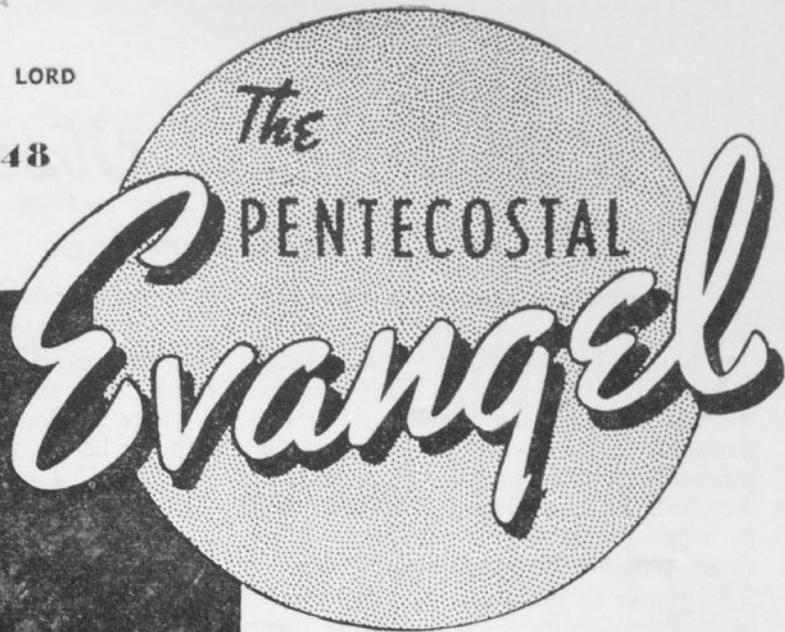


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WHEN DAY IS DONE

I love the solitude of wildwood
ways

When evening calls me from
a world of care.

How sweet to seek some peace-
ful, shaded nook

Where I can spend a quiet
hour in prayer.

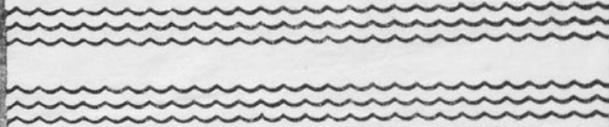
There little rills will sing and
songbirds call,

And trees will softly stir at
set of sun;

And there my troubled soul seeks
peace with God,

And finds sweet rest in Him
when day is done.

—Mark K. Bullock



A Magnificent Obsession

Howard Rusthoi*

at the Constitutional Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

AN OBSESSION is the state of being ruled by a single idea. It is a mania. It means being dominated by one thought. The love of money is an obsession with some people. Because of it they will lie, cheat, steal—and even kill, perhaps. Their life is controlled by a single passion—the desire for money.

Liquor is an obsession with many people. A craving for liquor will cause them to forfeit their reputation, their wealth, their health, and even spiritual life. Others are beset with the desire to gamble. They will gamble away the savings of a lifetime, betting on the horses. They will leave their family at home hungry. They will embezzle funds. They will go to any lengths in order to gamble.

The desire for pleasure has become an obsession with modern youth. They will sell their souls for a good time. Music, dancing, movies—any of these things can become an obsession that will dominate the whole life.

There was a little man named Mohandas Gandhi whose life was dominated by a single purpose, and that was to make India a free and peaceful country. It was an obsession with him. It held his whole life. Because of it, he fasted; he sacrificed; he suffered; he labored. Finally he became a martyr for this cause. Oh, that the children of God today would have such a passion for God! Gandhi gave his life for a political objective. Ours is a spiritual objective. Oh, that we might have such a desire to see the kingdom of God advanced that it would be an obsession with us—a magnificent obsession!

This was an obsession with Paul. He declared, "For to me to live is Christ." He had no other desire than to please Christ. It was his only purpose in life. Gladly he suffered the loss of all things for Christ's sake. He even gloried in his infirmities because they caused him to know Christ more fully. He was a man who was mastered by God. He was governed by Christ. He was dominated by a passion to preach the gospel and win souls to the Lord. The service of Christ was a magnificent obsession in the life of the apostle Paul.

Oh, that we might catch the same vision! Oh, that God would put something in the depths of our hearts that would drive us out of our homes, out of our churches, out of our cities, with a burning

zeal to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout all the earth!

There are four great truths that should grip our hearts. The first is

Salvation by Grace

The more I contemplate the fact of the New Birth, the more it captivates me. It thrills my soul to see that men and women are actually changed and transformed by the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ until they are literally new creatures in Him. Old things are uprooted and taken away, and all things become new. Oh, to see a captive of Satan, bound in sin and the fetters of the enemy, loosed and set free, and going on his way to heaven rejoicing!

When I speak of saving grace I cannot help but think of that good old warrior of the cross, now promoted to glory—Bud Robinson. He was just a poor, ignorant, supposedly no-account boy on a farm in Texas when God reached down and changed him until he became a spiritual giant in the Holiness Movement.

Back in 1919 he was struck by an automobile. His body was thrown some 35 feet into the air; and when he lit, a car ran over him. There he lay in the street in a horribly mangled condition. Broken bones protruding from his flesh. The lady who was driving the car that struck him ran back to where he was lying, and when she saw his still form she said, "Oh, I've killed him; I've killed him. The poor little man, I've killed him." Bud Robinson had a speech impediment and he

lisped. He heard that woman saying, "I've killed him," and he said, "Thithter, I'm not dead. I don't think thith ith heaven."

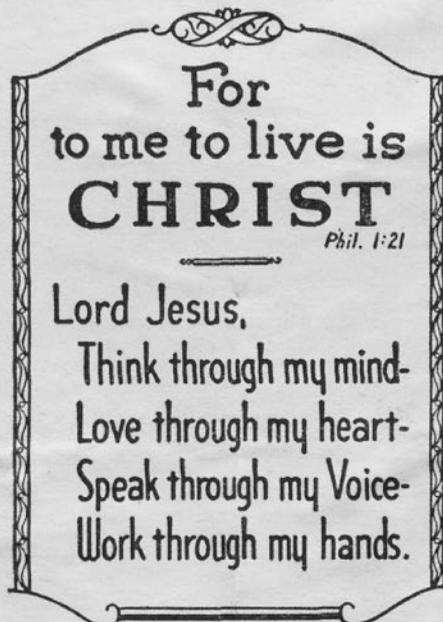
They rushed him over to the hospital, and when the doctors and nurses saw the terrible shape he was in they sent for a priest. They thought surely he was going to die. The priest came in and asked if he didn't want to confess. Bud Robinson said, "Yeth, I want to confeth that the Lord Jethuth Chritth hath thaved and thanctified my thoul." Oh, my friends, I tell you that's salvation. During those weeks and months that he lay there in the hospital, Bud Robinson talked about Jesus to every nurse that came into his room, and every one gave her heart to Christ! The head surgeons of that hospital said, "If ever there was a Christian we've seen one in this young man." The desire to win souls was an obsession with him.

The second great truth that should grip our hearts is the truth of the

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

You know and I know that this glorious Baptism in the Holy Ghost is real. It's just as wonderful and just as Scriptural as is this glorious experience of being born again. I'm not talking about mere emotion and enthusiasm that is stimulated by rhythm. There are some on the outside who have never tasted this glorious experience who connect it with a lot of fast choruses, with the patting of feet, the clapping of hands, the strumming of a guitar, and a rhythm that stirs your emotions and makes you effervesce. That's all some folks think Pentecost is. But we know that it is real because of our own experience. Many times I would feel God's power upon me while I was an army chaplain, driving my jeep down some of those shell-torn roads. There was nobody around to clap his hands and tap his feet; there was nobody around to start a chorus or to pray with me. I would be alone in my jeep, and all of a sudden the wondrous Holy Ghost would come upon me and just thrill my soul. I'd have to drive the jeep over to the side of the road while I had a good old-fashioned Pentecostal prayer meeting with God.

The power of the Holy Ghost was the secret of Paul's ministry. In 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 he says, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Now if these words had been uttered by



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some uneducated fanatic perhaps we would pay little heed to them, but Paul was highly educated. He sat at the feet of Gamaliel, the most outstanding teacher of that day. He was a man of learning far above the average; and yet with all his cultural background, with all his educational advantages, and with all the degrees he might have had the apostle Paul realized the futility of depending upon these things to get the job done that God wanted done. He depended on the power and the demonstration of the Spirit of God.

There is no substitute for the anointing and the unction of the Holy Spirit. You may ask, "What is unction?" Well, I agree with the colored preacher who said, "Ah don't know what it is; but Ah knows when Ah has it, and Ah knows when Ah doesn't." Even in our own Full Gospel ranks today we see many preachers going out for education more than for the fire of God. I put no premium on ignorance. I say that education and mental development are wonderful, and God will use them if we do not allow them to quench the fire of the Holy Spirit. But I believe that Pentecostal people must continue to be Pentecostal. Spirit-filled people today must continue to be Spirit-filled. I don't mean just the ministers, but I mean the laymen too. A lot depends on the people sitting out in the pews. No wonder Peter could preach as he did on the day of Pentecost. He had 119 others around him all on fire, baptized in the Holy Spirit. Who couldn't preach in an element like that?

It takes the convicting power of the Holy Ghost to get people saved. Jesus said, "When He (the Holy Spirit) is come He will reprove the world of sin." The reason that there is so little conviction of sin today as the gospel is being preached is because there is not the dynamic force of the Holy Ghost behind it.

John Wesley one time in earnestness prayed, "O God, send a revival without fanaticism if you can; but if not, in any case send us a revival." I wonder how many are willing to pray that prayer and mean it. Many fundamentalists today will tolerate sin, but they'll not tolerate fanaticism; and yet it is a fact that there have been very few (if any) soul-saving revivals in history without some streak of wildfire in them somewhere along the line. It's a lot easier, my friends, to restrain a fanatic than it is to resurrect a corpse. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

I'm convinced that religion as such has proved itself absolutely inadequate for this day, and the church needs a dynamic charge of the power of the Holy Ghost as in days gone by. On Armistice Day in 1944 I attended a High Mass in France. I was instructed to do so by my commanding officer. It was a special service of military importance. I had never stood up

and sat down so much in church in all my life. I didn't know what they were talking about—it was either in French or in Latin—but when everybody stood up I stood up, and when everybody sat down I sat down. The priests had beautiful gold-embroidered, crimson-red robes. There were flickering candles, and many altar boys. I looked around, and not on any face did I see the glow and the radiance that comes with the reality of God. When that High Mass was over I said to the lady who was the interpreter for our battalion, "Tell me, when you go through a service like this in your church, do you feel the touch of God upon your soul?" She said, "Chaplain, I must confess to you that the people of France have lost faith

THEY WILL APPRECIATE IT

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in their Church. They have found the church absolutely inadequate to meet them in the hour of their greatest need. We've lost faith in our religion. We only go to church because of a sense of duty, and a sense of fear and superstition."

Ah, my friends, formal religion did not save France, and it will not save America in this hour of great need. We need the fire of the Holy Ghost. I believe that God has raised up the Pentecostal Movement for such a time as this, and, thank God, at last we're getting together to present a united front against the forces of evil. I am told that this same thing is happening in the British Isles. All the Full Gospel groups over there have already met in two meetings and they're forming a Pentecostal Fellowship in the British Isles just as we are doing here in North America. To me it's one of the most convincing truths that we're in the last hours. The Lord knows we must learn to get along with each other if we're going to enjoy heaven, so He's getting us together down here.

Another magnificent obsession with me is the truth of

Divine Healing

In 1 Cor. 15:31 Paul says, "I die daily." Throughout this chapter he is talking about *physical* death and *physical* resurrection, and I believe that is the thought of these three words. We're dying every day. Disease germs, microbes, bacteria, and virus are constantly at work in our physical bodies. You say, "If physical death is at work in our bodies, have we any right to believe God for divine healing?" Yes, we have, because Jesus came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. While it is true that the law of death is at work in these bodies of ours, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is greater than the law of sin and death, and is able to overrule and overcome it.

I might illustrate it like this. There is what we call the law of gravity. I am holding this book in my hand. When I release my hold, the law of gravity pulls the book down. That's the law of gravity. But I can lift the book up again. In so doing I am not eliminating the law of gravity, but I am putting into operation a law which is stronger and which can overrule the law of gravity. I am a stronger law than the law of gravity. In the same way, God is able to overrule the law of sin and death that is working in our bodies. Though death is at work in us each day, we need not get sick, for God can interpose and keep us well. God is greater than natural law.

