

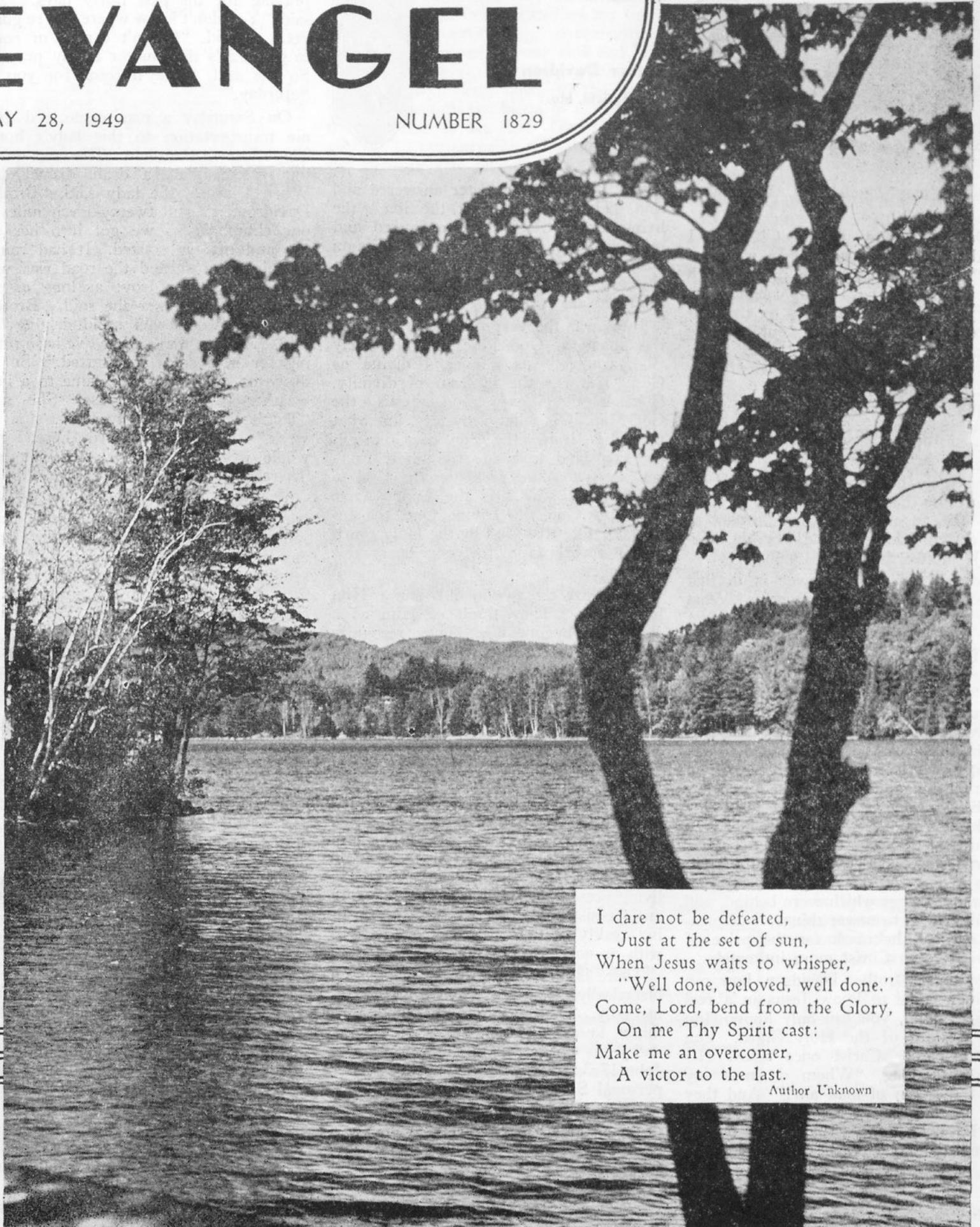
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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I dare not be defeated,
Just at the set of sun,
When Jesus waits to whisper,
"Well done, beloved, well done."
Come, Lord, bend from the Glory,
On me Thy Spirit cast:
Make me an overcomer,
A victor to the last.

Author Unknown



Do You Know JESUS?

A Sermon by

Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson

at Central Assembly, Springfield, Mo.



That I may know Him. Philippians 3:10.

● DO YOU KNOW JESUS? Oh, how I would like to give you such a vision of Christ that you would fall in love with Him. Oh, how I wish I might paint such a portrait of the Lord Jesus on the canvas of your soul that you would be able to see nothing else, save Jesus only. Jesus is the sweetest note in seraph song—the sweetest name on mortal tongue—the sweetest carol ever sung. I believe that when Gabriel wants to reach a new ecstasy of glory, when he wants to raise heaven to its highest expression, he leads the heavenly host to a great symphonic climax in that single word—“Jesus.” How the angels swell their breasts as they cry, in adoration and worship, “Jesus, Jesus, worthy is the Lamb!”

“Jesus!” Oh, what power is in that name! What life is in that name! What glory is in that name! What blessing, what thrill, what victory! “Jesus!” Can’t you feel its mighty influence this very moment? Don’t you feel its radiating life? Every one of us should have a desire to know Jesus better. There should be deep within our hearts a cry like that within the apostle Paul’s when he said, “That I may know Him.” He wrote, “I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.” He said he was not satisfied with his present attainments. Though he had known some wonderful spiritual experiences in the past, he said he was forgetting those things which were behind, and reaching forth to newer things, ever pressing toward the mark for the prize of knowing Jesus Christ more intimately.

You ask, “Brother Davidson, how can a person come to know Jesus in a real way?” Friend, you can only know Him by revelation of the Holy Ghost. You will remember Christ once asked His disciples, saying, “Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?” And they said, “Some say that Thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.” He saith unto them, “But whom say ye that

I am?” And Simon Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered and said unto him, “Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 16:13-17.

Jesus was the very expression of God, the image of God. He was absolutely God, complete as man and divine as God. He was the blossom of divinity, God’s absolute expression. Jesus, the God-Man. Oh, what a mystery, but what a truth! Jesus, the Son of God, expressing God to man: the utter, final, complete, absolute revelation of God to man. Jesus Christ is the Living One, the Holy One, the Divine One, the Incarnate. Oh, that God by the Holy Spirit might reveal Him to your heart this morning.

There are those who only know Him historically. They think of Him as a Jew of a bygone age. They recognize Him as an oriental genius, as a man who was possessed of rare ability, one who lifted his race from obscurity, one who marked his country with favor, one who was an idealist, a perfect example. But just to know Jesus historically is to hardly know Him at all. The greater portion of professed Christendom only know of Him in this sense. What a pity! They think of Him as a figure of history, a buried man of the past, the historical founder of a great religion. Thank God, He is more than that. He is not a dead past, but a living present. He is not a lifeless one of ancient history; He is a throbbing, thrilling reality of this very moment. He is with us *now!* Not yesterday, but *today!*

There is no salvation in knowing Him historically. You must know Him experimentally. “This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” John 17:3. You must know Him as your personal Savior, by the New Birth.

I was in Bible School during the depression, and I needed some money for expenses, so when Thanksgiving vacation was coming on I was hoping I would

get an opportunity to preach somewhere for that week. A little lady came to the school in quest of a preacher. Finally she came to me and said, “Brother Davidson, would you mind coming to our church to preach during Thanksgiving holidays?” I said, “Madam, that’s what I’ve been praying for the past thirty days.” She said, “You don’t know where you’re going yet.” I said, “I don’t care, I’m ready to go; that’s the answer to my prayer.” So she said, “They’ll come for you on Saturday.”

On Saturday a man came and gave me transportation to this lady’s home. There I spent the night. The next morning was Sunday, a drab, dismal day. When I arose, the lady said, “Brother Davidson, it’s still twenty-seven miles to our church.” So we got into her old car and off we started. It had rained the night before and the road was very treacherous. She drove as long as she could stand it; then she said, “Brother Davidson, would you mind driving?” I said, “Madam, that’s what I’ve been praying for ever since we started.” So we drove on, and finally we came to a little weather-beaten schoolhouse. She said, “That’s where you’re to preach for the week.” I thought, “Lord, here for a whole week, in this deserted country? There’s nothing here to preach to!”

I preached that morning to thirteen people. Then the lady came to me and said, “Brother Davidson, we don’t have any place for you to stay yet, but we’re sending you to Mr. So-and-So’s for dinner. They don’t know you’re coming, but go right on over there. We hope to make arrangements for you tonight.” So they put me in an old school bus, and out across the plains we went. Finally we came to a sudden halt. The driver said, “Preacher, this is where you get off,” and I rolled out. There was a little weather-beaten house that looked like a cheese box a quarter of a mile back from the road. The driver said, “Preacher, if you go there, they’ll give you something to eat, we hope.”

Off I started. The people had not been expecting company. The lady of the house was dumbfounded. The man was amazed. I said, “I’m a preacher looking for something to eat. They said that if I would come here you would feed me.” They said, “Well, come in. We’ll see what we can find.” No one had told me that this man was supposed to have committed the unpardonable sin; that he “had sinned away his day of grace” and, according to the community, was foreordained and predestined to hell. They just sent me over there. He literally hated preachers.

We sat down to a little meal. He looked across the table and said, “Bless it if you want to; we never bless any-

thing here." I didn't know whether to pray aloud or not. Finally I said, "Lord, bless this fellowship."

When I had finished my meal I said, "Sir, if you don't care, I'd like to slip away for a while just to pray." When I got outdoors I cried, "O God, You delivered Daniel from the lion's den. You've got to get me out of this now." At twilight I came back to the little house. He said, "Are you a preacher?" I said, "No, I'm just trying to be." He said, "That's what I thought. If you preach, it will be the biggest joke I ever heard of." I said, "No doubt it will be." He said, "I believe I'll come tonight and hear you preach." I was so disgusted, I said, "Bud, if you come and hear me preach, and if I can't preach, you can run me out of the country." He said, "That's a deal." Then I really had to pray. All the way to church I prayed, "O God, if You ever helped me, please help me tonight."

What do you think I preached on? Jonah and the whale! I preached away, and when I had finished I went to this little old sharp, swarthy, knotty, sunburned champion of the plains in the back of the schoolhouse. I thrust out my hand and caught hold of his old leathery fist and said, "Sir, what did you think of it?" He said, "Man, that's the greatest sermon I ever heard in my life." My spirit rose a little, and I said, "Listen, Sir, you haven't heard anything. You come tomorrow night and I'll preach one twice as good as I preached tonight." All the next day I prayed, "O God, make him like it twice as well tonight."

