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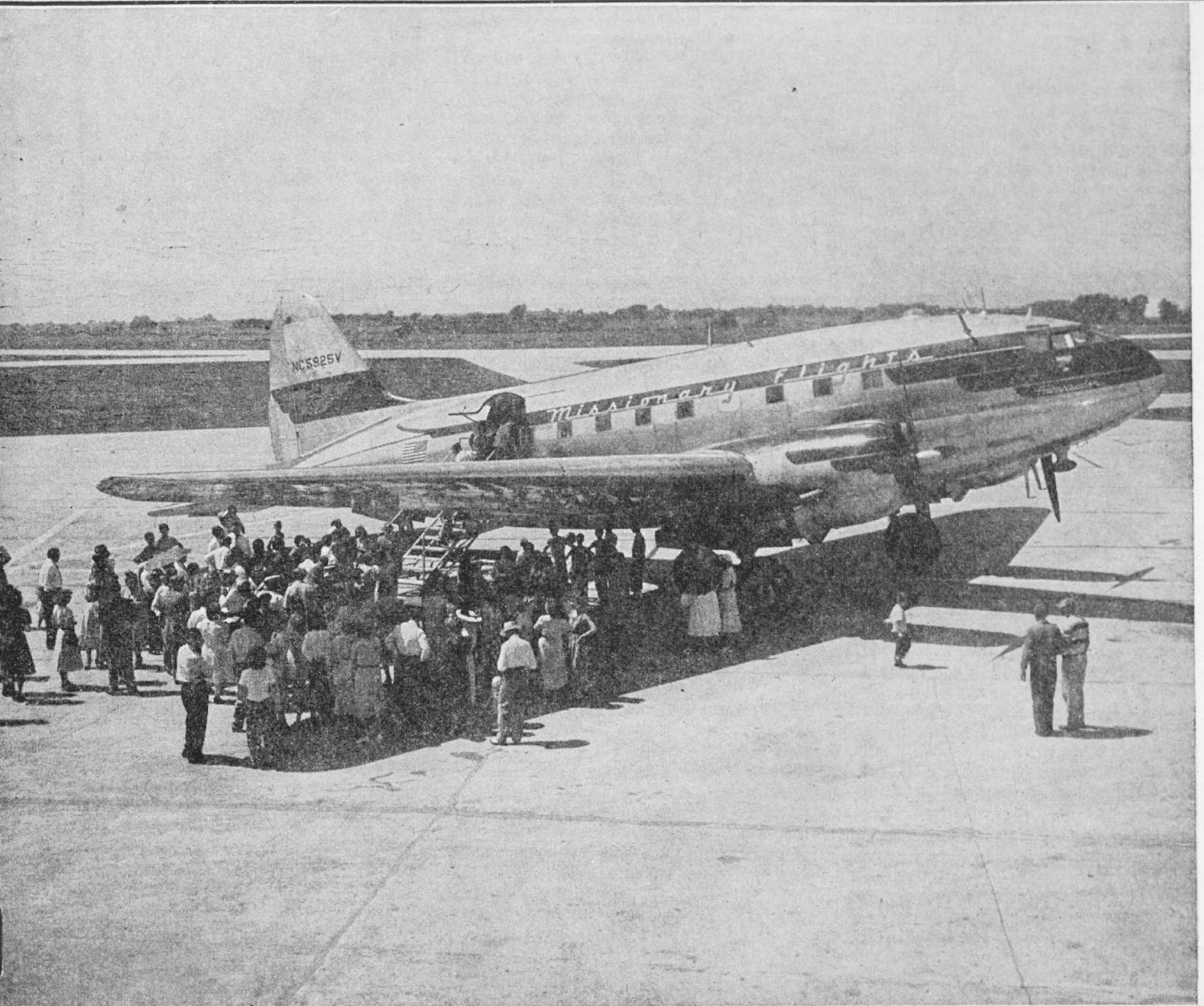


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The "Ambassador," flagship of the Assemblies of God Missionary Flights, being greeted on its return to the Springfield Municipal Airport after completing its maiden voyage to and from West Africa (story on page 12).

What Jesus Saw--Felt--and Did

J. P. Kolenda

at the Eastern District Camp, Green Lane, Pa.

When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36.

THE mission of the Church is Missions. As long as God leaves us on this earth He wants us to preach the gospel to every creature. In other words, He wants us all to be missionaries—either at home or abroad. The Lord Jesus was a Missionary—the greatest of all missionaries. Let us take Him as our Pattern and let us learn three things about Him—what He *saw*, what He *felt*, and what He *did*.

WHAT JESUS SAW

Jesus saw the multitudes—not only the multitudes of those who followed Him to the Judean hills, but the multitudes of every other generation, past and future. His all-seeing eye saw the generations of the past and the unborn generations of the future, and it was that vision—the vision of the multitudes lost in sin, sunken in degradation, fettered by the powers of evil—that made Him a missionary. He saw the multitudes going downward toward destruction. He saw them scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd, becoming a prey of the wolves of hell. He saw them staggering blindly along life's pathway toward the awful precipice, where finally they take that fatal plunge into the yawning chasm of the doomed. He saw the lurid flames of an eternal hell waiting to engulf them, to devour them, to imprison them forever in that place where there is nothing but weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

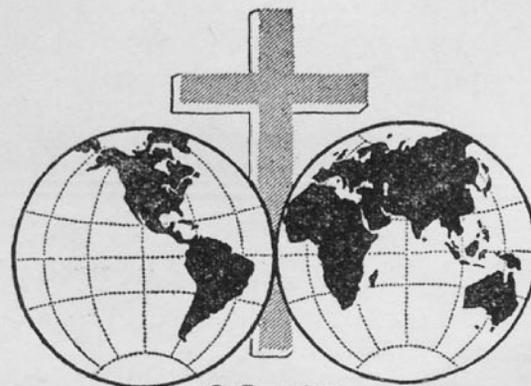
That vision, friends, caused the Lord Jesus to leave His home in glory, separating Himself from the adoration of the angelic hosts, and from the holy splendor of heaven, to become a missionary to this foreign land called Earth. He humbled Himself, and took on Himself the form of man, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Yes, it was that vision that caused Him to partake of the agonies of shame and death. Oh, thank God for that vision which caused Him to come and rescue us from perdition. What would have happened to us had not our Savior caught that vision of the perishing multitudes!

I am persuaded that you and I need the same vision that Jesus caught. We

need the vision of the multitudes who are perishing today. "Where there is no vision the people perish." Unless we catch the vision, they will die in their sins. This world is deep in sin, staggering and reeling like a dying man in his last convulsions. Oh, you say, there is civilization, education, science in the world today. Yes, my friend, but look at the state of the world in spite of all its culture and learning. The black clouds of war and destruction hang low over every nation. Men's hearts fail them for fear of atomic power which could turn their homes into a shambles overnight, burying them beneath brick and debris. The scientists tremble at the danger of bacteriological warfare which could wipe out large cities in a day. Multitudes still hunger for food, and huddle for warmth in their ruined houses, as a result of the past war. Iniquity abounds on every hand. Crime is increasing. Divorces are multiplying. Drunkenness is widespread. Truly the whole world lieth in the lap of the wicked one.

Well might men tremble, when we see the preparations that our own nation is making. Our boys are being taken from their homes, schools, and shops for compulsory military service. Our industrial manpower likewise is being mobilized. Our factories are once more busily engaged in producing weapons of death and destruction. When I was on the West Coast I learned that the big airplane factories are working three shifts a day, manufacturing planes far superior and much faster than the bombers and fighters used in World War II.

At three or four o'clock one morning, as I was leaving Seattle by train, I saw a long stream of men filing out of a string of coaches, and I asked, "Who are they?"



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Where are they going?" I was told they were changing trains en route to the Atomic Plant. There must have been 1,000 or 1,500 men. I said, "I thought the Atomic Plant was in Tennessee." The answer was, "Oh, there is one here in Washington, too." America is stocking up on atomic bombs.

But America is not the only country that is preparing for atomic warfare. Mr. Molotov said that Russia has the secret of the atomic bomb. While I was in Europe last year I was told that a certain portion of Germany, an area in the Russian Zone fifty miles square, was marked off. No German inside that area could leave it, and no one from the outside could enter it. Why? Because they have found uranium, the material from which atomic bombs are manufactured, and the people in that area are forced to labor in the uranium mines, from which the railroad cars go in never-ceasing streams to Soviet Russia. German scientists, threatened on one hand by death, and bribed on the other hand by luxury, are working in Russia to produce atomic weapons which are going to be matched against the weapons of destruction that are being produced in America.

A leading scientist recently said, "I give civilization ten years at the most." A committee appointed by President Truman has brought back the report that atomic warfare can be expected within five years. Listen, my brother or sister, when these weapons shall be brought into use I believe it will be nothing less than a fulfillment of the cataclysms described in the Book of Revelation. It will be the end of the age. Our Lord has said, "When ye see these things begin to come to pass, don't become fearful. Don't despair. Look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." Our hearts are thrilled, for we know that the dark clouds and sorrows of the present are but the birth pangs of a new age. Our Bridegroom is about to appear. But it means we haven't much longer to labor for Christ. As the gospel gleaners in every land thrust in the sickle to gather in the ripened grain, dark clouds are rolling in, and in those dark clouds we see another sickle—a hammer and sickle. Our day is almost ended. Oh, may God help us to catch the vision of the need of lost souls, and of the urgency of our task, before it is forever too late.

WHAT JESUS FELT

When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them. Not only did He see their condition, but He felt a deep moving of pity and concern. Oh, that God would pour upon our souls the compassion of His own Holy Spirit, that we might have that same feeling toward the lost. Friend, it was that loving compassion that moved Him to make the

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Healing for a Crippled World

Charles W. H. Scott

at Central Assembly, Springfield, Mo.

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Acts 3:4-6.

IN ACTS 3 we have the account of the healing of the lame man, who had lain at the Gate Beautiful for many years. There he lay every day, begging alms and rattling his little tin cup, seeking to eke out an existence on the liberality of the worshipers who came to the temple every day. I think of this man as he lay there as a picture of our world today. He was surrounded with all the beauty and splendor of this glorious temple, but all the beauty of this marvelous edifice had long faded, I suppose, from his eyes, for its grandeur had never satisfied the longing of his heart, and neither had it ever met the needs of his body.

I suppose he was quite conversant with the ritual of the temple. Perhaps when they first brought him there he was very much engrossed, as he listened, but with the constant repetition of the ceremonies his interest waned, until finally he became indifferent to it all. For in spite of all the ritual, and in spite of all the tradition, he still lay there rattling his little tin cup, a helpless cripple. He heard the chants of the priests as they went through their ritual on various occasions. He would hear the priest cry, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one God." I suppose on the event of the Feast of Tabernacles he may have seen the priest go down to the Pool of Siloam to get that pitcher of water, and bring it up to the altar. He may have seen Jesus go to the Feast, and even have heard Him say, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." He heard all of these things, but still he lay there. Still his need was apparent. He had not been satisfied.

Recently there had come the day when the Passover lamb had been slain, and on this particular occasion, as the priest went in to offer the sacrifice, there was a mighty flash of lightning, and that veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. I think this man was lying at the Gate Beautiful that day, too. Then came that Feast of Pentecost, when the priests were offering their sacrifices, when, commemorating the giving of the law, the

sheaf was waved; and suddenly in the midst of it all, there was a mighty phenomenal disturbance among 120 of them as the day of Pentecost broke upon them. Something different was added to that feast day. Something new had come into being. Peter and the other 119 followers of the Lord Jesus Christ were speaking in marvelous languages, divinely inspired. There was quite a stir about the event. He heard a great deal of talk about the phenomenal occurrence, but still he lay there wrapped in his rags, still pitifully begging for alms.

Then two of these men passed by, Peter and John, and in response to his plea for alms they looked upon him and said,



"Look upon us." "And he, expecting to receive something of them, gave heed unto them." I'm glad that we know that his expectation was realized as he looked upon them. Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and through the power of the name of Jesus the lame man received strength in his ankle bones. He went leaping and dancing into the temple.

Although surrounded with all the pomp and splendor of the temple, and acquainted with the ritual and ceremonies, all he had obtained from it all was a mere existence; but when the two disciples of Jesus passed by and said, "In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk," his need was met. He had an existence before, but now he received abundant life through the power of that Name which is above all names.

Just as the lame man "gave heed unto them" (*took hold upon the words, as is*

suggested to us in the Greek), expecting to receive something of these two Pentecostal preachers, it seems to me that we, too, are being observed by this crippled world today. All around us we find that the churches, the neighbors of our various communities, the people of our cities, towns and villages, are giving heed unto us, expecting to receive something of us. The world today is looking at us. Like that man lying lame at the Beautiful Gate, our world is lame in its feet and it cannot get to God. Though surrounded by culture, science, religion, and other things our present generation needs something that these can't give. Our generation does not need more teachers; it doesn't need more philosophers; but it needs a Savior. It needs men that can take it by the hand and say, "Rise up, in the name of Jesus, and receive healing and strength in your ankle bones."

Our generation has tried materialism and found it to be vanity and vexation of spirit. Finally it has been compelled to realize that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. It takes something more than "things" to satisfy the inner longing. Our world has tried pleasure, and many today are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," but they are only discovering that "she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." While pleasure may entertain, it can never give satisfaction. They have tried out philosophies which have only turned out to be broken cisterns which can hold no water in the time of testing.

We look at Germany, the land of the Reformation, and find that through its apostasy and turning away from the fundamentals of the truths of God it has turned to materialism and rationalism. I'm wondering if the judgment that has fallen upon Germany and Europe is not because of the people's departure from the faith which God delivered to them. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and what a nation sows, that nation reaps also. They have tried philosophies, and found them futile. They have tried education, and found that while education develops the brain it ignores the heart from which are the sources of life.

Men today have tried religion. Many, like the Athenians, are "very religious" in these days; many have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. They have a religion that affects the head, but not the heart! We may be very quick to defend the miracles of yesterday, but not know a thing about the miracles today. Talking about the supernatural without experiencing it is a tragedy, and that's what's happening.

Many are like Gehazi, the servant of Elisha who followed the prophet from place to place. I wouldn't wonder if Gehazi were a graduate of Mount Carmel
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The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

BIBLE TEACHING IN FLORIDA

Florida's nonsectarian Bible instruction plan was not made illegal by the Supreme Court decision banning religious instruction in the public schools, according to the state's attorney general.