I honestly believe the children of God may expect to enjoy good health and strength until the very moment Jesus says, "Come up higher; you've lived on earth long enough." Over in Genesis 49 we read that God revealed to Jacob that his days were ended. Why, he had lived 147 years; that's long enough for any man. So he "called unto his sons, and said, gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." When the family was all gathered around his bed he gave a prophecy concerning each son. Then he told them where he wanted to be buried. "And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people." What a triumphant way to come to the end of life. Here was a man of strength and health until God said, "Jacob, it's time for you to come home." He called the family around and said good-by; then he just pulled up his feet into bed, jerked up the covers, and went to be with the Lord.

But in all the Word of God there is no truth more glorious than that of

The Second Coming of Christ

It is a blessed hope. I'm looking, waiting, longing for His appearing. How about (Continued on page six)

A Passover Song

SHED FOR ALL THE WORLD

THERE are six Psalms (113-118) called the HALLÉL, that were always recited at the seasons of Passover, Pentecost, the great Thanksgiving Feast of Tabernacles, and at the new moons. How familiar our Lord Jesus Christ must have been with these Psalms. Delitzsch, the Jewish writer, tells us that in the domestic celebration of Passover night, they first would sing Psalms 113 and 114 before the repast; and after the meal, "after the filling of the fourth cup, they sing Psalms 115 to 118."

These Psalms take us back to Israel's deliverance from Egypt, that night long to be remembered, when judgment came upon all the first-born in the land except in those homes which were sheltered under the shed blood of the passover lamb. They also look forward to the greater redemption wrought out at Calvary when Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

The Praise of a Delivered Soul

The 116th Psalm is not a chorus but a solo, for it is as individuals we are redeemed, and every one of the blood-washed can say of Christ our Passover, "Who loved *me*, and gave himself *for me*." It starts with an individual expression of love: "I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications, because He hath inclined His ear unto me." Can you not visualize our Lord bending down to catch the faintest whisper of our cry, and saying, "What's that you're saying my child?" He sees, He hears, He knows. "I have surely *seen* the affliction of My people which are in Egypt, and have *heard* their cry by reason of their taskmasters: for I *know* their sorrows." Ex. 3:7. And what a great deliverance He wrought in response to their cry. No wonder the Psalmist declares: "Therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live." Verse 2.

Calvary and the Grove

How appropriate are the following words of Him who declares of all the Old Testament Scriptures, "They are they which testify of Me." "The sorrows (*cords*, R.V.) of death compassed me, and the pains of hell (*sheol*) gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow." Christ tasted death and hell for every man,

but in the midst of the trial we see His attitude of prayer: "Then called I upon the name of Jehovah: O Jehovah, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul." His agonizing cry is set forth in that wonderful Psalm of Calvary (the 69th): "Deliver Me out of the mire, and let Me not sink: let Me be delivered from them that hate Me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow Me, neither let the deep swallow Me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon Me." Verses 14, 15. In response to His cry, Jehovah brought Him forth from the mire and clay and from the pit.

Our Resting Place

Then comes the word of joyous praise in which every redeemed one can join: "Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful." We can further testify, "I was brought low, and He helped me." Verse 6. And we can speak to our souls in the words of the 7th verse: "Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee." We who have believed do enter into rest. As we read the 6th chapter of Romans, we see that Christ's death was our death also; His resurrection was ours also. Day by day we are to reckon ourselves dead unto sin but alive—for we are risen with Him—unto God; for He "hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." We have a heavenly resting place. It is "in Christ Jesus."

A Great Deliverer

The Psalmist continues: "Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling." Verse 8. The apostle testified: "Who delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver. . . . He will also still deliver us." 2 Cor. 1:10, R.V. And because of so great a deliverance wrought at Calvary for us, we can declare: "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living." Verse 9. Through the Lord's grace we have been brought from death to life. Now, day by day, we are to walk *before Him* in the path of life, declaring with full assurance, "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11.



"This . . . is My blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:20.

Faith's Testimony

The Psalmist continues: "I believed, therefore have I spoken." Verse 10. The apostle Paul quotes this verse when he tells us about the constant experience of the Cross in our lives, declaring: "For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak." 2 Cor. 4:11-13. Believe the record concerning what Christ has wrought for you at Calvary, and then boldly testify to the salvation that is yours through faith in the Blood of the Cross.

Taking the Cup

The redeemed one, after recounting all that the Lord had graciously done for him, inquired: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Verse 12. And then, Spirit-enlightened, he says: "I will take the cup of salvation"—I will take all He provides for me in that passover cup concerning which He declared: "Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

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Continue in Prayer

Ernest S. Williams

THE STORY is told of a woman who dreamed that she died and went to heaven. As one of the angels was showing her about the rooms of that glorious place, she was brought to a large room where many bundles were piled in a corner. Finding her name on several bundles, she asked for an explanation, saying as she did so, "I remember praying for those very things when I was down there on the earth." The angel replied, "Yes, when any of God's children make requests to Him, preparations are made to give the answer, but the angels are told that if the petitioner is not waiting for the answer, they should return with it, and store it in this room."

How true the above dream is we do not know, but it well illustrates the need, not only of asking, but of waiting for the answer. In this hurrying age, it seems hard to find time to wait on the Lord and men are prone to pray hastily and then run off without an answer.

Some pray more fervently when passing through trouble, while others let sorrows dampen their ardor for prayer. We ought not to forget the words, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray." James 5:13. There is strength in telling our troubles to God; there is weakness in telling them to others. Especially when we feel we have been wronged, we should make the Lord our confidant. You are very likely to manifest a right spirit toward your troubles if you mention them in prayer. You are just as likely to let a different spirit creep in if you begin to tell them to others. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord (not men) delivereth him out of them all." How soothing to the soul when God has given victory over wounds which have torn the spirit.

It is the will of God that we be sanctified. It is testings that develop sanctified strength. There is a sense in which all Christians are sanctified. Immediately upon salvation, we "are sanctified in Christ Jesus," set apart and given the position of saints. It is this positional sanctification that opens the way for experimental holiness. To say that all believers are sanctified wholly at the time they are saved, is not Scriptural. Paul wrote the Thessalonian believers, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." And again he wrote, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Entire sancti-

fication, then, purifies and preserves man's whole being so he is found "not wanting at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." We join with Paul in saying, "Wherefore we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power."

The purpose of Paul was to have a people ready for the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ. He had espoused his converts to Christ that he might present them unto Him "as a chaste virgin." He had looked forward toward the time of the wedding of the Lamb, when the Lamb would present the Church unto Himself "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." He had anticipated the hour of the wedding when the Lamb's wife shall have made herself ready, being "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

Of linens there are three qualities mentioned in the Scriptures. There is the coarser linen worn by the High Priest when he went in to make atonement for the people. This was worn when dealing with the guilt of sin, and making reconciliation for the same. The honest believer is a wearer of this linen, considered spiritually, even when confessing weakness and guilt before the Lord. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth him from all such sins and clothes him with the linen of acceptance and love.

But the High Priest did not at all times wear this coarser linen. After having made atonement, he laid aside these coarse linen garments and put on the linen garments "of glory and beauty." This was a linen of finer texture. It is pleasant to know that, when a child of God has confessed his wrongs and failures, he does not have to continue in a state of mourning. God forgives upon honest confession. Atonement is made by our Great High Priest. We may then lay aside the linen connected with mourning and atoning, and put on in its place the garments of glory and beauty—to go forth triumphantly, living for God.

However, the end is not yet. The finest linen of all was very precious. It was worn only by kings and persons of high estate, and then only on special occasions. The threads of this linen were extremely fine and the finished garment glistened when in the light. It is this sort of linen that is referred to in the account of the wedding of the Lamb. His wife had made

herself ready. This shows that the bride had planned for that time, living in such manner as to be thus gloriously adorned. It shows also that divine power had enabled her to make the preparation, for "to her was granted." "The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework."

He who would live a sanctified life is he who seeks constancy of walk and the development of every Christian grace, no matter what the expense may be to human feelings or natural desires. Jesus is coming for a separated bride—not for those who have conformed to this world in its spirit and ways, but rather for them who have chosen to "put on Christ," making no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof. Let us pray that we may be "accounted worthy to escape those things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

May our prayer life be consistent. Some become zealous at times, but are not constant. Daniel made it his custom to pray three times each day. David may have given him the example, for he says, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will



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I pray." Cornelius was a man "who prayed always." Some believe Cornelius was a fully justified man before Peter preached to him. Others believe he was not converted until he heard the message from Peter. Whatever was his spiritual state before the ministry of Peter, he was a man of prayer and his prayers and alms met the acceptance of God. If he was not a saved man, as some would say, he then puts most of us to shame who claim a fuller Christian experience.

Think of some of the other examples of consistent prayer. "I give myself unto prayer." Psalm 109:4. The saintly Anna "continued in prayer" and it was she, and not the formal Pharisees, who recognized the infant Jesus as He was brought into the temple. It is the prayerful, spiritually-minded people that know God and detect His workings, while the formal and merely intellectual religionists miss their Lord.

He who prays should seek so to live as to make his prayer effectual. The Psalmist prayed, "Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." Psalm 141:2. Bad people usually do not pray. Shallow Christians do not pray much. It is the devoted soul that takes special delight in drawing near to God. It is he who knows the promise true, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." He draws near in confidence and with expectation. The promises of God are to him living and sure. He lives in prayer, being supported "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Finally, all prayer is to be made in dependence on Christ. We ourselves may come short, but we may add at all times the worthiness of His name. Learn a secret from the Book of Revelation. There we read of two special occasions. In the one place it reads, "And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints." This would indicate the fragrance to God of Christian prayer. It also indicates that our prayers are being only partly answered now. The fuller answer will take place when the Lamb arises and takes the book of title to the world and sets Himself to reign.

Again, it says, "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." In the first instance we have "vials full of odors which are the prayers of the

saints." In the second case we have incense added to the prayers. The incense, no doubt, refers to the work of Christ. When we earnestly pray in His name there is added the excellence of Christ's work and intercession. It is a joy to know that, although our prayers may be imperfect because of human infirmity, they are provided perfection through the intercession of our Great High Priest. When we find prayer is not easy, may we remember that we have One who is praying for us and with us. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

A MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION

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you? I want to tell you a few of the many reasons why I believe Jesus is coming soon.

In Joel 2:30 the Lord says, "I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, fire and pillars of smoke." Students of Bible prophecy have pondered this prophecy for years, wondering what it means, but I believe it has already been fulfilled.

"Wonders in the heavens." In Luke 21:25 Jesus said, "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars." Have there been any unusual happenings in the stars lately? Yes. Jupiter overtook Saturn a few years ago. There was a conjunction of these two planets on August 15, 1940. After passing by, Jupiter turned backward and passed Saturn for a second conjunction on October 12. Then on December 31 Jupiter paused and started again on its regular eastward journey, and for the third time there was a conjunction of these two planets. The third conjunction was on February 20, 1941. This was a most phenomenal occurrence. It can be verified by any astronomer or observatory. Director Robertson of the United States Naval Observatory in Washington, D. C., issued the statement that such an unusual phenomenon has not occurred for 2,000 years. The last time it happened was a few years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Now God spoke to His people through the stars back in that day, before the Word was in printed form. That's how the Wise Men knew that Jesus was to be born. They read the message in the stars. God sent a message through the stars announcing the first coming of His beloved Son, and I believe He has reserved the same identical sign until recently to announce to men once again that it is almost the hour for the second coming of His Son.

In 1940 six of the eight great planets gathered out in the western skies. These planets (Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mercury, and Uranus) arranged themselves in a row right from the horizon to

the zenith as if they were on special parade awaiting some unusual occasion to follow. After this unusual happening Professor Davis, President of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City, issued the statement that in computing all the astronomical data at his disposal he found that only once before was there a similar occurrence in history—only a short time before the judgment of God fell in the flood in the day of Noah. Ah, my friends, if God reserved such a sign in the day of Noah, and flashed it in the starry heavens to warn the people that He was about to judge this wicked world through the flood, remember the words of Jesus in Luke 17:26, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." God is trying to warn us that once again it is nearly the hour for judgment to fall in the time of tribulation mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

"In the earth, blood." That's the next part of Joel's prophecy. First, wonders in the heavens; then, blood on the earth. What is that? On December 7, 1941, the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, and from that day until the end of World War II more human blood was shed on the fields of battle than ever before in the history of the world. Never has there been such a slaughter of humanity. Don't you see? The wonders in the heavens appeared in 1940 and the first part of 1941, and a few months later universal bloodshed.

