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We Start to Build Our New Plant

IF any of our readers could drop in at the Gospel Publishing House and could take a tour around our present plant, they would see how terribly congested we are, and would realize why it has become an absolute necessity for us to "enlarge the place of our tent," and to start building a new plant. It was in 1918 that we moved from our cramped quarters in St. Louis to come to Springfield. It was no accident that we came to this city, for a very godly woman had been burdened for years to pray that God would give to Springfield a Pentecostal Publishing House, a Pentecostal Bible School, and a Pentecostal Assembly. God surely answered every detail of this sister's prayer. On the very site where the tent was placed for one of the first Pentecostal meetings held

in this city, the large Central Assembly of Springfield is located. Within a block of this building, the new Gospel Publishing House is going to be built. And about a mile north of this site, Central Bible Institute is located.

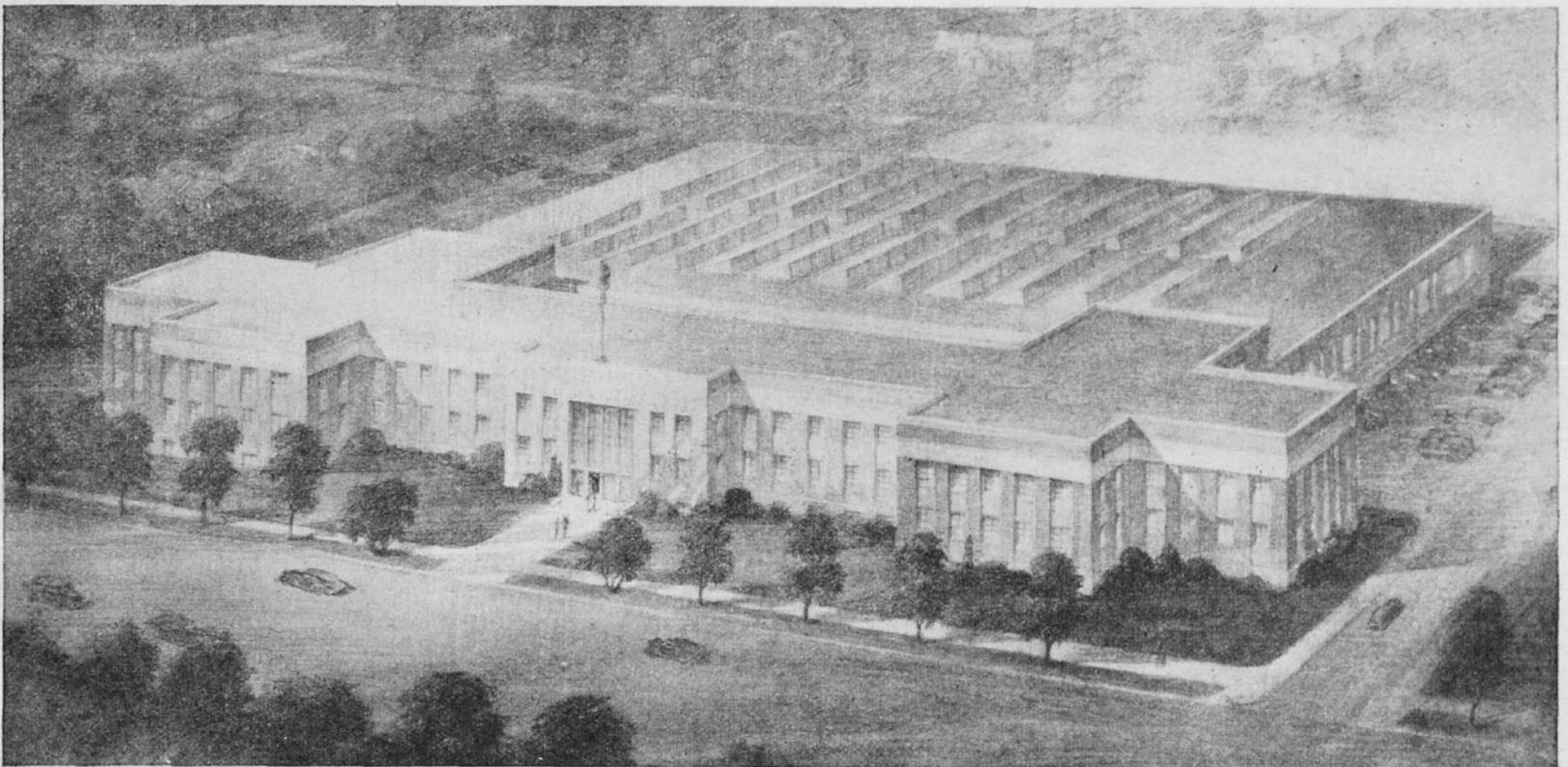
We have told the story before, how Pentecost was brought to Springfield in 1906 by a Free Methodist sister who had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the old Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles. This sister told us that in 1906 the Lord gave her a vision of a great fountain springing up here and going out in rivers toward the north, south, east and west. The Lord said to her, "From this city I am going to send out rivers of blessing to the ends of the earth."

About eighteen months ago some

friends from Texas were visiting Springfield and responded to an invitation to join us in a prayer service that is held four evenings a week in our Editorial Department. While they were praying, the Lord gave each of them a vision similar to the one given to the Free Methodist sister in 1906. It was a great encouragement to our hearts to realize that God has still His purpose of sending forth from this center His blessing to the ends of the earth.

Down through the years the Lord has let us see some of the effects of the rivers of living water that have gone forth from Springfield. A lady came to see the editor one day and said: "I have a word that I believe will encourage you. I subscribed

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This architect's sketch shows the proposed new home of the Gospel Publishing House and General Council Headquarters on Boonville Avenue in Springfield, Missouri. The Administration Building at the front

will have two floors plus a basement. The Printing Plant will have one floor plus a basement, and excavation work for this unit is being started this month.

TONGUES and the CROSS

Robert W. Cummings

MANY call us "Tongues People." They do not know what a **signal** honor they are bestowing on us. They call us just what God wants us to be. We usually consider their nickname a reproach, but if we only understood God's purpose in allowing us to be called "Tongues People," and wholeheartedly accepted that purpose, we could make this designation as honored as the followers of John Wesley made the nickname Methodist, and even more so. It is only we who make the name a reproach when we use our tongues wrongly.

Would to God we deserved to be called "Tongues People." This is exactly what God is seeking! God needs tongues and He has given us the surpassing honor of calling us to be His tongues, His instruments of expression in a peculiar way.

Turn with me to the second chapter of Acts. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come"—the meaning of the original is "when the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled." Study the description of the feast of Pentecost and its significance in the Old Testament economy. That feast typified the *fruition* of God's purpose with man. The Son of Man had risen from the dead on the first day of the week, the day the Jews presented the *sheaf of the first fruits* of their harvest unto the priest, and he waved it before the Lord "on the morrow after the Sabbath." Leviticus 23:11. (Seventh-day worshipers, please note.) Exactly fifty days later "even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath" (Lev. 23:16—seventh-day worshipers, again please note), came the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost means fifty. On the day the sheaf of first fruits was presented as a wave offering to the Lord *one he lamb* without blemish was offered. Lev. 23:12. "Now hath Christ (the One He Lamb) been raised from the dead the *first fruits*." 1 Cor. 15:20.

Fifty days later at Pentecost a **NEW MEAL OFFERING** of two loaves of fine flour baked with leaven from every habitation was to be offered to the Lord for **FIRST FRUITS**. Lev. 23:17. With it seven lambs one bullock, and two rams were to be presented to the Lord along with two he lambs for a peace offering, all together to be a wave offering to the Lord. Lev. 23:18-20. Seven and one and two and two make twelve. So Peter, led by the Holy Spirit, saw to it that the number of the twelve was complete.

The cakes of new meal from the harvest speak of the wheat gathered into the garner and made usable. So the 120 including the twelve disciples, gathered in the upper room were the new meal from the first harvest. These were all offered to the Lord as a wave offering. When men spontaneously wave their hands or their hats or their flags or anything wavy, they are expressing great joy and triumph. It is a sign of victory. The waving of the sheaf of first fruits signified joy and thanksgiving in the very first ripened grain of the harvest. It was the first victory, the product of months of toil, the token that the harvest was beginning.

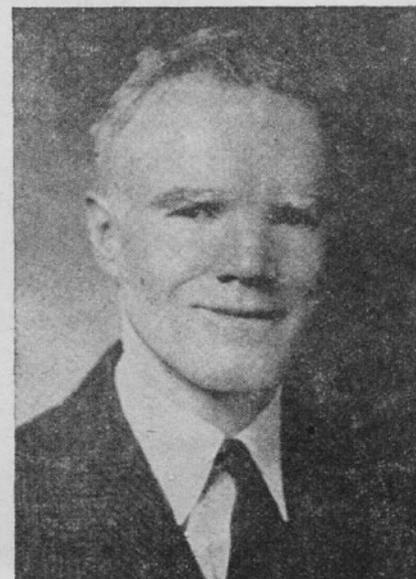
When, therefore, the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, a very significant victory was set forth. God's first **great ingathering**—the fruit the great Husbandman had been waiting for—was reaped. Christ was the first fruit of the great victory of the Resurrection. The 120 on the day of Pentecost and the 3,000 souls brought in by them were the first-fruits ingathering from among the children of men. They were the harvest God had sown. We do well, therefore, to study the fulfilling of the type closely.

Read on. "They were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting." The mighty wind signifies the Holy Spirit, and He came to *fill all the space* in each house, or person, whom He was to make His temple. And there appeared unto them tongues like as of fire, distributing themselves, and a tongue of fire sat upon each one of them. What a striking picture of what God was wanting! Fire is a symbol of God. Fire in the form of a tongue signifies that God, who is a Spirit, was coming in the form of a tongue. What a marvelous revelation of His purpose with His people. The tongues of fire were seeking tongues of flesh that they might find expression among men. He had found and prepared 120 men and women who were willing to be His tongues, His witnesses. They had obeyed Him and were united in their complete consecration. So the tongue of fire sat on each of those who had yielded their bodies a willing sacrifice and "they were **ALL FILLED** with the Holy Spirit." Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God. They were all filled with God—"and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit," who is God, "gave them utterance." God, who

was wanting instruments of expression, had found men and women willing to be those instruments. God who was longing to speak to a world of lost men and women had found 120 tongues of flesh in whom He could incarnate His Tongue of Fire. Glory to God!

Now turn to James 4:5, R.V. "Think ye that the Scripture speaketh in vain? The spirit which He made to dwell in us He longeth for even unto jealous envy." James means by this statement that all the testimony of the Scriptures is that God wants man. How He has sought man. Israel was constantly turning away from God, but God pleads with His people, through His prophets, that they should return. God loves men and women with an everlasting love. "How can I give thee up, Ephraim? How can I cast thee off, O Israel?" is the cry of His heart. He longs for them even unto jealous envy; and when He sees men and women giving to self and the world and the devil the love and worship and desire of their hearts that He deserves, His jealousy burns and He likens them to adulterous wives who have forsaken their true husbands. Yes, God is a jealous God, wanting the love and loyalty and devotion of the people whom He has created. So He comes as a Fire and His jealous love longs for instruments through whom He can reveal His jealous love.

We never have been sufficiently gripped by the jealous longing of God for us. The Scriptures present an astonishing picture of our God loving men unto the uttermost, going to unbelievable extremes to win them unto Himself. Leaving the glory and the throne and the infinite perfection of heaven, He came to a world sunk in degradation and woe; made Himself one with sinful men; took all their misery and degradation and curse upon Himself; endured the shame and anguish and darkness of Calvary: all this that He



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might win and have me for His own. What am I that God should want me so? What is man, not as the Old Testament puts the question, that Thou visitest him, but what is man that Thou shouldest so desire him as to die for him in fearful agony? Who are you that the All-Holy Omnipotent Creator longs for you even unto jealous envy?