SCOTLAND'S GOOD EXAMPLE

A six-year schedule is being launched in Scottish schools which, according to *UEA*, will insure every boy and girl a course of training in the Scriptures as thorough as that given in mathematics and languages.

BIBLE CLASSES IN BUSES

Seeing that the U. S. Supreme Court has barred religious teaching in public school property, the school children of Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be given religious classes in buses which will park near the schools at the proper day and hour. Fort Wayne is the first city in the nation to adopt such a plan, it is said.

A WAYFARER'S BIBLE

In Court Square, Memphis, Tenn., a "Wayfarer's Bible" has been placed for the benefit of passers-by who wish to pause for a moment or two and read a few verses of Scripture. According to *Alliance Weekly*, the Bible is on a green marble stand, illuminated by neon lights, and is protected by unbreakable glass. It is a project of the Memphis Union Mission, whose superintendent will turn the page daily.

EUROPE'S NEWEST FLAG

When Winston Churchill addressed 600 members of a 22-nation "Congress of Europe" at the Hague recently, the city was decorated with a new flag. The flag consisted of a large red E on a white background. It was designed by Duncan Sandys, son-in-law of Churchill, for the proposed European federation. We wonder how long it will be until another flag will make its appearance—the banner of the Antichrist. Will it be a pennant bearing the three figures, 666—or will it be the flag of the European Federation, or the emblem of the United Nations?

DARWIN'S READING ROOM

According to *Dawn* Darwin himself saw that God's grace can do what the teaching of evolution does not even claim to achieve. Darwin opened a reading room in an English village. The venture was not very successful, but while he was responsible for it an evangelist named Fegan asked permission to use it for meetings. To this request, Darwin graciously replied:

"Dear Mr. Fegan—you ought not to have to write to me for permission to use the reading room. You have done more for the village in a few months than all our efforts for many years. We never have been able to reclaim a drunkard, but through your services I do not know that there is a drunkard left in the village. Now may I have the pleasure of handing the reading room over to you. Perhaps if we should want it some night for a special purpose, you will be good enough to let us have it. Yours sincerely, Charles Darwin."

EVANGELIZING CHINA BY RADIO

Shanghai's Christian radio station is making its influence felt. After a recent broadcast more than 400 requests were received for Bibles and Testaments, reports *The Protestant Voice*. Says the Chinese Christian layman who started this station: "We must have at least 50 such stations in China if we are to grasp our opportunity."

THANK GOD FOR MAIER

Dr. Walter A. Maier, whose radio program, the Lutheran Hour, encircles the globe, is now preaching to twenty million people every week. The program is released over 1,009 stations in many lands. Like Luther of old, Dr. Maier is unyielding in his contention for the faith once delivered to the saints. With biting scorn he dismisses all modern religious institutions which cannot be sustained from the Bible.

GALLIO'S JUDGMENT SEAT

Dr. Oscar Broneer, director of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, claims to have discovered the "bema" of the Roman proconsul Gallio, referred to in Acts 18:11-16. Sixty-six shops, mostly taverns, have been uncovered in the ruins of the ancient city of Corinth. The site of the judgment seat is on a slope facing the open market place, and consists of a stone platform, 25 by 15 feet in dimensions, and 10 feet in height.

FREE PASSAGE TO RUSSIA

The Anti-Communist League, of Hartford, Connecticut, offers "a free ride to Moscow to all Communists who will renounce their American citizenship and promise not to come back here." Applicants may have a free first-class ticket by either plane or steamship. There have been no applicants, however. The Communists will not suit their actions to their words. They would rather stay in "this dirty, capitalistic country" than return to their "glorious, democratic home of the free."

NEW FRONTIERS IN FRANCE

The full gospel message is being carried forward on new frontiers in France by Douglas R. Scott, of Great Britain, whom the Lord used in pioneering the Pentecostal message in Catholic Europe. Recently he opened meetings at Limoges, a place 200 miles from the nearest Pentecostal assembly. He writes:

"In all of my ministry in France I can truly say I have not seen such results in such a short time. We have had eighteen meetings, twice a day, every day, and have over 100 each afternoon and over 200 every evening. The Lord has graciously confirmed the Word with many healings, some of which are real miracles, and this is the reason for the people coming together. There is an attention to the Word I have not seen for a long while, and we have had invitations to go to several towns within a radius of 200 miles already. Truly there is a harvest ripe.

"Before the war, we had to work hard for a whole winter to get together a company such as we have here at the moment. To God be all the praise for His outstretched hand."

"THE NEXT WAR"

When the late Jan Masaryk signed the United Nations Charter at San Francisco, he appealed to the world's statesmen to cease from talk of "the next war." But the great powers have so many differences, and are making so many preparations for battle, that another war seems to be generally expected in due time. Lilienthal has disclosed that the Atomic Energy Commission of the U.S.A. is incurring financial obligations of \$659,000,000 for the fiscal year—a spending pace rivaling that of wartime. "We are tussling with an urgent situation," he says. "We have to assume, in the desperate state the world is in, that it is our job to push ahead as fast as possible, not knowing how much time there is left."

Lilienthal says that "the military interest, of course, goes far beyond atomic bombs." He indicated that major attention is being given to the harnessing of atomic energy to "drive ships and submarines," to "propel aircraft," and to "fuel electric power production."

It is said that the U.S. has developed a radioactive cloud that "kills anyone who comes in contact with it." The American Navy also has perfected guided missiles so accurate that they can "sink a ship even if it is halfway across the ocean." As if that were not ghastly enough, bacteria weapons have been invented which will produce fatal illness in their victims. The imagination reels in trying to picture the fear and misery of the common people should another world war break out. Yet there is no prospect of lasting peace until He returns who alone "maketh wars to cease."

COUNT FOLKE BERNADOTTE OF SWEDEN

Count Bernadotte of Sweden was shot and killed while in Palestine on a peace mission for the United Nations. Terrorists of the "Stern Gang" are suspected, and Jewish authorities in Israel are making every effort to apprehend the murderer.

Many hearts in many nations were saddened by news of the death of this good Christian gentleman. He was the outstanding peacemaker of his generation. He arranged the armistice between the Nazis and the Allies in 1945, and twice he obtained a truce in the bitter Jewish-Arab war.

He was one of the few statesmen in the United Nations who were willing to honor God and acknowledge their need of divine help in endeavoring to settle the grave problems of the present world. Long centuries ago the Psalmist wrote, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Bernadotte realized this, and again and again he asked the Christian people to pray for him.

As someone has written: "The wreckage and ruin in the world today call for a carpenter—a Carpenter of infinite wisdom, divine compassion, absolute power, and One who, knowing the Father's will, can read His blueprint. The world needs Jesus Christ!" Bernadotte acknowledged this fact, both privately and publicly, and God honored him with a degree of success which no other figure in the United Nations has been able to achieve. Though the world will have to proceed without his services, perhaps his life and testimony will speak to the hearts of other statesmen so that they too will put their trust in the Carpenter of Nazareth who alone can bring peace on earth.

General Presbyters' Meeting

AN OUTSTANDING feature of the meeting of the General Presbytery held in Springfield, Mo., September 10-14, was the Expansion Program recommended by our Home Missions Secretary, Fred Vogler, and his committee. This report is so very brief, and yet so comprehensive, that we print it in full.

EXPANSION PROGRAM

While viewing the great growth which has taken place in the Assemblies of God, we also must consider the limitless possibilities and the positive necessity for continued expansion. Our 6,000 organized Assemblies of God churches and nearly 245,000 members in the United States are scarcely a beginning when compared with the population of the country.

I, therefore, recommend that we adopt a FIVE-YEAR PLAN by which (if Jesus tarry) we shall seek to double the number of churches that are already established, and also seek to double the membership. In order to accomplish this, I would suggest the following procedure:

1. OUR GOAL: AN ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN EVERY TOWN IN THE UNITED STATES. That each assembly undertake to establish another assembly.

2. That we encourage consecrated young people, and Christian men and women skilled in some trade or profession, to seek employment in cities and towns where no assembly is established, that they may assist in opening new churches on the Vocational Volunteers program,

- engaging in personal work,
- distributing tracts and gospel literature,
- arranging and conducting prayer meetings,
- assisting in evangelistic meetings,
- and in general working for the establishment of a new assembly.

3. That we encourage our well-known evangelists to hold at least one meeting a year in a new, unevangelized field. We would strongly recommend that he be given freedom to enter the particular field which God has laid upon his heart.

4. That we use student graduates in new field work, and also as assistant pastors.

5. METHODS AND MEANS OF PROMOTION.

a. Canvassing a new town with literature: (1) Evangeleaf, (2) The Pentecostal Evangel, (3) Tracts.

b. Using the Christian young people of the town and near-by towns.

c. Radio work should also be valuable in the promotion of new field work. Let us sow America down with the gospel before the coming of the Lord.

6. EQUIPMENT. (1) Tents, (2) Portable tabernacles, (3) Tabernacles on wheels, (4) Store buildings, (5) Brush arbors, (6) Abandoned church buildings which might be purchased, (7) The use of homes for cottage prayer meetings.

OBJECTIVES OF THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT.

New churches to be opened by: (1) Pastors of established churches, (2) The sections of the districts, (3) The districts as a whole, (4) The Christ's Ambassadors of the sections and the districts.

SOME BENEFITS OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

(1) Enlarged missionary giving for both foreign and home missions.

(2) Sale of our Assemblies of God literature would be doubled.

(3) Our National Radio Program would be assisted.

Above all, it would mean thousands of souls saved for eternity.

—Respectfully submitted, Fred Vogler.

We suggest that every minister and every layman clip or make a copy of these recommendations and keep the same in his Bible (and, incidentally, in his heart), and pray constantly that the vision shall become a reality, so that five years from now, if Jesus should tarry, we can come together for a great praise service thanking God for what He has wrought for us. Then we will ask Him for a yet greater vision, and for a yet greater program ahead.

OUR WORLD TASK

Noel Perkin, our Missionary Secretary, in his report, said:

"It is well to bear in mind that our field is the world and the evangelizing of this field becomes a fresh task for each generation, so that continually we have to lift up our eyes upon the fields and de-

termine what our present task may be. The past is gone, the future uncertain, but today is ours to use for God. Men's hearts have been torn open by suffering and hunger. One half of the world is estimated to be actually hungry. We wish it were hungry for the Word of God, but it is more for the material bread. The hope that the terrors of war would drive men back to God on a large scale has been shattered, as it was after the war of 1914-1918. Nevertheless, there are signs everywhere that God is at work. In some sections there are indications of a turning to God on the part of many, as is evidenced by the large gatherings in the Youth for Christ meetings in China, the Philippine Islands, Europe, and parts of Latin America. There is a growing interest in co-operative endeavor among born-again Christians, and a desire is evidenced to bring about a closer unity among those of like faith.

CO-OPERATIVE ENDEAVOR

"In our Pentecostal ranks this is manifest in the efforts made in Europe among representatives of 22 nations to form some kind of fellowship that will function for the benefit of all. In sections of Africa there are efforts being made to unite the Pentecostal work. In India the indigenous groups numbering some 30,000 believers have made approaches to us for unity or union, if practical. In China we have an Assemblies of God organization which reaches out to embrace, as far as possible, all those of the Pentecostal faith who are of one mind with us in experience and doctrine. There are considered to be 100,000 independent Pentecostal believers in China. Similar bodies are functioning in other lands which, if brought into one great fellowship, might easily bring the membership of the associated groups in foreign lands to a total of around one million. These are the objectives which we have before us.

OUR MISSIONARY STAFF

"We have on our list at this time, including those who are on a retirement list, 626 missionaries, and 51 ministers in



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foreign service but not under appointment. Of this number, 462 are actually on the foreign field, 189 on furlough, 26 retired, and there are 25 more ready for appointment when funds are adequate.

OUR MISSIONARY FINANCE

"If funds were an indication of spiritual well being, we might be inclined to be discouraged, but we remember that one of the most influential of missionaries announced, 'Silver and gold have I none.'

"We are not quite in that position, but we have faced a rapidly diminishing balance until today we are forced, in the interest of safety for those on the field, to hold back others who are preparing to go out until we have on hand at least sufficient for their fares and the cost of getting their equipment to the field. Our income for missions has not diminished, being \$1,971,267.15 for the past fiscal year in comparison with \$1,755,717.86 for the preceding fiscal year; but the cost of living, as everyone knows, has risen so that the value of the dollar is just about half of what it was prior to the war. The increased cost of living is felt in other lands as it is in the United States; in fact, in some countries the cost of living is even higher in ratio to the prewar period to what it is in the U.S.A. Our Missions Department Expense Fund is overdrawn \$5,642.85 and the balance in our General Missions Fund is \$38,894.73 which is \$12,000.00 below what we consider a safe margin for our present operations."

We might add that if every member, everyone in our Assemblies of God fellowship, would get aside with the Lord and ask Him, "What wouldest Thou have me to do?" and would set aside a certain portion of his income to preach the gospel in the regions beyond, it would be an easy matter to double our present missionary income. To every Evangel reader we would say, "Do not fail the Lord in your stewardship."

OUR SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT

We regret that we cannot give space to the many other very interesting reports brought to us by the different executives and heads of the departments; but one item of news we must pass on to our readers with saddened hearts. Brother Williams stated that by the time of the next General Council he will have served as General Superintendent for twenty consecutive years, and that he will not consider allowing his name to be presented for re-election to that office next September.

Some of us who have been at Headquarters with Brother Williams during the past nineteen years, know how tremendous his load has been. During these nineteen years he has greatly enjoyed the inspirational ministry on the field, and

it will be a joy to him to continue this ministry in the fellowship in days to come; but he is convinced that it will be better for the heavy burden of the executive work to be borne on the shoulders of another. We know that this decision to serve no longer as Superintendent will be a great disappointment to many, for all over the field our brother is held in such high esteem; but we are grateful that we shall still have the blessing of his inspirational ministry throughout the fellowship.

Incidentally, it was voted by the General Presbytery to send Brother Williams to Australia in response to an invitation from the Assemblies in that country. He has been invited to be with the Australian brethren this Christmas, but he feels that it will be better for him to go to Australia at a later date. We know that he will especially covet the prayers of our readers in this the last year of his responsibility in the executive office.—S. H. F.