Thanksgiving Day came on, and I felt miserably blue and homesick. I went out to the field and all day I cried and prayed, "O God, help us now." Sufficient interest had been stirred in the community that the men decided to cut wood that day, so we would have sufficient firewood in the church (though there wasn't a saved man in the community). At the noon hour they called us in, and lined us up to eat. On my right stood a row of ungodly men; on my left stood another; at the opposite end of the table stood this little old knotted, twisted, hard-worn champion of toil and sorrow. I had just about finished asking the blessing when I opened my eyes, and what do you think I saw? All of these men were crying like babies! That was too much for me. I raised my hands and cried, "O

God, today we're entertained in the palace of the King. Angels minister our needs. Heavenly guests attend us now."

I came to the schoolhouse that night and I preached on the text, "Be ye thankful." When I had finished I cried out, "Who here now, this very moment, will surrender his or her life to God for time and eternity—everything, unreservedly, absolutely—confessing your sins and admitting your sins, regretting your sins, giving up your sins, now—by the name of Jesus through the blood of Christ and the operation of the Holy Ghost? Who now?" To my surprise, unassisted, from the back of the schoolhouse came this little old warty champion that the community had long ago consigned to eternal torment. No sooner had he reached that altar than I was there with him in prayer. He cried and prayed, and such a confession! He said, "Lord, I'm the meanest old critter that ever breathed. I'm the filthiest old crook that ever walked in shoe leather. I'm the dirtiest old scoundrel that ever lived on Your earth. Lord, I'm too mean to be any good to myself, and I'm a torment to everybody else. O God, can You save an old crook, an old sneak, an old thief?" Ah! I knew something was happening in that fellow's heart. That's the kind of confessions I like to hear. I cried, "O God, by Thy Spirit, transform this life anew. Change him from his old past to a new present. Help him to forget the old past and become a new living present."

The Spirit of God surged through that place. Presently the man got up, and I thought, "O God, don't let us lose him now." But his hand went down in his hip pocket, and out came an old sack of tobacco. He went over to the stove, and

in went the tobacco. Down on his knees he went again, and cried, "O God!" I knew something was taking place. For another thirty minutes we battled away before the Lord. Again he stood up, and again I prayed, "O Lord, don't let us lose him now. Don't let him slip back." Then his hand went down in his pocket and he pulled out an old cob pipe. With one sweeping gesture he threw that old cob pipe against the rear wall of that schoolhouse.

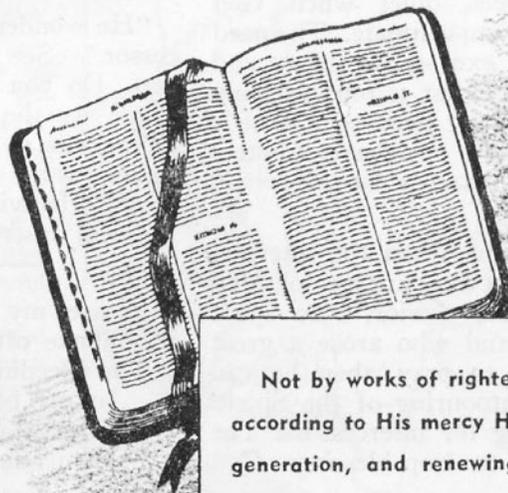
No sooner had his knees touched the splintery floor of that old schoolhouse again than the Shekinah glory of God broke out on his countenance. He leaped up like a child. He spun around and cried out, "I'm saved! I'm different! I'm new! I've been made all over. I'm not the same!"

That man had an experimental knowledge of Jesus Christ in his heart. He had been born again. There came a new knowledge to that man. It wasn't something he had obtained by a study of theology. He didn't find it in some relic of religion, in some church ritual, or in mere mental knowledge. The Spirit of the Lord breathed into his heart a new life, and he became a new creature. Instantly the old things passed away and all things became new. His old carnal self was gone. My friend, he had met Jesus. He now possessed an experimental knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I tell you, that's the knowledge all mankind needs. And after coming to that experimental knowledge, we should go on to know Christ intimately. If you walk through the paths of the Old and New Testaments you'll meet characters rare and strange, but great and godly. They are unusual examples God has set before us that we who come after may pattern our lives and at least obtain some valuable lessons. Let's walk a little way in the Old Testament.

We come to an unusual man by the name of Enoch. How he knew God! He was one of two who by-passed the yawning mouth of the grave, scorned the open sepulchre, and went home to live with God. Enoch was rare indeed. My Bible says he "walked with God." In my fancy I can imagine each day God came to Enoch and said, "Enoch, how about a little walk?" "Yes, Lord," and off they went into the duties of the day.

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Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:5-7

Freedom and Victory for All

● THE PHILISTINES sought to destroy Samson at Gaza. You say, "Serves him right. Samson was a very despicable fellow, and we sympathize with you Philistines. You were doing the right thing."

There are evil spirits that would seek to imprison and make captive the saints of God; and the other saints say, "Yes, serves them right. Look at them. They do this, that, and the other thing." They side in with the Philistines instead of taking sides with Him who delights to have all His children free.

Were the Philistines successful in destroying Samson? No. Samson rose at midnight. He made his way to the gates of the city, but they were locked. Surely now they had him; he could not get out. But had they? No. Samson took the gates of the city, and the two sideposts, and went away with them. He put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill.

A greater than Samson has taken away the gates of the stronghold of the enemy, those gates by which he would seek to imprison you. You deserved death. But He took your place as a sinner. He took the condemnation that was coming to you, and He has made declaration that the enemy's gates, the gates of hell, shall not prevail against His church, against His saints.

From Calvary goes forth the emancipation edict, *Freedom for all!* Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. Believe the good news—*You are free.* With a great price He purchased your freedom. In view of what happened on Calvary's cross, declare it again and again, "I am free!" Shout it from the housetops, "I am free! Jesus Christ has paid my debts on Calvary." Satan has no right to imprison you. Moreover, the Emancipator declares, "Sin shall not have dominion over you." He that is greater than Samson has won the victory for you, and in His death He brought to naught the very kingdom of the enemy. He has destroyed more in His death than He did in His life.

Christ took upon Him our nature, that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that

is, the devil. He who is greater than Samson, having spoiled principalities and powers, made a show of them openly, triumphing over them. You say, "But look at the hosts of the enemy." Was Elisha dismayed at the hosts of the enemy round about Dothan? No, but his servant was. He prayed for opened eyes for his servant, and the servant could see that the hosts of the Lord were greater than the hosts of the enemy. Elisha prayed a simple prayer and they were all blinded. A blinded army can not do much damage, can they? Elisha led the blind army away; and a greater Prophet than Elisha has brought blindness to your enemies and leads them away. You have nothing to fear. It is written in the Word, and He wants you to believe

this record, that "greater is He that is in you—and the Lord of hosts is in you—than he that is in the world." The Lord of hosts in you is greater than the defeated, blinded enemy whose kingdom is brought to naught.

The Son of God has faith. He sits on the throne, and He knows that all His enemies will be laid at His footstool. He has placed you also on that throne. Eph. 2:6. You are seated with Him, and you shall see all His enemies licking the dust, admitting that He who went to Calvary and bore that crown of thorns is King of kings, and Lord of lords. He who triumphed desires in His love to share His triumph with you. Paul realized this and gave thanks to the Triumphant One who gave him the victory, who shared His victory with him. He said, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57. That victory is yours. Take it, and give thanks.—S.H.F.

How to Open the Heavens

There is wonder in heaven. The Lord "wondered that there was no intercessor." Isa. 59:16. When multitudes were needing blessing, and such vast blessing was to be given, He "wondered" that there was "no intercessor." And are not the instructions to the saints clear and explicit, "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth"? Isa. 62:6, 7.

People have been quiet when God wanted them to be importunate. The need is so great. Many excuse themselves and say, "Since Jesus Christ is our heavenly intercessor, we do not need to intercede so much." Yes, He is our heavenly intercessor, *but there must be earthly intercessors too.*

Blessing will come when the intercession is made. When the saint has followed the example of the Savior, who spent nights in prayer and who arose a great while before day to pray, then he can look for a new outpouring of the Spirit.

God is searching for intercessors. The heavens are ready to drop blessings. God

says, "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28. The promise is for floods. Isa. 44:3. The promises seem sealed up. The key can be had.

There is an open door of intercession for every believer. Many talk about entering. Some declare "I will," and do not. The people of the church of God are too free in promising and too lax in fulfilling promises. They fail God, they fail themselves, and they fail those who would reap benefits of their work in the vineyard.

"He wondered that there was no intercessor." See how God wonders about you. Do you want to be an intercessor? Come as the disciples came, and say, "Teach us to pray." The Master Intercessor wants pupils. Who teaches like Him? He will teach, He will lead, and He will instruct.

"Arise, my soul, arise—

Shake off thy guilty fears;

The bleeding Sacrifice

In my behalf appears.

Before the Throne my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands."

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ALL HAVE SINNED

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● TO SPEAK about sin is to speak on a rather dismal subject isn't it? We prefer hearing about something that sounds beautiful. How much better we would feel were we told of our great progress and how excellent we are. I think it is something like this that has caused the many to accept evolution. They think themselves advanced. Have they not developed far from their ancestor, the ape man? Of course, I do not believe any of this. I believe the only true account concerning the creation of man is given us in the Bible. There we learn in few words that man came directly from God; that the breakdown of humanity has not resulted from an inferior beginning, but from sin.

Would you like to ask, "What is sin?" Let me tell you what Martin Luther called it: "Sin is, essentially, a departure from God." The world is wrong because it has departed from God. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," the Bible says. This means that sin is universal. No land, no nationality escapes it. Neither poverty nor wealth, learning nor ignorance can make the heart immune to sin. Sin, with its attendant blight, is seen everywhere.

The Bible is the Book of Redemption. It deals with sin, as a principle of evil; it deals with sins, as the acts of sin. It warns, "Be sure your sins will find you out." Sin must be dealt with. If continued in, it will meet you at the judgment. If sentence is then passed upon the evil, the sentence will be, "Depart from Me, ye workers of iniquity, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Perhaps you do not accept this, but hearer, there is only one Book that tells you the whole truth concerning now and hereafter. It is the Book of God.

Shakespeare said, "Few love to hear the sins they love to act." He knew the tendency of man is to seek to cover his sins. Another has said, "All sin that has darkened human life and saddened human history began in believing a falsehood." Do you think Adolph Hitler would have provoked the awful recent war had he believed the Allies would win? No. He believed he would win, but he believed a lie. Do you believe the steps of crime would be taken if the offenders knew they would be exposed? Certainly not. In each instance they have thought they would be clever enough to escape the law. Do you believe you can escape if you violate the law of God? It cannot be done.

