver standard; it was on the "cigarette standard"—until American authorities took steps to alter the situation. Cigarettes changed hands as commonly as paper money. Even those who did not smoke were trading in cigarettes instead of dollars or marks.

What an apt illustration, points out *Revelation*, of man's attempt to set up another standard of value than that which God has prescribed in order to have everlasting life. Men "being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Rom. 10:3. But God's standard has never changed. Repentance for sin and faith in Christ alone are still the heavenly standard, and anyone who tries to gain entrance at the pearly gates with the currency of "good works" will be disappointed.

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ganda into democratic America through the medium of our youth. More and more they are seeking to paint for our young people rosy pictures of the conditions in their own godless lands. We in America want none of their panaceas or their deceitful preachments. The Sunday School and other similar institutions can play a vital role in guarding our citizens of tomorrow against the atheistic and undemocratic teachings of those who would 'save' America."

Among the Assemblies

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS—Word comes from Pastor H. M. Reeves of a good meeting conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. L. Wayne Pitts. Brother Reeves writes: "We had good crowds throughout the revival. Eight persons were saved and 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We broke all previous Sunday School records by 32. The meeting closed with good interest and a bright outlook for the future."

GREER, S. C.—R. L. Sherrill of Farmington, Mo, held two services in our assembly and our eyes beheld marvelous things as people were miraculously healed by the power of God. At least four persons who had been confined to beds or wheel chairs for some time were made whole; one man was healed of cancer, and numerous others were delivered from various diseases and afflictions.—L. D. Staton, Pastor and General Presbyter.

CHEYENNE WELLS, COLO.—We came here September 28 and started meetings in the Odd Fellows Hall. God gave us a good revival and good crowds. Two grown persons were saved, and 4 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The revival fires continue. About October 21 we started our basement church, 24x40, and December 11 we had our first service in the new church. All Council brethren passing this way are welcome.—O. H. and Geneva Burks, Pastors.

ST. JOHN, WASH.—January 11 we closed a meeting with Lewis H. Bacheller, musical artist, from Happy Camp, Calif. Four were saved, all young people, and the whole assembly was influenced for God. There were two definite healings. Many rededicated their lives to the Lord. The town was stirred and the crowds began to come. We are thankful for the Holy Ghost min-

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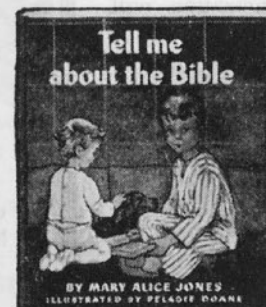
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istry of Brother Bacheller. During the meetings our Sunday School attendance record was broken. We are continuing the revival meetings with Evangelist Benny P. Birkeland of Seattle.—Lester W. Damron, Pastor.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO—We are in the midst of a great revival with Evangelist E. L. Slavens of Kansas City. Many miracles of healing have taken place, including the healing of deafness and blindness. People were turned away Sunday night because there was no room to seat them. A partition will be moved this week and more chairs brought in to take care of the crowd next Sunday night. We are also in the midst of a seventy-five thousand dollar building program. Our dedication service will be March 28, with Wesley Steelberg, speaker. Brother Slavens will be the day speaker, and will conduct Divine Healing services at the Braeside, Ontario Camp Meeting this year.—J. H. Blair, Pastor.

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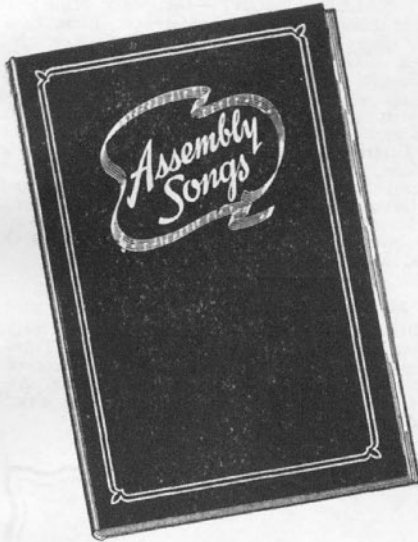
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OGLESBY, OKLA.—Pastor R. L. Ballenger reports that 10 were saved and 3 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in a special revival meeting conducted by Ray Ball of Miami, Okla. The Sunday School attendance increased from 70 to 114. A man suffering from acute indigestion, hemorrhage and another affliction was prayed for and the Lord healed him.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—We have just concluded three wonderful years as pastor of the First Assembly here. The blessings of God that have rested upon the work defy description. Every department of the church has enjoyed growth and development.

Three years ago, last quarter, the Sunday School attendance averaged 125; the last quarter, just closed, showed an average of 405. The Adult Department averaged 182 the last quarter; the average for the same quarter three years ago was 30. The Men's Bible Class has grown from 7 to a record attendance of 135, with an average of slightly under 100. The Young People have grown in numbers, and have taken on an active program of hospital and prison work. The HiC.A.'s hold a bimonthly meeting in the South Side High School.

