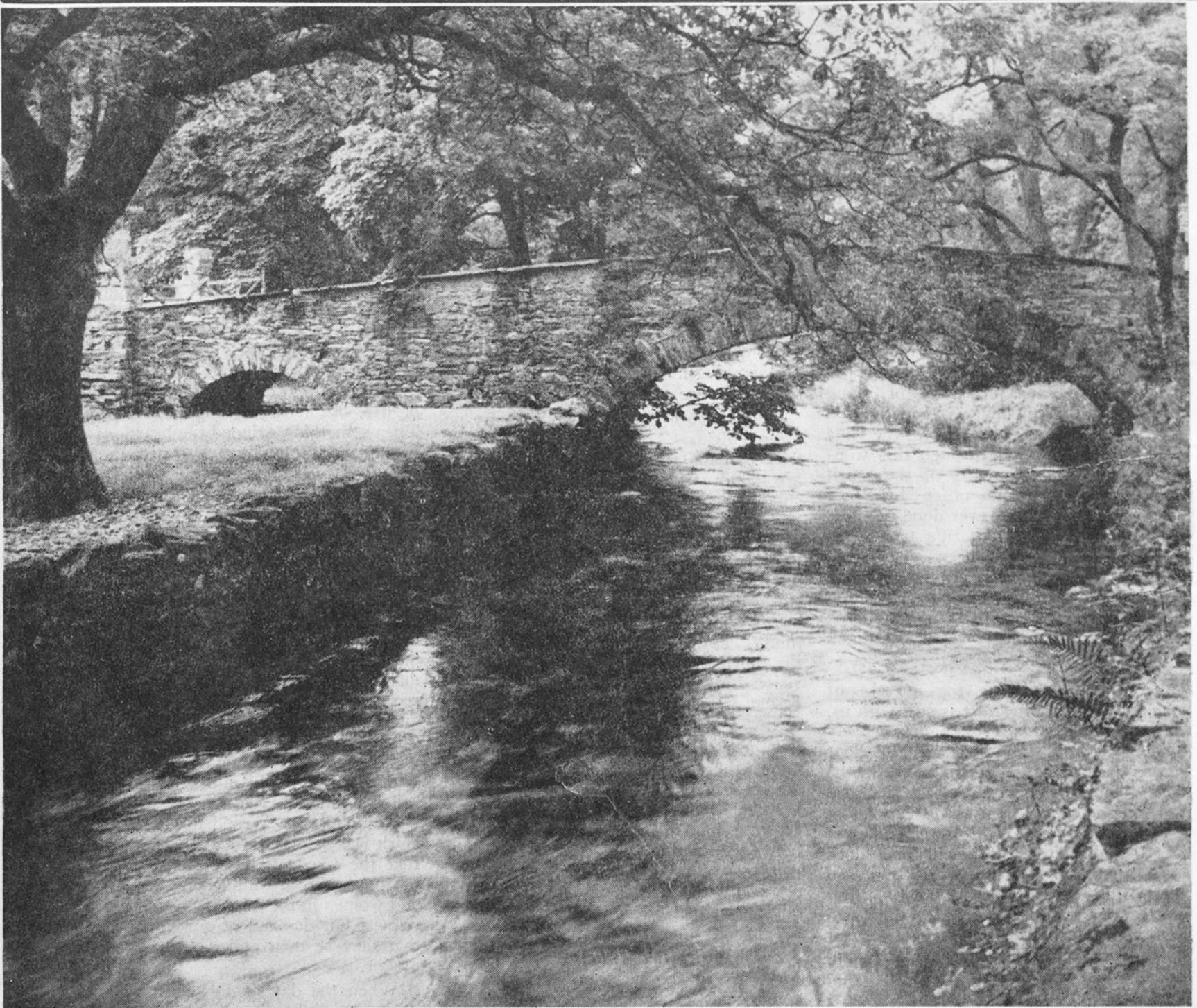


The NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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An old bridge in England (photo by Phil Gendreau)

THE RIVER OF THE SPIRIT

O Spirit, Stream that by the Son
Is opened to us crystal pure,
Forth flowing from the heavenly throne
To waiting hearts and spirits poor,
Athirst and weary do I sink
Beside Thy waters, there to drink.

Thou Breath from still eternity,
Breathe o'er my spirit's barren land,
The pine tree and the myrtle tree
Shall spring amidst the desert sand;
And where Thy living water flows,
The waste shall blossom as the rose.

My spirit turns to Thee and clings,
All else forsaking, unto Thee;
Forgetting all created things,
Remembering only "God in me."
O living Stream, O gracious Rain,
None wait for thee and wait in vain.

—Ter Steegen.

A WIDE DOOR Stands Open

Baccalaureate Address by Wilfred A. Brown
at Central Bible Institute, May 30, 1948

I shall remain in Ephesus, however, until the time of the Harvest Festival, for a wide door stands open before me which demands great efforts, and we have many opponents. 1 Cor. 16:8, 9, Weymouth's Translation.

A WIDE door stands open before me." I like that phrase. It speaks of God's power. It demonstrates to me that God is He which openeth and no man shutteth, and which shutteth and no man openeth. The opportunity which God's child has is the opportunity which God makes; and when He makes the way, it is the way. Glory to God! I rejoice in the wonderful things that have happened in these past thirty or forty years in our movement. I just get thrilled and my heart melts with gratitude when I consider the fact that God has taken, just as He did in the first century, common men and women, filled them with His Holy Spirit, and done His work through them.

I marvel that God has got along throughout these many years without a great deal of flurry and fancy. We have been able under God through this wonderful power and ministry of the Spirit to accomplish what no other church or group of churches has ever done in a like period of time. Friends, it's true. This world, I believe, has been evangelized more in the past forty years by Pentecostal people than it was in any generation since Christ came on earth. We thank God for the accomplishments. We thank God for the victory.

We thank God for the success of former years, but the text is still with us, "A wide door stands open before me." Not "A door did stand open," but "A door stands open now." We cannot live in the days that are gone. We are inclined to revel and reminisce in those things that we once enjoyed, but at this very moment there stands before us this wide open door of opportunity. There are multitudes in the world today, more than when we first started out, who do not know the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There are great open doors, right in your community and mine, souls who need to be born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, translated from the kingdom of the evil one into the kingdom of God's own dear Son. One cannot walk down the streets of any city and look into the faces of this milling mass of humanity without becoming conscious that we live right in the midst

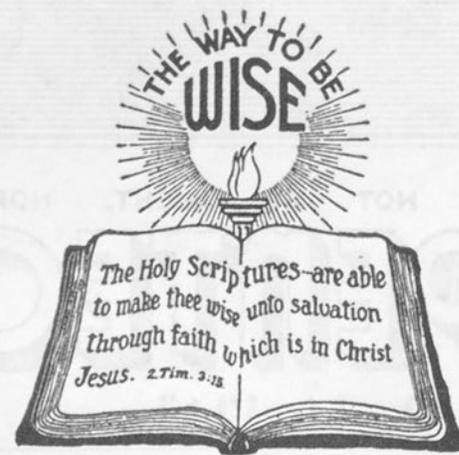
of a group of men and women that need the Lord.

I think, too, that we need to bring into our hearts and minds another thought. We hear about some of the dangers which we face as a movement, but I believe the greatest danger is this, that we have become satisfied. We have allowed ourselves to think that we have arrived, but that's just not so. Within five or ten miles of this well-evangelized city of Springfield lie communities that need our testimony. Have you ever gone out through this great and sovereign state of Missouri where there are more than three millions of people? It could not be said that we have occupied all the territory in this state for God. And when we consider the 140 million or more people who live in our country in the great metropolitan areas, and in the great farming sections of our country, how can we be satisfied? How we ought to rise up to the strength of this Word. *A wide door, hallelujah, is open before us.*

Then there is the great opportunity on foreign fields. The doors of some countries perhaps are shutting, and yet there are doors wide open that we fail to enter. There are places where we fail to give a full complement of equipment and personnel to carry on the work of God. Friends, when we think of the two and a quarter billion people that live in the world today, we must admit that there is before us now a wide open door of opportunity. Let's consider it. Somehow, let the Spirit of the Living God give us the vision of multitudes, multitudes without Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior.

When our brethren started in this movement some forty years ago they had the same vision. There was the same need. We thank God that there has been great accomplishment, but we still have to confess that there is the same need. This world, the foreign field, our own country, our own cities and towns, need a mighty outpouring of God's precious Holy Spirit.

God has put before you and me a wide open door of opportunity. Thank God for that. In another three or four years some fields of human endeavor may be filled. They'll have enough lawyers. They'll have enough doctors. They'll have enough nurses. But brothers and sisters of the class of 1948, you need never worry about a filled-up field if you enter God's work. The opportunity is far greater



than you'll ever be able to meet, and far greater than all of the thousands of young men and women who are attending our Bible schools in America today will ever meet.

I'd like to have you notice the next part of the text, "*which demands great efforts.*" Now we come right down to brass tacks, don't we? It demands *great effort*. Did you know that? Are you aware of that? When we came in, years ago, there were hundreds and hundreds of preachers who preached a good gospel. There were many people who were fundamentalists long before you and I came upon this earthly scene. When this Pentecostal revival first came, the church was to a great extent dead. It had the message of life, but it lacked the power of life. Then something gripped the hearts of the people, and they became conscious that though they had orthodoxy, though they had fundamentalism, though they had the truth, and though they proclaimed the truth, there was still something lacking.

I remember that when I first came into this great movement remarkable emphasis was laid upon the ministry of prayer. In the Credentials Committees they didn't worry about so many other qualifications, but they surely did probe deep when it came to our prayer life. I recall Joseph Tunmore, Robert A. Brown, and some of those worthies back East to this day, digging right into my private life, if you please, and making me conscious that I really didn't deserve to be called a Christian, let alone be a preacher, if I didn't pray. Would to God that that spirit was among us today! Would to God that the Credentials Committees and all of those who are influencing young men and women in the ministry would not only request but demand of our young people that they be men and women of mighty prayer.

When the day of Pentecost was fully come, remember it was at the end of a ten-day intercessory meeting. Glory to God! And the power came.

When Pentecost came in the Twentieth Century it came as the result, I'm told,

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The CROSS in DAILY LIFE

William I. Evans

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:5-11.

This is a scripture that we cannot overlook. It is a direct admonition by the Spirit of God to us individually to let this mind be in us, to let this disposition be in us, to let this pattern be in our lives, that "was in Christ Jesus." He went before us in the way of the cross.

There is considerable confusion about this matter of our relationship to the cross, the place the cross occupies in our lives. Certainly the Holy Spirit is not telling us here in this passage that we are to enter into a process of fighting and overcoming sin, because Jesus, in doing the things He did as recorded in this chapter, is not striving, seeking, and laboring to conquer sin. It is an entirely different matter. Sin is dealt with through the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary. The principle indicated here was operative in the life of Christ previous to the cross. On the cross He gave Himself a sacrifice for sin, and we're delivered from the power of sin by that Sacrifice, but before ever He came to the cross, this mind, this disposition was in Him; and after we have been to the cross, and know its cleansing, purifying power, after we've discovered how to deal with sin through simple faith in Jesus' dying upon the cross, then we're to let this mind be in us. This is the kind of life we're to live—the cross life, the laid-down life.

Notice in Matthew 16:21, "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third

day." Then Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Be it far from Thee, Lord. This shall not be unto Thee. You shouldn't live that kind of life, Lord Jesus. You shouldn't bow your neck and head under the yoke of these hypocrites, these wicked men, that seek your life, that malign you and cast out your name as evil. You don't have to submit to that. You have right, kingly right, heavenly right, and you shouldn't entertain the thought of submitting to the ill treatment and the abuse of these men, these pretenders, these corrupt religious leaders." It's contrary to human nature to let such a mind be in us. Peter couldn't understand this mind being in Jesus. "Be it far from thee. This shall not be unto Thee. It isn't right. You should take an entirely different course, Lord Jesus."