The Shadchan

In some Jewish communities the professional matchmaker or "Shadchan" plays a prominent part in the arrangement of marriages between young people. The term is derived from the Talmudic Hebrew verb *shedach*—"to persuade," "to influence"—with particular reference to marriage contracts. No doubt the Oriental seclusion of women gave rise to this profession of marriage broker, which is still practiced today. (An association of Shadchans was incorporated in New York City in 1929.)

These matchmakers consider their business not merely as a source of income, but also as a pious task desired by God, and are very prayerful and cautious in their work. After being hired by the parents, the Shadchan studies the couple, sometimes for years, and then seeks to influence each as to the character and possessions of the other. He is paid a handsome sum for his services, and because he knows his business, very seldom does the marriage end in failure.

We read in the Word of God of a Shadchan whose name was Eliezer, a servant of Abraham, who was sent to find a bride for Isaac. When Eliezer saw Rebecca, he influenced her by describing the beauty and the possessions of his employer's son in such a manner that, when the invitation was given, Rebecca could not resist. She fell in love with Isaac though she had never seen him. She left all she held dear to her life and rode in a camel train to Isaac's home. At the end of her long journey she dismounted from her

MODEST APPAREL

Thank God for the stand which some Christian women make in regard to the modern goddess, Fashion. A young lady was traveling on the train in the state of Kansas. The conductor of the train sat down in the seat opposite her and politely questioned: "Why do you dress so plain?" She asked what his motive was in asking the question. He replied that his own wife had always talked about the necessity of women dressing simply but he did not see any reason for doing so. The young lady looked at him and said: "Why do you wear that special uniform?" He replied, "Because I serve the Rock Island Company and comply with its orders in wearing it." "So do I," was the quick reply. "I have joined the church of Christ and am in the service of my Master, whose orders I must obey in my dress, according to 1 Timothy 2:9, where He states that women should adorn themselves in modest apparel."

JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

The Bud and the Flower

by Ruth Specter

camel and ran to meet her Isaac whom she knew at first sight and had learned to love because of Eliezer's faithful description.

There is a Shadchan sent from God, the blessed Holy Spirit, who is seeking a Bride for the Heavenly Isaac. He has presented and described to us the Altogether Lovely One, the Fairest of Ten Thousand, the Lily of the Valley, our Matchless Bridegroom! At the invitation, we could not resist Him. Though we have never seen Him as He really is, we fell in love with Him; we left all to follow the Lover of our souls, and we are now on a long "camel" journey (pilgrims and strangers in this world). Some day—oh, VERY, VERY SOON—we shall "light from off our camels" (leave this world behind); we shall meet Him whom our soul loveth; we shall see our Heavenly Isaac face to face! We who are His, with our hearts full of yearning toward Him, cry with the voice of the Bride: "O Lord, speed the day when the Spiritual Shadchan's work will be consummated in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!" Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

NO BOREDOM IN LOVE

When asked what she did with all her spare time, an old Scotch woman replied: "I get my hymn book and have a little hymn of praise to the Lord; then I get my Bible and let Him speak to me. When I'm tired of singing and reading, I just sit still and let Him love me."

The Idol Self

J. Gregory Mantle

WE ARE told in the history of India, that Mahmoud—who conquered a great portion of India hundreds of years ago—destroyed all the idols in every town to which he came. In time he laid siege to the great city of Guzurat. Forcing an entrance into the costliest shrine of the Brahmins, he found a gigantic idol, fifteen feet high. He instantly ordered it to be destroyed. The Brahmins of the temple prostrated themselves at his feet, and said: "Great Mahmoud, spare our god, for the fortunes of this city depend upon him."

But Mahmoud, after a moment's pause, said he would rather be known as the breaker than the seller of idols, and struck the image with his battle-ax. His soldiers followed, and in an instant the idol was broken to pieces. It proved to be hollow, and had been used as a receptacle for thousands of precious gems, which as the image was shattered, fell at the conqueror's feet.

Such an idol is Self, which pleads and promises that "if we will but let it stand, it has pleasures, gifts and treasures to enrich us at command." This hateful idol will spend years in intriguing to escape from the hand of God. Not in listening to its pleadings, however, but in delivering the idol to utter destruction, shall we find our true wealth and pleasure, for jewels of priceless worth await those who have learned the secret of losing their life for Christ's sake that they may find it.

Utter abandonment to God is, then, the only way of blessing. The alabaster vase must be broken that the ointment may flow out to fill the house. The grapes must be crushed that there may be wine to drink. Whole, self-centered, unbruised, unbroken men are but of little use, they "abide alone," living lives of isolated, selfish indifference to everyone but themselves. They murmur at God's providences, because self is disturbed in its enjoyment. They are easily offended and difficult to reconcile, because their self-esteem has been wounded. They thirst for and eagerly drink in the flattery and praise of men because it indulges self-love. They are proud and egotistical, because they love to worship at the shrine of Self. They are reluctant to give wealth or time to God's work in the world, because they want their time for their own ease, and their wealth for their own enjoyment. The nemesis of such a life is that, shrinking from the denial of Self, they die in Self, for there must be a total

loss of Self, in God and for Him, or eternal bondage to Self.

It is of the utmost importance that we understand what is meant by the word "Self" in this message. Self is the essence of personality. There are three elements in a human personality—the judgment, the affections, and the will. All these constituents of our selfhood have been corrupted and dislocated by the Fall.

The *judgment* is not to be relied upon. It puts darkness for light and light for darkness. It has lost its proper estimate of values, and is set on gaining the world to the loss of the soul.

The *affections* are depraved, seeking the things below rather than the things above. Their tendrils are turned earthward instead of heavenward. They love the world, and prefer it to the love of the Father.

The *will* has lost its regal power. It is strong when it ought to be weak, and it is weak when it ought to be strong. It says "No" when it ought to say "Yes"; and "Yes" when it ought to say "No."

The egotist is a pitiable creature. The whole foreground of his picture is dominated by one sinister figure, SELF. The capital "I" stands out everywhere.

The selfish man is alone—but he knows it not. He multiplies Self all around, and mistakes the multiplied Self for lives of others. In the Palace of Wurtzung there is a room of glass. It is called the Hall of a Thousand Mirrors. You enter—a thousand hands are stretched out to meet you, a thousand smiles greet your smile, a thousand

eyes will weep when you weep; but they are all your hands, your smiles, your tears. What a picture of the selfish man! Self all around, Self multiplied, and he is deceived.

What an awakening for the self-centered man when all the mirrors are smashed, and his naked soul, unloved and unloving, with a universe around him of hearts out of touch with his, comes face to face with the awful solitude of a Self that has never died, nay, that has lost its power to die.

No wonder Luther said: "I am more afraid of my own heart than of the Pope and all his cardinals. I have within me that great Pope, Self."

Few of us recognize how the uncrucified Self stains and spoils our service for God and man. Listen to one of those great spiritual teachers—one of the foremost of the Quiet of the Land—Gerhardt Ter Steegen:

"Apart from Thee
I am not only naught, but worse than naught,
A wretched monster, horrible of mien!
And when I work my works, in Self's vain
strength,
However good and holy they may seem,
These works are hateful—nay, in Thy pure sight
Are criminal and fiendish, since thereby
I seek, and please, and magnify myself

None of Self, and

All of Thee

Theodore Monod

Oh, the bitter shame and sorrow,
That a time could ever be
When I let the Savior's pity
Plead in vain, and proudly answered,
All of self, and none of Thee!

Yet He found me; I beheld Him
Bleeding on the accursed tree;
Heard Him pray, Forgive them, Father!
And my wistful heart said faintly,
Some of self, and some of Thee!

Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Sweet and strong, and ah! so patient,
Brought me lower, while I whispered,
Less of self, and more of Thee!

Higher than the highest heaven,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last has conquered;
Grant me now my supplication—
None of self, and all of Thee!

*In subtle pride of goodness, and ascribe
To SELF the glory that is Thine alone.
So dark, corrupt, so vile a thing is Self.
Seen in the presence of Thy purity
It turns my soul to loathing and disgust;
Yea, all the virtues that it boasts to own
Are foul and worthless when I look on Thee.
Oh, that there might be no more I or MINE!*

*That in myself I might no longer own
As mine, my life, my thinking, or my choice,
Or any other motion, but in me
That Thou, my God, my Jesus, might be all,
And work the all in all! Let that, O Lord,
Be dumb, forever die, and cease to be.
Which Thou dost not Thyself in me inspire,
And speak and work."*

Who does not long to give this hateful idol over to the glorious Idol-Breaker, Jesus Christ? He alone can rectify and enlighten the judgment by His Word. He alone can win the affections. He alone can purify the motives and intentions. He alone can conquer and reinforce the will. He alone can dethrone a usurper who will never abdicate, but whose determination to possess Mansoul—in part if not altogether—is so intense, that he will fight to the last ditch in his hatred to Immanuel, its rightful Owner, and in his determination to destroy, if possible, one of the redeemed ones.

*"Self is the only prison that can ever bind a
soul;
Christ is the only Angel that can the gates un-
roll.
And when He comes to set thee free, arise and
follow fast.
His way may lie through darkness but it leads
to light at last."*

This ubiquitous Idol Self is, then, to be fought against, and pursued through all the intricacies of our being, with bitter, unrelenting hate. Self is the very citadel of Satan in the heart; it is the great stronghold of the enemy; it is the most subtle, the most stubborn, the most tenacious foe with which the Holy Spirit has to contend in our nature. "Self," says William Law, "is not only the seat and habitation, but the very life of sin; the works of the devil are all wrought in Self; it is his peculiar workshop; and therefore Christ is not come as a Savior from sin, as a Destroyer of the works of the devil in any of us, but only so far as Self is beaten down and overcome in us. Christ's life is not, cannot be, within us, but so far as the spirit of the world, self-love, self-esteem, and self-seeking are renounced and driven out of us."

"If you do not crucify Self," he goes on to say, "Self will crucify Christ. Not as the high priests did many hundreds of years ago, nailing His outward humanity to an outward Cross, but crucifying afresh the Son of God, the Holy Immanuel, who is the Christ. Every man crucifies Christ as often as he gives way to wrath,

pride, envy, jealousy, covetousness, disparagement of others, evil-speaking and kindred sins. Every temper and passion that keeps Christ from being fully formed in the soul, is, in the strictest sense of the words, a murderer and killer of the Lord of Life."

There is no hope for us but in Jesus Christ. He must fight for us. My hateful Self is His enemy, too. He must vanquish it, subdue it, destroy it, cast it out, or we can never get the victory.

GOD'S WARNING ABOUT THE TONGUE

Compiled by Joseph P. Wannemacher

*A froward man soweth strife: and a
whisperer separateth chief friends. Prov.
16:28.*

Do you know, your talkativeness is utterly ruinous to deep spirituality? The very life of your spirit passes out in your speech, and hence all superfluous talk is a waste of the vital forces of the heart.

In fruit growing it often happens that excessive blossoming prevents a good crop, and often prevents fruit altogether: and by so much loquacity the soul runs wild in word bloom and bears no fruit.

I am not speaking of sinners, nor of legitimate testimony for Jesus, but of that insistent loquacity of nominally spiritual persons—of the professors of purifying grace. It is one of the greatest hindrances to deep and solid union with God.

Notice how people will tell the same thing over and over, how insignificant trifles are magnified by a world of words, how a worthless nonessential is argued and disputed over, how the solemn and deep things of the Holy Spirit are rattled over in a light manner—until one who has the real Baptism of divine silence in his heart feels he must unceremoniously tear himself away to some lonely room or forest, where he can gather up the fragments of his mind, and rest in God.

Not only do we need cleansing from sin, but our natural human spirit needs radical death to its own noise, activity and wordiness. "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matt. 12:36.

"For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words." Eccl. 5:3.

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul." Prov. 18:7.

"But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness." 2 Tim. 2:16.

"Tattlers . . . speaking things which they ought not." 1 Tim. 5:13

SIX PLAIN RULES

Cowan was one of the members of my Kirk Session a hundred years ago. When one of his sons was leaving home in 1862 to begin his life work, Cowan gave the young man the following short letter, a copy of which I have seen. It is headed, "March, 1862—For David." Then it reads thus, "Six Plain Rules for Constant Observance." The rules, which I give exactly as they were written, are as follows: (1) Ever *fear* the Lord: and yet *love* Him as your Father in Heaven. (2) Read a portion of His word *daily*, and commit yourself in prayer to His guidance. (3) Be *truthful* in everything: and hate nothing so much as *falsehood*. (4) Obey your Master *cheerfully* and without grumbling. (5) Give your *whole heart* to what you are doing, whether in work or play. (6) Be kind and generous to your companions, and avoid all *selfishness*. Then he adds, "And the blessing of God Almighty, your loving Father in Heaven, will surely be with you." And at the foot, just the initials "J.C."—JAMES BLACK.

FEARING THE BIBLE

Nothing save the essential truths of God's Word can give comfort and true peace, either living or dying. In living, if men are not resting on the Word of God, they can at least have no rest in denying it. The very fear lest the Bible be true is enough to mar all earthly enjoyment. A celebrated infidel said one day to a friend of his who had imbibed the same principles, "There is one thing that mars all the pleasures of my life."

"Indeed!" replied his friend, "what is that?"

He answered, "*I am afraid the Bible is true*. If I could know for certain that death is an eternal sleep, I should be happy; my joy would be complete! But here is the thorn that stings me. This is the sword that pierces my very soul: *if the Bible is true, I am lost forever.*"

THE UNIQUE PROPHET

Though the prophets spoke in the name of God, through none of them did He make Himself fully known until the Lord Jesus appeared, and through Him the human race has a complete manifestation of the otherwise invisible God. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1:18. The prophets made known the will and purpose of God, but the Lord Jesus also made known His nature and person. In Him we have not only a revelation, but also a manifestation of the Father. He alone of all mankind could therefore say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," and again, "I and the Father are one."—E. Bendor Samuel.

A Friend in Need

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

A PROMINENT man said, "Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things—a chance word, a tap on the shoulder, or a penny dropped on a newsstand—I am tempted to think there are no little things."

How much brighter the world would be were we all more careful to give a word of cheer and encouragement. A godly man without outstanding abilities used to say, "My gift is to help." He had learned to do good, to be pleasant, and to encourage, and his life became a great blessing.

