

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

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*It pleased God . . . to reveal His  
Son in me. Gal. 1:15, 16.*

"Not merely in the words you say,  
Not only in your deeds con-  
fessed,  
But in the most unconscious way  
Is Christ expressed.

"For me 'twas not the truth you  
taught,  
To you so clear, to me so dim,  
But when you came to me you  
brought  
A sense of Him.

"And from your eyes He beck-  
ons me,  
And from your heart His love  
is shed,  
Till I lose sight of you and see  
The Christ instead."

# Humility

P. S. Jones

● IT IS EASIER to write about humility than to cultivate it successfully in the groundwork of life.

Pride, the consuming sin of the world, is a big contributing factor in the spiritual powerlessness of the church.

A pompous prelate of any Christian church is a hideous apparition in divine light. A gorgeously attired ecclesiastical hierarchy is but buffoonery in God's holy sight. Magnificent ritual is a stage-managed endeavor to camouflage a lost reality, and passion plays are but the confession of spiritual poverty. Immediately spiritual anointing, in visible and tangible evidence, is removed from God's people, artful trick acting by defeated clerics are put on the stage to deceive the people as to the terrible loss sustained when the Spirit of God no longer manifests Himself in the church.

Humility is a basic virtue. All the graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit grow out of humble soil. The outstanding characteristic in the life of the Lord Jesus was His humility. Coequal with God, yet He humbled Himself to the depths of divinely designed humiliation. *He was lowly in heart.* The praise of men left Him unaffected. He shunned notoriety. He used no self-advertising methods in His ministry. Neither the flattery of friends nor the abuse of foes moved Him from His chosen course. He was silent amid the noisy clamorings of false accusers. His seeming degradation as a common criminal produced no retaliation; the only heart cry from His sacred lips came when He sensed that the Father's smile was removed while atonement was being fully paid.

Repentance, after all, represents the humble attitude of a soul in acknowledgment of the Holy Spirit's conviction concerning his sinful state. Gospel truth is filled with facts relating themselves to man's desperate need of God. Until a man is set right in his thinking, he is always self-satisfied, proud of many things. The world applauds human achievement. It is delighted to announce the power of self-expression. Men of the world, expert in many pursuits, put on high pedestals those who may be termed geni.

It might sound wrong to say that God is not interested at all in human genius; nevertheless, His chief concern is for the expression of "Christ in us, the hope of glory." Jesus said, "The least shall be greatest," and the Scripture warns, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

There is reason to believe that this vast universe was primarily disturbed and frightfully desecrated through PRIDE. Satan, the lovely cherub, son of the morning, electing to think more highly of himself than he should have thought, was deceived into leading rebellion in heaven. God moved quickly to dethrone the self-exalted creature, setting in motion plans for his final banishment and for the cleansing of the universe.

God's Book has many illustrations making known the principle that victory comes through humble submission, and defeat through rebellion. The major portion of this world's boasted educational system, which is exalted by both pagan and Christian, does little more than feed the human "ego." It rejects divine revelation and mocks the atoning Blood. God calls an unregenerate man a "worm," but man calls himself a "god." The Scripture cannot be ignored which says that "the carnal mind is enmity against God." Human parrots are fond of repeating from memory the false conclusions of earth's philosophers and pseudo-scientists; they would sooner quote from the libraries of men than from the counsels of the living God.

Saul, the first king of Israel, did exceedingly well when he was little in his own sight; but when he was lifted up with pride, he began his downward career which ended in a suicide's grave. When Samson held in humble righteousness the power given him for exploits, he was able to do the will of God in the destruction of Israel's enemies; but when the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life caused him to forget his Nazarite vows and to rebel against God's order of holiness, his eyes were gouged out, his hair was shorn—and he became a sport of the heathen. King Solomon, endowed by God with wisdom and wealth, played the harlot with such gifts, and wasted his life seeking his

own pleasure instead of living in humble obedience to the revealed will of God. The apostle Peter proudly declared that if everyone else quit his Master, he was the one man upon whom the Lord could depend. Such a proud assertion envisaged defeat, for he soon wept in disgrace after the crow in signal of pride brought low.

Christian nations have arisen, under the providence of God, to serve His purpose in the propagation of the gospel. In humble dependence on God, kings, presidents and statesmen have pursued their national and international policies, under the good hand of our God. History will bear this out. Germany rose to greatness by reason of its godly background. Great Britain has to thank her Bible-loving people and governments for her imperial prestige. Her terrible days have been when God was forgotten—and who knows the awful days which are ahead? America owes her success to the Pilgrim Fathers, and their simple trust in God.

The wise of this world pride themselves on their learning. Even gospel preachers sometimes think more of earned or purchased degrees than of God's anointing. The moneyed man revels in the pride of possession. Pride erects its ugly head in every stratum of society.

A man was dying. There was a hush in the sickroom. But coming close to the great divide that man was more concerned about his funeral than about the hereafter. The boastful nature in life was evidenced in death, and the instructions given with shortening breath were governed by selfish impulses concerning his burial.

General Naaman, stricken by a deadly disease, found his pride terribly hurt when God's prophet refused to be duly impressed with his visitor's importance. The eminent Syrian soldier nearly missed his healing and a divine revelation because his pride was offended. Criticism is aimed at such absurdity but similar pitiful dramas are re-enacted every day in church and home.

There is a greater danger facing individual Christians than that of pride. Self-importance is a fatal tendency, which if not sensed and repented of, must of necessity lead to spiritual disaster. Ministerial pride will miss the touch of God in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. Church elegance in pride of possession must eventually result in "Icha-bod" being written by God's finger over its portals. Ministerial fellowship bonds will lose the golden tinge of love's devotion if pride cracks the whip on its affections.

To be humble, and to keep humble, demands the closest and most prayerful attention. Our spiritual success will never

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# Heaven and Hell

\* G. Vermeulen

● WE KNOW THAT everyone has to die, except those people who are alive and ready when Jesus returns. All the people of the past generations have had to die with the exception of only two people (Elijah and Enoch) who were translated to glory. I believe God took those two home in that way just to prove that when Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven the saints can be translated without dying. But all the rest of the people have had to die, so we might just as well prepare for it. The Word of God says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment," and we do not know how soon our time may come.

Some people do not believe there is a judgment. They believe that everything stops at the grave. They do not expect any life after death. Such is the reasoning of the natural man; but the spiritual man can see beyond the grave. We who are born again can look across the river of death, and can see the beauties of heaven awaiting us on the other side.

"But who ever returned from the dead to tell us what it is like beyond the grave?" some might ask. Friends, I know such a Person. I am well acquainted with Him; He is a very intimate friend of mine. He was dead, and He is risen. He came out of the grave, and He lives today, and he says, "I am alive forevermore." His name is Jesus, and He gives us a true report of what happens after death.

Death is the separation of the spirit from the body. The body is just a temporary dwelling for the spirit. The apostle Paul calls it a temple, or a tabernacle. In our African Bible the apostle's word is translated "tent." He says the body is just a tent. Everyone knows that a tent is just a temporary dwelling. The spirit of man is made for a place more permanent than a tent. We are just here in this earthly realm in a temporary capacity. Even if we should live to be a hundred years old, what is such a span compared with eternity? It is just a very brief stop-over, and the day must come when the spirit leaves the body and goes on. The body falls asleep, but the spirit lives on.