But, thank God, there is one remedy for sin. It is our Sin-Bearer, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible makes it very plain that Christ died for our sin; that He

made peace through the blood of His cross: that, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Then the responsibility is placed on us. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." You need not confess to me, nor to any other man. Christ is our High Priest and He is in heaven. Confession is to be made in prayer to God. God is our Judge. It is He who must remit our transgressions. Let me repeat, Christ died for the ungodly. Can you not see Him in Gethsemane sweating as it were great drops of blood as God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all? Can you not hear Him say, "It is finished," as He bought redemption through His death on the cross?

Sin separated our first parents from God. It has been separating ever since. Sin has brought all earth's troubles. Sin is the curse of human lives. If you have not accepted the Savior and through Him had your sins blotted out, they are sure to meet you at the judgment. Listen to an old song you heard many years ago. Believe its message and take Jesus into your life.

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains."

Will you not unite with us now in prayer? While our heads are bowed, will you not ask God to forgive your sins for Jesus sake? Remember His promise, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

Have you prayed for "Sermons in Song"?

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If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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TWO RAILROAD MEN

William Ridgeway

Billy Miller and Billy Moren were two dear old railroad friends of mine. They came to Coatesville and called at our home one day, and during the visit asked Mrs. Ridgeway and me if they might pray with and for us. Yes, they were that kind. Billy Moren was later killed in the Harrisburg yard. Billy Miller followed not long after.

Billy Moren was a rare soul in a railroader's body. I wish you could have heard him tell this story in his inimitable round-house style and humorous drawl. Billy Miller, the elder of the two, was one of the best engineers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and he ran the "Limited"—at that time the fastest train in the world. Billy Moren was his fireman.

Up the Juniata River way, when running at sixty miles an hour, they struck one of the track men. They stopped, gathered the poor fellow up and left him at the first town for medical attendance, according to the rules, and then finished their run. The next time they had the opportunity they gathered some delicacies together in a basket and went up the river to see how the man they had injured was coming on. They found a humble little home, sweet and clean, in charge of a young wife, and the man badly though not fatally hurt. Before they left they asked the man if he were a Christian. He was not, nor was his wife. So the two railroaders tarried until the last train in order to show them the way of life. The result was that both the man and his wife "were gloriously saved. Glory Hallelieu-ye!" as Billy Moren expressed it.

On the way back to Harrisburg late that night both Billys sat thoughtful and silent in the end of the car, gazing at nothing out the windows. Suddenly Billy Moren reached over and slapped Billy Miller, who sat opposite, upon the knee, and exclaimed as only Billy Moren could say it, "Say, Billy Miller, look-ee here, if we can't get 'em into the Kingdom in any other way, we can hit 'em with the 'Limited' and knock 'em into the Kingdom."—Matt. 11:12.—Sunday School Times.

"See, Father," said a lad, who was walking with his father, "they are knocking away the props from under the bridge! What are they doing that for? Won't the bridge fall?" "They are knocking them away," said the father, "that the timbers may rest more firmly upon the stone piers, which are now finished." God only takes away our earthly props that we may rest more firmly upon Him."



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A GLOBAL DIARY

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● WEDNESDAY, Jan. 12, 1949. Noel Perkin and I left Springfield, bound for California. Planned to keep going west and see if it would put us back where we started, as the geography books say!

SATURDAY, Jan. 15. Took Pan-American Clipper this a.m. for Hawaii. Storm struck Honolulu a few hours after we arrived. We were drenched! Eight inches of rain fell in sixteen hours. Lower section of city flooded.

SUNDAY. Had services with E. E. Vincent and his congregation in Honolulu. Attendance affected by flood.

MONDAY. Visited various points where Assemblies of God work may be opened soon.

TUESDAY. Visited church at Wahiawa. God has blessed Pastor Headrick in this new work. About 70 saved in past year and 32 baptized with Spirit.

WEDNESDAY. Pan-American officials hesitated to grant us passage to Japan, since we lacked military permits to land there. Our missionaries in Japan wired that they had obtained permission; and our Missions Agent in Washington likewise sent word we were being cleared; but these assurances did not satisfy officials. Only condition on which they would take us was that we have a through ticket to China, and if we are not permitted to enter Tokyo we will have to stay on same plane and go on to Shanghai.

THURSDAY. Took off for Japan, trusting God to arrange things. Reached Tokyo at midnight, after 4-hour stop-over at Wake Island. No sooner did we pass the gate at Tokyo than an American army officer stepped, up saying, "Mr. Lewis, Mr. Perkin, this way! We have you cleared." The Lord had gone before, and all was well.

Found Japanese people open to gospel. No longer do they bow as they pass the Emperor's palace; they know he is not divine. We detected no resentment toward Americans; instead, there seems to be kindly feeling, and a degree of gratitude for the presence of American forces. They fear that if America moves out, Communism will move in.

SUNDAY, Jan. 23. Japanese youth

are filling our churches. Had morning service in Yokohama, night service in Tokyo—and most of Tokyo congregation consisted of young people.

Found 20 of our assemblies still functioning. Our missionaries enlisted a group of consecrated Japanese workers before the war, who stood true. Now these Japanese workers have taken up duties again and are doing good work.

At Osaka only seven members were left when the pastor took over, at end of war. Now there are 350 active members, all Spirit-filled. Reported 148 baptized in water in 1949. In addition to church, this pastor has 15 other points in vicinity where he preaches regularly.

One of the pastors reported 150 saved last year. Other workers brought equally encouraging reports. People are hungry for God. If ever we evangelize Japan, now is the time; and the Japanese workers are the ones who must do the job. They need prayer and funds; not funds to support pastors and evangelists, for the Japanese will support them, but funds to rebuild church buildings destroyed by bombs and fires during the war. Need larger Bible School too.

In one place they have 113 children in Sunday School, all meeting in room 9 x 12 ft. Another place they have 130 in Sunday School, in room 9 x 21. No chairs; children sit on floor, wedged in like sardines. No wiggling in that Sunday School! Saves fuel too.

Had conference with missionaries one day; with Japanese workers another. They hope to organize an Assemblies of God Council in Japan and we assisted toward drawing up Constitution and By-laws.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26. Left for Shanghai; met by Howard Osgood, Field Secretary. Conferred at length with him and other missionaries regarding possibility of re-entering some parts of North China.

Found people of Shanghai quite jittery. During our stay the Government moved

in 30,000 troops to defend the city. Great congestion in housing, traffic, etc. Many people trying to move south.

Were particularly concerned about our large Missionary Receiving Home in Shanghai. During Japanese war troops moved in, occupied Home, and it was costly to repair. To avoid repetition of this two Norwegian Pentecostal missionaries were left in charge. They said that a short time before we arrived, some Chinese soldiers entered and announced they would billet there. The missionaries could not persuade them to leave. But suddenly, for no apparent reason, the Norwegian Consul walked into the Home. First time he ever had been in the place! When he saw the situation he ordered the soldiers out—and they went. Thus the Lord took care of His own property!

SATURDAY, Jan. 29. Went to Taipei, on Island of Taiwan (called Formosa when the Japanese had it.) New mission field. The J. Philip Hogans and Garland E. Benintendis went there year ago. As far as we know, they were the first Pentecostal or Holiness missionaries to enter any part of that Island of 6½ million people. They meet in store room seating 150 to 200 people. When Howard Osgood preached, building was packed; yet more listened on outside than were inside. Taiwanese are raw heathen but seem very responsive to gospel. Quite a number have been really saved and the outlook is promising.

One of personal joys of trip was to visit my children and grandchildren, the J. Philip Hogans, and a number of other missionaries who were saved and grew up under our ministry.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY. Went to Hong Kong, then to Canton. Had conference with South China missionaries. Spent much time deliberating as to what God would have the missionaries do if Communist armies keep pushing south. Discussed future of the Canton Bible School.

Usual practice of Communists is to give a missionary freedom until they have become established, then to gradually tighten and restrict the work until the missionary finds it impossible to do anything and has to pull out. Thank God for our

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national pastors and evangelists. They can carry on if missionaries have to leave, and arrangements are being made to this end. In meantime, let us work and pray for souls while the harvest still waits!

SATURDAY, Feb. 5. Returned to Hong Kong. Met Chinese woman who rendered great service to our missionaries during their internment. Foreign Missions Department at Springfield had no way of contacting our missionaries interned at Hong Kong during war, but this Chinese saint got things they needed to them from time to time. It was great joy to visit her home and thank her personally for what she did for God and His workers.

She told how she stayed in Hong Kong as long as she dared; then one day she felt prompted of God to leave the city. Quickly she packed a few things and got out. She learned that less than two hours later the Japanese secret police entered her house, looking for the woman who had been communicating with the prisoners! She had fled just in time!

SUNDAY. Had services in H. A. Park's church, Hong Kong; and in Lula Bell Hough's church, Kowloon. Preached to full house both places. Later we met a number of other missionaries and conferred with them.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9. Left for Philippines. Visited Bible School in Manila. Had conference with missionaries and Filipino brethren. Lovely group of Filipino preachers, under leadership of R. C. Esperanza (who graduated from Glad Tidings Bible Institute, San Francisco). Pastors, teachers, and students all speak English. Great opportunities for the gospel in Philippines.

Visited KDAS, gospel radio station of Far East Broadcasting Company. Paul Pipkin has taken Kenneth Short's place. Was favorably impressed with setup. They expect to step up their power soon.

Manila is a city in ruins. People do not show the same heart to rebuild as we saw in Japan and Hong Kong, but our Filipino brethren are taking courage in the Lord. They are a fine group of workers and my heart went out to them.

SATURDAY. Took plane for Calcutta. Arrived Sunday, 3 a.m. No one to meet us, due to misunderstanding over hour of arrival, so we went to a hotel. At noon we walked down a street, wondering how to find a missionary, when someone called our names. It was Daniel Marocco, one of our missionaries. We were strangers in a strange land no longer.

Brother Perkin preached Sunday night at Glad Tidings, where Carl Butler is pastor. I spoke at Bethel, which is a Bengali mission. Brother Marocco opened

this work. Brother Dutt, an Indian worker, now has charge. God is blessing this church and they hope to build in the near future.

MONDAY, Feb. 14. Looked at property brethren are considering as site for Bible School.

TUESDAY. Went to Dumdum (where the Dumdum bullets, used in recent war, originated). Viewed some property there. Returned to Calcutta to preach for Brother Butler at Glad Tidings. Nice group of believers there. Services are in English, for benefit of many Anglo-Indians and Britishers. Have tent tabernacle on rented lot, but hope to build soon.