Barnabas, of whom we have spoken in earlier broadcasts, was called, "The son of consolation." His life was given in helping others. He gave his wealth in behalf of his poor brethren; he defended Mark when he was weak; he lifted the spirits of the believers at Antioch; and today we find him searching out Saul, who became the apostle Paul. The Bible says, "Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, to seek Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch."

We are told of the conversion of Saul at Damascus. Now Saul had returned to Tarsus, the city of his birth. We are not told what he was doing there, whether he was discouraged or not. All we know is that he was there and that Barnabas learned of it. Barnabas knew there were qualities in Saul that could be highly useful if they were put properly into service; so, leaving the revival at Antioch, he set forth to help Saul and to thank God he was successful.

Many a struggling young man might find life very different if he had someone to encourage him. I remember a boy in our Sunday School. He was a mischief of mischiefs, and more than one mother wished he never came to the church. He was always teasing and often fighting other children. One Sunday the sexton asked him to assist him in a certain task, and that little encouragement turned the boy's energies into a new direction. Today he is a respected employee of the United States Government. How much he owes to the sexton of that church, only God knows; but this I do know—that boy has never ceased to be grateful, and each Christmas season he remembers that sexton although they live many miles apart.

It may be that the Church never would have had the apostle Paul had Barnabas not taken interest in him. It was the interest of Barnabas and his encouraging word that brought Saul to Antioch and set him forth in his great ministry.

My kind hearer, I would like to be an encouragement to you, and I would like for you to be an en-

couragement to others. In your home, do not nag. Do not cause any member of your family to feel himself inferior. Jesus came to encourage. It is written of Him, that the smoking flax He would not quench, and the bruised reed He would not break. He wants to encourage you. If you are sinful, He says, "Come unto me." If you are sick, He says, "By my stripes ye are healed." If you are discouraged, He says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." The gospel of Christ is a gospel of encouragement and help. May we let Jesus encourage us, that we may be able to encourage others.

WHAT JESUS SAW, FELT, AND DID

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supreme Sacrifice. Only a Church that is stirred with holy compassion is going to reach the souls of men and bring them into the Kingdom of God.

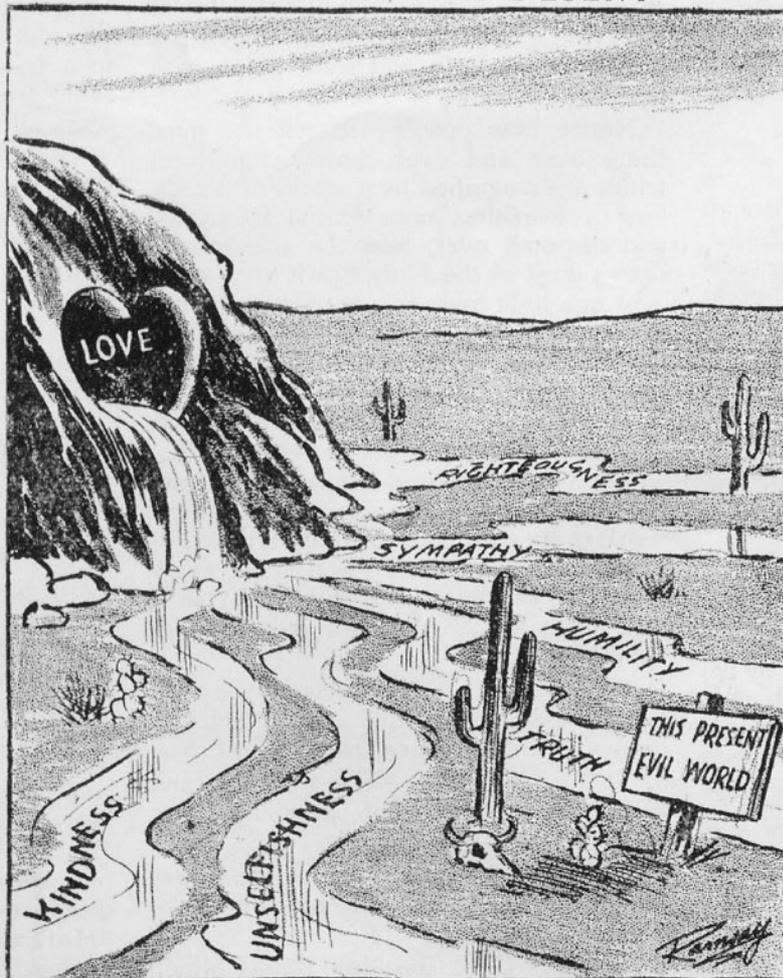
Many so-called Christians are careless and unconcerned about lost souls. They are indifferent toward the Great Commission. They say, "What business is it of mine? The winning of souls is the business of the ministers and missionaries." No, friend, that is not so. Every believer has a responsibility to win souls, according to God's Word. The Lord will say to us, as He said to Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain replied, "I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" God answered, "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." You say, "Oh, I'm not guilty of

shedding blood." But let me ask you, which is worth more—physical life, or spiritual life? The life of the body, or the life of the soul? You will readily agree that the life of the soul is worth infinitely more than the life of the body. If that is so, as we see the multitudes going down to perdition, and we have at our disposal the remedy, this blessed gospel, which can save them, are we not as guilty as Cain, who slew his brother?

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Yes, we are. All through the Scriptures we read of holy men of old who felt this responsibility and compassion for the souls of others. Remember Abraham, who prayed for God to be merciful toward the cities of the plain. Remember Moses, who interceded for Israel when the people sinned. God said, "Let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation." Moses might have shrugged his shoulders, and said, "Well, they deserve to be destroyed. I have preached to them, but they would not obey. I have warned them, but they would not listen. It is not my fault." But instead, he felt for these people. He was moved with compassion toward them, and he cried, "No, Lord, though the people have sinned a great sin, I want you to forgive them. If not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." He literally threw himself on the altar of sacrifice, and God answered his prayer and spared the nation.

Remember the prophets, like Jeremiah, who wept in their compassion for the sinners. He cried, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" You say, "But that was before Christ came; those things happened back in the Old Testament days." I would remind you of the New Testament missionary who said, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Think of it! Paul, the New Testament missionary, felt such love and compassion for lost souls that he was willing to bear a curse, if necessary, in order to save those who were perishing!

STREAMS IN THE DESERT



*"Oh, to catch a vision
Of a world that's lost;
Oh, that men would tarry
For the Holy Ghost!
Oh, for holy passions
In the human breast,
Bringing souls to Jesus,
There to find sweet rest."*

Revivals do not come until God's people are moved with this holy compassion, which causes them to hold on in prevailing prayer until the Spirit falls. Study the records of the revivals in the mission fields. Read the history of the revivals in America, Ireland, Wales. You will find they were brought about by men and women who prayed, men and women who were

burdened with compassion for lost souls and kept interceding until God moved. Oh, that we might see another great moving of God's Spirit. Oh, that men and women who are at ease in Zion would fall on their faces and get a new burden for souls. Oh, that we might see the world's need as Jesus saw it, and feel as He felt toward lost souls.

WHAT JESUS DID

Not only did Jesus see the multitudes, and feel a mighty compassion toward them, but He did something about it. Friend, it is not enough that our intellects be enlightened concerning the various fields, and that our emotions be stirred as we think of the millions who are perishing without Christ and without hope. We must get busy. We read that Jesus went about through all the villages, preaching the gospel. Spiritual vision plus godly compassion produce action.

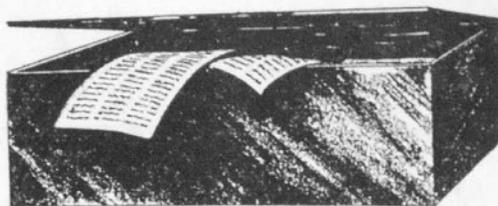
Three summers ago I was reading how the Japanese were using suicide planes against the American fleet. It was just before they surrendered, and in their desperation they were sending suicide planes which would dive through the fire of guns and land on the target, to blow it into oblivion. Those were critical days for the American sailors. The Cruiser *Indianapolis* was hit by an enemy plane. The Japanese pilot plunged his dive bomber right to the deck of the *Indie* (as the men called her) and it crashed through the first deck and into the second. The torpedo went off and there was a terrible explosion. Fire bilged up into the sky, mixed with canvas, wood, iron, and human flesh. The vessel became a blazing inferno.

It would have been easy for the Captain of the *Indie* to command, "Abandon Ship!" The sailors would then have jumped overboard with their life belts, to be picked up by other ships in the fleet. But instead, he gave the order, "Stand by!" and the sailors began fighting the flames and carrying out the wounded.

What impressed me most as I read the story was the account of a certain Destroyer, that was close at hand. When he saw the explosion, the Captain of the Destroyer issued the command, "Heave to!" and it cut through the waves, coming nearer and nearer the afflicted vessel. As she approached, the Captain of the *Indie* said to the Destroyer, "Stand off! The fire is nearing our ammunition hold. At any moment we may be blown up, and we may endanger your vessel." But the Captain of the Destroyer answered, "We'll stand by!"

Then he gave the command, "Heave to!" The Destroyer came alongside the *Indie*, and the two vessels were lashed together with cables. The men from the Destroyer went aboard the flaming Cruiser. They mixed with the crew of the *Indie*, identifying themselves with them in their dangerous plight. Shoulder to shoulder, the crews worked and suffered, extinguishing the flames, rescuing the wounded, notwithstanding the fact that they might be blown up at any moment.

Again the Captain of the *Indie* sent a message to the Captain of the Destroyer: "Lay off; at any moment now we may be blown up." But the Captain of the Destroyer replied: "We'll stand by," and he did so. Friend, when I read that story I had to fall on my knees and cry, "My God, if men will brave death and endure such danger and suffering for their country and for their fellow-men, surely we in the



IT'S YOUR NEW PLANT!

The picture shows the artist's drawing of the copper box, into which your name may go, whether you be a Beginner pupil or the oldest adult in your Sunday School. We are hoping to place in this box at least 450,000 names of those who desire to be associated with the new Gospel Publishing House. When the box is filled and sealed it will be concreted into a huge pilaster in the new building. The burying of this box will be a feature of the Seventh National Sunday School Convention in March, 1949. In ages to come, if the Lord should tarry, someone may open this box and find your name because you had at least a small part in the erection of this building for the glory of God.

In addition to the box, those sharing in the new building will have their names set in type and displayed on a panel. Little children (under nine) will have their names printed on the panel for the very smallest offering; a penny or more. Juniors will have their names included if they give 5c or more; Intermediates and Seniors, 10c or more; Young People and Adults, 25c or more; officers and teachers, 50c or more.

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Church of the Lord Jesus Christ should be stirred to sacrifice, to 'stand by,' to give our lives for the sake of sinners who are in danger of death and bound for an eternal hell."

The human race has been struck by the dive bombers of hell. Multitudes of souls are about to sink in flames to eternal destruction, unless we who are God's people have the courage and compassion to identify ourselves with these souls and snatch them as brands from the burning. It may mean sacrifice; it may mean suffering; it will mean pleasing Christ instead of pleasing self: but oh, friends, may God help us to "stand by" and rescue the perishing.

The hour is growing late. The war clouds are darkening the sky. Communism is sweeping the world. The Antichrist will soon arise. We haven't much time left. Do we dare sit back in complacency? Can the old ship Zion, the Church of the living God, sail on with the arms of its crew folded in ease and comfort, thanking the Lord for salvation, rejoicing that they are safe when others are perishing in sin? No, no, a thousand times *No*. I believe God's people

will arise to the need of the hour. I believe they will "stand by" and identify themselves with those who are in need. Jesus saw the need, was moved with compassion, and then did something about it. Let us do something about it.

You ask, What can I do? You may not be able to go to a foreign land. You may not be able to preach in your home town. Nevertheless, the command to every one of us is, "Go ye." If you cannot go personally you can go by proxy. You can help send one of these prospective missionaries. You can support a native worker. You can help put some young person through Bible school on the mission field, or help the missionaries who are publishing gospel literature. The Lord will show you what way He would have you to invest your life in this business of saving the multitudes from eternal destruction.

In giving money to missions, think of it not as money spent but rather as money invested. A certain brother in Finland gave thousands of dollars to the work of the Lord. His friends told him he was foolish and that he ought to invest it in business. But this rich industrialist in Finland continued to give to God's work. His friends warned him he would lose everything. You know, that's just what happened. He did lose everything—that is, all he had invested in business—because the Communistic hordes came into his country and took his home, his farm, and all his possessions. They also took the property of his friends—those men who had said he was foolish. But they didn't get the treasures this Finnish brother had laid up in heaven. You ought to hear him testify: "Thank God, I invested a few thousand dollars where Communism can't get at it. Hallelujah!"

Where are you investing your money? In stocks and bonds and properties which the Antichrist will take some day? It is better to invest in the work of sending the gospel to every creature. Do you pray for your missionaries? Do you pray each day for the salvation of the lost? Oh, put everything on the altar this day, and be willing to do whatever He asks in order to lead the lost to Christ.

A WORLD SHOCK

An event is yet to occur which will give the world its greatest shock. The shock will consist in the sudden and complete disappearance of myriads of its choicest inhabitants. The disappearance will be of such a mysterious nature that it will seem as though the earth has opened its mouth and swallowed them. However, the very reverse will be the case; heaven will have opened its door to receive them!

The unparalleled mystery will be deepened by the discovery that myriads of bodies which were at rest in mother earth will be missing at that same moment.

Doubtless all manner of explanations of this mystery will be offered by the great ones of earth. To be sure, it will be regarded as "natural phenomena," for the world's experts will not tolerate any thought or expression of a supernatural event.

Shortly after this exciting incident, a most powerful dictator will dictate peace to the nations then at war, and being a genius, he will also cause business to prosper. The world will again not only forget God and its soul, but also its troubles. It will become inebriated with the fullness of its prosperity and will cry: "Peace and safety." Then shall sudden destruction come upon it.—T. M. Olson.

The Bibles of 1948

Francis C. Stifler

Secretary for Public Relations, American Bible Society

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The Bible is a perpetual Best Seller. Sometimes a current popular book wins the title of the book of the year. The Bible goes even beyond that.