But it goes on to say, "Fire, and pillars of smoke." What's that? When the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, never before in history had there been such fire and smoke. Never before had men been able to create fire with such intensity as to turn the surface of the ground to glass, as to disintegrate great buildings, and melt steel girders until the metal ran like water. Army observers and photographers reported that pillars of smoke ascended a distance of eight miles into the air. Oh, friends, to me it is more than just a coincidence that all of these events have happened one right after the other in the exact order mentioned in the prophecy of Joel 2.

Here the chapter ends, but remember that men make the chapter markings. The prophecy continues unbroken. The third chapter of Joel begins, "For, behold, in those days, and in that time" (in the days and the time when the wonders shall appear in heaven, and when the blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke shall appear on the earth) "when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem." God said He would regather His people to the Holy Land. Isn't that exactly the next thing that happened at the close of World War II? Following the blood and fire and pillars of smoke, the next major world event was the opening again of Palestine to the Jews, the relinquishing of the Brit-

ish mandate, and the partitioning of the land by the United Nations. In verse 2 God accuses "all nations" of parting (or partitioning) His land. Isn't it easy to identify this prophecy with those days in which we are living?

What else does it say? In verse 9 we read, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and . . . gather yourselves together." Is that not going on right now? It is indeed. The nations are getting their defense plants back into operation. They are getting an armament program under way again. I have reports out of Washington that the military has taken over every airplane factory in the country and immediately after the election they're going to start producing war planes on war-time scale. It says, "Let all the men of war draw near." It sounds like the draft to me. There is going to be another war, and out of that war, I believe, will appear the Antichrist. That means the rapture of the saints must be close at hand. Do you wonder that this glorious truth is an obsession with me?

I recently talked with one of the astronomers at Mt. Wilson Observatory. I inquired what new things had been discovered at Mt. Palomar, as the astronomers and scientists had been looking through the big 200-inch telescope which is the largest in the world today, being twice the size of what was previously the largest telescope. This astronomer from Mt. Wilson Observatory gave me to understand that these astronomers, looking for the first time through the world's largest telescope at Mt. Palomar, had discovered a new star of unusual brilliance. He said it appeared square in shape, and that it was rapidly approaching the earth. I asked, "Why has not this been made public?" He said, "Because we have absolutely no explanation for it. It is beyond us. We cannot understand this phenomenon, and until we are able to offer an explanation, we are going to keep the thing secret."

As I walked away I remembered the words that John wrote over in Revelation 21:2, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." And verse 16, "The city lieth foursquare." Can it be that we actually have come to the day when men have been able to produce (though it took them 20 years) a telescope so powerful that it shows the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven? I tell you, friends, this thing that we have been talking about for so long, the coming of Jesus, is just about to take place. I believe it with all of my heart.

Saints, we're almost home. Hallelujah. We're going in as a united group of God's children. Whether we belong to the Assemblies of God, the Foursquare churches, the Open Bible churches, or a different group, we're going marching in arm in arm.

I'll never forget, so long as I live, the day I returned to America. Say, were we happy! Our division started processing in Austria. We came back to Germany, through France, across the channel to England, and finally they put us on that great majestic queen of the seas, the *Queen Elizabeth*, the largest liner afloat. It was on Friday, the 13th of July—not an unlucky day, but a wonderful day. Normally that great ship will only accommodate 2,100 passengers, but they put over 16,000 of us on board. Oh, it was a bit crowded, but we didn't care, because we were going home. All we talked about was going home, and what we were going to do when we got there. Some fellows said they just wanted to drink milk night and day; we hadn't had a drop of fresh milk for over a year. Some said, "I want ice cream." Some wanted to get a fishing pole and go fishing. But they were all talking about going home. It's amazing to me that we who are on our way to our heavenly home talk so little about it. The thought ought to obsess us.

A few days later I was standing on the top deck of the vessel, like every other GI that could find room, watching for the first glimpse of America, and through the haze and the fog we saw it. Oh, I'll tell you, we grew fanatical. Why, we were shouting and waving our arms like crazy men. It wasn't long until airplanes came out to meet us; they circled overhead and

dipped their wings to welcome us. Then came the Navy blimp, with loud-speakers on it, and over the loud-speakers they were playing music. The blimp came down over the top of our ship, and moved slowly with us. A man's voice spoke out and said, "Welcome home, 44th Division. Welcome home!" We yelled back and waved our hands.

Then I looked out, and coming from all directions were tug boats, ferry boats, and all kinds of boats. Some had bands on them. They all had flags. People were on them waving their handkerchiefs and waving flags, and we were whistling and waving back to them. As we came closer to shore we could see on the sides of the great buildings over Manhattan big signs, "Welcome home, boys, welcome home." We were really getting excited. The boats coming out of the Hudson River were blowing their whistles and now and then the great *Queen Elizabeth* would blow her whistle back in reply. A fire boat came out and shot water in all directions, putting on a little show for us.

We saw the Statue of Liberty. Then we found the docks were lined with taxi cabs and automobiles, and they all started tooting their horns. Out of all the windows of the tall buildings the paper was flying. It looked like a snowstorm in July. As I stood there taking it all in, I thought, "I wouldn't have missed this homecoming for anything." So far as I was concerned it was worth the whole war just to have a homecoming like that. Joy swept over my soul. The war was all over. The battles were all won. The enemy was defeated. The suffering and privations and hardships and shock and shell and death—it was all behind us. Why, the tears were running down my cheeks. Doc Ross, our battalion doctor, came by and said, "What's the matter, Chaplain? You're bawling!" And I said, "Yea, Doc, aren't you? How can you help it?" Oh, I'll tell you, it was wonderful. And to think that we had gotten through the war safely, and soon would be reunited with our loved ones.

Just as the boat was tying into Pier 90, and we were preparing to disembark, the thought swept over my soul, "Oh, if this homecoming can be so wonderful, what will it be when the last struggle of this life is over, the battles are all won, the enemy of our soul is defeated, and we get our orders to go home; when our little ship of life sets sail, and we finally anchor in the Haven of Rest; when the angel choir comes out to welcome us, and best of all we see Jesus, and hear Him say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!' As I contemplated this, I said, "God at any cost, I want to be among that Blood-washed number when the saints go marching in."

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Be Ye Ready

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

I HOPE, my hearer, that you have had a week of encouragement; and I trust that the days that lie ahead may be days of success and joy. At the same time, I want to ask the question, "What do you think of present conditions?"

The Bible tells of a time when the world shall reel to and fro like a drunkard—and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it. It also says that in the last days perilous times shall come, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. How do our days fit into this picture? But listen to the promise of Christ to those who love Him: "And when these things begin to come to pass (not when they have come to pass, but when they begin to come to pass) then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." On every hand we see signs which confirm the teachings of the Bible and warn us to get ready for the coming of Christ.

Furthermore, the Bible has foretold the return of the Jews to Palestine, showing that they would go back in unbelief; that is, they would return to their land still rejecting their Messiah, which is Jesus of Nazareth. They will yet make a covenant with a world leader, whom the Bible calls Antichrist, or the Beast. In this connection Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." John 5:43.

The hour will come when the Jews will accept Christ, for the Bible says in Zechariah 12, "And I will pour upon the house of David . . . the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced." And "in that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Christ will be accepted by national Israel, but not until the time when "His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives." Zech. 14:4.

I must stop pointing out events which are now being fulfilled. I have mentioned a few, that you might know that we are living in the time of the end, and that I might exhort you with the words of Christ, "Be ye also ready." Terrible judgments, because of rejection of Christ and of God, lie ahead for this world. But you may escape the coming retribution. God says, "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." We live at a time when Christ may come for His church at any

moment. Are you ready? Have you made your peace with God? "Therefore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Now God warns and He entreats. He points us to Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Christ now is your Savior. When he comes again, He will be your Judge. Many will then cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, but it will be too late. Remember Lot's wife. She was warned to flee for her life but she hesitated to obey and perished with sinful Sodom. Remember the ancient world. They scoffed at the preaching of Noah, but perished in the flood. As it was in the days of Noah and the days of Lot, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man. Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation. You cannot afford to delay. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near."

A PASSOVER SONG

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He further offers to enter into a life of intercession: "I will . . . call upon the name of the Lord." And further, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord." I will keep my word to Him. In the past I have failed, but through the grace He gives I will be enabled to perform what I have promised Him.

Keeping True to Vows

Erling Olsen tells of a Captain Carey, a Brit-

ish seaman, who purposed in his heart to touch nothing unclean. His boat was being loaded in London and was just about to sail for India, when he noticed some cargo that to him looked questionable. One of the officers of the line told him it was all right and not to worry, but Captain Carey demanded to know what was in these packages. He was finally told it was opium. Turning to the manager of the line, he demanded that the cargo be immediately unloaded. He was told his request was impossible. Captain Carey said to the manager: "I insist that this cargo be immediately unloaded. Either the cargo is unloaded or the captain is unloaded." The manager did nothing about it, so Captain Carey ran to his cabin, quickly packed his suitcase, and walked down the gang plank of the ship, just a few minutes before the boat was to set sail. On the pier he met the president of the British East India Lines, who could not help admiring the stand for principle that the captain had taken. He immediately offered him the commodoreship of the British East India Lines. It pays to be faithful.

Martyrs for Christ

But the saints do not all receive their reward in this life. There are many who are martyrs, and many who are near martyrs, for whom the words are always true: "For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter." Rom. 8:36. Many have laid down their lives for Christ. We think of Ignatius, Polycarp, Huss, Jerome, John and Betty Stam, and a host of others, who have been faithful unto death, and surely have received a crown of life. Of such the Lord says, "Precious

in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Verse 15. When, in the days of the Scotch struggle for religious liberty, the head of a Covenanters was carried by one of the ungodly king's soldiers to the poor bereaved wife and she was questioned, "What do you think of your husband's face now?" he was met with the word from the brave Scotch woman: "He never looked better to me than when he gave up his life for Christ." And there is One with wounded hands and feet and side, to whom the death of these heroic martyrs is very precious.

Constant Thankgiving

To the saints, every day is one of thanksgiving. The Psalmist declares: "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving." Verse 17. We know from Psalm 22:22 who is to be the song leader in heaven—none other than our Lover Lord. He is the greater than David who will say to all His redeemed: "O magnify Jehovah with Me, and let us exalt His name together." And He will tune up our hearts to praise with Him. And so we say with the apostle, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name . . . for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." —S. H. F.

READY FOR THE BRIDEGROOM



"Protected by the Blood of Jesus"

THROUGHOUT the long winter months Gashatay, it seemed, had led a charmed life. For many miles around, villages had been sacked and looted and refugees had been continually pouring into the mission station. Spring came and with it the news that a fresh and much larger band of brigands than had hitherto been seen had entered the district. They were the "Heh Ma Tui" (Black Horse Brigade), exceptionally well equipped and numbering over 2,000 strong.

One night, while everyone slept and silence reigned, I was suddenly awakened out of my sleep by a blood-curdling yell. It came from my wife who was fast asleep. Following the scream, still fast asleep, and in a perfectly steady voice, she cried out triumphantly, "Protected by the Blood of Jesus, protected by the Blood of Jesus!" This she kept crying until I awakened her. She was in a state of great excitement and fear. She had been dreaming, and this is what she had dreamed:

Stretched before her vision lay the vast open plain of Mongolia. Nestling in its little hollow lay the village of Gashatay and the mission buildings. Presently, gathering from the four parts of the earth, multitudes of shadowy figures appeared. They were unclean spirits being vomited from the pit of hell. There were legions of them and they overpowered everything in their pathway as they swept over the countryside. No one and nothing was spared.

Finally they reached Gashatay and then came pouring over the hill and through the mission gates. The dreamer then saw two of the figures break away from the rest of the company and enter our little two-roomed, brick house. They entered the first room and were about to enter the second when my wife and I with all the strength of our lungs cried out, "Protected by the Blood of Jesus, protected by the Blood of Jesus!" (It was this cry which had awakened me out of my sleep.) Slowly, and sneering horribly as they realized they were being cheated of their prey, the two evil spirits in her dream slunk backwards. The power of the precious Name was compelling them to yield ground, until finally, after one last supreme but fruitless effort to advance, they disappeared. We were safe. But what could the dream mean?

