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

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**He Is Risen—
—Hallelujah!**

No doubting Thomas would I be,
With eyes of flesh demand to see
His pierced feet, His riven side.

The Son of God cannot be dead.
Nay! He is risen, as He said,
Who for my sins was crucified.

O death, but passing is thy sting,
O grave, no vict'ry canst thou sing,
For Christ arose at Eastertide!

And when my earthly tale is told,
I KNOW I shall with joy behold
The Christ of Calv'ry, GLORIFIED!

—Ann Harvey

Our Risen Lord's Command

W. J. Gaston

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

SEIZED by an impelling passion, Joan of Arc presented herself to the commander of the French army when all seemed lost. "Let me lead the troops," cried this girl of seventeen. "But they will not follow you," said the great soldier. "I will not look back to see if any be following me," came the courageous answer. Placing herself at the head of the army, waving her banner, and, looking not back but forward, she drove the enemies from France.

Patrick Henry, swayed by a passion stronger than his desire for life, uttered those burning words that will never be forgotten so long as there is an American, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

There is a cause infinitely greater and a passion infinitely stronger than has ever been glorified on the pages of secular history. It is the cause of eternal salvation for a prodigal world. It is the passion that brought our Lord from the ivory palaces and the pure worship of angels to suffer rejection, opposition, and finally to become a curse upon the accursed tree.

Our adorable Lord, having poured out His life for sinners, arose on the third day and began anew His quest for souls. The shameful cross was not the end of Jesus, but the end of sin for all who would believe in the Christ that died for them and rose again. His scattered, frustrated disciples were gathered and organized into a great spiritual offensive. The evangelistic crusade was to begin at Jerusalem and spread to the uttermost part of the world. The strategy called for a Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire. The power of the Holy Spirit was to come on them and abide in them forever. "When you go with the gospel," said the Man with the nail-scarred hands, "I will go with you even to the end of the age." Oh, this is truly wonderful. No wonder they set Jerusalem and the pagan world on fire.

There is something beautiful and challenging about the post-Calvary, post-Olivet, post-Pentecost ministry of our precious Lord Jesus. He led Philip to the long by-passed Samaritans and confirmed His gospel with signs following. Then definitely and

possibly with some misgivings Philip was led to his next open door in the chariot of a hungry-hearted Ethiopian on the dusty roadway. It is precious to contemplate that our Lord in the days of His flesh must needs go through Samaria to preach to a sinful woman by the well. Here again we observe that the exalted Christ was cognizant of the spiritual hunger in the heart of this lonely desert traveler, and stationed His anointed preacher exactly in the right place at the right time to effectually meet his need.

In the tenth chapter of Acts we read the thrilling account of how the Lord of glory sought to expedite the program of world missions, which even the leaders at Jerusalem seemed slow to grasp. He dispatched an angel with a message recommending Evangelist Peter to a Gentile audience. He then labored with Peter on the housetop to free him from clinging Jewish conventions. Having brought the anointed preacher and a hungry people together, He then baptized the whole company with the Holy Spirit while Peter was getting squared off to preach.

While we are considering the wonderful fact that the glorified Son of Man and Son of God actually and definitely participates in the work of evangelism, I would remind my readers that it was the glorified Jesus who conquered the intrepid Saul single-handedly on the Damascus road, fired him with His own passion, and made him the apostle to Gentiles. What a change! Hunger and cold, mobs and jails, intrigue and brutality—nothing could separate him from the love of God in Christ Jesus, or assuage his passion to

preach the saving gospel to those for whom his Savior Lord had poured out the last full measure of devotion. To this master builder, salvation and the work of salvation was everything. "This one thing I do." Looking back upon the fading glories of a dying age and remembering the losses he had suffered, he exclaimed, "I count them but refuse." Contemplating his own brethren after the flesh from whose mistaken zeal he had suffered so severely, he penned for us one of the choice gems of literature and inadvertently gave to the world one of its most outstanding examples of selfless love: "I could wish myself accursed from Christ for my brethren."

If any are still searching for the reason for Paul's greatness, let them ponder well the outbursts of his great heart. There was no wavering or indecision in his personality or in his approach. Paul was wholly devoted to Christ and to the vision Christ gave him. He fully believed that all men without Christ were without hope. There was no pussy-footing. We cannot discern the least trace of ambiguity in his message. Whether he preached to a horrified jailer or a dignified king, his burden and his message were the same. The church has suffered and is suffering for the want of such red-blooded, Christ-centered leadership.

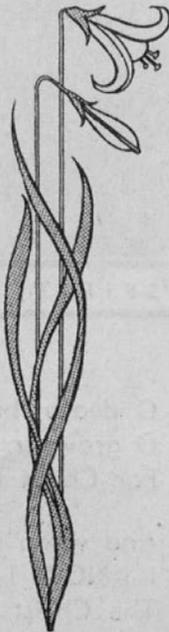
It was this passion for souls that led Livingstone into the jungles of Africa. Years later, when his countrymen sought his return in order that they might lavish comforts and honors upon him in his declining days, it was this unearthly passion that led him to choose rather to pour out the last dregs of his life in darkest Africa.

It was this holy passion that caused Wesley to leave the marble cathedrals of the state church and go out into the fields where he could pour out his burdened soul to a starving populace.

It was this spiritual quality, utterly unknown by the natural man, that sent Whitefield through England and America preaching and weeping as he preached.

And so we might continue. But suffice to say this: there has never been a man or a movement that had power with God and with men that did not share this heavenly vision and this impelling passion. The way of fruitfulness is the way of the cross. The law of the kingdom is inexorable: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone."

Are you a Go-Missionary, a Co-Missionary, or an O-Missionary?



The Great Harvest

The Opportunity

"The harvest truly is plenteous,

The Inadequacy

"but the laborers are few;

The Responsibility

"PRAY YE therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38.

We have our churches, schools, colleges, our scholars, preachers, societies, our denominations, literature, and so on, yet a vast harvest is standing unreaped. Hence the need of prayer, and of obedience to

The Commission

"GO YE into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

The Master's two commands are: "PRAY YE . . . GO YE."



"Then Came Jesus"

Charles S. Price

Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst. John 20:26.

If you should go to a jewelry store to purchase a diamond, the jeweler undoubtedly would put that diamond against a dark background, and then he would turn on it the most powerful light in the store. He knows that a diamond will scintillate and shine more brightly when it is placed against a dark background.

THE DARKNESS OF DESPAIR

When we look at the situation and examine the circumstances that are behind this particular appearance of the Lord, the incident takes on an added luster and presents a greater brilliancy and beauty to the heart and mind. The disciples were broken-hearted, crushed. Their ideals had towered; their dream castles had been so beautiful.

For three years they had walked and talked with the Galilean as He went about on His errands of mercy and missions of love. They were with Him as He stood by the pool of Siloam; they watched Him as by His touch the sick were made perfectly whole. They were present when His words of infinite wisdom dropped like seeds into their hearts, to bring forth fruit in the days to come.

Then there came the tragedy! It was cataclysmic, sudden, terrific; almost in the twinkling of an eye, from the mountain top of transfiguration, where they beheld the glory of the Lord, where the breeze from heaven kissed their cheeks, where the music of the glory world spilled over the jasper walls, they were plunged into the very darkness of despair. Their aspirations were blighted. Jesus had been taken by wicked men with torchlights and with swords. He had been nailed to the cruel cross, and they had watched His face as it became distorted through agony. They had heard the cry from His lips, "*It is finished!*" and His work was done.

None understood it was for that purpose He came into the world. He came not to live but to die. They thought that people of every nation should have listened to His message. Certainly He should not have circumscribed His journeys to the narrow boundaries of Palestine, nor limited His ministry to three short years—they could not comprehend that His ministry was one of death rather than of life, and so when they saw Him die their hearts were broken. They were in abject sorrow and misery, in the darkness of the valley of abandoned hopes, and in the

abyss of despair from which there was no extrication.

CHRIST APPEARS

Then came the appearances, dramatic, marvelous, glorious, wonderful! And as "*He showed Himself alive after His passion,*" proving His resurrection by many infallible proofs, all heaven resounded, and from the courts of glory echoed and re-echoed shouts and hallelujahs. What a contrast to the heartache and sorrow in the lives of these disciples!

I think now of the man called "Doubting Thomas." I am sorry for the constant use of that descriptive adjective in connection with his name. That is, after all, not fair, for there were many splendid things about Thomas that could be described by other adjectives than "doubting." But the sin is not so much the *doubt*; it is to be content in doubt, to be satisfied, apathetic, a condition from which you make no effort to extricate yourself and find your way into the realm of verities. I do not condemn a man for doubting, but he is to be condemned for being satisfied and content in his doubt. Earth is full of such doubters. They never take the trouble to find out.

FAITH VERSUS REASON

Here was a man who desired to know but he could not. There is something transcendently pathetic about his predicament. I can imagine his saying to Peter and John, "I know you are telling the truth; you are not lying. I *want* to believe that you have seen Christ, but it seems so unreasonable. I cannot grasp it. Nothing in the world would make me happier, but I am afraid that unless I can put my finger into the nail prints and my hand into the riven side, I cannot believe."