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There are three Bibles which are making news in 1948. The first is the German Bible. This book is in the news because there is such an alarming shortage of copies. Before the war the German Bible presses were turning out 400,000 Bibles and 600,000 New Testaments every year and they were all absorbed by the people. Then came eight years before and during the war when there was virtually no Scripture production in Germany. This created a shortage of eight million copies, and it is estimated that a shortage of another four million was produced by the destructive processes of war. With no materials and few presses available, there was, for a long time after V-E Day, no possibility of overcoming this shortage by the resumption of publishing in Germany.

In 1946 the Christian people of America, through the American Bible Society, began a program of publishing German Bibles in this country which to date has produced something over two million copies. There has also been sent to Germany, by the Society, large quantities of paper and binding materials by which the Germans are now in the process of producing approximately another two million copies.

In the meantime the shortage continues. In America, where the Bible tops the "Best Seller" list year after year, it is difficult to picture a situation where your Bible could be kept only one day a week and then must be passed on to one of your neighbors. That is necessary in Mecklenburg, Germany, where the American Bible Society has been endeavoring to fill the many requests for Bibles. "Nothing is so much wanted as Bibles and New Testaments," reports a German pastor.

II

The second Bible of 1948 is the Japanese Bible. Before the war the Japanese people were quite indifferent to the Bible, being for the most part adherents of another religion than the Christian. Ten thousand Bibles and twenty-five thousand New Testaments would be about all the Japanese people would demand in a year. Since V-J Day it has been very different.

Before the war all Bible printing in Japanese was done in Tokyo; but like Germany there has been, since the war, no paper or printing materials and very few presses available for the resumption of this publishing program. Late in 1946 a United States Navy Chaplain flew to this country with the plates for printing the entire Japanese Bible which is half again as large as our English Bible. During 1947 the elaborate process of adapting these plates to high speed rotary presses and turning out the Bible

was carried through. Toward the end of the year, the largest edition of Japanese Bibles—150,000—ever printed came from the presses. It required eight box cars to carry these books to the coast for shipment to Japan where they were received in the beginning of this year. So great is the demand that another large edition was put on the press early this Spring.

These Japanese Bibles were not the first postwar Scriptures by any means to be sent to Japan. During 1947 a million and a half Japanese New Testaments were sent from this country, printed from the plates made by photographing the pages of a Japanese New Testament obtained from an American library.

III

The third Bible of the year 1948 is the Russian Bible. Unlike Germany, which has been a Bible-reading country for centuries, and unlike Japan which for centuries was a non-Christian country, Russia is a land which, with a long Christian tradition, has in recent years been dominated by a government which opposes the Christian religion. Most of the people of Russia, however, have never ceased to be Christian believers.

When, during the war, the government of

Russia relaxed its opposition to the Christian faith, the American Bible Society, believing that the time would not be long before there would be need of a Russian Bible, began the long, difficult process of producing a completely new Russian Bible. The Russian Bibles used before the Revolution were no longer acceptable; because in recent years the Russian government has adopted a new form of its alphabet, and decreed that all books shall use it.

After five years the Bible Society's new Russian Bible came from the press. This was in September, 1947. Less than a month later a leading churchman from Russia, Metropolitan Gregory of Leningrad and Novogorod, visited this country on business for the Patriarch of Moscow. He accepted as a gift to the Patriarch 10,000 of the new Russian Bibles, 5,000 Russian New Testaments, 100,000 Russian Gospels, and 1,000 Ancient Greek Testaments for use by the students of the twenty theological seminaries which had been reopened in Russia. These books were shipped by the Russian trading corporation in this country. Because it was indicated that more books would be acceptable, the Bible Society is planning to send other shipments during this year.

There is a world-wide demand for the Bible at present, probably exceeding that at any other juncture in history. Among them all, there is no Bible which is in greater demand than the German Bible; there is no Bible which holds out greater hope for the conversion of non-Christian people than the Japanese Bible; and there is no Bible that points the way toward lasting peace among the nations more than the Russian Bible.



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The AMBASSADOR Returns

AFTER having flown 19,080 miles from Springfield, Missouri to Port Harcourt, Nigeria, West Africa and return, the AMBASSADOR gracefully circled the field and gently alighted on the long white airstrip of the Municipal Airport. An excited and expectant crowd was awaiting the landing on September 3 for on board were missionaries and crew who had made an epochal missionary trip by transport plane.

But for a telephone call a short time before as the plane left St. Louis en route to Springfield, its arrival would have been unexpected. Excellent flying time was made from Iceland the day before and brief stops only were necessary to refuel and unload some of the passengers in New York.

On August 12, the AMBASSADOR, crew and missionaries and children began the journey to Africa. Together with their baggage the missionaries were deposited in

Liberia, the Republic Seabee was unloaded and the plane went on to Port Harcourt, Nigeria to airlift its return passengers. At Monrovia, Liberia the remaining passengers were taken aboard and on Monday, August 30, the homeward journey began.

The trip was without event until the plane approached the Greenland field. Radio communication warned that a landing could not be made at the field. Either they had to return to Ireland or continue on to Goose Bay, Labrador. It was decided to continue on. Aided by a tail wind of approximately 50 miles an hour, they arrived about two hours ahead of schedule. After eating, they flew on to New York and at St. Louis they breakfasted. On Monday they were in Liberia and now on Friday the plane was unloading its passengers in Springfield.

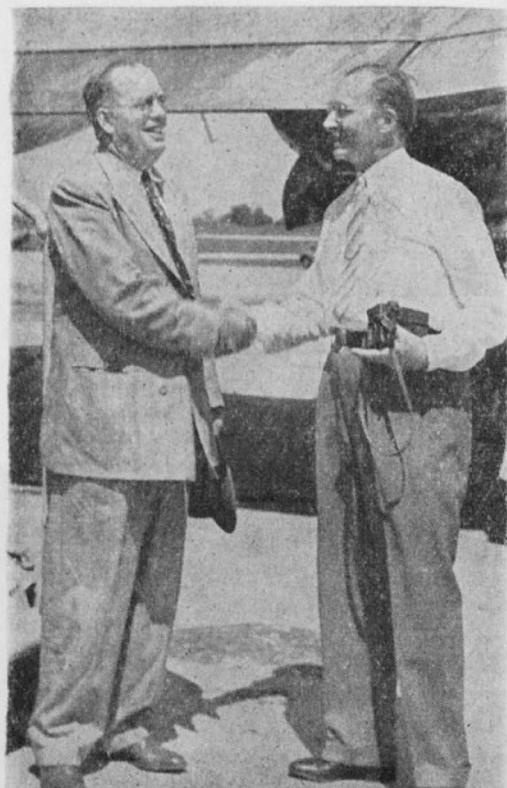
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Our Missionary Transport

Noel Perkin

THE launching of our missionary C-46 transport plane has been the realization of a dream many of us have had by which we might transport our missionaries to all parts of the world in a conveyance of our own. The financing of this great plane is largely the product of our "Speed-the-Light" movement and in recognition of the great work done by our Christ's Ambassadors, the plane has

H. B. Garlock is greeted by Noel Perkin, secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, as he steps off the ramp after disembarking from the plane in Springfield completing the round trip to Africa.



been named "The Ambassador" and bears the C. A. emblem on its fuselage. The launching of this plane has caused considerable interest in the United States and has been reported by the Associated Press and many religious publications as a noteworthy advance in foreign missions, while we have received the congratulations of transport companies for this enterprise.

The plane has just returned from a 19,000 mile flight to West Africa touching Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, Dakar, Liberia, Gold Coast, and Nigeria. It carried on its outward-bound trip thirteen passengers and crew with a Seabee plane and several tons of baggage. A safe landing was made in Liberia where most of the passengers disembarked for missionary work. On the return trip, there was a total of 37 persons on board. The outlay for the transporting of these missionaries by the regular means of transport would have been over seventeen thousand dollars. We do not at this date have all the figures available on the cost of the trip, but we believe, after paying all expenses including salaries of crew, gasoline, hotel charges, landing fees, insurance, food, and other incidentals, we shall show a saving of at least five thousand dollars on this one trip. This is in addition to the added convenience of picking up our missionaries when we are ready to go and transporting them right to their field of service or back to the homeland.

It is our plan to try and make at least one round trip to the mission field each month since to make this equipment pay, we must keep it in operation.

There is a question as to whether we shall have enough of our own missionary travelers to keep it going all the time, but already we have carried three non-Council missionaries and others are inquiring about the possibility of our assisting them in getting to the field.



Upon its arrival in Springfield, the AMBASSADOR had only through on the return trip. Left to right they are Roy Taylor, E. L. Mason. Left side ascending steps, are V. H. Shumway, H. Shumway, Mrs. C. Van Dalen, Mathilda Birkland, and Mart Van Dalen, Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Cornelius Van Dalen, Florence

We should explain that the commercial transport lines, especially ocean shipping, is far from being back to normal and we often have to wait for months for a booking. We could use the commercial air lines, but these are more than twice as expensive as it would be to operate our own plane.

WHEN BOYS PRAY

Ted Vassar, South India

WE HAD a wonderful Christ's Ambassadors service Saturday afternoon. I think it was the best yet. Of course the boys have charge of it and do a first-class job conducting the services. Last Saturday, they were carrying the service along as usual, when

Sculpturing for Eternity

Lillian Trasher, Egypt

WHEN I look at the hundreds of bright little faces looking up to me on Sunday morning in church, I think that I must feel as a sculptor does when he walks through the stoneyard looking for a suitable piece of marble out of which, by hard work, he may chisel from the dead marble the child of his imagination which will be a thing of beauty for generations to come. I wonder what talents and graces are hidden by ignorance and neglect which could be chiseled out and made a thing of beauty, not for generations, but for eternity.

This is how my work looks to me: A lifelong job of very hard work year after year; not upon one piece of marble, but upon hundreds of little children. Like the sculptor who forgets the pain of the body, but only sees the glory of his work as the block of marble slowly develops into a thing of beauty before his eyes. No longer is it a vague image in his imagination. Likewise, I also forget the aches of my weary body as I

stand by and see what God has helped me to do for these poor little neglected children.

The sculptor's work is done when he lays down his chisel, but my statues are alive and will be able to continue to grow after I am dead and will be able to do the work which I will not be able to do. Oh, it is a wonderful job, but I can never express how I feel about it all. I just cannot express in words the way I feel. One bursts with ideas which time and our mortal bodies can never finish. However, that does not hinder me from doing my very best every day. What I cannot finish He will see about.

One thing is sure, I cannot do anything unless the children are clothed and fed. The need is very great at this time. Silver and gold have I none—but such as I have I am giving to them. You are doing the things which I cannot do. God bless you for it. Some day I will show you our little human statues. I think you will be pleased.

A Cup of Milk

May Garner, Nigeria

SINCE we arrived in Africa, we have never had the opportunity to give a cup of cold water, but we have had many opportunities to give a cup of warm milk. One baby was brought to us the day he was born, another was ten weeks' old, and the other was nine months. Each baby had lost his mother.

I want to tell you about the one who was ten weeks' old. His father had died before he was born. His mother died when he was about eight weeks' old. After that he was placed in the care of an uncle. Strangely enough, in about two weeks the man's wife died. She had been caring for the baby.

Many of these people are very superstitious, so this little one was blamed with the death of his father, mother, and aunt. He had an evil spirit, so they said. He was not a proper child! So after the death of the aunt, the baby was fed no more. For at least four days the baby was without food of any kind.

A young man reported the matter to us, so we had the baby brought to our house. He had lost much weight and was very weak. The one who reported the case to us said he knew the baby had had very little food after the mother's death, and none after the aunt's death.

We cared for the baby for about two weeks then turned him over to the orphanage at Umuhia. He is now fat again and happy in his new home.

The uncle could have been forced to care for the child, but we knew he would have soon met "accidental" death in a river or some such place.

Since that time, the uncle has been to our house to pray with us. We are trusting that

he will hear the truth and accept Jesus as his Savior. Pray that God will so convict him that he will respond to the gospel.

NEWS NOTES

Martha McLean, of North India, returned to the States in the early part of September.

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John Jackson returned home from Cuba the latter part of August.

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Gail P. Winters sailed from New York on September 16 for Belgium where she will study language and later go on to the Belgian Congo for her second term of missionary service.

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Gail Winters
Belgian Congo



had only these passengers who had come all the way by Taylor, A. E. Wilson, H. B. Garlock, Wm. Wood, and Shumway, Thomas Shumway, David Shumway, Mrs. V. and Martha Jacobson. Right side ascending, are Rebecca Florence Steidel, Edna Peterson and Harry Shumway.

Solomon was called upon to pray. No sooner had he begun to pray than the Spirit of God fell like a blanket upon all the boys. Instantly, all fell to their faces in prayer and continued praying for at least twenty-five to thirty minutes.

That night when we gathered for business meeting, George, our oldest boy, was still on his knees before God and the Lord's presence was still all over the church. What a blessed sight it was to sit in front of the congregation and look into the shining little faces God had given to us.

There is much prayer going up for an outpouring of God's Spirit and these are but assurances that God is giving us of the rain that is sure to follow.

A WORD TO INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS

whose subscriptions will expire in November and December

Our Business Office and Subscription Department usually is very busy during the latter part of November and throughout the month of December. This is due to the extra Christmas business, which is in addition to our regular business, besides the fact that the orders for Sunday School supplies for the first quarter of the new year must be handled at this same time. It is the busiest time of the year, and our staff usually has to work six days a week, and extra hours each day, in order to handle all the business.

It would help us greatly if each individual subscriber to the Evangel whose subscription will expire in November and December could mail in the renewal before November 15, and avoid the rush of the Christmas season. If you would like to give the Evangel to some friends as a Christmas gift this year, we would like very much to have your gift subscriptions also by November 15.

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HEALING FOR A CRIPPLED WORLD

(Continued from page three)

Bible Institute! I imagine that he was quite conversant with all the doctrinal views of that day, and the teachings of the prophets. Not only that, but he had seen God's power made manifest. He was present that day when Elisha said to the king, "Make this valley full of ditches; and they'll not see rain, but God will send water." The next morning, sure enough, there was water for all the needs of those kings and their armies.