About nine o'clock that same morning, just after prayers, one of the brethren came running over to me, crying excitedly, "Mu-shih, come quickly, bandits are coming!" Following after Brother Pai, I raced up the little hill, at the top of which is the small mission cemetery, and looked in the direction indicated. Far over in the west I saw great rolling clouds of dust which told us that a veritable army was on its way. Intermittently groups of horsemen broke through the dust clouds and we saw them galloping madly in the direction of Gashatay. In between the horsemen and Gashatay the whole countryside was seething with fleeing peasants. Even as we watched, the villages immediately below us were being whipped up into a state of great excitement as they realized that within an hour the plundering horde would be upon them. Already they had reached and were sacking "Red Slipper Valley."

Returning to my wife as composedly as pos-

A True Story by Joseph Payne A Pentecostal Missionary to Mongolia

sible, I explained to her what was happening. We were expecting our first baby any day, and our nearest medical help was nearly four days' journey away, so anxiety was tearing at our hearts. By now the refugees were streaming past us in an ever-growing number. Sweating and cursing men, their faces set with determination and drawn in anxiety, were furiously lashing their beasts into greater effort. Springless carts drawn by oxen, bearing terror-stricken women with their screaming children, rumbled clumsily by on their wooden wheels. Small boys did their part and struggled gamely along with belongings tied up in a dirty blue cloth and slung over their shoulders. Lastly, bringing up a pathetic rear, came poor women, too poor to own carts or animals, shouting at their screaming children to hurry faster, hobbling painfully by on their crippled bound feet. Some would stumble and fall, while scores of them, too discouraged and weary to go farther, turned into our mission gates and implored us to help them.

Our own friends pleaded with us to join the stream of runaways and try to make a get-away while there was still opportunity, for they knew that we would be considered a rare prize should we fall into the hands of the bandits. We declined, however, as we felt in this matter we must trust the Lord. The last refugee had passed, and momentarily we were expecting the blow to fall, but for some reason it failed to come. Except for some sporadic shooting in the distance, all was quiet.

We were at a loss to understand it, when suddenly, from out of the earth it seemed, away on the ridge of the distant foothills by which Gashatay is surrounded, a column of horsemen appeared. Silhouetted against the skyline, they were an inspiring sight as they galloped along the crest of the hills. Others appeared and soon the air was again filled with the sound of barking rifles and the rat-a-tat of machine guns. Presently some of the refugees came straggling back, bearing with them one or two wounded. Even before we were told we knew what had happened: we were surrounded! A nauseating feeling of utter helplessness came over me—and not over me only, but over all, as we realized that it was only a matter of an hour or two before our fate was sealed. There was not a vestige of hope left that we would be delivered

because there was no company of soldiers within eighty miles large enough to rescue us.

My wife and I solemnly turned back into our little home. Conflicting thoughts filled our minds and anxiety clutched at our hearts for the little one that was to be born to us in the near future. Tales of bandit cruelty were carried to us, increasing our alarm and anxiety. The suffering of those who had been fastened to rafters and branded with hot shovels, of those who had had fingers crushed under stones, lips and noses slit with knives, of others who had been thrown alive down wells, came very near to us, and caused distress and terror.

Gun-fire was coming perilously near now. I looked out of the window and there on the southern foothills I saw a company of bandits taking up formation. Even as I watched them they came charging down the hillside, riding like demons. Bullets were whistling in all directions as my wife and I again sought the Lord in prayer. We asked for grace to die—if that were to be our lot—to die as Christians. Then we asked for a word of comfort, and to our hearts the Lord spoke and gave us these words: To my wife the promise given was, "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil." And to me, "No weapon formed against thee shall prosper." In a wonderful way we felt strengthened and a sweet assurance filled our hearts. God was with us, and something of that calmness and peace which the martyrs must have experienced flooded our souls. "Oh, the peace that Jesus gives!"

Rising from our knees, we had a glimpse through the window of bandits galloping round and round the compound firing on us as they passed. Finally, when they realized that their shooting was not returned, they came charging into the compound. The hour had come. Deliverance or martyrdom? What was it to be? "Be brave, dear, it will not be long now." What followed in the next few moments is a hazy jumble in my mind, but I remember my wife and I together going out into the compound to meet the bandits; then a rifle being pushed towards us, a curse and a command to get back into the house under threat of death, and my wife scolding our would-be murderer for *walking on the garden!* Strange what things we do in a crisis! We returned to the sanctuary of our rooms as ordered and waited.

We had not long to wait, for soon the door was rudely kicked open and in strode two bandits. They had been detailed off from the main group to loot and bring us forth, probably for execution. But here was an outstanding thing: *it was exactly as my wife had seen in her dream.* For the second time within a few hours she was looking upon the same picture. Up till now it seemed as if the devil had had everything his own way, but now we began to see the hand of the Lord. Approximately ninety-five per cent of the population of Mongolia is unable to read or write, but God in His goodness saw to it that one of these men who came to us was one of the five per cent that could read. And furthermore, somewhere he had heard the glad message of God's love, for he appeared to be

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They overcame
him (Satan) by the
blood of the Lamb

Rev. 12:11

The First West African Conference

FACING the Challenge of West Africa Together" has been chosen as the theme for the first West African Conference which will convene in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta, French West Africa, December 2 to December 12.

Missionaries and national ministers and workers from Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gold Coast, Upper Volta, Togoland, Dahomey, and Nigeria will be in attendance. The AMBASSADOR, the C-46 transport plane, will fly to Ouagadougou from the States carrying missionaries and Wesley R. Steelberg, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, who will be the main speaker for the conference.

H. B. Garlock, Field Secretary for Africa, will also be aboard the AMBASSADOR on the trip. Mr. Garlock will present the purpose of the conference in the first morning session. He will counsel with the field leaders, and following the conference will remain in

Africa for several months visiting the various fields.

Reports from each major field will be made; also, there will be discussion of vital problems related to the work of the missionaries and of the national workers. Jean Kellar, director of the Protestant Council, will speak on the subjects "Protestant Missions in French West Africa," and "Relation of the Mission to Government."

Services are scheduled to begin at 9 o'clock each morning and will continue throughout the day. The conclusion of the eleven-day conference will be a day of worship together on the final Sunday. This will climax the West African Conference which has been looked forward to by the missionaries of West Africa for more than twenty years. We solicit your prayers that God will make this a time of great benefit and blessing to the missionaries and all the national workers of West Africa.



● Preparing for the parade in front of the Palais Rameau where the French Conference was held.

● The parade of Pentecostal youth in Lille, France, widely advertised the meetings.

● View of the platform during a weekday service at the Conference.

The French Conference

John Lindvall, Europe

FROM September 2 to September 5, the Assemblies of God in France had its national convention in the city of Lille. Up to 1,500 people were present for the large public gatherings. There are more than a hundred Assemblies of God churches in France with more than a thousand active young people and Christ's Ambassadors. The total membership of our churches in France is about 5,000.

Donald Gee and Fred Squire from England were the main speakers, but speakers from Sweden, Belgium, and different parts of France ministered from time to time. A number of people were filled with the Holy Spirit, while many were saved. In the closing Sunday afternoon service more than seventy responded to the invitation for salvation and came to the front for prayer. Many of these were Roman Catholics.

During the conference the young people, wishing to advertise the conference, passed out leaflets and tracts and paraded through the streets of downtown Lille. Lille, a city of almost a quarter million people, was well aware of the conference through this and other means of advertising. All over the city

were large posters announcing the conference. The meeting was held in the large Palais Rameau which could accommodate several thousand people.

The local Assembly in Lille is pastored by Mr. Le Cossec, who is editor of the "Lumiere du Monde" which is the youth publication for the Pentecostal people of France.

Second Anniversary in British Honduras

Malchus B. Bennett, British Honduras

THE Second Anniversary services of the Assemblies of God work in British Honduras convened in the little hall in Belize, September 18 to 26. Four days before time for the services, believers and workers began to come from the outlying districts.

The blessings of the Lord were mightily felt as the saints met every morning to tarry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God

moved in a wonderful way. Sinners found Christ as their personal Savior, and at least seven testified of definite healing. The most outstanding case was of a crippled woman who received strength in her ankle bones and was enabled to walk. The crowd praised the Lord for her healing.

Time was given over the local broadcasting station during the week of services, so we were able to take the gospel into the homes of those who were not interested in coming to the mission hall. Many wrote to say how much they enjoyed our program.

On the last Sunday of the Anniversary services, seven were immersed in water and received the right hand of fellowship. Our statistics show an increase in membership over the first year, also an increase in Sunday School attendance, and in giving. To God be the glory! We plan to enter two new fields this quarter. Pray for us that the spirit of the Lord will lead and guide and remove every hindrance to the free operation of the Holy Spirit.

● The first Assemblies of God building in British Honduras is the Sand Hill Assembly. Some of the believers here are from the Belize Mission.



News Notes

Trella Hall returned to Colombia, South America, on October 29 to begin her second term.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Bruton and family sailed October 29, for Nigeria for their first term of foreign service.

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J. P. Kolenda returned to Brazil on November 2.

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Gustave Kinderman returned to the States from Europe at the end of October.

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A cable has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Cobb arrived in Port Harcourt, Nigeria on October 30.

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Miss Constance S. Eady, of South India, has now arrived in the States from England for the remainder of her furlough.

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Bessie Mae Pate and Eugenia Brown plan to leave Chile about November 30, and will arrive in the States about the first of the year.

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Mrs. Helen H. Davis, Nurani Road, Palghat, Malabar, South India, would like to have used cut-out figures or cards for the S. S. lessons of 1948. You may send these direct to Mrs. Davis.

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Kenneth Short arrived in the States from the Philippine Islands the first week in November. Mrs. Short is planning to come later.

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The AMBASSADOR will be leaving Springfield, Mo. on November 22 and will depart from Miami, Florida the next day with twenty-four passengers aboard. The final destination will be Ouagadougou, Upper Volta.

A Christmas Note

The following letter was received in the Home Missions Department office shortly after last Christmas. Its tone of appreciation is typical of many others that have been received from both our home and foreign missionaries.

"Thank you again most heartily for the Christmas offering sent from the Home Missions Department. May our Lord abundantly bless and reward every faithful contributor.

"We often feel that no one thinks of us in this remote part of the mountains, but our Lord knows all the creeks and hollows, and especially so when His children are there. The Lord has done abundantly above all we could ever have thought of, and we do praise Him for His love.

"We see other missionaries or preachers only once a year. But the Lord manifests His mighty saving, healing, and baptizing power right here in our part of the mountains."

Surely you will not forget to send an offering for the CHRISTMAS FUND for our home and foreign missionaries. The time for sending the gifts will soon be here, and funds are needed immediately in order to care for the whole missionary family. Send your offering today, designated for the CHRISTMAS FUND, to Noel Perkin, Secretary, Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.



Trella Hall
Colombia



J. Paul Bruton
Nigeria



Mrs. J. Paul Bruton
Nigeria

Mary Slessor, after over thirty-five years of pioneering and privations in the jungles of Africa, said, "I cannot thank Him enough for the honor He conferred upon me when He sent me to the Dark Continent."

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1948

Belgian Congo	\$ 4,146.34	Colombia	929.45
Dahomey	1,566.34	Paraguay	389.00
Egypt	5,637.18	Peru	3,529.74
French Togo	255.34	Uruguay	292.50
Gold Coast	3,798.52	Venezuela	1,809.80
Liberia	5,200.48	British West Indies	1,537.60
Nigeria	10,945.72	India	598.34
Nyasaland	903.00	Burma	426.00
Sierra Leone	1,019.25	Fiji Islands	1,915.83
Tanganyika	501.00	Hawaii	1,416.49
Union of South Africa	2,057.21	Japan	1,857.00
Upper Volta	5,964.65	Malaya	1,785.84
China	19,168.41	Netherlands East Indies	2,928.04
Ceylon	2,236.16	Philippine Islands	301.00
India	24,300.38	Retired Missionaries	1,251.00
Europe	2,357.17	Entertainment of Missionaries	2,078.61
Palestine and Near East	1,068.97	General Transportation	3,700.81
West Indies	10,051.61	Non-Council Missionaries	9,115.64
Mexican Work in United States	483.69	Miscellaneous	7,293.88
Mexico	2,317.23		
Central America	5,107.66		
Argentina	1,670.84		
Bolivia	830.60		
Brazil	3,115.88		
Chile	2,405.00		

Total Disbursements \$160,265.50
Credited to Designated Accounts 14,779.31
Total Receipts \$175,044.81

Bengali Hymnbooks

M. L. Ketcham, India

WE have been working on plans for a Bengali hymnbook for some time, but have not known how we could finance the venture. We have contented ourselves in the past with various booklets which we have prepared, or else have used books put out by other denominations. We have the manuscripts nearly completed for a superior book which will contain over 500 songs. This contains all the old hymns, and also many of the newer Pentecostal hymns and choruses which we have had translated into Bengali. This happens to be a strategic moment to print a hymnbook as hymnbooks of the other denominations are (as far as I know) all out of print. So any book which we publish will not only supply the needs of our own churches, but will find a ready sale elsewhere, and will help to spread the message from one end of Bengal to the other. It will cost about \$1,500 to print 2,000 copies of the book. We have thought this book might be a memorial to our son, Jimmy, who died recently. We do want all the friends who are interested and who would like to help raise a living and worthwhile monument to the memory of Jimmy to do what you can for this cause. Designate your offering for "Bengali Hymnbook."