WEDNESDAY. Started for Chapra, where North India Convention is to be held. Brother Ketcham drove us by car. Four-day journey. Visited several mission stations en route. Had happy fellowship with worker.

SUNDAY and MONDAY. Convention began in Cox Memorial Church, Chapra.

TUESDAY, Feb. 22. Officers of South India District Council arrived. North



and South India are separate fields, each with its own language and its own District Council.

The "Ambassador" reached Patna (40 miles from Chapra) today, with 12 missionaries on board, in addition to Sydney Bryant (flight director), pastor Ray Soper of Dallas, Texas (assistant flight director), and the crew. They had flown directly from America to India by way of the Azores.

Crew remained at Patna. We wondered what they would do for accommodations there. Learned later that a priest from a Roman Catholic College had heard an American missionary plane was coming, and was at airport to meet the plane. Priest insisted on taking crew to their College, where they were royally entertained. The priests even put a jeep at their disposal! Some of priests were from Chicago; had been out in India many years, and were glad to meet Americans once again.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY. Devotional services all day, at Chapra.

FRIDAY. Business session for all missionaries. One matter of business was the adoption of a Constitution and By-laws for the Assemblies of God of North India. Up to now, our North India missionaries have had their own organization, and our national workers of North India have had theirs. The new organization will be a merger of the two, and will put Indian brethren on equal footing with missionaries in voting, holding office, etc. This is further development of indigenous principle, and conforms to growing spirit of nationalism in India.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Indian brethren in session two days, discussing Constitution and Bylaws.

SUNDAY, Feb. 27. Brother Perkin spoke in a.m. to united convention of Indian workers and missionaries. Communion service followed. Ray Soper preached in afternoon.

MONDAY. Conference continued. Along with organization of our own unified Council for North India, the conference considered the matter of forming an All-India Pentecostal Fellowship as means of co-operation between various Pentecostal groups all over the country.

Left Monday noon, returning to Patna. Getting very hot.

TUESDAY. Left by plane for Coimbatore, South India. Went from there to Coonoor.

WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY. In conference at Coonoor with South India missionaries. Discussed merger similar to that in North India. Also discussed possibility of All-India Pentecostal Fellowship.

SATURDAY. Departed for Trivandrum to confer with Indian brethren of South India.

SUNDAY, Mar. 6. Brother Perkin and I both preached in same church service at Trivandrum. It is common in South India to have three or four sermons in one meeting. People sit and listen as long as the preaching lasts.

MONDAY. Conference all day. Meeting at night with three sermons, by Brother Perkin, Brother Bryant, and me.

TUESDAY. Went by bus and car to Madura, where Oliver Foth, Secretary of South India District Council, is located.

WEDNESDAY. Spoke at Bible School at Madura. Then had meeting in church at night. Place jammed. Again all three of us preached.

FRIDAY. Left for Bombay aboard Ambassador. Our plane does not have all the luxuries we enjoyed on Pan-American Clippers; neither is it as fast. But it handles as nicely, rides as well, and is a great time-saver.

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Behind the Bamboo Curtain

Arthur G. Johnson, Yunnan, China

● MARCH 26: Since writing our last letter to you the Chinese Communists have invaded the city of Lunan, and practically all of the county. On the night of March 22 an emergency meeting was held by the military and county officials at which time it was decided to evacuate Lunan because of the pressure of the peasant uprising. Before dawn on the morning of March 23 the troops, civilian officials, and some of the upper classes left the city.

The next day the victorious People's Army moved in and took over. We watched some of the proceedings as we sat in the village square of Camp Ton, where we live. Most of the young men of the village were called for muster, bearing antiquated rifles, spears, sickles, billies, and other weapons. These ragged continentals were drunk with victory, and the cry was, "On to Kunming," the provincial capital, seventy-five miles away.

Within a few days the countryside was overrun with Communists, some of whom were wearing blue field caps with a red star above the peak. Many posters, denouncing Chiang Kai-Shek, were put up around town; and huge Chinese characters, whitewashed on walls, hailed Mao Tsi Tung, chairman of the Communists for all China, as "China's star of salvation," or "deliverer." There was only one Anti-American poster. It was pasted on the side of a wall and protested against the aid that America has and is still giving to Chiang. Within a few days this poster was torn down, perhaps out of respect for us.

March 30: This week my Chinese co-worker, Mr. New, and I have had a meeting with Mr. F. L. Lee, chairman of the Chinese Communists in this area. Upon arrival at his temporary headquarters in a village one mile from Lunan we handed our calling cards to one of the armed men on guard at the entrance to the village school. Instead of being asked into his office by an orderly, Mr. Lee himself, wearing a white field cap and a simple black cotton suit, came out to meet us. After a handshake and a few words of hearty greetings we were ushered into Mr. Lee's office where sat some of his aides and lieutenants.

Having heard about the Communist suppression of religious freedom in other parts of China we were anxious to know what privileges we would enjoy, if any, in the area that was under Mr. Lee's control. Mr. Lee told us that as far as religion was concerned he, too, was a believer, having been brought up as a Roman Catholic in a village fifteen miles east of Lunan where the French priests have a mission station. He told us to go ahead and carry on our work as usual for the salvation of souls, the healing of the sick, and the relief of the lepers. Mr. Lee thanked us for the work that we have been doing for his people. He also wrote out a military pass for us, which permits us to travel freely anywhere behind the lines to continue our missionary activities.

After our visit Mr. Lee escorted us to the open space in front of the school where hun-

dreds of his soldiers had formed a great oval. He introduced us to his men and told them that we drove a Jeep, which could easily be identified by a white cross painted below the windshield, and by a white pennant with a red cross sewed on it fastened to the front of the Jeep. He asked his men to afford us every protection wherever they met us, and to put no obstacles in our way when traveling.

April 4: The government troops returned to Lunan today and the Communists retreated to their mountain strongholds to the east of the city. We hear that they will come back again, but their success will depend upon the national situation, which is now very critical.

For the ten days that we were behind the "bamboo curtain," we had opportunity to visit first hand with these rugged mountaineers. They came in groups to the house every day, armed with rifles. Although they walked in and out of the premises at all hours of the day we were not molested and none of our property was stolen. This community fed thousands of men during their stay here.

During these days of anxiety the work has gone on almost normally. The leper work, especially, is on the increase. On Tuesday, April 5, thirty-six came out for treatment and to hear the gospel message. Our work is most encouraging, and it is an inspiration to us as we watch the lepers grow spiritually, and see the steady improvement in their physical condition. It was most touching to see one of our lepers, quite ill himself, carry a crippled patient on his back for a distance of three miles to receive the aid that we offer twice a week. Some walk fifteen miles each week for treatment.

While the situation has not been so bad here we know that clouds of spiritual darkness are lowering all over this land. We shall endeavor to keep the blood-stained banner of the Cross flying high in our little nook. We know that you will continue to pray.

News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dymond, who sailed from New Orleans for Honduras on April 9, arrived at Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras on April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finkenbinder have arrived safely at Santa Ana, El Salvador.

Harold M. Skoog of Borneo, Netherlands East Indies, returned to the States in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Lehmann, missionaries to Gold Coast, West Africa, returned to the States in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne A. Warner of Domini-

can Republic have announced the arrival of a son on April 30, named Roger Steven.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGrew, who sailed for Malaya on March 21, have arrived safely at Singapore.

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Wakefield left the States for Nigeria in April.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

April, 1949

Alabama	\$ 846.02	Nevada	356.41
Arizona	728.07	New Hampshire	46.42
Arkansas	2,524.17	New Jersey	2,582.83
California	19,298.07	New Mexico	378.25
Colorado	2,200.70	New York	9,589.27
Connecticut	721.10	North Carolina	121.13
Delaware	658.83	North Dakota	2,044.21
District of Columbia	3,052.87	Ohio	13,058.83
Florida	3,708.56	Oklahoma	7,593.02
Georgia	597.90	Oregon	6,668.94
German Branch	501.11	Pennsylvania	11,060.20
Hungarian Branch	170.00	Polish Branch	100.00
Idaho	1,195.52	Rhode Island	208.76
Illinois	7,009.79	South Carolina	75.74
Indiana	2,594.77	South Dakota	794.37
Iowa	2,277.90	Tennessee	589.59
Kansas	5,078.70	Texas	16,614.91
Kentucky	716.74	Ukrainian Branch	166.53
Latin American Branch	120.37	Utah	14.88
Louisiana	570.42	Vermont	20.00
Maine	125.92	Virginia	752.50
Maryland	625.35	Washington	12,989.79
Massachusetts	383.95	West Virginia	391.81
Michigan	5,891.24	Wisconsin	3,402.84
Minnesota	6,391.36	Wyoming	494.35
Mississippi	387.96	Alaska	152.12
Missouri	8,263.95	Canada	1,045.38
Montana	1,508.30	Foreign	259.69
Nebraska	2,005.47	Legacies	99.62
		Miscellaneous	36,790.14
Total Amount Reported			\$208,627.64
District Fund			10,612.64
National Home Missions			1,917.89
Office Expense Fund			4,120.32
Literature Expense Fund			137.87
Given Direct to Missionaries			19,273.36
			36,062.08
Amount Received for Foreign Missions			172,565.56
Amount Received for Home Missions			7,772.84

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

for April, 1949

Belgian Congo	\$ 2,412.26	Chile	1,736.00
Dahomey	851.68	Colombia	521.00
Egypt	3,778.75	Paraguay	389.00
French Togo	185.87	Peru	3,325.02
Gold Coast	11,394.38	Uruguay	432.91
Liberia	6,073.09	Venezuela	2,745.39
Nigeria	10,610.95	British West Indies	2,253.34
Nyasaland	644.00	Burma	438.00
Sierra Leone	1,838.50	Fiji Islands	538.00
Tanganyika	189.00	Hawaiian Islands	1,093.63
Union of South Africa	4,635.13	Japan	12,440.75
Upper Volta	3,875.42	Malaya	435.02
China	17,965.93	Netherlands East Indies	2,333.82
Ceylon	4,342.35	Philippine Islands	3,310.51
India	34,362.25	Samoa	169.52
Europe	12,418.44	Retired Missionaries	1,058.00
Palestine and Near East	1,088.75	Entertainment of Missionaries	1,462.90
West Indies	8,003.64	General Transportation	9,396.57
Mexican Work in the U. S.	412.95	Non-Council Missionaries	5,126.57
Mexico	1,638.66	Miscellaneous	6,650.66
Central America	12,191.32		
Argentina	1,450.50		
Bolivia	1,905.35		
Brazil	2,894.14		
Total Disbursements			\$201,019.92
Charged from Hold Accounts			28,454.36
Total Receipts			\$172,565.56

The best prayer book you can find is a map of the world.—A. J. Gordon.