People sometimes argue and say, "Well, I don't believe a man can go to hell, because he is dead. How can he feel the burning of the flames when he

is dead?" But their arguments are not logical. I will put it to you this way. You have often had a bad dream. You dreamed that you were in difficulty, you were in danger, you got hurt, you had to flee for your life. Some fierce animal was chasing you, and when you woke up you were wet with perspiration and you said, "Oh, thank God, this was only a dream." You never fled from an animal, but you suffered nevertheless. You see, it's the spirit that suffers. And if the only way that sin was punished was by the spirit suffering, as in a dream, then I would shun sin as much as possible.

I have had the privilege of attending the deathbeds of saints, and I have also attended the deathbeds of unbelievers. What a difference! I stood at a deathbed of a young man who was unsaved, and the very last words that I heard him utter were a curse. He cursed until he could speak no more, until his voice faded away. I stood by the deathbed of another man, who was a musician. He



played the violin for dances. In his delirium he imagined he was playing dance music until he could play no more, until his voice faded away, and his hands dropped, lifeless. It's horrible to think that a person should go that way; but as a man lives, so shall he die.

But thank God, there is a better side. Not long ago, I was called out in the early hours of the morning to the deathbed of a dear old lady. When I came in, her husband said, "My wife is now unconscious. She doesn't recognize us any more." I looked at her, and her eyes were wide open, but they were dull, and she was looking straight up. As she lay on her back a smile would come on her face and she would put out her hands and grasp at something, with such a beautiful smile on her face! She kept on grasping until eventually her arms just fell back onto her breast, and she was gone,

with a smile still on her face. What did she grasp at? I believe she grasped at the angels that came to fetch her.

The angels fetched the beggar Lazarus when he died, and carried him into the bosom of Abraham. The story is told in Luke 16:20-31. The rich man died and there was a big funeral. Perhaps very much was said about his goodness, his kindness, and his popularity, but the people who stood around the grave very little realized that this man was in torment. He opened his eyes in hell. But Lazarus was comforted, he was happy. It was the angels of God that fetched him away, and I believe it was the angels of God that fetched that dear old sister away as she passed into glory with a smile on her face.

I have found out that unbelievers have a great fear of death. When they think they must die, they become desperate, while believers are just the opposite. I have been pastoring for many years and I have had quite a bit of experience with older people. Sometimes they are a little sick, perhaps with just a cold, and when I ask, "Well, how are you, Brother or Sister?" then they talk about going home. "I'm just tired of this old world, and I want to go home now." Well, they have somewhere to go, you see. But others don't want to go on because they have no such hope, and they prefer to live in this old casket of flesh no matter how shabby and battered it may be.

One day I had to rebuke one of our brothers severely. He was very ill, and I went to pray for him. He said, "Well, Brother, my work is done and I want to go home now." Then the Lord led me to say to him, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself to want to run away now and leave us in the lurch with all this work. Who's going to do your work? You're not going home, my boy, you're going to stay here. We're going to pray for you, and God's going to heal you." We prayed for him, and God healed him. He's alive today, and he's doing a great work for God. But he wanted to die. Why? Because he knew he had a home waiting for him.

I have known many like that who wanted to go home, just for the smallest little illness, and I ascribe it to the fact that they have a home to go to. I take it this way: If a lady were living in a very delapidated little house with very poor ventilation and no air conditioning at all, and they were building a new home for her just over the street, a home with all modern conveniences, she would be watching the progress of their building every day. She would be urging those builders to get that building finished, and I imagine she might not even give them a chance to complete it properly before some

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# The Discerning of Spirits

● JONAH SAT on the mount that overlooked Nineveh, expecting the city to be overthrown. He did not weep for them. He did not travail in spirit. But he watched as a callous spectator might watch two angry dogs fighting, interested in the beastly spectacle but with no tenderness of spirit for all the pain that was being inflicted by one animal on the other.

But there was One who looked down from heaven, who had compassion. He sought to teach His prophet a lesson. It was hot upon that mountainside, and the prophet was glad for a gourd under whose shade he was able to rest, sheltered from the hot rays of the sun. But the Lord prepared a worm that began to destroy the gourd. Then He sent a vehement wind which completed the work, and Jonah was left upon the mount under the searching rays of that hot sun, till his whole body was faint with the heat. Then the Lord spoke unto him and said, "Thou hast had compassion on the gourd but thou hast had no compassion upon the many who know not how to discern between the right hand and the left."

And that same One looked down upon the multitudes of Judea and had compassion as He saw them as sheep without a shepherd, not discerning that which was right, not discerning that which was wrong, oppressed by evil spirits, oppressed by him who is the very essence of callousness—the devil, who has no love for those made in the image of God. But this One who has compassion and discerns the condition of those whom He came to save, desires His children who are filled with the Spirit to have discernment that they might recognize both that which is good and that which is evil. There is an express warning given by the Spirit, that many (not a few, but many) false spirits are going forth, many false prophets, evil spirits that would deceive if it were possible the very elect—subtle spirits, and the leaders need to discern, in order to keep the flocks from the wolves.

Paul recognized the danger and warned the elders of Ephesus that in their midst would rise some with a proud spirit,

wanting pre-eminence, but there would also come in those who were grievous wolves. He saw behind the outward garb and the feigned humility and the glib words that these would speak, the wolf spirit that would devour the flock. And he warned the overseers lest these wolves come in and destroy those for whom the Shepherd died.

The Lord Jesus looked behind the kingly garb and the outward appearance of the pompous Herod, and recognized the spirit of the fox beneath, and said, "Go tell that fox." And He would have His own discern the fox spirit, the wolf spirit, the ravenous spirit, the spirit that has no compassion, that would feed itself and destroy the flock.

When the Lord was going through Samaria there was opposition. Those Samaritans had not kindness toward the Jew, and James and John were disturbed. They wanted a miracle wrought, that fire should come down from heaven and consume these unkind Samaritans. But they received rebuke from the Master. He recognized their spirit and said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." He did not want the spirit of judgment to be in His own, or a legalistic spirit. The law came by Moses, but He brought grace. He was gracious and compassionate. He was going to Calvary to die for all, to send them forth to proclaim (not merely to Jew, but to Greek and barbarian as well) the infinite gospel of His grace, that all should repent. He had a heart of compassion for those of Samaria. He purposed that Samaria should not be forgotten, that this gospel should be preached in Jerusalem, Judea, and in Samaria.