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

October, 1948

Alabama	1,332.33	Nevada	92.50
Arizona	848.37	New Hampshire	29.27
Arkansas	2,749.12	New Jersey	3,522.70
California	25,406.19	New Mexico	622.26
Colorado	1,909.64	New York	6,731.24
Connecticut	617.99	North Carolina	231.31
Delaware	774.12	North Dakota	4,414.97
District of Columbia	1,189.00	Ohio	10,725.52
Florida	4,654.52	Oklahoma	6,980.12
Georgia	900.96	Oregon	7,090.40
German Branch	3,130.43	Pennsylvania	12,605.18
Hungarian Branch	197.03	Rhode Island	1,061.66
Idaho	1,340.22	Russian Branch	510.00
Illinois	6,741.62	South Carolina	151.63
Indiana	2,386.84	South Dakota	1,340.68
Iowa	2,795.44	Tennessee	915.27
Kansas	4,948.10	Texas	15,852.15
Kentucky	494.28	Ukrainian Branch	161.30
Latin American Branch	117.67	Utah	11.27
Louisiana	863.29	Vermont	62.00
Maine	198.80	Virginia	1,153.34
Maryland	1,076.22	Washington	13,542.05
Massachusetts	2,881.18	West Virginia	571.59
Michigan	7,379.72	Wisconsin	3,713.03
Minnesota	7,009.22	Wyoming	282.01
Mississippi	793.92	Canada	93.50
Missouri	7,473.45	Foreign	262.50
Montana	2,348.14	Legacies	177.50
Nebraska	3,121.79	Miscellaneous	25,496.25

Total Amount Reported \$214,651.74
District Fund 10,711.69
National Home Missions 1,722.42
Office Expense Fund 3,315.70
Literature Expense Fund 110.19
Given Direct to Missionaries 23,746.93 39,606.93
Amount Received for Foreign Missions \$175,044.81
Amount Received for Home Missions 7,950.86

OUR HOME FRONTIERS

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HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Fred Vogler, Director

434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

WHAT if you were a little child in far-away Alaska—mother dead through tragedy—father somewhere out at sea—and you in a children's home, after being passed around from one home to another! What would be your prospect for a joyous Christmas? What would you do?

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?

OR what if you were a little Eskimo boy with no home whatsoever until you found love and care, along with other unfortunate children, in a loving Christian home. Wouldn't your heart be thrilled to discover that someone did care enough to provide a happy Christmas for you—new warm clothing to wear to school, and a few little special things for which your childish heart had been longing? How would you feel?

About forty-five boys and girls are sheltered in our two homes for children in Alaska. How about making a joyful Christmas for them? The matron of one of the homes has just appealed to our Home Missions Department with these words: "I haven't any funds at all for Christmas; and unless additional funds come in, I won't be able to give the children any Christmas this year."

Christmas last year in one of the homes was reported to us this way:

"We had a marvelous Christmas here in the home. Everyone was made happy and the Lord blessed us the whole day through. We received the Christmas check in good time, and provided a wholesome Christmas for the family.

"Our Christmas tree was brought in from the woods by one of the older boys of the home, and everyone took part in decorating it. Evergreens and jingle bells were tied on the door, and decorated the mantel and window sills. We adults were up late on Christmas Eve, wrapping last-minute gifts and placing gaily-wrapped packages around the tree.

"Very early Christmas morning the family was awakened by Christmas music, played by one of the girls. The children crowded into the long living room. Have you ever heard twenty-eight children, all opening gifts, and exclaiming with joy as they saw the things for which they had been longing? The noise became din! Wrappings covered the floor! Everyone was happy, and we loved every minute of it!

"Later in the day, when the children had calmed down somewhat, they all gathered again to listen to a Christmas story, and we felt that the truth of the birthday of our Savior had been well planted in every heart.

"The little boy who lost his mother so tragically, and who was placed in so many homes before coming to us, is responding nicely to our Christian care, and is becoming a happy

child. He had been with us just a month at Christmas time, and was a delightfully surprised boy on Christmas morning when he found that he had been remembered with the very things for which he had been longing. It is for just such children as this little boy, that we keep the doors of the Home open wide!"

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Please help us to make forty-five little hearts happy at Christmas time. The time is short. Do it now! Your offerings should be sent for "CHRISTMAS IN THE ALASKA CHILDREN'S HOMES" to the Home Missions Department, at the address given at the top of this column.

ATTENTION, SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS!

We have a surplus of certain kinds of Sunday School literature for the fourth quarter. If there are items which you are not now using in your School, we will be glad to send a trial shipment for your use during the remainder of the quarter. Please state exactly what publications you can use and how many of each. Also please confer with other workers in your School so that we will not receive duplicate requests.

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EVANGEL FUNDS NEEDED

Appeals are being received constantly from Europe, and from worthy saints in other parts of the world, stating that they would like to receive the Evangel but are unable to pay for it. In some lands the government will not permit money to be sent to America for such purposes. In other cases the people are too poor to pay. Unfortunately we are making no profit on the Evangel and so we cannot grant these requests for free subscriptions.

There may be some readers who would like to send an offering for this cause, however. If you would like to provide a subscription for some worthy brother or sister who wants the Evangel but cannot pay for it, kindly send your contribution to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri, and mark it "For the Free Evangel Fund."

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD BIBLE SCHOOL RECENTLY OPENED IN FRANCE

Our Pentecostal brethren of the Assemblies of God in France have opened a Bible and Missionary Institute. The first term began Nov. 15, 1948 and will terminate Feb. 15, 1949. The purpose of the school is to prepare workers who feel called to preach the gospel in France or in French colonies. Prospective missionaries who wish to learn the French language will be welcome. Ach Prod'hom is Director, and other members of the regular faculty include R. Fauvel, P. Nicolle and his wife, S. DeLattre and Mile. Renou. For information write to Institut Biblique et Missionnaire, Jouy en Josas (S. & O.), France.



Christmas Is

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As a special favor, we asked our friends early this year, and a great many have done so. Please send your subscription to the Subscription Department, and to all who have not done so, a sincere, "Thank You." If you have not done so, we will do it now.

We would remind you that the Evangel is of great value. The price is low, yet the message may be the means of saving a soul, of helping a man for all eternity. Each week it will go to your friends as a reminder of your Christian love. You may send it any time and again as this faith-building message of the gospel in the hearts of your friends and to

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GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR PEACE
and Man's Blueprint for World
Destruction

"I SAW STALIN'S BLUEPRINT FOR WAR," is the title of an article by a Russian General in a recent Magazine Digest. "Russia does not want war," he writes. "But the men in the Kremlin believe that a major conflict is coming, sooner or later, whether or not they want it. So, with such a conviction uppermost in their minds, it is only natural that they prepare to strike the first blow."

He says three phases have been planned: (1) Rapid occupation of western Europe. (2) A fast offensive against the Iberian Peninsula and penetration across the Mediterranean into North Africa, at the same time engaging a powerful attack through Persia, Iraq and Syria, aimed at the Suez Canal. (3) All the best Russian forces would then be directed against the Far East, where the definitive struggle would begin, in China. As to the atomic bomb, Russian scientists have the know-how, and three atomic bomb plants, all in central Siberia, will be turning out bombs by the end of 1948.

God has a prophetic blueprint for world peace; it is not confined to the walls of the Kremlin but outlined in His Word so that all who will may read and understand. God's Word does not prophesy peace as the climax of this age—it foretells the opposite, that is, war. There is the Day of the Lord before the reign of peace. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isa. 57:21. There can be no peace until there is righteousness.

When the world is an organized arsenal, then comes Armageddon. "Prepare war" is proclaimed among the Gentiles. "Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears." Joel 3:10. But does not Isaiah tell us that "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks"? Yes, he does! But read verse two, as well as verse four in that second chapter of Isaiah: "And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be stablished. . . ." A mountain, in Scripture symbolism, means a kingdom. It is when the kingdom is established, that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Yet mankind deludes itself into believing that money and munitions will create a bulwark for peace; churches in great federations still teach that peace will come by instilling the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man among unregenerate millions. The Lord Jesus Christ answered this plainly, absolutely and finally when He said: "Every plant which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Matt. 15:13. Every attempt of man to ignore the claims of His Son, whom He offered once to this world, will fail. Only Christ can bring peace to this troubled world, as only Christ who made peace by the blood of His cross can bring peace to the troubled hearts of individuals. The Kingdom shall come because God's Word declares it. The Kingdom shall come following the return of Christ to this earth.

He said: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels, with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory; and before Him shall be gathered all nations." Matt. 25:31, 32. Notice in the first part of that

passage the coming of the Lord: "When the Son of man shall come." And then in the second part of the passage, we have the arrival of the kingdom: "He shall sit upon the throne of His glory." First we have the coming of the King, then we have the setting up of the kingdom. When the Lord Jesus comes, then He will set up His kingdom.—*The Prophetic Digest*.

BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

Speaking of the possibilities in biological warfare, the *Journal of Immunology* for May 19 analyzed the capabilities of some 33 disease-producing bacteria and viruses in spreading pestilence, famine, and destruction. Here are some of the methods now perfected:

Botulinus toxin, the most potent of all gastrointestinal poisons—10,000 times more deadly than potassium cyanide. Can be easily spread from the air for pollution of water sources. Brings death in from one to ten days.

Leptospira, a germ maintained and transferred in the field in warm weather. Wash your hands in this contaminated water and you have this terrible disease.

Anthrax bacillus, toughest of all microbes, cannot be killed at the temperature at which water boils. Projectiles can be contaminated with it. Animals affected by it die inside of five days.

Pneumonic plague, considered superlative for military purposes. Mortality among humans may reach as high as 95%. Sealed cultures can remain alive for as long as nine years.

Psittacosis, or parrot's disease, a germ so minute it can pass through the pores of a dense porcelain filter, starts a fast-spreading epidemic. An entire population, humans and animals, can be infected with no one knowing the time of infection.

Besides these, there are many other viruses just as deadly. "When we read of such terrible inventions by modern scientists, we have less and less difficulty in understanding some of the terrors foretold in the Book of Revelation," comments *The Missionary Worker*.

Will God allow the carnal inventions of the human mind to bring about man's own destruction? Someone a few years ago defined "civilization" as "what the human race eventually will die from."

CONSCIENTIOUS LABORERS RECOGNIZED

According to the *Gospel Herald*, the Seventh-day Adventists have signed an agreement with the United Auto Workers, the largest union in the world, and also twelve other international unions of the CIO. In this agreement, the unions recognize that workers may "not be able because of religious conviction to share in measures of coercion either of labor or capital," and therefore cannot become participant in the activities of labor unions. According to the agreement, Adventist men will be supplied by the union with an identification card which will be honored in place of a union membership card for purposes of employment. Under the agreement Adventists will not be used as strike-breakers, and they will pay the equivalent of union fees and dues into a sick benefit or other workmen benevolent projects.

In many communities Mennonites have had a similar arrangement, and the extension of privileges of conscientious workers who object to unChristian methods in labor conflicts should be increasingly possible because of these agreements which the CIO has signed.

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

OKINAWA—ONE GREAT SLUM

A missionary describes Okinawa as "one great slum, a hundred miles long," and says that about the only relief to the situation is the food and clothing sent in by American churches.

LIVING IN DUGOUTS

In China, 14,000 refugees from both civil war and floods have been found living in temporary homes—a straw mat roof over a hole in the ground. Pity them because they have no proper home—but pity them more because they have no title to a mansion in our Father's house above.