God made man in His own image. The Son of God defined that image for us. "God is a Spirit." Therefore, man is a spirit, because he was made in the image of the Almighty. A spirit is a person. Man is an incarnate spirit, possessing a mind and a body. Modern education is near the truth when it claims that man needs expression, for man is a spirit seeking expression.

Unfortunately modern education advocates self-expression. Man is a spirit who desires to give expression to what is in him, but man forgets that he was made in the image of God to give expression to the glory and holiness and perfection of God. But when he fell, he denied expression to the will of God, choosing instead to give expression to the will of the devil, and came under his power, so that ever since he has come into the control of evil. Evil powers use him to give expression to their base and selfish and wicked desires. True education would teach man: (1) that he is a spirit needing and seeking right expression; (2) that God made him to give expression to His own glory; (3) that because of his fall man must deny self-expression; (4) that he must open his heart to the Spirit of God that he may learn God-expression, not self-expression.

The teaching of evolution has done incalculable harm because it has taught our youth that man is an animal trying to rise in the scale of being by giving expression to the desire for power and possession that is in him. Man is a spirit made for God-expression. God is seeking him that He might put within him His own Holy Spirit, to enable him to give expression of love, joy, peace, and holiness.

If this definition of man is correct, that he is a spirit seeking expression, then what is the most important member of his body? Naturally, that member of his body that enables him to give the fullest expression to what he is seeking. And that member is the tongue. Of course, the whole body is an instrument of expression. It is our means of receiving and giving communications or expressions of our spirits; but the one organ or instrument of expression, par excellence, is the tongue. Consider what a marvelous instrument of expression it is! With the tongue I can give expression to all the range of the innumerable thoughts of literature. The tongue

can also express spiritual values; love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, mercy, graciousness, goodness, honesty, truth, wisdom, faith, trust, confidence, purity, holiness, self-control, uprightness, patience, steadfastness, and righteousness. But, alas, the tongue is also able to give out the opposites—selfishness, pessimism, restlessness, impatience, hatefulness, cruelty, meanness, evil, dishonesty, deceit, unbelief, doubt, suspicion, impurity, unholy, licentiousness, trickery, anxious worry, envy, and wickedness. What a range of good and evil values can find expression in me! An instrument through which heaven can manifest its glorious beauties, or that through which hell can express the evil poison of sin!

The violin is an extraordinary instrument of music. We have heard Brother Wannemacher give expression through his rare-toned violin to the strains of a lovely tune. But Brother Wannemacher did not show you all the possibilities of

his instrument. I'll show you what sounds it is capable of. I take the violin and bow of our brother and draw the bow over the strings on the wrong side of the bridge, making very un-pleasing, rasping, creaking, scratchy sounds. Then I hand the violin back to him and say, "Is that the kind of music your violin plays? Why, I wouldn't have a violin that makes such sounds! It is worthless!

What a tragedy it would be if the violin of our brother's should become incapable of making any other sounds than those horrid, scratchy screeches. Our brother tells us that his instrument is worth at least \$350. Would you pay that amount for the violin if it could only produce screeches? Yet sin took these invaluable souls or spirits of ours and warped and twisted them so dreadfully that they lost the power to give expression to the glory of God. They became the expression of devilish selfishness and impurity.

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The COST of DISCIPLESHIP

Wilfred A. Brown

THE Lord Jesus calls every person to become one of His disciples. This discipleship involves two things. First, we are called to come to Him and to find rest in His salvation. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Then we are called to continually follow the Lord day by day. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." A real Christian disciple finds his chief joy and delight in learning from the Lord and doing His will.

It is common for us to admit that we are unable to fully discern the reasons why individuals make their choices, and it is even more difficult for us to know the degree to which individual choices will be carried out. With our Lord, however, it was different. Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man."

This was particularly true in the case of two would-be followers of the Lord.

"A certain scribe came, and said unto Him, Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest." One would think that this was just the consecration that Jesus wanted. But Jesus penetrated quite beyond the white-hot devotion of the moment and reminded the scribe, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

"And another of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." Here was the laggard, the one who for one reason or another continually postpones giving full devotion and consecration to the Master. And Jesus startled *him* by saying, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their dead."

To the one Jesus warned: "Before you promise full discipleship, make sure that you know what you are going into. Count the cost." To the other He urged: "Don't delay to pay the price of discipleship."

Friend, you and I live in a day that is hostile to the reality of the gospel, and this spirit of our times has wielded an enormous influence over the Church. Without some strengthening experience to fortify our spiritual lives we will be swept along with the current of present-day infidelity. We cannot successfully meet these conditions on a purely emotional consecration to Christ. But we *can* meet it if we soberly and humbly determine to continually trust Him and do His will. Such an attitude will not only protect us from the disgrace of spiritual failure, but will also enable us to leave a powerful influence for the Lord wherever we are.

And let us not forget: Christ needs us *now*. The bright future opportunity will not be ours unless we take our present opportunity to serve Him. *Now* is the accepted time; *now* is the day of salvation.

STEPS TO REVIVAL

Arne Vick

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Scripture reading: Luke 5:1-11.

NOT all of Jesus' parables were spoken. Some of them were what we might call "action parables," and I believe one of them is this story of the great catch of fish. God's purpose in giving us this story is not merely to add another miracle to the record of the ministry of Jesus. It is to teach us God's method of saving souls. If the saving of one soul is represented by the catching of one fish, then the catching of many fish at one time represents the saving of many souls, and that is what we call a revival.

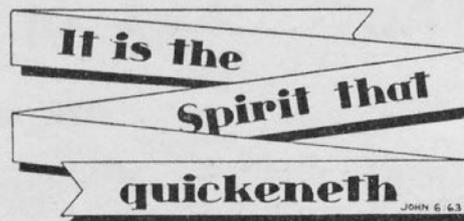
I am convinced that revivals are not the product of some mysterious, indefinable, unpredictable operation of celestial law; I believe that revivals are the product of a spiritual law of sowing and reaping, of cause and effect, and they can be brought into existence any time God's people will follow His methods and pay His price.

Notice first that Jesus did not come along to the shore of the lake and suddenly, abruptly, without any preparation or warning, say to Peter, "There's a school of fish approaching, and if you'll just get out in your boat and cast in your net right now you'll have them." No, but before the miracle occurred, and before the nets were thrown, some very important and essential steps were taken. There are always preliminaries to revival. The very burden itself may seem to come and break with cataclysmic suddenness, but it just *seems* that way. Back of the seeming suddenness, don't forget, there was preparation and there were some steps taken. Always there is a background to revival, just as there was a background to the miracle of the fishes.

The Master had a great audience, and the audience was so large that all couldn't possibly see Him as He passed along the lake shore. The shore of the lake was sloping, and there were a couple of fishing boats; therefore the Master decided that if He could get out there on the lake in a boat and thus separate Himself from His audience (they being on the sloping shore of the lake, He in the boat, and water being a fine conductor of sound) it would

be a very fine setting for His address and they could all see and hear Him properly.

He saw two ships standing by the lake. They were empty, but the fishermen were nearby, busily washing their nets. The Master entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. Now, it doesn't say so, but certainly we must presume that the Master had Peter's invitation or permission to enter his ship. He never would help Himself to another man's boat without asking permission. So when Jesus asked him to thrust out a little from the land, Peter might have answered, "No. I'm letting you use my boat; isn't that enough, without asking me



to row you out? Can't you see that I'm busy? I haven't time to take every stranger who comes along for a boat ride."

Peter could have said that, and if he had done so there would have been no miracle, no nets filled. You see what amazing significance a little thing can acquire. So, the very foundation of the miracle was made when Peter consented to Jesus' request. I think the application is true in our lives. The foundations of a true revival are laid when every believer says to Jesus, "Master, anything that I have, and all that I am, I give to Thee." It's when God's people lend themselves to the Lord with all their hearts, putting themselves at His disposal, that revival begins. It is when God's people say "Yes" to His will, no matter what it may involve of their time, talents, property, resources, or strength, that the manifestation of the arm of the Lord can begin. Peter said "Yes," though he didn't know the reward that was to be his.

So the Master got into the boat and

they thrust out a little from the land. "And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship." There's no miracle yet; there's no putting forth of the net yet. Preparation isn't complete. Here we find the second step in preparation: "He sat down, and taught the people." What was this that went forth from Jesus' lips? It wasn't metaphysical dribble. It wasn't high-sounding pseudo-spiritual nonsense. It was not trivial human exhortations or quotations from the poets. That which came from His lips was the pure, eternal Word of the living God. He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." Observe that before the miracle could occur the Word of God must be preached.

There never was revival worthy of the name that wasn't based upon the preaching of the pure Word of God. Much that looks like revival, and that we think is revival, isn't revival. I went to hold a meeting in a Canadian city years ago. The pastor said to me, "Brother Vick, we had a revival meeting about three or four months before you came. We thought it was the greatest revival our church had ever seen. I have the names of 150 people who came to the altar for salvation." He turned to his wife and said, "Do you know of any of those 150 who are still coming?" "No," she said, "I don't know one." Not one, out of 150 at the altar, could be found in the church four months later. There's only one way for people to be born again, according to my Bible. People are born again by the Word of God that liveth and abideth forever. If you get people to an altar under an emotional appeal, a sweet song, or a sentimental story, all of their tears do not necessarily indicate that a deep work of the Spirit has been accomplished. *It takes the Word of God.* Here is our weakness today. Our preaching so often is not Bible preaching, so how can it produce Bible results?

People say, "Brother Vick, I don't know how you folk have the nerve to call yourselves Pentecostal preachers." "Why?" "You don't have the fruits of the Pentecostal ministry." "What do you mean?" "Well, look at the apostle Peter, for instance. On the day of Pentecost he preached one sermon and 3,000 souls were saved. Most of you preachers today preach 3,000 sermons and no one is saved. How can you think that you're Pentecostal, if the apostle Peter was Pentecostal?"

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"WATCH OUT FOR SAUL'S ARMOR"

David H. McDowell

The last serious talk I had with Robert A. Brown of Glad Tidings Tabernacle in New York, relating to matters of present moment concern, brought forth the word from him about which he afterwards wrote me. Said he: "David, we have got to watch out for Saul's armor." I did not think so much about it at the time, but later reflection caused me to wonder if God was not saying something of importance through Robert's terse way of saying things. We are now in the crisis of great changes and the modernization of our methods that is comparable to the putting on of Saul's armor. When God poured forth His Spirit He passed by the great institutions of learning and called the shepherd boys with their simplicity and humble equipment—"them that are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breast" to whom He could teach doctrine. And now after these years are we to turn again to these things that God could not use at the beginning?

Christ likewise passed up the Sanhedrin and gathered His men from the lowly walks of life. We are surely face to face with the Philistine giants these days, and Israel, despite all its equipment and knowledge, is insufficient and at bay. Will God not have to call forth the shepherd boys again who know nothing but the power of God, the boys who have a rugged faith in His strength? Saul's armored might was held at bay for forty days, while a shepherd boy, a sling and a stone wrote history.

I am getting quite a deal of literature these days from various sources that seems to urge our getting together for one thing and another to help move the work of God. Every plan without exception, that I have received, deals with a call to a banquet or a dinner here or there, where we may discuss, plan, appoint committees, raise funds, etc. I may be dense but I confess that with these appeals my faith does not stir a hair. Where are the old calls back to prayer and fasting in sackcloth and ashes that we had at the beginning? The Master was compelled to spend nights and nights in prayer to accomplish the ministry that He had come to perform. But we, huh! Let us eat and be merry; let some chosen speaker who has dined to the full arise to advocate a plan, preceding his message with a number of jokes and funny stories, and then a few moments of sentence prayers that never disturb a hair on the well-groomed heads of the diners! I'm fed up with this "playing church" business.

