

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

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King's Canyon National Park, Calif. (photo by Josef Muench)

KEEP UP THE SONG OF FAITH

Keep up the song of faith,
However dark the night;
And as you praise, the Lord will work
To change your faith to sight.

Keep up the song of faith,
The dawn will break ere long;
And we shall go to meet the Lord,
And join the endless song.

—M.E.B.

Can Our "This" Be Called Joel's "That"?

W. I. Evans

● ON THE DAY of Pentecost Peter honestly, accurately identified the "This" of the Spirit's great hour as the "That" of prophetic prediction in Joel 2:28. He could not have been mistaken since he spoke not as the result of natural logical deduction alone but by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Peter was no more responsible for the identifying of "This" than was Joel for the prediction of "That."

He was correct moreover because "This" was the immediate product of Christ enthroned. He declared, "I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) unto you." "Therefore," Peter explained, "being at the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." This initial manifestation of Pentecost to Christ's followers was accomplished so swiftly, it came with such suddenness, that it was as free from human admixture as any spiritual manifestation involving the human could be.

Peter was correct, too, because wonderful supernatural results accompanied the phenomenon called "This." Note the complete transformation of character which made humble, timid, and even perplexed disciples so triumphantly Christ-conscious that they stopped at no barrier in shouting His truth and glorifying His name. See the miracles of divine intervention that followed their words. Behold the conviction of sin upon the formerly indifferent hearers, the impelling force that attracted them, and the revolutionary work of redemption among the multitudes of them.

But not less supernatural in "This" was the potent force of overwhelming, constraining, mystical love binding men and women together in a new, invisible, spiritual unity. They became "Body"-conscious. They owned a spontaneous, joyous dependence upon Christ as Head and upon one another as members of His newly-conscious Body. They assumed a tremendous, world-wide, spiritual responsibility to God, to Christ, to the Holy Spirit and eventually to all men.

Yes, on the Church's spiritual natal day Peter's "This" was Joel's "That."

After the day of Pentecost the clearly identified "This" was to be affected by

the church, and especially its leadership, to whom it was divinely committed. The influence of this human element soon became apparent. It was characterized by such sordid factors as selfishness, personal ambition, unholy alliances, loss of separateness, politics, worldly-mindedness, extravagance, formality and a denial of the power of God.

The apostles, even in their day, became alarmed at the fading of features in the face of God's "This" and the substitution of foreign features of man's manufacture making most difficult the identification of the Church's "This" as Joel's "That." These chosen men of Christ warned against the substitution of human wisdom and human means for the Holy Spirit's presence and activity. They urged believers to genuine holiness, separation, yieldedness to the operations of the Holy Spirit, careful watchfulness and witnessing for Christ's coming, adherence to great simplicity rather than complex machinery, and holy pursuit of highest spiritual virtues so essential to the revelation of Christ through the Church, His Body, the fulness of Him.

When we soberly, prayerfully, make application of this Scriptural history to our own time and state we read with deeply humbled hearts the final words of our Lord to the Church left on earth to preserve and perpetuate a "This" clearly identifiable with "That." His words are warning, chiding, condemnation and stirring challenge—"Strengthen the things that remain. . . . Hold fast that which thou hast that no man take thy crown.

. . . Thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead. . . . Thou art wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. . . . Buy of Me gold . . . white raiment . . . and anoint thine eyes."

Of the day of Pentecost a modern writer states: "It was not the only time, nor the last time that the Holy Spirit brought the Church a fresh, vital interval. Throughout the centuries there have been groups here and there, sometimes large, sometimes small, who have moved upon their ages with such power, and have presented lives of such singular beauty, that it has been equally appropriate to say, 'This is that!'"

"We submit an interpretation of the Ten Days in the Upper Room very different from others. *The chief feature in that retreat was not prayer!* Prayer was simply one of the powerful means. The chief thing was that the human nature of the group came into a lofty state of disposal to the will of God. They attained that superb condition where as empty vessels they were ready for 'this treasure.'

"Here is an affirmation which the Church must never surrender; least of all, when the days are long and there is no open vision. *Our God is always ready and willing to repeat times of Pentecostal glory in the Church, for the assurance of which the text (Acts 2:16, 17) is available as a divine promise, even as the Spirit intended.*"

For the past more than 40 years men on earth have jubilantly participated in a miracle revival of Pentecost. Presently a large group of those participants will gather in the providence of God in conference related to the perpetuation of the miracle of Pentecost. The Assemblies of God exist only for the preservation and witness of this miracle. Will we in General Council session re-emphasize in our "This" the lines of identity that God's finger has unalterably etched in His "That."

If we are honest with ourselves we must confess that human hands have marred the fact of "This" making more difficult its identification with "That." Responsibility now as always lies heavily upon leadership. May we approach and participate in this momentous gathering with prevailing prayer for leaders and followers, that the human nature of the group may come into the lofty state of disposal to the will of God and be made ready by renewed anointing to attract attention to "This" as identical with "That."

"When thou wast little in thine own sight . . . the Lord anointed thee." 1 Sam. 15:17.

It is better to be in favor with God than in fashion with the world.



With Christ in the School of Love

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● THE EPISODE during His visit to the home of Simon offered Christ an excellent opportunity to teach an important lesson about love.

How our Lord is longing for our love! He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. They did not welcome Him, nor respond to His visitation. They did not give Him the loving devotion for which His heart was thirsting. He who is love could find no kindred spirit in the Pharisees, but He found it in a woman whom they despised and rejected. And to as many as received Him, were they rich or poor, pious or irreligious, respected or despised, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And every one that loveth is born of God.

The story is told in the 7th chapter of Luke. Simon, the Pharisee, had invited Jesus to his house for a meal, and while they were eating a sinful woman entered, bringing an alabaster box of ointment. She stood behind the Master, weeping and began to wash His feet with tears, and to wipe them with the hairs of her head. She kissed His feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee saw it, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner." Jesus read his mind, and said to him, "Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee." I think the Lord has somewhat to say unto each one of us, too. May we answer as he did—"Master (or Teacher), say on." Oh, how the Lord is wanting students today—people who will spend time in the classroom of the Holy Spirit, learning those spiritual lessons Christ would have us learn.

Now there must have been something in Simon's heart that was commendable. Simon had obtained forgiveness, and he had a certain amount of appreciation for the forgiveness that had come to him; Jesus implied this by the parable He gave, and it is shown also by Simon's answer in the course of the parable. Simon was a Pharisee, and Christ was not popular

among the Pharisees; yet Simon had invited Him to his house for a meal. I think Simon felt he owed a debt to the Lord Jesus, and that is why he risked his reputation and invited Him to his home. Jesus appreciated that feeling in Simon, and He wanted to draw out of Simon something that would be far greater, and something without which Simon's life would forever be poverty-stricken. He wanted to teach Simon a lesson in loving devotion.

One day we were discussing what education is, and one of the students gave this answer: "Education is the awakening and developing and drawing out of the innate powers of a human being." That's a rather good definition. And Christian education, spiritual education, is the drawing out of the new life of a babe in Christ, the awakening of this new life, and the developing of those spiritual powers that have been born within him by the Holy Spirit. This story, then, is of a lesson in Simon's spiritual education, and in ours.

The Lord Jesus told Simon the parable of the creditor who had two debtors. One debtor owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. When they had nothing to pay, the creditor frankly forgave them both. "Tell me therefore," asked Jesus, "which of them will love him most?"

Simon answered, "I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most." And Jesus said, "Thou hast rightly judged."

Then Christ applied the parable to the situation at hand. "Simon, do you see



I Will Commune
With Thee From Above
The Mercy Seat

Ex. 25:22

"Lord Jesus, make Thyself to me
A living bright reality;
More present to faith's vision keen
Than any outward object seen:
More dear, more intimately nigh,
Than e'en the sweetest earthly tie."

this woman?" he said. "Simon, I didn't accept an invitation to her house. It was to your house I came, Simon, and I looked for the honor you customarily give to especially honored guests. You gave Me no water for washing my feet, though water should be given to an honored guest; but this woman has washed My feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Simon, I was looking for devotion and response that I failed to get from you. Don't criticize this woman for doing the thing which you should have done but didn't.

"Simon, you gave Me no kiss" (it was the custom, in those days, to greet an honored guest with a kiss upon the forehead or cheek) "but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss My feet.

"Simon, you failed to anoint My head with oil; but this woman has anointed My feet with ointment.

"Simon, I was your guest. You invited Me, and I was looking for love and honor. But you gave Me no water.

This woman has washed My feet—not with water, which is comparatively cheap, but with tears of love and gratitude. This woman has given Me the response I was looking for, Simon. She didn't think herself worthy to plant a kiss upon My forehead, or upon My cheek, but she kissed My feet again and again. Simon, you didn't even put a little olive oil upon My head, but this woman has brought precious ointment and has poured it lavishly upon My feet.

"Therefore, Simon, it is she to whom much is forgiven, so call her a sinner no longer. Much has been forgiven her, so she loved much: to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little."

Have we learned the lesson? The thing for which Christ is seeking is love and devotion. He wants our loyalty. He wants to be enthroned and honored as King of our lives. You remember that in the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the King of kings. I believe it was Christ whom he saw. Uzziah had been Isaiah's earthly king, and Isaiah had been loyal to him; he had been devoted to him. When his king died there was an emptiness in Isaiah's life, and it was then that the Lord was able to visit him. His iniquity was taken away, his sin was purged, and he pledged allegiance to the Lord, saying, "Here am I; send me."

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The Ministry of the Spirit and the Word

● THE LORD GOD is all that any of His creatures need or ever can need. He is a sun and a shield, one who gives us light and life, and is our protector from all evil. He is a dispenser of grace and glory, and He positively declares that no good thing—nothing that pertains to life and godliness—will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. And He will pour sufficient grace into our hearts to enable us to walk uprightly.