What was the trouble? The doors were closed. What doors? The doors of the room you say. Oh, they were minor. Locksmiths could open them, but there was another door that was closed. The

EASTER EGGS



door into the heart of Thomas was closed.

Shall I tell you of the greatest battle that has ever been fought in human history? It is not the stand that was made at Thermopylae; it is not historic Bull Run, or Gettysburg, or Waterloo, or Trafalgar. The greatest conflict in human history is that which is fought on the battlefield of the soul. And it is a war that is still being waged, reason against faith, and faith against reason. That is the great battle of the ages, the great conflict that goes on unceasingly within the confines of the human breast.

My quarrel with the Modernist preacher is that he has become too materialistic in his preaching. He tells you not to make a part of experience anything that is not amenable to reason. So he criticizes faith, the very foundation of Christian experience. He says we are wrong; that there is no proof for the virgin birth; it is the result of oriental imagery, the superstitious consequence of baseless tradition. The thing is not physiologically possible, so they insist. How can a virgin be with child? And so they throw it out.

GOD NOT UNREASONABLE

They have thrown overboard the literal resurrection of Christ. They have transferred His ministry from that of Savior to that of Teacher. They prate about the

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The Living Christ

CHRISt declared, "I am the resurrection." John 11:25. It was a bold statement. Not, "I shall be the resurrection." Martha could believe for a future resurrection, but Christ wanted her to believe His present-tense declaration, "I am the resurrection, and the life." It was a challenge to death—the death that was even now gripping Martha's brother, Lazarus, who had lain four days in the grave.

"I am the resurrection." Christ made this declaration before His own death. He not only had power to lay down His life, but He had power to take it again. The raising of Lazarus was the proof of His power; and a further proof of His mighty power over death and the grave was His statement to His apostle John, who saw Him in the glory: "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:18.

ALL WILL BE RAISED

Death was powerless to hold its victim when Christ spoke the word, "Lazarus, come forth." And He who raised Lazarus says to us: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. Marvel not at this. Do not question the truth or hide it from the world, however unpleasant it be to them. The truth is joyous and blessed to the believer.

THE WAY OF LIFE

Christ further declared, "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." All believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have "fallen asleep" shall be raised in resurrection power. But this word of Christ's is a truth for everyone who is now dead in trespasses and sins, that the moment he fully believes—that is, puts his whole reliance on and completely trusts the Lord Jesus Christ—that moment he passes from death to life. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

RESURRECTION AND RAPTURE

Christ's message continues: "And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall

never die." Paul believed this. He knew that if he departed from the scene of his labors on earth he would "be with Christ, which is far better." And he knew that some would not even "sleep," for he declared, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Cor. 15:51, 52. Even the bodies of those whose spirits are now with Christ will be resurrected, and the believing saints will be translated.

LIFE OR DEATH

"I am the resurrection." Herald it, reiterate it, and magnify the statement. "I am the resurrection." A message of wonderful possibilities and undreamt-of glories to those who are resurrected to reign with Christ! But to the unbeliever,

Risen and Ascended

All hail! O glorious Son of God,
In triumph risen again—
All heaven resounds with joyful laud
The song of ransomed men;
The mighty chains of death are riven,
The risen Christ is throned in heaven.

Before Thee all the shining hosts
Of mighty angels bend;
Thy saved ones from a thousand coasts
Their psalms of victory blend—
I join that song so passing sweet,
I cast my crown before Thy feet.

O joy! the great last Adam stands
Within God's paradise—
No longer barred by flaming brands
The shining pathway lies—
Within, the glorious Head has passed;
Each member must be there at last.

Behind us lie the cross and grave;
Before, eternal bliss:
There blossoms from the garden cave
The Tree of Righteousness,
The face that shame and spitting bore
Is crowned with radiance evermore.

Thou livest far from earthly strife
In God's eternal peace—
And there with Thee is hid my life,
And there my wanderings cease;
The secret place where still and blest
I rest in Thine eternal rest.

—Gerhart Ter Steegen.

the worldling, this word is weighted with sorrow, the portent of doom and despair, that after death there is a resurrection and a judgment; for at that judgment all whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life will be consigned to the lake of fire.

A DAILY RENEWING

Christ says, "I am the resurrection, and the life." He wants us to have a daily resurrection out of our old nature into the nature of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light and life. He is daily waiting to supply us with life, and life more abundant. Just as there is a daily resurrection from sleep every morning, and a daily resurrection of the sun, so for the saint that should be a daily resurrection and a daily walking in newness of life—Christ's resurrection life—a daily throwing off of the old, and a daily renewing after the image of Him who created us.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

"I am (not in the remote future, but now) the resurrection, and the life." Many Christians are living in a state of stupor—more dead than alive. We need to know the "I am." He says, "I am," and to that "I am" can be added ALL we need. Christ is our life. He is willing to reveal Himself now to all who believe, as the resurrection and the life. He is now our life, and joy, and strength, and help, and victory. Believe Him when He says, "I am." Our eyes must be off ourselves, off what we are and what we are not, and on Him who is now and ever shall be what He declares He is: "I am the resurrection, and the life!"

A CONTRAST

A miser, whose ruling passion was strong even in death, exclaimed:

"Put out that candle, Marie." "But, Uncle, suppose you want something." "Put it out," he gasped, "one does not need light to die!"

Indeed we do. Alas! for those who have to repeat the dying words of a noted infidel: "I'm taking a leap in the dark."

Now for the contrast. A lad lay dying. Said his mother tenderly: "Is Jesus with you in the dark valley?" "Dark valley!" he whispered, "it's not dark; it's getting brighter and brighter, Mother. Oh," he he murmured, "it's so bright now, I have to shut my eyes!"

And so he passed away to be with Jesus, who said, "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IN NATURE'S OWN AMPHITHEATER

Just as on the sunrise of the first Easter morn there dawned upon a discouraged group of disciples the glorious light and hope of the Resurrection, so thousands gain renewed hope and inspiration from Sunrise Services in various parts of the land today. The above photo shows the service that is held each Easter Sunday near Colorado Springs, Colo., at a spot which the Indians named "The Garden of the Gods." Here, in a setting of immeasurable beauty,

amidst towering limestone shafts, and with snow-capped Pikes Peak in the background, joyful Easter songs echo with acoustical perfection and the story of the Resurrection is told once again. The service is carried to radio listeners from coast to coast over the Columbia Broadcasting System, 6:30 to 7:30 a. m., Mountain Standard Time.

*The Lord Shall
Resurrect Him*

Arthur H. Graves

IT is a favorite method of God to prepare the way before the great things on His program. Before John cried, "Behold the Lamb of God," they had beheld countless lambs and bullocks offered as sacrifices upon the altar for sin. Before God spoke to us through His Son, He spoke at sundry times and in divers manners unto the fathers by the prophets. Before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes there will be signs in the heavens and earth which will foreshadow the tragic events of the notable day.

So when we look forward to the greatest manifestation of divine power outside of creation, namely, resurrection from the dead, we are not surprised to find a forerunner of resurrection, a foretaste of the power that brought Jesus from the dead.

In his instructions regarding the sick, James writes that as the elders pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." This "raising up sounds good when we read it and feels wonderful when we experience it, but when we translate it literally it is seen to be very important in the plan of God. For the expression may be translated literally, "the Lord shall RESURRECT him." Divine healing is actually a foretaste, a real sample of resurrection power.

What the future holds for us in the will of God we do not yet fully know. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." But that greatest of days, the day of final conquest of the last enemy, death, has its

forerunner in the advance experience of the power in the healing of our bodies. It is the repeated evidence of the continuing fact of the resurrection of Christ. Easter is not only a day to be celebrated, but a reminder that we may here and now participate in the power of that resurrection.

The doubts of those who had not seen the risen Lord could not dim the faith of those who had "seen Him alive." So any uncertainty of faith in the resurrection of the dead God delights to remove by allowing us to feel that power; to be, for the time being, RESURRECTED; to know, through divine healing, the very power of life. There were many questions the blind man could not answer, but he was not too much upset by this because he was so busy seeing. How real is the hope that reaches beyond the grave when the power that has vanquished death meets us on this side of the grave in the resurrection of our bodies through healing. Out of weakness to be made strong; out of suffering to find relief; out of the darkness of affliction to be brought into the light of deliverance—how wonderful that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall RESURRECT him." What better time to appropriate this than at Easter?

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

DID CHRIST RISE "ON THE THIRD DAY"?

A Jewish Viewpoint, Written by
Jacob Gartenhaus, a converted Jew

MANY have been the controversies in regard to the "three days and three nights." The generally accepted tradition of the Church is that our Lord was crucified on Friday and arose from the dead early the first day of the week. But this belief has been challenged

on the basis of our Lord's own prediction that He would remain three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Matt. 12:40; 16:4; John 2:19.

On the other hand, to insist on a literal interpretation of this prediction would make Jesus contradict Himself, for on three other occasions, as reported by Matthew, He also said that He would arise on the third day. Had He been in the grave three literal days and nights He would have risen on the fourth day; and we are explicitly told that He arose on the third day. (See Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19.)

These seemingly contradictory statements are clarified when we understand the method by which Jews have reckoned time. There is abundant evidence that the expression "three days and three nights" was an idiomatic phrase to cover a period of any part of three days.

In the Jerusalem Talmud, tract *Schabbath*, there is a discussion concerning the computation of time. We read, "The portion of a day is as the whole of it."