He rebuked that narrow, sectarian, nationalistic spirit; a spirit that is dominant today. And in His new covenant, the covenant sealed with His own precious blood and sprinkled with the same, He has promised to take away the heart of stone, the stony heart that hates all mankind. Men call themselves patriotic and cheer their own flags, and they hate those who had the accident of being born in other lands. He would take away that heart of stone and give a tender heart of

flesh. He would take away that spirit which would bring down heaven's fire upon those of other nationalities; and put within the spirit of meekness, grace, compassion, and love. Yea, He would give His own precious Holy Spirit. He wrought a miracle in the hearts of the sons of Zebedee; He made them men of love and compassion. And John went down with Peter to Samaria to pray heaven's best instead of heaven's judgment upon them, that they might be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Lord would have His own to discern the spirit of grace, the meek and quiet spirit, the tender spirit. The disciples were suspicious of him who had been before a blasphemer and a persecutor, but Barnabas discerned the spirit of the Lamb in Saul, and brought him to the brethren who were filled with suspicion, and they recognized the grace that was upon him. The Lord would not have His people filled with suspicion, but He would have them discern His grace upon those He has redeemed, and upon those He has chosen to be vessels unto honor. But He would have them watchful against those who come in with a legalistic spirit to take His sheep from the sweet pastures of grace into the barren wilderness of legalism where they would die for lack of sustenance.

There are some who come to believe the gospel, who would affiliate with the people of God, but they are not set free from the spirit that dominated them in the old days. Such was Simon the sorcerer. He believed the message of Philip, he was baptized and was one in the community of the saints in Samaria. But there was still that old proud, dominating spirit, a spirit full of ambition that possessed him in the early days when men said of him, "This is the great power of God." But Peter discerned the spirit that dominated him, and the sorcerer asked for prayer. There is deliverance for those who have been possessed by a wrong spirit, who will humble themselves and ask for the prayers of God's saints. But there is an evil spirit that remains proud and unteachable, that will pile up arguments that it is all right, a spirit of pride that esteems its own opinion better than that of others, a spirit that despises the counsel of old and mature men of God, a proud and haughty spirit that is destined for a great fall.

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# Five Factors in Building Sunday School Attendance

W. A. Brown

● THE TERM, *dynamic movements*, is often heard today. What do these words mean? Simply stated, these movements are an active force in the world. They are not standing still. They do not merely possess the possibilities of action. They act! They are moving forward.

## The Holy Spirit

When Christ filled the Church with His Holy Spirit on the great Pentecostal Day, the results were the *Acts* of the Apostles. That church was a dynamic force for righteousness in an evil world. The Pentecostal outpouring of our century is also a dynamic movement. Who of us has not been stirred by the mighty working of the Holy Spirit? His power has been gloriously manifest and the resulting growth of God's work has been phenomenal. The world has not been left without a testimony of the greatness of Christ's gospel, and multitudes have surrendered as its message has been presented in the power of the Holy Spirit. All glory be to God for the dynamic force of the Pentecostal blessing.

October has been set aside as "NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN MONTH." Such a campaign is entirely in keeping with the spiritual blessings we have received, for our Sunday schools have felt the wonderful impact of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The burden for souls has impelled our movement to bring in the young and old of our land that they might be taught the wonderful story of Christ and His salvation. The command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and we have rightly interpreted it to include our parishes with their teeming multitudes who are without the benefits of home religious training or the background of the teachings of the church. There is no better way to rebuild the broken spiritual foundations of our communities than to build up the attendance of our Sunday schools and to follow up with a spiritually intelligent teaching ministry.

## Faith

Faith is one of the greatest boosters of Sunday school attendance. In many situations defeatism has taken over and it is commonly said, "We have tried all methods and they have failed. Our locality is a most difficult one. Everyone is discouraged." Then in the goodness of God some pastor has taken charge or some Sunday School Superintendent has been selected who really believes that God is great enough for all difficulties—big and little—and that He will make a way to success. Our country has great numbers of Sunday schools in so-called burned-over, gospel-hardened territory that have had a real resurrection when leadership has been fired with the truth that IT CAN BE DONE.

## Work

But faith must be teamed up with work. It is not without reason that we speak of our religious education program as Sunday school

work. None of God's work, including Sunday work, succeeds on the momentum of past success. To maintain present attendance and to attain new goals demands the presence of every Christian in Sunday school, and the energetic luring of our families, neighbors, friends and business associates to the house of God for the study of the Word each Lord's Day. A constant visitation program to round up absentees and to invite prospective Sunday school students is a necessity. House-to-house visitation is a tried and true method of building up attendance. The use of our automobiles, busses and other means of conveyance for this service will enormously aid. Cheerful, hard, earnest work will do wonders in any Sunday school's attendance problem.

## Zeal

It was our Lord who said, "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up." A good attendance program is well-saturated with zeal. Bible zeal means to be hot, that is "to boil as a liquid, or to glow as a solid." Boil and glow! Ah, that is it: to be so freshly filled with the Holy Spirit that from our lives there proceeds a warm divine enthusiasm that makes us boil over in activity and to glow with the radiance of the Divine Presence. The mere mechanics of Sunday school work will fail us, but mechanics plus zeal is a most contagious thing. No Sunday School attendance program should lack the precious element of Spirit-filled zeal.

A full-orbed attendance program requires that attention be given to the Sunday school session itself. Are its worship sessions interesting and helpful, and above all, spiritual? Are our teachers well versed in the Bible, and do they with true understanding of human nature teach their classes? Has proper grouping of pupils been arranged so that the teacher ministers to good advantage? It will be difficult to keep up increased attendance if these and other details of the Sunday school period itself are not made as attractive as possible. One may induce his friend to lunch at a certain restaurant, but it will be hard to make him a steady customer if the food is poor, the service is disorderly, and the premises untidy. Care counts greatly, and especially in Sunday school.

## Prayer

Finally, increased attendance is a direct result of the spiritual blessings which the members of the Sunday school receive. And that brings to us the all-important ministry of



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prayer. Prayer changes things; and as pastors, officers, teachers and all the saved members pray, God will come on the scene. Souls will be saved. Christians will receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Rugged Christian character will be developed. And then? Why, these newly blessed members in turn will be inspired to go out and bring others in. Thus with renewed recruits, God's work will continue to grow in numerical growth and spiritual power.

(For information on how to conduct an enlargement campaign in your Sunday school, write the Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.)

## WHAT A CONTRAST

Byron wrote before he died:

*"My days are in the yellow leaf;  
The flowers and fruits of love are gone;  
The worm, the canker, and the grief  
Are mine alone!"*

Paul wrote just before he died: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

## HUMILITY

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be the result of carnal pressure, nor will it depend entirely on our real humility; for every true Christian will know by the Word and by experience that "power belongeth unto God" and therefore to Him must be ascribed all the praise and glory for everything done for eternity.—*Pentecostal Testimony.*

He that is down need fear no fall.

He that is low no pride;

He that is humble ever shall

Have God to be his guide.

—John Bunyan.

# Who by Searching Can Find Out God?

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● THE BIBLE says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the earth showeth His handiwork." The heavens and the earth are the creation of God, but who can fathom the depth of His wisdom or the greatness of His power? We become more and more perplexed as man is able increasingly to explore the unknown. Astronomers now say they can take pictures of worlds millions of light years from the earth, but can find no end to the universe. This takes us beyond the comprehension of man. Who but a Supreme Being could have brought all this into being, and who but such a one as He could keep things moving through the ages as they do?