The apostle John said, "As many as received Him—the Lord Jesus Christ—to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." That is the beginning. But looking forward to the blessed work of the Spirit in the soul that has fully surrendered to the Lord, he says, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." He who bestows upon us abundant grace will also bestow abundant glory—glory upon glory—a glory that causes us to be changed and transformed until we become like unto our glorious Lord. "We shall be like Him!" How can these things be? This glorious and complete transformation will be wrought "by the Spirit of the Lord."

When on the cross of Calvary our blessed Lord Jesus died for our sins, He completed His work of redemption for us and declared, "It is finished." And the Holy Spirit will not fail to complete His work in us. He will declare, "It is finished," when He has completely conformed us to the image of the Son of God.

You may ask, "How may I receive the Holy Spirit in fullness to do this transforming work?" There is nothing simpler. The Lord Jesus says to us, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." Come and drink. Come frequently, and drink constantly. The Master adds, "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." "This spake He of the Spirit." Peter said, when the Holy Spirit was poured forth so freely on the day of Pentecost, "He (the exalted

Lord Jesus) hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." And all that He gave to the hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost He will give to us today.

It is infinite love that so lavishly gives the fulness of the Spirit. Paul prayed that the saints might know the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of the love of Christ, and that they might be filled with all the fullness of God. The love of the Lord for you is a personal love. You can say with one of old, "Who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Respond to His love. Open your whole being to Him; let the love of God flood your heart. The Holy Spirit will so flood your heart with His love, that your response to the love of your Lord will be sufficient to satisfy His heart.

We need not only to be filled with the Spirit but also to be filled with the Word of God. Paul says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." The whole failure of the children of Israel was through their lack of listening to what God had to say, their lack of a hearing ear. The Lord said to them, "Oh, that My people had hearkened unto Me, and Israel had walked in my ways!" And He adds, "I should soon have subdued their enemies." As we live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God we shall see all our spiritual enemies put to flight. And He promises that He will feed His own with the finest of wheat, and with honey out of the rock will He satisfy. For the words of the Lord are spirit and life. He has the words of eternal life. Christ came that we might have life, and life more abundant. Fill your heart with His life-giving Word.

It is written, "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart." Our Lord is still the sower, sowing words of light that will bring eternal gladness into our hearts. Is He stingy with His seed? No, He is a bountiful sower. Let His Word dwell in you richly, for He purposeth a hundredfold crop.

See that farmer who is lavish with his seed. He sows in faith, and as the sun and the rains do their gracious work, there is an abundant harvest. And the heavenly Sower is not slothful. He says, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Open your heart and receive with meekness His life-giving Word—the seed that will surely bear an abundant harvest. He Himself will be the sun that is so essential in the bringing forth of the crop. And will He send rain? Most assuredly. But He bids you ask for it. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit—the heavenly rain—to them that ask Him." Ask then, and the rain of the Spirit will surely fall. He bids us ask for rain in the time of the latter rain, and in response to our asking the Lord will make bright clouds, and give showers of rain. Zech. 10:1.

The farmer may not see all the rain that pours on his land. He may be fast asleep while the rain is falling all night long, but he gets the benefit of it just the same. Believe that the rain falls when you ask for the same, whether you are conscious of it or not.

Receive the Holy Spirit and keep on receiving. Receive the Word of the Lord and keep on receiving. He has declared: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:10, 11. And what a glorious transformation the rain of the Spirit and the Word of the Lord accomplish: "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Do you say, "I feel as dry as a desert"? It does not matter what you feel. It is a very simple matter for the Lord to make the desert blossom as the rose. Believe that He will make your desert

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"Beholding the Steadfastness of Your Faith"

Our Pentecostal Saints in Rome
Inez Sturgeon

As I stood atop one of the seven hills of Rome and gazed out upon this famous yet infamous city, it seemed as though it began to breathe and pulsate with a life unlike the everyday routine business and pleasure. It was as though with its own fingers it unrolled the scroll of its multifaceted history to me. As this happened I saw the Roman legions returning victorious from battles on many fronts, parading through the numerous arches of triumph while the dying screams of the war prisoners made a background for the cheering of the multitude. The wielders of the short swords were conquerors! Rome was the mistress of the world.

But the scene changed. I felt Rome tremble under the blow which brought subjugation to her proud heart as the invading hordes overran her. I saw then a new power lifting its head—crowned, it was, with an ecclesiastical miter—one whose scepter ruled in tyranny to the ends of the then-known world. I saw until that power was broken, being chained and locked within its own walled Vatican. As years passed, imperceptibly at first, but gaining speedy momentum I watched those bars lowered one by one until restoration came. Not full temporal restoration, but ecclesiastical rulership which wielded a mighty scepter in many lands.

As the last page was turned I heard a prophecy repeated and watched as eternal judgment fell upon the proud head of the boastful unconquerable Rome! "Alas, alas, that great city, . . . that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come!" I felt my breath almost stop and my heart beats accelerate as I gazed upon this city and mused upon its past, its present, and its inevitable future. It had moved me as no other city had ever done, inseparably connected as it is with the triumphs, the victories, and the exaltations of the Church of Jesus Christ!

Triumphs? Can one say triumphs when it was here that the ministries of the great Apostles, Peter and Paul, were brought to a violent close—when literally millions spilt their life blood for their testimony to Christ in Nero's Circus and the Colosseum? Victories? When there are eight hundred kilometers of catacombs around Rome which are filled with tier upon tier of the graves of Christians, a large percentage of which were martyrs? Exaltations? When the ruling church down through the ages has known no limits to which it has gone to stamp out that which they call, "Evangelicos"? Let me repeat, can we say triumphs when even today the Pentecostal Christians in Rome and environs are in danger of physical violence and imprisonment? When they have been told to their faces that the government considers Communism to be Public Enemy No. 1 and the Pentecostals

Public Enemy No. 2, while their only crime is to worship the Lord outside the established church? To preach the Gospel in Rome today is to be in danger of imprisonment, payment of large fines, and the taking of insults worded in the strongest language. Yes, I believe that the words triumphs and victories can well be employed for this latter-day church at Rome as well as the Early Church. This was graphically illustrated for us when we were invited to speak at the Pentecostal Church.

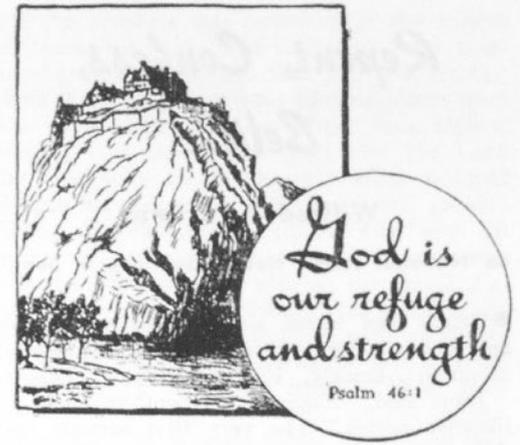
The neighborhood at which we arrived was anything but prepossessing and we seemed to step up to a blank wall to enter. However there was a small unlighted doorway which led into a dark unevenly paved corridor along which we stumbled for some twenty-five feet. We turned left another dozen feet. A right hand turn led us past a lighted window, and a glance inside showed us a room filled with men drinking and playing cards. We then found ourselves in a backyard where the late afternoon sunlight and a breath of fresh air was a relief. We proceeded along a path enclosed in wire netting and thence to another turn right and were guided down some very steep stairs whose surface was most worn and irregular, necessitating the utmost care to arrive unharmed at the bottom. Another angled turn left brought us to the cellar. Cellar indeed, for no other name could describe it. The walls were brown and stained from the seepage of water, and in the possibly one hundred feet of the length and the twenty-five feet of the width, the auditorium only had, as I remember, four

PRAYER ANSWERED IN ROME

God has answered prayer for the Assembly of God church in Rome, Italy. In the Evangel of July 9, we printed an urgent request for prayer on behalf of the Rome assembly, telling how the police tried to stop the service on June 7 and how they declared that the church door would be sealed the next morning. We explained also that there had been several attempts to stop the completion of the new church building which our brethren are erecting in Rome. Our readers will rejoice over the following message, which is contained in a letter which Wesley R. Steelberg has received from Brother Gorietti's secretary in Rome, dated July 21:

"Thank God, the church in Rome has never been closed. Brother Gorietti has obtained a permit to hold the meetings there until we have the recognition by the Government. We hope to be able to dedicate the new building on September 18, the Lord willing."

Keep praying for the Pentecostal work in Italy.



windows. At this early hour every seat was taken, the women sitting on one side and the men on the other. The children sat on laps, between chairs, and on the floor of the small platform. There definitely was not "elbow room on either side to spare."

The wheezy little street organ groaned out the introduction to "Blessed Assurance" and then such a glorious burst of song came from the throats of those Christians! Faces were shining and wreathed in smiles—it was a paean of praise that escaped those dingy dungeon walls and winged itself to the very throne of God!

The young pastor, whose face was an inspiration, called all to prayer and everyone who could possibly find room to kneel, did so: then a volume of prayer arose, prayer that warmed the heart and stirred the soul. This pastor has been in prison many times for preaching the Gospel but nothing has intimidated or frightened him. He preaches the message of truth regardless. The service continued and when my husband spoke there was great liberty and blessing—many and fervent were the "Amen's!"

On Tuesday night when we returned for another service, we had no premonition of that which should transpire—the songs were as bright and joyful as before and when we knelt to pray we did not know that suddenly the unsheathed hand of ancient Rome should reach forth to try once again to stifle this Gospel against which she has so unsuccessfully waged a ceaseless battle for twenty centuries.