The Jewish Encyclopedia under the article "Day" says, "In Jewish communal life, part of a day is at times reckoned as one day; for example, the day of the funeral, even when it takes place late in the afternoon, is counted as the first of the seven days of mourning."

Idiomatic expressions from other languages should be interpreted as understood by the people speaking that language. So we must accept the Hebrew interpretation of that idiomatic expression, "Three days and three nights." In so doing this entire question is made clear.

But we need not go outside the Scriptures to exemplify this. In Genesis 42:17, 18 we read, "And he put them all together into ward three days. And Joseph

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Christ's Kingdom and Atonement

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

A WEEK ago we spoke of the coming kingdom and our preparation for it. Today we shall continue the thought further, this time centering our thoughts on Christ, our King, and His atonement for mankind.

During the forty days that Jesus spent among His disciples after His resurrection, He spoke to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Then He told them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, and they inquired, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" What inquisitive mortals we are! We like to learn with our heads instead of trusting with our hearts.

The disciples knew that the Old Testament contained many promises of a kingdom, and they looked to Jesus to take over rulership. Did the Scriptures not say that He would reign from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth? And did the Scriptures not picture a time when the knowledge of the Lord would cover the earth as the waters cover the sea? It would be a time when men would beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and all the nations would say, "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

The disciples were right in expecting a kingdom. Their error was in their timing. There were other scriptures which also must be fulfilled, and the disciples, like others, overlooked them. How easy it is to overlook important truths—and here is a most important one. The same prophets who foretold the coming of the kingdom also foretold a suffering Messiah. They said He would be "wounded for our transgressions." Think of it—wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. Jesus suffered for your sins and mine. The prophets said He would be unjustly tried and condemned, but that out of His sufferings He would make atonement for the lost. I cannot help dwelling on the atonement. We need a Savior. We have a Savior. Let me quote a little of what Isaiah says concerning this:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground." This illustrated the difficulties through

which the Savior was to grow up. Then Isaiah unfolded the great purpose of His life—that is, His atonement—saying, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." My friend, this reveals to us that Christ has made provision both for our souls and for our bodies. He can save us. He can heal us.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." How true this is. Have you not strayed from the path that is right? But listen to the wonderful words that follow: "And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Christ had to go to Calvary. He had to make atonement for your sins. Christ died that you might be saved. It is true that He is coming in His kingdom. The promises concerning the kingdom will be fulfilled. But first He is getting people ready for that kingdom. In Isaiah, chapter 53, you will read how Christ gave His life to save us. In Isaiah, chapter 2, you will read concerning His future kingdom. In Matthew, chapter 25, you will find a word picture of the coming of Christ in His kingdom. Friend, God bless you. Get ready to share in the glory of that kingdom, by accepting Christ in His saving work. Do it now. Close your eyes and tell Him your need. Tell Him you want to be ready when He comes again to reign. If you will give yourself to God, and believe in Christ and His atonement, He will save you now.

Order the EVANGEL for your friends.

STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD THE WHOLE WORLD



For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.

John 3:16

A Vision of My Risen Lord

Violet Schoonmaker

IT was the night before Easter. We were gathered together in convention with our Indian Christians in Lakhimpur. We were greatly burdened in prayer. The night before, I had labored in prayer until the early morning hours but it seemed hard to pray through alone. The next day I asked if someone else were not burdened, if someone else would not join in an all-night of prayer. A few responded, and a small open tent under the trees was chosen as the hallowed spot.

During the early hours of the night, several prayed, but I was feeling drowsy. Perhaps it was the natural result of the previous night of wakefulness. Suddenly, I began to realize that there was danger of the weakness of the flesh completely conquering the willingness of the spirit, and I stirred myself up to lay hold of God. I began to tell Him everything: how I wanted Him more than all else; how I couldn't live without Him; how He must rend the heavens and come down. On and on I prayed, forgetting I was not praying in our own mother tongue. (One of our missionaries laughingly remarked

afterwards that it was the longest Hindi prayer he had ever heard.) Time was nothing to me—I felt desperate; I must have God or die.

Suddenly prayer ceased and there before me stood our blessed, risen Lord. He had come into our midst as truly as into the midst of His disciples of old. He showed me His hands, His feet, His side, His back, and His brow. They were scarred with deep, ugly scars. I had never realized before how many, how deep, and how ugly those scars were. Scarred! Scarred! and He the Son of God! Scarred throughout eternity! Oh, the fearful price of sin! I wept, I groaned, I threw myself at His feet to suffer, live or die for Him, our blessed Lord.

Then that gentle breath He breathed upon me and again I heard the words I had heard the night He called me, as a girl of eighteen, away back in the little country church choir. "As my Father in heaven hath sent me, even so send I you." I asked Him what it meant. I couldn't do the sacrificial work that He did. The answer came, "Then said I, Lo I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will O God." Sent to do His will! Nothing more! Nothing less! Just His will! Be it little, be it great! Just His will! Not mine, but His forevermore! Oh, the glory of His presence! Oh, the sunshine of His face! Oh, the sweetness of His smile! Oh, the

sweet comfort of His touch! Oh, the delight to do His will.

Hours passed by like minutes for swiftness, until at last I looked up and out into the still night, the shadowy darkness of the trees all about us, and on into the stary heavens just beyond. Suddenly I realized the morning light would soon be breaking. I was Easter morn—the gladdest morn this earth has ever had. A cry arose from within my soul—a mighty cry—it seemed to shake the stakes of our little tent; the trees seemed to sway; the rocks to break; the heavens themselves to part asunder, as the cry arose louder and louder, "He is risen! He is risen!"

Suddenly I seemed to have leaped the chasm of nineteen hundred years and I was back in that very garden, where the soldiers watched the sealed stone. But the soldiers lay as dead men, the grave was opened, and our Lord was risen indeed. Again I shouted, "He is risen! He is risen!" Other all-night watches took up the cry. Sleepers in near-by tents were roused. They joined us. Two seeking souls, that had been watching in prayer all night for the Baptism of the Spirit, suddenly broke out into other tongues. All nature rejoiced. The trees clapped their hands. It was morning—Resurrection morning! And I was refreshed. I wondered if any of the sleepers were as refreshed as I. I felt that, even as Mary Magdalene of old, I had seen the Lord. I felt like telling

everyone I met, but I refrained until in the afternoon meeting, just before the sacred elements of our Lord's supper were given out. Then the Lord urged me to rise and read from John 20:19-23. As I spoke of the scars, it was as if a cloud suddenly burst over our heads and the whole congregation of Indian Christians began to weep bitterly. The scene that followed cannot be described. I have seldom seen the emblems of our Lord's death partaken of with so much feeling.

Had the night of prayer been in vain? Was this not that which I had longed to see—a real breaking up of hearts? Would it have come if we had not prayed? Beloved, are we cold? Are our friends cold? Are sinners unmoved? Let the midnight hours, let the wee morning hours hear our voices petitioning the throne, for "nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer, except that which lies outside the will of God." How true are these lines by Archbishop Trench:

We kneel—how weak! we rise—how full of power!
Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong?
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee!



There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
Act 5 24:15

ness of life. The Bible tells us that if any man be in Christ he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and all things have become new. That old sinful life with its deeds and selfish desires is dead, in God's sight. It is for us likewise to reckon it dead, and to leave it buried.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow," said Jesus. Do they struggle to obtain life? No, they receive life as a gift from the Creator. Do they strive to grow? No, they simply yield to nature's laws governing growth. Neither do they get their beauty as a result of their self-efforts. They are beautiful because it is their nature to be beautiful. How well they illustrate spiritual life and growth! Divine life is a gift, given by God to each person who repents of his sin and accepts Christ as his personal Savior. Spiritual growth will come to each child of God who yields to spiritual laws. Keep yourselves in the soil of the love of God. Drink of the rain of the Spirit. Draw nourishment from the "exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." There may come stormy days and sunny days, dark nights and rainy nights, times of heat and times of cold; but if you are planted deeply in Him, resting contentedly in His love, yielding to His Spirit in every way, you will grow in strength and beauty far surpassing that of Solomon. The purity and fragrance of Christ you will shed forth, until others will be attracted to Him, and He will say, "As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters." "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." Song of Solomon 2:2; 4:7.

Each lily is a miracle of God's power and grace. Why think it any harder for the Lord to do this for you than to transform the lily bulb into a thing of beauty and glory? God made this very real to me when He gave me the following poem:

Only an ugly lily bulb,
Buried in dark, cold earth!
It sighs; it cries;
It yields; it dies;
And lo! new life is given birth.

Transformed in wondrous beauty rare,
A new creation, oh, so fair!
No mortal knows just HOW or WHY.
The secret is, it HAD TO DIE.
Then God His marvels could show forth.

Oh, be His lily pure and white,
Whose beauty is His fond delight.
The way? Thou now must surely see—
Heed His command, "Come, follow Me."

OILDALE, CALIFORNIA.

Lilies and Resurrection Life

Mrs. Ruth A. Pinson

EASTER lilies! Why is it that lilies, among all flowers, are especially connected with Easter? Is it not because they illustrate so clearly the truth of the resurrection?