Oh, that all the saints could see the vital message of the Cross these days, the

Cross without which Christianity so-called is a sham. The Cross today is quite conspicuous by its absence from the lives of God's people in general. We are strangers to Gethsemane. We have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

The passing of Robert Brown has left a profound impression upon me that has stimulated my heart to deeper devotion to our Lord and Master. I have known Robert Brown since the very outbreak of the Pentecostal outpouring in 1907, when I held a meeting at old 454 West 42nd Street. I first met Sister Brown at the August Convention of the Chris-

When Robert Brown passed away on February 11, the word was telephoned to us by David McDowell. Brother McDowell was in New York City at the time of Brother Brown's passing, and he was asked to preach the funeral sermon. We asked him for an account of the funeral service, and he sent it to us, but it did not reach us in time to be included with our tribute in last week's EVANGEL. However, Brother McDowell's letter contained some pungent paragraphs which we felt should be passed on to our readers, and they are given in the accompanying article.

Brother McDowell mentioned in his letter that a guard of honor stood at the casket from 5 p.m. on Friday until Saturday afternoon when the funeral was conducted. All the night through the guards, changing each half hour, watched as friends came and went, dropping their tears of sorrow in loving tribute to God's loyal and faithful servant.

The crowds that came for the funeral service overflowed into the street, which had been blocked off, and hundreds of folk never got near the building. "I never, in all my life, saw such a floral tribute," Brother McDowell stated, "and the police force of New York City were the most courteous. They provided a cross-town escort that had all the north-south traffic stopped while the long funeral procession passed through to Evergreen Cemetery in Brooklyn. My heart was thrilled at the thought, since it looked like the tribute to some great city official. I doubt if any minister ever had a greater tribute or funeral—no, not one. It all appeared to me to be more in the nature of a coronation than of a funeral."

tian and Missionary Alliance held in the old barn at Nyack Institute in 1907. I was the young people's speaker that particular evening. When I finished my message, close to a thousand began pouring to the altar, and we continued all through the night, where close to a hundred, or possibly more, received the Baptism. Robert Brown was at that time an engineer, and he invited me to his underground retreat for prayer and consultation down among the boilers. A tie was formed there that has never been broken, and I have come to know and appreciate Robert Brown and his counsel more than any of the brethren that I know of.

Let us thank God and take courage to follow on in the rugged and wholesome example that our brother has set for all of us. And let us take heed to the warning he has sounded out to us and beware of Saul's armor.

Not A Word!

There is no better or more Scriptural advice that can be given to a Christian who has been slandered, than that of Stephen Merritt:

"Hush! not a word. Never mind your reputation or character—they are in His hands and you mar them by trying to retain them. Open not your mouth! Silence. A word will grieve, disturb, frighten away the gentle Dove. Hush!—not a word. Are you misunderstood? Never mind! Will it hurt your influence and weaken your power for good? Leave it to Him. His to take care of. Are you wronged and your good name tarnished? All right. Be it yours to be meek and lowly, simple and gentle; not a word. Let Him keep you in perfect peace; stay your mind on Him. Trust Him!"

CARRIED FORWARD

I think one gets glimpses in the Bible of what delayed answers to prayer may mean. Moses, for instance—the answer to his prayer to enter the Promised Land was kept back for centuries till he stood there with Jesus Himself. And Elijah—his prayer to die was refused; for the glory of the fiery chariot and the whirlwind was waiting for him. It is only as in arithmetic, the figure carried forward becomes part of a Higher Power! Even if the answer is carried on out of the bounds of this life altogether, it is not thereby lost. "The powers of the world to come" are more than we know yet.—Amy Carmichael.

IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE

WESLEY R. STEELBERG

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

LIFE is a very precious possession. We cherish and preserve it to the best of our ability. War, crime, atheism, and kindred elements have combined their efforts to make life seem of little value, but these fiends cannot extinguish the flame of the joy of living. It burns on, brightly in youth, and glowing in old age, ever sending forth an incense of gratitude which says, "It's good to be alive."

But how to get the most, and the best, out of life is a secret that comparatively few have discovered. Health, education, wealth, and fame contribute only meagerly to the deep and lasting satisfaction which we all feel life should afford us. It is only logical that in our quest we should turn to the Author of Life, who is Christ. Of Him the Scriptures speak, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

If He then is the Source of life, our next question is, How may we obtain that life? I'll tell you the secret. Invite Christ to become a permanent guest in your heart, and He will bring with Him both the formula and the ingredients for the making of a happy life.

Just as a gifted musician, coming as a guest, would fill your home with beautiful music, so Christ will spread the melodies of hope and cheer through all the fibers of your being. From the moment He enters your heart, you will be so attracted to Him, so fascinated by His fellowship, that you will realize for the first time that you are really living. You will find in Him the answer to every question, the solution to every problem, the victory over every foe. He will teach you the virtues and values of life. He will be, in one, your Companion, Counsellor, and Confidant. But this is only a small part of this joyous new life. Not only will He teach you how to live, but He will literally overwhelm you with gifts. Such gifts as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, an experience indescribably precious, and the privilege of drawing upon God's infinite resources through prayer. Friend, this choice guest but awaits your invitation to come and do for you all this and ten thousand times more.

But even with such a guest dwelling with you, life would not be complete could you not share His love and kindness with others. He therefore bids you bring your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to Him. He will gladly do

for them what He has done for you. Generously, and without discrimination, He offers to them privileges and pleasures He has shared with you. No wonder we repeat, most reverently, with Paul, "For me to live is Christ." Yes, friend, we invited you to "Live Christ"—"Give Christ"; then life will be worth while.

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I like to point out one great difference between Peter's audience and ours. Peter preached to a crowd of people who believed every quotation he gave them from the Old Testament. He preached to a crowd of Jews who had learned the Word of God from infancy. When he quoted to them from the Psalms they could follow him word for word. They knew whether it was accurately quoted, or not. When he quoted from Joel's prophecy they were right with him. "This is that." "That's right, that's what it says." "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." The seed of the Word was in their hearts, and what happened on the day of Pentecost was simply that the Holy Ghost came down and germinated the seed already there. The Word of God that these Jews had carried in their hearts for years suddenly came to life and brought forth fruit.

I know something about this because of my own experience. I was reared in a Lutheran home, being Norwegian, and I was drilled in catechism and Bible history from childhood. I was entering my teens and the time when I was supposed to be confirmed was drawing near. My mother used to lock me in my bedroom and wouldn't let me out until I had learned my lesson

for that week. I can see myself in that bedroom memorizing that catechism. I had to learn it to get out of the room. You say, "Now, preacher, don't suggest that that sort of thing did you any good. We don't believe in forcing our children to do anything. We're of the modern trend of thought and believe in self-expression." The trouble with self-expression is that so often you are not very happy over what is expressed! The self you find expressed isn't all that could be desired!

Being only thirteen, I had to take what my mother gave me. I was "force fed." The Word of God was forced in me, and I hated the whole procedure. Again you might say, "That must have made a rebel out of you. Didn't that turn you away from God and His house entirely?" It didn't necessarily do that, but I drifted.

Some years later I was in a revival meeting where God was moving. I came into the meeting that night with no spiritual intentions, but just to kill a little time while waiting for another friend to meet me. It was an Odd Fellows' Hall. I sat down at the back. As I sat in that meeting I began to feel very uncomfortable. All the things that my mother had forced into me from God's Book came to life. I had learned about Calvary from my catechism, but now Calvary suddenly became meaningful and personal. I had learned about the Virgin Birth, the Atonement, the Blood, and the Resurrection in an academic, theoretic, intellectual way. The seed of God's Word had been sown in my heart; now the blessed Holy Ghost came to do His work of germination, and that's what produces real conviction.

In Romans 7 the apostle Paul says, "I had not known sin, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." He was guilty of sin, but sin was unrecognized for what it was until the mirror of God's Word identified it for him, until the law said, "Thou shalt not covet." Then he recognized the thing in him as being that which God forbade, and conviction came. It takes the Word of God to make sin exceeding sinful.

If our preaching is built upon petty anecdotes, little smatterings of personal experience, with diluted drops of Scripture, here and there, we shall look in vain for revival. Before their nets were filled, the Word of God went forth. Nowhere does God obligate Himself to confirm my stories, my illustrations, not even my opinions, but God Almighty has obligated Himself upon His honor to confirm His Word. His Word shall not return unto Him void. When the Book says, "Preach the Word," it means the Word. Not necessarily about the Word, but preach the Word, and the Lord will confirm the Word.

He finished His message and Peter prepared to row back to shore, but the Master said, "Not yet. Let's go out into deeper water." So Peter pulled the oars, and the ship went out into deeper water. The Master said, "Let's cast anchor here, Peter. Now, let

"ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE"



down your nets for a draught." Here is the final step. There was still no miracle, no divine manifestation, no moving of God's finger. Preparation is still going on. Jesus said to Peter, "Put the net in here." Peter's answer is given to us verbatim. The words are there and the spirit must be determined from the words. I think when Jesus asked Peter to put down the nets, his reply was a mixture of despair, pessimism, hopelessness and just pure protest. I catch this impression of Peter's words: "Master, you don't understand. You're not a fisherman. I've fished this lake for many years. I've been here all night. Look at my hands, red and calloused. My back is aching. I want you to know that all night long I've been putting the net in and hauling it back. I haven't even got a bullhead. Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing. You come along blithe, cheery, and optimistic and tell me to start fishing all over again!" Peter was wounded. This was the last hurdle, and if Peter had failed here, he still wouldn't have had any fish. He had to go all the way to get the miracle, just as you and I must do. He had to obey the final command.

Do you know what is keeping revival from many assemblies today? I believe it is the memory of our past failures. I've been in many assemblies and can almost read the minds of the people in the opening service of the campaign. They seem to say, as I look at them, "Oh, preacher, you're just another evangelist. We've had so many. We have had them all, but they didn't do much." Sometimes the kindhearted souls get me off to one side and say, "Brother Vick, don't work too hard. We can't have revival here. Just take it easy, take your offering, and go home and be happy." Unbelief! "We've toiled all the night and have taken nothing!" It's no use! Unbelief that ties the hands of God! Unbelief that paralyzes His arm! Unbelief that holds back His blessings! We close our hearts. Unbelief robs us of God's best.

Peter took another look at Jesus' face, and He saw something in the Master's face and so he took this attitude, "Master, we're weary with trying; we're heart-sick and discouraged; nevertheless, at Thy word, we'll try it again." In goes a net, then comes the miracle. The net is hardly in the lake before the water is alive, stirring and teeming with fish. The net hardly submerges before Peter is pulling it in again. The revival is on. Miracle-working power of God is in operation. God is doing His part now that Peter has done his. The human part of the contract has been fulfilled; now the divine side is likewise consummated.

There's an end to human effort. There's an end to what humans can do, but at the end of human obedience, the arm of God will be revealed when God's people have done all that He desires them to do. Peter had loaned Him his property, and the Word of God had gone forth. Peter then had launched out. Finally Peter had overcome his discouragement, his unbelief, and buried the memory of the past futile night, and that was the end of all the Master expected of Peter. Now Jesus stepped in; His miracle power was seen. The net was filled and the glory of God was manifested.

I want you to see what happens the minute this net is filled. The catch is so great that the boat is threatened with sinking. Maybe a moment before Peter had been worried about getting paid for his services. Maybe he had been

saying in his heart, "I wonder if He's going to pay me right. He has taken all my time this morning. I should be repairing my nets; but He comes along, borrows my boat, and I have to help Him row, and here I sit. I wonder if He'll pay me union scale."

If Peter had any forebodings about his pay, believe me, they all evaporated now. Look at him, he's knee deep in fish. The boat is threatened with sinking. Peter had never seen such a catch. The first thing he does is to think about salvaging the catch. He knows that if the boat sinks he won't have any fish, so he calls to his partners, fishing in another ship, "Hurry over. There's plenty for everybody. Come and get it. Come and share."

Real revival produces brotherly love. Real revival produces a spirit of sharing. Real revival dissipates differences between partners. The manifestation of God's power is the great-

"Whom I Have Believed"

"I believe in Jesus Christ our Lord."