As the Psalmist considered these things he said, "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast made, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou visitest him?" He was overwhelmed at the magnitude of the universe that he knew and the greatness of Him who created it. I must confess that, when I read of the immensity of the universe, I sometimes think, "How can a God of such a universe give consideration to me; and how can He take an interest in the most minute creatures of our earth?" Yet He has said that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without His knowledge, and has told us, "Thou art of more value than many sparrows."

Let us now turn our thoughts from the vast creation to the Bible, the Book of revelation. God, who created all things, has shown His interest in man by giving to man a revelation concerning God, concerning man, concerning sin, and concerning redemption. That revelation is found in the Holy Bible. As God is eternal, He has revealed that man is eternal. "For what is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul, and what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" The Bible says that man lives on after the body is dead. God has also revealed that there are two destinies for man, heaven for the righteous, hell for the sinner. He has also revealed that all have sinned, and except we repent and take Jesus Christ as our Savior we will perish eternally. What are you going to do with this revelation from God?

God also confirms His Word in human experience. When you take Jesus as your personal Savior, God will send His Holy Spirit into your heart and you will know that God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that dilligently seek Him. Do you think the religion of Christ

has survived the years by being built on a theory only? Indeed it has not. It has become the power it is because "His Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are the sons of God."

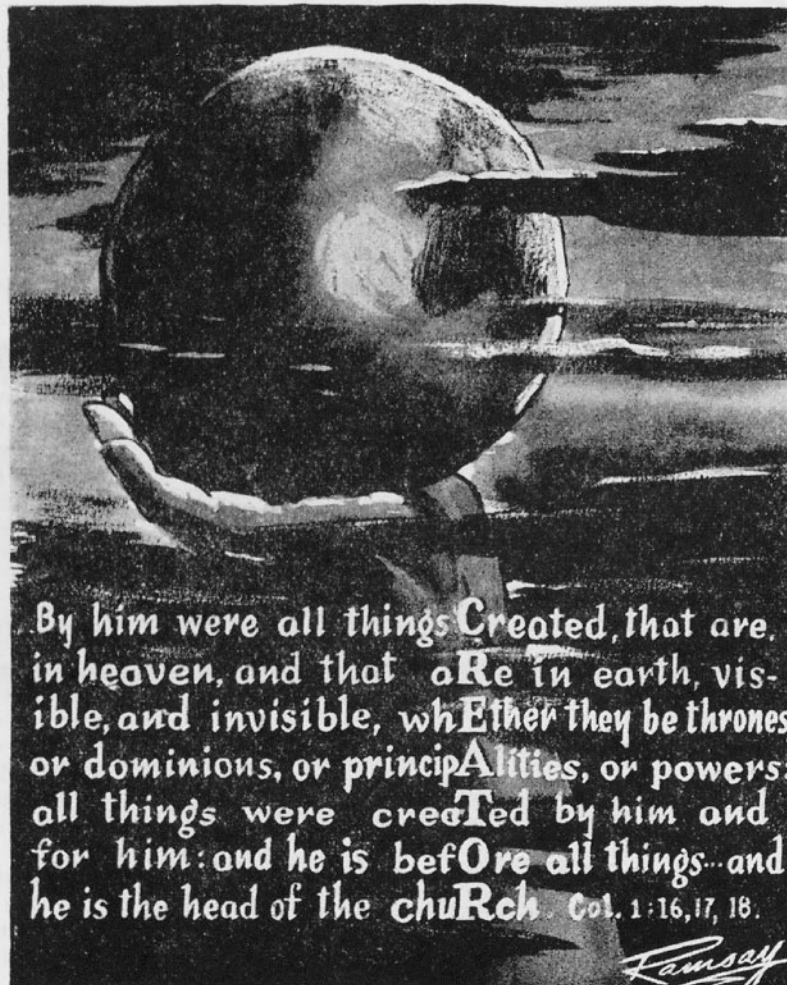
I am deeply in earnest when I tell you that God, the Creator of all things, has salvation for you, without money and without price, if you will turn from sin and accept the atonement made by His Son. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." You have a soul to be saved. There is a hell to be shunned, a heaven to be gained. As it is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. Will you not accept our Lord Jesus now?

Jesus took a little child into His arms and blessed it. Then He said, "Expect ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of God." He was teaching simplicity and faith. How easy it is for a child to trust. Will you not trust the promises of God's Word? You may be saved this very hour by taking the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

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John Wesley said, "I'm determined to run nobody down but the devil, and nobody up but Christ." This is a safe program for all of us.

## "BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST"



# The Firebrand of Brazil

Part 3

The Remarkable Story of Solomon Ginsburg,  
Told in Three Parts

● RETURNING FROM the Amazon, Ginsburg began a series of open-air services in Nazareth, Brazil. The local priest hired a bandit to assassinate him and got his accomplices—the mayor, the judge and the police—to leave town so there would be no one to appeal to, in case the nefarious plot became known. The plot did become known and Ginsburg was urged not to hold the meeting, but he declared: "I prefer dying to running away. I am ready to shed my blood for that Dear One who shed His blood for me." He preached for an hour, expecting every minute that something desperate would take place but nothing happened. He called for a song and then began preaching again. He boldly attacked the Church of Rome and exposed the confessional, the immorality of the priests and the evils associated with the doctrine of purgatory. Still nothing happened and he closed the meeting disappointed, for he knew that persecution would aid the cause.

Two months later the hired assassin was soundly converted and, with tears streaming down his face, told the believers what had happened. On the day he was to have assassinated the missionary, he drank some liquor to stimulate his courage. He came to the meeting both armed and nerved for his bloody assignment. However, the drink overpowered him and put him to sleep! Said Ginsburg, "Here is one good job that alcohol accomplished. It saved my life."

For some years (1900 to 1909) he labored in the Pernambuco field, associated with W. E. Entzminger. In Pernambuco a beautiful and spacious church edifice was erected. All of the money, except \$1,500 given by the W. M. U. of South Carolina, was contributed by the Brazilians. Every Sunday morning the church would be crowded with believers and, at the close, Ginsburg would urge them not to return to the night service. How many ministers in the U. S. A. ever do a thing like that? Ginsburg urged the morning audience not to come out in the evening but to go out witnessing to their neighbors and thus leave room in the church for the many outsiders who wanted to hear the gospel. Because so many were out doing evangelistic calling in the homes on Sunday afternoon and evening, the church was crowded every Sunday night with audiences of eight hundred to a thousand.

Hundreds were saved and each believer was a torchbearer. Many moved to other places and carried a fervent testimony that stirred up bitter persecution. Church edifices were burned, believers were flogged and their homes set on fire. But these and other outrages only increased the spread of the gospel. In many instances the persecutors could not help admiring the testimony and faith of the Christians, and many of them later were converted and became leaders in the churches.

#### Incident With a Priest

By this time Ginsburg was well known and thoroughly hated, especially by the priests. One day on a train an elderly priest sat down beside him, not knowing who he was. He, however, knew the priest—a man of immoral life commonly reported “to have about eighty children scattered among the homes of his parish.” The passengers were all agog to see what would happen. A lively conversation ensued, in the course of which the priest made a violent attack upon the character of “Solomao,” as Ginsburg was called.