Have you ever noticed the lily bulbs in a florist's window? There is nothing attractive about them. In fact, you would not even notice them did you not know the possibilities hidden within those ugly bulbs. A transformation will take place under certain conditions. Plant them properly in fertile soil, water them regularly, and in due time green shoots will appear. At length you will have beautiful plants with exquisite lilies, so white and lovely, filling the air with their fragrance. There will be no resemblance to the bulbs you planted. You will marvel that such a creation could possibly grow out of something so common-looking, so unlovely—but it is one of God's miracles of nature, accepted as a matter of fact.

We enjoy a lily's beauty and fragrance, even though we cannot understand the miraculous transformation that it represents. Why not do the same in regard to God's miracles in the spiritual realm?

God speaks to us through His wondrous works in the natural realm. He is saying: "See what I can do with you if you will go the way I have planned for you. I desire to plant you, too, if you are willing. I will take you just as you are—ugly, marred by sin, polluted by this world, and held captive by Satan. As you accept My remedy for sin, and as the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses you, I will put My life

within you. I will plant you with My Son in His death and change you into the image of His resurrection glory." Believe His Word. Trust Him to make your life as beautiful as a lily. He will make it as glorious and as fragrant as the life of Christ Himself.

The death sentence must fall upon all the works of the flesh. The old life, like the lily bulb's wrappings, must die in order that the new life might find release and manifestation.

A lily bulb must be buried. It must be buried deep: a florist says that the reason many people do not grow better lilies is because they do not plant them deep enough to form good roots. The grave is the only gate to the more abundant life. In Rom. 6:5 we read, "If we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." What a blessed hope. We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. But there is a resurrection life here and now. In Col. 3:1-3 we read, according to Weymouth's translation: "If however you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, enthroned at God's right hand. Give your minds to the things that are above, not to the things that are on the earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

When did you die? When were you buried? You died and were buried when Christ, your Substitute, died in your stead on the cross of Calvary and was buried in the tomb. But He rose again! So we too may rise to walk in new-

Reported Dead!

Floyd J. Highfill

HE was in the United States Navy in the Pacific 12,000 miles from home when the attack was made on Pearl Harbor. He was nearing his twenty-fourth birthday—just the age when life is so promising, when hopes are so high. Who was he? MY ONLY SON!

The weeks went by and I listened daily to the reports from the many islands of the sea. My mind was filled with anxiety. Just where was Dan? He was on the flagship *U.S.S. Houston*, but where was the *Houston*? In less than two months after Pearl Harbor the Japs reported that the *Houston* had been sunk. Each day was filled with more uncertainty. The first report was false. About three weeks later the Japs again reported that the *Houston* was lost. This report seemed final. Again I waited for two weeks more, hoping and praying that I would hear from my son. Finally on March 15, 1942, I received that dreadful message, "Your son is missing in action."

No words can describe my innermost feelings during those grievous days that followed. My only son—gone! Dead? Perhaps. Yet nothing was certain about it. That everlasting doubt about the whole matter added more and more to my grief. Many times I was tempted to wish I were dead.

One year, two years, three years went by and Dan was still listed as missing in action. Finally, after almost four years had gone by I received another message from the Navy. This time I was officially notified that my son "must be presumed to be dead."

Six years have gone by since the sinking of the *Houston* just off the coast of Java, but not one single day has passed during that time without my entertaining the thought that "perhaps Dan is still living; he will come home someday." Especially on days like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mother's Day, and Easter do I look for a message from Dan. Surely he will send us a cablegram or he will telephone us. We will recognize his voice. We will hear him say, "Hello, folks. I am O.K. I am still alive."

No such message has come. But we still look for him, and we hope to hear his voice. We have planned many times to make him happy in case he returns. We will try to make up in part for all the suffering and hardship that he has endured.

Millions of parents know what I am talking about, for they too have lost a son. But it is not nearly so pathetic to lose your own son as it is to lose the Son of Righteousness.

Perhaps we have all come through a period in life in which Jesus was real to us. Mother or father taught us as little children that He was real. But years went by. As our mental processes unfolded we began to ask questions. Soon we were questioning everything—even the creation itself. We became troubled and anxious and fearful. Just then we received a sad message. It came from a college professor, a successful business man, perhaps even a minister, or one of our best

friends. The message was, "He is missing in action. He is gone! God's—only—son!"

Those thoughts haunted us for months and for years. Is He alive or is He dead? Will He come back or is He gone forever? At length we decided: "He must be presumed to be dead."

Oh, the grief that we suffered! Even the churches that we attended admitted that He was dead. Some said that He lost all of His power during the very last act—as He went upward through the air. Others said that He lost all His power on the cross and that all the rest of Christ's story was fictitious. Still others said that He had all power so long as He was living here on the earth, but that as soon as He changed countries somehow He lost all His power except a tiny portion; He kept back just enough power, they said, to save souls. These same people told us that He was away off yonder somewhere in space, but was not interested in our daily lives.

Thank God, there is a happy ending to this



story. Thousands upon thousands of us received a different message—not that He is dead, but that He lives forevermore. For us the telephone rang and we heard the Son's voice. The once-begotten Son spoke to us right at the time we needed help most. The message came when we were in the depth of distress and grief. We heard Him say: "Dad, mother, sister, brother, I am still alive."

Some of our friends, when they heard this message, answered: "Oh, you have been gone so long. I first received a message that you were missing in action. Soon after that I got another message that you were dead. I was so certain you were gone from me forever that I married another. I have made a mess of my life since the day I heard you were missing in action. My life is still a mess. Can you take me back? Will you take me back? I will give up all else I have."

When we fully realized that He is alive, there came to us that joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. There came to us the greatest thrill that ever came to a human soul. With one voice and in one accord we began to say,

"He is alive. He called me up. He talked to me. I heard His voice. He is not missing in action. He is not dead. He lives! He has not lost an ounce of His power. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He answers prayer. He heals the sick. He baptizes with the Holy Ghost and Fire. He gives us His divine love."

As soon as we fully realize that He is alive we desire to give Him all. We want to make Him happy. We want to walk hand in hand with Him. No man, no group, no church need ever report to us again that He is missing in action, or that He is dead. "We know whom we have believed, and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day." We have seen Him manifest His power just as He did before and after the crucifixion—just as He did on the day of Pentecost—just as He did when they brought the sick and afflicted to Him.

Millions of people today have been sick and sorrowful and grieved because they have received the message that He is dead. To all of those millions of people He is trying to get the message through to them—"I AM STILL ALIVE." What wonderful joy is ahead for all those who receive the true message!

On this Easter morn I may not receive the long-desired message from Dan; but I know that God's Son is alive, and because He lives He promises we shall live also. With joy I can sing:

*Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes!
He arose the Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign;
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Whenever He does not rule and live within, we weep like Mary outside an empty tomb. But when we listen we hear His voice. He speaks to us, and we know He is not dead. He lives. And one day the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our God, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever. Amen. The Hallelujah Chorus is more than mere music. It is a glorious message.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

NOT AFRAID TO DIE

In ancient Rome a guard felt sorry for a Christian prisoner who was soon to die because of his faith in Christ. He secretly allowed his daughter to visit him. After she was gone the guard stared at his prisoner. "Why do you gaze at me?" he asked. "Because you do not seem worried," was the answer. "You are to die tomorrow. Tonight you saw your daughter for the last time." "Oh, but you are wrong," exclaimed the prisoner. "I shall see her again. My daughter is a Christian, too. She will soon follow me. Christians never see one another for the last time. They meet in heaven, there to live forever. Now do you understand why I am happy and why I am ready to die for my Christian faith?"

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

On the tomb of Dr. John Condor, in a London cemetery, is this inscription: "I have sinned, I have repented; I have trusted, I have loved; I rest, I shall rise; and through the grace of Christ, however unworthy, I shall reign."

The Passing and the Permanent

EASTER IN JERUSALEM

There is not likely to be much joy in Jerusalem this Easter. The Arabs reportedly hope to wipe out 1,800 Jews by blocking the ancient city. An attempt is being made to declare the old city a neutral zone in the Arab-Jewish fighting, for that is where so many ancient Christian, Jewish, and Moslem shrines are located.

BRITAIN AND MISSIONS

According to *The Prairie Overcomer*, the British Government has ordered a 25% reduction in all missionary funds leaving the British Isles, beginning with 1948. Undoubtedly Britain is in dire financial straits and needs money, but have her leaders forgotten the proverb, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty"?

LITERACY IN MEXICO

During the past three years 1,100,000 persons in Mexico have learned to read and write. The Education Department estimates that 6,000,000 still are illiterate, however, and the Government is continuing its educational campaign, especially among the Indians. Protestant missionaries have done much of the educational work among the Indian tribes. In many cases the missionaries have reduced the languages to writing, and the only literature in certain tongues are portions of the Word of God. Remember this worthy work in prayer.

MEN AND APES

A recent issue of *Pageant* contained an interesting article on Anthropology and a listing of ways in which men and apes differ. It stated: "Apes have long arms; men short. Men have chins; apes have none. Apes have massive canine teeth; men do not. Apes can't oppose the thumb to the fingers; men can. Lacking this ability, no ape could be a competent tool-using animal." We could name many other differences as well, all of which illustrate the fact that when God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind" (Gen. 1:24) He decreed a difference between the species that has never been erased.