1. In His virgin birth: He was both the Seed of the woman, and the Son of God.
2. In His virtuous life: sinless, as well as serviceful.
3. In His verbally inspired Word: spoken on earth, settled in heaven.
4. In His vicarious death: sacrificial in nature, substitutional in effect.
5. In His victorious resurrection: supernatural and significant.
6. In His valuable intercession: sympathetic and sustaining.
7. In His visible return: sudden and sure.

"I believed, and therefore have I spoken." 2 Cor. 4:13.

est antidote to all human differences of feeling. Our hearts go out to everybody when the Spirit of God is moving.

After the others came they filled the ships, and they were astonished at the draught of the fishes. Both ships began to sink. Talk about God's abundance! Something is moving in Peter's life and heart. The Master was not just rewarding Peter with a great catch of fish; He was trying to get some work of grace done in his heart. Peter realized that this thing was obviously supernatural, and he fell down at Jesus' knees. Before the Master he voluntarily made a confession that couldn't have been dragged from him a while ago. "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." It takes this power to make sin appear exceedingly sinful. I take the moving of God to bring people who are lukewarm, smug, and indifferent out of a state of worldliness, carelessness, self-righteousness, and self-sufficiency. It takes the moving of God.

Peter's heart had been searched and heart-searching brought conviction. I was in a meeting in Ottawa, Canada. They had built a beautiful new church there and I was the first evangelist, following the dedication with a cam-

paign. I think it was on the second Sunday morning, as I got to the close of my message, that the Spirit of God came on the meeting. The whole church became an altar; everyone knelt right where he had been sitting. Oh, it was rich. I knelt to pray, and in a moment or two I heard a commotion over by the pastor. Looking up, I saw a man with his arms around the pastor, weeping and praying. I didn't know the man and couldn't imagine what it was all about. Afterward the pastor told me, "That was the greatest miracle that ever happened in this church."

That man was a Baptist preacher who had been attacking Pentecost for years. Several months ago his own daughter, a girl in her late teens, had been wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. Her father became so infuriated that he said to his daughter, "You must make a choice. Either you give up this 'tongues business,' or you leave this house." The daughter said, "Father, I can't go back on what God has given me."

The daughter left the home because of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Pentecostal pastor and his wife took her in, and she was living at their home at this time. Now her father had come to the church. What brought him there, I don't know. Perhaps it was curiosity to see the new church, or perhaps he came to get ammunition for his opposition. But that morning he had found a seat at the back; and though I had given no formal altar call, he had voluntarily walked the length of the church and come to the pastor with tears, asking forgiveness and prayer.

Here's my point in telling this: I am sure that all the persuasion in the world could never have moved that man to do what he did. I am sure that all the eloquence of all the preachers would never have accomplished it. It was the moving of God's Spirit in the church that morning that accomplished that.

God can step into situations and do things that the human arm can never do. Peter didn't think he was sinful before that; he thought he was a good Jew, but now he realized his sin. When we pray through and get God's glory upon the meetings, sin becomes exceeding sinful and sinners feel their need. The lukewarm are stirred, the careless are rebuked, and people are made willing to seek the face of God.

Peter was awed by the mighty miracle. He felt so small, so insignificant, and so sinful in the presence of the Master. But Jesus said to him, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him. He who filled the nets that day can fill our nets. He who brought a multitude of fish together on that occasion can give us souls at the altar of prayer. Let's believe God together.

CORRECTION OF ADDRESS OF ITALIAN BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT

Through an error, the wrong address was published in the February 14 issue of the Pentecostal Evangel of Brother Quirino Grilli, Superintendent pro-tem of the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God. Brother Grilli's address is 633 William St., Trenton, N. J.

It costs more to neglect our duties than to accomplish them.

A TRAGIC FIRE

WORD has just reached us that the mission house occupied by Misses Marie Johnsrud, Mabel Schaefer and Edna Peterson, who are operating a girls' school in Tenkodogo, Upper Ivory Coast, has burned to the ground.

Miss Johnsrud was lighting the kerosene refrigerator when suddenly her clothes caught fire. She managed to extinguish the fire on herself but the thatched-roofed building soon became a roaring inferno.

The women managed to escape with

their lives but were unable to save anything. All their clothes, books, valuable papers and memos, accordions, typewriters, beds and bedding, together with all food supplies were burned.

Brother Hall has wired the dress and shoes sizes of the young women so that as soon as possible personal equipment and station supplies will be sent to them.

We are appealing to our Evangel readers for funds with which to purchase new out-

fits for these missionaries who have lost everything. It will be necessary to purchase beds, bedding, a refrigerator, a sewing machine, other household furnishings and a supply of foodstuff to replace that which was lost. Some things can never be replaced. It would cost \$5,000 to replace all the equipment.

Please send all offerings to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo., designated for this purpose.

Fire at Tenkodogo

John Hall, Ivory Coast

I have just returned from a hurried trip to Tenkodogo.

Sunday morning I was called to the phone. Raymond Zents was speaking. He said that on the previous evening when Miss Johnsrud was in the act of filling the refrigerator, flames shot up, quickly enveloping her. She had presence of mind and grabbed down the dish cupboard curtain to smother the flames on herself. Instantly the entire grass roof was a roaring inferno. Miss Peterson ran in to get her purse with passport etc. and was almost overcome with fumes. Miss Schaefer was out with her car to a village meeting some miles away. Miss Johnsrud's hand was burned and Miss Peterson hurriedly took her on the motorcycle down to Zents since they couldn't get near the burning building. Canned goods were exploding and popping as high as the trees, the lamps exploded as did a few .22 shells.

Raymond Zents and the French commandant quickly returned but all they could do was watch the fireworks. NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WAS SAVED: three complete beds, three typewriters, two piano-accordions, tables, chairs, cameras, Bibles, textbooks, \$100.00 worth of KLIM in cans, all their clothing except that which they had on, helmets, priceless mementoes, pictures, snapshots, medical supplies, stationery, everything that the usual American woman has in stock were consumed by the flames.



● Raising the thatched roof of a typical hut in the Ivory Coast. It was a hut similar to this that was destroyed by fire in Tenkodogo.

one alone. Since the roofs are very close and there was a strong wind blowing, we were persuaded that only God could spare the others, which in His goodness He did. We remembered also that our supplies were stored in one of them, so we were doubly grateful for His protection. However, a number of the roofs are threatening to fall in because the timbers used are not strong enough, one having already collapsed. **We covet your prayers that God will help us find the necessary materials, and workmen, and give wisdom that the many repairs may be made and the needed new buildings erected.**

Nine of our girls were recently baptized in water when Raymond Zents and the native pastor, Dakwega, baptized twenty-five believers in a water hole a few kilometers from town. While there was an alligator hole along the bank, fortunately the alligator wasn't overly curious and stayed out of sight.

The most pitiful looking leper I have yet seen in Africa attended that service. Besides the ravages of the disease upon his hands and feet, his eyelids were all eaten away and his poor blinded eyes were so inflamed. From his actions, he must have suffered much pain through his eyeballs. We are thankful that he is a Christian, though he isn't often able to attend services. What a blessing to know that he is ready for the divine summons when he shall leave behind him all pain and suffering, and his eyes shall behold the King in His beauty.

The Blessing of Fellowship

Clarence W. Ollson, Venezuela

The Jordan family together with some forty-five of the brethren who were on their way to the Convention in Caracas stopped with us for one Sunday. They gave us a good service that night and did much personal work in the afternoon.

The trip to the Convention proved a great blessing to the eight brethren of Valencia who accompanied us. Most of them had never been in a similar gathering before. Upon returning to Valencia the Lord wonderfully answered prayer, making it possible for us to move from one of the two places where we hold services to a better place.

One night a young neighbor boy of eighteen listened very attentively to the sermon carried into the street by the loud-speaker. He was convicted of his sin. The following night he followed us to the other part of the city where services are held. We knew nothing of the way the Lord had dealt with him the night before nor that he was following us. When the altar call was given, he came forward and was joyfully saved. The following morning the woman who had raised him came to tell us of the great joy he had found and that she too was happy and rejoicing to know that God had saved him. To date he remains faithful, although the woman is not yet saved. Pray for her.

The Protecting Hand

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received sometime ago. It reveals the perilous conditions under which the missionary women at Tenkodogo had to live. The foregoing story of the fire at Tenkodogo was not the first threat from fire that they had.)

Mabel Schaefer, Ivory Coast

We have had occasion recently to rejoice in the miraculous care of our Heavenly Father for us. One morning we were startled to see the roof of one of the huts in the girls' yard going up in smoke. As the dry grass roof blazed and roared, we prayed earnestly that the Lord would confine the fire to that

PENTECOST IN ALMORA

J. Boyce, N. India

I have been here in Almora holding special meetings twice a day. The "latter rain" is falling, praise the Lord. Dr. Towers, who resigned last year from the M. E. Mission and who was a doctor at the T. B. sanatorium here, received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit this week according to Acts 2:4. The wife of the pastor of the M. E. Church, together with others, were slain under the power of God. Our meeting yesterday morning lasted three hours and twenty minutes and was filled with the glory of God. The Lord has done a great work here in Almora in these past seventeen days, for which we praise Him.



Arthur Lindvall
El Salvador

Mrs. Arthur Lindvall
El Salvador

Up-to-Date News

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lindvall and family are now en route to El Salvador, Central America.

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Philip Schoonmaker was born on February 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schoonmaker in North India.

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Rosa Reineker arrived in Colombo, Ceylon February 14.

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Miss Eva Radanovsky came home to the States from Haiti in February.

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Miss Pansy Blossom returned to her home in February from Peru.

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Le Roy Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil R. Schneider, of Valdivia, Chile, was drowned on February 13. In company with Elmer Bueno he had gone boating and swimming. He was seized with cramps and sank in fourteen feet of water. By the time he was taken from the water he was beyond help. May the Lord give comfort to the family.



A WARNING

There are certain individuals from other countries, sometimes nationals, who seek meetings in our churches to get missionary offerings. Frequently these individuals are largely unknown but they manage to get recommendations from people who may be impressed by their appeal. We urge that advice be obtained from the Foreign Missions Department before giving publicity to such people. It is the custom of the Foreign Missions Department to give a letter of recommendation to anyone authorized to appeal for foreign missionary money if he does not hold regular appointment from the Missions Department.

It is also becoming a rather common practice for people, in other lands to get the addresses of pastors and Christian friends in America to whom letters of appeal are sent asking for funds, Bibles, Testaments, clothing or food. It is with great regret that we have to report that in many instances these appeals do not represent worthy cases but come from those who are making money by selling the Bibles sent to them. In some instances, even those appealing for food and clothing have more than would appear by the letters. We urge that all such letters be sent to headquarters for investigation through missionaries on the field and worthy cases will then be helped and the money of God's people will not be sent to unworthy persons.

Heathen Superstitions and Fears

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landrus, Liberia

David, a native pastor in a nearby town, asked the townspeople where he could make his rice farm. A place was given him where they feared to plant, as they had been told they would die if they planted there.

He said, "I will pray and have faith in God that by His help I will raise some rice and will not die."

While he was cutting the trees down on the farm, the man who was helping him was bitten by a snake and became very sick.

The people said, "We told you that you would die."

David replied, "No, I will not die nor will this man die who is helping me. We will pray for him."

Praise the Lord, the man got well and David had lots of rice, a larger crop than he had ever cut before in all his life.

This year we asked for a place to plant, and they said we could not have any ground. Later, however, they came and said we could have a place where they feared to plant rice, as they had seen a dead hornbeak bird there and they thought that the rice would die if planted there. We are going to plant rice there, the Lord willing, as the soil is good, and so pray with us for a big crop.

We wanted some meat and so Mr. Landrus went out about twelve miles and shot an elephant. Now they are saying that of a truth God has power, as Mr. Landrus didn't abide by any of their customs or laws which they keep in connection with hunting elephants, yet the elephant died the same day, and on the spot where they shot it.