As we arose from our knees we were astounded to see six policemen standing among us, the leader being the Chief of Police. There was no panic, not a face blanched white, there were no shrieks of fear. All of this could well have been, when one thinks of the treatment which these Christians had received from the hands of official Rome in the past. Quietly Brother Gorietti, the Sup't of the Pentecostal Churches of Italy, asked these men to step outside into the corridor to discuss the purpose of their visit. As they left the young pastor announced a song with a firm voice and a smiling face. These Christians were not afraid and their voices were in no wise muted as they sang!

What matter if they had heard but the last week of a brother in Southern Italy who had been beaten unmercifully and imprisoned because he had knelt with two sisters for a prayer meeting! I realized with a great wave of feeling, these people were ready for any persecution, even for death if need be!
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Repent, Confess, Believe

Wilfred A. Brown

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● THERE ARE THREE simple steps which you and I must take to receive God's wonderful salvation; namely, Repent, Confess, Believe.

Jesus said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." The very first sermon that the Apostle Peter preached after Pentecost concluded with this word of Spirit-filled authority, "Repent." What is it to repent? First, to repent is to have a godly sorrow for sin; to have, in a very real sense, deep heartfelt sickness as we consider our evil way. But to repent means more than just being sorry for sin. To repent means to take a definite stand as regards sin. We must forsake sin. In the words of the Bible: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord." The Christian church extends a helping hand to all mankind, but she cannot lead any soul into the glories of her message unless he repents.

In the process of coming to God in repentance, we must come the right way, and that brings us to the second step in this great salvation—Confess. We know that we have sinned *and* we know that God knows that we have sinned. Yet that alone does not help us. We are so constituted that we can only realize forgiveness as we open our hearts to God and frankly confess our sinfulness and our deep failure.

More people suffer because of unconfessed sin than almost any other cause. How clearly God's Word indicates the relief that comes when we open our hearts and confess our sins. David prayed to the Lord like this: "I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." And perhaps the most comforting of all scriptures is this: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

And now, the third and final step of salvation—Believe. Believe what? Paul so clearly gives the answer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." But why must we believe on Christ? Well, it boils down to this: even though I were sorry for my sin and forsook it, and even though I made a clean breast of all my sin by fully confessing it, I must have an assurance that I have been fully delivered from sin. I can have no settled forgiveness unless I am sure about that. But we can be sure, for the Holy Word says, "Christ died for

our sins." "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." There is a most marvelous sense of sureness when we accept and believe that fact.

"Oh, the joy of sins forgiven; oh, the peace the blood-washed know!" Salvation is such a wonderful and glorious experience. Nothing, absolutely nothing can compare with the joy and peace we enter into when we repent, confess, and believe.

Friend, this day can be your day—your day of salvation. Simply come to Christ. Come with repentance. Come confessing your sins. Come trusting in the Lord Jesus. Come now, and accept Him while we pray.

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NEEDED: ACTION!

Some say that faith is the gift of God. So is the air, but you have to breathe it; so is bread, but you have to eat it. Some are wanting some miraculous kind of feeling. That is not faith.

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17. That is whence faith comes. It is not for me to sit down and wait for faith to come stealing over me with a strong sensation; but it is for me to take God at His Word.—D. L. Moody.

WITH CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL OF LOVE

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Christ looks for that allegiance in every life. If our hearts have been cleansed, if every evil spirit of jealousy, criticism, bitterness, and self-pity has been cast out, we need to let His Spirit fill our empty hearts with loyalty, love, and devotion to our Lord. If we fail to receive that positive spirit of devotion to Christ, those evil spirits which we entertained before will return and move into our hearts again. You can't live an empty life. You can't remain negative. You must give allegiance to someone. When King Self has died you must let Christ become your King. Unless you enthrone Him, the rightful king, as ruler of your life, and let a passionate love for Him grip your heart, you are in grave danger.

I have seen Christians fail at this point. They were saved; they were delivered from their sins; but instead of crowning Christ as their Lord and Master they permitted themselves to be ruled by some other power. They let some person, whom they had no right to love, claim their affections. They let some unworthy cause capture their loyalty. They let ambition rule their lives and lead them into trouble. Oh, friends, the Holy Spirit is seeking to reveal Christ to you as the only Lover who is worthy of your best affections, the only Bread that is worth hungering for, the only Leader who is worthy of full allegiance.

We honor the young men who left home and loved ones to face the foe, and laid down their lives for their country—and rightly so. They gave the last full ounce of devotion. They sacrificed themselves for others. Oh, I wish you could get a vision of Jesus such as Isaiah saw—the One who was high and lifted up, the glorious One—and then I wish you could see that One leaving His throne and coming down into this sinful world to give His life for mankind. Why did He do it? Because He loved you. He stepped down from His throne in heaven and came to earth, to be born in a stable, that you might be born again and might be able to share His glory in heaven. He lived in this world of sin for thirty-three years, and eventually was crowned with thorns, crucified naked, made the subject of humiliation, anguish, crushing, and separation from God—out of love for you and me, though we are so unworthy. If I could show you His worth, if I could show you His majesty, surely you would fall in worship before Him as Isaiah did.

I wish you could see what John saw, such a picture of splendor and glory, such a Majesty that all heaven was worshipping at His feet. I wish you could see that seven-sealed book in which was the mystery of your faith and mine, as

PROGRESS OF REPENTANCE



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John saw it, and could make you feel as John felt how terrible it would be if no one could be found to take that book from Him that sat on the throne, to open it and reveal the mysteries that it contained. Then I would that you could see "the little Lamb" (that is the literal translation of the Greek word) that had been slain, your crucified Lord, step up and take the book, and loosen the seals thereof. Thank God, the Holy Spirit can let you get such a vision as that, and when you see His worth you will surely honor Him, and will join with all the hosts of heaven in saying, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength and honor, and glory, and blessing, and love, and sacrifice, and everything that can be poured at His feet."

Your heart is an "alabaster box" full of fragrant devotion. You can break your alabaster box at His feet, pouring on Him all the love and worship that is in your heart, and it will be precious in His sight. You will marvel at the joy you are capable of giving Him. You will marvel at the love, the loyalty, the sacrifice of which you are capable, anointed by the Spirit. Oh, it might mean leaving your home. It might mean going to India, as Henry Martin did, and saying, "Now let me burn out for God." And perhaps it will mean burning out for God, literally, in two or three short years—but oh, He is worthy. Christ is worthy. It might mean the sacrifice of some lesser love, of some lesser ambition, for His sake. It might mean going into dangers as great as those into which Uncle Sam sent his soldiers, but Christ is worthy. Will you not pray:

"Lord crucified,
Give me a heart like Thine;
Teach me to love
The dying souls of men:

O keep my soul
In constant touch with Thine,
And give me love, pure Calvary love,
To bring the lost to Thee."

We need Calvary love, self-sacrificing love, to bring the lost to Christ. And we need Christ's own love so that our tongues will never be a sword to wound one of His little ones, or to pierce His own dear heart afresh. Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps. He did not sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously. Are we following in His steps? Are we showing His love, His forbearance, His meekness each day?

The Mohammedans and the Hindus in India say to some of us, "So you are the disciples of Jesus! You are the disciples of Him who bore the nails in His hands, and the thorns on His brow, and the spear in His side; who listened to the jeers and the mockings of His enemies and prayed, 'Father, forgive them'—and yet you can't bear a little irritation! You're His disciples and yet you can't bear a few angry words without losing your temper!" I thank God for some such criticisms from Hindus and Moslems, because it was those criticisms that made me realize my need, and made me seek God in prayer, and made me long for His Spirit. The Lord whispered into my heart, "If I gave you My love for that person, you wouldn't resent him; you wouldn't hate him; you wouldn't slander. If I gave you My love for those poor people, then you wouldn't be so proud of what you are." Oh, thank God for His Spirit who will shed the love of Christ abroad in our hearts, and will teach us to love, and will draw out in us all the qualities of the Lamb that He has placed in our new natures.

Stay in the school of the Holy Spirit, until the dormant powers of your spiritual being are awakened, and the alabaster box of your heart is broken, and you pour out at the feet of Jesus your praises, your love, your loyalty and devotion. Then no gift will be too precious to give to Him; no sacrifice will be too great to make for Him; no task will be too difficult; no word will be too hard to obey. Love will count it all joy, and will revel and glory in the opportunity to recognize this heavenly Guest who has come to your house.

Love's attitude is, "Lord, You gave me this position, so I'll fill it for Thee with all my heart and show Thee that I love Thee. Lord Jesus, I don't want anything to pass my lips except that which is governed by love. My love for Thee henceforth shall rule my hands when I'm washing the dishes. My love for Thee shall rule my eyes when I'm studying. Lord Jesus, I will spend time in prayer because I love Thee. I will study Thy Word. I will even study linguistics, though they seem dry and hard, that I might be able to preach for Thee in some foreign land where there are sinners who need Thy salvation. Lord, no efforts will be too much if I might but please Thee and adorn Thy gospel."

A young man came to the Lord and said, "What is the first and greatest commandment?" All the philosophy of education, all the philosophy of the Bible, all the philosophy of the law

and the prophets was contained in the answer of Jesus. He said, "The first and great commandment (that is, the first and the greatest claim that God has on your life and mine; what you were made for; your duty; your highest privilege) is this, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." What a love! Do you know how much "all thy heart" means? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul"—with every talent. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind." I'm so glad He said that. Nothing has satisfied my mind with its terrible questions, with its doubting and skepticism, as much as the love of Jesus interpreted by the Holy Spirit. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind." He is the God of your mind. Your mind was meant to love Him. And, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy strength."