ARMAGEDDON

In one of her recent columns, Dorothy Thompson wrote under the heading "Armageddon." She began: "It is entirely possible that World War III will start in ninety days. I say that soberly. The place—if the illimitable catastrophe happens—will not be Greece. It will be Palestine. And the constellation of forces could not be worse for the West."

Never before in history has Palestine threatened to touch off such a large-scale war as now looms on the world's horizon. Such a conflict might indeed result in the Battle of Armageddon. Though secular writers use the word "Armageddon" quite loosely, Dorothy Thompson may have used it very properly in describing the present situation. A third world war may break out soon—and it may be the last. Are you ready for Christ's second coming?

AMERICA'S FIRST BOOK

It is significant that the first book ever to be printed in America was "The Bay Psalm Book," which contains the entire Book of Psalms arranged for singing. It was printed in Cambridge, Mass., in 1640. A copy is exhibited on the Freedom Train which is now touring the country.

READING THE NEWSPAPER

According to a recent poll, an average American family spends 3 hours and 18 minutes each day reading the newspapers; that is, an hour and a half for the father, an hour and 12 minutes for the mother, and 36 minutes for their teen-age son. It might be embarrassing if a poll were taken to discover how much time the average family spends in reading the Bible!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE MOVIES?

A writer in *The Christian Advocate* answers the above question by stating: "Prostitutes are being glamorized; rakes are made to appear respectable; little or nothing can be undertaken without the aid of a cigarette; all social recreation must be saturated in alcohol; the marriage vow is nullified; domestic relations are made a mockery; nudity is applauded; jungle ethics are paraded before our children; decency is made to appear dull; Protestant clergymen almost without exception are made to appear simpletons; sacred things are made common; and sobriety is ridiculed."

BABE RUTH'S TRIBUTE

The following testimony to the useful life of a preacher was given by "Babe" Ruth, the famous baseball player: "Most of the people who have really counted in my life were not famous. Nobody ever heard of them, except those who knew and loved them. I knew an old minister once. His hair was white; his face shone. I have written my name on thousands of baseballs in my life. The old minister wrote his name on just a few simple hearts. How I envy him! Because he was not trying to please his own immortal soul, fame never came to him. I am listed as a famous home-runner, yet beside that obscure minister, who was so good and so wise, I never got to first base."

A FRIENDLY EDITORIAL

The editorial staff of Springfield Newspapers, Inc. have been very generous in publicizing the activities of the Assemblies of God. Recently they published several favorable stories about the National Sunday School Convention, and then featured the ground-breaking ceremony at the new printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House on the front page two nights in a row. Our Pentecostal people were pleased—but one person wrote to the newspaper editor asking why so much space was given to the activities of the Assemblies of God. "You'd think it was the only church in town," he complained. The editor, Mr. George Olds, replied in his editorial column, saying:

"The Assemblies are a mighty active church. Something doing all the time. Activity makes

news. News brings publicity—in fact, it's about the only way I know of to get very much publicity. Try it some time, you jealous churchmen.

"The Assemblies of God is one of Springfield's greatest industries—if you can call a church an industry—just as important to Springfield commercially as a great factory. It is an admirable industry—it creates no smoke or stench, it has no labor problems, it has no seasonal shutdowns, it never runs out of material, and it never seems to have any difficulty meeting its payrolls.

"Its managers and employees, to continue speaking—not disrespectfully, I hope—in industrial terms, are substantial and respectable citizens engaged in an enterprise which requires no apology and needs no federal subsidy or supervision.

"Its product is in constant demand and there is no evidence that its market ever will be exhausted.

"The moving picture theaters, the taprooms, the tobacco counters and the silk stocking vendors may not profit extensively from the patronage of the Assemblies' staff and followers—but that is a situation which does not, in my present haste and indifference, bring tears to my eyes.

"As a non-participant in the activities of the Assemblies of God, but as an active well-wisher for the church's continued success and growth, I think I am entitled to repeat that it is one of Springfield's most impressive and valuable assets and one which, I hope, will continue to make substantial inroads upon our news space."

Thank you, Mr. Editor. May the Lord help us always to be a blessing to the city of Springfield and its many friendly citizens.

SEED FROM KING TUT'S TOMB

When seed gets old it loses its potency, under normal circumstances. But in 1936 a man in Portsmouth, R. I., received three peas from an archeologist in Egypt. They were nearly 3,000 years old, having been taken from the sealed tomb of King Tut. He planted them in his garden, and to his amazement the ancient peas flourished! The resultant seeds were planted the following year and brought a harvest of about a pound and a half of fresh peas. Since then they have continued to multiply, until many have been able to taste the kind of peas that graced Egypt's royal table about 1350 B.C. It is reported that they are tasty and have a distinctive walnut flavor.

It is amazing that 3,000-year-old seed should remain alive and retain reproductive powers after all these centuries. Yet we know of an incorruptible seed which is yet more potent and more enduring. It is the incorruptible Word of the "incorruptible God" (Rom. 1:23), by which we may be regenerated and made to win an "incorruptible" crown (1 Cor. 9:25) and to share in an "incorruptible" inheritance. 1 Peter 1:4. We are "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. And this is the Word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1 Peter 1:23, 25. Thank God for an incorruptible salvation from an incorruptible Savior. And even though we should die and our body should see corruption, in the resurrection of the just this corruption shall put on incorruption (1 Cor. 15:53) and we shall live forever with our Lord.

The Revival in Cairo

Joseph Gutel, Egypt

RECENTLY a revival meeting was held in the Tera el Bulakea church in Cairo. Attendance was very good for at every meeting the church was full. One night when slide pictures of the Life of Christ were shown by Philip Crouch many were turned away as the church was packed long before the service began. Different missionaries and Egyptians spoke and music was furnished by Miss Karlene Burke with her piano-ac-cordion. This proved a real attraction and blessing. Special singing is new here but as the people heard the songs they knew their hearts were touched and one could feel the presence of God in the meeting.

Almost every night when the altar call was given men and women raised their hands for prayer. Then they would gather around the altar where the Christians would pray with them until they enjoyed a personal experience of salvation and would help them tarry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

One night when Captain Carline, an officer in the English army who was a missionary to South Africa, spoke about Nicodemus' coming to Jesus at night there were ten who came forward for salvation at the altar call. In all, there were about twenty-five who sought the Lord and many of them have continued in the church. Also, we feel that the saints of the church were stirred to a deeper spiritual life and were made to realize their responsibility for spreading the gospel more than ever before.

HOUSEMEETINGS IN CAIRO

Among the most effective ways of reaching outside women and men and of helping the church members work for the Lord are the many outside services that are held in the homes of the members of the churches here in Cairo. Our two oldest churches in Cairo have about fifteen such meetings each week and the total attendance of the fifteen meetings is probably over five hundred.

Many of the meetings are held in the morning or afternoon, especially for the ladies as they cannot come to any night services. A spiritual sister in the church who loves the Lord and wants to do something for Him will open her home for a meeting and invite her friends, both saved and unsaved. There probably will not be over one or two rooms in the house that can be used for the meeting and there will not be enough chairs for everyone, but no one worries about that as they are all used to sitting on the floor. It is surprising how many women can sit on the floor of even a small room when they are sitting close together all the way from the door to the feet of the speaker. I have seen by actual count forty people in a room less than ten by twelve feet. When you look at them, all you see are the white faces and the black hoods they are wearing.

Some of the meetings are held at night so that the men can come after their work. They crowd in and fill up all the available room, and often the windows and doors of the room

are full of people standing to hear and see what is going on. At night often the only light available is a weak kerosene lamp, but that does not hinder the meeting as the Christians know the songs by heart and are used to singing without music. How they do enjoy singing the praises of God.

These services present the speaker with a real opportunity and a challenge as many of the congregation are not only unsaved but have never heard the way of salvation explained. If they have attended church at all they have been taught to work out their own salvation by church attendance, giving to the priest, prayer and infant baptism. To them it is strange and new to learn that Jesus died for their sins and all they need to do is accept Him into their heart. But thank God, as they hear the gospel, some of them open their hearts and accept Him as a personal Savior from sin.

Recently, one such outstation was opened by one of our most faithful men. Although this meeting has been open only about six months, over thirty have been saved and some baptized in the Spirit. Last week we were there to speak, and as we gave the altar call several came forward for salvation. One seeker was very much in earnest and kept crying "Ana Koti, Ana Koti," (I'm a sinner, I'm a sinner). But soon God heard his cry and his weeping stopped and his tone changed to one of praise as he received the assurance of sins forgiven. Later he gave a good testimony telling how he knew that Jesus had forgiven his sins there that night while he was praying. He is still attending the meetings and testifying to the saving power of God.

When a group outgrows the house they are meeting in, they get a desire to save money to rent a larger place or perhaps to buy land and build a church. Just now we have one such group which has raised about half of eight hundred dollars to buy and build. Another group of people far on the other side of town is becoming too crowded, so they are thinking about trying to build a church. One of our three best churches in Cairo started as a little house meeting just a few years ago.

Return to Ambon

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Devin, Ambon, Netherlands East Indies

RETURNING to a devastated Ambon only brought heartache and sadness to us all, for we saw only heaps of rubble on every hand. Both of our old mission sites were ruined. We found that many of our most beloved converts were gone to be forever with the Lord. The joyful greetings of our saints who remained alive, however, compensated for much. A few Australian boys who were Christians had been holding meetings with them.