When a mother dies soon after a baby is

born, they say the baby killed the mother. They curse it and say, "It killed the mother so we will let it die also." Such an incident occurred here last week. The baby was ten days old. For twenty-four hours it lay on the dirt floor where the mother had died. It was dirty and hungry when we took it. The baby's grandmother could not mourn for her daughter for when a woman dies in child birth, they say she has had some "pa-laver" and no one should weep for her nor should she be buried, but she should just be thrown into the forest. That is what they must have done to this mother's body as she died about five o'clock in the afternoon and after dark they carried her down the road toward the forest without a box or cloth. Under other circumstances they would have cried as loud as they could all night, and kept it up for days afterward whenever anyone came to console them. We have had the baby three days now and she is doing fine. Pray for her.

A high priest, who cares for all the tribal jujus, lives one hour's walk from here in another town. I was there and held meetings. His wife came to a meeting and said she was coming over to see me. She is only allowed to wear a half yard of black cloth and has to sit on a skin which she always carries with her. She cannot shake hands with a stranger and must observe many laws.

It is wonderful how God is breaking down these old heathen superstitions and fears through the Christians.

PRAY MUCH for us that we will be the means of turning many to Christ.

FIRST YEAR IN BRITISH HONDURAS

Malchus B. Bennett, British Honduras

OUR first anniversary of service proved a mighty blessing. Believers and workers gathered from other parts of the colony. The little building in Belize used as a church was too small for the crowds that gathered nightly. Souls were saved and three testified of definite healing.

We believe God is going to move in a mighty way in this colony. Souls are hungry for the Bread of Life. There has been opposition by the Roman Catholics and by every other established Protestant church. We were told that children in the day schools were warned not to attend our services. In spite of this the work is growing and the community is showing interest in the Assemblies of God.

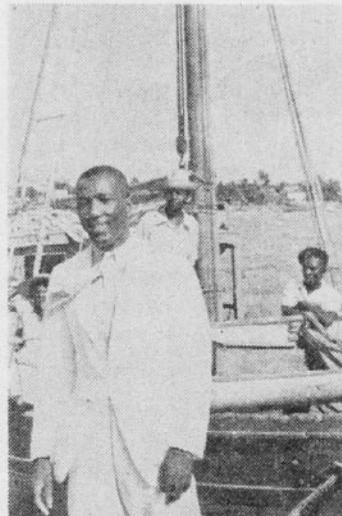
One night during the anniversary services an elderly woman came and brought her nineteen-year-old boy asking that we pray that God would enter into his heart and make him a new creature. We

prayed. The boy is now attending the service. The mother is also in need of salvation. Pray for her.

We are holding services every night here in Belize during this month. We plan to hold some evangelistic services in the interior during the coming month. Our Sunday School attendance has been increasing. Sixty children have been attending, and we now have a membership of 100.

None of our brethren here have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Pray for an outpouring here.

Our Stan Creek worker was laid aside through sickness and had to be taken to the public hospital. While on his sick bed, he began to preach to those around him. As a result a young Roman Catholic gave his heart to the Lord. He greatly desires to seek the deeper things of God. Pray that he will remain true. We are greatly encouraged to press forward.



Malchus B. Bennett

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

MARY

NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Of the 1,500 Boston children committed to the city's care and support, 85% come from homes ruined by alcohol.

EUROPEAN GOSPEL BROADCASTS

From "Radio Luxemburg" the Belgian Gospel Mission is sending out gospel broadcasts which cover The Netherlands, France, and Switzerland with the message of Christ, and many listeners are writing in for more of God's truth.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN AMERICA

It is unfortunate that the Jews are finding it necessary to combat a rising tide of anti-Semitism in America, and are undertaking to raise six million dollars to fight it. In a recent poll taken, the Jews were the most hated of any minority group in this so-called Christian nation—but true Christians love the Jews.

"GIVE GOD A CHANCE"

On New Year's eve 300 Baptist laymen went into action in Memphis, Tenn., and stenciled between 3,000 and 4,000 street corners with the words, "1948—Give God a Chance This Year." This inaugurated what promises to be the greatest program of religious advertising in the history of this country, according to *The Watchman-Examiner*.

WHICH PHILOSOPHY IS YOURS?

Someone has observed that three philosophies of life are illustrated in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The thief's philosophy is, "What's yours is mine; I will take it." That of the priest and the Levite is, "What's mine is my own; I will keep it." But that of the Good Samaritan is, "What's mine is yours; I will share it."

STEWARDSHIP

H. J. Heinz, originator of the famous "57 Varieties," was a Christian who faithfully tithed. That something of his principles must have been handed down to his successors is suggested by the report that the H. J. Heinz Company of Pittsburgh has sent 1,200,000 packages of food to Britain for a three-month ration-enrichment of the diet of 200,000 patients, especially the aged, the infirm, and children, in British hospitals.

THE COCKTAIL PARTY

"There are three national parties in the United States—the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, and the Cocktail Party—each with headquarters in Washington, D. C., and the Cocktail Party is today the most powerful in the national capital," says *Christian Life and Times*. "Consumption of hard liquor in Washington, D. C., runs at 16 quarts per capita; in wide-open towns like Reno and Las Vegas, 13 quarts; and the U. S. average is 5 quarts. Said one commentator: 'Merely make a guess concerning the influence of the Cocktail Party on national and international affairs and it is enough to create genuine alarm.'"

THE BIBLE IN JAPAN

One of the great daily newspapers has made a study of the ten best sellers in Japan. The Bible ranks ninth, which is a remarkable record for that land.

GOSPEL WORK IN PALESTINE

The *Evangelical Christian* has predicted that Christian work in Palestine will largely cease when the British depart, and the fate of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ and are left behind may yet shock the moral conscience of the world. They can expect no mercy from either the Jews or the Arabs, and caught between the two opposing forces they may have to seal their testimony with their blood. Remember the Hebrew Christians of Palestine when you pray.

PITY THE HEBREW CHRISTIANS!

The fate of Hebrew Christians in Palestine is pitiable, according to *World Dominion*. "They hardly dare to be mentioned, such is the hatred of their Zionist brethren. A Christian Jew may not be admitted to Palestine on a Jewish immigration quota. Jews who are atheists or communists, or who reject the fundamentals of Judaism, are freely admitted as Jews. The Jewish Agency has ruled that Judaism is a purely racial concept, with one exception—no Christian, whatever his ancestry, may belong to the Jewish race."

ANCIENT BIBLE BURNT

One of the rarest relics of Holy Land antiquity was destroyed recently when a mob attacked the Jewish quarter in Aleppo, Syria, and put the torch to a synagogue reputed to be 2,750 years old. Included in the destruction was a valuable library, the most valuable item in which was an ancient Hebrew roll of the Old Testament books. Dr. Marx, of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, said that the volume probably was the most valuable text of a complete Hebrew Bible which had been preserved, the text having been completed about the tenth century.

BLOODSHED IN PALESTINE

Blood is flowing freely and at an ever-increasing rate in Palestine, and it appears that the blood of American soldiers may yet be intermingled with the blood of Jews and Arabs before peace can be achieved. Neither the Palestine police nor the British soldiers have been able to stop the fighting, and Great Britain is determined to begin withdrawing her forces on May 15, 1948. By August 1 withdrawal will be complete. Though the partition plan will not become effective until October 1, United Nations representatives now are weighing the advisability of sending an armed international force to Palestine.

Poor, blinded Israel! If only they knew the things which belong to their peace! But when God offered them peace through Jesus of Nazareth, they cried, "Crucify Him! His blood be on us, and on our children." Matthew 27:25. How terribly God has taken them at their word!

Here are the Pope's own words, reported in *The Catholic Times*, on prayer to the Virgin Mary. "The Mother of God is all powerful, and will obtain all favors that she asks of Him. Let us, then, place ourselves and our problems under her protection that she may make our prayers and supplications her own. May she dry all our tears, and strengthen us in all our sufferings: console us in all our sorrows, and, in lightening our afflictions by the hope of eternal reward, enable us to bear them more easily!" How the mother of our Lord can hear—not to speak of answering—millions of simultaneous prayers spells either complete rubbish or else her godhead. The apostles did not pray to Mary, and nowhere in the Bible did they tell us to do so.

BRITAIN'S GRAVEST CRISIS

According to British newspapers, the apostasy now within the Church of England is all but incredible. A Protestant Bishop, Dr. Barnes of Birmingham, in his new book *Rise of Christianity*, denies the Virgin Birth; he says the transfiguration is "a post-resurrection myth;" the empty tomb and the resurrection belong to "the domain of religious romance, not of religious history," he says; and all our Lord's miracles are myth and legend. The Archbishop of Canterbury has rebuked Bishop Barnes, saying: "If his views were mine, I should not feel that I could still hold episcopal office in the church." But Dr. Barnes still remains in office.

Comments *The Guardian*: "The Archbishops have told us that it is not only the position of the country which is critical. There is a crisis of the Church. It may prove to be the graver of the two."

"DEATH IN THE POT"

Many who stand in the pulpit today to feed the flock of God are dishing out poisoned pottage. The Chicago Congregational Association recently sent a questionnaire to fifty of Chicago's Congregational ministers. Their replies have been summarized by *The Christian Century*, as follows:

Two did not believe that Christ ever lived on earth.

Eight denied the doctrine of original sin.

Twelve stated that the crucifixion of Christ was "a noble example" but nothing more.

Only twenty-three declared that the crucifixion wrought "divine redemption for sinful men."

Seven did not believe in the resurrection of Christ.

Only eight held the Bible to be "authoritative in matters of faith."

Only twenty out of the fifty believed that sermons ought always to have some Scriptural content!

And yet the Bible says, "Preach the Word." These Congregational ministers are not an exceptional group. If a similar questionnaire were submitted to the clergy of other denominations the answers might tell a similar story. "There is death in the pot," as surely as in the story of 2 Kings 4:38-41. Oh, that God would either pour in the "meal" of the Word so that there would be "no harm in the pot," or else upset the pot! Better that some ministers would resign from their pulpits unless they are going to feed the people with the pure Word of God.

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NEW CHURCH ESTABLISHED

Four years ago in April we started Sunday School in our home. As the Sunday School grew, we took the classes out under the trees in the front yard, continuing in this manner all summer. Owing to circumstances beyond our control, we had to discontinue our services in the home for a while.

Some time later we secured the use of a little house in the community for our Sunday School. It was badly in need of repairs, but with soap and water, "elbow grease," hammers, some new lumber and paint, we went to work. The people were all unsaved, and we had to stand alone many times, but we felt there was a work to be done, so by the grace of God and prayer, we continued.

In August, 1946, we had our first revival meeting, and eight were saved. At the close of this meeting, the church was set in order temporarily, and our Sunday School was also organized more efficiently. We had our first water baptismal service with thirteen candidates.

God has continued to bless in our midst with the saving of about thirty-five souls or more in our regular services and cottage prayer meetings. Several have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, and many others are seeking. We have also had two other water baptismal services, and we are ready for another with several candidates.

Our Sunday School has grown from twelve to an average of fifty-five to sixty. Our present building has long since been too small. 'About a year ago we began plans for a new church. We now have a new cinder block church building 32 by 60 feet with basement under about one-half of it, and several Sunday School rooms. All but about \$175 of the labor has been donated. It has been wonderful the way God has moved in our midst and proved Himself so many times. There have been several good donations of money for the building.

We are looking forward to a Sunday School of one hundred after we get in the new building. We are planning a dedication service and fellowship meeting as soon as possible.—Pastors Giles and Dorothy Elliott, Salem, Virginia.

NOTE: This thrilling account of the birth and development of a new church came to us in response to a small contribution which the Home Missions Department was able to make to the Appalachian District Council, and which was assigned by them to assist the new work at Salem, Virginia.

REVIVAL IN NOME, ALASKA

I am in Nome at present with the Capners. The Lord is blessing our efforts and answering our prayers. Last night there was a real moving

of the Spirit. Two fine soldier boys came to the altar for salvation. Also an Eskimo man was reclaimed.