Listen to the reply of Jesus. He turned and said unto Peter, "Get thee behind Me, Satan." "Do you want Me to refuse to bow under ill treatment, misunderstanding, shame, beating and scourging, false accusation?"

In the course of our own lives, it's the most natural thing in the world to stand upon what we think is right, what we think we should have—and we can. The Lord doesn't force anybody to take this way of the cross in their lives. He wouldn't force us to do it. He seeks to draw us by His Spirit into that course of life, because *that's* following Jesus, and we'll never realize what God has for us until we do willingly, gladly submit ourselves to such a course of life.

"Get thee behind Me, Satan. Thou art

The SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal. 5:16.



an offence unto me." It was the will of God for Jesus to take that way, and He couldn't realize all the purpose and plan of God unless He submitted to that course. "Not My will, but Thine be done."

"Thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men," man's way, acting like *men*. The way for a man to act is to stand on his dignity, to stand for his right, to insist on being recognized, refusing to submit to humiliation and ill treatment. That's man's way. But that isn't Jesus' way. And then He adds, "If any man will come after Me (you thought that other way was My way, Peter—standing up on My right, demanding recognition, throwing off the abuses, insinuations, humiliations; you thought that was My life, but listen), let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." *That's His way.*

"For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it. Whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it." He's not talking here about offering our lives in a battle against sin. He's talking about laying down our own desires. Another rendering says, "Whosoever shall save his soul shall lose it." In other words, whosoever is determined to live for the preservation of his own soul (and the soul is the realm of all our desire) he loses it, but whosoever will lose his own desires, follow Jesus, and take up his cross, shall find life. "Let this mind be in you." *Denying self!* "Take up his cross daily and follow Me." Taking up the cross is walking the way of Jesus. We have a right to be recognized. We want our associates to think well of us, and recognize our rights, and accede in the matter, giving us our due. It's our privilege if we want it. *But it's not the Christ life.*

One of my life-long friends entered Bible School shortly after the term had begun. He was assigned to share a dormitory room with another brother who was already settled in the room, and when he looked in the dresser drawers to see what space was left for him he found all the drawers were occupied. He looked into the closet and the clothes were hanging over both the bars. So he proceeded to move the other fellow's belongings, so as to get his share of the closet space and dresser drawer space, and put his own things in. Then he went off to see about getting oriented in his course.

In the meantime, the first brother came back to the room, and he discovered what had happened. He proceeded to put everything in reverse. He pushed the new man's things back into a small corner, and spread his own stuff out. He went to the drawers again and moved things all around so that the larger space was his. Then the new man came back in again. He took in the situation, and something

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The LIFE of PRAISE

THE Psalmist declared: "I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more." Psalm 71:14. This is a challenge for us to do likewise. The child of God has a living hope: "We shall be like Him"—our lovely Christ—and with this in prospect should not our lives be ones of constant thanksgiving?

EVER INCREASING PRAISE

In the Psalms we find that which should characterize the life of every child of God, the progress from deep repentance for sin and a thorough confession of the same, to a childlike trust in God and intimate communion with Him. Then there is a call to press on into such a life of overflowing praise that our latter days shall be like the last of the Psalms, overflowing with gratitude and thanksgiving. For, as Max Reich puts it: "The psalmist cannot say Hallelujah fast enough and often enough when he has learned by divine grace and discipline to say Amen to the will and ways of God."

Everyone of the last five Psalms begins and ends with a joyous Hallelujah. In the six short verses of the last Psalm we have the shout of praise resounding not less than thirteen times, terminating with the words: "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah." Got any breath? Then use it for praise.

RESPONSIVE HALLELUJAHS

David Baron, a Jewish author, tells us that the last five Psalms constitute a Special Service of Praise that was incorporated into the morning prayer in the synagogue; and they continue to form part of the Jewish liturgy until this day. He says: "In the second temple these five Psalms were sung responsively between the Levites and the crowd of worshipers who thronged the temple courts. The custom was for the people to repeat the first line of each Psalm after the Levites, and then respond with a 'Hallelujah' after each of the subsequent lines. Thus as we read of the seraphim in Isaiah 6, that 'one cried unto another,' so the saints in the temple 'cried one to another.' With joy and enthusiasm the people worshiped Jehovah as they responsively cried 'Hallelujah' and filled the temple courts with His praise."

TUNING UP

Psalm 146 begins with the words, "Praise ye the Lord," or as it is in Hebrew, "Hallelujah." The Psalmist then calls to his own soul to give praise to the Lord. He calls to the well within him to spring up. Learn to command your own soul to utter praise to the Lord.

He continues: "While I live (as long as I am alive) will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being" (as long as I have any existence, and that stretches on into an endless eternity). Do you ask, "How can I do likewise?" The answer is given in Eph. 5:18, 19: "Do not overindulge in wine—a thing in which excess is easy—but drink deeply of God's Spirit" (Weymouth's Translation). As a result of drinking deeply of the Holy Spirit, melody and song will flow from our hearts and lips, and we will be giving thanks always for all things, even though the fig tree may not blossom, and there is no fruit on the vine, and everything appears to be destitute. Just as an orchestra tunes up before a concert starts, so we are being tuned up for the rendering of that eternal song: "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Rev. 5:13.

UNWORTHY OF CONFIDENCE

The Psalmist then exhorts: "Put not your trust in princes (in those of highest rank), nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day his thoughts (his plans, his cleverly devised schemes) perish." There is a play on words in the Hebrew here. We are not to put our trust in the son of man—Hebrew, *Ben Adam* because he is returning to the earth—Hebrew, *Adamah*—the dust from which he came. We need to remember constantly that, as Moody used to put it, we are made of dust—not rocks.

Mussolini made a great gamble during the last war; he put his trust in Hitler, who he thought was a mighty prince, whose plans and cleverly devised schemes he thought would bring about world dominion for Germany and Italy. How

futile were these vain confidences! We have been told during the past three years, that the United Nations organization is the hope of mankind. Do not put your trust in that unsubstantial spiderweb strand.

WORTHY TO BE TRUSTED

In contrast to this we are shown the blessedness of trusting the Lord: "Happy is he (literally, oh, the blessedness, oh, the great happiness of him) that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is." The God of Jacob is a name that speaks of the infinite grace of God to one who was a supplanter, a deceiver, a liar, a crook, to one whom God Himself designates "thou worm Jacob." This title, "El-Y'akobh," the God of Jacob, links "El"—an abbreviation of *Elohim*—the Omnipotent One—with the "worm Jacob"—embodiment of helplessness. Oh, the blessedness of knowing Him who desires to be gracious to worms like Jacob and us, and to cause His strength to be made perfect in our weakness!

There is great happiness in trusting the God of Jacob, and in putting our trust in Jehovah, the covenant-keeping I AM, the One who reveals Himself to Moses as "I AM THAT I AM," and who reveals Himself to us as "I AM the bread of life; I AM the light of the world; I AM the good shepherd; I AM the resurrection and the life; I AM the way, the truth, and the life; and I AM the true vine." The apostle who heard these words from the lips of his Lord and wrote them out for us, tells us: "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." John 20:31.

THE CREATOR

This God of Jacob, this Jehovah, made the heavens. In Isaiah 40 we are told to lift up our eyes on high, and see who hath created the innumerable stars. We learn that because He is strong in power, not one faileth. A few weeks ago we were in the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, where we purchased a small booklet. On one of the pages is a picture of a part of the Milky Way. How many stars are there in this cluster or "star city" as it is called? This book states that scientists are sure that there are 40,000 million, but there may be thousands of millions more. One writer in the *Reader's Digest* estimated the number of stars in the Milky Way as 100,000 million. But the Milky Way

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is only one of an estimated three millions of such "star cities." As we meditate on these things we can only say, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3.

THE UNFAILING ONE

The Psalmist continues: "*Which keepeth truth for ever.*" He never forgets His promises. He gave a promise to Abraham, that though his seed should go down to Egypt He would bring them forth again. "It came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day . . . that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt." Ex. 12:41. God gave promise of a Redeemer. "When the *fulness of the time came*, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that He might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal. 4: 4, 5, R.V. Christ has given promise that He will come again. He will not fail in keeping His promise. In due time we shall see a new heaven and a new earth, wherein righteousness shall dwell. In the meantime, we can praise in the assurance that His promises can never fail.

The Psalmist continues: "*Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners: the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: He raiseth them that are bowed down.*" These words were fulfilled in the ministry of Christ, and they will follow our ministry also if we are indwelt by Him.

THE ULTIMATE

"*The Lord loveth the righteous.*" Christ takes our sins and gives us His righteousness, so that we shall be righteous in all our ways, with every act characterized by absolute honesty and freedom from all deceit.

"*The Lord preserveth the strangers.*" The Psalmist tells us, "I am a stranger in the earth" (Psalm 119:19); and we likewise have no continuing city down here, but we seek one to come. But God will preserve us. Israel was exhorted to be kind to aliens, for they themselves were aliens in Egypt. Beware of that super-nationalism abroad that hates all people of other nations and races.

"*He relieveth the fatherless and widow,*" and He expects the co-operation of us who have this world's goods in relieving them. "*But the way of the wicked, He turneth upside down.*" Wickedness is rapidly coming to a head but Christ will overthrow it. All His foes will be made His footstool.

THE REIGNING LORD

"*The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.*"

Praise ye the Lord." This assurance of the righteous reign of our righteous Lord should surely fill our mouths with our heartfelt Hallelujahs. With this vision ever before him, it is no wonder that the sweet singer of Israel, in the four Psalms that follow, calls on all men everywhere, on every creature of the earth, on the mountains and the trees, and even on the sun, moon, and stars to join in an anthem of praise.

MY Ways Are Not YOUR Ways

Arie Kok

ABOUT twenty years ago a Norwegian missionary couple passed through Peking on their way to their mission station far away in the interior of China. They stayed in our home, attended our meetings, and left happy remembrances of Christian fellowship and friendship, as they traveled on to their lonely post.

On December 14, 1939, the husband, a father of four children, tore off the leaf from the calendar for that day and read out to his wife the text: "My thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways are not your ways, saith the Lord."

He became very thoughtful and unusually serious. "That is," he said to his wife, "the very lesson we must learn, and we must come to the point where we can fully submit to whatever thought the Lord has concerning us and to whatever plan He has laid out for us."

When he had spoken like this in a most serious mood, a heavy explosion suddenly shook the house. A Japanese war plane had bombed the mission station. The husband was struck. Three of the walls of the house collapsed and the missionary was buried under the ruins. One of the walls remained standing; it was that wall on which the calendar was fastened. There, everything was left intact, and the missionary lady who had suddenly become a widow read again the same words: "My thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways are not your ways."

She understood, submissive to the will of the Lord.

A few years later, this lady again visited us in Peiping and we renewed our friendship. A few days ago, I knocked at the door of her home in Oslo. This time I was her guest. Her children have grown up and love the Lord. She is doing fine work in a missionary home. She took me to her room and showed me the very sheet of the calendar, which she has kept throughout the years; and again we read those solemn words which have sustained her during the days of her trial after the passing away of her husband, during the

The last words of Psalm 106 are: "Let all the people say, Amen. Hallelujah." And the last word of the last Psalm is just the one glad word, "Hallelujah." Let us all learn to say continually, "Amen, Hallelujah." And since it is good to sing praises unto our God, for it is pleasant, and praise is comely, let us tune our hearts every day to render unto Him, to whom all praises rightfully belong, our continuous, joyous Hallelujahs.

years of her internment by the Japanese, and until today.

There are heroic women living today. She is one of them. She found strength in God and in His Word and knows how to comfort others in times of testing and trial.—*Biblical Missions.*

PRAYER AND EARLY RISING

T. Wilkinson Riddle

I HAVE discovered that early rising solves many problems. For one thing, it gives us a longer working day, with more daylight, and a greater sense of satisfaction at the close that something has been attempted and something done.