Mr. Devin secured the use of a large house across the bay at a place named Kati-Kati. He repaired the walls, put on thatch, built a bamboo water line almost a mile long and the place was made quite livable. We collected odds and ends of furniture from Australian and Dutch people and repairable pieces were soon put to good use.

God wonderfully helped Mr. Devin build here a good sized atap (thatch) church with rooms in the back for living purposes before prices soared. We are still using this with little hope of anything more permanent, or better, in the near future. Mr. Devin and Morris both came down with malaria and could not be at the opening services. We have a fine group of real Pentecostal people who stood loyally by during the time of illness. Mrs. Devin and the girls carried on for



● Representing all nationalities, all continents, and all costumes, the float of the Missions Departments was one of the attractive features of the parade held during the recent Sunday School Convention here in Springfield.

months alone. At this time we had no transportation we could count on from Kati-Kati and we often walked back and forth (some 6 to 7 miles) several times a week. Souls have been saved, filled with the precious Holy Spirit and baptized in water. Many have been added to our numbers lately and are seeking a deeper walk with God.

Government affairs are not as easily ordered as formerly. We need your prayers. Where before the war we dealt only with the Resident of the Moluccas and Papua, there are now five government heads; the territory is chopped up, and an endless number of permits are necessary, and some areas are entirely closed.

Mr. Devin is entirely well again and is now in Java with Mr. Busby working to get permits for our missionaries, applying for fields of labor, including an area in New Guinea. Pray that God will move upon the hearts of the officials.

Spiritual Refreshing At South India Orphanage

Ted Vassar, South India

OUR heart is overflowing with praise to God for He has truly come into our midst. His name is being praised and lifted up on this compound.

The power of God started falling in the nursery when God slew four under the power of the Holy Spirit and they came through to a real experience in God. Two of them were young ladies who work here, and the other two were our own orphanage girls. The first two of these young ladies to be slain under the power of God occurred one night near nine o'clock when they had just tucked the little boys away for the night and were returning to their place of sleep. An urge to pray came upon them. They started praying and God did the rest.

From here the blessings of God moved upon our boys. A wonderful work of grace is being wrought in their hearts. Last night they had one of the biggest prayer meetings I have ever heard in India. I had to walk the yard and praise God as I heard their shouts of praise and their supplications. It was really melodious music to my ears. Brother Bhambal, our minister, came and said, "They have the true spirit of repentance." I did not enter the dorm because I was afraid it might interrupt the working of God's Spirit.

George, age twenty, was gloriously saved this past week. It is wonderful to hear him pour out his heart to God. He has sweet freedom and a precious anointing of the Spirit upon his life now and he can pray as

earnestly and as well as any young man I have ever heard. It is truly wonderful!

All of our boys are now tarrying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We have a special meeting starting this week and I don't know what will happen. The tide is rolling higher and higher.

The other night in church I saw a miracle before my eyes. We have a man and wife who came here from another church to work. This woman has given us much trouble. We have talked and prayed for her, but it seemed as though we were getting nowhere. When the power of God fell in the church the other night, God answered all of our prayers at one time.

This woman was suddenly slain by the power of the Spirit and of all the praying you have ever heard—she did it. She was moved upon by the power of God and arose with a shining face and started making public confession of her sins and asking forgiveness of those she had wronged—calling their names. It was heaven on earth. That night after service she went home and prayed until 1 a.m. Her husband came to our house the next morning saying, "My wife is all right now." She had given him plenty of misery for three months. It is wonderful now to hear her pray and to see what God has done in her. I was never happier in my life.

This is certainly the beginning of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and we are very happy and thankful to God for it.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1948

Congo	\$ 7,076.71	Bolivia	760.00
Dahomey	399.00	Brazil	6,330.69
Egypt	5,384.02	Chile	1,465.00
French Sudan	189.54	Colombia	416.00
French Togo	248.40	Paraguay	383.00
Gold Coast	10,916.05	Peru	3,423.18
Ivory Coast	9,373.64	Uruguay	293.50
Liberia	5,429.10	Venezuela	3,743.00
Nigeria	4,980.94	British West	
Nyasaland	1,933.75	Indies	1,918.52
Sierra Leone	3,630.07	Burma	628.96
Tanganyika	818.38	Fiji Islands	682.00
Union of South		Hawaiian Islands	859.53
Africa	3,558.76	Japan	519.10
China	17,148.26	Netherlands East	
Ceylon	3,755.85	Indies	1,174.22
India	28,637.93	Philippine	
Europe	13,110.63	Islands	2,379.42
Palestine and Near		Samoa	219.65
East	1,521.28	Straits Settlements	347.64
West Indies	6,183.59	Retired Mission-	
Mexican Work in		aries	1,103.00
United States	451.93	Non-Council Mis-	
Mexico	3,332.37	sionaries	3,425.69
Central America	6,364.54	Miscellaneous	
Argentina	954.50	Fields	10,993.47
Total Disbursements	\$176,464.81		
Charged from Reserve Funds	27,284.61		
Total Receipts	\$149,180.20		

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS February, 1948

Alabama	1,413.44	Nevada	98.62
Arizona	1,582.38	New Hampshire	52.75
Arkansas	1,770.49	New Jersey	5,280.17
California	24,244.79	New Mexico	608.61
Colorado	2,738.15	New York	6,531.60
Connecticut	572.35	North Carolina	124.00
Delaware	823.14	North Dakota	1,636.12
District of		Ohio	8,526.58
Columbia	1,113.44	Oklahoma	7,094.11
Florida	2,807.56	Oregon	4,700.89
Georgia	911.95	Pennsylvania	4,903.17
German Branch	468.05	Rhode Island	95.92
Hungarian		South Carolina	81.93
Branch	345.00	South Dakota	1,112.23
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Illinois	7,619.60	Texas	14,084.29
Indiana	1,789.78	Ukrainian Branch	209.86
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Kentucky	472.78	Virginia	1,016.57
Louisiana	327.56	Washington	13,005.68
Maine	100.30	West Virginia	268.11
Maryland	877.79	Wisconsin	2,660.58
Massachusetts	678.68	Wyoming	181.57
Michigan	6,425.43	Alaska	42.56
Minnesota	5,864.33	Canada	1,443.27
Mississippi	639.13	Foreign	88.20
Missouri	11,024.93	Legacies	103.43
Montana	1,397.45	Miscellaneous	16,574.68
Nebraska	1,511.61		
Total Amount Reported	177,656.83		
District Fund	8,569.56		
National Home Missions	1,368.72		
Office Expense Fund	2,272.02		
Literature Expense Fund	135.73		
Given Direct to Missionaries	16,130.60		28,476.63
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	149,180.20		
Amount Received for Home Missions	9,770.90		



Marie Juergensen
Japan



Mary Wagoner
North India



Louise J. Davis
Liberia



Norma E. Johanson
Liberia

News Briefs

Misses Norma E. Johanson and Louise J. Davis left New York on March 4 for Liberia.

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Mary Wagoner left the States on March 5 to return to her field of ministry in North India.

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Marie Juergensen sailed from San Francisco on the S. S. President Cleveland February 20. Her address will be 1666 Takinogawa Mache, Kita-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

A 48 bass accordion is wanted by missionaries in Cuba. Please write the Foreign Missions Department if you have an accordion, either for sale or to contribute. State price wanted if it is for sale.

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EVANGELIZING BY DOG TEAM

Mrs. R. J. Teeter writes from McGrath, in the heart of Alaska: "We have just returned from a trip by dogs to Takotna. Although it is only seventeen miles, there are three summits to cross, and a poor trail at that. It took us nine hours to go, and eight to return, with seven dogs. It was a very hard trip. Richard had to snowshoe ahead of the dogs most of the way, while I rode the runners of the sled, and Mac (age five) slept in the sleeping bag on the sled.

"We had three grand services in Takotna, at which most of the village was present. The people just begged us to return. It is a pleasure to bring Christ to them.

"Much of our trip was in total darkness, since at 1:40 in the afternoon the sun set, and by mid-afternoon the stars began to shine."

MISSIONARY LIFE IN ALASKA

S. W. Clark, our missionary in Sitka, Alaska, gives us a glimpse into his busy week; he writes: "Tuesday night we hold services at the Native School on Japonsky Island. We have about twenty-three young people in our class there. Wednesday afternoon we take the gospel into the tuberculosis sanitarium. Wednesday night we have our prayer meeting here in the church, and most of the saints attend.

"Thursday night we hold a Bible study with some of the girls who have been saved at the sanitarium. Friday evening is family night here at the church. Sunday morning we go to the Pioneer Home (for old people) and have a service at nine o'clock, with from twenty to twenty-five in attendance. At eleven o'clock we have our Sunday morning worship service in our church, and in the evening our evangelistic service.

"This past week I prayed with two native women in the city jail, and I believe that one of them was really saved. She had left five little children for a three-day drunken spree. Pray for us in our busy schedule, that we may deliver the Word of God in prayer to the salvation of many in this needy town."