THE SLAUGHTER IN INDIA

Alexander McLeish, Survey Editor of *World Dominion* and an authority on India, states that three million people have been killed in the terrible disturbances in North India since British control was lifted. He states it is a tragedy without parallel in the history of the East. Three million killed—and it is likely that very few of them knew Christ!

REFUGEES COMING TO AMERICA

According to *United Evangelical Action*, about 2,500 of Europe's displaced persons entered the U.S.A. in October, and the monthly number is expected to increase fourfold soon. Congress voted to admit 205,000 persons during the next two years. Most of them will be Roman Catholics and Jews, inasmuch as American people of these faiths have found places for the refugees.

NATURE'S ATOMIC BOMB

At a gathering of radio-astronomers in Cornell University, October 5, motion pictures of the sun were given, revealing among other things mighty explosions that dwarfed the human-made bombs into insignificance. One explosion threw up a column of fire estimated to be 20,000 miles in length, which mushroomed out into a head more than five times the size of the earth. Another eruption took the form of a wreath of fire that rose from the sun's edge and expanded until it was nearly a million miles across. From these "tubes" are believed to be generated the sun's radio signals, the source of which has puzzled scientists for some time.

A UNIVERSAL BOOK

Suppose a publisher should say to a writer: "I want you to write a book, whole sections of which will be translated into 1090 languages, a book that will never be off the printing press for four hundred years, a book that will be the best seller year in and year out wherever it goes. Reading it will cause men to seek liberty for themselves and others without thought of personal safety. It must be a book in which people of every language and culture will find an accurate picture of God and their relationship to Him." The most proficient writer with the most versatile mind would interrupt his publisher with the objection: "Only God could write such a book." God has written such a Book—it is the Bible.

YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS

Boys and girls under 21 years of age accounted for 16.1% of all arrests during the first six months of 1948, FBI records reveal. Of all ages of criminals, the ages 21, 22, 23, 19, and 20 predominated in that order.

FEWER MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

There were fewer marriages and divorces in 1947 than in the previous year, the Federal Security Agency reports. In 1946 there were 2,291,045 marriages and 610,000 divorces. Last year there were only 1,992,354 marriages and 471,000 divorces.

PREPARING FOR WAR

Said Sir J. Boyd Orr, Director General of the United Nations Food Organization, recently: "The nations of the world are insane; they are spending one third of their national income preparing for the next war." The reason for the nations' insanity may be explained by Revelation 16:13, where three unclean spirits go forth to all nations of the world to gather them to the battle of Armageddon.

GOSPEL BROADCASTS TO RUSSIA

According to Dr. Walter A. Maier, of the Lutheran Hour, arrangements have been made to broadcast the gospel in the Russian language throughout the USSR by regular weekly sermons originating at Radio Luxembourg. This is the world's strongest commercial station, using 200,000 watts. Dr. Maier predicts that despite the Communist efforts to counteract the broadcast, it will succeed in helping to revive and strengthen Christianity in Russia and to meet the new program of anti-religious propaganda there.

CHURCH UNION

"Christ's churches must unite," says Bishop Oxnham. "In the U. S. alone we now have 256 divisions." The modernistic bishop compares the churches to a disorganized army, which needs to come together and be organized under one "general staff." His goal is a world-wide union of all the churches under some such hierarchy as the Federal Council. But when Jesus prayed "that they all may be one," did He have such a man-centered organization in mind? Or was it a God-centered organism for which He prayed—a unity of spirit, rather than a union of human beings?

When we read Ephesians 4 we see that Paul does not tell us to seek unity. He tells us to keep it, for it already exists. He points out that we are "one body," called "in one hope," having "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." There already is a unity of spirit among all true Christians, no matter what their denominational ties may be; what is needed is but to recognize that unity, and not to disrupt it by adding flocks of unsaved church members, or degrade it to a merely man-made organization. Let us join our Lord in His prayer as recorded in John 17: "Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Thy Son, that they may be one."

All One in Christ

Robert C. Cunningham

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even upon Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments.

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. Psalm 133.

Had the Psalmist David been present at the Constitutional Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, surely this is the song with which he might have expressed his joyous delight. Had he been at Des Moines with his harp his fingers certainly would have been quickened with power from on high as he beheld the brotherly love that was manifested and the warmth of fellowship that was enjoyed by all.

Never in the forty-year history of the Pentecostal movement has there been such a coming together of representatives of various church groups and independent churches. They gathered with a single purpose: to learn to know one another, and to seek a mutual understanding whereby they might enter into closer fellowship and co-operation in advancing the kingdom of God.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 26, some fifty brethren from various groups were mingling together at the Foursquare Church in Des Moines where the visitors were being registered. No meeting had been scheduled for the afternoon, but a prayer meeting broke out spontaneously. Dozens joined together in prayer, and thus the Convention began with a blessed time of supplication and heart-melting in the presence of the Lord.

The informality of the opening prayer meeting was typical of all the services throughout the Convention. There was no detailed program laid out in advance. Everyone seemed to be waiting for his brother to take the lead—"in honor preferring one another"—and it was delightful just to sit in the meetings and wonder what was coming next. J. C. Jernigan, the temporary chairman, was very free and informal in his conduct of the business sessions. He always welcomed suggestions from the floor, and his good-natured remarks at appropriate times contributed much to the atmosphere of good will that prevailed.

The First Church of the Open Bible was packed out for the service on Tuesday night. E. J. Fulton, Chairman of the Open Bible Standard Churches, welcomed the convention to Des Moines, where their headquarters is located. There are a dozen Open Bible Churches in the city, as well as their Publishing House and Bible Institute. Brother Fulton told how much he was enjoying the opportunity to become acquainted with Pentecostal brethren outside his own church organization. He said that since he had come to know them he had come to love them. The reason suspicions and misunderstandings sometimes arise, he said, is because Pentecostal people do not know each other.

"This is an historic meeting," he said. "This Fellowship will spread, and we have no conception of what God can do through it; for the Spirit of God works through unity, love, and fellowship."

There was excellent music, including a girls' trio from the Open Bible Institute, and an organ and piano duet by the Fulton brothers. Howard Rusthoi, the evening speaker, introduced Jack Holcomb, an Assemblies of God evangelist, as his "favorite gospel tenor," and Brother Holcomb sang twice with great blessing. Brother Rusthoi, who is Associate Pastor of Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, brought an outstanding message on the subject, "A Magnificent Obsession." We are publishing it this week (page two). Brother Rusthoi and his wife have been preaching in special meetings in Kansas City, Mo., sponsored jointly by the Foursquare Church and the First Assembly of God.

The first business session of the convention was on Wednesday morning. Brother Jernigan, Temporary Chairman, and Brother Flower, Temporary Secretary, were asked to continue to serve until permanent officers should be elected. Brother Jernigan formerly was General Overseer in the Church of God; he now is State Overseer for Tennessee. He said that at their recent General Council there were 700 ordained ministers present and there was not one speech against participation in this Pentecostal Fellow-

ship. The desire for the Fellowship seemed to be unanimous.

E. S. Williams, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, brought the keynote message. He likened the convention to the Council at Jerusalem, described in Acts 15, where an understanding was reached between the Gentile and Hebrew branches of the Early Church so that it was saved from a split. He called on all Pentecostal preachers to show that nobility of character which will be required in order to create a lasting fellowship between groups which do not see eye to eye. At the same time he asked that the standard of holiness be held high and that moral laxity in the lives of any ministers in the Fellowship should not be countenanced.

The report of the Constitutional Committee, which had been appointed in August at the second exploratory conference of Pentecostal leaders in Chicago, was read by the Committee Chairman, J. R. Flower. After lengthy consideration and full discussion the Constitution was adopted by unanimous vote.

In the afternoon meeting Raymond T. Richey was asked to speak, and he told of the gracious revival of Divine Healing which God is sending through various workers throughout the land. He told how he has prayed for such a Pentecostal Fellowship as this for many years. Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God told the same thing. It seems that this Pentecostal Fellowship is an answer to the prayers of many of God's people in every group.

A love offering was received for David J. du Plessis, who was seriously injured in an automobile wreck on October 8. The next day a further offering was received for his support,



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and for the fare of his family so that they may come to America to be with him. Support of the international office at Basel, Switzerland, which is serving all Pentecostal groups who are sending relief and missionary funds to Europe, was also pledged by various groups represented.

J. Stewart Brinsfield, President of Lee College (Church of God), brought a brief devotional message. He emphasized the need of unity and co-operation in the task of evangelizing the world.

Pastor Benj. A. Bauer, representing an independent church in Rochester, N. Y., expressed the hope that the Pentecostal Fellowship would sponsor prayer conventions, both nationally and sectionally, where God's people might come together and seek the face of God until the Spirit is outpoured throughout all the land.

The Wednesday night meeting was held in the University Church of Christ, the city's largest church. Some 2,500 people heard Wesley R. Steelberg, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, deliver a powerful sermon. "A re-birth of Pentecost is now taking place," he said. "Let us dare to believe God for the signs following." He inspired faith in the hearts of his hearers with several stories of how God has granted mighty miracles in answer to simple faith, and the Spirit witnessed with two messages of great encouragement, through tongues and interpretation of tongues. "Rejoice, for God is in the midst of His people. Great things are laid up for you," we were told. We were bidden also to be strong and of good courage, for the Lord is with us. "Through His name, and faith in His name, you shall do exploits. The Lord will confirm His Word with signs following."

On Thursday morning Gustave Kinderman, who had just returned from Europe, was asked to report on conditions over there. He told how revivals are breaking out everywhere. He said that a large Lutheran church in Hamburg was jammed with people at the recent unity conference, and on the last day fifteen received the Baptism. He told of a tent meeting in another German town where 50 received the Baptism. In one place a Sunday school was started with 50 children present, and on the following Sunday there were over 700 present. One of the greatest opportunities of the hour lies in teaching the Word of God to the children of Germany. The brethren are hoping to publish Sunday School lessons in German, Russian, and other European languages soon, and to begin training European workers to teach the children.

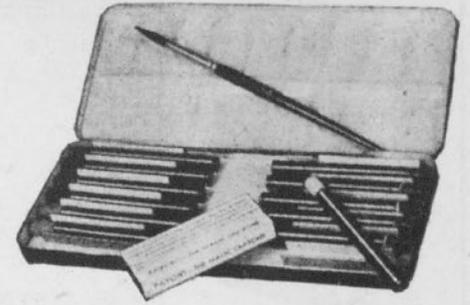
The relief which the Pentecostal people are sending to Europe is being used to open many hearts to the gospel message. Brother Kinderman urged every group to send a representative to Europe who could give spiritual encouragement to the Pentecostal workers in the different lands there, and help them to become united, as well as supervise the distribution of relief. He said that there are many refugees in Europe who are Pentecostal and who would welcome the opportunity to come to America and work on the farms of our Pentecostal people.

A short missionary message was given by C. M. Wortman, General Secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He said that the Pentecostal Movement has been missionary-minded from the very beginning. He told of going to South America as a missionary many years ago, thinking he was one of the first work-

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ers to take the Pentecostal message to that part; but he found that a Pentecostal preacher had passed through that land before 1910 telling the Christians the good news of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Before taking up matters of business there was a testimony meeting, in which many of the brethren told how glad they were for this time of fellowship. G. J. Flokstra, assistant pastor of a Pentecostal assembly in Duluth, Minn., expressed warm appreciation for the favor that was being shown the independent churches in this convention. The number of voting delegates which the large groups of churches were permitted to seat was limited in proportion to their total membership, whereas each independent church was given one vote regardless of how small its membership might be. Brother Flokstra said his heart was thrilled with the formation of this Pentecostal Fellowship, and that he was sure that the blessing of the Lord was upon it.

The pastor of another independent assembly said, "This is the greatest convention I ever attended." The hearts of the independent preachers have been longing for more fellowship with their Pentecostal brethren, and this Fellowship will therefore be a great blessing to them.

Pastor Richard Philp, of Buckley, Wash., told about two or three great union meetings they have had in Tacoma, Wash. during the past two years. The various Pentecostal churches have jointly sponsored mass meetings in large auditoriums, and the pastors' hearts have been thrilled at seeing fifteen to twenty coming to the altar for salvation each night.