Very often friends write to me to express their regret that in these critical and eventful days, they have so little time to pray. At night, when the day's work is done, they feel too tired. In the morning, everything is such a rush.

The difficulty can be overcome through a little wholesome discipline. The solution is to be found in the early morning.

What a fascinating volume might be written about the early risers of the Bible! Let me give you a few illustrations which you can study at your leisure.

We read that Abraham rose early in order to stand before the Lord. Gen. 19:27.

Jacob rose early to worship the Lord. Gen. 28:18.

Joshua rose early to lead Israel over Jordan (Joshua 3:1), to capture Jericho (Joshua 6:12); and to take Ai (Joshua 8:10).

Best of all, we read of the way in which our Lord Jesus Christ "in the morning, rising up a great while before day, went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Early in the morning, our minds are sweet and fresh. We have not been troubled with the "cares that infest the day." In undisturbed leisure, we can commune. It is a practice which I commend to all.

When God Speaks in a Dream

E. Hodgson

THE territory of Kabengele, in the Belgian Congo, is rather a long way from the white Mission Station. Apart from the river and two lakes, the floods make the country difficult of access during many months of the year. Added to these difficulties, the whole of the able-bodied population leave their villages during the dry season to net, trap, and even *garden* fish (as the floods recede from the plains). While the water is deep they use nets to catch the fish. When too low for net fishing, they erect reed barriers and later close the channels with basket traps of all sizes. Then when the water has quite disappeared and the plains dry and get hard, they take garden hoes and dig down in the ground to find big fresh fish, like eels, asleep, each done up in its own airtight liquid-filled bag, nature's own cellophane wrapper! In this way their fishing and money-making season keeps them on the move, away from home for one half of the year.

Under these conditions it is impossible for a white missionary to care for and visit effectually all these people. His oversight naturally is only superficial under such circumstances. Only one of themselves, living their life and loving their souls, can keep in vital touch with them all. Thus when twenty-five Christian churches had been established in the Kabengele territory, a very responsible native shepherd was needed to care for them—one whom both the natives and the white missionary could look to with confidence. Peter was that one.

For the past ten years Peter, with a big shepherd heart, has cared unceasingly for his ever-increasing flock. Nothing seems to be too much trouble for him as he spends and is spent for the many churches of believers and their local pastors. After robbing himself of all luxuries and many of the necessities of life for a time, he was able to buy a second-hand bicycle, so as to visit the villages more often, and to be able to answer quickly any call, day or night.

God has honored Peter's work and testimony by punctuating it with many signs and wonders in confirmation of the preached Word. Living in the same village was a woman spirit-medium and witch doctor of great repute and long practice. Her special line of sorcery was consulting the spirits for expectant mothers and compounding powerful charms for easy child-birth. A man, rather anxious about his wife who was sick during her first pregnancy, took her along to consult the sorceress. According to custom, the ailing woman paid down the initial installment, a link of beads, and then left the medium to dream over her case during the night. The next morning she was called into consultation.

After passing through a dark, quiet, and heavily-foliaged enclosure, she found the sorceress sitting Buddha-like on a raised platform in the hut. She looked formidable enough with chalk markings around her eyes and mouth. Covering her forehead and towering hat-like above her head she wore a gorgeous band embroidered in lovely designs with thousands of

small-colored beads. This crowning head-dress was again crowned with a row of feathers. Her neck and chest were heavily festooned with numerous links of blue and white beads.

With the suffering client fearful but acquiescent before her, she started her seance. At first she just rocked to and fro, then muttered incantations as she swayed in rhythm. A few shudders followed, and then she was possessed with her spirit of divination. First she gazed long and hard into her big open gourd of white powder, looking among the living for the cause of the woman's sickness. Apparently she saw nothing there, for next she seized upon her mirror, and using it as a crystal, gazed into it penetratingly for a long time. Then she said, "Yes, I see the little life within you, but sitting maliciously upon it is the spirit of a relative long since dead, which seeks to kill the child." With this the seance was over, but warnings must be given, precautions taken, and guardian charms made.

The diagnosis had been pronounced, but there remained the cure to be applied. The husband was willing to pay any price for a live baby, so he gladly gave, in rare and valuable beads, the price of half a marriage dowry which was the fee asked.

Another sitting was called and this time a big idol was erected before the sorceress; also powerful medicine horns were quickened to life by being warmed, anointed, licked, and then placed in helpful positions. The sorceress next produced a wee idol, an exact replica of the big one. A row of small shells was laid out and into them was placed fearful and wonderful stuff, such as ground bones, blood, hair, filth, burnt rock (lightning excreta), etc. With great ritual and much incantation these were mixed in minute quantities and packed into the head of the small idol, which by then had ceased to be a mere wooden idol and had become the habitation of a guardian spirit.

After this great ceremony the woman felt safe, and the resulting peace of mind soon bore its fruit in a rested body, as she carried about on her person the wee idol charm. All went reasonably well until the last lays of pregnancy. As soon as the birth pains started the sorceress was called in. She was quite jubilant over her first success, and this time just crystal-gazed into her open gourd of chalk powder. Then with great assurance she prophesied a quick and easy birth that very day.

That day passed with only pains and distress. A second day passed in the same way, only worse. On the third day the poor woman was exhausted with her pains and the husband distracted with fear.

When the sorceress ran away impotent, the suffering woman begged her husband to call in Peter, the man of God, to pray for her. She had seen some people and heard of many more that had been blessed, helped, and healed through Peter's prayers. Peter answered the call with a promise to come quickly, but first of all he closed his door and got down before God in earnest

prayer. Only when he felt assured that God was with him in this case did he go along to the suffering woman. He found both the wife and husband so distressed, that they could only cry out, "We will both give ourselves to God for ever if only He will deliver us today."

Peter, moved with compassion, prayed with the woman, comforted her with great assurance, and then, calling his wife to stay with her, retired again to his own hut to pray her through. Before very long the husband came running along to say the baby was born.

Peter helped them with the many little temporal matters and then, at the right time, simply, slowly, and surely unfolded to them the way of God's salvation. Their hearts were wide open to the message of life. The Word being mixed well with faith, both on their part and that of Peter, light and life soon dawned on the happy couple. Step by step they passed from the darkness of heathenism into the blaze of the gospel light. Peter carefully placed their willing feet on the stepping stones. First, they heard God's Word and accepted it as such. Then they believed trustingly on the Lord Jesus Christ. After that the very joy of possession took them flying over the next three stepping stones, as they were assured that they now had everlasting life, and that, as Another had borne their guilt, they would not come into judgment. The crowning leap of joy was to know that they had now actually passed from death into life.

Such was the simple story of their conversion from idols to God, and it quickly passed around the village. Along with it went the story of the sorceress' failure and fear. This woman knew when she was beaten, and knew the genuine thing when she saw it. Her answer to all the gibes of ridicule from her many enemies was to send for the man of God to come and show her the way to the God of heaven.

Peter, as a true servant of God, was able to become all things to all men, so he sat down and patiently and lovingly talked to the old dupe of demon powers. He talked in a language she well understood and quickly followed. Without fear or compromise Peter told her that the God of all the earth demanded two things from all His people: first, repentance towards Him because of sin; and secondly, faith in Christ as heaven's remedy for sin and only hope for sinners.

The old woman became lovely in her childlike enthusiasm as she yielded to all the demands of God's Word. She found that with the commands came the enabling power, freely given. This was followed by the peace of sins forgiven and the power of a new inflowing life.

Her repentance and faith were so real that she confessed to all by mouth that Christ Jesus was now her Savior and Lord. She herself collected all her evil stock-in-trade and made a heap of everything. Then she stood by while Peter and some of his Christians chopped down the grove of trees, overthrew her house, and burnt everything possible in one big fire, while they sang the songs of victory.

It was just after this that the white missionary called there for the day, on his itinerary. At the close of the open-air gospel service six adults stood up to signify their desire to get right with God and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. After these souls had been personally and faithfully dealt with, there still remained a woman who had stayed behind for special prayer.

It was then that the missionary first heard the wonderful story of the conversion of the

sorceress, for she was the woman asking for prayer. She said that since her altar, grove, and house had been destroyed she had had no rest at nights from the tormenting demons who sought re-admission. She proudly pointed out two of the elderly men who had just believed in that meeting. One was her husband; the other was her master of ceremonies, with both of whom she had pleaded to accept God's offer of mercy and salvation.

Knowing the whole story, the missionary and Peter along with others, interceded at the throne of grace; they circled the woman in prayer, until the demons were rebuked and bound. That night she was set gloriously free, slept like a babe, and has continued ever since in the blessing of the gospel.

Another similar case followed not very long afterwards. A woman was very sick until they even despaired of her life. The witch doctor had been called in, and had done his best, with no result at all. The pain and sickness had pulled the poor woman's mouth up at one side into a terrible contortion.

At last in desperation the husband called Peter in to pray to his God that the woman's life might be spared. For this they would be eternally grateful to God. Her facial disfigurement they did not think that even Peter's God could put right.

Peter took this case upon his heart and prayed with the sufferer every day for three weeks. At the end of this period she was perfectly healed and her mouth normal again. Immediately, on seeing the wonderful results, the husband, the witch doctor, and the healed woman all boldly accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Peter had been to visit his white missionary and was on his way back to his distant diocese, when he was met by a messenger, sent specially to look for him, with bad and disturbing news. A white priest, more zealous than charitable, had arrived in the territory, and was causing a lot of trouble in the villages by ridiculing and maligning the missionaries, who had opened up the territory and planted a full-gospel testimony in every village. He had given out that he was some great one, empowered with special powers, and would soon clear out these foreign, intruding missionaries and make their many Christians into good Catholics.

Peter, the very soul of fatherhood, thought of his many spiritual children and his twenty-five churches over the big lake, so he lost no time in hastening back. He did not rest or sleep again until he arrived in the village where the priest was camping. He found the whole district seething with unrest and disgust at the priest's high-handed ways and uncharitable speech. Peter's first job was to quiet the troubled populace, who wanted to fight the priest. Then he gathered his Christians in groups to pray while he went off to find the nearest government official in order to lay a complaint and to ask for an explanation, if possible, of the priest's un-Christlike propaganda.

The official was residing some two days' journey away, but Peter set off to find him. The first day's tiring journey brought him to his own village. There he called a prayer meeting before turning in to rest. He was so tired that he fell fast asleep as soon as he lay on the bed. While asleep he had a dream or revelation from God. He heard terrible thunders that made him think of the end of the world; all the elements of noise and terror seemed to have

BUILDING THE GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

By Hart R. Armstrong

It does not seem long since we stood in the cold, drizzling rain and watched the executive brethren and heads of departments wield shovels and turn the first ground for the new building of the Gospel Publishing House. But much has happened since then. Work on the project began almost immediately, and has gone forward rapidly.

First, the engineers laid out the building, using surveyor's instruments. Following close upon their work—as is suggested in the picture—the huge power shovel began tearing up the ground. A great hole was dug, ranging from six to ten feet deep, and nearly three hundred feet long and two hundred feet wide. Trucks swarmed busily down into the excavation to receive their loads from the maw of the shovel. Rocks were torn loose and hauled away, and in several cases the old cement foundations of the ball park which had previously occupied the site had to be blasted away.

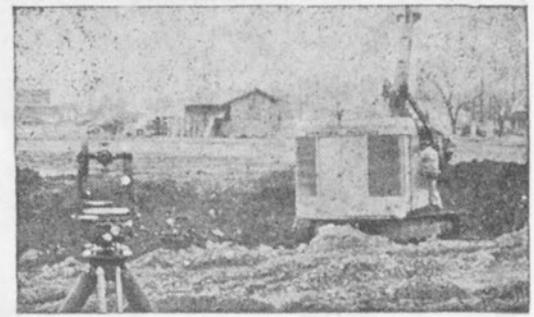
Long before the excavation was completed, work began on the foundations for the pillars which are to carry the weight of the building. Workmen dug with pick and shovel into the hard and rocky ground and 169 footings were prepared. Each was eight feet square and had to be sunk into the earth deep enough so that the concrete could carry the tremendous load and strain of the heavy printing presses which will one day rumble overhead.