I think Gehazi was standing by Elisha, when that widow came to him and said, "Master, my husband is dead, and you remember that he was a faithful member of the assembly. He was a faithful preacher of the gospel. The creditors have come to take my two sons in payment of the debt which he owed them. What shall I do?" And Elisha said, "Sister, what hast thou in the house?" She replied, "Nothing but a pot of oil." It's a good thing to have some oil around, brother, at all times. It's a solution to all our problems—the oil of the Holy Spirit! He said, "Go out and borrow empty vessels from all your neighbors. Borrow not a few; borrow all you can get. Then shut yourself and your sons in your house, and start to pour the oil from one vessel to another until all the vessels are full." She did so, and then she came to him and said, "Elisha, the vessels are all full of oil. Now what shall I do?" He said "Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, and live on the rest." The Lord does the exceeding above all what we ask. Here He not only provided enough money

to pay all the bills but gave her a pension for the rest of her life!

Gehazi was there, I presume, when all this transpired; but there came the day, you remember, when that Shunammite woman's son died, and she laid him on the prophet's bed. She came to the prophet and told of her bereavement. Elisha sent Gehazi to the woman's house, saying, "Take my staff, and lay it upon the face of the child." But although Gehazi had the prophet's staff, and although he went through the proper motions, no doubt using the proper vocabulary, we read that there was neither voice nor hearing. He knew all about the method

and the theory, but nothing happened when he did it. What was the reason? Though he had the head knowledge, he lacked the prophet's power to see the thing accomplished.

Dear friends, I speak humbly to you, for I realize that we are all brethren. It's very easy for us to have a head full of knowledge, and to have only an empty heart. It's very possible for us to know all the technique of Pentecost and have nothing happen. There came a day in the life of that great man, Samson, when he became as other men. For the moment, he didn't realize it. He went through the same motions, but he awoke to the shocking discovery that he had



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and sī'dōn: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blās'tūs the king's cham-

lost that God-given treasure. I do not believe that our Pentecostal Movement is backslidden. I rejoice in its progressiveness, and I thank God for the evidence of His blessings on it. But I want to say this: if ever we find ourselves getting like other men, it would be well for us to get down before the One that has all power, and say, "Lord, a friend has come to me in his journey, and I discover, to my chagrin, that I have nothing to set before him."

The world, like that lame man at the Beautiful Gate, is expecting to receive something from you and from me, and we must not disappoint them. They are hungry and dying, and need a Savior, but we can't help them unless we're endued with power from on high. Some years ago, when we were pastoring in a certain place, there were some farmer friends that came to the church and received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. They were fine folk, and the good sister of the home said to Mrs. Scott, "Now, we want you to come and have dinner with us some day. We live on a farm, you know, and we're going to have a great dinner—a chicken dinner with all the trimmings." But like others who invite folk to their homes, they were not specific. We wondered when we were going to get a definite invitation. One day it came. We were having a meeting one night in the vicinity of their farm, and the good sister said, "Well, now you'll be coming out for a meeting on Friday night, so why not come over and have dinner with us on Friday about 3:30 or 4:00 o'clock?" That's just the wrong time of the day, you know. We couldn't eat a good lunch and expect to enjoy a good dinner at 4:00 o'clock. So I said to Mrs. Scott, "I think we should just skip lunch today, since we're going to have such a famous dinner as this lady has been talking about for the past month or two." So we did, and we arrived at the farm right on time. The dear sister invited us into the house. Usually you can detect it when food is being prepared, especially chicken, but we couldn't notice any of the usual odors. My wife wondered, "Now what does this mean?" I thought, "Well, they'll soon get to it." Four o'clock passed with no mention of dinner. Four-thirty came and they were still sitting there in the living room talking. Five o'clock arrived, and I began to realize I hadn't had any lunch; my head was reminding me of the fact. Five-thirty came, and still this famous dinner had not appeared. At about six o'clock the good sister said, "Now, we're going to have dinner. We haven't prepared very much, you know, but we're glad you're here." And so they ushered us into the dining room and set us down at the table. Lo and behold, all we had for dinner was strawberry shortcake! Now I like strawberry shortcake, but when I'm hungry I like other things to go with it.

That lady had built up great expectations in my mind. She had caused me to anticipate something that was worth waiting for, but what a disappointment I had! she didn't give us what we needed. I wonder sometimes if we are guilty of building up hope and telling of the great things which people can expect of us and we never quite get there to do them. The world is looking to the Pentecostal Movement, and expecting to receive something of us. We must give them more than strawberry shortcake! If we say that Jesus is the same today as in times of old, and preach that the days of mighty miracles are not past, we must have the Lord

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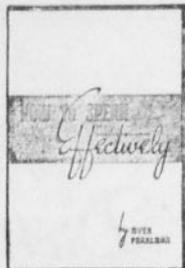


working with us, confirming the word we preach with signs and wonders.

How did Peter and John get this power? You know how. They had been in the Upper Room; and I believe, my friends, the only place where we're going to get power to survive as a Pentecostal Movement is in the Upper Room. We don't stay up there, however. We're not isolationists. Peter and John went from the Upper Room to the temple, where they could be a blessing to someone. They were well insulated, and so were not afraid to associate with others lest they lose their power. I've come to the opinion, my friends, that if my association with others seriously affects my spiritual life, it's not their fault, but mine, because I'm not where I should be. As a Pentecostal Move-

ment our association with fellow evangelicals will not hurt us; we can do them good. But if we suffer from having been with them, let's put the blame at our own feet—that's where it belongs. If we keep that power of God and of Pentecost vibrant and alive within us, we'll be able to get out and meet the world and minister to the needs of men and women.

Let us take inventory and ask ourselves "What do we have to give to them?" We have something they need, my friends. It's the all-sufficient, all-inclusive Word of God. I'm reminded of the young man who was packing his trunk to go to college. A friend watched him as he laid his clothes carefully in the trunk, and his other belongings, and finally he noticed that a little space in the corner of the



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trunk was being carefully reserved. The friend said, "What are you putting in there?" The young man answered, "I'm putting in that spot a guide book, a lamp, a microscope, and a telescope; I'm putting several volumes of poems and biographies there, and a package of love letters, besides a sword, a hammer and a mirror. I'm putting all that in that little space, for that's where I'm putting the Bible which my mother gave me."

What we have to give the world is the Word of God; and it is so all-inclusive, it contains everything they need. It is the message for the last days. Mordecai said to Esther, "Thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this." I believe this Pentecostal Movement has come to the kingdom for such a time as this. We must rise to the occasion and take our place, doing the task which God has given us to do. Remember, the preaching of the cross, of the gospel, is to them that perish foolishness, but unto them which are saved it is the power of God. It's the one thing only that can change the lives of men and alter the course of the world.

They tell us that ninety years ago the Fiji Islands were inhabited by a race of cannibals, but today I have been told that the Fiji Islands is the most godly place on earth. What caused this change? It was transformed by the preaching of the gospel of Jesus. Individuals who once were savage cannibals and head-hunters now make up the Christian community of the

Islands because of the entrance of God's Word. Yes, sir, it will do it every time.

An atheistic farmer was very surprised one morning when he found a neighbor who had just become a Christian, driving a flock of sheep down the road and heading them into his barnyard. He came out and said, "What does this mean?" The neighbor said, "Bill, I want to admit my wrong and confess my sin. About four years ago two or three of your sheep got into my pasture, and instead of sending them back home I put them in with my flock and left them there. But just a little while ago, I was made aware of my sin, and my need of a Savior, and I gave my heart to Christ, and I decided right then and there that I would have to return the sheep. So I'm bringing the sheep back with all their progeny. They belong to you so here they are." The atheist looked at him and said, "Get out of here and take the sheep with you. I don't want to have anything to do with them. If you keep on talking and acting like that you'll have me converted too."

This gospel transforms men and women. I believe that when the gospel of Jesus Christ is preached under the power and unction of the Holy Ghost that it will do for our nation what is needed today. It will correct parental and juvenile delinquency. It will close the divorce courts. It will put the police department on half time directing traffic. The preaching of the Word transforms men and women. The

preaching of the gospel presents the only Savior. Germany heiled Hitler and declared him their Feuhrer, their Savior. Every time they screamed "Der Feuhrer" they were saying "Our Savior," but his leadership dropped that great nation into complete ruin and bankruptcy. Japan worshiped the Emperor as a god, but in the crucial moment their god could not save them from the atomic bombs that sailed from the skies above them. Russia and her satellites are worshipping Marxism and the god of force as their Savior, but it is going to leave that great nation and her satellites to rot in the mountains of Israel one day.

And America, what about our beloved America? We have to hang our heads in shame as we realize that America, the land which was founded upon the Word of God and upon Christian principles, has turned her back on God. She has gone pagan and today is worshipping at the shrine of immorality and pleasure. As a result, she's beset with phobias and neuroses of many hues and shades comparable to that of the little boy whose mother brought him to the doctor and said, "I can't understand why he has developed such a phobia or fear. I was careful not to tell him anything about God. I was afraid the boy might be frightened, and so I purposely avoided anything of that nature." The doctor said, "Mother, you told him nothing about the love of God, and then you wonder why he has developed a fear complex?" Our mental asylums today are

not filled by accident, but because men and women have turned their backs upon God. Wherever people repudiate God and make friends with a hundred devils, they'll come on hand and torment every time. America today has turned her back on Christ and says, "We'll not have this Man to reign over us." America needs a Savior. She needs Him as badly as Africa, as badly as China, as badly as any other land. God help us to remember that the Word which we preach presents a Savior, for as Peter said, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." He transforms lives, He does wonders, just as He healed the lame man at the Beautiful Gate.

A crippled world has its eyes on us. Men are looking on us, expecting to receive something of us. Let's not disappoint them. Let's be sure we have the Pentecostal power, and let the Holy Spirit have right of way, to direct us, to guide us, and to use us, for the sake of a world that is dying in sin.

More APOLOGISTS than APOSTLES!

Vance Havner

SOMETIMES I have thought that the most unappreciated man on earth is a Pullman porter who must go down that mahogany lane in early morning to awaken passengers who are in no mood to be aroused. But this business of rousing people is a thankless job whether it apply to a Pullman porter or to a minister of the Gospel. Too many Christians come to church on Sunday to rest at ease in Zion and across their faces one seems to see as upon hotel room doors, "Please Do Not Disturb!"

It is not enough to be orthodox. We must awaken to action. We have more apologists than apostles. Too many fundamentalists are sound—sound asleep! We have the facts but not the fire. If we had as much vitality as we have had vocality, we would have set the world on fire long ago. We have talked much farther along than we have walked. We need to let our feet catch up with our tongues. We defend the Truth but we do not live the Truth. We ponder it instead of proving it. We preach a dynamite Gospel but we live firecracker lives. The power of the Spirit is not a sedative but a stimulant.

Said an infidel lawyer to a young preacher, "If I believed what you claim to believe, I could not take it as lightly as you do. I would not rest day or night. I would warn men and plead with them to be saved. If I pleaded my cases like you present Christ, I would lose them all."

We need today a ministry of exhortation. Finney used to say, "We must have exciting and powerful preaching or the devil will have the people." The saints who left their impression upon this poor world were men whom God made drunk and all the powers of Satan could not sober. This generation is terribly excited about the unimportant and terribly unexcited about the important. The same church-members who yell like Comanche Indians at a football game sit like wooden Indians at church on Sunday. If ever Presbyterian Sepulchres and Baptist Graveyards and Methodist Mausoleums are to resound with revival, we must recover the ministry of exhortation.

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Has Tithing God's Approval?

P. A. Klein

THE question of tithing has had no small discussion among Christians. The great question is, Where does God stand in the matter? Which side has His special blessing? The reader can learn this in one way only, and that is, try it and know for yourself. One ounce of experience is worth a ton of untried theory. No man can be an authority on tithing who has never tried it and knows only one side of the question. I have tried both sides for twenty years each, and know whereof I speak.

Some argue that tithing is not a New Testament commandment, and need not be kept by us. But that is no conclusive proof. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (Ex. 20:7) is not a New Testament commandment, yet I am not at liberty to violate it. Many commands and teachings of the Old Testament are kept by Christians. We do not keep any of these as a means of justification and salvation, but as a means of expressing our love to God for the salvation we have received.

The first man to give tithes was Abraham, and he is called "the friend of God." The next person who mentions the subject is Jacob, Abraham's grandson. Jacob is leaving home for the first time; and, alone in the wilderness, he lies down to sleep. God appears and confirms to him the Abrahamic covenant, and adds, "And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." Gen. 28:15.

This assurance was given to Jacob unconditionally. God did not ask him to do a single thing. Then out of gratitude of heart Jacob vows a vow, saying, "This stone shall be God's house, and of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

If Jacob had been like some people, he would have said, "Well, God did not ask me for anything, and He did not command me to do anything, so I can do as I please and give what I want to." And that usually is not very much. The people who accuse Jacob of driving a bargain with God for Jacob's personal gain, either are uninformed as to the facts, or they are not honest with the Word of God. Tithing shows gratitude for grace.

I was led to the Lord by a man who was not a tither, and for twenty years I used all the flimsy arguments against tithing. I argued that all I had belonged to God; but, strange to say, I never gave it to Him. I did not give Him even a tenth, although I thought I gave more than a tenth. I am ashamed now when I look back on the first twenty years of my Christian life. One day my wife, who had been a tither, suggested that we begin to tithe. I agreed, and from that time to this hour we have faithfully tithed all God has given us.

First of all, there came into my life a joy in giving to which I had been an utter stranger before.

Second, we have given much more to God than we ever did before, and more for other causes also. Strange as it may seem, we have more left for ourselves than we ever had. We would not dream of going back to our former slipshod, spasmodic way of giving.

Third, I began to testify to my people of the joy and blessing we were having in tithing. Some began to tithe, and as a result we have not taken an offering for our own work since that time. We have gone through the depression years with all bills paid and money in the treasury. Only twice in twenty years has our treasury been empty. We have no pledges; we do no canvassing; we have no suppers, no shows.

When the church turns to the world in order to get money to pay her bills, it is not because she is tithing, but for the lack of it.

Tithing honors God. Solomon says, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase." Prov. 3:9. When a friend comes to my home for a meal, I do not sit down and first help myself to food, then my children, and if there is any left offer it to my friend. No, I serve him first. So it is with God, or should be. I believe God gives me all I have, and it all belongs to Him, and I recognize that fact in a very real and practical way when I set aside one tenth first for Him, then use the nine tenths for my needs and the needs of others.

I am not a Christian beggar or a church beggar, but a Christian prince. I have more to give to God and man and can do it in a princely way better by tithing than any other way I know. As I write, there lie before me 374 testimonies about the blessings of tithing, ranging from poor widows to prosperous business and professional men. God does not want the world to give Him tithe money. God is not after money, but He loves to be honored by His redeemed people even in their financial matters.