Albert Hall, a Church of God pastor in Des Moines, told what God did among the G. I.'s in Burma during the war. Christian servicemen of many different denominations joined together in a project called Harmony Union, and held Sunday services at which as many as 3,000 would be present. Many had been saved through these meetings. The G. I.'s had selected him to be their "pastor" but he said he had three other Pentecostal boys behind him holding up his hands. One was Assemblies of God; one was Four-square; and he had said then, "If we can have united efforts like this in the Army, why can't we have it back in U.S.A. too?"

In the business meeting that followed, a number of Bylaws were adopted. Officers were elected. A nominating committee offered the names of five men to serve as an Executive Committee, and eight other men to serve with these five as members of the Board of Administration. The recommendation of the committee was accepted, and a motion carried to consider these thirteen men elected. They will serve for a period of one year, and will have the task of considering applications for membership in the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. As yet there are no members. There is merely a Board of Administration whose members represent the following groups: Assemblies of God, Church of God, Elim Missionary Assemblies, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, International Pentecostal Assemblies, Open Bible Standard Churches, Pentecostal Assemblies of God, and the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In accepting the office of Chairman, Brother Jernigan said that he felt quite incapable of assuming such responsibility, but that he is qualified in one respect and that is that he believes in this fellowship with all his heart.

Brother Flower, in accepting the office of Secretary told how he attended his first Pentecostal camp meeting in July 1907, and sat under the ministry of J. H. King and other early leaders. From the first, he said, he has been non-sectarian in spirit and always appreciated all the other Pentecostal brethren regardless of their denominational affiliation. He told of his

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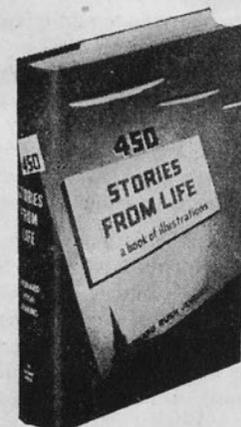
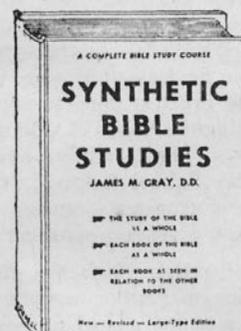
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delight with the way all were flowing together.

"Let us not be ashamed of what God has done for us," said E. J. Fulton, one of the Vice-Chairmen. "Let us exalt the name 'Pentecost,' for it is in the Bible." He told of a recent meeting in a Presbyterian church, which he attended. The speaker was Peter Marshal, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate. Mr. Marshal described the disciples and said that if any of them were to come up for ordination in the Presbyterian Church they would all be rejected. "What changed these men into dynamic followers of Christ," said Mr. Marshal, "was the Pentecostal infilling of the Holy Ghost, and we need that today."

H. P. Courtney, General Supervisor of the Foursquare churches, is the other Vice-Chairman of the Pentecostal Fellowship. "If anyone had told me a year ago that I would be in a meeting like this, and would feel God on my soul as I do," he said, "I would have told him he was out of his mind. I am glad to be taking part in this historic convention. I am glad I am living in this day. Eleanor Roosevelt has 'her day' and we have ours. Let's take advantage of it."

H. T. Spence, Chairman of the Home Missions Board of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, is the Treasurer. He told of his boyhood days in North Carolina when his family stood out boldly for the doctrine of Sanctification and he was known among his chums as "Sancty." His father had dedicated the largest room of their home for holiness meetings.

He said: "In 1908 a man came to our door who had been filled with the Holy Ghost. He had come straight from Los Angeles, where he had received the Baptism, and he said God had sent him to our house to testify. My father said, 'This room is dedicated to God, and you may speak.' There were about a hundred people present that night. The house was full and they were on the porch and in the yard as well. That man spoke about the Latter Rain that was falling. Then he started to pray, and for the first time in our lives we heard a man speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. It created consternation and confusion among some, but others opened their hearts to the truth.

"That man went away the next day, but others came testifying to the same experience. One night my father said to the family, 'I believe this is of God.' Mother said, 'I am saved and sanctified, and this is strange to me.' They were not agreed. One of my sisters said, 'What shall we do, Dad? Shall we follow you or Mother?' But Mother said 'I am going to find out about it.'

"We retired for the night, but at about four o'clock in the morning we were awakened by the sound of shouting. I said to my brother, 'Horace, that's Mamma, and she has got that peculiar religion too.' She was speaking in tongues, going from room to room through the halls upstairs. That night the course of the Spence family was changed.

"This afternoon I stand in amazement at the way God has led us. I came to this convention in a cautious spirit. I had questionings and misgivings as to what might lie ahead. But as I look at you brethren now I want to say that I believe in you, and I pray that God will lead us on."

The convention ended in a great meeting at the KRNT Radio Theater, the largest auditorium in Des Moines. Nearly 4,000 people were present and at the close of a faith-inspiring

message by Evangelist Oral Roberts, of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, some 80 or more came to the platform to be saved and were taken back stage where personal workers helped them to pray through to a genuine experience of salvation. The evangelist prayed for hundreds who were sick and there were many shouts of victory as needy ones touched the hem of Christ's garment in simple faith.

In this unique Pentecostal convention there were ministers from 14 different groups and many independent assemblies, yet all mingled together in sweet Christian fellowship. Each was wearing a registration badge, giving his name and address, but his denominational affiliation was not mentioned. Only in the seating of the voting delegates did denominations appear. Surely this blessed new unity that is appearing in the ranks of the Pentecostal movement is an answer to the prayer of our Lord that we all may be one. John 17:22.

"PROTECTED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS"

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acquainted with the gospel. On our walls he had seen scripture portions printed in Chinese.

What happened next was overpowering. Striding across the room, this bandit, clothed still in his heavy winter furs (though it was May 4th), perspiration coursing down his face in tiny rivulets, with his rifle held ready, confronted me and stared into my eyes with a peculiar expression. I wonder what thoughts passed through that man's mind? What past experiences had he had? Who knows but that some isolated, lonely missionary's labor was now bearing fruit!

"Is this a Jesus house?"

"It is."

"Are you a Jesus man?"

"I am."

His hand was placed on my shoulder and in tenderness he said, "Do not be afraid, I will see that you are not molested. I will protect you, for you are good people. You preach the way of righteousness." Then, as suddenly as he had come, he was away. He had come to loot, to rob, to plunder and to kill. He became our protector. He had come to drag us to our death. He became our comfort and consolation instead. Oh, wonderful *wonderful* are the ways of our God! Who can fathom His love? Of all that murderous horde there probably was only one who could help us and God sent that one!

All that morning, throughout the afternoon, and well into early evening, the terrible work went on. Young men were murdered in cold blood; women were ravished; old people were thrown alive down the wells. Homesteads and farms were looted and put to the torch. Backwards and forwards raged that horde. What some had missed, others found, so that none escaped. But in the midst of all this sorrow, destruction and carnage the "Jesus House" stood unscathed. It was a "city of refuge," for all that sought its shelter that bloody day were safe. "Protected by the Blood of Jesus, protected by the Blood of Jesus!" "When I see the Blood I will pass over you."

Four weeks afterwards, a beautiful little girl was born to us.

There is a remarkable sequel to this story, without which it would not be complete. About six weeks after these terrible but wonderful

happenings I received a letter from a friend of ours in London. The writer had had a dream—no; more than a dream—it was a visitation. She had been awakened out of her sleep by someone calling her to get up and pray. She opened her eyes and realized the Lord was speaking to her. "Get up and pray." "But, Lord," our friend replied, "for whom shall I pray?"

The answer came, and it seemed as if it were an audible voice in her room, "Pray for the Paynes; they are in danger." Prayer was made on our behalf until assurance was received that all was well.

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Among the Assemblies

MT. HOPE, W. VA.—We just concluded a successful revival meeting at the Mt. Hope Assembly of God, with R. L. Bartlett of Richlands, Va., as the evangelist. He ministered each evening under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and our church was blessed.—Alden A. Yates, Pastor.

BUECHEL, KY.—We were so pleased with the results of our new pioneer effort in Buechel, that we decided to send a report for the Evangel. We started a Sunday-afternoon Sunday School, September 5. We had 19 present the first Sunday; 26, the second Sunday, and 21 the third Sunday.—Pastor and Mrs. Paul Frye.

(Near) FAIRVIEW, OKLA.—We have had a very successful revival meeting with Evangelist Bertha Johnson and coworker, Alene Morrow, both of Crossett, Texas. At least 22 were saved, and 14 were filled with the Spirit. About 17 followed the Lord in water baptism.—Minnie Lou Love and Virginia Carthrae, Pastors, Midway Assembly.

BENTON CITY, WASH.—We were privileged to fellowship the Tri-City area here in the Tom B. Myers Divine Healing services, and to witness God's wonder-working power in the midst of His people. A great number experienced healing in their bodies; blindness, deafness, lameness, and other ailments had to go. How our hearts rejoice at God's wonderful love and grace, and how we do praise Him for Brother Myers' straightforward preaching, his love and faith!—Jeremiah Wilcox, Pastor, Assembly of God.

ENID, OKLA.—We recently concluded a 4-week revival meeting with Evangelist T. C. Burkett of Broken Bow. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and the entire church was drawn closer together and nearer to God. A fine spirit of unity prevails as a result. The Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high of 480. Several have testified to definite healings received during the revival. The blessings of the Lord are remaining in the regular services, souls are being saved, and our Sunday School average is increasing.—Pastor and Mrs. Edgar Newby, Enid Gospel Tabernacle.

PASADENA, TEXAS.—We began our ministry as pastor here on August 22. Since then every department of the church has been blessed. The Sunday School has had a steady increase. For the past two months the Sunday School attendance has run well over 200. Sunday night, October 31, we concluded a successful 2-week revival meeting with Robert Pruett of Corpus Christi as the evangelist. God blessed the church with a real outpouring of the Spirit. About 15 were saved or reclaimed. The last Sunday we had 299 in Sunday School, which broke the all-time record.—J. B. Brumbelow, Pastor.



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FORT MADISON, IOWA—Evangelist William A. Ward of Washington, D. C., was with us in 5 glorious weeks of meetings. God did visit us here with one of those old-fashioned revivals where the glory of God came down and there were all manner of spiritual manifestations. Quite a number came to the altar for salvation, backsliders were reclaimed, and believers were filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit. Quite a few testified to having received healing. We enjoyed the largest crowds in the history of the church; we utilized part of the new building section to accommodate the people. Every department of the church was enriched by the anointed ministry of Brother Ward.

This was the first meeting we had since coming to take the pastorate here in January. We broke ground for the addition to the church building, adding 49x50 feet with a 14x14 tower entry. The revival spirit is still on.—Mirko and Marcella Parlotz, Pastors.

SPOKANE, WASH.—October 5—13, the Tom B. Myers Party of Bakersfield, Calif., gave us a series of services featuring Divine healing. E. Judson Cornwall conducted instruction services each afternoon and Tom B. Myers prayed for the sick afternoon and evening. Eternity alone will reveal the full results of these meetings, although the eye of man could certainly evaluate much of the blessing of the ministry. In every service, many blind eyes were opened and deaf ears unstopped—no one knows the exact number. A young woman, born deaf and dumb, received power of speech and ability to hear immediately. Another young woman who had been confined to her wheel-chair for over 20 years rose in the name of the Lord and walked. Praise arose to God as cataracts began to move off blinded eyes and light permeated the darkness. Cancers, tumors, goiters, and countless other internal diseases were healed in these services. A man came many miles to be prayed for. The doctors had told him he was dying from sugar diabetes. He was prayed for and the next day, when examined, the doctors were amazed when after repeated tests they were unable to find any trace of diabetes.—W. H. Boyles, Pastor.

MARION, IND.—The Shawley Memorial Church enjoyed a feast on the good Word of God in a revival meeting with Evangelist Freadus Seal of Burbank, Calif., as guest speaker. Many nights the fire fell in old-fashioned Pentecostal style. The altar was visited with the fire of God's presence and many were blessed. Brother Seal preaches Pentecost, and our church was signally built up under his ministry.—B. E. Hillman, Pastor.

RAYMOND, WASH.—Nov. 23—Dec. 5; Evangelist Ted Silva and Party.—H. E. Roberson, Pastor.

LONDON, ONTARIO—Meeting in progress; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Evangelists.—W. J. Howells, Pastor.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Nov. 28—Dec. 12; Wesley Goodwin, Evangelist.—S. J. Scott, Pastor.

FRUITA, COLO.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. N. D. Sheneman, Oxford, Nebr.—Wm. W. Brandt, Pastor.