Seeing it all, one could not help thinking of the importance of this ministry of proclaiming the Gospel by the printed page, and praying, "Lord, let the foundations be laid well and quickly and let the building soon be finished that the new presses may roll forth your eternal truth!" It is the Lord's work, and we know He will provide and prosper that it may be carried on for His glory.

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gone mad as they vied with one another to be heard. In his dream, Peter opened the hut door to see the cause and effect, if possible, of the terrible noise. As he opened the door and looked out, he saw the heavens open and out of them came a flaming text of Scripture that fell at his feet. Written in fire were the words: "Matthew, chapter fifteen, verse fourteen." Immediately Peter wakened up, startled. He roused his wife to light the storm lamp while he got his Bible to look up this text. With the lamp lit, they both got down on their knees before God, while Peter found Matthew 15:14, to see what God had to say to him. He had not the faintest idea what the scripture was. When he had found the place and read the verse, he rejoiced that God had not only heard their prayers, but had answered with such heart-convincing assurance. "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Now he knew that they could leave the priest alone, as he was only a blind leader of the blind. Soon there would be two parties falling into a ditch, but his Christian followers would not be among them.

The next day Peter returned, and calling to-



Following closely the engineers' transit, the huge power shovel began tearing up the ground.



Brother Kamerer, publishing house manager, watches the heavy equipment preparing the excavation.



Workmen dug the footings with pick and shovel in preparation for the concrete foundations which will carry the weight of the great presses.

gether his evangelists he told them all that God had shown him. Thus he left them strengthened, peaceful, and encouraged in the Lord.

On arriving home again he found awaiting him a plea of distress, for a visit to a man called LUMEMA. Peter knew this man as the bitterest opponent of the gospel in the village. He lived an openly brazen, wicked, and heathen life, while professing to be a Catholic convert.

He was the fearless leader of a new dancing society, that had come in from the outposts of civilization. They had got the worst features of European dancing and augmented them with everything vile in heathen dancing. Their drums, being just big boxes with skins stretched across the opening, were as offensive to the ear as to the eye. Their dancing was a kind of strip-tease, follow-the-leader business, finishing up in absolute naked animal abandonment. These nightly orgies were the despair of all ordinary heathen people, who grieved to find their young children, not yet in their teens, sexually diseased.

This man Lumema took a violent dislike to any and all Christian meetings, so he specialized

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● Some of the fine people who have attended the services at Fan Ling Mission in Hong Kong. Lula Bell Hough is standing in the back row.

Advancing in Upper Volta

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanders, Africa

Our address has been changed from French Sudan to Upper Volta. We have not moved, but the old state, Upper Volta, has been re-established. Now, in name, all Mossiland is one big state; however, Ouahigouya is still cut off. When we want to write a letter to our field Superintendent in Ougadougou, it has to travel over a thousand miles and takes from two weeks to a month although, by direct route Ouagadougou is only 100 miles from Ouahigouya. Things move very slowly in some parts of Africa.

The Upper Volta is mainly occupied by the Mossi people. Originally, natives of Gambaga in the Gold Coast migrated northward about the tenth century, expelled or enslaved the Gourounsi, and founded four kingdoms under a supreme chief. This chief or naba as he is called, is still respected by all including the French Government, who furnish him with a high priced automobile and an allowance of 500,000 francs a year.

The Mossi were once a very warlike people. In 1833, they took the city of Timbuktu. The original tribes of Mossiland were dispersed and expropriated by the Mossi.

French West Africa has sixty-five or seventy main tribes and two thirds of the entire population is contained in about twelve of them. Of these twelve, the Mossi are the most numerous, thus giving the Upper Volta the largest population of any of the French West African colonies. What an opportunity is ours as the Assemblies of God missionaries are the only Protestant missionaries working among the Mossi.

The Mossi and the Bambara of the French Sudan are the two great bulwarks opposing the advance of Islam in this region—but in spite of bulwarks, Islam is advancing. The Roman Catholics are also advancing. During the last few days six of their young native priests have been sent into the Ouahigouya district to open up new works.

Praise God! we are also advancing! The new church in Ouahigouya village proper had its opening service Easter Sunday. Four of our new workers just out of Bible School, are desiring to open new outstations. Souls are being born into the kingdom of God—add these few advances to the many advances throughout Mossiland and you will see, **YOUR PRAYERS ARE NOT IN VAIN. KEEP PRAYING** for a greater moving among the people.

We work, pray, and trust God for the increase. A few days ago I went to visit an old chief, who in his younger days was known to have beaten to death several men. Now he is very considerate of us and has welcomed a native pastor to his village, and built him a house and yard. During our conversation he told me how much he appreciated our message. "The followers of Mohammed come and offer me heaven for a donkey or a goat, the fetish men come and offer me help for a price. You come, show us the right road, lead us to the door and tell us to open it." And sure enough, the old fellow had pretty well summed up the situation. All we can do is to lead him and his people to Christ, "the Door" and tell them if they will knock, Salvation's door

will be opened. One of the chief's wives died and according to custom, he sat in his house, and did not leave the room for ten days. What a time of thinking—death, death, death, and no hope of life. Pray for these African chiefs that they will see Christ as their HOPE for eternal life.

Northern California— Nevada WMC Reports

Mrs. R. J. Thurmond

During 1947, the Women's Missionary Council of Northern California and Nevada sponsored a foreign relief project throughout the district and 29,000 pounds of relief clothing were received for distribution. Shipments totaling over 16,000 pounds went to the Philippine Islands, Singapore, China and Germany. The remaining 15,000 pounds are being processed and prepared for shipment to South India, Singapore, Italy and elsewhere. Milk fund offerings amounting to \$500 purchased 1,140 pounds of powdered milk which was sent to Bremen, Germany and two heifers went to Poland. Many individual packages of food and clothing went to practically every country devastated by war, and two large shipments went to England.

Reports from seventy-five W.M.C. groups show that at Christmas time our Home Missionaries and small churches in out-of-the-way places received 140 boxes of food and clothing, quilts and household articles, \$550 in cash and a number of grocery showers and personal gifts. Many of the Sunday School children in these places were also supplied with toys, candy, nuts and fruit at Christmas. A number of foreign missionaries were helped with outfits. Nine large gift showers were reported, besides 47 boxes of food and clothing. Churches and communities were remembered with 200 boxes of food and clothing and \$350 in cash. One hundred and twenty-five layettes were given.

We have several C.A.M.C. groups (Christ's Ambassadors Missionary Councils made up of teen-age boys and girls). One group made mottoes and sold them and sent \$100 worth of new clothing to an orphanage.

Some W.M.C. groups sold Christmas and greeting cards and calendars and one group bought a sewing machine and paid shipping expenses on foreign relief clothing. Another, paid for the pastor's round trip fare for a vacation, while another received enough money to purchase a heifer to send overseas.

Our Motto and favorite scripture in connection with the women's work is found in Proverbs 31:20—"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." In so doing, we are obeying the golden rule and so fulfilling "the Royal Law" of LOVE.

There are 5,000,000 mendicants (begging priests)—a thousand for every Christian missionary in India.

Pillars in the Church

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kehr, Canton, China

EVERY day that the weather permits we go to nearby villages and market places to preach. We go early in the morning to these villages and return before dark, preaching three and four times a day. When we visit the villages Mr. Woo takes the night service at the chapel and we preach when Mr. Woo goes out. We feel God is giving us wonderful opportunities and we want to buy up this time for we do not know how long we will have to work for Him. We want to strike while the iron is hot.

A man attends our services who has four daughters. Because he thought he had too many daughters he was going to sell two of them to be built into a bridge pier or pillar. (They have some superstition that unless a human body is built into the bridge while in erection, that the bridge is not good.) When we heard it, it hurt us very much, for these girls were coming to our home as well as our Sunday School. But the girls, after they went home from Sunday School, would tell their parents about what they heard and were taught at the Sunday School until the parents got interested.

The father was sick for six months and tried different doctors but he felt none the better. So, Mr. Woo and Mr. Kehr went to pray for him. The Lord healed the man. Both he and his wife became Christians and were baptized. Three weeks later two daughters were baptized. The father came to me and told me that he wanted his daughters to learn to read and some day

to be workers for the Lord. He now wants them for pillars in the house of God.

God has done such marvelous things for this family that the heathen are taking notice of it. They are coming to inquire about the change, and the family has a wonderful testimony to give to them.

At the last village visited on a recent trip a lady came and asked us to come to her home to help destroy her idols. We were surprised for we did not know how much of the gospel she knew or had heard. So we asked her what she knew about the gospel. She replied, "Well, from the first time you came I heard you say that idols were false gods, they could not help us or bless us. I had worshiped them for years and found that what you said was true, so I quit worshipping idols. Now I want to worship Jesus. You said in order to be followers of Jesus one should not smoke. I right then and there quit smoking and have not smoked since. Now I want these false gods destroyed and I want you to teach me how to worship the True and Living God!"

Our hearts leaped for joy. We went to her home, sang and prayed with her, and pulled down all her idols, put them into a basket and brought them home. We took pictures of them and took them out and made a bonfire of them. People came in and asked her what was going on. She said, "I served these dead gods for years and they never helped me, now I'm going to serve Jesus the True God."



- Top, Crowds gathered outside the chapel in Canton waiting for the opening service to commence. Albert Kehr has recently opened this work.
- Center, The first group of Christians from the church to be baptized.
- Bottom, The second group of Christians from the new church to be baptized.

A Brave Dean

John C. Jackson, Cuba

I HAVE moved to Santa Clara, a town some thirty miles from the Bible Institute. I am taking Brother and Sister Grossnickle's place while they are on furlough. This is a fine congregation with the services being held in the two large front rooms of the house. The work is a little over a year old and Brother and Sister Grossnickle have done splendidly.

I drive to and from school in the jeep, leaving on Tuesday morning and returning on Wednesday. By teaching consecutive periods I am able to teach all of my classes in the two days. The remainder of the week is spent in preparation, services and pastoral visitation.

We have services twice a week and two Sunday schools on Sunday. Saturday nights we load up the jeep and drive to a neighboring town where we have street meetings. We hope to be able to obtain a building soon and begin services there. A native pastor, Antonio Era, is also helping us in this effort and it looks very promising. Pray that God will bless in this effort.

The Boys' School is over and the boys

have returned to their homes. It is a real satisfaction to know that two of them are in full-time gospel work and that the rest are helping in their respective churches. This year has been a real success and we look forward to next year with high expectations for it will be the year that they will finish their three-year term and we will have the first graduation for this course.

God has given us ten girls in the Girls' School which is now well under way. They have a little more difficulty than the boys in that this is the rainy season here. It rains nearly every day and some times twice a day. Of course this means that there is mud and water everywhere. They are overcoming the difficulties, thank the Lord.

Virginia Carpenter is Dean of Women and is doing a splendid job. Due to the rains the bugs and snakes get in the house and it is quite comical when the girls see them. They all call for Miss Carpenter to come and kill them. It is a good thing the Lord has given her boldness or I am afraid the girls would all abandon the building.

In Full-Time Service

Florence Christie and Karlene Burt, Egypt

EARLY this year God opened before us a wide door of service in the Girga Province, deep in the heart of Egypt. Tahta, where we now reside, is in a beautiful and productive section of the country, and we drive North, South, East, and West from this central pivot to the churches—fourteen of them! Assemblies of God! And the number is increasing!