Is it not an undeniable fact that the church in many cases has impressed the world as being an institution of beggars? And is it not also a fact that the church has not been tithing? Is it not a fact that Israel as a nation was cursed with a curse because she robbed God in the matter of tithes and offerings? And did God not offer to open the windows of heaven and pour out such a blessing there would not be room enough to receive it, if the Israelites would bring all the tithe into the storehouse? Mal. 3:8-10.

It is not tithers who are the money-loving men, but those who rob God by keeping back the tithe. The world would soon be rid of a lot of spiritual tax gatherers if the church practised giving to God His part of her money for His work.

The method of giving which the church has practised for years stands condemned by the financial condition she is in at this very hour.



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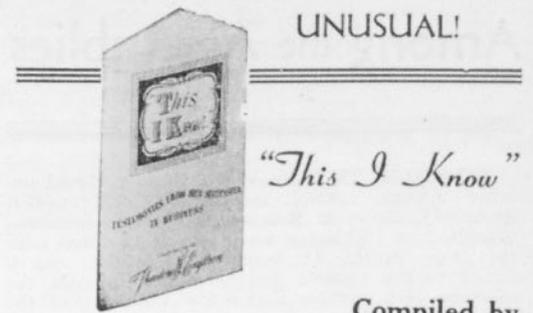
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October 17 is our annual Speed-the-Light Dollar Day. Every C. A. is asked to give at least a dollar to this great cause. (Of course, older friends are not excluded.) All offerings designated "Speed-the-Light" receive regular church missionary credit.

For two decades I was one of the great multitude of Christians who are under the strange delusion that they are giving more than a tenth to God, although I never kept an account, and if I missed a Sunday I did not make it up the next Sunday by giving double. I looked at the size of the piece I put into the plate, and not at the amount God had given me during the week. When I began to tithe, the first \$3.00 looked like cartwheels for size. They actually looked bigger than the \$27 I still had. The devil said to me, "Are you going to give all that? Wouldn't \$2.00 be plenty?" I thought of the little girl who

asked her mother who was cutting the pie, "Is all that for grandma?" "No, it is for you, dear," was the reply, and she said, "Oh, what a little bit!"

I confess there was no real joy in giving my first tithe. But I soon saw what a robber I had been. Although I loved God and was His child, and the Holy Spirit was dwelling in me, I was not instructed in giving. He has now opened my eyes to a new phase of Christian life, for which I praise Him. I have come to the place where it is a real joy as large amounts are set aside and taken to church on Sunday morning.



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The last and highest test of every true science is *experience*. If the church would test tithing by experience, she would find the following results: First, she would come into possession of great joy, something she sadly lacks today. Second, she would relieve her ministers of the appearance of being public mendicants by their appeals for money. Third, she would have ample supply for all her financial needs. And fourth, she could provide things honestly in the sight of all men, and would not need to resort to all kinds of questionable things, sometimes even to games of chance, to raise money. We should keep in mind that no one can give more than a tenth until he has first given a tenth.

That Abraham and Jacob tithed is beyond dispute. Tithing was connected with the true faith of God. When national Israel came out of Egypt, God incorporated tithing, which belonged to spiritual Israel, in the Mosaic law. But national Israel cursed herself in the matter of tithing, while spiritual Israel was blessed by it. In all fairness, one must conclude that Malachi 3:16 includes tithers, or rather describes them, for they "feared the Lord" and spoke often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and wrote a book of remembrance for them, and they shall be His in that day when He makes up His jewels. For if national Israel was cursed for robbing God in keeping back the tithe, spiritual Israel would not be blessed if she did the same.

There are many Christians who are not tithers, but they would be happier if they were. Try it and see. Tithing has the blessing of Almighty God.—*Condensed from Moody Monthly.*



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It was a great camp meeting in every way, with attendance, spirituality, and offerings all going over the top. One evening, in about 15 minutes, there was enough money raised to buy a 42x72 ft. tent, which will be used in our Home Missions work in our section and for camp meetings. Eternity alone will reveal the work God wrought in the midst of His people.—Olen F. Cossey, Sectional Presbyterian.

PLEASANT VALLEY (near Lawrenceburg), KY.—We are praising God for the good revival He gave us under the ministry of Evangelists John William Davis and C. W. Van Dolsen. During these meetings, which began July 31 and lasted 3 weeks, a number were filled and refilled with the Holy Ghost, others came forward for salvation. The services were a real uplift to the church. Sunday, September 5, we baptized 6 in water.

These evangelists are anointed of God and work with untiring effort, especially during the altar service. Brother Van Dolsen is going back to finish his schooling at Southwestern Bible Institute, and Brother Davis is staying in the evangelistic field, and can be reached at Owenton, Ky.—R. A. Hunter, Pastor.

ORANGE, TEXAS, and COVINA, CALIF.—We have resigned the work at Orange, Texas, and have accepted the pastorate in Covina, Calif.

We were privileged to labor in Orange, for the past four years, during which time a lovely new auditorium and educational building was constructed; also a parsonage was bought and remodeled. Only a small indebtedness was left. We enjoyed a wonderful time of revival; many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance reached 262 with an average of nearly 200. We enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists E. D. Davis, A. L. Parker, Brother and Sister Harold Ansel, Willa Short, Brother Bartlett, Ronald Prince, Jennie O'Brien, Natalie Dawson, F. D. Davis, W. S. Barham, and Earl Rogers.

Our address is Box 189, Covina, Calif.—Pastor and Mrs. R. L. Davis.

DE KALB, TEXAS—We have just closed another 2-week revival meeting with Evangelist Samuel J. Gann of Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie. Thirteen were saved, 11 filled with the Holy Spirit, 11 baptized in water, and 9 added to the church. Brother Gann brought the message each service under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many were healed. Among those saved was a man 75 years old; another was 69 years of age. The Sunday School record was broken with 138 present. We gave \$45 for Missions and also raised \$502 in pledges on new parsonage. We are grateful for what the Lord has done.—E. O. Smith, Pastor.

FONTANA, CALIF.—God has been good to us in sending us the Lummer Party through whom he has mightily confirmed His Word by saving souls and healing the sick. Those afflicted with heart trouble, arthritis, neuritis, internal trouble, deafness, blindness, and many other ailments were made whole by the touch of the Master's hand. What started out as a city-wide meeting became country-wide as the tidings spread. Many came to the altar repenting of and confessing their sins, and were made new creatures in Christ Jesus. Truly it was a great visitation from the Lord, whereof we are glad.—R. W. Krake, Pastor.

ANAHEIM, CALIF.—We have just closed one of the greatest city-wide campaigns that Anaheim has ever experienced, with Evangelist and Mrs. Wilbur Ogilvie. There were miracles of healing in every service. Souls were saved in almost every meeting. God is mightily using Brother Ogilvie in praying for the sick, deaf, dumb, and blind.

The business men of the city co-operated wonderfully in helping to advertise the meetings. The three Full Gospel churches—Bethany, Foursquare, and Assembly of God, co-operated. The services were well attended. Many came from surrounding towns. Our church is stirred to do more for God.—R. W. Culpepper, Pastor, Assembly of God.



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REIDSVILLE, N. C.—Coming here last April to pastor the church near Reidsville, we found a fine group of Spirit-filled saints with whom to work. The former pastor, J. Lewis Powell, had left the church in an excellent spiritual condition, and with plans to begin building a new church, the people already having the money with which to begin, in the treasury. We pitched a tent on the lot where the new church was to be constructed, and conducted a 4-week campaign while the building was going on. James Parton, pastor at Dunn, was our evangelist, with J. Lewis Powell, pastor at Morganton, assisting during the last week.

God gave us an outstanding revival; our Sunday School attendance increased from 50 to 125, and around 30 were saved; a goodly number received the Baptism, among them being one church member who had sought the experience for seven years.

God was greatly in our midst during our Friday night Divine Healing services, with people being touched by the power of God when prayed for. A man, 78 years old, who had used tobacco almost all his life, and been bound by the liquor habit, was gloriously saved and delivered.—W. R. Pierce, Pastor.

ELGIN, ILL.—The Lord has very graciously visited our church with two great Divine Healing meetings. So many people were healed of afflictions that it would be impossible to mention them all. The ministries of William Baranham and E. L. Slavens and their parties were accompanied with healings and miracles. We saw literally scores of deaf people healed. Cripples were healed, blind eyes opened, crossed eyes straightened; epileptics were delivered and skin diseases cleansed. Almost every known disease was healed by the mighty power of God. Reports continue to come in from many who have been healed of cancer and other afflictions.

Many were saved during these campaigns. On the last Sunday of the Slavens revival, 15 were taken into church membership. A number have recently received the Baptism in the Spirit. Souls continue to be saved after the healing campaigns have closed.

The Lord has been blessing the church since our coming here about two years ago. A number of improvements have been made on the church, including new Sunday School rooms, and the installation of a new heating plant worth twenty-five hundred dollars. The church has just purchased a 52-passenger Sunday School bus which will begin operation immediately to bring in new people. Our hearts rejoice here in Elgin for the goodness of the Lord which has come our way.—C. Merrill Johnson, Pastor.



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I promised the Lord I would trust Him to heal it, and I put no medicine on it. I only anointed it with olive oil, and prayed that it might go away. I was living as close to the Lord as I knew how. I searched my heart daily, but no answer came. I asked the Lord if I was a "Job," but still there was no answer. My face did not give me any pain, except when the enemy would attack me about it, and sometimes I would get so upset about it that I would plan to go to a surgeon and have it removed.

Some of my close friends urged me to go to a surgeon. Some said, "Don't wait until it affects your eye." But I had promised the Lord I would trust Him to heal it, and I feared that if I let a doctor take it off a cancer or T.B. or some other affliction might come which the doctors could not cure.

For eight months that sore remained on my face. One of my children said, "Mama, if you don't go to a doctor, I will put you in a strait jacket and take you." But I told him it was in the hands of the Lord and He would heal it. I had people praying for me far and near. The enemy would try to get me to look in the mirror to see how bad it looked, but I would rebuke him in the name of Jesus and he would leave me for a little while. One night he woke me up and told me it had dropped off, but before I felt it I knew it was still there.

Some time between April 7 and April 25, 1947, the sore disappeared. I don't know when, where, or how it happened, except that the Lord healed me. I believe the Lord let me be tested for eight months in this way to draw me nearer to Him, for that is what it did. I know He got glory out of it. I praise Him for sending me the sore, for it made me pray and read the Word more. Now that it is gone, I really praise Him for healing me, and I hope that my testimony will help someone else to be drawn nearer the Lord and to be healed as I was.—Mrs. Myrtle McHale, 2423 Phoenix Ave., Jacksonville, Florida.

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HEALED AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF PAIN

Previous to January of this year, I was a Baptist, but God began dealing with my heart and I became hungry for more of Him. When I heard that Evangelist Veola Falen was preaching in special meetings at the Assembly of God Church in LeRoy, Kansas, I attended, and the message went straight to my heart. I knelt at the altar and surrendered everything to the

Lord. The second night I went to the altar again, and I had my first taste of the power of God. Wave after wave of His power flooded my being. It started in my upraised hands and went down to my toes.

It was the next morning, however, when I was alone in my home, that the Lord baptized me with the Holy Spirit. I had been praying for thirty minutes, then I had lain down on my bed and relaxed. A few minutes later I felt a peculiar feeling come into my feet. It spread upward and became so powerful that I was frightened. Was I ill? I tried to get up to call for help but found I could not move! When the feeling reached my waist I wondered if I were dying. Then it reached my heart and the meaning was revealed to me. It was not illness; it was the power of God, and although I could not understand it I whispered, "Have Thine own way, Lord." As I did this I was completely engulfed. My body seemed not to exist. Only my spirit seemed to be alive, and it seemed to be in the control of a stronger, mightier Spirit.

It was a sweet surrender. After a while I realized that strange words in an unknown tongue were being uttered from my throat and lips. I was speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. God had baptized me with the Spirit. I was surprised to find I had been shut in with God for an hour and a half!

The divine power lifted from me and I was

"myself" again—but oh, what a difference! I felt like a new creature. I began witnessing to my neighbors and friends concerning what God had done for me.

Not until the following day did I miss my pain and suspect that God had healed me.

I had suffered with a blood infection in my left leg since October, 1940, following a major operation—an infection termed incurable by medical science. I had also had trouble in the abdomen for three years, which had become quite painful. Several doctors had been unable to determine the cause, but cancer was suspected. Now the pain was gone! I asked our pastor's wife, Mrs. Hollis, if it was possible to receive healing without asking God for it. "Certainly," she said. "Anything is possible with our Lord. Claim it as healing, believe it, and it will be." I did, and I am giving God the praise every time I have an opportunity to testify for Him.

I had the above-mentioned experience six months ago, and these have been the only six months in more than seven years that I have been without pain. Truly the Lord "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."—Mrs. Joseph M. Grant, LeRoy, Kansas.

(The pastor, Ray F. Hollis, of LeRoy, Kansas, writes: "I am happy to verify this testimony. The Lord is working wonders in this place.")

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One night recently the Lord was in our midst mightily and one of the members of the little group was slain under the mighty power of God. That night in the wee hours I was awakened with a great burden on my heart to pray. I didn't know what it was for; however, I wrestled, like Jacob of old, for hours with the Lord. Then the burden lifted and I went back to sleep.

Early the next morning our only son, who was unsaved, went to the barn to milk, and while in the barn he was seized with awful soul conviction. He tried hard to shake it off, but was unable to do so. So he ran back to the house, ran upstairs where his wife was still in bed, and with the hot tears coursing down his cheeks he threw his arms around her neck saying, "Pray for me."

Not knowing what had happened to him, she was frightened. Jumping out of bed, and throwing on her housecoat, she ran out and called some of the prayer group in to pray for him. So they all got down on their knees and prayed him through to victory in Jesus. To God we ascribe all the glory!

Our son seems so happy now, and I believe he means business with God, for he threw away his old tobacco can and burned up all his cigarettes. Hallelujah! Flesh and blood must get out of God's way, so He can work. Jesus is coming very soon; and I believe God will save many souls before that happens, if His people will humble themselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways.