I met the wife of this Eskimo in the sanitarium at Sitka. She was backslidden when she went to Sitka, but got back to the Lord there. She told me of her backslidden husband, and a sister and daughter here in Nome. I told him that she had been reclaimed and was praying for him. When he came to the services here we could see the Spirit working upon his heart. Last night he came and really prayed through, and promised to write his wife and tell her that he had gotten back to God, and to ask her to forgive him.

This man is quite prominent in Eskimo affairs, and will be a real influence upon the Eskimo people here. He is very fluent in the Eskimo and English languages, and interprets for whites and Eskimos.—Evangelist Homer F. Rugwell.

PATIENTS TURNING TO CHRIST

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Malcom, in charge of the church in Seward, Alaska, report twenty conversions among the patients in the tuberculosis sanitarium.

C. A. LASATER WITH CHRIST

The Pentecostal movement lost another honored pioneer on February 17 when C. A. Lasater, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, went to be with Him whom he had loved and served so long.

Brother Lasater was saved at Shoal Creek, Arkansas, and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in 1909. During the same year God called him to preach, and he was in evangelistic work for a number of years. In December, 1919, he became pastor of the tabernacle in Fort Smith. In 1926 he built what is at present the main auditorium of the Dodson Avenue Assembly, at South Twelfth and Dodson, in Fort Smith. In 1935 he completed the C. A. auditorium, and the church is free of debt.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and a charter member of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, organized in



C. A. Lasater

Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1914. He was also a charter member of the Arkansas District Council, which was formed in the same year, and served as an official of the District Council from the very beginning until the time of his home-call. For two years (1931-33) he was District Superintendent, but resigned because of the need of the Fort Smith assembly. For six years (1931-37) he was an Executive Presbyter of the General Council. At the time of his death he was a District Presbyter and a General Presbyter.

On January 19, 1948, Brother Lasater had a stroke, and although it did not paralyze him it left him numb on his right side. On Sunday night, February 15, he went to church and led the praise service. That night four were saved and two were filled with the Spirit. On Monday he felt well all day. On Tuesday he declined to eat any lunch. Immediately after 1 p.m. he called his wife and daughter into the living room and disclosed all his business. After discussing these matters with them, he said, "I don't feel well; I want to go to bed." He went to bed, and at 3:15 p.m., after just a few moments of struggle, he went to be with Jesus. He actually closed his life's book and his going was like that of the patriarchs in the Bible.

Let us bear up in prayer the loved ones whom Brother Lasater left behind, and pray for Joseph Higgins and others who will be carrying the burden which he has laid down.

WE START TO BUILD OUR NEW PLANT

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for the *Evangel* to go to my sister. The Lord used the very first issue that reached her to be the means of the restoration of her backslidden son-in-law. He had once been a preacher. After his restoration he returned to the ministry, and in his first evangelistic meeting two hundred souls were saved."

We received a letter from a sister in the East who said: "I subscribed for the *Evangel* to go to my daughter in Arizona. She was married to an ungodly bootlegger. The paper was the means of my daughter's getting back to God, and of the salvation of her husband. They both are now out and out for God, and they have started an assembly in the place where they are located. Among those saved in this assembly was another bootlegger."

We have received down through the years so many letters like this: "I picked up a copy of the *Evangel* at a railroad station some years ago. I liked the paper and so subscribed; and now, praise God, I have received the Baptism."

One day a Free Methodist minister came to our office and said: "While I was at a conference, one of our preachers introduced me to the *Evangel* and told me he had got more out of it than out of any other paper, so I subscribed. I disagreed with everything you wrote about the Baptism, but as I have continued to read I have been convinced that you folk are Scriptural in your position, and that the Baptism in the Spirit should be received today just as it was on the day of Pentecost—speaking in tongues and all. And so I have come to Springfield to seek and to receive the Baptism just as you preach it." He received in a few days and became an Assemblies of God minister.

The Lord encouraged us one week by letting

us receive three letters from different parts of the world—one from the Fiji Islands—telling that the writers of these letters had been saved through reading the *Evangel*. We have also received letters from many people who have been healed through reading the paper. We remember one letter received from a sister in Sweden. She was very sick and her doctor advised an operation, which was to be performed on a certain day, and she was waiting at the hospital for her turn to go into the operating room. While she was waiting, an *Evangel* arrived from America and it was taken to her in the hospital. As she opened the paper she saw the testimony of one healed from the very same trouble that she had. Her faith was quickened as she read this testimony, and the Lord instantly healed her. When the doctor examined her he discovered that her trouble had gone and there was no need of an operation. Just like our wonderful Jesus!

Lloyd Shirer sent some copies of the *Evangel* from the Gold Coast in West Africa to Nigeria. As a result of their reading about the Baptism, many sought the Lord and were filled with the Spirit as at Pentecost. When after some years Brother Shirer and his wife visited Nigeria, they found a congregation of 3,300 ready to meet them in a great convention. Today it is estimated that there are 10,000 Pentecostal saints in Nigeria.

Dr. Clarence Benson, at the latest convention of the National Sunday School Association, gave figures to show the alarming decrease in Sunday School attendance in America. One of the bright spots, however, was the abnormal growth in the Sunday School of the Pentecostal groups during the past ten years, the Assemblies of God leading with a 400 per cent increase. We believe that our Sunday School literature has had its part in this growth and we have received a vast number of letters expressing appreciation of our supplies. Another factor in this growth has been the splendid services of our Brother Grable and his capable workers in our Sunday School Department. This department, with its twenty-five workers, has no income from any source but is supported by your Publishing House just to be a help and service and blessing to the thousands of Sunday Schools in our fellowship.

We could relate many other things that the Lord has done down through the years. We attribute all the glory to Him for all His blessing, and we want to thank all the members of the *Evangel* family for their splendid co-operation during the past more than three decades. If it had not been for their help from time to time, especially in the early days of our work, the Gospel Publishing House could not have continued. Well do we remember the days from 1916 to 1918 when at the beginning of the month we would add up the whole amount of our different bills and find we did not have enough in the bank to meet them. But as we prayed, the Lord never failed us, and by the tenth of each month He sent in sufficient to meet every bill, so that we could maintain our good credit.

An elderly widow in San Diego, California, at three different times in our early history, sent in perfectly timed gifts of \$3,000, \$3,500, and \$5,000. When Brother E. N. Bell visited her and told her what these gifts had meant to the work, she wept for joy.

We are convinced in our hearts that one reason why we have been prospered of the Lord



The staff of the Gospel Publishing House in 1918, soon after we arrived in Springfield, Mo., consisted of these twelve workers. Old friends will recognize four men who are standing together: J. W. Welch, E. N. Bell, Harry Thaw (these three are all with the Lord), and S. H. Frodsham. Today we have a staff of 225. Thank God, the Assemblies of God Fellowship is not a stagnant thing; it is growing.

down through the years is this, that for more than thirty years we have done all we could to get the gospel to the needy home and foreign fields, sending out to the missionaries one hundred cents in every dollar of contributed funds. Some missionary societies need fifty cents of every dollar contributed to take care of their overhead expenses. The Gospel Publishing House has been largely responsible for carrying the overhead of our Missionary Department, and because we have helped the missionaries and the cause of the Lord in sending out our full gospel message to the ends of the earth, the Lord has blessed us beyond all our expectations.

For many years all the profits of the Gospel Publishing House have been distributed, part to Foreign Missions, part to National Home Missions, part to the Districts for Home Missionary work, and part to the aged ministers and missionaries; hence, as we start to build our new plant, we do not have the needed funds. And so we are asking our friends on the field, who have helped us so splendidly in the past, to pray with us about our needs and to cooperate with us all they can. We have come to very difficult days because of the greatly increased costs of production. Our paper bill alone last year amounted to \$180,997, in contrast to less than half that figure in former years; and we fear it will be much larger this year. Our bill for postage alone came to over \$60,000. Though we have increased the price of some of our publications, these increases do not absorb the increased cost of production.

Within the coming year we shall need \$900,000 to pay for the first unit of our publishing plant. Our presses, that have been running day and night down through the years, are practically worn out, so that we need approximately \$200,000 for new equipment.

A sister came to Springfield some years ago. Her life had been a hard one. Her husband had left her and she had had to care for a large family of children. But she had been very interested in the building of Central Bible Institute; and so from time to time, when the first unit was being built, she sent in a dollar's worth of dimes which she had saved. Two of her children, when they grew up, attended Central Bible Institute. As this sister looked at the building of Central Bible Institute, for which twenty years previously she had sacrificed many a dime, she praised the Lord for having had the privilege of investing a few dollars in that building.

We are persuaded that in days to come it will be a joy to many who have contributed a few dollars, or maybe a few hundred or thousand dollars of their love gifts toward the erection of the new publishing plant in Springfield, to look at the new building and at the vast quantity of Pentecostal literature going out from there to the ends of the earth, and to declare: "Thank God, we had a part in the building of that plant and in providing some help at a time of great need, so that the publication work and the great Home and Foreign Missionary work of the Assemblies of God could continue."—S.H.F.

FREE LITERATURE

We happened to overprint on certain issues of the *Evangel* and as a result we have quite a quantity of extra copies on hand. A bundle of assorted copies of these back numbers will be sent free of charge to any who will undertake to distribute them and put them to good use. Please tell us how many you can use.—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri.

TONGUES AND THE CROSS

(Continued from page three)

Would Brother Wannemacher pay \$350 for his violin if it had got into the possession of someone who had ruined it so that it would only play scratches and screeches? Yes, he would, if he could restore its beautiful tone. What would God pay for man, fallen from his high dignity because of sin, and become the abode of every evil spirit? Go to the cross and gaze upon it until you realize what God paid for you that He might restore your original estate of being an instrument of expression of the glory of God, restoring not only the beauty you lost in the fall, but giving you even a greater glory, the glory of being the temple of His own Holy Spirit.

I was preaching in the streets of Sialkot City in North India one day when I had my violin along. Showing it to the crowd that had gathered to hear me play, I asked them: "You have heard me play this violin! How much do you think I paid for it?"

"Five rupees," shouted one of the men. A rupee is worth 35 cents. That's about \$1.50! I laughed.

"No, guess again."

"Well, I'm sure you didn't pay more than ten rupees for it."

"Yes, I did."

"Well, you were a fool. I could get a much better-toned instrument than that for you right here in this city."

Again I laughed. "You're wrong, friend; you could never get an instrument like this for ten rupees. I paid 250 rupees for it and I wouldn't part with it for twice that sum."

Then my friend in no complimentary language began to express his opinion of the foreigner who would pay such a ridiculous price for a piece of wood with four strings on it. "I wouldn't pay even five rupees for it," he said.

I was about to answer his arguments when God answered him (as He has often done for me in India) through another of my audience. "The man who doesn't know what an instrument is worth is not willing to pay. But the one who loves an instrument and knows its worth is willing to pay for it."

I had my text and I preached them a sermon on the cross. India's gods and religious leaders have never known what the soul of man is worth, so they have never paid anything to save a soul. But God so loved the soul of man and appreciated his worth that He gave His Son to go through Calvary to purchase man and make him an instrument to produce the music of His glory! Hallelujah!

The spirit or soul that God made to dwell in us, He longeth for, even unto jealous envy, because He knows that He can take the warped, ruined, horrid wreck that sin has made of the soul and restore it into the most beautiful instrument of expression that He owns.

Now the tongue or mouth is the symbol of expression—the instrument which reveals that which is in the heart and soul of man. "How can man being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matthew 12:34. "That which proceedeth out of the mouth defileth the man, . . . for out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders,

adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are things which defile the man. The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things, and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. For by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Our words find utterance through our tongues. How important, then, is this little member! No wonder God wants tongues, if He has our hearts, for the tongue is the organ or expression of the heart. But if one is to judge by our tongues I fear the Lord has full possession of very few hearts. "He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life, but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction." Proverbs 13:3.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Proverbs 18:21. Most of us love the tongue. If we love the tongue that boasts and gossips and gives expression to criticism and murmuring and worry and doubt and unbelief and fear and self, for us it will produce the fruit of death and we shall eat it. But if we love the tongue that gives expression to joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, faith, trust, love, thanksgiving, praise, worship, truth, and unselfishness, for us it will produce the fruit of LIFE and we shall eat it. "What man is he that desireth life and loveth many days that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles," says one of the Proverbs. These are but a few of the scriptures setting forth the very great importance of the tongue. No wonder God wants our tongues!