INDIAN REVIVAL

The following report comes to us from R. W. Buchanan, our missionary to the Indians at Fort Hall, Idaho: "We have closed a month of special meetings with our Indians. The Lord broke through in a precious way; twenty-two sought the Lord for salvation, and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Twelve followed the Lord in water baptism. Everyone in the church received much help and spiritual uplift in the meetings.

"Our Christ's Ambassadors responded to the Speed-the-Light rally one hundred percent, giving a total of \$28.00. Many of them picked potatoes to get the dollar to give. Our C. A.'s also gave us \$25.00 to help with the expense of the meeting. Our Indian people co-operated beautifully, and brought in venison and wild fowl to help us take care of the evangelists, in addition to their money offerings which were a real sacrifice. Many of our people are going through severe persecution, and need the prayers of God's people."

NEWSREEL

Cecil Henderson, missionary on the Chehalis Indian Reservation in Washington, reports the moving of the Lord among the Indians, with numbers seeking God for salvation, and others deeply moved with conviction. The people are open-hearted and receptive to the gospel, and Brother Henderson is anticipating a bountiful ingathering not far in the future.

Missionary R. B. Suhl, working among the Apache Indians at Whiteriver, Arizona, expresses gratitude for the Bible story books and other full gospel literature for the Indian schools and the people in general.

E. W. Brown, working among the Indians at Poplar, Montana, had the joy of seeing a woman saved shortly before she passed into eternity. She had opened her home for gospel services, and a short time before departing this life she testified that she was ready to go.

Fern Rolfe, evangelist to the deaf-mutes, writes that great blessing from God is resting upon the deaf congregation in Akron, Ohio. Some have received a touch of the power of God, and are earnestly seeking to be filled with the Holy Spirit. An elderly deaf couple recently wept their way through to salvation in the first service they had attended for many years.

Peter Padzewich reports that he has opened a new mission in the city of Trenton, New Jersey, for the large population of Polish and Ukrainian people.

LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE SCHOOLS

The students of the Latin American Bible Institute in Los Angeles have expressed to us their sincere gratitude for a recent visit from the Director of Home Missions. The Bible Institute is undertaking the erection of new buildings to house the school, the new location of which is in Puente, California. This year's enrollment numbers 48 students.

Two more Latin American Bible Institutes (at Ysleta, Texas, and New York City) are also doing a fine work in training young men and women to preach the Word of God to the Spanish-speaking population of the United States, as well as to Latin American countries. The Latin American District Council now numbers over two hundred organized churches in the United States, and more than four hundred ministers.

He who has a clear conscience has a good travelling companion.—A. G. Ward.

"THEN CAME JESUS"

(Continued from page three)

social ethics of Jesus. They say that Christianity is conduct. I repudiate it. It is "Christ within... the hope of glory." Christian faith, I admit, may be a leap into the dark, but it leads to the known. It speaks of the unseen, but it leads to the seen.

Nowhere in the Word are we taught that we must live on abstract faith. We come to realize by experience that faith leads us into the very heart of reason. God is not all unreasonable and never has been. Listen to His words: "Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord."

"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" asked Nicodemus of the Lord.

Jesus answered, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth... so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Never you mind about the process. You will find satisfaction in the result. All of us have traveled the road of faith into the cathedral of experience, with the sunshine of divine grace revealing every color in every window.

A WALK OF FAITH

So it was the presence of Jesus that brought conviction to the heart of Thomas. Just Jesus and nothing else. Thomas wasn't going into metaphysics, into theology, or biology. He was not going to talk to the Master about the laws of decomposition. The resurrection was true. Thomas didn't care how it had been accomplished; it was enough to know that Christ arose. We have to come to the same place. We exercise faith in the things our minds cannot appreciate and our intellects cannot grasp. By all the laws of logic, the things that are proved are self-evident, and if self-evident they are proved. We walk by faith through things we cannot understand, and we walk by faith where we cannot see, but the hand of God leads us to where the golden sunlight gleams on the mountains of eternal glory, and our hearts exclaim, "Hallelujah!"

Ah, poor Thomas! Do not call him "Doubting Thomas." How would you like somebody to come along and pick out the worst thing about you and tack a descriptive onto your name, and then you go through life that way? The doors of faith were closed. Thomas wanted to believe but he could not.

How is this healing done? How can a man be saved? People have said in derision: "You preach that sham religion about a blood atonement! How can the blood of a Man shed on Calvary two thousand years ago affect the life of a man who comes to your altar in penitence?"

I will admit to you I cannot answer those men. From this vocabulary of mine I cannot formulate sentences that would transfer my thought to their intelligence, but I know that God cleanses from sin. When the Pharisees approached the blind man who was healed and asked how it was done, they received the answer, "I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

WHEN DOES JESUS COME?

Poor Thomas was struggling, "Oh, I'd like to believe; but the thing is so incredible, so impossible!" The doors were closed. *Then*—Isn't this word beautiful? *Then* came Jesus to the man who was doubting. He came to him through the locked doors. Prison walls are thick but they cannot keep our Christ when the plaintive cry of the heart reaches Him. Prison bars are strong, but they will never keep out Jesus when the poor, wandering soul utters a longing cry to come home to Father's house. The devil never made gates so strong that they can keep Jesus out.

Christ knew what was in the heart and mind of this disciple when He came into the room. "*Then came Jesus*"—if He came only when we were good there would be many times when He would not visit us. If He came only when we deserved it, we would be rather lonesome. If

He came only when we were living perfect lives, only when we had accomplished something great, how very, very seldom would He come. But I am glad He comes *then*—just when we need Him. When you believe? Yes, and when you disbelieve. When you are full of faith? Yes, and when you are full of doubt. When you are walking in the light? Yes, and when you are backslidden, He will come and knock at your heart's door. Let Him in.

"*Then came Jesus!*" When? When this man needed Him as much as he ever needed Him in his life. When you go home put a red pencil mark around that word *then*, and when the devil runs you around the bush, when life becomes hard, and when you are sick and the enemy is laughing at you, just look at that little word *then*, and it will do your heart good.

AN UNDERSTANDING SAVIOR

Jesus came in through closed doors and

looked at His disciples. It wasn't to Peter or John, or to the other assembled brethren, but to Thomas that He said, "You wanted proof of the nail prints, didn't you?" Wonderful, sympathetic understanding Jesus! I know enough about humanity to say that if by some twist of the imagination we could reverse the situation, we would have put Thomas on the carpet and upbraided him, and perhaps had a church trial and kicked him out. But not so with Jesus.

We are the folk who do all the fault-finding. Instead of operating so much on each other we ought to be co-operating with each other.

That is the most wonderful thing about Jesus—you never find Him grumbling, finding fault, and criticizing folk. Even His words to the sinner were as gentle as the breeze of early morning, fragrant as the perfume of the flower, laden with the heavenly Father's love. Not an expression of condemnation, not a vitriolic word



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of criticism, but He just said, "Thomas, put your finger into the holes in My hand. And here is My side. Thrust your hand therein, and be not faithless, but believing."

Thomas dropped on his knees, and said, "My Lord and my God!"

We ask, "Thomas, how could He rise from the dead?"

"I do not care," comes the reply, "but I know He is risen."

God gave him the requisite of faith. The thing he lacked God supplied, and all his doubts and fears were swept away.

Through closed doors the Nazarene still comes to people who doubt. He still gives the proof of the nail print; He still comes to people who need Him.

HOPE BECOMES FAITH

I have seen folk brought into a meeting, some out of curiosity and some through the persistence of friends. I have watched them as I preached the Word. Having dealt with humanity so long, as a general thing I can discern temperaments and can tell when a person is receiving the message and when he is not. I can see people who in their hearts are asking, "Is he telling the truth?" "Is there really hope for me?" "Can my little paralyzed girl be raised from her bed of sickness and suffering, and be healed, so that she can play again in the meadows and fields, and be glad and happy like other children?" "Can my darkness be turned into day? my sorrows into joy?"

Faith doesn't always come like a meteor from the celestial realm, sweeping every impediment out of its way. Sometimes it comes like a flower opening before the smiling of the morning sun, with every little dewdrop on its petals being kissed away by the sunshine. I have seen men whose eyes were dim with tears one night, but by the next hope had grown—conviction, anticipation, and desire—and then hope traveled so far down the road that it took hold of the hand of faith, and faith began to whisper to the heart. Finally, I have seen those men come to the altar, and I have remained long enough in the town to see them made happy. The darkness has been dispelled from the homes of the men who came through the persuasion of friends.

Never mind the doubts. They will come—you cannot tell me they do not fail to come to all of you. You are not always on the mountaintop. You go to church and shout *Hallelujah*, but not always; many times you are down in the valley.

When does He come? *Then* He will come even when your best friends have turned you down. He will come when the doors are shut. That is my Jesus. Human love cannot compare with His. Can a grain of sand be like the Andes? or the flickering candle imitate the light of the sun? Love so amazing, so marvelous, so divine! It surpasses human comprehension.

Whenever you become discouraged, and the enemy says it is impossible to overcome your difficulties, will you simply open your Bible and let your eyes rest upon that one little word *then*?

Half of the world's sorrows come from the unwisdom of parents.—Mary Slessor.

DID CHRIST RISE "ON THE THIRD DAY"?