Jesus said, "This is the first and great commandment." But when He said that, He told us the whole philosophy of the law, for no commandment can produce love. Sinai cannot produce love. Perfect moral codes cannot produce love. The young man answered, "Truly, to love the Lord with all the heart, and all the soul, and all the strength, and all the mind, is far better than sacrifices and burnt offerings." And Jesus said, "You're not far from the kingdom of God," because the kingdom of God is the kingdom of love, and to see that we love God with all the powers of our ransomed being, to make the love of God the ruler of everything within us, is to see what the kingdom of God is. For the kingdom of God is the realm which is ruled by the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Beautiful Girlhood

By Mabel Hale

THERE IS NOTHING of greater beauty and grace than the budding and blossoming of girlhood. Those years between childhood and womanhood are full of interest and surprises. But there are many uncertainties on this path, and the girl needs a guiding influence. "Beautiful Girlhood" is just that. The author helps the reader to a fuller and better understanding of herself and her problems. This is not a sex book. Instead it is an inspirational handling of subjects important to girlhood. It is a book for every teenage girl.

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Students of the Ling Kuang Bible Institute in China conducting a service in a village near Kunming just prior to the close of the first year of the school. Each Saturday during the school year evangelistic teams went out from the school. Many of the students have spent their vacation in gospel work. Most of them are from heathen, antagonistic homes. It has not been easy for the young people to carry on in the face of opposition from their families.

to the Missions Home. An announcement was made on the ship before the quarantine officers came that no foreigners would be allowed to go ashore, but when we talked with one of the quarantine officers, addressing him in Chinese, he promised us he would arrange for us to leave the ship, but it was not to be.

At Hong Kong we were met by the Park family, and had a nice visit with them. They brought us news of some of the missionaries still in China, and from a number of missionaries from other mission boards, some we had known in North China and Manchuria, who boarded the General Gordon at Hong Kong for the States, we had further news. The general opinion was that though the Communists had been lenient with missionaries and Christians they would gradually bring more pressure to bear on them which would eventually make it impossible to do missionary work.

Since arriving in Manila we have visited some of the mountain areas. There are vast areas without gospel witness of any kind.

Taking Advantage of Opportunity

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Lindvall, El Salvador

● LAST WEEK there was a religious festival in our town in honor of the patron saint, Santa Ana, supposed to be the grandmother of Christ. The main attractions were about a block from our church and many people passed by so we set up a book table in the front entrance. With the offer of free tracts numbers were drawn to the table to purchase Gospel portions at the special price of one *centavo* (two-fifths of a cent). During the three days more than a thousand portions were sold.

Prior to the festival the pastor of our church conducted a two-week prayer campaign, and a week of special meetings. During the time at least seventeen were saved and six received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some thirty or more made confession of sin and were reclaimed. Pray with us that this will be just the beginning of a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this church and in this needy country.

The Lord has been blessing the effort that has been put forth in literature distribution in El Salvador. During the first six months of 1949 our bookroom sold some 320 Bibles and 747 New Testaments in addition to a large quantity of gospel literature and Sunday School supplies.

Next month our National Bible Institute will open for its four-month term. Calls are coming in from many places for workers to come and preach the gospel, but we have no workers to send. Pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers. Any that we might call would be failures, but if He does the calling they will be able to stand the test.

The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet.

A Hazardous Voyage

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Ahlberg, Philippine Islands

● WE RECENTLY were transferred from Japan to the Philippines to engage in building construction. Our trip from Yokohama, Japan to Manila, Philippine Islands proved to be a hazardous one, but we arrived safely.

As we left Kobe, Japan on June 19 on board the S.S. General Gordon we found ourselves at the outer edge of a fierce typhoon. Perhaps you read about the storm. It struck Japan with great force, and left many dead.

We were under orders to proceed to Shanghai to attempt a landing to pick up and deliver passengers. The S.S. General Gordon was the last large passenger ship to pull out of Shanghai before the city fell to the Communists. It almost had the honor of being the first to enter after the Communists took over.

Arriving at the mouth of the Yangtze River early on the morning of June 21 we took on a pilot and proceeded up river as far as the mouth of the Whangpoo River. There we had to wait for quarantine officials to come aboard. We anchored beside the British freighter, *Anchises*, which already had gone through the quarantine examination. After a short time the *Anchises* steamed on up toward the pier. We would have followed soon after but were delayed in our examination by one of the passengers, an aged Filipino. The man was deaf and was asleep in his bunk. When the officials

came all the other passengers were accounted for but the Filipino. His name was called over and over on the public address system, but he did not appear. After an hour's search the man was found.

Just as we were ready to pull anchor and advance a Nationalist plane came in and began bombing. Our largest flag was hoisted so there would be no mistake in our identity. As we waited we saw the *Anchises* go down in the river channel. Small ships in front and behind us were damaged by the machine gun fire, and a large oil storage tank was blown up. If we had not been detained by the Filipino our ship would have been in the path of the heaviest bombing. We were glad that we had been delayed when we saw the damage to the other vessels.

Five hours after the plane disappeared a tug came down the river to us carrying two agents of the American President Lines. They were on board our ship an hour and then we got under way. We had been ordered to turn back down the Yangtze River and proceed to Hong Kong. There were forty Chinese passengers on the ship waiting to disembark at Shanghai, and two hundred passengers waiting on the Shanghai pier to leave that city, but we had only a glimpse of Shanghai. We personally had hoped to go ashore to contact some of the Chinese Christians and to go out

Communism in South Africa

Miss Hilda C. Olsen, Union of South Africa

● SO MANY TIMES at our hospital meetings here in South Africa I have wished that you folk at home could peek in on us. It is really such a thrilling sight to see all those hands reaching up to receive literature to read! Often in one service alone we give out literature in as many as six different languages. As for Bibles—we just cannot seem to keep enough on hand to sell. Seldom does a Sunday pass that someone at the compound at Rietfontein does not ask for a Bible in a language that we do not have. Please pray that God will make the papers and books distributed a blessing to all who receive them.

Seeds of Communism have been sown here for some time, and Communistic sentiments and expressions are now common. A strong anti-white feeling is evident even in some of the Christians. The influence is such a subtle one that only prayer will keep the African Christians from being taken up completely with the doctrines. Please help us to pray for these people in these transition days.

We have had to start another class for an overflow group of students at our day school, and are looking forward to receiving a grant from the government for the new class. At the present time we must conduct it as a private class, and the teacher must be paid out of private funds.

The paramount chief of Swaziland recently visited the township of Alexandra. Thousands of nationals, mostly Swazis, were there to welcome him, and among them was a good delegation from our school. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the chief and his attendants. I was escorted to the grandstand for an introduction. The chief seemed a fine man, and was much interested in the work we are doing in the township.

We have been having open-air meetings in Alexandra. A new public address system is used. We always have a good crowd watching us erect the mike and loud-speaker. A few records are played before the services to attract more people. The national workers

enjoy speaking over a microphone, so we have no lack of national ministers to help with the services. There has been a good response thus far.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

July, 1949

Alabama	\$ 941.90	Nevada	101.80
Arizona	590.37	N Hampshire	15.03
Arkansas	1,685.08	New Jersey	2,022.58
California	13,940.69	New Mexico	542.17
Colorado	2,576.93	New York	5,075.76
Connecticut	637.90	N Carolina	153.00
Delaware	860.97	N Dakota	1,029.07
District of Columbia	917.00	Ohio	7,847.15
Florida	8,712.31	Oklahoma	5,835.76
Georgia	793.16	Oregon	8,127.67
German Branch	401.45	Pennsylvania	6,861.42
Hungarian Br.	125.02	Rhode Island	98.15
Idaho	1,037.86	Russian Branch	234.00
Illinois	5,974.42	S Carolina	131.28
Indiana	1,692.84	S Dakota	1,359.21
Iowa	2,386.43	Tennessee	523.15
Kansas	4,400.47	Texas	9,964.74
Kentucky	516.02	Ukrainian Br.	258.33
Latin American Branch	144.52	Utah	23.47
Louisiana	517.59	Vermont	15.00
Maine	215.26	Virginia	1,198.76
Maryland	827.94	Washington	9,227.01
Massachusetts	497.70	W Virginia	535.17
Michigan	5,709.32	Wisconsin	3,824.64
Minnesota	3,252.01	Wyoming	349.38
Mississippi	331.28	Alaska	110.56
Missouri	6,226.46	Canada	1,435.16
Montana	1,219.55	Foreign	197.32
Nebraska	2,245.06	Legacies	1.93
Total Amount Reported	\$155,205.53	Miscellaneous	18,739.35
District Fund	8,182.50		
National Home Missions	1,541.63		
Office Expense Fund	2,952.31		
Literature Expense Fund	72.16		
Given Direct to Missionaries	12,343.53		25,092.13

Amount Received for Foreign Missions ...\$130,113.40
Amount Received for Home Missions 7,731.25

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

For July, 1949

Belgian Congo	\$ 2,876.55	Union of South Africa	3,143.15
Dahomey	1,078.82	Upper Volta	5,158.51
Egypt	4,020.00	China	17,848.30
French Togo	215.32	Ceylon	2,150.77
Gold Coast	5,558.86	India	29,655.17
Liberia	11,373.16	Europe	4,403.12
Nigeria	4,716.72	Palestine and Near East	1,115.12
Nyasaland	2,854.11		
Sierra Leone	659.00		



Four Egyptian ministers ordained during the Egyptian District Council early in the summer with another national Assemblies of God brother (center). Sixty missionaries, pastors, and delegates attended the four-day Council. Open-air night services were open to the public. Around seven hundred attended nightly. The four ministers ordained during the Council had just completed a period of training at the ministers' institute. It was the largest number ever to be ordained at one time in Egypt. There are still many churches in Egypt without pastors.