(To be continued)

Among the Assemblies

FOUR POINTS, TEXAS—We recently closed a week's meeting in which God had blessed in a wonderful way. Bob McCutchan was the Evangelist. We praise God for his inspiring messages. The young people were greatly encouraged, and 3 were saved. The entire church was blessed and uplifted.—Geo. A. Freitag, Pastor, Route 1, Cedar Valley, Texas.

WINK, TEXAS—We just closed a campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Roy E. Norman, Box 2137, this city. God gave us a gracious revival. Several were saved and 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The church was built up wonderfully. The revival fires are still burning; one received the Baptism in our service last night.—R. R. Brown, Pastor.

OLATHE, COLO.—We recently closed one of the best meetings that California Mesa Assembly of God has had in years. Ten were saved or reclaimed, and a number were refilled with the Holy Spirit. A number of families moving into the community are coming to Sunday School and church. We are also conducting a Sunday School and church service at 2 p.m., each Sunday, for the Spanish-speaking people in this vicinity. Three young Spanish women have been saved.—Sam E. Williams, Pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIF.—January 25, we closed a glorious 3-week campaign with Evangelist F. C. Cornell, the former Superintendent of the Oklahoma District. His dynamic messages caused many to seek the Lord; 53 were saved or reclaimed, and 20 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Lord was felt throughout the revival and Christians were stirred to a closer walk with the Lord. The building was filled every night. We thank the Lord for the ministry of Brother and Sister Cornell. Earl F. Davis is the pastor.—Sybil L. Wright.

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WICHITA, KANSAS—We recently closed a Deeper Life Conference and Revival, with H. M. Fulfer, Superintendent of the New Mexico District. This meeting proved a blessing to our church. Everyone was helped by Brother Fulfer's wonderful messages from the Word of God.—Floyd L. Garver, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

GRESHAM, ORE.—We have enjoyed a return campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. William Andrews of Seattle, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry also of Seattle, were in charge of the music. The blessing of the Lord was upon us from the first service to the close. Seventy-eight came for salvation, 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 30 were baptized in water. God is adding many to the church. The Sunday School record was broken three times, reaching 296 the closing day. Fifteen were saved in the last service.—Geo. A. Bullock, Pastor.

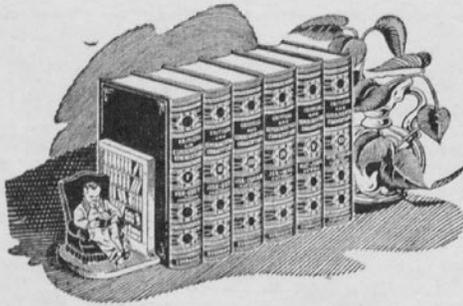
ST. JOHN, WASH.—We recently closed special meetings with Evangelist Benny P. Birkeland of Seattle. His anointed ministry was enjoyed by the church and by many visitors. Fifteen were definitely saved and 6 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. A woman 81 years old was saved and filled with the Spirit in a glorious way. Two were filled while standing on their feet, and they preached in other tongues for over an hour. Numerous other saints were refilled, and the entire work was revived and refreshed. The town was stirred. Our Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high during these meetings. We also enjoyed the anointed gospel singing of William Malvaney.—Lester W. Damron, Pastor.

SALEM, OHIO—On February 1, the twelfth anniversary of the founding of our assembly, we were able to burn the church mortgage. At 2:30 p.m., our congregation and several visiting ministers and outsiders gathered for this blessed service. Mayor R. R. Johnson and Floyd McKee, president of Salem China Co. and an active Christian layman, made congratulatory remarks; E. E. Bond, our District Superintendent, preached; and then the mortgage was burned.

Twelve years ago, after 5 weeks of revival services conducted by Milton R. Searles, our present pastor, the church was started as a small congregation. In April, 1941, a building fund was opened; on December 1, 1942, a brick building formerly used as a grocery store was purchased for \$6,900. In two years, \$2,066.91 had come in for the building fund. In February, 1943, a complete remodeling job was started. This included a new Colonial brick front and classrooms on the second floor. Now, 6 years and 10 months after the building fund was commenced, over \$12,000 has come in to pay for the cost of the building and remodeling. Over 3,500 hours of free work were put into the job by our pastor and the men of the congregation. We are thankful that after 12 years we have not only a brick church but also a good substantial organization and membership, and the blessing of Pentecost in our midst.—Emery Barnes, Church Secretary.

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NOCONA, TEXAS—In the latter part of December we had a good revival meeting with Evangelist R. E. Maxwell. In this meeting, 3 received the Holy Ghost Baptism, some were refilled, 2 were saved and some were reclaimed. The church was greatly blessed. Our Sunday School attendance almost reached the 100 mark.—John Nothalf, Pastor.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS—We have just closed one of the most successful revival meetings ever conducted at the First Assembly of God. Evangelist Louie Shultz of Blytheville came to us New Year's Eve and preached 4½ weeks. We had the largest crowds ever to attend this church. There were 38 conversions; 29 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Many outstanding healings were wrought in answer to prayer. A woman who used crutches because of a bone being split was healed. A man was healed of sinus trouble. Another man who had a mashed foot was healed; the doctor had said his foot would have to come off within 48 hours. A woman was healed of ulcerated stomach. Another woman, who was expected to go to the hospital on Tuesday, was prayed for Monday night and healed. This was real Pentecost sent to our church.—Mont M. Walker, Pastor.

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO—We celebrated our first anniversary in our new work here January 20. That night 40 testified to having received salvation and the Baptism since the work began. There is a revival spirit in our midst. No protracted meetings, but at our regular services a deep spirit of conviction is present, and it so grips the people that, many times, 25 to 35 are at the altar seeking God. In our C. A. services this same spirit is present. This past week 6 were saved in our regular services. Our young people think nothing of spending a night in prayer. Many fast until they are physically weak. At times, during the regular worship, conviction comes with such power that without invitation sinners and backsliders come for prayer.

Miracles of healing are taking place. Cancers removed. Heart ailments healed. Growths drop off. Nervousness turns to deep peace and serenity. I have never before seen the hand of God on a place with such manifestations of drawing power.—John W. Sullivan, Pastor, 2712 N. Verity Parkway.

SKIATOOK, OKLA., and WEBB CITY, MO.—After pastoring the church at Skiatook, Okla., for 15 months, I have resigned to accept the call to the First Assembly of God, Webb and Church Sts., Webb City, Mo. While in Skiatook, the Sunday School attendance made an increase of 26 per Sunday over the previous year, or an average of .87. The Sunday average during our last six months was 104, making an increase of 44 each Sunday over the previous period last year. The church attendance showed a good increase. Several were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the church membership nearly doubled.

Coming to Webb City, we conducted a 4-week revival meeting in which the Lord saved 14 young people and baptized 8 with the Holy Ghost. Souls are being saved and baptized in our regular services, and a real blessed revival spirit continues in our midst. We have a fine group of consecrated saints and a C. A. group of 23, all now filled with the Spirit except four.—Albert D. Pyle, Pastor, 702 W. Austin St., Webb City, Mo.

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.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—1739 S. Greenwood, March 7—28; Thomas Don Carlos, Evangelist.—D. N. Asbury, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Victoria Hall, 1226-½ W. Washington Blvd.; revival in progress; Myrtle Daniels, Kansas City, Mo., Evangelist.—E. Jason Davis, Pastor.

INYOKERN, CALIF.—Desert Fellowship Meeting, Assembly of God, Indian Wells, March 8, evening. Special speakers. Ministers passing this way on Highways 6 or 395, stop with us.—Anna Dixon, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Bethel Temple Assembly of God; March 7, for 3 weeks; William Panos, Evangelist. Three services and basket dinner, Easter Sunday; other ministers expected to be with us for the day.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor.

CHAPPELLE, NEBR.—March 9, for 3 weeks or longer; B. H. Armes, Evangelist.—H. W. Thiemann, Pastor.

WORLAND, WYO.—March 16—28; Evangelist Bennie Harris and Party, Ft. Morgan, Colo.—A. W. Redmond, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—4735-2nd Ave. N., March 14—; E. E. Noland, Kennett, Mo., Evangelist.—Wiley T. Davis, Pastor.

BIG SPRING, NEBR.—March 14—; Wm. F. A. Gierke, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—F. D. McClellan, Pastor.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Annual Missionary Convention, Highway Tabernacle, 1519 Hillman St., March 14—21.—O. R. Keener, Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—S. 12th and W. Walker Sts., March 17—28; Chas. E. Robinson, Bible Teacher.—G. J. Unruh, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Evangelistic Temple, March 3—; Frank and Gladys Lummer and Party, Evangelists.—J. Lon Hale, Pastor.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLO.—8th St. and Blake Ave., Feb. 29—; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Neely, Evangelists.—H. E. Ross, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Mission Tabernacle, March 23—28, 8 p.m.; Gottfried Bender, formerly Missionary to Venezuela.—Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—1917 Central Ave.; March 21; for 2 weeks or longer; Milton W. Richards, Long Branch, N. J., Evangelist.—Harry and Grace Rupp, Pastors.

SPOKANE, WASH.—Spofford at Post; March 9, for 3 weeks or longer; Wm. Andrews, Evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, Musicians; all of Seattle.—R. J. Carlson, Pastor.

COLDWATER, KANSAS—Assembly of God Tabernacle; March 14, for 2 weeks or longer; Mina Hartzler and Roberta Livers of Osborne, Evangelists.—Dalton E. Calloway, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—West Side Gospel Tabernacle, 1462-1464 S. Belmont Ave.; March 28, for 2 weeks; George Hayes, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—Thomas Paino, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE.—First Annual Missionary Convention, Portland Gospel Tabernacle, S. E. 12th Ave. and Taylor St., March 11—14. Missionaries participating in convention: H. C. Ball, Missionary Secretary to Latin America; Helen Gustafson, China; Harry M. Downey, Africa. Home-coming Day, for all former members and friends of Portland Gospel Tabernacle, March 14.—N. D. Davidson, Pastor.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY PRAYER CONFERENCE

New York-New Jersey District Prayer Conference, Gospel Lighthouse Church, Hudson Falls, N. Y., March 30—April 1. Ministers and Christian workers urged to attend. Thos. R. Brubaker, District Superintendent, will be present. Services 9:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Accommodations free as far as possible. Noon meal on free-will offering plan. For reservations write Robert A. Canterbury, 29 North St., Hudson Falls, N. Y. Bus service to Glens Falls. Trains to Ft. Edward, N. Y. Call Church, Phone 4-4720.—Fred. D. Drake, District Prayer Conference Leader.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MASS YOUTH RALLY
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Southern California Full Gospel Mass Youth Rally, Shrine Auditorium, Jefferson and Royal Sts. (near Figueroa), March 29, 7:00 p.m. Watson Argue, Winnipeg, Canada, speaker. Southern California Bible College Band will play; Angelus Temple's 300-voice Youth Choir and Dr. Britton's Youth Choir from Alhambra will sing. Heilding Halverson of Seattle, Wash., will lead congregational singing. 7,000 free seats. Sponsored by Assemblies of God, Foursquare, Pentecostal Church of God, and Independent Full Gospel Churches. For further information write L. B. Lewis, District C. A. President, 1044 Marine Ave., Wilmington, Calif.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES

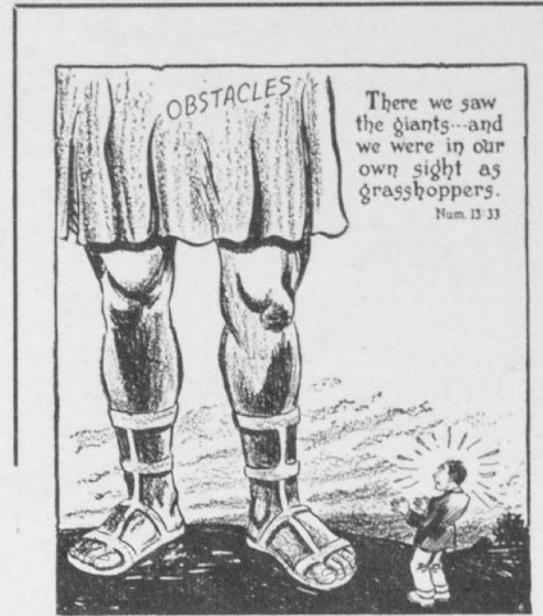
Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: March 15—17, Muskogee-Poteau Sections, Poteau, Nos. 2 and 3. April 12—14, Altus-Elk City Sections, Elk City, Nos. 15 and 16. April 19—21, Pawhuska-Vinita Sections, Bartlesville, Nos. 1 and 6. May 10—12 Oklahoma City-Anadarko Sections, El Reno, Nos. 11 and 12. May 17—19, Cherokee-Woodward Sections, Alva, Nos. 10 and 14.