The young pastor now living with his family on the ground floor of our three-story Mission building was reared and educated in the Assiout Orphanage with Miss Trasher.

Shahatta Galdas strongly desired, for some years, to preach the gospel, but there was no money. He taught in a village school daily, preaching at night, but he was always raising a constant prayer to enter the Lord's service. Today, he is the happy pastor of three churches—and our interpreter as well. Only recently we witnessed his ordination at the Egyptian District Council Convention. His willingness to travel, though many times weary, in the dust and heat from village to village, is an inspiration to us. God has indeed called him to be a winner of souls and this is his heart's desire!

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

A JEWISH APPEAL TO RUSSIA

An *Associated Press* dispatch from Tel Aviv, Israel, dated May 30, 1948, stated that Irgun Zvai Leumi had that night appealed to Russia for help in stamping out the "Arab-British aggression" in the Holy Land. This was before a truce was declared. In an official radio broadcast, the Jewish fighting arm said it was appealing to the Soviet Union as a nation which recognized the new state of Israel and agreed to an exchange of diplomatic representatives.

Irgun does not represent all the Jews of Israel, but only a troublesome fraction. The expectation that Russia will intervene in their struggle, however, is reported to be very common among both Arabs and Jews in Palestine. No doubt Gog (Russia) will be quick to seize an opportunity to send troops to Palestine. The prophecies of Ezekiel 38 and 39 may soon be fulfilled.

F.E.B.C. ON THE AIR

The new missionary station of the Far East Broadcasting Company, in Manila, Philippine Islands, is in operation. A cable states: "Faith rewarded. Government inspection passed most favorably. F.E.B.C. on air with message life eternal Friday, June 4, 1948."

Though this project is on an undenominational basis, it is being promoted and financed to a large extent by our Pentecostal people. Kenneth Short, one of our Assemblies of God missionaries, is in Manila serving on the F.E.B.C. staff. Les Barnett, former director of our "Sermons in Song" Radio Choir, is also joining the F.E.B.C. staff. Let us pray much for this radio ministry. The possibilities are tremendous. Multiplied millions who otherwise might not hear the gospel before the coming of our Lord can be reached by radio if we will face the challenge to pray for this work and support it with our offerings. Contributions should be sent to the Missions Department (or the Christ's Ambassadors Department), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "For the Far East Broadcasting Company."

CHURCHILL'S GRAVE WARNING

Winston Churchill recently addressed a crowd of more than 90,000 people at Luton, England, and voiced a grave warning.

"There can be no doubt," he said, "that the Communist government of Russia has made up its mind to drive us and France and other Allies out (of Berlin) and turn the Russian Zone in Germany into one of the satellite states under the rule of totalitarian terrorism.

"It is our hearts' desire that peace may be preserved, but we should all have learned by now that there is no safety in yielding to dictators, whether Nazi or Communist.

"The only hope of peace is to be strong, to act with other great freedom-loving nations, and to make it plain to the aggressor, while time remains, that we rally the people of the world against him and defend ourselves and our cause by every means, should he strike a felon's blow.

"I cannot guarantee that even a firm and resolute course will ward off the dangers which now threaten us. But I am sure that such a course is not merely the best, but the only chance of preventing a third world war, in which the most fearful exigencies of destruction yet known to man will be used to the fullest extent."

A PROTEST AGAINST DANCING

When the school board in Wichita, Kansas, introduced ballroom dancing into the regular school curriculum, the people spoke up. More than sixty congregations of fifteen denominations petitioned the board to discontinue the classes, saying: "Dancing is degrading mentally, physically, and morally. It is the duty of the school board to abolish this program."

RELIGION IN HUNGARY

According to *S. S. Times*, the Protestant sects have greater liberty in Hungary since the Communists gained control. All distinctions between state and free churches have been set aside, so the Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, and other groups are being relieved of all legal disabilities. How long this liberty will last is not known; but let us pray that the believers will make the most of their opportunities before it is too late.

NO INTERNATIONAL CONTROL

The United Nations' efforts to arrange for international control of atomic power have failed. Soviet Russia has rejected all the plans offered by other members of the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission—and someone has suggested that the site of the headquarters of the United Nations might as well be changed now from "Lake Success" to "Lake Failure." There will be no just and lasting peace until Christ returns to earth.

CHURCH DANCES

Not content with dancing at school, some parents are in favor of church dances. "Our young people are going to dance," they argue. "Isn't it safer for them to dance in the church under church auspices than in some tavern?" A good answer to this question is the observation that it would also be safer to gamble, drink liquor, or engage in sexual promiscuity under supervision of the church than in a red-light district. But all these things are wrong, no matter where they are practiced.

"AS THE STARS OF THE HEAVEN"

There are more than 8,000 Jewish infants under one year old in the D. P. camps of the American zone of Germany. The birth rate is more than double the American rate of 23 per thousand. One reason for the noticeable rise in births is the attitude of a typical Jewish mother who said, as she beheld her newborn son:

"My mother and father were killed when the Nazis came to my home in Poland. My two brothers died in concentration camps. I have no more relatives—no more kinfolk—but I will have children. I will have descendants."

Is this urge not a fulfilment of the promise God made to Abraham, saying, "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore"? Genesis 22:17. God has made Israel an indestructible nation. Though persecuted more than any other people, they survive like the burning bush—"For I the Lord change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

PRAYER OFFERED BY A WOMAN

For the first time in Congressional history, a woman minister offered the daily prayer in the House of Representatives on June 10, 1948. Her name is Annalee Stewart, an ordained Methodist minister of Washington and Chicago. (Ministers of various denominations are chosen to open the daily sessions in the House and Senate.)

AMERICANS AND TOBACCO

The average American consumes 174 packages of cigarettes per year. During 1947 Americans smoked 327 billions of the "little white gods." A Gallup Poll shows that three out of four American men smoke, and one out of three women. A tremendous amount of America's wealth, health, and character is going up in smoke!

GIANT TELESCOPE DEDICATED

The giant telescope in the observatory on Mount Palomar was formally dedicated on June 3. Its lens is seventeen feet in diameter, by far the world's largest piece of glass. Its range is estimated at six sextillion miles, twice as far as ever seen before. After further experimental adjustments it will be fully ready to peer far, far off into space, bringing into view a bit more of our heavenly Father's vast universe. But it is doubtful whether a telescope ever will be made which will reach all the planets; the universe may be infinite—literally infinite—since it was made by an infinite Creator.

A NEW SUPER-CARRIER

The Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives has authorized the construction of an aircraft carrier of 65,000 tons, which will be more than double the size of any warship existing at present. Its special function will be to launch bombers carrying atomic bombs. These bombers have a range of 1,700 miles while the ship cruises in the North Atlantic and Arctic waters. Three new types of atomic bombs have been successfully tested, and others of still greater power are planned. "Destructive power akin to that mentioned in the Apocalypse is passing into the hands of men," comments *Alliance Weekly*. "The days foreseen in Revelation are hastening."

THE SMALLEST PARTICLE KNOWN

An atom of U.235 (uranium) recently went on exhibition in New York. The atom was enlarged 279 billion times in order to make it visible. What a tiny particle! We are reminded of Isaiah 40:15 which says, "The nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, He taketh up the isles as a very little thing." Undoubtedly Isaiah used the smallest particles he knew in illustrating the smallness of men in relation to our mighty God. Were he living in 1948 he probably would say that the mightiest nation on earth is as a tiny atom in God's sight. Who is afraid of an atom, when the mighty God is his defense?

A WIDE DOOR STANDS OPEN

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of holiness groups all over this country praying, not just for ten days, but for many days, for God's blessing to come down upon our land. I would like to say, "Having begun in the Spirit are we now made perfect by the flesh?" Having begun with all those wonderful spiritual prayer sessions, shall we forget this ministry? Shall we neglect to call upon God with mighty intercession for God to move? Above all the things that I've noticed in the last several months has been a hunger for God wherever I've been, a longing for the Lord, a spiritual desire that He would come forth and work; and if we'll translate that desire into practice, if we'll translate that desire into constant intercession, God is going to come on the scene and enter this wide-open door that stands before us. Hallelujah!

You know, we may think that some people get a little bit too prayerful and that they spoil it for all the rest. And we think there are some people that fast a little bit too much, perhaps, and bring reproach upon the cause of Christ. But for all those people who overdo it, there are 10,000 that don't do it enough. I get sort of disturbed sometimes in this Pentecostal movement. We worry about the extremists when really we shouldn't be worried about them at all; we should try to get some of these other folk a little bit on the same way.

Prayer is work. It is not singing little lullabies to the Lord. It is not a ministry where you come out feeling physically stronger than when you went in. No, there may be a new spiritual strength, but there has been a cost to pay. There has been a mighty earnestness which has been spending our physical forces that we might touch God, and reach that realm where God can do great things for us. Don't forget that the very basis of this great Pentecostal movement is great intercessory prevailing prayer.

Then there is also that great matter of *study*. I know from personal experience that you can live off momentum for a long time. I left Bible School with my dispensations notes, with Dr. Evans' book on doctrine, with Epistles' notes, New Testament notes, Old Testament notes, and a Bible atlas, and I thought, "All I've got to do now is refer to my notes and I'll be able to preach with wonderful success."

Do you know what I found out? I found out I had people in my church who knew all of that and more. That's what you're going to find out, too. I had been preaching in the suburbs of New York City for about 3½ years. Then I went out to York, Pennsylvania. As I was preaching there I found that I was drying up, and I wondered what the trouble was. Suddenly I found it. I found out that I had to get my own message from the Book. I had to dig into the Word for myself.

I remember those days, those depression days when salaries went down and families went up. That can happen these days too; yes, indeed. And I had very few books. But my wife had an old Thompson Chain Reference Bible given to her and do you know I said, "O God, I'll use what I've got." I used to read those references, and I used to meditate upon those truths. I spent months and months in the book of Genesis and I began to see something fresh, something rich. Something began to come out

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in my life. And I began to see that thing blossom out in the church. Glory to Jesus! You know, after all, the large part of this spiritual ministry comes from a spiritual ministry in the Word, the imparting of truth, the imparting of food, the imparting of life through the Scriptures.

There will be those hours you spend in your study perspiring, without the least sense of the unction of the Holy Spirit, where you'll be somehow tempted to give it up and go out and plant a row of beans or something else in your garden rather than to apply yourself to the truths of God's Word. But oh somehow that struggle to try to find something out of this rich Book to feed the people of God takes on life, takes on power, takes on strength as we minister it to the people of God. Hallelujah!

Happy is that servant of God who loves the Word. Happy is that servant of God who lives in the Book. Happy is that servant of God who so plows through in the wonderful truths of God that he continually takes to the people something rich, something fresh, something tasty from God's Holy Word.

Then there is the third demand that I see in this great open door of opportunity. It is the need of *work*. There is hard work involved in the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. There is that great and important matter of visitation. There is that matter sometimes of sitting down in your home where you have to listen to the story of woe and sometimes the story is sin. I think that takes more out of a minister than any other one thing.

There'll be the time, friends, when you'll have to spend nights in prayer with those who are ill and afflicted in their bodies. There'll be times when your heart will just wish for a moment or two of relief to run away from the responsibility, but like a good shepherd of Jesus Christ you have to stay with the flock, not only in the day of blessing and prosperity, but in the day of adversity when the storm rages high. There'll come times in your life when you would flee from the conditions that you meet, when the devil will make it easy for you to do it, where it even would seem as though the Lord might be helping you, to get away, and

then the Spirit of God will whisper to your heart, "The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling." The Lord will put in your heart, by the wonderful ministry of His Spirit, a courage to stay, a courage to go through, a courage to trust, a courage to endure as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Some years ago a very precious minister friend of mine in the East used to stop off in his travels at my home. He came to me one day and was discussing a very fine Pentecostal business man, who in those days was making the very magnificent salary of \$8,000 a year. This amazed me, a Pentecostal man making \$8,000 a year! So I said, "How is it that he has got ahead so far?" He said, "Wilfred, do you want me to tell you how he did it? He became a slave to the company. And that's his reward." *A slave to the company!* I've never forgotten those words. I've watched people in business life. There's a lot of complaining going on these days from the "have not's" who want to have what the "have's" have (and there's a lot of "have not" preachers who feel the same way), and I'll tell you the difference. The "have not's" are wishful thinkers, and get nowhere. With very few exceptions the preachers who "have" have come to that place because they have been *slaves*, not to the company, but to *Jesus Christ*.