“Are you personally acquainted with this man Solomao?” he asked.

“Oh, yes,” the priest replied, “I know him well.”

“What does he look like?”

“He is a very ugly man. His face is eaten up by smallpox and by a bad disease.”

As he continued in a very loud voice repeating vicious falsehoods that were in circulation, the passengers laughed heartily, which the priest interpreted to mean that he was making a good impression on the hearers by his attacks.

“Look here, Senor Padre,” said Ginsburg finally, “I also know this Solomao and he is really not nearly so ugly as you make out. In fact, I am Solomao!” A roar of laughter went up from the passengers and great was the discomfiture of the priest. Soon thereafter Ginsburg moved into the area where this priest was vicar. One of the priest’s “illegitimate sons” lived just across the street, and his children and the Ginsburg children became close friends. When Arvilla Ginsburg organized a Children’s Society, one of the priest’s “grandchildren” was made secretary of the Society and other “grandchildren” became charter members.

Ginsburg saw the great need of trained Brazilian leaders and organized a class of ten students for special study in Bible, Theology and History. Similar efforts were made by others in Rio and other places. These humble beginnings developed eventually into the two great colleges and two splendid seminaries located in Pernambuco and Rio, and other institutions, which are today turning out a stream of outstanding Christian leaders.

While Ginsburg was conducting a meeting in Uptinga, a group of assassins boldly entered. The first one carried a scythe with which he struck and felled a man. The second assassin brandished a revolver. The third, wearing a mask, carried a long sword. He made a terrific slash at the missionary as he sat playing the organ by the light of a borrowed lamp. If the aim had been good, it would have decapitated him, but the sword struck the lamp instead. The place was instantly in total darkness and a great commotion ensued. When Ginsburg struck a match he found the place deserted.

#### The Noted Bandit, Silvino

Shortly after this he had another remark-

able deliverance. In the northern section of the state of Pernambuco there was a band of bandits who were roving about and committing many atrocities. Their chief was Antonio Silvino, a daring and desperate criminal who had a well-founded reputation for quick and accurate shooting. An Italian monk told this bandit some wild stories about Ginsburg and hired him, on payment of fifty dollars, to kill the hated missionary. They found out that on a certain morning he was to visit the village of Moganga. He left Nazareth at two o’clock in the morning and about five o’clock he saw a man by the road, holding a double-barrelled gun. Thinking the man was out hunting, Ginsburg stopped his horse, greeted the man in a friendly fashion, then rode on. The people of Moganga had heard of the plot and were surprised to see him alive. A great crowd turned out for the evening meeting which lasted till almost midnight. Utterly exhausted, Ginsburg lay down in his hammock to sleep. Just then there was a knock at the door and a voice said, “I am Antonio Silvino and I want to see Senhor Solomao.”

Ginsburg’s heart quailed within him. He had escaped the bandit in the early morning only to be tracked down at midnight! Thinking his end had come, he fell on his knees and prayed for strength to give a good testimony in death as he had endeavored to do in life. He stepped into the adjoining room where the man was waiting.

“Do you know who I am and why I have come here?” asked the bandit.

“Yes, you are Captain Antonio Silvino and you have been hired to kill me,” replied Ginsburg.

“That is true,” the bandit muttered.

Ginsburg closed his eyes and breathed a fervent prayer on behalf of his wife and children, whom he never expected to see again. At length the bandit chief looked up and, with tears streaming down his face, said: “The monk said you were a wicked, dangerous person and gave me money to kill you. Early this morning you spoke to me so kindly I decided not to shoot you at once but to find out more about you. I was present in disguise at the meeting tonight while you were singing and praying and preaching. Sir, I know now that you are doing a good work and I will not kill you. I had rather kill the man who told me such lies about you.”

They talked and prayed the rest of the night. The bandit chief, who had killed sixty-six persons, was converted and the transformation in his life became the talk of the entire region. A reporter for a paper went to interview him and disgustingly reported: “All Antonio Silvino will talk about is the Bible and the Baptists.” “It is simply wonderful,” wrote Ginsburg, “what the Lord can do for a poor, degraded penitent sinner. *The blood of Jesus is still efficacious* and saves unto the uttermost.”

After a month of travel he reached home and found a letter from a group of women in Americus, Georgia, saying: “Dear Brother Ginsburg, in our missionary meeting today we felt led to offer special prayers to our Heavenly Father to bless you and protect you from all danger.” When he looked at the date of the letter, it was the very day he met the celebrated bandit, Antonio Silvino.

He was a man mighty in prayer, for by

prayer he had seen many miracles performed. In the year 1911, while serving on the Bahia field, he led a crusade of prayer and evangelism and more than one thousand souls were gathered in. Needing a rest and desiring to see his family who had been in the States for several years, he decided to take a furlough. When he reached Lisbon and was about to embark for London, telegrams were posted telling of terrific storms raging in the dangerous Bay of Biscay. He had a stop-over ticket and could easily delay his journey, taking the next boat later. Should he go ahead or wait a week? He made it a matter of prayer. As he implored divine guidance he turned to the W. M. U. prayer calendar and found the following text: “He knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness; these forty years the Lord thy God has been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.” Deut. 7:2. His heart at complete rest, he proceeded to London and thence to New York aboard the *Majestic*. If he had halted his journey in Lisbon, he would have been a passenger on the ill-fated *Titanic*, which struck an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage.

Returning to Brazil after his furlough he assumed important functions in connection with the Publishing House in Rio, which kept him occupied from daylight till far into the night. During his incarceration in Nictheroy some years before, he was unable to find a single book or paper to read, although there were about 500 prisoners in the penitentiary. He resolved to do something to alleviate the lot of the prisoners, whenever he could. Now the Publishing House began to supply 750 prisons with New Testaments, hymn books and the weekly religious paper. Rich blessings attended this ministry. A prisoner in Bahia was saved and, upon his release, walked three hundred miles to tell his relatives and friends of the sweetness and power of Christ’s redeeming compassion. “Wonderful letters have come to us,” Ginsburg states, “from these dungeons of sin and misery. The blood of the Lord Jesus is still powerful to save.”

The blood of Jesus Christ was his laver of cleansing in the days of his youth.

The blood of Jesus Christ was the theme of his message down through the years.

The blood of Jesus Christ was the incentive to valiant labors and the inspiration of all his days.

As the result of the blessing of the Spirit of God upon the heroic labors of Solomon Ginsburg and many other noble souls, both missionaries and nationals, Southern Baptists have for several years been organizing an average of one new church a week in Brazil, and certain other evangelical groups are also reaping a Pentecostal harvest.

The Firebrand of Brazil burned like heated phosphorous and at last burned out, April 1, 1927. Did it really burn out? Rather, its radiance was transferred to another sphere, where it will continue to shine with undiminished luster in the constellation of the missionary immortals.