West Indies	5,106.35	Burma	445.99
Mexican Work in the U. S.	374.18	Fiji Islnds	549.40
Mexico	892.54	Hawaiian Islands	976.07
Central America	5,459.38	Japan	6,273.92
Argentina	1,831.78	Malaya	640.28
Bolivia	1,110.00	Netherlands East Indies	1,595.71
Brazil	3,621.24	Philippine Isl. ..	6,562.46
Chile	1,259.52	Samoa	241.19
Colombia	469.00	Retired Miss.	1,100.00
Paraguay	215.40	Entertainment of Missionaries	2,304.88
Peru	4,273.24	General Trans. ..	2,632.02
Uruguay	510.00	Miscellaneous	6,635.11
Venezuela	2,184.95		
British West Indies	2,449.67		
Total Distribution to Council Foreign Mis.	\$156,540.96		
Non-Council Missionaries	2,501.62		
Total Disbursements	\$139,042.58		
Charged from Hold Accounts	28,929.18		
Total Receipts	\$130,113.40		

Prayer Requests

Lula M. (Ashmore) Baird, missionary to Singapore, Malaya, has sent in the following prayer requests:

"The house adjoining our church property has been sold to a Buddhist woman who plans on having a Buddhist temple erected there. Please pray that these plans will be thwarted. Also pray for a Bible School for this field. One is needed badly.

"Our recently opened Chinese mission is attracting many. Several have manifested an interest in the way of salvation. Pray that they will be willing to take an open stand for the Lord."

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Hilda Meyrick
Venezuela

News Notes

Miss Hilda M. Meyrick has returned to her field, Venezuela.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Bruton of Nigeria a son, Stephen Michael, on July 31.

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Miss Doris V. Marsh, missionary to Southwest China, has returned to the States.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Simmons of Upper Volta are at home on furlough.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Bedell, missionaries to China, on August 1 a daughter, Patricia Ann.

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

NO TRIP TO ARARAT FOR NOW

The Turkish Embassy, evidently intimidated by the Soviet Government, has refused to permit any foreign expedition to explore Mount Ararat. The three expeditions (American, British, and Dutch) therefore have postponed indefinitely their plans to search for the remains of Noah's Ark, according to *The Manchester Guardian*.

ISRAELI MILITARY PLANS

The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* has just issued its new Book of the Year in which is revealed the fact that Israel plans to have a standing army of 25,000 and a large ready reserve on the Swiss pattern. Israeli military experts are now studying in Switzerland the military establishments of that country.

DEAD, BUT NOT BURIED

During the past fifty years, medical science has added many years to the average span of life. A splendid accomplishment! But it is far better to add life to our years, than to add years to our lives. The apostle Paul wrote, "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." 1 Tim. 5:6. A lot of people are dead and just haven't been buried! Only he who has the Son of God has real life, the Bible says.

A NEW PROTESTANT PAPER

Protestant leaders are taking steps to launch a national weekly newspaper for the dissemination of world-wide and regional Protestant news. According to an exchange, the new paper, when it is introduced, will be comparable to *The Register*, a chain of Roman Catholic weeklies which has a national edition published in Denver and more than thirty local editions. The paper, which will be called *The Protestant World*, plans to include representative news of all denominations, with a policy of pro-Protestantism rather than anti-Catholicism.

SODOMY TOLERATED

"The depth of sin that is now openly approved passes all imagination," writes D. M. Panton, in *Dawn*. A Joint Committee on Psychiatry and the Law, appointed by the British Medical Association and the Magistrates' Association, in its Report on *The Criminal Law and Social Offenders*, recommends that homosexual practices, if done in private, should not be punishable at all. Here is open sanction of sodomy.

In one of the strongest indictments of sin in the Bible, the Sodomites are described as "wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly" (Gen. 13:13), and alone of the cities of the world it called down on itself "fire and brimstone"—a prelude of Hell. These doctors and magistrates little dream of the consequences. "In the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:29.

JEWES DEMAND JERUSALEM

The Central Conference of American Rabbis, meeting in New Hampshire on June 25, 1949, adopted a resolution that the city of Jerusalem, by virtue of history and population, must be incorporated into Israel. Jerusalem today is an international city under control of the United Nations. The provisional capital of the State of Israel is at Tel Aviv. Students of Bible prophecy are watching developments with great expectancy, knowing that the Temple cannot be rebuilt nor the old worship established until the city of Jerusalem passes into the control of the Jewish State.

BURIED AT JERUSALEM

In death, if not in life, 200,000 German and Austrian Jewish victims of Nazi atrocities attained their dream of reaching Israel. A glass casket containing 30 urns filled with ashes, representing all that remains of the ill-fated 200,000 refugees, was flown to Lydda from whence the long funeral procession commenced. It passed through Tel Aviv and went on to Jerusalem for burial. Traffic was halted everywhere as a token of homage, as the procession passed in view of thousands of spectators who lined the streets. In the Holy City the cortege, numbering some 4,000 persons, slowly wended through main streets to the Yeshurin Synagogue where Rabbi Uziel delivered the final eulogy.

COMMUNISM IN CHINA

Anyone who still hoped that Mao Tse-tung, the leader of China's Communists, was not really a Red, but just an agrarian reformer, must have been disillusioned by reading about his recent speech in Shanghai. "We belong to the anti-imperialist front headed by the USSR," he said, "and we can only look for genuine friendly aid from that front and not from (the Western world)."

He said that China certainly would not be neutral or even compromise with capitalism. It would, he said, "ally with the Soviet Union . . . ally with the new democratic countries of Europe and . . . ally with the proletariat and masses of the people in other countries to form an international united front."

According to *Pathfinder*, Mao said that his victory in China would have been impossible without Soviet aid—and the pressure of Communists elsewhere, including America. The State Department at Washington evidently recognizes the fact that the spread of Communism in China threatens the freedom of all the Orient and of all the world. In its recent White Paper, the State Department admits that all China is at the mercy of the Communists. It implies, however, that if the new Chinese Government tries to seize any territory outside China, the United States will not stand idly by.

The seeds of another great war have already germinated and sprung up, it seems, and already the bud appears. How long, O Lord, until the Prince of Peace returns and makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth!

WORLD GOVERNMENT BY 1955?

A Laborite Member of the British Parliament told delegates to the Rotary International Conference at Blackpool on May 1 that a World Government might possibly be established by 1955. He said that only fast and successful work in this direction could save the world from disaster. He emphasized that if we do not quickly arrange to work together in a genuine world organization, the next war will be upon us.

Comments D. M. Panton, in *Dawn*: "Thus is expressed the hope that is being echoed in many places today, that in some way the world's leaders may yet be able to save the professed Christian civilization from utter ruin. One of the prophecies describes this viewpoint, saying, 'We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed.' Eventually all of society's doctors will learn that they are unable to cure this sick world of the fatal disease of sin and selfishness."

MAKING FRIENDS WITH SPAIN

Do not be surprised if Fascist Spain is admitted as a member of the United Nations, despite Russia's protests. Diplomatic sources in London believe that Britain and France have initiated a step-by-step softening of attitude toward that land. They still abhor the policies of Dictator Franco and his Fascist regime; nevertheless they feel that Spain's friendship is needed because of her strategic position, and so they want her brought into the North Atlantic Pact.

Some American Congressmen are already asking that Spain be included in the Marshall Plan. They argue that we can get along with Catholic Spain far better than with godless Russia.

Bible students see these moves as a fulfilment of divine prophecy. Spain was included within the boundaries of the Roman Empire in the first century, and it is conceivable that she may be in the territory to be embraced by the revived form of the fourth Gentile World Empire under the Antichrist.

IMPRESSIONS OF TEL AVIV

George W. Herald, in his article entitled "The Promised Land" which appeared recently in *Maclean's Magazine*, has this to say about his impressions:

"After dinner a colleague showed us the night life of the city. There was only one bar operating, with a jazz band which Polish post-war immigrants started a year ago. This place is patronized by elegant idlers whose fathers have made fortunes as planters or manufacturers. This smart set is the object of much gossip among Tel Avivers and is frowned upon by the city council. Most of the current councilors were brought up in the rigid tradition of Eastern European Jews and have firmly refused to allow any more of the wartime night clubs to operate.

"Tel Aviv is probably the most virtuous port of the Mediterranean. You simply don't see any prostitutes, and, if there were any, they would probably find no clients. Embracing in the street is prohibited, and the soldiers who take their girls out behave as if they were bucking for good-conduct ribbons. We didn't see one who was intoxicated, nor do they use improper words as soldiers do in all other armies. Our escort told us that the worst oath you can throw at a man in Hebrew is: 'That your name be obliterated!'"

I Went to the Garden

Edith Whipple

When I entered the garden there wasn't a flower in sight (except a few little red ones swaying on their stems in the breeze) but the flowers soon to be discovered were so far beyond my expectations, that for the next several hours I revelled in something I had never expected to witness; and emotions were minglings of delight and pathos in the extreme.

In response to a quiet call, they came tumbling out of the dormitory—those handsome, rugged little flowers called small boys, with dancing eyes, sparkling smiles, hair groomed slightly beyond the usual, perhaps. Out they bounced in a bright, colorful array of plaid and flowered shirts which would eclipse anyone's favorite and pride-worthy garden.

The occasion? Pictures were about to be taken, and the Director of the Department of Benevolences was on hand to take them in kodachrome. The place? None other than our own National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A Beautiful Garden

Up the slide they scrambled till they filled it from bottom to top, and were clinging to the sides and the ladder. A flower garden? Where could one find a more impressive one? Boys—ranging in age from four to thirteen, with immeasurable possibilities for good, or not so good, depending entirely upon their environment and guidance during the next few years.