NEW MEXICO C. A. CONVENTION

New Mexico District C. A. Thanksgiving Convention, First Assembly of God, 1120 N. Second St., Albuquerque, N. Mex., Nov. 24—26. First service, 7:30 p.m. Harry M. Myers, guest speaker. For room reservations contact Paul W. Harrington, Host Pastor, 1118 N. Second St., Albuquerque, N. Mex.—E. J. Stone, District C. A. President.

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Fifth Annual Christ's Ambassadors Convention, Benson Auditorium, 546 N. E. 12th St., Portland, Ore., Nov. 25—26. Chas. Blair, convention speaker. Opening rally 7:30 p.m., Nov. 25. Services, Nov. 26, 9 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. For accommodations write: N. D. Davidson, 1730 N.E. Buffalo, Portland, Ore.—V. D. Trimmer, Oregon C. A. President.

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The Ukrainian, Russian and Polish Branches announce a joint Fellowship Meeting, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25 in New York City. Afternoon service, 3 p.m., Russian Assembly, 545 E. 11th St., Evangelist George Derkatch of Edmonton, Canada, speaker. Evening service, 7:30 p.m., Ukrainian Assembly, Third Ave., and Seventh St., Gustave Kinderman of Europe, speaker.—Fred Smolchuck, Superintendent, Ukrainian Branch.

Coming Meetings

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AMARILLO, TEXAS—First Assembly of God, N. E. 8th at Pierce, Nov. 28—Dec. 12; George Hayes, Evangelist.—E. R. Foster, Pastor.

BAY CITY, MICH.—Assembly of God, 19th and Fraser Sts., Nov. 28—; June Cook, Conneaut, Ohio, Evangelist.—Arden Ragsdale, Pastor.

CORTLAND, N. Y.—The Cortland Assembly of God, 23 Port Watson St., Nov. 14—; The Kellners of Binghamton, Evangelists.—Levi L. Storms, Pastor.

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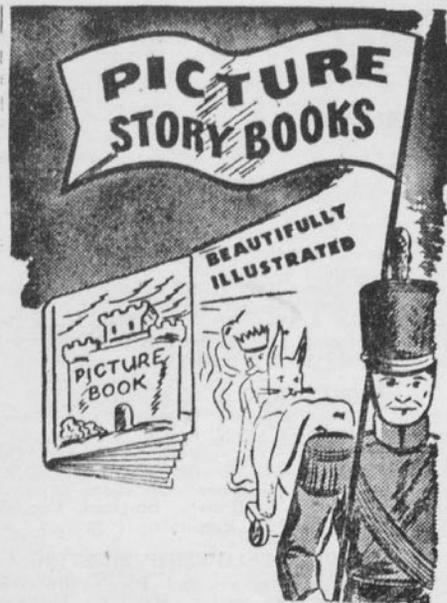


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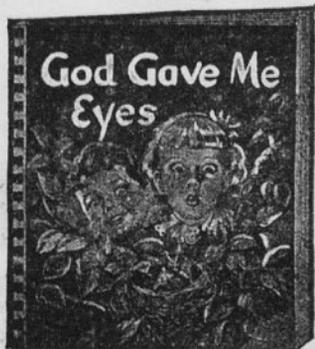
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FAIRMONT, W. VA.—Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, Dec. 6. Services 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m. Bring basket lunch. David W. McCulley, Pastor.—P. A. Wells, Sectional Presbyter.

NORTHWEST C. A. CONVENTION

First District-wide C. A. Convention for Washington and Northern Idaho, First Methodist Church, Yakima, Wash., Nov. 25—26. First service Thursday, 2:30 p.m. Robert Fierro will speak evening and morning and Ralph Harris in the afternoon.—Norman L. Gardner, C. A. President, Route 1, Box 251, Ridgefield, Wash.

POTOMAC DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION

Annual Fall Thanksgiving C. A. Convention. Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D.C., Nov. 24—26. Wilfred A. Brown, Springfield, Mo., evening speaker. O. L. Harrup of Hagerstown, Md., and H. M. Strickland of Martinsburg, W. Va., afternoon speakers. B. E. Mahan, host pastor. For room reservations write Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington 1, D. C. Convention under direction of H. Paul Robinson, District C. A. President.—H. Paul Robinson.

TEXAS BIBLE CONFERENCES

Texas Fall Bible Conferences: Waco Section, Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, Marlin Assembly, 811 Colman St. Austin Section, Dec. 2—3, East Austin Assembly, 18 N. Chalmers St. Corpus Christi Section, Dec. 7—8, Alice Assembly, W. Center St. Valley Section, Dec. 9—10, McAllen Assembly, 410 N. 17th Street.

Each Conference will run two days and one night. Services daily, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., 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.

TEXAS C. A. CONVENTION

The 22nd annual Texas C. A. Thanksgiving Convention, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 23—25. First service, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., in First Baptist Church Auditorium. The other services in Municipal Auditorium directly across the street from the First Baptist Church. Services Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Speakers include: Klaude Kendrick, J. O. Savell, Bill McCann, Victor Smith, Homer Conner, and the Speed-the-Light Quartet from Springfield, Mo.—the Missionaires.

Address room reservations to J. R. Tuttle, Box 565, San Antonio, Texas.—Maurice Cadwalder, C. A. President.

CHURCH DEDICATION

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—The First Assembly of God, Hemphill and Myrtle Sts., will dedicate its new Auditorium and Educational building in a series of Thanksgiving Feast Services, beginning 10 a.m., Thanksgiving Day and continuing through Nov. 28. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams will speak daily; also District Superintendent J. O. Savell will be present to speak. Services nightly, 7:30 p.m. Youth for Christ Rally, night, Nov. 27. Main dedicatory service, Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m., message by Brother Williams. Broadcast from new Auditorium, Sunday, 12:00—12:30 p.m., Station KWBC, 970 kilos. Brother Williams' first message, Thanksgiving morning. Revival services, Nov. 29, for 2 weeks or longer; W. S. Barham, Evangelist.—Leonard L. Norville, Pastor.

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NOTICE—We are beginning a new work in Anderson, S. C., a city of 42,000 population. If you have friends or relatives in or near this city who might be interested or whom you would like me to contact, please send names and addresses.—Evangelist G. Earl Wilson, 406 Roosevelt Drive, Anderson, S. C.

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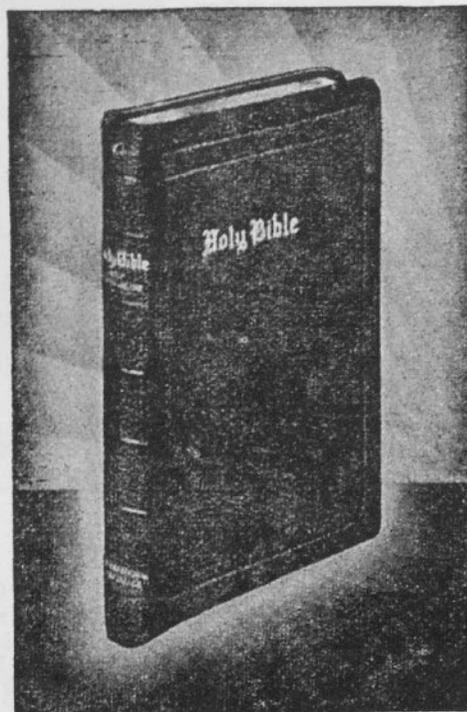
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God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a

ship and their father, and followed him.

23 ¶ And Jē'sus went about all Galilee, teaching 'in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

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TULARE, CALIF.—City-wide and County-wide Divine Healing Campaign, Tulare County Fair Grounds, in large pavilion; Nov. 28, for 2 weeks or longer; The Lummer Party. The Full Gospel City Fellowship and the Assemblies of God of the Central San Joaquin Valley, participating. Services: 2:30 p.m., Instruction and preparation, R. W. Miller in charge; 7:30 p.m., Divine Healing service, F. R. Lummer preaching and praying for the sick. The Gospel Music Makers will also be present.—Paul B. Franklin, Presbyter and Campaign Chairman, 752 E. Inyo St.

TENNESSEE S. S. CONFERENCES
Tennessee Sunday School Conferences: Southwest Section, Munford, Dec. 6; Northwest Section, Trimble, Dec. 7; Central Section, First Church, Nashville, Dec. 8; Eastern Section, Kingsport, Dec. 10. One conference in each section. Services 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Special speakers: L. C. Honderick, National S. S. Representative, and James E. Hamill, Tennessee S. S. Representative. Everyone interested in Sunday School invited to attend.—James E. Hamill, 1084 E. McLemore, Memphis 5, Tenn.

Space for address or church announcement

MIAMI, FLA.—Central Assembly of God, 885 N.W. 27th Ave.; Nov. 28, for 3 weeks; Anna B. Lock, Evangelist.—Orville C. Smith, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, KANSAS—Nov. 30—Dec. 12; Chas. E. Robinson, Springfield, Mo., Bible Teacher. Services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—J. F. Burnett, Pastor.

DAVISVILLE, MO.—Meeting in progress; James O. Johnson of St. Louis, Evangelist.—Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Ivie.

MERCEDES, TEXAS—Nov. 28, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen.—Ellis B. McCutchen, Pastor.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—Pearson and Epworth Sts., Nov. 21—Dec. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, Seattle Wash.—James D. Menzie, Pastor.

BRAINERD, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle; Nov. 21, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson.—R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

ARNOLD, NEBR.—Opening of new Assembly of God, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. This is an entirely new church. All Assemblies of God brethren welcome.—F. B. Wickham, Pastor, Box 484.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Calvary Assembly of God, 2819 Frederick Ave.; Nov. 16—28, or longer; M. Q. Spencer, Bridgeport, Conn., Evangelist.—Irving R. Johnson, Pastor.

OTIS, COLO.—Assembly of God; Nov. 28, for 2 weeks or longer; W. A. Hawkins, Whitney, Nebr., Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies invited to cooperate.—E. J. Benintendi, Pastor.

CHEWELAH, WASH.—Assembly of God, 4th and Colville Sts.; Nov. 23—Dec. 5; Harry Walker of Nebraska, Evangelist. City-wide united services, 10:30 a.m., Thanksgiving Day; Evangelist Walker, speaker.—Leslie R. Clevenger, Pastor.

ANADARKO, OKLA.—Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Evangelists Florence and Howard Boucher of Richmond, Calif., and Gospel Singers, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jernigan of Levelland, Texas.—Leslie Moore, Pastor.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—Thanksgiving Meetings, Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 25—28. Services: Thanksgiving Day, 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Allan A. Swift, Principal, Eastern Bible Institute, speaker.—A. W. Buckley, Pastor.

SOUTH CAROLINA C. A. CONVENTION

Annual C. A. Convention, South Carolina District, First Assembly of God, Columbia, S. C., Nov. 25. Services 3 and 8 p.m. L. V. Pierce of Greenville, guest speaker.—Mrs. J. C. Ellis, C. A. Secretary.

WEST TEXAS C. A. CONVENTION

Annual C. A. Convention of the West Texas District, Asbury Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas, Nov. 24—26. First service 7:30 p.m. George Hayes, convention speaker.—H. L. Stevens, District C. A. President.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS RALLY

Christ's Ambassadors Rally, Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.: Nov. 27, 7:45 p.m., D. Leroy Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo., speaker. Special music by Eastern Bible Institute students.—Anthony A. Marinacci, Chairman.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Oral Roberts Divine Healing Campaign, Memorial Coliseum, Dec. 10—14; afternoon and night services. Seats for 5,000. Sponsored by Calvary Assembly of God, 11 W. Iowa St., with cooperation of the Tri-State Assemblies of God. For reservations write Pastor Hansel Vibbert, 11 W. Iowa St., Evansville, Ind., or call 3-6619.

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

DENVER, COLO.—Rocky Mountain District Annual Thanksgiving Conference, Central Assembly, Nov. 23—26. J. B. Lindsay, Russellville, Ark., Evangelist; H. R. Parrish, Delta, Colo., Morning Teacher of Illustrated Prophecy.—Milton Newman, District C. A. President.

ARIZONA C. A. CONVENTION

Arizona Christ's Ambassadors Convention, First Assembly of God, 11th St. at Garfield, Phoenix, Arizona. Nov. 25—27. E. J. Robison, Oildale, Calif., Convention speaker. Opening rally, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Gerald Fletcher, C. A. President.—Claude Wood, Host Pastor.