(This is one of a number of excellent missionary stories to be found in a new book, entitled, “Blazing the Missionary Trail,” written by E. Myers Harrison and published by Van Kampen Press. It is reproduced here by permission of the copyright holders. The book, “Blazing the Missionary Trail,” may be ordered from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri. Price \$1.50 per copy.)



The above picture is of the candidates for water baptism of the Assemblies of God church at Tung Sze Hsi Ta Chieh, Peiping. Hao Wen-ping, extreme left, last row, was the first to be baptized. The young man, age 22, is preparing to study at Chung-hwa Seminary, Chiang-wan, Shanghai. It is encouraging to know that baptismal and church services are continuing behind the bamboo curtain, and that young people are going ahead with plans to enter the ministry.

## From Behind the Bamboo Curtain

Howard C. Osgood  
Field Secretary for China

● A LETTER, written in Chinese, has come to us from Peiping. The writer, Yao Chih Hui, enclosed a picture of a recent baptismal service in which about thirty converts figured.

Yao Chih Hui states that the Lord's work in Tientsin and Peiping is being carried on as usual, and that the assemblies are still enjoying peace. The Ho Pei Ta Chin Road Assembly is having special blessings, and at Shih Men there are some five hundred believers who meet together for worship each Sunday.

At Truth Bible School in Peiping daily Bible classes are being conducted, and a large crowd attends the church services.

We rejoice at the news that the Lord is sending down blessings upon these dear friends in North China. Many of them are in material need. Continue to pray earnestly for them.

## Not Too Late for Others

W. W. Simpson, Northwest China

● IN NOVEMBER, 1948, an invitation came to me to hold a meeting at Gospel Garden Assembly, and at one or two other assemblies along the Tibetan border. The mercury was standing near zero, and I was some seventy miles from the nearest of the assemblies but I promised to hold the meetings. I had hoped to borrow a horse from Mr. Wang for the trip, but the horse was busy. All I could get was a little donkey to carry my bedding, books, and clothes. I took up my walking stick and started on the journey. Though 79 years of age I walked all the way. I was well repaid for the effort, for the Lord worked mightily in the meetings. A number were filled with the Spirit. At one place a young man, the grandson of my cook who received the Spirit shortly after I did in 1912, was filled with the Spirit; also a young Tibetan orphan, who had been herding sheep and goats for a man who fed him only crusts of barley bread, dressed him in an old sheepskin, and would not pay him the wages he had promised. I did not know the lad's temporal condition, but the Lord knew. He is indeed no respecter of persons.

After the meetings were over I walked to Minhsien for a week of rest. While there Mr. Wang came to see me, and told me he had seen me in a vision caring for a flock of sheep. While I was busy with them a wolf came out of the forest and rushed on me. He would have dragged me down but two persons came to my rescue. I felt that the vision was a warning of impending danger, so I requested

the saints to pray for me while I was gone on my next journey.

The day after Mr. Wang visited me I started out again for Pa Tee Wan, a Tibetan village near the Tao River. I had walked twelve miles of the distance when a horse was provided. I rode the horse to Taochow, sixty miles away, and then sent the horse home. At Taochow I obtained another horse for the remaining distance. The meetings at Pa Tee Wan lasted five days. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. Mr. Lee, treasurer of the Northwest China District, was present. He had a sore foot and was unable to travel on foot so I gave him my horse to ride back to Taochow. Mr. Lee went to Taochow one day ahead of me. I was furnished a young mule for my trip. All went well until we reached the top of the mountain. There I asked the man leading the mule to let me dismount. He said that it was not necessary, that the road was level and safe from where we were. The mule started bucking, and threw me about ten feet. I landed only three feet from the edge of a cliff. If I had landed at the edge I would have fallen nearly one thousand feet into the Tao River. I was unconscious until the man raised me to a sitting position. My face was cut in eight places, and blood was running down on my clothes. The guide thought at first that I was dead. He decided that if I had been killed he would jump over the cliff, and kill himself. The mule had broken away from the guide so we

had to make the rest of the trip to Taochow on foot. I was thankful that the saints had been praying for me.

The following day I rode the horse Mr. Lee had ridden to Taochow to Niehlu for four days of services. Thence I went to Lintan for three days. Several from the two places felt the call of God to carry the Gospel to other points on the border. The services were blessed with the presence of God.

On December 29 I arrived back in Minhsien, worn and weary, but happy because I had shepherded the Lord's flocks.

If I had been furnished with a Jeep I could have done the work in less time, and with much less weariness and danger. I say this not that I want you to do something for me now, for I am now in America, but that you may realize the need of helping others. It is too late to help me now, but not too late to help others—those who felt impressed to carry the Gospel as a result of the services conducted last winter, other national workers in China, our missionaries who continue to labor there in the face of great danger, and missionaries and workers the world over.

Even if I never see a native converted, God may design by my patience and continuance in the work to encourage future missionaries.—  
Henry Martyn

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# Never Preached There

Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Hale, Bolivia

● THERE WAS a great parade of the Catholics here in Santa Cruz a few days ago. Scores of fanatic priests and hundreds of people from all over the country paraded the dusty streets. One great aim of the event was to down the evangelical influence which, thank the Lord, is growing daily. It was announced that if we were caught on the streets proclaiming the Gospel that we would be fined 5,000 Bolivianos, or \$65. We had to confine our efforts to our church for a short period, but since the influence of the parade is now dying down we expect to start street services again.

A short time ago, together with the Wilkies, we took a trip to the north of Santa Cruz. Passing through a number of villages, a heavy jungle, and over a large river we arrived at a place called El Rincon de Palometa. The Gospel had never been preached there, but a young man, Jorge Campos, was saved about nine months ago in Santa Cruz and had gone to El Rincon de Palometa to work and to tell

of his experience. What joy it was as we sat by Jorge to hear him tell of his love for Christ, and how he had been reading his Bible to the people!

We parked by the side of a mud hut and ate our supper. Soon afterward the people began to gather around us. What interest there was as we played the accordion, sang, and proclaimed the Gospel message! During the four days that we were in El Rincon de Palometa seven persons wept their way through to Christ.

We left three Bibles, fifteen New Testaments, and ten songbooks for the people. They are now gathering together for worship, though they do not have a leader, and are awaiting our return to teach them more. We expect to go back to El Rincon de Palometa within the next few weeks, and stay with the people for several days. Will you help us believe God for a real work in this district? Do not forget that your faithfulness means more than tongue could tell.

# Off the Highway

Mr. and Mrs. Lewie E. Spencer, Honduras

● WE RECENTLY TRANSFERRED from Santa Rosa de Copan to San Marcos de Colon. A one-half ton Chevrolet panel truck arrived for us about the time we transferred. It seems rather strange to be riding in a truck again after not having the use of a car or truck for a year and a half. No one can appreciate the "Speed-the Light" program nearly so much as the missionary who has had to travel by foot and by mule; however, because the truck is now at hand does not mean that we can dispense with the mules altogether. There are many places that we cannot reach with a motor vehicle.

We have obtained a small, army-model light-plant which puts out about 300 watts, and weighs only thirty-five pounds—eighty pounds, case and all. Now we can take the public address system to the outstations. We pack it on one side of a mule, and the motor on the other.