Pictures of the boys completed, we approached the nursery, where bloom the tiny rosebuds. Out they toddled, some scarcely able to keep their balance as we started down over the sloping yard. I offered a single finger to chubby nineteen-months-old Joe, breathlessly hoping he would grasp it for support. And did he? With a beaming smile on his face, round as a little moon, haloed by golden ringlets, he gripped my finger as I coaxed, "Let me help you; you might fall." No sooner said than up toddled another rosebud, brown-eyed and pink dressed, also reaching for a finger, jabbering, "I might fall." How quickly they respond to love and friendliness!

Out they toddled, dimpled baby girls with winsome smiles, bows and curls, and tiny little gentlemen as lovable as any to be found in any home or garden. Two smiling cherubs had to be carried by their nurses, for they are not yet one year old.

Nursery pictures finished, a call was given for the girls, and I know you have never seen lovelier blossoms along any garden walk, beautiful little girls with charming smiles, shimmering hair tied back with colorful ribbon bows, as attractively dressed as the little daughters in the best homes, ranging in age from four to fourteen.

Pretty Betty, tall enough to be mistaken for a staff member, is taking her place with the staff, assisting in the care of the younger children. She is the oldest of a family of seven children which, otherwise homeless, is finding loving care in the home. Lovely dark-eyed

Kay, an unusually beautiful girl of twelve, is one of a family of five children who have no other home. Kay, unable to raise her eyes because of heartache, was overheard to remark, "We do have parents, but they don't want us." What a heart-breaking realization for this sensitive, lovely girl, and others of similar circumstances.

When we took refuge on the porch to escape the heat of the sun, little four-year-old girls backed into our chairs to tuck themselves in beside us, longing to be cuddled just a little, and chubby dimpled brown hands sought out ours to be held.

A Fruitful Garden

In the late afternoon we were called to the dining room where chapel service had just begun. Much to our admiration, the leader of the service was a young man of twelve years, called Chester, as poised and groomed as any young minister who ever graced a pulpit. Beside him stood his young song leader, Sammy, erect and confident. He led his congregation of about forty-five boys and girls in a song service at which we marvelled. Pitch, tempo and harmony were faultless, even to the little four-year-olds, and every child put heart and soul into every verse, even the little ones who couldn't possibly be reading the words from the books. One little fellow, with a smile like the rising sun, carried his harmony part sweet and clear above the entire group.

The song service finished, the director took his seat, and the leader of the meeting called for the little girls to come to sing, whereupon

a group of little blossoms, about four to six years of age, took their place and sang "Little Baby Moses," accented by motions of graceful little hands. Next a small boy was called to lead the group in a Bible drill. As the little fellow called out Scripture references, the entire congregation in unison repeated verses and even entire chapters, far beyond what our average adult congregations would be able to do.

At the close of the Bible drill our leader called for the band. A group of well-poised boys and girls took their place with their musical instruments and played several gospel songs. They have been studying music only a short time and are making remarkable progress on their instruments. Others are longing to learn to play instruments, but no more instruments are available. Do you know where we might obtain some for them?

One of the most impressive features of the service came when little Frances was called upon to sing with congregational accompaniment. Truly blonde, dressed in spotless white, she stood before the group, and with marked deliberation sang sweetly and clearly numerous verses of the song, while the youthful congregation harmonized the chorus.

About midway in the service young Chester called his audience to prayer, and down they went before the Lord, and I'm persuaded that sweeter perfume never arose from the rarest garden than ascended to the throne of God that evening. Even tiny voices could be heard above the others, calling, "O Jesus, Jesus."

"Is this their usual service?" we asked the matron, Mrs. Taylor, "or is this something special for the benefit of visitors?" "This is their regular chapel service," she replied.

Prayer time over, little bowed flower heads came up and the service went on. Chester called for the little boys to sing, and a small regiment of little gentlemen marched to the front and sang their song.

One never-to-be-forgotten number was by four-year-old Joyce, who was called upon to lead

Is Your Money in a Napkin?

In Luke 19 we have our Lord's parable of the Ten Pounds. The diligent servants, you will recall, put their master's money to gainful use, and when he returned he was well pleased with them; but one servant kept his master's pound "laid up in a napkin." Was the master pleased with this servant? No, indeed—nor will our Lord be pleased if, when He returns, He finds that some of His servants have kept funds "laid up in a napkin" instead of putting the money to some good use to advance His kingdom.

We are appealing to the Lord's stewards on behalf of the new printing plant, which will enable the Gospel Publishing House to send out the printed gospel message in greater volume than ever. Donations are especially needed at this present time. No contribution can be too small. The need is urgent, and the help of every member in every assembly will be greatly appreciated.

TWO ATTRACTIVE FORMS OF INVESTMENT

Some may have money which is lying idle at the present time, but feel unable to send it as an outright gift. In such cases we suggest investment in **Demand Notes**, which bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum. Money invested in these **Demand Notes** is returnable to the investor on demand.

Others may have money and desire to make a gift to the work of the Lord, but they feel dependent upon that money to furnish an income for as long as they live. To such friends we recommend General Council **Annuities** which bear a higher rate of interest. Money invested in **Annuities** is not returnable, and this form of investment is recommended only for older people who must have a steady and reliable income for life.

Full information concerning either form of investment may be secured from Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

the group in choruses. With proper dignity she took her place, and with brown eyes that couldn't help dancing, and with myriads of captured sunbeams in her curly hair, she waited for hands to be raised for chorus suggestions. Having selected the chorus, Joyce, her tiny self, started singing, and the congregation, again harmonizing, sang most heartily. Why not? For Joyce's dimpled little hand was directing with all the vim and gusto of the most professional chorus director. Over and over she called on her audience for a chorus, and each time she was able to start it, and direct it with a contagious enthusiasm which would have induced any congregation to sing.

A sweet harmony of flowers blended as the girls' quartette was called upon for a selection; these little girls are only about ten to twelve years, but in the home they are known as the "big girls" and accordingly conduct themselves in a manner becoming to any adult quartette.

We meditated for a moment on the fruit which may be developed for the kingdom of God from the blossoms now growing in this fragrant garden.

A Well-Tended Garden

At the sound of a bell, chapel service came to a close, and the children took their places in line to be served their supper. In unison thanksgiving was offered to God for their food. As the plates, filled with wholesome food, were handed to them, we watched almost breathlessly as even the little ones carried them with poise and took their places at small tables.

We observed the supper procedure from the corner table where we were served with Mrs. Taylor. Our hearts were almost too full to desire food. First, we marvelled at the splendid care which is being provided for these boys and girls—the best of food and clothing, education and Christian advantages they never could have had in the ungodly and broken homes from which they have come to live in this lovely garden.

Then came to us the question, "But why can't they have homes of their own, the love and care of Christian parents, a cozy normal home life?" Unrighteousness must be the answer, and our souls bitterly rebelled against sin which takes its toll in heartaches in little lives, which are bewildered and can't understand what it's all about.

"May we go up to see their rooms after supper?" we asked the matron. "We would like to see where they sleep." Dismissed from the dining room, the children went directly to their rooms, except a few small boys who remained to clear the tables.

In the dormitory we were shown an attractive reception room and two libraries, custom built for the needs of boys and girls. One wing of the dormitory provides rooms for the boys, and the other, rooms for the girls. We moved down the hall viewing the tidy rooms furnished with three single beds with flowery bright coverlets, a small desk and chair, and three small wardrobes where each child can care for his or her own clothing.

Three handsome little boys stood or quietly played with some treasured toy in each room of the boys' wing, and three pretty little girls occupied each room in the girls' wing. In each division is a capable house mother, giving to the children all the loving care and patient understanding which could possibly be bestowed upon children who must be deprived of their own parents.

Moving along from the dormitory, we entered the nursery, where we found chubby Joe sobbing himself to sleep because his nurse had to leave him to put other little boys to bed. We soothed the damp curls back from his forehead, cuddled him a little, and with one last heaving sigh, he slipped into sleep. Standing in night clothing in their cribs were small Dale and Tony, their irresistible smiles enticing us over to play with them a moment as we passed by. In other rooms sleepy babies were setting sail for dreamland, and lovely little blossoms folded their petals for the night.

This is our own National Children's Home, owned and operated by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. We are appealing to our Evangel readers, Sunday School classes, young people's groups, Women's Missionary Councils, and to our entire constituency to cooperate with our Department of Benevolences in the maintenance of this home. Boys and girls without any other homes are depending upon us to keep the home open. We can do it, but only with the help of our entire fellowship.

Please send your offerings designated for the National Children's Home to the Department of Benevolences (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

"BEHOLDING THE STEADFASTNESS OF YOUR FAITH"

(Continued from page five)

Let me say it made me question my own heart in a new way!

As Brother Goriatti ushered the officers outside, the Chief turned upon him in anger, "This meeting cannot be held tonight—these people must be sent home immediately!"

"Sir, you cannot do this. We have foreigners with us and what will they think of Rome if you do this?" Brother Goriatti protested.

Suspiciously, the Chief demanded, "Who are these foreigners?"

"Americans who have come to bring our people a special message. So you see this service must be held."

"It matters not who is here. We have orders to close this church and close it we will! No other services must be held!"

"We do not break the law, sir. This is our privilege to hold services."

"Who trained you for a minister? Who has recognized you and the other man as ministers? To lead people you must have qualifications."

"Peter did not have a recognition or special education when he preached. He preached Christ and so do we—and so we will continue to do!"

Exasperated the officers then thundered, "These meetings must cease! You must not have another, do you hear?"

"We will meet Thursday night as usual, the constitution of Italy gives us that right." Brother Goriatti told him in sure tones.

"I will lock these doors."

"We will break the lock!"

"I will place an officer at the door!"

"We will then hold a service in the street!" (This is utterly forbidden.)

"I will arrest everyone of you."

"That is nothing new for us. We have been in prison so many times we feel at home there. Fifty-one of us were once imprisoned. You will have to have many cars to take us."