Class of 1948, I would that you would sell out to God, and be so devoted to Jesus Christ that you would become His love slaves. We stand in need of being delivered from young men and women who, when they have a chance to go and take a little church five miles out in the country, or hold meetings in a cottage, declare themselves too busy with their regular work to go out and dedicate their wonderful selves to such a small cause. They do not try to do a little extra for the Lord, but it's the extras that count. It's the extras that bring victory. It's the extras that bring us up into a fuller realization of what God is going to do today. And everyone that "has" has done some extras. *It's work*. It's work to labor successfully for God, and may God give us grace to see the value of this text. It demands *great effort*.

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Then my final point is this: we have many opponents. We are a bit more popular than we used to be (alas and alack!) but still you'll find that if you have what you're supposed to have, there'll be lots of opposition come your way, and it won't hurt you. There are many opponents. You'll find that there'll be times when as a Pentecostal preacher you will be made to feel very insignificant and unnecessary in the religious economy. There will be times when you will have to fight an enormous amount of prejudice in your community.

But the greatest opposition won't be from outside your church. The greatest opposition will be right in the congregation that you preach to every day. Here's what they'll say: "Oh, you can preach well enough, pastor. We don't need an evangelist." Do you know what they're saying? They're saying, "Don't get us out of the rut. Make sure we stay right where we are," and if you surrender to that, you and your church are sunk! Indifference, indifference! Oh, how it plagues the churches of Jesus Christ today. It's a sort of spiritual slothfulness and unbelief. It's amazing how people have a defeatist attitude today in the work of the Lord.

I had the exceeding good fortune of being a suburbanite in three of the largest cities of America. I never made the grade and got in the cities, but I always got up close—New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. And do you know what I found in all three of those big cities? Forgive me, my big city friends, but I'm going to say it anyhow. I found a defeatist attitude. "You can't do in Chicago what you do in Gary." "You can't do in New York City what you can do in Nutley." "You can't do in Philadelphia what you can do in Lancaster." May God deliver us from such a spirit. Brothers and sisters, it is time we changed the tune of unbelief to faith in God. It's time we remembered that God has said to us, "I have set before thee a wide open door. It demands great effort." There are many opponents, but there is victory.

You will notice that I read in this text two verses. I'm coming back to the first one now. "I shall remain in Ephesus, however, until the time of the Harvest Festival." What's this Ephesus city? What was it like? Well, first of all I want you to be reminded that there

wasn't a single Protestant in the whole city. Some of you young people will be discouraged (by older preachers who should know better) to keep out of cities where there are a lot of Catholics. They say: "You'll have more results where there are lots of Protestants." Now think of that. I've had churches where one third of the congregation were either converted Catholics, or children of converted Catholics. God can save a Catholic sooner than He can some Protestants. Amen. There wasn't a single Protestant in the city of Ephesus. There wasn't a single Christian of any kind in the city of Ephesus. There were just twelve of John's disciples, as far as we know, and one day Paul met them and he said, "Did ye receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed?" And they said, "Why, we didn't even know that the Holy Ghost had been given." And you remember that they were then baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus; and as they came up out of that water Paul laid his hands upon them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and all twelve of them began to speak with tongues. Glory to God!

Let me tell you something. There was only a little group of Pentecostal believers in that city. The rest of the city was wholly given over to the worship of Diana, a pagan, devilish goddess. But through a Pentecostal preacher and a small Pentecostal congregation God overturned that goddess, and in that city He raised up a church which for a while at least was the most spiritual congregation in the world.

Jesus Christ is still able to break the bands of Satan; He is still able to break the bands of a weak and decrepit Christianity. He is able, Hallelujah, to get hold of God's men and women, and fill them with His Spirit, and triumph through them.

Class of 1948, only God knows what you can do, only God knows what you can become, but I prophesy to you this afternoon that if you'll let God control your life, if you'll let Him fill you constantly with His Spirit, no city is too hard to tackle. No church is too hard to tackle. No community is too big to hinder you from having a revival. But I charge you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, go forth in the power of the Holy Ghost. Go forth to pray. Go forth to study. Go forth to work. Go forth to believe, and hallelujah, God will give you the victory.

THE CROSS IN DAILY LIFE

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rose up in him. "The audacity, the nerve!" he thought. "That fellow treated me like a dog! Doesn't he know that I'm entitled to half the space in the closet and in the dresser drawers? This room is half mine."

And then the Spirit of the Lord spoke to him. "Are you following Jesus? It is half your room; that is right. You can stand up for your rights. You can say to him, 'I want recognition here. I want my right. I want what's coming to me. I'm paying for half this room and half of it belongs to me.' You can do that. But would you like to follow Jesus? Would you like to have the mind in you that was in Christ Jesus?" And he said, "Well, that's what I've been asking for all along, Lord." "You asked for it, and you won't take it?"

It wasn't easy to submit. But he prayed, and got calm in his spirit, and said, "Lord, I thank you for this opportunity. You've given me an

occasion to prove you in living this life that Jesus lived." So he was kind to the roommate, and heaped "coals of fire" on his head. Bye and bye when he was out of the room the roommate who was there first took the lesson. You see, my friend had not only won a tremendous victory in his own life, but he had set an example. He shamed that other fellow.

It's a very practical matter. It's so practical that it hasn't any glamour or glory about it and it isn't attractive to us. It hurts sometimes. We don't like it. But there it is: "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it." Whosoever will persistently live for the preservation of what is his, the cultivation of what is his, what comes to him, what's his right, will lose his life. Do you live that kind of life? You'll lose it all the way through. If you are willing to let this mind be in you which was in the Lord Jesus, you'll win. Jesus was on an equality with God, and yet instead of standing on that ground of equality with God and claiming everything as His in the way of authority and dignity and right and recognition on that level, He made Himself of no reputation, emptied Himself, and came down to the level of man; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. So we're told to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt us in due time.

I repeat: He's not talking in this place about conquering sin or wrong-doing in our lives, but of denying the self-life that is so prone to sin. If we persist in having our own way, it will lead to sin, because if we keep demanding our rights, our desires will soon go beyond lawful bounds, and we'll find ourselves in the carnal realm of the flesh. We go across from walking in the Spirit into walking in the



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flesh, and there can be only one result; we'll run counter to God's law, in transgression of the Word of God, and we'll find ourselves in sin. James shows us that man is led away of his own desires; desire becomes lust, and lust becomes sin, and sin brings forth death.

This is something we need to apply ourselves to day by day. "Let this mind be in you." Let the Holy Ghost produce this attitude of mind, this disposition of heart, in you. Let Him do it. He's seeking to do it. He's in you and me, longing to do it. He wants on every occasion of every day, all day long, to lead us in this way, in the laying down of our own desires.

Walk in the Spirit. That's the secret of it all. In order to walk in the Spirit, we'll have to form habits day by day, habits of pressing in believing prayer, touching God, and then moving under the control and leading of the Holy Spirit. We don't learn that overnight, but we can learn it.

It isn't impossible when He says, "Let this mind be in you." It's gloriously possible to have this mind, and it's only when we fail to walk in the Spirit, when we get careless and neglect waiting upon God, that we miss it. We must keep sensitive to that invisible, gentle Person by seeking day by day to remain in His Presence. "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the desires of the flesh." May the Lord help us to continue to follow Him. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

WHEN GOD SPEAKS IN A DREAM

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in drumming and dancing at the best times to spoil the local church services. He became the hero of the dancing lodges, but the bane of all decent-living natives. When he visited other villages to show off and be pugnacious, the more subdued dancers would invariably say, "If each lodge had a leader like Lumema, we would soon drive the Christians out of the territory."

Peter had often spoken kindly to this man, as he was a neighbor. When his graciousness was mistaken for weakness, Peter changed his tone and warned Lumema that the wages of sin was death, and that God was not mocked, but gave a reaping for all sowing.

Lumema continued in violent and rampant opposition to the gospel, until suddenly, broken in spirit and body, with tormenting demons, racking pain, and sleepless nights, he became stone blind.

Going in answer to the call, Peter found him a sad sight—a blind, restless man without hope. Lumema pleaded with Peter to gather together his wives and relatives and all of them to agree to work together with the witch doctors and spirit rappers to drive the demons out of the hut. Peter's modest reply was that he could not have anything to do with sorcery or witchcraft, but that his message was one of life and hope for the most hopeless and helpless, and his Savior was One that could save to the uttermost when called upon.

Peter talked to the man until he was willing to drop everything heathen, and himself asked for prayer. While Peter prayed effectually and fervently, Lumema first passed into a restful peace of mind, and then his bodily pains ceased. Later in the day Peter called again and prayed.

Lumema, feeling so well, then professed conversion. That night he slept as sweetly and soundly as a healthy child, and on waking up found that his eyes were clear. He could see everything in the hut and was absolutely without pain. The next day, finding himself so normal and well, he could not restrain from visiting all his friends in the village to show them how wonderfully and quickly God had healed him in answer to Peter's prayers.

Everyone was amazed at the miracle. The catechist was wickedly jealous of this blessing being attributed to Peter, so on visiting the now happy Lumema he insinuated that his healing of body and deliverance from demons were only temporary unless the white priest were called in to sprinkle holy water and exorcise the demons. This catechist, playing upon the man's fears, got him to agree to the calling in of the priest.

The following day the priest arrived in the village, so the catechist at once told him of the miracle. The priest agreed that this was

ripe fruit for their picking, and that credit must not go to Peter. He went to the house, dressed in his robes of office, and sprinkled his so-called holy water as he went through all the motions and ceremony of exorcising the demons. With this ceremony all Lumema's blindness at once returned, with worse pains than ever and a hut full of tormenting demons.

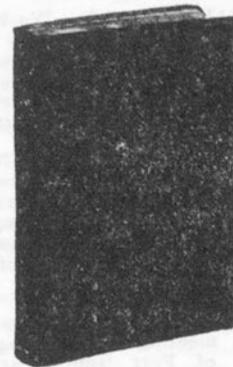
The priest left the village somewhat distressed and ashamed, for all the people said: "Truly the messenger of God had opened the eyes of the blind, but the priest has blinded them again, leaving him in pain and to the torments of demons."

Again Lumema sent for Peter to come and pray with him, but this time Peter refused, saying, "My God has told me to leave you alone." Peter was amazed at the quick and remarkable fulfillment of his dream. A blind man following a blind leader, both had fallen into the ditch, the one of hopelessness, the other of despising ridicule.

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came as a parable and a warning. The dancing lodges, after seeing their leader so stricken, ceased their drumming and dancing in the vicinity of the churches and became more respectful to God's messengers.

Lumema has traveled the round of all the hospitals for sight and healing, but all in vain.

The Christians learned that having the Word and Spirit of God as their guide, they could leave alone the blind leaders, their goal being the Glory and not the ditch.

By experiences of this kind Peter has learned that the Christian warfare is not a conflict with mere flesh and blood, but with evil spirit hosts that control the dark world. He knows that victory is not won by man's might or power, but by the Spirit of God.

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Among the Assemblies

TROY MILLS, IOWA—A very successful Daily Vacation Bible School was held here June 15—25 by Marcine Steele of Meckling, S. Dak. Sister Steele is a graduate of Central Bible Institute, class of 1948.—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cunningham, Pastors.