The Lord is blessing here in Honduras. In every church there seems to be those who are taking the Word of God on to neighboring villages.

Recently, accompanied by the pastor of San Marcos de Colon, we made a trip to some of the churches off the highway. We started early in the morning on mules. Our first stop was at Tabor. As we approached Tabor we heard drums. The pastor of the assembly later told us that the drums were beaten by the Catholics to solicit money for one of the

Catholic saints. Near the church was a tribe of monkeys—from that you will know that the church was in the wilds. The winding mule trail was so steep we frequently had to dismount.

At Arabia, which we reached the third day out, three husky men were saved, and a number healed. We were at Arabia two days. The people there told us that they heard our public address system three miles away.

Our last stop was at Batavara, a church of around fifty members. The building was filled to capacity, and many stood on the outside for the services.

# Church in Rome

H. H. Ness, Olympia, Washington, recently received the following letter, which he was requested to share:

Rome, Italy  
August 25, 1949

My dear Brother Ness:

I am writing you briefly to let you know that contrary to what I wrote you in my last letter the dedication of the church in Rome will not take place on the 18th of September,

but at a later date, which we shall have to set. The delay is because of the fact that for more than one month there has been a carpenters' strike and so the work was interrupted. Now the work is going on again and proceeding very well.

The National Convention is being held from September 15 to 18 as scheduled.

Please pray for us, and for the work in Italy.

Receive my affectionate greetings in the love of the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,  
Nello Umberto Goriotti

## MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

August, 1949

Alabama .....	\$ 1,139.51	Nebraska .....	2,727.81
Arizona .....	922.45	Nevada .....	424.64
Arkansas .....	2,483.48	New Hampshire .....	76.87
California .....	19,142.49	New Jersey .....	3,047.74
Colorado .....	4,778.19	New Mexico .....	612.76
Connecticut .....	495.31	New York .....	5,271.80
Delaware .....	332.21	North Carolina .....	128.65
District of Columbia .....	1,466.91	North Dakota .....	1,633.92
Florida .....	9,278.17	Ohio .....	9,268.89
Georgia .....	716.26	Oklahoma .....	6,393.51
German Branch .....	298.89	Oregon .....	7,765.55
Hungarian Branch .....	65.00	Pennsylvania .....	11,501.08
Idaho .....	1,204.85	Rhode Island .....	137.78
Illinois .....	6,388.82	Russian Branch .....	30.60
Indiana .....	2,138.60	South Carolina .....	112.04
Iowa .....	3,106.86	South Dakota .....	813.49
Italian Branch .....	133.00	Tennessee .....	458.94
Kansas .....	6,127.84	Texas .....	12,533.40
Kentucky .....	590.21	Ukrainian Branch .....	341.26
Latin American Branch .....	111.15	Utah .....	24.30
Louisiana .....	407.27	Vermont .....	15.00
Main .....	125.44	Virginia .....	1,331.25
Maryland .....	927.60	Washington .....	10,430.65
Massachusetts .....	972.35	West Virginia .....	2,363.86
Michigan .....	5,031.56	Wisconsin .....	4,909.90
Minnesota .....	6,453.34	Wyoming .....	267.19
Mississippi .....	646.88	Alaska .....	86.31
Missouri .....	7,293.59	Canada .....	966.73
Montana .....	125.70	Foreign .....	217.04
		Legacies .....	2.00
		Miscellaneous .....	26,057.42

Total Amount Reported .....	192,856.31
District Fund .....	11,543.74
National Home Missions .....	2,034.50
Office Expense Fund .....	3,860.63
Literature Expense Fund .....	173.26
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	12,893.51
	30,505.64

Amount Received for Foreign Missions .....	162,350.67
Amount Received for Home Missions .....	7,729.66

## FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

For August, 1949

Belgian Congo .....	\$2,436.23	Brazil .....	3,961.64
Dahomey .....	1,271.07	Chile .....	2,249.15
Egypt .....	4,277.14	Colombia .....	479.00
French Togo .....	222.00	Paraguay .....	213.00
Gold Coast .....	5,977.21	Peru .....	3,265.04
Liberia .....	9,051.71	Uruguay .....	510.00
Nigeria .....	5,650.49	Venezuela .....	3,576.69
Nyasaland .....	2,127.94	British West Indies .....	2,928.00
Sierra Leone .....	666.09	Burma .....	619.69
Union of South Africa .....	3,203.96	Fiji Island .....	423.50
Upper Volta .....	8,976.28	Hawaiian Islands .....	1,100.36
China .....	12,781.03	Japan .....	11,259.92
Ceylon .....	2,332.94	Malaya .....	1,936.00
India .....	27,106.16	Netherlands East Indies .....	4,500.89
Europe .....	9,317.25	Philippine Islands .....	4,346.78
Palestine and Near East .....	1,247.12	Samoa .....	304.55
West Indies .....	6,067.63	Retired Missionaries .....	1,090.00
Mexican Work in the United States .....	430.07	Entertainment of Missionaries .....	2,043.87
Mexico .....	2,200.66	General Transportation .....	2,401.36
Central America .....	8,434.18	Miscellaneous .....	4,681.45
Argentina .....	1,793.28		
Bolivia .....	870.00		

Total Distribution to Council	
Foreign Missions .....	168,331.28
Non-Council Missionaries .....	2,687.43

Total Disbursements .....	171,018.71
Charged from Hold Accounts .....	8,668.04

Total Receipts .....	162,350.67
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# THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

## HEATHEN TEMPLES IN U. S. A.

Statistics published in March, 1949 show there are 70 heathen temples in the U.S.A., 35 of which are on the Pacific Coast.

## THIRTY MILLION A YEAR

According to research experts of the *New World Book Encyclopedia*, Bible sales last year throughout the world totaled 30,000,000 copies. This means that 57 Bibles were sold every minute, day and night—almost one every second!

## LIQUOR SALES DOWN

Porter Routh reports that for the first time since 1938, the annual sales of alcoholic beverages in America showed a decrease last year. The total was \$8,800,000,000 (a decline of 9% from 1947). Sales for distilled spirits and wine dropped about 14% while sales for beer dropped about 2%.

## THE REAL CAUSE OF WAR

Winston Churchill, in the first volume of his War Memoirs, ably states the external causes of World War II. The Allies wanted to rest on their oars; they were prepared to compromise, as long as it meant peace for them, and so they shirked their responsibilities.

With all his keen insight into the origin of the greatest war of history, the great statesman fails to mention the prime reason—*sin*. One has only to read Jeremiah, chapter 25, to learn the real cause of war. The Lord says "He will give them that are wicked to the sword." Verse 31. And He warns us of a great world war that is yet to come, saying, "I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth." Verse 29. Upon *all!* Surely the wise will flee from the wrath to come, by taking refuge in Christ; and those who love peace will support the gospel which alone can bring men to repentance and salvation.