One of the officers spoke in an aside to the Chief and dismissing the exchange with Brother Goriatti they all pushed forward to the door of the church. I had been asked to sing and before I sang I told them how we were from America and Australia and that the whole world was especially interested in the Pentecostal Church at Rome—how we prayed for this church and watched with interest all of its doings and especially the treatment accorded to them. I then sang while the officers stood with beetle-browed anger and glared at me.

After Brother Sturgeon had prefaced his sermon with remarks in the same vein, he began to preach on Luke 18:1: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

The officers turned to Brother Goriatti again. "All right, you win for tonight. We will allow this meeting to continue but you must pay much money for the privilege! And understand there must be no other meetings held. We will arrest all of you as surely as you do!" With this they were gone.

The service inside progressed very calmly and without excitement. Strict attention was paid to the explanation of the Word. The "Amens" were as fervent as they had been on Sunday night. There was no turning in curiosity to look toward the entrance where their very future existence as a church was being decided. This was not an assumed attitude to cover panic nor was it casual indifference or unconcern. This was the fruit of a complete trust in Christ. They stood upon the Word which said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." Matt. 10:29-31. And again, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." I bowed my heart in humility before their implicit faith.

After the service the congregation crowded around Brother Goriatti and there was much rapid Italian and gesticulating with their hands. The young lady who had interpreted for us turned and said with a smile, which had a look of steel behind it: "We will never submit—if need be we will go back to the catacombs like the early Christians."

A new church is being built in Rome. Will it be allowed to be opened? Will the United Nations Organization be able to bring sufficient pressure on the government to force them to recognize these believers who are so dear to God's heart? Will they gain their constitutional right? The Roman Christians need our prayers—they daily face the dangers of ordeals we consider to belong to the Persecuted Era of Church History. With this I can say from having been an eye-witness—the Church at Rome is still crowned with victory and triumph! Souls are being saved and believers blessed at all times.

Ah, Rome, your day has been long. Your history has been painted with a brush dipped predominantly in the red of human blood, but God has seen and His day is sure. Revelation 18 depicts the end of it all: "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy prophets: God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city . . . be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."



NEWS FLASHES

Servicemen's Division:

Killeen, Texas (near Camp Hood)—Word received from Service Center Director Henry Price tells of the opening on July 15 and reports that over 2,500 came through the center during the first 15 days. Souls already being saved and blessed.

Ex-Chaplain Farrell E. Evans is now serving as field representative for the Division. He is visiting the churches in the northwest states at present.

Twelve new servicemen's tracts, to be known as the E. X. Private series, are off the press and samples have been sent to 1,200 chaplains for subsequent orders to be furnished free of cost by the Division.

Speed-The-Light Division:

Since the inception of this program well over \$550,000.00 has come in for the purchase of transportation, radio, or printing equipment to be used by foreign missionaries. To our knowledge, this achievement surpasses anything undertaken by the youth department of any other denomination. To God be the glory.

To date, 434 pieces of transportation equipment have been purchased. Included in this list is the Missionary Airliner, the "Ambassador."

A new project is being undertaken at present by the Christ's Ambassadors—the purchase of a printing press and cutter to be used in the Gospel Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; cost \$8,000.00.

National Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, October 16, is just around the corner. Special publicity materials will be in the hands of all pastors before October 2.

Our goal for 1949 is \$200,000.00.

College Fellowship:

The 1949-50 school term will be the third year in which the C. A. Department has car-

ried on a spiritual ministry to college youth. From 160 on mailing list the first year, it increased to 239 last year. This year will show an even greater increase, providing you send the C. A. Department (434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.) the name of your loved one who is leaving for college. (Use the form provided at the bottom of the page.) Attractively prepared bulletins, tracts, and occasional copies of the C. A. Herald are sent to give spiritual encouragement to these grand young people away from home and church.

Teen-Age Program:

A completely new program geared for teenagers will be available some time in October. It will encompass a fourfold program: 1—getting (evangelism); 2—keeping (fellowship activities); 3—training (achievement); 4—using (Christian service). A program to train sponsors for this specialized ministry is being released at the same time.

Youth Camps:

Undoubtedly 1949 has proved the greatest year to date in this field of ministry. Reports from camps held in the north, south, east, and west tell of God's blessings upon the young people gathered to receive more of God and to learn how to live a victorious Christian life. A full report of spiritual results will be given at a later date.

National Organization:

The C.A.'s now are 75,000 strong, with a total of 3,360 C. A. groups, and a district Christ's Ambassadors president for each of the 41 districts (of these, 20 are full-time representatives).

This year a National Certificate of Fellowship has been made available for all districts to issue to Christ's Ambassadors groups. This much-needed form has met with hearty response on the field.

National C. A. Day last March 20 showed the greatest response ever received to date from C. A. groups. Over \$6,000.00 was given to help support the National C. A. Department.

Pray for the General Council Sessions, Seattle, Sept. 8-15.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD

(Continued from page four)

a glorious garden, more beautiful than Eden. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. It doth not yet appear what we shall be. But believe that through the blessed work of the Spirit of the Lord, and through the mighty power of His Word, you shall be made like unto the Lord, altogether lovely. "We shall be like Him." 1 John 3:2—S. H. F.

Among the Assemblies

PICHER, OKLA.—We just closed a 3-week revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. William Knisal of Joplin, Mo. We had a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Fifteen were saved, and 17 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many in the church prayed through. We truly enjoyed the blessings of the Lord.—H. W. Horn, Pastor.

ARKOMA, OKLA.—We recently closed a 2-week revival campaign here with Evangelist Chas. E. Shields and Frank J. Wagner of Gardena, Calif. Both are old-time Pentecostal preachers, having been in the Pentecostal movement for over thirty years. Our church was blessed by their preaching. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Ed. Williamson, Pastor.

BONIFAY, FLA.—We recently conducted a very successful revival meeting at the New Smyrna Assembly of God, with Evangelist John D. Williams of Augusta, Ga. A goodly number were saved, and 11 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. We had testimonies of definite healings. Our Sunday School attendance reached 193 both Sundays. We praise God for this precious revival.—R. N. Peel, Pastor, Panama City, Fla.

NAPAVINE, WASH.—During our recent 15-day meeting with Evangelist Zelma Argue of Los Angeles, Calif., God favored us with a heavenly visitation. The services were often said to resemble a miniature camp meeting. Every night pastors and saints from many towns around, including the cities of Centralia and Chehalis, were present and entered wholeheartedly into the services. The great spirit of love and unity that prevailed, as well as the liberty and moving of the Spirit, were much commented upon. Night by night, the altars were filled, sinners were saved, hungry heart filled, sick healed, and the saints of God encouraged. Two elderly men, both residents of the community, and both well known, found their lives transformed. To see them with shining faces and uplifted hands, along with the younger folk who had given their hearts to the Lord, was a sight that melted all who beheld it. A man, in the handling of a great log, became seriously injured. We were called for prayer, and a notable deliverance took place as we prayed. Everyone rejoiced when he returned to give thanks in the public services.—Jens C. Jensen, Pastor.

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KENNEDY—Andrew J. Kennedy of Kingsport, Tenn., went to be with Christ on June 26, 1949. Brother Kennedy was ordained as a minister in 1916. Most of his preaching was done in Virginia where he served as an evangelist and pastor. He is survived by his widow.

MILLER—Ruth A. Miller, the wife of Z. P. Miller, of San Jose, Calif., went into the presence of her Lord on July 16, 1949. Sister Miller was an ordained minister in the General Council, and was co-pastor at various points in northern California with her husband who survives.

PIX—Another one of our ministers who passed away recently was Clarence W. Pix, of South San Gabriel, Calif. Brother Pix was ordained in 1920, and ministered in various states. He was a member of the Southern California District Council at the time of his death on July 23, 1949. He is survived by his wife.

BRAESIDE PENTECOSTAL CAMP

Paris, Ontario, Canada

As the 1949 Camp comes to a close and we review the work of God in our midst this year, we feel like exclaiming, "What hath God wrought!" This has proved to be one of the largest camps in our history. Well over 5,000 people were on the grounds on the second Sunday. Over 200 genuine conversions were recorded, with a very large number of backsliders also coming back to the Lord; 104 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and quite a large number testified to healing.

We had a splendid group of workers, with a lovely spirit of unity prevailing all over the grounds. Martin Luther Davidson of Houston, Texas, was the evening speaker, and God richly blessed his ministry in the salvation of souls. G. F. Lewis of Springfield, Mo., was the morning Bible teacher, and large crowds came to the morning services to hear his faithful ministry of the Word. Ira Stanphill of Springfield was our camp song leader, and all were greatly blessed by his ministry in music and song. There were many other visiting ministers, including Brother du Plessis, Secretary of the Pentecostal World Fellowship, and Len Jones from Australia, internationally known evangelist. The Missionary Rally on the closing Sunday proved a great blessing; it was led by the General Superintendent of the P.A.O.C., C. B. Smith, with Brother and Sister Piper of the British West Indies speaking on behalf of our missionaries.

We give God all the glory for His rich blessing in our midst in this camp.—J. H. Blair, District Superintendent.

LA GRANGE, KY.—This little church was one year old on July 3, 1949, and the many Christian friends of Fay Hodges, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lakeland, Fla., will be interested in the progress of her missionary effort here. Sister Hodges came here by divine direction in June, 1948, to begin the missionary work God had laid on her heart. The people did not know about the Pentecostal teachings. However, God began to move, people became interested and began asking questions and discussing this "new doctrine" all over town. Miss Hodges received many requests to preach on the Baptism in the Holy Ghost "like you teach it." By mid-autumn there were about 15 new converts seeking the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. In December the building of a basement church was completed.