(Near) **MARION, ALA.**—We have just closed a revival meeting at the Pineview Assembly, near Marion, Ala. Some have been saved and some healed, and the Christians have been revived and blessed. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fowler were the evangelists.—Granade Hamlett, Pastor.

LANCASTER, CALIF.—Emil Neaf was at the First Pentecostal Church in a fine 2-week meeting. God blessed in touching hearts with conviction and much good was accomplished through prayer. Valuable instruction was given to believers through the rich ministry of the evangelist.—Harold A. Gibbons, Secretary.

ARKOMA, OKLA.—We are praising God for a good revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Tillery of Fort Smith, Ark. About 20 found the Lord as their Savior, 16 were baptized in water, and 11 were received into the church. The power of God was so great at times that people would come to the altar without any preaching.—Ed. Williamson, Pastor.

PIERCE CITY, MO.—We recently concluded a revival meeting with Evangelists Danny Kricorian and Clare Rose, from Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo. Ten found the Lord as their Savior, and two were filled with the Spirit. The anointed preaching and messages in song were truly inspiring and a blessing to all.—Lyman Mason, Pastor.

MERCER, MO.—On June 27 we closed a revival meeting with Evangelist P. D. Bates of Bardley, Mo. We saw God move mightily in our midst. The saints were led to a deeper experience with God, 3 were saved, and 5 received the Pentecostal experience. We praise God for this revival and for the anointed ministry of Brother Bates.—C. A. Weaver, Pastor.

CENTRALIA, WASH.—We just concluded a 10-day Divine Healing meeting with Tom B. Myers of Bakersfield, Calif. The lame walked, the deaf heard, and the blind saw. A woman in the nursery with her baby was healed of goiter. This was the first time she had been in our church. Another woman was healed of a cataract on her eye as she watched God's mighty hand outstretched to heal others. A man was praying for a deaf person while Brother Myers was also praying for that person, and he himself was healed of deafness. Last Sunday in church a sister stood up and testified who had been confined to her bed for two years. We had often ministered the communion to her in her own home. A young lady who had been confined to a wheelchair was there to testify. Almost without exception the deaf were healed. We thank God for this great visitation of God's power.—R. W. Miller, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—We just closed a very successful meeting at the West Archer Assembly where James S. Davis is pastor. Forty-four prayed through to the old-time salvation and 50 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Iva Harris and Thelma Denney, 1001 E. 11th, Shawnee, were our evangelists. They preach without any compromise.—J. M. Maher, Church Secretary.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—We recently had a 2½-week meeting with Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin. His singing, playing, and preaching were anointed of the Lord. Two knelt at the altar for salvation, and others were blessed of God. We feel that God sent Brother McCutchen our way at an opportune time.—Douglas J. Friesen, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle.

MAGNOLIA, ARK.—We have just closed a revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Covington, Tenn. The presence of God was with us in a precious way from the first service. We thank God for those who prayed through to salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and for the revival spirit which continues in our church. All Sunday School records were broken.—C. B. Anderson, Pastor.

OVERLAND, MO.—We recently concluded a good revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Gilford Gibson of Marshall, Mo. The church was greatly blessed by our brother's ministry; 10 were at the altar for salvation and 6 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The revival spirit is still in our midst and the Sunday School is growing.—G. W. Gilder, Pastor, 2936 Carson Road, Normandy, Mo.

HUDSON FALLS, N. Y.—We recently concluded a series of meetings with C. S. Tubby of Canada as our evangelist. God's blessing rested upon the meetings. Several accepted Christ as their Savior, and 17 testified to having been healed in answer to prayer. We were called to the bedside of a woman who had been suffering with a heart condition. She had not been able to eat an evening meal for twenty-six years, and had existed most of the time on injections and what little food she could eat in the early part of the day. After being prayed for, she was able to eat in the evening. She attended the evening service and testified to this effect. The meetings were a great blessing to the assembly.—Robert A. Canterbury, Pastor.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—We have just closed a 3-week revival campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. H. W. Marney of Dallas, Texas. The Lord blessed us all during the meetings, the saints were built up and revived, and one was definitely saved. Brother Marney is a sincere and faithful preacher of the Word and shows an excellent spirit of loyalty and co-operation.—Philip H. Hawtin, Pastor.

INYOKERN, CALIF.—We have just closed four weeks of special revival services with Evangelist Freadus S. Seal, 618 Lamer St., Burbank, Calif. One was saved, 5 were reclaimed, and 2 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was stirred for God and the saints were edified. Many were healed. Church attendance was increased. Brother Seal preaches the old-time gospel, God confirms the Word with signs following, and there are good results from the start.—Anna Dixon, Pastor.

SOUTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

It is with great joy that we report the blessings of the Lord upon our South Florida District camp meeting. The camp was held recently in Lakeland, on our Lake Bonny Bible camp grounds. Though this was our fifth camp in Lakeland, it was the first held under the newly constructed tabernacle which the brethren had helped to erect in time for the camp meeting. The tabernacle was not completed but the center sections 60 by 112, was finished in time to be used. The tabernacle will be 100 by 128 when completed. The attendance was good, folk from all over Florida as well as from other states being present. The Lord sent cooling breezes to help air condition the building for the services, and many remarked that they thought it was the coolest place in Polk County.

Numbers were saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed. But best of all, much prejudice was broken down, and the sweetest spirit of unity prevailed among the brethren in the camp meeting. It was the opinion of everyone who attended that this was the best camp ever held in South Florida. The Lord's presence was continually with us during the meetings.

Much credit is to be given to the District Camp committee, of which J. D. Courtney is the chairman, together with the other brethren who spent weeks in hard labor helping to get ready for this camp. The District brethren had a mind to work, and the tabernacle was practically built with donated labor.



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Our main speaker was William E. Long of Pasadena, Calif. He spoke at both morning and evening services under a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit, and faithfully delivered the Word of God. His humble attitude helped to create a real hunger in the hearts of the people for more of God. Brother Long will return to South Florida next year by request of the people.—H. S. Bush, District Superintendent.

WEST CARTHAGE, N. Y.—We have just closed three weeks of special services with Evangelist H. B. Kelchner of Flint Stone, Md. He preached with the aid of charts, and the theme of all the services was, "Living your Christian life now in the light of eternity." The Word of God was opened and hidden truths were brought to light. God's children were received and given a greater desire to live for Him.—Rae L. Brothers, Pastor, Calvary Tabernacle; by Mrs. Gerald Lautenschlager, Church Correspondent.

STRATFORD, ONTARIO—We have had three glorious weeks of revival services at Bethel Tabernacle with Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Wright of Houston, Texas. The old-time power of God fell in every service. A great number were saved, and backsliders were reclaimed. Several were healed, and believers were baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. On the closing Sunday a blessed water baptismal service was held by the river side, a good crowd being present. Another feature of the meetings was the increase in church offerings. Sister Wright's testimony, "From Stage to Pulpit," was greatly blessed of God.—E. L. Ripley, Pastor.

GARY, IND.—We have recently closed a very precious revival meeting with Evangelist George Hayes. From the first service it was evident that the blessing of the Lord was upon the meeting. A number were saved and some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Brother Hayes' messages were heart searching, and lasting benefit has been received by the church. The effect of the revival can still be felt; the crowds are still good, and seekers are being filled with the Holy Spirit in nearly every service. The good attendance was one of the most outstanding features of this revival; night after night it was a delight to see such a goodly number present.—Glenn M. Horst, Pastor.

AMERICUS, GA.—When we came here in June, 1947, to take over the pastorate, the services were being held in the parsonage and we continued to meet there until February, of this year, at which time we moved into our new concrete block church. Our auditorium is 35 by 62 ft.; although the church is not finished, we praise God for what He has done for us.

We recently closed a revival meeting with Evangelist Lura Mae Hatcher of Columbus, and we feel that much lasting good was accomplished in these services. We have also enjoyed the ministry of Robert Boddy of Enterprise, Ala., and W. F. Patterson of Lagrange, in revival meetings which were a blessing to the assembly.—Delma Whitehead, Pastor.

POPLAR BLUFF, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Slavens of Kansas City were with us May 11—30. Our building was filled and running over. For two Sunday nights we moved into the Armory, where Brother Slavens preached to several hundred people. Many sick were healed. Persons suffering from rupture, stiff arms, asthma, sinus trouble, blindness, partial blindness, were delivered. A woman was healed of partial deafness and her speech improved until she could be understood by the congregation. An unsightly growth on a man's hand, heart trouble, skin diseases of the hands, had to go. Many were healed over a broadcast conducted by the evangelist. This continued program has proved a great blessing to others.—Louise Copeland, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The recent revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin of Creston, Iowa, was a most wonderful visitation from God. Members who have been with the church for years testified that this was one of the best attended and most fruitful campaigns they have witnessed in a long time. As best we could ascertain, 40 were saved, 18 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 14 were baptized in water, and on the closing Sunday of the meetings 36 affiliated with the local assembly. Brother and Sister Martin are earnest, inspiring, and energetic workers.

Brother Martin's fervent preaching of the old-time gospel was mightily used of God. The

outpouring of the Spirit attracted splendid crowds to the church. Sister Martin organized and conducted special children's meetings three times a week. An average of 115 boys and girls were present at each service. Many sought Christ as their personal Savior.

Central Assembly has been strengthened and refreshed by the ministry of these workers.—Emil A. Balliet, Pastor.

MALVERN, ARK.—Evangelist Thelma Dotta Chambers and her husband came to us for a revival meeting in September, 1947. God began to bless in a great way. We continued the meeting every night for seventeen weeks. Crowds filled our church nightly. People filled the altars, and many nights there was no preaching. In all, 412 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and 315 were saved. A great number were healed as they came forward to be prayed for; the deaf heard, and there were many other outstanding deliverances. We received 150 new members into our assembly. This was the greatest outpouring of God's power that we have ever experienced. The revival spirit is still moving; every week people are being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in our church. We are grateful to God for giving us "the former and latter rain" in these dark days.—G. E. Chambers, Pastor, First Assembly of God, South Main Street.

ABERDEEN, WASH.—The Grays Harbor United Divine Healing services were held in Calvary Temple, Aberdeen, Wash., June 11—18, with Evangelist Tom B. Myers of Bakersfield, Calif., and party. There were two services daily. In the afternoon R. W. Miller brought the message from the Word of God, preparing and inspiring the hearts of the people with faith to receive healing. Many wonderful healings took place in each service. Blind eyes and deaf ears were opened, and many sick and diseased were made whole.

On Tuesday evening, as Brother Myers was praying for the sick, he felt led to pray for those in the congregation who needed healing. The Lord came forth in mighty power, and a number of wonderful healings took place as the people sat in their seats. A Presbyterian woman, 75 years old, was wonderfully healed of a lame hip, injured 50 years ago, and bunions which had caused her much suffering. She shouted and praised the Lord more than they all. Men and women stood up and told of healings which had just taken place.

Many came to the altar to be saved and restored. These meetings have stirred people in other denominations, and inspired them to turn to oldtime religion.—A. E. Robeck, I. M. Hendricksen, and other Grays Harbor ministers; by A. E. Robeck.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 15 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

CAPULIN, N. MEX.—July 12, for 2 weeks; Maurice Evans, Greenville, Texas, Evangelist.—Clara C. Newton, Pastor.

TORONTO, CANADA—833 St. Clair Ave. W., July 18—August 1; Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Wright, Houston, Texas.—H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

CARBERRY, MANITOBA—Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle, July 16—August 16; Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.—E. S. Berry, Pastor.

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Faith Tabernacle; meeting in progress; R. E. Gilliam, Little Rock, Ark., Evangelist.—S. F. Hutchinson, Pastor.

GARBER, OKLA.—Tent Revival; July 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Beauford Hannum, Buffalo, Okla.—Guinne Brown, Pastor, Route 1, Covington, Okla.