The homeless of Shanghai. During the cold months this past year several thousand beggars and homeless persons froze to death in the streets of Shanghai. Recent war activity has increased the number of destitute.

In the past our churches have been given missionary credit for all offerings sent in for missionary work, even when such offerings have been designated for non-Council missionaries. For some time many have felt that our reports should only indicate what is being done to promote our General Council missionary activities. The General Presbytery, during its last session, decided that in the future missionary credit should be given only for offerings sent in for our General Council missionaries and missionary work, or for projects in which we have a definite interest such as the work of the Bible Societies. In accordance with this decision, as from June 30, missionary credit will be given only for those offerings thus approved. We shall continue to forward offerings designated for non-Council missionaries as we have in the past, but no credit can be given on our records for offerings so designated.

What I Saw in Shanghai

Helen I. Gustavson, North China

● SHANGHAI, the New York of China, has in normal times a population of 3,000,000. Now the population has increased to 6,000,000 due to the influx of war refugees from the north.

My first introduction in Shanghai was to the Chinese Customs. I'll never forget that first evening in the city after having disembarked in pouring rain. The custom house is a one-story building, long and narrow. (Buildings in Shanghai vary from high, modern buildings to the poorest type of buildings. The Bund, a modern broad boulevard, alongside the water front, is lined with many buildings several stories high of the Western type.) Inside the custom house was a long table which extended across the whole length of the building. Chinese coolies carry the passengers' baggage from the ships to the custom house, and there the Chinese Customs officials examine the baggage. It is not an immediate process. I stood around for three hours before my turn came. The official was accommodating. No duty was charged on my hand baggage, but fifty per cent duty was charged on the freight.

The streets of Shanghai are very crowded, and especially in the downtown areas. Some vehicles of the eighteenth century type are yet used. One sees two-wheel carts pulled by coolies, the wheelbarrows pushed by coolies, the ricksha, and the three-wheel pedicabs—popular Shanghai taxis—besides the American auto, the Jeep, station wagon, trucks, busses, and street cars. All of those vehicles and pedestrians in the streets make it almost impossible to get through. Yes, the people walk in the streets as well as on the sidewalks. Then there are street peddlers. Some of the peddlers carry their wares on poles over their shoulders; others wheel a table about with merchandise piled on top.

Beggars are numerous everywhere one goes in Shanghai. Riding in a pedicab one usually has an encounter with beggars at every stop sign. They come up to the pedicab, face one, and beg for money. Sometimes an entire family is begging. I have seen husbands begging with sick wives on their backs and children walking along at their side. The beggars are dirty and in rags. They may be seen settled and huddled together in sheltered places all along

the thoroughfares. During the cold months this past year several thousand beggars and homeless persons froze to death in the streets of Shanghai.

I'll never forget the sight of one man lying on the street with his head buried in his arms, weeping and howling. Around him on the street was a very clear, and artistic illustration of his misfortune. It was a story of war. There were pictures of an airplane, bombs, and a rice bowl with chop sticks. The bowl was empty.

While at Shanghai I attended several churches. One church, with a seating capacity of two thousand, was full. The Chinese pastor delivered an impressive message. There were five hundred in attendance at another church, and the pastor used 2 Corinthians 12:9 as a text, "My grace is sufficient for thee. . . ." He encouraged the people not to fear the persecution that was close at hand. The Chinese Christians know that they are face to face with a deadly foe—Communism. Just how severe their persecution will be no one knows. It has seemed to vary thus far in different sections of China. In the province of Shantung, where I formerly labored, eighteen Christians have been martyred for the cause of Christ. Among them were Christian leaders.

Some of our missionaries have chosen to stay in the occupied territories. Pray for them.

The pedicab, a popular 3-wheel Shanghai taxi. This pedicab is being used to transport clothes, but ordinarily a passenger is carried instead. The streets of Shanghai are crowded with vehicles of all types, some dating back to the eighteenth century.



THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

WHERE TO BEGIN

A former state attorney expresses the idea that the way to stop crime "is to begin at the high chair instead of in the electric chair." Solomon advocated that centuries ago. See Proverbs 22:6.

A "MIXED MARRIAGE" TRAGEDY

Sergeant Samuel Ray Adams shot his two sons, ages four and seven, to death on Sunday morning, August 29, because their mother was preparing to send them to a Protestant Sunday School. According to *The Converted Catholic* magazine, he was sentenced to two life terms in San Quentin Prison.

A GOVERNOR'S FAMILY ALTAR

Though Governor Luther W. Youngdahl of Minnesota is a busy man, he makes time to lead his family in daily worship, and he recommends the habit to others. "Christianity stands ready with the answer to man's problems and doubts," he says. "Let the family altar become the center around which life revolves, and we will regain the spiritual resources so badly needed.

"My wife and I have always endeavored to rear our children in Christian surroundings. The unity of parents and children in prayer, the singing of favorite hymns, and the reading of the Word of God, have been the richest phase of our home life."

RELIGIOUS RIGHTS ENDANGERED

Five Congressmen have introduced bills in the House recommending that the government provide heavy penalties for anyone sending literature through the United States mail that in any way attacks any religion, race, or creed. These bills are in accord with the thinking of some people in our land today who have gone overboard on the "Brotherhood of Man" idea. These bills, if passed, would make it illegal and criminal to expose the heresies in other religions. This would be a direct violation of our Bill of Rights. If the bills are reported out of committee, every effort should be made to influence our Congressmen and Senators to vote against them.

PROTESTANT SCHOOLS CLOSED

The 7,000 students in Protestant schools in Spain have been directed by the government to attend other schools where Roman Catholic instruction is compulsory, says *Protestant Voice*. Moreover, "Protestants are not permitted publicly to bury their dead with the rites of their church, to print hymnbooks and Bibles, to reply in the public press to attacks made on them or to place any signs on their churches denoting they are places of worship."

So intolerant is Romanism in a land where it holds the upper hand; though it stands for tolerance in lands where it profits by tolerance. As far back as the 17th century a British parliamentarian named John Pym warned that the Roman Catholic Church "presses first for a toleration, from thence to an equality, from an equality to a superiority, and from superiority to an extirpation of all contrary religions."

THE "WEIZMANN LINE"

A series of armed settlements known as the "Weizmann Line" is being formed, to make Israel one of the best-defended countries in the world. Other nations have trusted in "lines of steel" for defence and have fallen. Israel will dwell safely when the song of her ancient shepherd-king is the song of all her people: "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Psalm 20:7.

CYPRUS CAMPS CLOSED

The Cyprus camps for Jewish immigrants who lacked visas have been closed. The last 1,600 immigrants left for Israel not long ago, singing their national anthem and battle songs. Immigration is proceeding at an amazing rate. Dr. Weizmann stated that no less than 23,000 Jews entered Palestine in the first 16 days of April alone. Surely the promise of Jeremiah 31:10 is being fulfilled today: "He that scattereth Israel will gather him. . . ."

PRAY FOR THE REFUGEES

"In the light of the great number of refugees in Asia, the great D. P. Camps of Europe seem almost insignificant," says *Missionary Digest*. "Five hundred thousand Arabs have fled from Israelitish Palestine. Six million Moslems have reached Pakistan from India, and four million Hindus have reached India from Pakistan. Then turn to China, where fifty to sixty millions of Chinese have been rooted from their homes by the civil war. These figures challenge the world!"

"ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES"

According to the May issue of *Flying* magazine, rocket research in the U.S. is progressing constantly to create artificial satellites. Just as the moon, a satellite of the earth, catches the sun's rays and shines them upon the earth, so an artificial satellite would act as a "space mirror" which would focus the sun's rays at will upon enemy targets.

The fantastic idea originated in Germany and has now been developed to the point where reputable engineers claim it may be a reality within a few years.

Artificial satellites, circling the earth, could be ready to plunge at any earth target upon receiving proper electronic signals from some buried control room. Or they could be automatically triggered to fall when they reached a certain specific position determined by the position of the stars. Is this what is meant in Revelation 6:13, where it is said that the "stars of heaven" fall to the earth?

The proposed space mirror, which would have to be 22,000 miles from the earth, could focus rays of the sun to dry up lakes and rivers, start fires, and kill anything within reach of its deadly rays. Thus men might make the very vials of wrath which they are filling with their sins: the fourth vial (Rev. 16:9), when men are scorched with great heat; and the sixth vial (Rev. 16:12), when the water of the Euphrates is dried up that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

ESTHONIAN BELIEVERS DEPORTED

According to *Ecumenical Press Service* (Geneva), Bishop Pahn has been deported to Siberia together with ten other ministers of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Esthonia. Among these was Peter Hamaar, one of the leading personalities of the Esthonian Youth Movement.

IRELAND AND INDIA

As midnight pealed out the ending of April 17, the Irish Republic was born amid great celebrations throughout Southern Ireland. Only the province of Ulster remains outside the republic, its people having voted to retain their connection with the British Crown.

Leaders of the great subcontinent of India have decided against following Ireland's course. India, Pakistan, and Ceylon have decided to be members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Like the five other members (Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and South Africa) they accept the British King as symbolic head, yet remain free to elect their own President and direct their own future. They are free even to secede.

The decision is an historic one. It must be a disappointment for the Communists, who have sought unsuccessfully to lure these great Asiatic nations into the Soviet sphere; but it is heartening to those who desire religious liberty so that the gospel of Christ may continue to be propagated.

UNITED NATIONS PRAYER ROOM

So insistent have been the demands from many quarters on the United Nations, for the reverent acknowledgment of the Supreme Being, that a concession has been granted. A simple, non-denominational "prayer and meditation" room will be provided in the new headquarters of the U.N., now under construction in New York City.