The church membership has been increased by more than 200 additions. God has enabled the congregation to add materially to their assets by the purchase of a new electric organ, a grand

piano, a 7-room brick veneer parsonage in a very beautiful section of the city, and a site for the new church building now under construction. This building, scheduled for occupancy in July, 1948, when completed will provide about 19,236 square feet of floor space which can easily be increased to 24,852 feet. Other changes will give us almost twice the floor space we now have.

Two full-time workers to assist the pastor have been added to the staff, which enables us to reach many scores through organized visitation, telephone and correspondence campaigns.

We praise God for His rich blessings upon the work here, spiritually, numerically, and financially. We are thankful for the evangelists who have worked with us during 1947: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin, Lester Sumrall, and W. M. Stevens.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—Feb. 8—22; Chas. Hurst, Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—Frank Beard, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—70th St. and Stewart Ave., Feb. 22—; O. L. Jagers, Evangelist.—Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—Feb. 1, for 3 weeks or longer; Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo., Evangelist.—O. E. Gaddis, Pastor.

LAKELAND, FLA.—1127 E. Lemon St., Feb. 8—; Work Evangelistic Party, Pawhuska, Okla.—E. F. Pierce, Pastor; by G. L. Blair.

TEXARKANA, ARK.—912 Grand Ave.; Feb. 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. S. J. Scott, Oklahoma City, Okla.—A. C. McGaugh, Pastor.

LA PORTE, TEXAS—Feb. 15, for 2 weeks; Nick M. Gruick, Milwaukee, Wis., Evangelist.—W. W. Wright, Pastor.

ABERDEEN, IDAHO—Meeting in progress; Chas. and Mae Miller, Houston, Texas, Evangelists.—Earl Ayres, Pastor.

MACEDONIA, IOWA—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Vinton Huffey of Waterville.—Harvey C. Anderson, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—1701 Nile St.; meetings in progress; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—C. D. Spencer, 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.

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.

OCALA, FLA.—Feb. 3—; LeRoy K. Dodge, Williamson, N. Y., Evangelist.—Chas. S. Brown, Pastor.

Space for address or church announcement

SIKESTON, MO.—First Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Ragsdale, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Gayle Jackson, Pastor.

OWOSSO, MICH.—Saginaw Valley Zone C. A. Rally, Feb. 16; Arden Ragsdale of Bay City, speaker.—Irving M. Mitchell, Zone Chairman.

BRAWLEY, CALIF.—Seventh and C Sts.; Feb. 15, for 2 weeks or longer; Alton B. Todd, Tallahassee, Fla., Evangelist.—Neville E. Carlson, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS—13th Street Assembly; Feb. 3, for 2 weeks or longer; Jean Benefiel, Grand Rapids, Mich., Evangelist.—C. L. Musgrove, Pastor.

TEXAS DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Texas District Sunday School Conventions: 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 McKeahan, District Representative, presiding. For further information write Sunday School Department, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

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.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: 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.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—64th and Figueroa, Feb. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa.—J. B. Lilley, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANSAS—610 Lime St.; meeting in progress; C. M. Smitley, Evangelist.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

GREELEY, COLO.—Feb. 15—; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.—Keith Reed, Pastor.

PASSAIC, N. J.—163 Autumn St.; Feb 17, for 2 weeks; David M. Wellard, Scotch Evangelist, and Party.—Albert E. Blaise, Pastor.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AND S. S. CONFERENCE

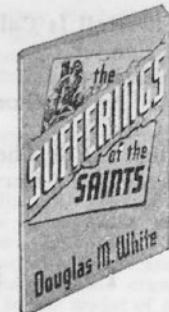
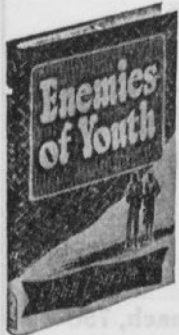
GREAT FALLS, MONT.—District Ministers' Institute and Sunday School Conference, First Congregational Church, Ninth St. at Third Ave. N., March 2—5. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, Special Guest Speaker, will address ministers and their wives daily, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and will speak in public service each night at 7:30. Wm. P. Kirschke, Director Christian Education for Northwest District Council, will speak daily, morning and afternoon, and conduct discussion periods for ministers and Sunday School teachers, officers and workers. Devotions and prayer daily 9 to 10 a.m., beginning March 3. For further information contact Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent, Box 1549, Great Falls, Mont.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—6508 Holmes Ave., Los Angeles 1, Calif. "After building Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Tulsa, Okla., and pastoring it for 9 years, we have resigned. We have recently taken the pastorate of Bethel Assembly of God, 65th and Holmes Ave., in this city."—T. E. and Mrs. May.

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