LUZERNE, PA.—Tent Meetings, Luzerne Assembly of God, July 14—; F. R. Davidson, Quincy, Ill., Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies and pastors welcome.—J. B. Woolums, Pastor.

MOUNTAINVIEW GOSPEL CAMP
SHERBURNE, N. Y.—Mountainview Gospel Camp, New York-New Jersey District, July 18—August 1. John Wharton, Camp Evangelist; Herbert Kelchner, Bible Teacher. Missionary rally, July 18; MBI day, August 1. For reservations write Frank Reynolds, P. O. Box 127, Canandaigua, N. Y.—Norman G. Love, Secretary.

ROCKY FORD, COLO.—Eastern Colorado Conference, Latin American District Council, July 28—29.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—Home Coming Day, First Assembly of God, August 1. All former pastors, evangelists and lay members especially invited. J. O. Savell, a former pastor and now Superintendent of Texas District, guest speaker. Services 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:45 p.m.—A. L. Wolfe, Pastor.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH CONFERENCE
Fourth Annual Michigan District Youth Conference, Fa-Ho-Lo Park Camp Grounds, Grass Lake, Mich., August 9—20. Ages 15—35. W. A. Brown, Springfield, Mo., evening speaker.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING
Michigan District Camp, Fa-Ho-Lo Park, Grass Lake, Mich., July 24—Aug. 8. W. I. Evans, Bible teacher; Arthur Arnold, evening speaker. Credentials Day, August 3.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.

MONTANA YOUTH BIBLE CAMP
Sixth Annual Montana Youth Bible Camp, Beaver Creek Playground, Bear Paw Mountains, near Havre, August 4—12. Ages 10—20. Speakers: older group, Paul Hild; younger group, Mrs. Roy Munger. Mornings devoted to classes, afternoons to recreation, evenings to meetings. For further information write W. A. Buck, Box 89, Havre, Mont.—Paul Williscroft, Director of Christian Education.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CAMP
Rocky Mountain District Camp Meeting District Headquarters, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo., August 3—13. T. J. Jones, principal of NCBI, morning teacher; D. P. Holloway of Cleveland, Ohio, evening speaker.
For information write R. G. Fulford, Secretary-Treasurer, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL
12th Annual Louisiana District Council, High School Auditorium, Bossier City, La., July 27—29. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, night speaker. District Christ's Ambassadors Rally, same auditorium, night, July 26. For reservations or further information write Pastor E. W. Davis, Box 71, Bossier City, La.—L. O. Waldon, District Secretary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT MINISTERS' SEMINAR
Third Annual Michigan District Ministers' Seminar, Fa-Ho-Lo Park Camp Ground, Grass Lake, Mich., August 9—13 and 16—20. District Superintendent Chas. W. H. Scott, Principal. Special instructors: R. M. Riggs, Springfield, Mo.; T. A. Kessel, Zion, Ill.; A. L. Hoy, Battle Creek, Mich.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL
Mississippi District Council, Community Center Auditorium, Hattiesburg, Miss., August 3—4. First service, Tuesday, 2 p.m. C. A. Rally, Monday night. J. O. Savell, Texas District Superintendent, guest speaker. For information regarding rooms write A. L. Wolfe, 700 Bernice Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. For further information write L. C. Ashbrook, 4603 8th St., Meridian, Miss.—Jeff Gibbs, Superintendent.

KANSAS DISTRICT CAMP MEETING
Kansas District Camp Meeting, Woodston-Alton Camp Grounds, on U. S. Highway 24, three miles east of Woodston and five miles west of Alton, August 12—22. T. J. Jones, morning Bible teacher; W. R. Steelberg, evening speaker. Afternoon services in charge of State C. A. President. Children's services each morning. For reservations write G. A. Gaddis, 1503 Avenue 4, Dodge City, Kansas.—Paul C. Samuelson, Secretary-Treasurer.

INDIANA CHILDREN'S CAMPS
Children's Camps, Assembly of God Camp Grounds, Lake Placid, Hartford City, Ind. Bible study, prayer and preaching; plenty of supervised recreation. Boating, swimming, hiking, etc. Children 9—15 years of age. Cost only \$10.00. Boys, August 16—21; girls, August 23—28. Write Assembly of God Children's Camp, P. O. Box 1020, Terre Haute, Ind.—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT CAMP MEETING
Sixth Annual District Camp Meeting of the New Mexico District, Mountainair, N. Mex., July 30—August 8. Aaron A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., morning and evening speaker. Visiting and local ministers will speak in early morning prayer service and in afternoons. Cafeteria service on grounds. For reservations write Pastor J. J. Grubbs, Box 353, Mountainair, N. Mex.—Irvin E. Smith, District Sec.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING
Eastern Oklahoma Camp Meeting, City Park, Poteau, Okla., August 3—12. Sponsored by Section 2, 3 and 4 of Oklahoma District. R. L. Steger, morning speaker; Robert E. Goggin, evening speaker. Visiting and local ministers will speak each afternoon. Vesper services by C.A.'s. For further information write Homer Boyd, Presbyter of Section 3, 521 Dewey Ave., Poteau, Okla.—Robert E. Goggin, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING

New England District Camp Meeting, District Camp Grounds, Auburn Street, Framingham, Mass., July 28—August 8. Albert L. Hoy, Bible teacher; Ernest Sumrall, camp evangelist. For reservations write Camp Committee, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.—Lyle W. Butler, District Secretary.

"LATTER RAIN" CAMP MEETING

"Latter Rain" Camp Meeting, Mother Neff State Park, near Waco, Texas, July 28—August 8. Carl Wattenbarger, John Reel, and Harold Reel, speakers. Three services daily, with old-fashioned grove prayer meetings and sunrise prayer service. Special music and singing. This beautiful park lies along the bank of Leon river, deep in the heart of Texas, 8 miles west of Moody. Bring complete camping equipment; or simple accommodations may be had at reasonable rates. For further information write Woodrow Wilson, Box 245 Moody, Texas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Northern California and Nevada District Camp Meeting will convene August 3—15, on the beautiful new 130-acre camp ground in the Santa Cruz mountains, among the redwoods, 7 miles from Santa Cruz, on the main four-lane highway from Los Gatos to Santa Cruz. F. C. Cornell, former Superintendent of Oklahoma District, main speaker. Camp closes August 14—15 with grand C. A. Convention; Ralph Harris, former National C. A. Secretary, speaker. All welcome.—R. J. Thurmond, District Secretary-Treasurer, 1475 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif.

LIVING WATERS CAMP MEETING

Fourteenth Annual Living Waters Pentecostal Camp Meeting, Eastern District Council, Cherry Tree, Pa., July 23—August 8. D. H. McDowell, Bible Teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Caldwell in charge of Camp Bible School; ages 12—18. A. N. Chase, Camp pastor. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Balliet in charge of C. A. services. Thomas Johnstone of Toronto, Canada, Camp evangelist. Foreign Missions, August 1, 2:30 p.m., John Horn in charge. Home Missions Rally, July 25. EBI Day, July 31, 2:30 p.m. Other ministers will assist. For further information write R. F. Bender, Camp Chairman, 220 Arden Rd., Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Annual Appalachian District Camp Meeting, new Assemblies of God Camp Ground, August 6—15. F. D. Davis, Houston, Texas, camp speaker. Camp located 18 miles northwest of Gate City, Va., 2 miles east of U. S. Highways 58 and 23 at Sunbright, Va., and only 5 miles northeast of famous natural tunnel. Cafeteria on grounds; dormitories for men and women; some rooms and tents for rent. If possible, bring bedding or other camping facilities. For further information write W. W. Smith, Box 224, Big Stone Gap, Va.—Committee Chairman.

ILLINOIS CAMP MEETING

Illinois District Camp, Old Salem Chautauqua Grounds, near Petersburg, Ill., July 23—August 1. Wm. E. Kirschke, Camp Evangelist; T. J. Jones, Camp Teacher. Vesper services daily, 6:30 p.m., under supervision of G. E. Mandel, C. A. President. GLBI Day, July 28; Children's Home Day, July 25; Missionary Sunday, Aug 1.

K. L. Marshall, Carlinville, Ill., in charge of hotel and cottage accommodations. M. M. Brewer, 76 E. Jennings St., Wood River, Ill., Camp Manager. Requests for accommodations should be made early. Everyone taken care of, either on grounds or in Petersburg.—W. R. Williamson, Superintendent.

LAKEVIEW GOSPEL CAMPS

TROUTBURG, N. Y.—Lakeview Gospel Camp, New York-New Jersey District summer schedule: Boys' and Girls' Camp, July 24—31; ages 8—13. C. W. Denton, Director.

17th Annual Pentecostal Camp Meeting, July 31—Aug. 15; A. H. Graves, Bible Teacher; Bert Webb, Evangelist. Opening rally, July 31, 8 p.m.; Missionary rally, Aug. 1, 2:30 p.m. Camp Junior Bible School for young people, ages 12—20. Daily vacation Bible School. Concerning accommodations write N. J. Kenyon, 39 S. Grove St., East Aurora, N. Y. Concerning Junior Bible School and Boys' and Girls' Camp write C. W. Denton, Box 22, Dansville, N. Y.—Frederick D. Drake, Camp Committee Secretary.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMPS

Southern California C. A. Youth Camps: Camp Sierra, August 7—14. Located 55 miles N. E. of Fresno, between Huntington and Shaver lakes in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Camp Evangelist: Kenneth Schmidt. Teachers: C. M. Ward and Mrs. Irving Harrison. Vesper services, Doyle Opie. Room and board \$17.75. For reservations write Earl Draper, 463 N. Fresno St., Fresno, Calif. Send \$5.00 for each reservation desired.

Camp Seeley, August 21—28. Located at Crestline, 18 miles north of San Bernardino, near Lake Gregory. Camp Evangelist: Paul Boyer. Teachers: C. M. Ward and Mrs. F. C. Woodworth. Vesper services, Ralph Love. Room and Board \$17.75. For reservations write Wayne Turner, P. O. Box 682, Elsinore, Calif. Send \$5.00 for each reservation desired.—L. B. Lewis, Southern California District C. A. President.

PARIS SECTION CAMP MEETING

Camp Meeting, Paris Section, Pittsburg, Texas, July 30—August 8. A. C. Bates, morning speaker; E. R. Winters, evening speaker.—C. G. Nichols, Secretary-treasurer, 1608 W. Houston St., Paris, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Box 48, Eldora, Iowa. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—W. L. Beasley.

NEW ADDRESS—Pinecon, Minn. "We are taking over the pastorate here, beginning July 10."—Pastor and Mrs. C. H. Belkstrom.

NEW ADDRESS—415 E. Cherokee, Enid, Okla. "We have been called to pastor the Enid Gospel Tabernacle."—Pastor and Mrs. Edgar Newby.

NEW ADDRESS—1709½ Telephone Road, Houston, Texas. "I have accepted the pastorate of the Oak Lawn Assembly in Houston, Texas."—Hardie G. Weathers.

NEW ADDRESS—Mount Calm, Texas. "Have accepted the pastorate here. Council brethren passing this way will find a warm welcome. Midweek services Tuesday and Friday nights."—D. G. Hutto.

NOTICE—Will be glad to contact friends or loved ones at Coulee Dam, Grand Coulee, Long Pine, or Osburn, upon receipt of names and addresses.—Pastor J. J. Clark, Assembly of God, P.O. Box 796, Electric City, Wash.

WANTED—A Christian registered nurse for work in The Horton Rest Home, 525 Third St., Council Bluffs, Iowa. Prefer one unattached but will consider any application. Will provide full maintenance.—C. B. Horton, Manager.

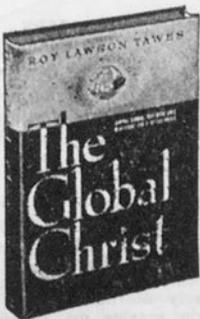
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