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said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God." This clearly shows that Joseph's brethren were not in prison three full days, for we read that they appeared before him "on the third day." (See also 1 Kings 12:5, 12; and Esther 4:16 with 5:1.)

The facts are that neither the Jews of that time took the expression "three days and three nights" literally, nor the disciples of Jesus (Luke 24:21), nor the apostles, nor the early church. Peter, in the house of Cornelius, stated to the assembled company, "Him God raised on the third day" (Acts 10:40), while Paul makes a similar statement, "He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:4).

Among the Assemblies

OXNARD, CALIF.—We recently concluded a 3-week meeting with Evangelist Philip Tiger, in which 3 or 4 were saved and one was baptized with the Holy Ghost. Under the anointed preaching of this precious Creek Indian brother, our church was strengthened and built up.—W. C. Myers, Pastor.

SAN JACINTO, CALIF.—We have had a 3-week revival meeting with Evangelist John Jacobs of Fillmore. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship and the messages given were timely and well directed. Six were saved and 7 received the Baptism. All were uplifted by the full gospel preaching.—H. W. Horn, Pastor.

OWENSVILLE, MO.—Evangelist Roy Sherrill of Farmington was with us for two night services, February 19—20. God was very near, and great things were accomplished for Him. The house was full. There were some definite healings. The Lord has been moving and answering prayer in our assembly these past weeks. These services stirred our town and church.—Harold Moll, Pastor.

METROPOLIS, ILL.—Evangelist C. S. McGuinness of Mattoon is conducting special revival meetings for us. The Lord has saved 14, healed several, and baptized 28 with the Holy Spirit. Although the weather has been disagreeable, our Sunday School attendance has required added seating and the week-day services are often filled to capacity.—J. R. Randolph, Pastor.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—The Lord has given us a 4-week revival meeting with Evangelist Walter H. Smith. On five different nights, evangelist and pastor were set aside, as the power of God took over the service; sinners were saved, sick were healed, and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire meeting was a blessing to the church.—D. N. Asbury Jr., Pastor.

COMANCHE, OKLA.—We have just closed a 6-week revival meeting with Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gains Cheek of Memphis, Tenn. God was present to bless during the entire six weeks. Twenty were saved, and 25 were gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost. We praise God for the ministry of our evangelists in preaching the Word and working with our young people.—David A. Roper, Pastor.

CAMAS, WASH.—January 18 a very successful revival effort came to a close here with Evangelist Anna Lock of Galva, Ill. The meetings continued two weeks and we had the best attendance of any campaign during our ministry here, of almost four years. The second night 6 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Twelve or more received the Baptism during the revival, and several were saved, reclaimed, or healed. God was very gracious to us. The ministry of Sister Lock proved a great blessing to our church.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

LIVE OAK, CALIF.—We have just concluded a 2-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Baugher of New Mexico. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Spirit, and the church was greatly uplifted by the anointed messages. There was evidence of a great melting together of the saints.—B. H. and Mrs. Givens, Pastors, Box 381.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We recently concluded a revival campaign at Victoria Hall, 1226½ W. Washington Blvd., with Evangelist and Mrs. Albin G. Johnson of San Gabriel. We enjoyed the blessing and presence of God. A very efficient work of seed sowing was done. We are now enjoying the fruits thereof in increased blessing and membership. Brother and Sister Johnson were a great help to this assembly.—E. Jason Davis, Pastor.

GARDENA, CALIF.—For the past three years we have occupied the building at 1619 W. 150th St., and have held Full Gospel services there. In recent weeks we have purchased the property and are organizing as an Assembly of God, retaining the name Victory Assembly. Lela McGuire of Tulsa, Okla., has joined as co-pastor and with our combined efforts we expect the work to grow. God is blessing, the spiritual tide is rising, and we are looking forward to great and mighty things.—Pastor and Mrs. Lawrence H. Clark.

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.

HURON, S. DAK.—March 14—28; Guilford Mandigo, Evangelist.—C. L. Conklin, Pastor.

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—April 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson.—Leonard Rogers, Pastor.

LAUREL, MD.—April 4—25; John Williams, Augusta, Ga., Evangelist.—Alma Buff Bryant, Pastor.

WINTERS, TEXAS—Meeting in progress; Vernon E. Wilson, Evangelist.—Geo. W. Estes, Pastor.

JEANNETTE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Clay Ave., March 7—28; Arthur Arnold, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—K. D. Baker, Pastor.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—Assembly of God, March 28—; Mathan Musical Evangelists.—T. E. Gannon, Pastor.

SLEEPY EYE, MINN.—March 23—; Nellie Thurmon, St. Louis, Mo., Evangelist.—J. H. Syverson, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, March 30—; The Lummer Party, Evangelists.—Floyd Hawkins, Pastor.

CONRAD, IOWA—Meetings in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Melvin L. Jennings, Minneapolis, Minn.—W. W. Shaw, Pastor.

INDIO, CALIF.—2nd and Requa; meetings in progress; Bill Durbin, Cowboy Evangelist.—Roy L. Buckner, Pastor.

DELTA, OHIO—Meeting in progress; Paul A. May, Pontiac, Mich., Evangelist and Gospel Singer.—L. Lemm, Pastor.

QUINCY, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Lawrence St.; meeting in progress; Ruth Clem, Evangelist.—Melville M. York, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—318 Cherokee Ave. S.E., March 17—28; Chas. Hurst, Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—Joseph M. Bell, Pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—960 S. Third, March 28—April 18; Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Luther Davidson.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Youth for Christ Rally, City Auditorium, April 3; Evangelist Arthur Otteson, speaker.—Joe Brill, Director.

MIDLAND, MICH.—1110 Jerome St., March 14—28; Ralph W. Doan, Evangelist.—George W. Hunter, Pastor.

PECKVILLE, PA.—March 30, for 3 weeks; David and Millie Howe, Evangelists.—David A. Berquist, Pastor.

AUBURN, WASH.—March 14—; Mark and Huldah Buntain of Canada, Evangelists.—J. E. Southard, Pastor.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Ebenezer Tabernacle, 415 53rd St., March 23—April 4; Harvey McAlister, Evangelist.—Evelyn M. Olsen, Pastor.

(Near) **COVINGTON, OKLA.**—Oilfield Assembly, March 28—April 11; James Villani, Evangelist.—Guinne Brown, Pastor.

SHAWNEE, OKLA.—11th and Elm Sts., March 22—; Lee Krupnick, Christian Jewish Evangelist, and Mrs. Krupnick.—C. O. Beauford, Pastor.



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COVINGTON, TENN.—First Assembly of God, March 31—April 18; W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo., Evangelist.—C. W. Quattlebaum, Pastor.

LAMESA, TEXAS—N. Second and Roosevelt Sts.; April 4, for 2 weeks or longer; Louie Schultz, Blytheville, Ark., Evangelist. Neighboring pastors and musicians invited.—Neil Sawrey, Pastor.

CEDARVILLE, MD.—Full Gospel Church; meetings in progress; Harvey McAlister, Apt. C323, 3111 20th St. N., Arlington, Va., Evangelist.—Richard B. Yunker, Pastor.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—First Assembly of God, 1917 Central Ave. Fellowship Meeting, 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.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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All services begin 2 p.m. unless local changes necessary. Notice given in such cases. Paul Miller, National S. S. Representative, main speaker; C. W. Denton, District Representative, presiding. For further information write C. W. Denton, Box 22, Dansville, N. Y.

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Southeastern Fellowship Meeting, sponsored by eight Districts, Ponce de Leon Assembly of God, Atlanta, Ga., April 6-8. Speakers arranged by 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.

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 preasant. 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.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Union Easter Rally, Memorial Auditorium, seating 3,000, March 28, 7 p.m. Music by Southern California Bible College Band and Choir. Ralph Carmichael, director Watson Argue, Winnipeg, Canada, evening speaker.—Floyd L. Hawkins, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

Space for address or church announcement

UTAH C. A. CONFERENCE

Utah C. A. Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 7-9. Night, April 7, opening rally. Rocky Mountain District. C. A. President Milton Newman, evening speaker. For reservations write Guy M. Heath, Host Pastor, 328 W. Lucy Ave., Salt Lake City 4, Utah.—Milton Newman.

ALABAMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Alabama District Sectional Councils: 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.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Ninth Annual New Mexico District Council will convene at the Fruit Ave Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex., April 6-8. Fellowship Meeting, night, April 5. Gayle F. Lewis, special speaker. For reservations contact Paul W. Harrington, 1118 N. Second St., or W. F. Watkins, 402 San Clemente, both of Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Irvin E. Smith, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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; Angeles Temple's 300-voice Youth Choir and Dr. Britton's Youth Choir of 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: 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 blanks 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 blanks, 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 licenses and exhorter's 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.

PACIFIC GROVE, CALIF.—Revival. Children's Hour, and S. S. Convention, March 23-April 4. Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists and Musicians.—Oral Hart, Pastor.

LOUISIANA, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, April 3. Morning, 10:30, in church; afternoon in City Hall. Sunday School Representative speaks at 2:30, regular services. District Superintendent S. H. Clark will be with us in the Fellowship Meeting and in both Sunday services on the 4th.—Grady T. Dollins, Pastor.

TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS

Texas Spring Conventions. The following, two days, one night; first service 10:30 a.m.: 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, North Side Assembly, 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.

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