Twenty-six have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 7 more who have been saved are seeking their Baptism, and 2 are praying to be saved. The church was set in order as a dependent assembly February 11, 1949, by A. C. Trimble, who was Superintendent of the Kentucky District Council at that time.

Most of these young Christians are steady and faithful in church attendance and witnessing to others. They have been thoroughly schooled in the importance and efficacy of prayer, especially intercessory prayer, and they are a group of real prayer warriors, each one seeming to feel his great responsibility in the battle against the powers of darkness. God is blessing mightily in most of our services, and many others are looking this way, expressing their belief in the full gospel and promising that sometime they will come and give their hearts to God. Pray for the work here.—Opal Jackson Gruner, Secretary; Fay Hodges, Pastor; P.O. Box 51, La Grange, Ky.

TALLADEGA, ALA.—We have just closed one of the best revival meetings Talladega has ever witnessed, with Evangelist Ethelyn Zellers of Phenix City. One received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 4 were saved, and backsliders were brought under conviction. The church was stirred as the anointed messages were preached, and there is a revival spirit in our assembly. Every department of our church was blessed by the anointed ministry of Brother and Sister Zellers. There were four definite healings in our divine healing services.—DeWitt Smith, Pastor.

BILOXI, MISS.—In July, 1948, we accepted the pastorate of the Central Assembly of God in this city. The Sunday School had an attendance of about 60, with an average of 43. We have had the following evangelists in meetings: Bob Bryson and Kenney Foreman, Paul Hild, Christian Hild, William E. Smith, Nolan E. Lee, and Gayle Jackson. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. In the last meeting, which was conducted by Brother Jackson, many were healed and we had over 100 come into our Assembly.

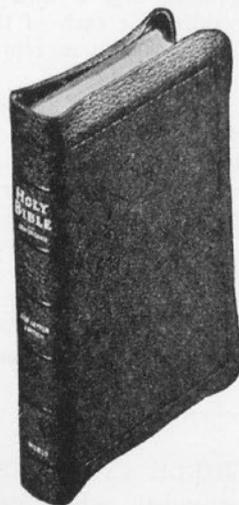
In the twelve months we have been here, we have purchased two Sunday School buses, and made improvements on the church. There are over 60 C.A.'s now, and our Sunday School attendance is over 300. On Sunday, July 17, we had 314 present. God has moved upon the hearts of the people in this city. All the praise we give to God.—Douglas Carroll, Pastor.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

We have just closed our Fourth Annual Western North Carolina Camp Meeting. The Lord met us in a great way. Thomas B. Don Carlos was the evangelist, and Andrew Stirling was the Bible teacher. A great number were saved, and 15 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. It has been the best camp we have had yet. We have purchased a lovely camp site on the Cullasaja River, and are looking forward to a great camp next year. All are cordially invited to come to the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.—Fred Sorrells, Camp Manager.

MONROE, LA.—We have just closed a wonderful 3-week revival meeting at the Central Assembly of God, conducted by two young evangelists, Talmadge Ford McNabb, Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn., and Ralph Elmore, Box 228, Ferriday, La., known as the "Gospel Jubilee Duet." Every night the services were blessed with good interest, spiritual singing, and praying that was anointed of the Lord. The presence of the Lord was gloriously manifested in the meetings from time to time, with the saints shouting and praising the Lord, and a number being saved and filled with the Spirit. At the close of the revival, 3 were added to the church roll. Our church is growing and showing good progress and increase, for which we are grateful to the Lord.—L. O. Waldon, Pastor.

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

PARAMOUNT (HYNES), CALIF.—Assembly of God, Sept. 11—; Evangelist and Mrs. M. Lefkovitz. —Ralph E. Lotridge, Pastor.

HOLIDAY, TEXAS—Assembly of God, Aug. 21—Sept. 4; N. W. Brooks of Wichita Falls, Evangelist. —Manuel F. Hankins, Pastor.

RICE LAKE, WIS.—Annual Labor Day Fellowship Meeting, Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 5. Services 2:30, 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. W. E. Wood of Racine, evening speaker.—O. W. Apple, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Seventh Annual Camp Meeting, North Side Assembly of God, 307 W. Exchange, Aug. 26—Sept. 4. George Hayes, night speaker. J. T. Jones, day speaker.—Jacob Filbert, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Trinity Assembly of God, Harford Rd. and Parkside Drive, Sept. 11—Oct. 2. Louise Nankivell of Chicago, Ill., Evangelist. Services every night at 8 p.m., except Saturday. Prayer for the sick in every service. Take No. 19 car to Parkside Dr.—A. H. Clattenburg, Pastor, 3505 Gibbons Ave.

PIGGOTT, ARK.—Open-Air Revival Meeting in progress, First Assembly of God, on Highway I. E. Thomas Hickerson and Walter H. Stewart, of Southern California, Evangelists. Paul Miller is Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Tabernacle, 12th and C Sts., S. W., Sept. 3—; W. S. Barham, Houston, Texas, Evangelist. Labor Day Rally, Sept. 5. Urge your friends or relatives living in the city to attend these meetings. Address: 230 12th St., S.W., (4). —Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor, 412 Douglas St., N. E. (17).

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in the Civic 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.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

PASADENA, CALIF.—Missionary Convention, Trinity Full Gospel Church, 140 N. Oak Knoll Ave.; Aug. 30, for one week. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clark, main speakers. Other speakers will include Florence Munger, missionary to Nicaragua, Eunice and Allene Reist, missionaries to the Kentucky Mountains. Other missionaries in this vicinity invited to attend. S. Paul Carlyss is Pastor.

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP RALLY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

Civic Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Okla., October 18—20, 1949. Prominent speakers from the larger Pentecostal bodies for all services, beginning Tuesday night, October 18. For information send postage stamps to R. O. Corvin, Route 3, Box 692, Oklahoma City, Okla., or V. H. Ray, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Alabama District Council will convene at the District Camp Grounds, Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 4—6. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker. District Presbyters and Resolutions Committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. For reservations write Carl E. Perry, Host Pastor, 24 Polk St., Montgomery, Ala. For further information write T. H. Spence, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 2171, Montgomery, Ala., or Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary, P. O. Box 276, Slocumb, Ala.

THE SPIRIT HIMSELF, by Ralph M. Riggs

The author begins with the Person of the Holy Spirit, His nature and work. Then follows the office and function of the Holy Spirit through the Old Testament, in the time of Christ, and in the Church today. Brother Riggs includes several chapters which deal with the Spirit's work in individual lives, and ends his new book with a discussion of the gifts in 1 Cor. 12. Cloth \$2.00.



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ST. LOUIS, MO.—Dedication of Educational Building, Southside Assembly of God, 7300 Virginia Ave., Aug. 29. Services 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dedication in afternoon service; Bert Webb, special speaker. All welcome.—V. L. Hertweck, Pastor.

NATIONAL S. S. ASSOCIATION

Fourth Annual Convention of the National Sunday School Association, Auditorium Theatre, Oakland, Calif., October 10—13. Speakers include H. H. Savage, Miss Henrietta Mears, L. David Cowie, A. S. London, and Harold Chalfant. The convention will open Monday night. Departmental sessions will be conducted by specialists of various denominations, including the Assemblies of God.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—108 N. Cedar, Hoisington, Kansas. "We are now pastoring the Assembly of God here."—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Friesen.

NEW ADDRESS—703 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, Calif. "After 9 months in the evangelistic field, I have accepted the pastorate of the Hermosa Gospel Tabernacle here."—J. Van Oosbree.

NOTICE—After pastoring the Assembly of God at Worthington, Minn., for the past 5 years, I have resigned to enter the evangelistic field.—Lloyd Christiansen, 5717 Morgan Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

NEW ADDRESS—1998 Gaffney Way, Grants Pass, Ore. "After 10 years of missionary and pastoral services in Alaska, we shall answer the numerous calls already received for evangelistic meetings."—James M. Reb.

BROADCAST—Listen to "Music with a Message" over Station KSPA, Santa Paula, Calif., 1400 kc., 9:00—9:30 a.m. A program of music that lifts, and preaching that lasts. Also on Saturdays, 6:45—7:00 p.m., "Religion in the News," same station.—Paul M. Wells, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—Van Buren, Mo. "We have accepted the pastorate of the Assembly of God here."—Clarence Love.

NEW ADDRESS—General Delivery, Beggs, Okla. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—Pastor and Mrs. J. R. Harris and Family.

NEW ADDRESS—3432 E. Fillmore, Phoenix, Ariz. "We have resigned the pastorate of Glad Tidings Assembly in San Diego, and have accepted a call to Bethel Assembly, 9th and Oak Sts., in Phoenix."—Mr. and Mrs. John C. Poteet.

NEW ADDRESS—After pastoring Barton's Chapel for a prosperous year, we have resigned and have accepted the duties as pastors of the Mankin Assembly, Route 1, Trinidad, Texas.—Pastor and Mrs. G. M. Willis.

NEW ADDRESS—6436 Madrid Drive, San Diego 5, Calif. "I have accepted the pastorate of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 38th and Wightman Sts., San Diego, Calif."—A. Keene Moore.

NEW ADDRESS—After two years of ministry as pastor of Trinity Tabernacle, Baytown, Texas, I have re-entered the evangelistic field. Address: Route 1, Madisonville, Texas. Am now booking meetings for 1950.—Clyde C. Gore.

OPEN FOR CALLS Evangelistic

Joe H. Wooldridge, 306 E. Sixth St., Jacksonville 6, Fla.—"I have resigned the pastorate of the Riverside Church, and am open for evangelistic calls. Will go anywhere."

C. L. Williams, 1922 Quacker St., CMR 30, Pekin, Ill.—"My wife and I are open for evangelistic calls anywhere in the U.S.A. My wife plays guitar and sings specials. In fellowship with Illinois District Council."