All licensed ministers and exhorters 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 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.

They May Resemble Giants, but THOSE S. S. OBSTACLES CAN BE CONQUERED!

The giants can be cut down—but this is not done by prayer alone. In the Sunday School the worker must be *trained* for his task. This was brought out forcibly in the recent 6th National Convention. Below is the list of books recommended at the Convention. Here the worker may study his individual problems and find the answers.



NEW TRAINING FOR SERVICE, by C. J. Sharp. A splendid teacher-training book for the average teacher. 45c.

BIBLE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS, by George M. Mackie. Customs of Bible peoples which give fresh life to Bible study. \$2.00.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM, by C. J. Sharp. A practical and simple guide in soul winning. 70c.

REACHING CHILDREN, by Mildred Morningstar. Counsel on various angles of dealing with children. \$2.00.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, by J. L. Hurlbut. Evangelical in study, a textbook or for general reading. \$1.50.

THE BIBLE BASIS OF MISSIONS, by Robert H. Glover. Bible authority for missions today. \$1.75.

These helpful books are valuable for individual study. But, as they are provided with study questions, they serve splendidly for class use.

THE CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, by Elizabeth W. Von Hagen. A practical book for class or individual study. 50c.

THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, by Orabelle C. Jones. Illustrated volume of principles and plans. 50c.

THE BEGINNER BIBLE TEACHER AND LEADER, by Evelyn Leavitt Gregg. A manual which covers every practical problem of child, teacher, material, and classroom. 70c.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK, by Allene Bryan. Guidance for Primary workers by one with long experience and success in this department. 40c.

GUIDING THE PRIMARY CHILD, by Emma Pettey. Material to help the teacher understand the pupil and his needs. 50c.

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK, by Blanche Linthicum. The author applies understanding of and method to each angle of work with the Junior. 50c.

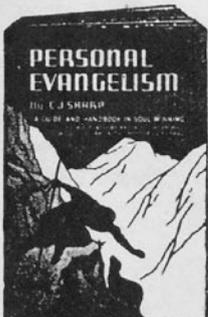
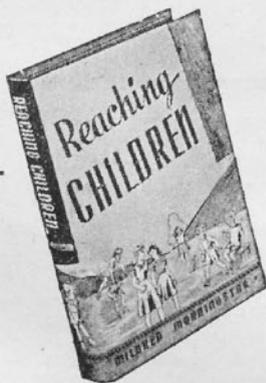
GUIDING JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS, by Myrtle O. Looney. A frank and sympathetic unfolding of the Junior's needs. 50c.

INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK, by Mary Virginia Lee. Practical, workable plans for small and large schools. 40c.

THE ART OF TEACHING INTERMEDIATES, by Ina S. Lambdin. Rich seasoned guidance in methods of reaching and holding the difficult adolescent ages. 40c.

TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, by W. L. Howse, Jr. Objectives and methods in this department. 50c.

THE ADULT DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, by W. P. Phillips. Included in this helpful book are plans for organization in the adult department. 50c.



Space for address or church announcement

FARGO, N. DAK.—Tri-State Sunday School Convention for North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, March 9-11; Bert Webb, Superintendent Southern Missouri District, guest speaker. Opening Rally, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday sessions, 9 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. For further particulars and reservations, write Milton Barfoot, 733 First St. N., Fargo, N. Dak.

KANSAS C. A. CONFERENCES

Kansas District C. A. Conferences: March 15, Jewell, March 17, Dresden, March 19, Garden City, March 22, Pratt, March 23, East Central Assembly, Wichita. Host Sectional Secretary in charge of services. Guest Speaker: Harry Myers, National C. A. Secretary. Other speakers include Everette Ewing, District C. A. President; Paul Witten, District C. A. Vice President. Conference theme: "Our Pentecostal Treasures." Services 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m.—C. A. Department, Kansas District.

SOUTHEASTERN FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Southeastern Fellowship Meeting, sponsored by eight Districts, Ponce de Leon Assembly of God, Atlanta, Ga., April 6-8. Speakers will be arranged by the Executive Committee of South-Eastern Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla., Howard S. Bush, Robert C. Jones, and Marvin L. Smith. Purpose of meeting is to build Christian fellowship and promote South-Eastern Bible Institute. For reservations write Ralph Byrd, 163 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.—Marvin L. Smith, Secretary and Director of SEBI.

TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS

Texas Spring Conventions. The following, two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m.: Paris Section, Rose Hill Assembly, Texarkana, March 16-17.

The following, two days, one night; first service 10:30 a.m.: Dallas Section, Oakland Assembly, March 18-19. Austin Section, East Assembly, Austin, March 23-24. Waco Section, Corsicana Assembly, March 25-26. Beaumont Section, Lamar Assembly, Beaumont March 30-31. Houston Section, First Assembly, 4305 Lillian St., Houston, April 1-2. Tyler Section, First Assembly, Tyler, April 6-7. Lufkin Section, Evangelistic Temple, Palestine, April 8-9. Greenville Section, Glad Tidings, Sherman, April 13-14; two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m. Fort Worth Section, Bethel Temple, Ft. Worth, April 15-16, two days, one night, first service 10:30 a.m. Wichita Falls Section, Archer City, April 20-21, two days, one night, first service 10:30 a.m. San Angelo Section, Abilene, April 22-23, two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m.

All our ministers required to renew their fellowship with the District at this time, and we are requesting each one, whether exhorter, licensed or ordained, to meet the Sectional Committee in their respective sections. Those desiring ordination at the June Council must be present and make application and be examined at this time. Final examination for ordination will be made in your Section and not at the District Council as has been our custom before. For further information write your Sectional Presbyter or the District Office.—James O. Savell, Superintendent; E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

ALABAMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Alabama District Sectional Councils: Southwest Section, Whistler, March 22-23; A. L. Shell, Presbyter. Southwest Central Section, Needham, March 29-30; Hubert Loper, Presbyter. South Central Section, Troy, April 12-13; Carnell Bruce, Presbyter. North Central Section, Alabaster, April 19-20, James Standifer, Presbyter. Northwest Section, Millport, April 26-27; W. J. Hurst, Presbyter. Northeast Section, Gadsden, West Side Assembly, May 3-4; Ben Wainwright, Presbyter. Southeast Section, Slocomb, May 10-11; Elbert Jackson, Presbyter.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., Home Missionary Rally; T. H. Spence, speaker. Tuesday; 9 a.m., short message by the Sectional Presbyter, followed by 30 minutes of prayer and consecration; 11 a.m., message by Marvin L. Smith; 2 p.m., Fellowship Meeting, sermonettes by different ministers; 7:30 p.m., evangelistic message by Howard P. Trawick.

All ministers expected to attend the Council in their respective Sections. Ministers and one duly elected delegate from each Assembly in the Section will elect their District Presbyter. Ministers required to meet the Credentials Committee in person are: Those applying for credentials for the first time; all licensed ministers and exhorters, to renew their permits; and applicants for ordination.

Pastors should come prepared to make Home Missionary pledges for their Assemblies. Individuals should prepare to make pledges also.

For further information write Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile 17, Ala., or Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary, Box 276, Slocomb, Ala.

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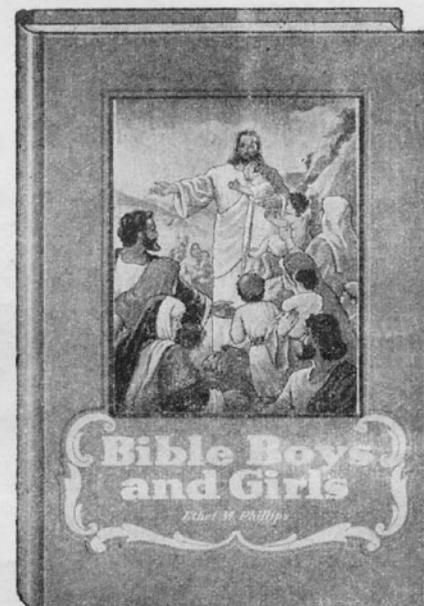
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GRAFTON, ILL.—March 21, for 3 weeks; Edith Swope of Station WLDS, Jacksonville, Evangelist. "Busy Bee" service for young people nightly preceding evangelistic service.—Howard Wicker, Pastor.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

OMAHA, NEBR.—Nebraska District Council, April 6-8. Fellowship Rally, April 5, 7:45 p.m., at Glad Tidings Church, 507 N. 19th St. Wesley R. Steelberg, main speaker. For reservations write L. E. King, Host Pastor, 507 N. 19th Omaha, Nebr. For further information write M. F. Brandt, District Superintendent, 1704 W. Division St., Grand Island, Nebr.

SOUTH FLORIDA C. A. RALLIES

South Florida C. A. Rallies: March 15, Central Assembly, Miami. March 16, Bethel Temple, Tampa. March 17, Winter Haven. March 18, Ocala. March 19, Riverside Assembly, Jacksonville. Wesley R. Steelberg, National C. A. Director, special speaker. For further information contact T. M. Waldron, C. A. President, Clewiston, Fla.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—1619 W. 150th St., Gardena, Calif. "I have accepted the invitation to become co-pastor of Victory Assembly in Gardena, Calif., with Pastor and Mrs. L. H. Clark. Council brethren and sisters are invited to contact us at this address."—Mrs. Lela McGuire.

NOTICE—Upon the resignation of Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent the past five years, the District Presbytery appointed me to that position. My permanent address will be: Box 1549, Great Falls, Temporary, immediate address: 601 N. Fourth St., Missoula, Mont.—Currell Muirhead.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 37, Pine Mountain Valley, Ga.; 2013 Armour Ave., Columbus, Ga. "I am re-entering the evangelistic field."—Claude E. Collins.

NEW ADDRESS—120 E. Ewing Ave., South Bend 14, Ind. "I have accepted the pastorate here."—Lester Sumrall.

NEW NAME—East Wilmington Assembly of God, 1520 East Pacific Coast Highway, Wilmington, Calif. Former name, Gospel Mission.—Herbert W. Ezell, Pastor.

NOTICE—If families having veterans in the Wichita, Kansas, Veterans' Hospital will send us their names, we shall be glad to contact them.—Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly, 1545 N. Emporia, Wichita 4, Kansas.

NEW ADDRESS—After pastoring the church at Holtville for nearly 3 years, we have resigned and are now in a new work at Meiners Oaks. Mailing address: Route 3, Box 146, Ojai, Calif.—R. E. Silvers.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Pastoral

LeRoy W. Wright, 3319 Waterloo Road, Stockton, Calif.—"Have transferred here from the Northwest District. Open for pastoral calls. Wife assists with music. Have two small boys. Excellent references."

Evangelistic

Moses E. Copeland, c/o Kansas District Council Office, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita 11, Kansas.—"My wife is now traveling with me; have our own house trailer. Long experience in young people's work and child evangelism."