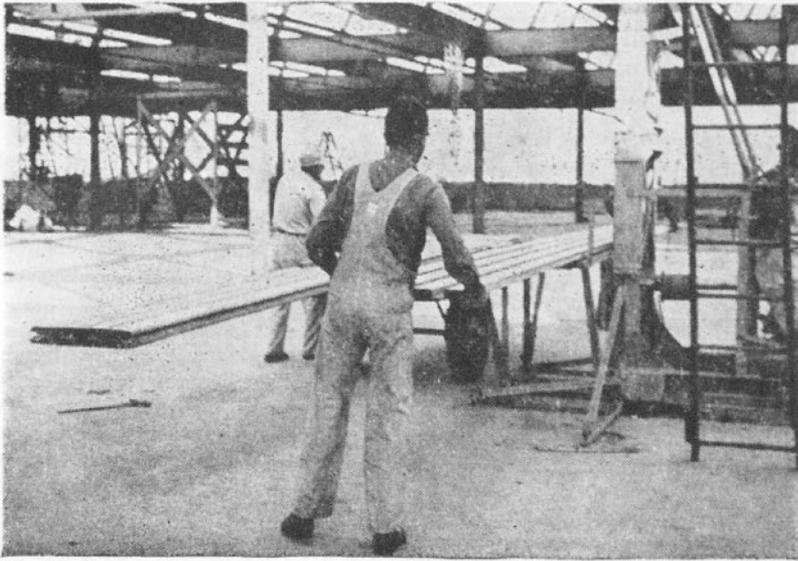
In issuing a directive to the architect to establish the prayer chamber, Secretary General Trygve Lie put the United Nations on record as making its first official act of deference to the concept of a Supreme Being. Comments Dave Boone, in the *New York Sun*: "Faith has been waiting almost five years for a place on the U.N. agenda. It's about time!"

SIGNING THE PACT

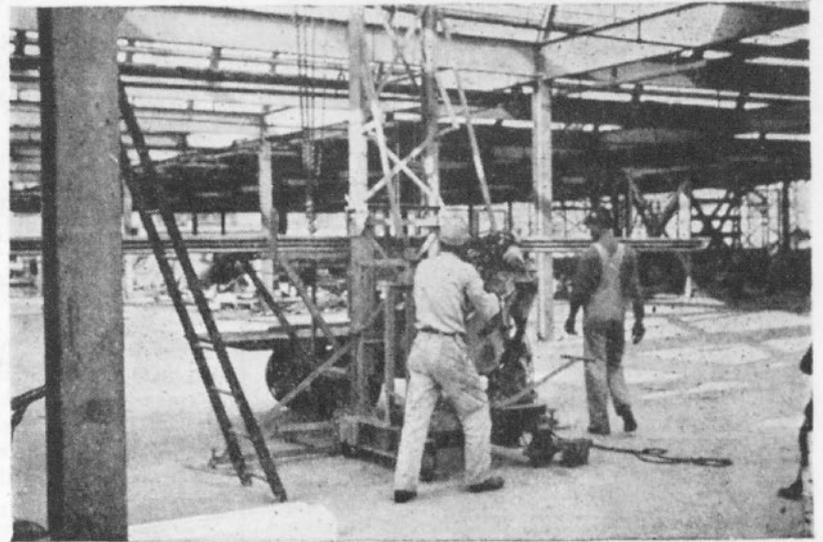
There was plenty of champagne at the ceremonies connected with the signing of the North Atlantic Pact, but no prayer. Comments Pastor John Sutherland Bonell, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City:

"With all the fate of the world hanging in the balance, no prayer of any kind was offered for the guidance and blessing of God upon the nations associated in this treaty. When the United Nations was formed, we were told that we could have no prayers because of the presence in that organization of governments such as Soviet Russia that espoused atheism. But all the nations that are grouped in the Atlantic pact are 'Christian nations.' What excuse have we to give this time? Have we in America become ashamed of the faith on which our nation was founded?"

"If our trust is to be only in 'reeking tube and iron shard'; only in atomic bombs, guided missiles, death-dealing rockets, and bacteriological warfare, God help America and the world."



Workmen lay the heavy cue panels on the elevating platform of the Highlift machine, in preparation for their hoisting to the roof.



The cue panels are heavy, but turning the crank lifts them rapidly to the roof level. Workmen take turns cranking the machine.

BUILDING THE NEW GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Hart R. Armstrong

The vast area of the roof for the new printing building of the Gospel Publishing House has at last been covered with its steel sheathing. It was interesting to watch the procedure by which these steel "cue panels" were hoisted into place.

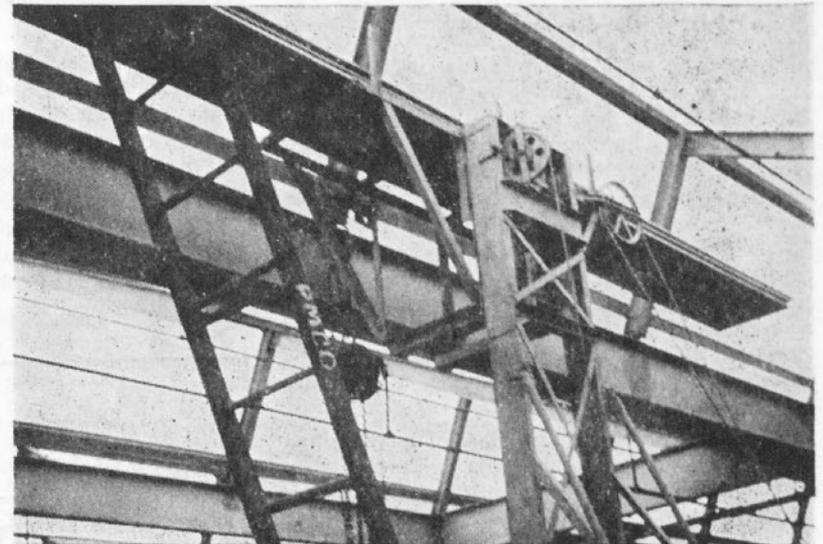
The cue panels are specially processed steel sheets which have rectangular panels running the length of the sheet. Each panel is about four inches wide, stands above the sheet of steel about one-and-a-half inch, and provides strength and stiffening for the sheet, in addition to having insulation value with the dead air space provided. The cue panels are about two feet wide and sixteen feet long, varying according to the requirements of the steel rafter beams.

A hand-driven machine called "Highlift" is used to hoist the cue panels to the roof. By means of a crank, the workmen lift a platform on which about three cue panels have been placed. I noticed the men took turns at the cranking, so the cue panels must be very heavy.

When the Highlift had brought the panels high enough, a pull on a rope set in motion some rollers on the Highlift platform, and the cue panels rolled off the machine and on to the roof.

The cue panels went into place rapidly, for it was necessary only to lay them on the steel roof girders and spot weld them in various places. It was remarkable how quickly the men had the roof area covered with the cue panel sheathing. When the brick walls are completed, sheets of insulation will be placed on the cue panels, and over these the roofing paper and the tar and gravel roof. But that will be later, and we'll tell how that is done when the time comes.

With good weather being enjoyed in Springfield, the work is progressing rapidly. Within a few months the building should be



With the platform at the proper level, a rope is pulled to roll the cue panels off the Highlift machine and on to the roof. They are quickly spot welded in place, and will form the base of the roof material.

finished and the big presses and other equipment moved into their new home.

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DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

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They strolled on, having fellowship together and communing about divine things. Presently Enoch said, "God, I'm earthly; I'm not heavenly yet, and I'm a little weary." I can almost hear God say, "Enoch, here's a great big flower garden. Bury your head in that big bachelor's-button. I'll give you a couple of angels to hum you a song." And Enoch dropped off to sleep. The next morning God said, "Enoch, let's go for another little stroll," and off they went together. As the evening shadows came on, Enoch said, "Lord, remember I'm still earthly; I'm a little weary." So the Lord said, "There's a great big mountain of daffodils, Enoch. Go back in there, and pillow your head

on those flowers." Then two little humming birds flitted down to lull him to sleep, and Enoch began to slumber. Again the next morning he walked and talked with God! Oh, for more people who walk with the Lord, who talk with God, who live in God; and through God, and for God. One day I can imagine Enoch saying, "Lord, this is strange country. I don't believe I've ever seen this before." And God said, "Come on, Enoch; you've gotten so close to My home, I want you to come on in." "And he was not, for God took him." He knew God intimately.

Then there was another man who lived close to God. His name was Noah. He had one ear tuned to heaven. He was constantly in communion with God. He learned the secrets of God when the rest of the race couldn't hear

from heaven. I don't care how dark the day becomes, or how trying the hour, or how close the end of this age may be, you can still keep in tune with God and hear from God any moment. God said, "Noah, I want you to build a boat." Noah obeyed the revealed will of God, and God preserved him. Why? He knew God most intimately. Remember the Hebrew children in a fiery furnace, how God met with them. They came out of the fire without the smell of smoke. Why? They knew God most intimately.

Oh, I could spend hours dealing with Old Testament characters, but I must hasten on into the New Testament. There was Peter. As he walked down the street and his shadow fell upon the sick, they were made every whit whole. He knew the Lord. Paul was caught

up into the third heaven and saw things that were not lawful to be uttered. He knew God most intimately. John the Revelator was caught up on Patmos, and he saw the panorama of future events pass before him. He knew God intimately.

There is an intimate fellowship with God. There is a close counsel with the Lord. There is a glorious fellowship so dear to the heart of God. The Lord wants us to walk close to Him, near to Him, until we can learn His secrets, until He can reveal the fullness of His glory and the majesty of His power.

May I ask you humbly and reverently, "Do you know Jesus?" Do you know Him in the newness of life today? Do you know Him intimately? Do you know Him until He has become the absolute culmination, the sole ambition, the flowing life-time desire, your all in all?

THE CONVERSION OF A FRENCH COMMUNIST

Lester Sumrall

Louis Brie was born in Sable, in the center of France. He was reared by Catholic parents, but they did not believe in religion. While he was yet young he joined a society called "Sans Dieu" ("Society of the Godless"). When he was eighteen years old, he came to Rouen to work in the shipyards, and here he found the "Society of the Godless" again, only this time it was led by a Communist. There were no fees to pay to the Society, but gifts were received from Russia to carry on, and at that time he thought that Russia was a veritable paradise for all the workingmen. Therefore he joined.

Louis never went to any place of worship and he never spoke favorably of God. He grew to be a huge heavyweight, with broad shoulders and large hands, one who used all his strength in radicalism, working against the capitalists and the Roman Catholics.

The turning-point in his life came when the secretary of the "Sans Dieu" Society told him of a place where people were healed by prayer. He had recommended that various ones go there, and they had been healed. Louis Brie's father-in-law was sick, and when he heard of this place he wrote for his father-in-law to come to Rouen. He did come, with his family of ten, and he compelled Louis to take them to this place.

The place was Brother Nicolle's Pentecostal Mission but Louis did not know that it was a religious place. He and his wife, with the father-in-law and all the family, arrived at the Mission and found there was to be a communion service. But they were not permitted to partake. They returned to the evangelistic service in the evening. The old man felt better the same day.