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We who follow the Crucified are not here to make a pleasant thing of life; we are called to suffering for the sake of a suffering, sinful world. The Lord forgive us our shameful evasions and hesitations. His brow was crowned with thorns; do we seek rosebuds for our crowning? His hands were pierced with nails; are our hands ringed with jewels? His feet were bare and bound: do our feet walk delicately? . . . God forgive us our love of ease. God forgive us that so often we turn our faces from a life that is even remotely like His. Forgive us that we all worship comfort, the delight of the presence of loved ones, possessions, treasure on earth. Far, far from our prayers too often is any thought of prayer for a love which will lead us to give one whom we love, to follow our Lord to Gethsemane, to Calvary—perhaps because we have never been there ourselves.—Amy Carmichael.

"Teach us, O Lord, to serve Thee more faithfully; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will, O Lord our God."

Coming Meetings

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

REPUBLIC, MO.—Oct. 5-17; Daniel Mosier, Evangelist.—Robert Gottas, Pastor.

SAGINAW, MICH.—Gospel Tabernacle, N. Fourth Ave. at Lapeer St., Oct. 5-17; John G. Wharton of Persia, Evangelist.—Irving M. Mitchell, Pastor.

MARION, ALA.—October 3—; David Speight, Columbus, Ga., Evangelist.—Granade Hamlett, Pastor.

HILL CITY, KANSAS—Sept. 29—; Bonnie Wheaton and Ruth Lyon, Evangelists.—Doyt Allen, Pastor.

KANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 31st annual Kansas District Council will be held at the First Assembly of God, 610 Lime St., Topeka, Kansas, October 25-28. First service Monday, 7:30 p.m.; business sessions next day. Ralph M. Riggs will be guest speaker at night services. For reservations write Claude J. Utley, 426 Scotland Ave., Topeka, Kansas.—Paul C. Samuelson, Secretary-Treasurer.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Northwestern Ohio Fellowship is sponsoring a Prayer Conference at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Door and Lawrence Sts., Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 18-19, F. D. Drake of Buffalo, N. Y., speaker. Meetings: Oct. 18, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 19, 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. For over night accommodations write W. J. Domm, Host Pastor, 2310 Hollywood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.—G. Dean Smith, Secretary-Treasurer.

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REDLANDS, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Orange St. and Western; Oct. 17, for 2 weeks or longer; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—Girard Assembly of God, 12th St. and Laman Ave., Oct. 10-24; M. W. Wilson, Granite City, Ill., Evangelist.—Emory Andrews, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—478 Washington St., S.W., Oct. 5—; W. M. Stevens, Evangelist. Broadcast, daily 8:15 a.m., Sunday 5 p.m., Station WEAS, 1010 on dial.—Jimmie Mayo, Pastor.

DE SOTO, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, Flat River Section, October 12. Services 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Bring basket lunch.—J. W. Allen, Secretary.

BURLINGAME, CALIF.—Meetings in progress; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—Albert Pickthorn, Pastor.

LEBANON, ORE.—City-wide Divine Healing Campaign with the Lummer Party, Oct. 10.—H. D. Robeson, Pastor.

ANADARKO, OKLA.—Oct. 10, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Minor Higgins, Miami, Okla.—Leslie Moore, Pastor.

FALLEN TIMBER, PA.—Hollentown Pentecostal Assembly; meeting in progress; J. Lee Gorman, Evangelist.—D. L. Weyandt, Pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH.—8th and Decatur Sts.; Oct. 5, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley MacPherson.—Wesley W. Fleming, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—First Assembly of God; Sept. 22, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp, Russellville, Ark.—William M. Dunn, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Kensington Pentecostal Church, 3455 Frankford Ave., Oct. 19—; Gay G. Benson of Lancaster, Evangelist.—Samuel A. Benson, Pastor.

BERKELEY, CALIF.—Oct. 3—; Joseph Wilderman of Coulee City, Wash., Evangelist.—Eleanor M. Johnson, Pastor.

BURWELL, NEBR.—Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. N. D. Sheneman.—F. L. Sobotka, Pastor.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA—Gospel Tabernacle; Oct. 13, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ferguson, Pawnee, Ill., Evangelists.—Harold V. George, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Central Tabernacle, 1502 Pochontas St.; Oct. 3, for 2 weeks or longer; Verena Holcomb of Garland, Evangelist.—J. M. Baker, Pastor.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.—Ferry and Godfrey Sts., Sept. 26-Oct. 17; J. C. Skipper, Oakland, Md., Evangelist.—Russell W. Harvey, Pastor.

BENSON, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 5-17; Evangelist and Mrs. Larry Bottruff.—B. C. Heinze, Pastor.

BETHPAGE, L. I., N. Y.—October 17-31; H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., Evangelist.—F. L. Strength, Pastor.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS—Central Assembly of God, 9th and N Sts.; "Amazing Grace" revival meetings in progress; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Neece, formerly of Miami, Fla., in charge.—H. W. Triche, Church Secretary.

DENISON, TEXAS—Anniversary Week, First Assembly of God, Oct. 6-10. Meetings every night. Speakers: Oda Steward of Ft. Worth, Phinis Lewis of Wichita Falls, Rupert Ford of Denton. On Oct. 10, E. B. Crump will speak at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Ernest A. Manley, Pastor.

GRANTS PASS, ORE.—City-wide Divine Healing Campaign, City High School Auditorium, Oct. 26-29; Lummer Party, Evangelists. Sponsored by Grants Pass Assembly of God; five full gospel churches co-operating. For further information contact L. D. Hall, 8th and E Sts., Grants Pass, Ore.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Home Coming, Dedication of Building Extensions and Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Bethel Assembly of God, 13th Ave. and 6th St., Oct. 9-11. Special speakers: W. R. Williamson, T. A. Kessel, H. A. Hamilton, and other visiting ministers. First service, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.—Ralph E. Price, Pastor.

SECTIONAL "SPEED-THE-LIGHT" RALLY
TULARE, CALIF.—Sectional "Speed-the-Light" Rally, Full Gospel Tabernacle, October 14. One night only. Wesley R. Steelberg, (Assistant General Superintendent and National C. A. Director, special speaker. Surrounding churches urged to attend.—Paul B. Franklin, Host Pastor.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION
BAYTOWN, TEXAS—Third Annual Missionary Convention, Trinity Tabernacle, E. Jack and N. Second Sts., Oct. 17-24. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Carmichael from Palestine, David Nyien from China, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason from Africa. For further information write Clyde C. Gore, Pastor, or Ruth Mageors, Church Secretary, Box 806, Baytown, Texas.

MIAMI, FLA.—Central Assembly; Oct. 17, for 3 weeks or longer; Winston I. Nunes of Canada, Evangelist.—Orville C. Smith, Pastor.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—First Christian Assembly, 1224 Race St., Oct. 5-24; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif., Evangelists.—A. B. Craun, Pastor.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 11455 Burbank Blvd.; Oct. 10, for 2 weeks or longer; Nelson Himman of Sacramento, Evangelist.—Arne Vick, Pastor.

MICHIGAN PRAYER CONFERENCE

SAGINAW, MICH.—Michigan District Prayer Conference, Gospel Tabernacle, N. Fourth Ave. at Lapeer St., Oct. 4-5. Services 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Speakers include V. G. Greisen of Kansas and John G. Wharton of Persia.—Irving M. Mitchell, Pastor.

SOUTHERN IDAHO S. S. CONVENTIONS

Southern Idaho District Sunday School Conventions, George and Billie Davis, National Sunday School Representatives, special speakers. Theme: "HOW—to bring men in—to get them saved—to keep them!" Three sessions daily. Roland H. Buck, District Sunday School Director, presiding.

Oct. 21, Gooding; R. H. Buck, Pastor. Oct. 26, Nampa; E. K. Ramsey, Pastor. Oct. 27, Weiser; Olin Fish, Pastor. Oct. 29, Firth; Willard Leisy, Pastor.—Sunday School Department.

NATION-WIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Nation-Wide Conference of Sunday School Workers, Central Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo., Oct. 13-15. Convention theme, "A Revitalized Church Through a Revitalized Sunday School." All Assemblies of God workers urged to attend this conference, which will mark the Third Annual Convention of the National Sunday School Association, an interdenominational organization of which Wm. E. Kirschke of the Assemblies of God is Executive Secretary. For full information write Secretary, 2255 Champa St., Denver 5, Colo. Phone TA 6661.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Rocky Mountain District Sunday School Conferences: Oct. 18-19, Casper, Wyo.; J. E. Neely, Host Pastor. Oct. 21-22, Colorado Springs, Colo.; H. J. Jackson, Host Pastor. Oct. 25-26, Delta or Montrose (to be announced later).

Conference theme: "The love of Christ constraineth us." Each conference will open with an evening service at 7 p.m., and continue the entire next day and evening. Our National Sunday School Director, M. L. Grable, will be present and minister in each session, assisted by Rocky Mountain District leaders and workers. Helpful, interesting discussions for every Sunday School worker. Attend the conference nearest you.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent; Russel G. Fulford, District S. S. Representative.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPEED-THE-LIGHT RALLIES

Speed-the-Light rallies have been scheduled as follows: Oct. 4, Bethel Temple, 1250 Bellevue Ave., Los Angeles; Oct. 5, Assembly of God, 177 W. Monterey St., Pomona; Oct. 6, Assembly of God, 1000 Ventura Ave., Ventura; Oct. 7, South Gate Bible Assembly, 10125 California Ave., South Gate; Oct. 8, Assembly of God, 6th and Fir St., San Diego; Oct. 10, Full Gospel Church, 17th and Oak St., Bakersfield; Oct. 11, South Side Assembly of God, 16th and "L" St., Bakersfield; Oct. 12, Memorial Auditorium, Fresno, City-wide rally; Oct. 13, Assembly of God, 1600 Charro St., San Luis Obispo; Oct. 14, Full Gospel Church, "M" and Inyo St., Tulare; Oct. 15, Assembly of God, 4th and Sierra Way, San Bernardino; Oct. 17, Trinity Full Gospel Church, Pasadena; Oct. 18, Assembly of God, 10th and Park St., El Centro.

All rallies begin at 7:30 p.m. Wesley R. Steelberg and Missionaires Quartet ministering. Rallies under direction of L. B. Lewis, District C. A. President.

TEXAS BIBLE CONFERENCES

Texas Fall Bible Conferences: San Angelo Section, Oct. 12-13, San Angelo Assembly, 1002 N. Oaks St. Wichita Falls Section, Oct. 14-15, Electra Assembly, Illinois and Harrison. Ft. Worth Section, Oct. 19-20, Ft. Worth, N. Riverside Assembly, 3001 Selma St. Dallas Section, Oct. 21-22, Dallas, Oak Cliff Assembly, 919 Morrell Ave. Greenville Section, Oct. 26-27, Wylie Assembly. Paris Section, Oct. 28-29, Paris Assembly, 1540 W. Houston St. Tyler Section, Nov. 2-3, Longview Assembly, 701 E. Marshall St. Lufkin Section, Nov. 4-5, Crockett Assembly, 504 N. 8th St. Beaumont Section, Nov. 9-10, Liberty Assembly, 1825 Grand Ave. Houston Section, Nov. 11-12, Houston, Central Assembly, Keen and Quitman. Waco Section, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Marlin Assembly, 811 Colman St. Austin Section, Dec. 2-3, East Austin Assembly, 218 N. Chalmers St. Corpus Christi Section, Dec. 7-8, Alice Assembly, W. Center St. Valley Section, Dec. 9-10, McAllen Assembly, 410 N. 17th St.

Each Conference will run two days and one night. Services daily, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., with District officials speaking. Ministers and Christian workers urged to attend each service. For further information address the Presbyter of your Section or E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.—J. O. Savell, District Superintendent.



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B. C. 1451.
CHAP. 8.
d Ps. 104, 29
Mat. 4, 4
e ch. 29, 5
Neh. 9, 21
f 2 Sam. 7, 14.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.
19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk

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MISSISSIPPI S. S. CONVENTION

Mississippi District Sunday School Convention, Kingston Assembly of God, Laurel, Miss., Oct. 6-7, fellowship service night of Oct. 5. Various visiting speakers from out of state with District workers on program. For further information write E. E. Noland, Sunday School Representative, Stonewall, Miss., or J. O. Yeats, Pastor, 121 Kingston Ave., Laurel, Miss. Rooms furnished as far as possible.—E. E. Noland.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Constitutional Convention of the proposed "Pentecostal Fellowship of North America" will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26-28. Convention will open with a prayer meeting on the night of October 26 in the Church of the Open Bible. There will be a mass meeting on the night of October 27. Members of all Pentecostal groups invited. For reservations in hotels or entertainment in private homes write E. J. Fulton, 851 Nineteenth St., Des Moines, Iowa.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—General Delivery, Steele, Mo. "Am leaving the evangelistic field to accept the pastorate here."—J. M. Graham.

NEW ADDRESS—Arnold, Nebr. "After resigning the pastorate at Mullen, Nebr., we have moved to Arnold, Nebr., to organize a new work."—F. B. Wickham.

NEW ADDRESS—676 Barry Dr., Long Beach 5, Calif. "After pastoring the Assembly of God at Ocean Beach for almost 3 years, have accepted a call to pastor the assembly at Willowbrook, Calif. Church address: 1942 E. El Segundo Blvd."—Harold A. Pegg.

NOTICE—After pastoring the work at Ebenezer Tabernacle, Brooklyn, N. Y., for over two years, I am returning to the evangelistic field. All desiring to communicate with me can write to my headquarters address: 4901 6th Ave., Brooklyn 20, N. Y.—Evelyn M. Olsen.

WANTED—Two Christian women who are interested in practical nursing in a full gospel Christian convalescent home.—The Horton Rest Home, 525 Third St., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

NOTICE—We are starting a new work in New Ulm, Minn. If you have relatives you wish us to contact, please send names and addresses.—H. L. Hagemester, 1126 S. Jefferson.

NEW ADDRESS—119 W. 14th St., Pine Bluff, Ark. "I have resigned the pastorate in Smackover, Ark., and have accepted the call to pastor the Assembly of God here."—Fay Hutchinson.

NEW ADDRESS—Island Home Pike, Route 9, Knoxville, Tenn. "After pastoring the Old Republic Assembly of God for the past two years, we have accepted the call to pastor the Island Home Assembly. All Council ministers invited to stop."—Pastor and Mrs. L. T. Drumright.

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