The following Friday Louis came alone and sat in a corner of the church. He wanted to see what the secret was whereby people were healed. To his surprise, the pastor stood up and said: "Someone who does not know God and who does not want to know God is here." Louis said in his heart, "Who told that man that I am here? No one knows me." The pastor said again, "Close yourself in and God will manifest Himself to you." Louis took this very literally. He went home, went into a small closet and closed himself in. And then

he said, "If there is a God existing, please reveal yourself to me." And then he started to weep. But his atheistic heart said, "This is stupid for a strong man." Therefore he left the room where he had been praying.

Louis decided to test the meetings. He brought a very sick man to see if God would heal him, and the man was healed immediately. Now he believed. He accepted Christ as his Savior. He was so excited that he even brought the secretary of the "Sans Dieu" Society to the church a few times.

The Brie family have become the finest personal workers in the church in Rouen. They have brought 126 different families to the church. Many of these have been converted and baptized, and are members of the church. Some of the best members of the church have been brought in by this family.

Mrs. Brie, while traveling on a train, gave her testimony to those in the coach. A niece of a Roman Catholic cardinal was listening. Her name is Mrs. Andrieux. She took the address of the church. She came and was converted, and is an outstanding member of the church today.

Mrs. Brie met a flower vendor on the street who said she was sad. Mrs. Brie told her to come with her to church, and she would be glad. She came, and today she is one of the finest members of the Rouen Assembly. Her entire family accepted Christ.

Louis Brie, a revolutionary who was even suspended from his work in the shipyards for his evil propaganda, has become a fine Christian gentleman and a leader among men.

A GLOBAL DIARY

(Continued from page seven)

SATURDAY. Passengers began to get ready for flight to America.

FRIDAY, March 18. All ready at last. Took off at 2 a.m. for Masara, small island off Arabia. Carrying 22 passengers, besides crew of 5. Stopped at British air field for fuel and breakfast.

Flew on to Djibute, French Somaliland, on coast of Africa. It is good size city, and we expected to have no trouble getting accommodations. Had to find interpreter, as none of us spoke French and none of them spoke English. Interpreter declared we could not possibly find accommodations in city, and urged us to go on. But French officers went into huddle. Then the commanding officer said they would take care of us for the night at the air field. They didn't have beds for all of us, but they housed the women and children in the barracks, and our men slept on the plane. Thus we were royally entertained by the French Air Force. Had supper and breakfast there. When we thanked the commanding officer, he said, "We haven't forgotten the war yet; any kindness we can show the Americans we are glad to show."

SATURDAY. Flew to Khartoun, in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, on the Nile. Stayed there overnight.

SUNDAY. Flew to Kano, Nigeria. When we landed at Kano Sunday night, tire on tail wheel was flat. This was our only plane trouble on



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The demands on available funds for the purpose of helping our aged and infirm ministers have been greater this past year than at any time since the inauguration of the Assistance Fund. We therefore appeal to every congregation to rally to the support of this benevolence. Perhaps your pastor, in the press of his duties, has failed to announce the forthcoming offering. May we suggest that each interested member act as a "committee of one" to bring this matter to the remembrance of the leadership of his congregation.

These gifts of kindness are deeply appreciated by our elderly friends. Our hearts are constantly made glad by the letters of gratitude which we receive from them. Let us continue to be of comfort and help to them and the other ministers who are being constantly added to their number, by a generous and increasing liberality. Send all offerings to Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

all the trip. Landing was a bit bumpy, that was all. Were delayed 3 days until another tire could be obtained. During those 3 days our entire group was entertained at Sudan Interior Mission Compound. They certainly showed kind hospitality, doing everything possible for our comfort and convenience.

THURSDAY, Mar. 24. Left Kano about 1 a.m. Landed at Roberts Field, Liberia. Picked up six more passengers, and stayed overnight.

FRIDAY. Hopped off for South America. The Lord had given us ideal flying weather for entire tour, but in the middle of the Atlantic we hit a tropical storm, lasting 30 to 40 minutes. It was severe but we had a good plane, a good crew, and above all, the presence of the Lord. Landed safely at Natal, Brazil. Stayed overnight.

SATURDAY. Flew to Trinidad. Picked up 5 more passengers.

SUNDAY. Flew to Miami, Florida, arriving 3 p.m. Cleared customs. Then flew on to St. Petersburg and stayed overnight at the new Pinellas Park Home for Retired Ministers and Missionaries.

MONDAY, Mar. 28. Flew home to Springfield, landing at Municipal Airport at 3 p.m. Had traveled over 30,000 miles and girded the globe. Visited 15 countries in 75 days. Crowd waiting to welcome us. When we landed, some in crowd were singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." A moment's reflection upon all that our eyes had seen and our hearts had felt during this trip could not but bring forth a grateful "Amen."

What a privilege, to see first-hand the work being done by our valiant missionaries and national workers in various lands! My heart is challenged by the opportunities. I am convinced that whether or not the millions of souls in these lands are reached for God depends, to a large degree, on our Pentecostal people.

BEER DID NOT BELONG

The brewers are trying to tell America, through their expensive ads, that beer belongs—but it did not belong at the Olympic games recently concluded in London, England. Hardly anyone wanted beer, not even the spectators. According to the catering manager, only 10% of the 1,200,000 bottles provided were consumed.

Among the Assemblies

MOJAVE, CALIF.—On April 2 we closed a glorious eleven-night revival meeting at the Assembly of God with Evangelist Philip Tiger of Long Beach. Twelve were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed, and everyone enjoyed our Indian brother's anointed ministry.—George Stenhouse, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—We have just closed a very successful 6-week revival meeting with Louie Shultz, 910 S. Lilly St., Blytheville, Ark., as our evangelist. Forty-two were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 32 were saved. It was wonderful the way God moved by His Spirit in each service. Several nights the power of God fell in such a way that people filled the altars before the evangelist could preach. The entire church was revived, encouraged and blessed. We are so thankful to God for giving us the greatest revival in the history of the Enid Gospel Tabernacle.—Pastor and Mrs. Edgar Newby.

LONE WOLF, OKLA.—We have closed a revival meeting with Mrs. Harley A. Smith of Oklahoma City. Six were saved, and 11 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many times the presence of the Lord was with us in a great way, as the Lord blessed the ministry of Sister Smith.—Earl T. Woody, Pastor.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Since the opening of the All Nations Young People's Evangelistic Center in Times Square, sponsoring Youth for Christ rallies, on March 6, God has marvelously blessed our efforts. Hundreds of people have been attending these rallies, and God has been pouring out His Spirit. Souls are being saved or reclaimed, and many are healed. A cordial invitation is extended to all evangelists passing our way.—Louis Kaplan, Director, 22-50 49th St., Astoria, N. Y.

SAN BENITO, TEXAS.—My wife and I have held the pastorate here for the past 6 weeks. The Sunday School attendance has increased from 12 to 45. We are in our fourth week of revival services with Brother and Sister W. Wright as the evangelists. Fifteen have been saved so far, and several healings have been reported. We have been singing and preaching on the streets and the Lord is blessing. We give all the praise and glory to Him.—L. E. Thrasher, Pastor.

GARNETT, KANSAS.—Our hearts are very grateful to God for sending Charles E. Robinson of Springfield, Missouri, to us for ten days of special services. The meetings began on April 14 and closed on April 24. As a result of Brother Robinson's ministry, 3 have been very definitely saved and 3 healed. The church is beginning to grow, and is on the move. Also, our hearts are much encouraged by the Lord, and we are expecting greater things to be accomplished in His name.—Estel L. Kraus, Pastor.

ARCHER CITY, TEXAS.—We accepted the call to the church in Archer City, and became their pastor on January 1, 1949. They were in the midst of a building program under their good pastor, V. W. Marcontell, but because of his physical condition he felt it best to leave. So we have picked up the load and are carrying on. When the building is finished, we will have 16 Sunday School rooms and a 40x60 auditorium. The last two Sundays in April we had an all-time high in Sunday School and could not even seat the people who came to hear the Word. Since our arrival we have enjoyed the ministry of Charley Shields of California, and are closing tonight with A. N. Burns of New Mexico. God has given us several souls in these meetings, and several have united with the church. Council brethren passing this way will find a welcome.—P. C. Loftin, Pastor.

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(Near) WASHBURN, MO.—March 31 we closed a 4-week meeting at the O. K. Assembly of God, near Washburn, Mo., with Evangelist Bruce Dye of Tulsa, Okla. In his first revival meeting 14 were saved, 13 were baptized in water, and 4 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Perry Hickman is pastor.—Frank Wade, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—We have just experienced the most outstanding revival in Highway Tabernacle since our coming here six years ago. For many months the people had been hungry for God, longing to see another Pentecost, with an outpouring of His Holy Spirit. The Lord was very gracious to us in sending along the McColl-Gerard Trio of Canada to minister to us in anointed preaching and inspirational singing of gospel songs. From the first night the Holy Spirit descended upon us. The second night of the meeting, 7 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The large prayer room was filled to capacity every night, with hearts crying out to God for a new touch of divine power, and God surely met us.

During the four weeks the Trio was with us 44 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. We could not keep an accurate account of those reclaimed or saved, or those who were definitely healed in answer to prayer. We had record crowds during the whole time; Sunday nights the church was packed with around 1,000 in attendance. A young Baptist minister and his wife came to the services, and they now express their desire for the Holy Ghost experience. We saw many new people in attendance, and there was an expression of hunger for more of God. We are praising God for this mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit, and thankful that the revival spirit is still with us.—W. S. Bragg, Pastor.

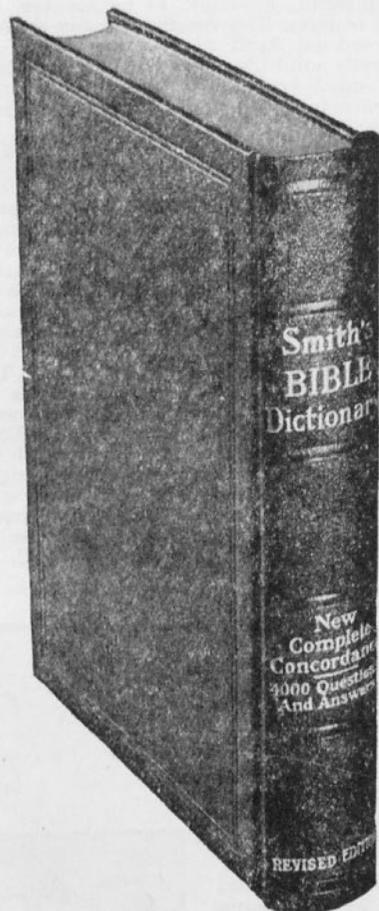
REEDLEY, CALIF.—We recently finished a 3-week revival meeting, in which there were 37

first-time decisions for Christ, as well as many reclaimed. A total of 72 were gloriously baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many others were refilled. Many of the new converts received their Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and many who had attended Pentecostal meetings for years were gloriously baptized, with the full Scriptural evidence. Truly it has been a time of rejoicing. Things happened so fast that no count was kept of those who were reclaimed or refilled, as the glory and power of God literally filled the Tabernacle. This power was manifested in every evening meeting, some being saved or baptized or both in each night service. The fragrance of the spiritual atmosphere has permeated the whole church and is spreading to our friends in other churches in the community. Surely the Lord has richly rewarded the faith and faithfulness of the loyal prayer warriors, in bringing this glorious revival.

Harold Herman was the evangelist. He is the son of an old-time Methodist minister whose prayers for the salvation of his son were answered fifteen years after his death, when a personal worker won him to Christ in Hollywood. This is Brother Herman's fifth evangelistic campaign. He has been speaking in churches and youth camps ever since he was saved.—A. H. Drake, Pastor, Reedley Full Gospel Tabernacle.

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KNOX CITY, MO.—May 15—; Dale C. Hastie, Perry, Iowa, Evangelist.—W. W. Whitcomb, Pastor.

DAVILLA, TEXAS—May 15—; Gladys M. Lutke, Evangelist.—W. J. Dodd, Pastor.

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Children's Revival, May 24—29; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Evangelists. John F. Green is Pastor.

BRIDGEPORT, NEBR.—Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Evangelist Bill Durbin and Party. Douglas Smider is Pastor.

HESLER, KY.—May 24, for 2 weeks or longer; Ernest L. Powlesland, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist. N. E. Gillespie is Pastor.

ANOKA, MINN.—Assemblies of God Church, 5th Ave. and School St.; meeting in progress; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—Paul M. Cardiff, Pastor.

CARTHAGE, MO.—Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Mathan Musical Evangelists. James A. Rogers is Pastor.

BREMERTON, WASH.—Assembly of God, May 22—June 5; Evangelists Mark and Fulton Buntain. Carl Leonard is Pastor.

HOQUIAM, WASH.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer Gardner, Seattle, Wash. I. M. Henriksen is Pastor.

MCCRACKEN, KANSAS—Assembly of God, May 29—June 12; Miriam Hooks and Pauline Sawyer, Evangelists.—J. J. Krimmer, Pastor.

CORRECTIONVILLE, IOWA—Assembly of God, North Main St., May 16—27; Leo De Prenger of Des Moines, Evangelist.—Clifford De Prenger, Pastor.

CANTON, ILL.—Assembly of God, 263 N. First St., May 18—June 5; M. W. Wilson, Biloxi, Miss., Evangelist.—N. G. Mathenia, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Assembly of God, 5807 S. Seneca; May 10, for 2 weeks or longer; Robert Gouge, Evangelist.—Glen Liming, Pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE, CALIF.—First Pentecostal Church; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Morris Lefkovitz, Chicago, Ill.—Oral A. Hart, Pastor.

CLOQUET, MINN.—1215 Cloquet Ave., May 15—29; Evangelist Hazelle Reed and co-worker, Miss E. Bethurum, both of Longmont, Colo.—Roy T. Johnson, Pastor.

PECKVILLE, PA.—Burning of Parsonage Mortgage, May 26, 7:30 p.m. A. T. Smith, District Secretary and former Pastor, speaker.—D. A. Berquist, Pastor.

VALLEJO, CALIF.—Full Gospel Church, Capitol and Sacramento Sts.; May 24, for 2 weeks; John H. Bostrom of Pasadena, Evangelist.—Joseph L. Gerhart, Pastor.

GEORGETOWN, S. C.—Georgetown Assembly of God; May 29, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. F. U. Whaley of Tampa, Fla. H. T. Walker is Pastor.

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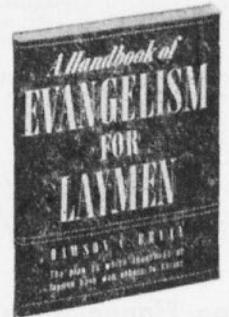
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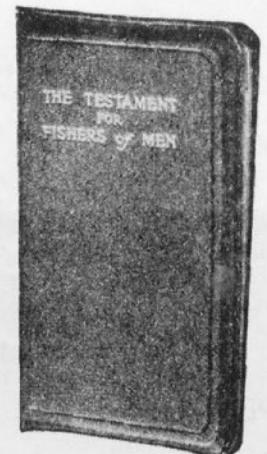
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CANTON, OHIO—Bethel Temple, 130 Third St., S.E., May 29—June 12, or longer; W. Clifford Nelson of Kitchener, Canada, Evangelist.—Niels P. Thomsen, Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Youth Revival, Norwood Assembly of God, 820 Crestwood St., May 22, for 2 weeks or longer; E. H. Jones, London, Ky., Evangelist.—M. L. Thompson, Pastor.

FALLING WATERS, W. VA.—Potomac Park Camp Grounds. Revival meetings, June 12—26; Louise Nankivell of Chicago, Ill., Evangelist. Plenty of cabins available. Cots furnished. Bring own equipment. Write O. R. Whipkey, Potomac Park, Falling Waters, W. Va.—V. W. Miles, Chairman.

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT
Commencement Exercises of Central Bible Institute and Seminary, Springfield, Missouri, May 29—30, in honor of 25th graduating class. Baccalaureate service, Sunday Afternoon, May 29; Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker. Commencement Exercises, Monday evening, May 30. Both services in Auditorium of Institute.—Bartlett Peterson, President.

CBI ALUMNI EVENTS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Alumni of Central Bible Institute will gather for fellowship supper, Saturday, May 28, at 5:30 p.m., in school dining hall. Alumni Breakfast Monday, May 30, followed by annual business meeting. All graduates and former students of Bethel and CBI urged to attend.—R. C. Cunningham, Alumni Association President.

OLD-FASHIONED CAMP MEETING

(Near) FAIRFIELD, TEXAS—Old-fashioned Pentecostal Camp Meeting, beginning July 13, on grounds of Daniel Memorial Orphanage, about 15 miles east of Fairfield. Services morning, afternoon, and evening in 60x90 tent. Speakers to be selected by pulpit committee from the brethren attending. Tents, cots, and meals available but campers should bring linens, pillows and bed covers. For information write Daniel Memorial Orphanage, Fairfield, Texas.—J. B. Daniel, President.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in the Municipal Auditorium, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 8 to 15, 1949. It will open with a C. A. Rally on Thursday night, Sept. 8, and close with a grand fellowship meeting on Thursday night, Sept. 15. For information concerning accommodations, write R. F. Ashworth, Housing Committee Chairman, 648 West 80th St., Seattle 7, Wash.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Southside Faith Tabernacle, 2124 S.W. 29th Homecoming and Dedication of New Unit, June 5. Services 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Speakers: V. H. Ray, District Superintendent; Virgil Claxton, and others.—Paul Copeland, Pastor.

ITALIAN BRANCH FELLOWSHIP

The Second Annual Fellowship Meeting of the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God will be held at the Italian Full Gospel Church, 220 Littleton Ave., corner S. Orange Ave., Newark, N. J., May 30. For further information write D. Lisciandrello, General Secretary, 757 S. Granada, El Monte, Calif.

POTOMAC PARK CAMP MEETING

Potomac Park Camp Meeting, July 24—August 14. Lester Sumrall, South Bend, Ind., Camp Evangelist. John Wright Follette, New Paltz, N. Y., Camp Bible Teacher. For further information or reservations, write: T. B. Pierce, 105 Grigg St., Petersburg, Va. O. L. Harrup, District Superintendent; E. O. Dickerson, Secretary-Treasurer.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Thirty-third Annual Eastern District Council will convene in the First Pentecostal Church, West Orange and Concord Sts., Lancaster, Pa., June 7—9. Roy Smuland, Superintendent of the New England District, special speaker. Rooms provided for ministers, missionaries and delegates as far as possible. For information write Pastor Boston W. Turner, 809 State St., Lancaster, Pa.—Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

The Ukrainian Branch Council will meet at the First Ukrainian Evangelical Pentecostal Church, Third Ave. and Seventh St., New York City, N.Y., June 16—18. William Melnychuk of Canada, special speaker. Devotional services daily at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Business sessions at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Fred Smolchuck, returning from Europe, is expected to give a report of work among D.P.'s in Germany. For accommodations write B. E. Hutzaluk, Secretary, 9 East Seventh St., New York 3, N.Y. All invited. Special services for young people at 6:15 p.m.—Fred Smolchuck, Superintendent; by Miss C. Wowk.

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SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS—The Nineteenth Annual Commencement of Southwestern Bible Institute will be held on the campus. Baccalaureate Service, May 26; Commencement Exercises, May 27; both at 7:30 p.m. Main speakers: Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson and H. A. Harrison, President of Southern California Bible College. Short valedictory addresses by five representative students from High School; Bible School; College; and Bible College. Special selections of music will be given.—C. N. Rice, Director School of Fine Arts.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

BROADCAST—"Assembly of God Hour," Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Station KAYS, Hays, Kansas, 1400 on dial.—J. J. Krimmer, Minister, McCracken, Kansas.

NOTICE—To all GLBI Alumni and Associate Members: On Monday, May 30, the annual business session will be held at Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, Ill., at 3 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., a buffet supper will be served to all alumni and associate members, free of charge.—Ardis Hoyt, Acting Secretary, Alumni Committee.

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C. D. McCall, P. O. Box 687, R. 6, Tulsa 15, Okla.—"Open for calls, where God would have us go."

Clarence Wiegand, Route 2, Dyersburg, Tenn.—"Open for evangelistic or pastoral calls. Sixteen years' experience in pastoral work, 5 years in evangelistic. Good references. Affiliated with Southern Missouri District for 18 years. Will travel alone."

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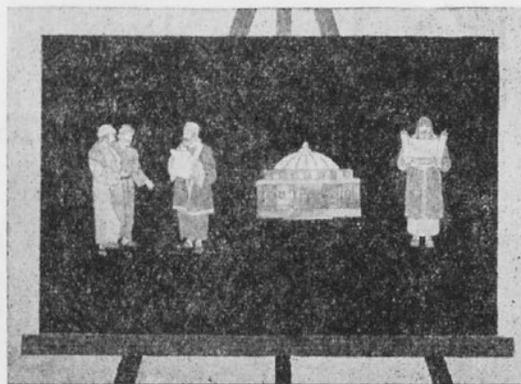
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