## A NEW SPIRIT IN ISRAEL

Pauline Rose, writing from Jerusalem, states: "I am conscious of a new spirit growing within our Jewish people; a spirit which is sustaining them in a miraculous way during these days of trial and suffering. The Jewish people are feeling more and more that God is with them, that God speaks directly to them from the Bible, that God protects them.

"The Bible is read and quoted in every place; in the camps of the young people, in the hospitals, in the refugee houses, in homes and other places where previously it was refused or even ridiculed."

A new spirit! God promised to put a new spirit in His people, even His own Spirit. Ezek. 36:26, 27. Let us pray this promise shall be fulfilled in the lives of a great many Jews, even today. Oh, that they might indeed have a new spirit and a new heart—that they might turn to God in sincerity, and that their eyes will be opened to see in Jesus of Nazareth their Redeemer and their Messiah.

## COLLECTING JEWISH BOOKS

The Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, had a library of nearly half a million books before the Arab bombings. The extent of bomb damage is not reported but it is thought that most of the books are safe. Now Europe is being combed for Jewish books, to be added to the Mount Scopus Library. The University is receiving 70,000 volumes from Poland, 40,000 from Czechoslovakia, 300,000 from Germany—and doubtless it will have one of the oldest and most valuable libraries in the world, before long.

## G. B. SHAW'S ADMISSION

George Bernard Shaw, famous English playwright, has published a book called *Sixteen Self Sketches*. In one place he says: "I detest the doctrine of the Atonement, holding that ladies and gentlemen cannot as such possibly permit anyone else to expiate their sins by suffering a cruel death." But he goes on to say:

"I know as a hard fact that Methodism, which is saturated with this abhorrent superstition, changed our colliers (coal miners) . . . into comparatively civilized beings; and that any attempt to convert them to Creative Evolution would have made them more dangerous savages than ever."

Why detest a gospel that produces supernatural results, and cling so stubbornly to a human theory that admittedly is powerless to change a human heart?

## TERRIFYING SECRETS

The atomic age is here and the fact is universally acknowledged. Strong men, never before disturbed by imminent and threatening developments, are today trembling with fear because of the stark reality of man's hopelessness in the face of atomic energy and the release of its secrets to the sinful sons of Adam's race. The inability of the world's wisest men to devise a satisfactory control of the atom bomb and of wisely harnessing atomic energy for other purposes than the destruction of men and nations is shaking otherwise fearless people with terrifying concern.

All this is most startling when viewed against the background of events predicted in the Book of the Revelation. The release of the atom's secrets and the use which has already been made of its terrifying power are making the prophetic statements of the Book of the Revelation bristle with vivid reality. In the face of these disturbing facts and conditions, Christians of Spirit-imparted courage and fortitude have an unparalleled opportunity to let their light shine; to prove to the confused world that their faith in the wisdom, providence, and power of a supernatural God is wholly adequate for such days as these.

Things will never be the same again. The "good old days" longed for by so many are gone forever. We are living in the best days we will ever see until the coming of the Lord.

## FROM YEMEN TO ISRAEL

The Iman of Yemen (a tiny place in south-western Arabia) authorized the emigration of Jews to Israel, but on this condition: that their property is forfeited to the state when they leave. Such an attitude is quite different from that of Israel's Government, which is reimbursing the Palestinian Arabs, who fled Israeli territory, for their property and land holdings!

## UNIVERSALIST SERMON BARRED

A sermon by a Universalist minister was barred from radio station WLAW of Lawrence, Mass., last Easter after the manager of the station had read the script. The manager said the sermon would create doubt of the resurrection.

He said the script would have been acceptable at any other time but was considered "untimely and in poor taste" for Easter. He asked for a revised script, but the minister refused to change his sermon.

The Universalists are protesting. They claim there was nothing in the script that differed from Easter sermons preached from "hundreds of liberal pulpits." Unfortunately, this may be true. Too bad *all* the modernists could not be barred from the air lanes, not only at Easter but every Sunday of the year. It is in the public interest to broadcast nothing but the *truth*.

## RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS

The National Education Association recently surveyed the public-school systems of America to determine the extent of religious teaching that is being given. Replies from 2,639 systems showed that only 708 of them were giving religious instruction. Over 300 other school systems had religious classes until recently, but abandoned them for one reason or another, the commonest reason being the Supreme Court decision in the case of *Champaign, Ill.*, last year.

Thus the children in the vast majority of America's public schools are deprived of sound teaching on the subject that is more important than any other. But in many cases there are atheistic teachers who seize every opportunity to plant seeds of doubt in the children's minds. One public-school teacher who is a Christian reports an example of this. She states that the local public school sends its children to the public library where they receive instruction during their "library hour." One of the librarians told a fourth-grade class a story about the minstrels of old who went about telling stories they had made up. The librarian told of the custom of "spinning yarns" among the cow-punchers and others in various lands, and then said:

"Then all of you have heard the story from the Bible that is in the New Testament. Some cow-pokes were watching their sheep. Of course, they were called sheep-herders. They were sitting around a campfire one night and one of them told a story about seeing a great light. Then they told the story of the birth of a child. After the story all the cow-punchers just laughed and laughed. And I had to laugh too when I heard it."

The Supreme Court says it is wrong to teach religion during school hours and on public property. Then is it right to ridicule the story of the Nativity, and reduce it to a fable, during school hours and on public property?

## A VOICE FROM DEATH ROW

A Message Written by W. Fred Jones, Shortly Before His Execution.

W. Fred Jones was a grocer in Flaydada, Texas. In 1946 he was arrested, charged with murdering one of his best friends while drunk, and was condemned to death. But while in the County Jail at Lubbock, Texas, he was gloriously converted under the ministry of Pastor Mont M. Walker.

Later he was sent to Wichita Falls, Texas. Evangelists Ruby and Viola Whitehead met Fred Jones in the prison at Wichita Falls, and visited him often. They gave him a Bible which he carried with him to the electric chair at Huntsville on August 10. The Whitehead sisters write:

"Fred Jones was truly converted. Every time we prayed with him, heaven would come down. We asked him for a testimony, and he wrote a message for us.

"He won many to the Lord while he was in prison. His mother, who was a Christian, had been dead several years. His father and brothers did not seem even to believe in God, but after seeing the change in Fred they cried like babies. One brother, who had boasted he had not shed a tear in 20 years, cried as if his heart would break; and at the funeral he fell on his knees and gave his heart to God. Fred Jones' wife and father both were saved the day before his execution."

The *Amarillo Times* told of the good testimony the condemned man gave in the death chamber, just before he died. It states that he asked permission to speak, then paused a full minute, standing erect, head high, surveying the 20 men who were present.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I am stepping off into Eternity. I am a saved man. I know my God. I just wonder if there are any sinners here. If so, let me recommend Him to you.

"I love all of you. I love those who have persecuted and lied against me. I pray God will forgive these, that He will see them safely Home.

"Christ is my Savior, my King, the Rose of Sharon, the bright and morning Star.

"Be sure and tell my enemies I love them. Tell Thelma I said bye-bye. Tell my children night-night."

To Brother Walker he said, "Good night, old buddy. God bless you, you're sweet.

"Good-bye, Brother Anderson."

"Good-bye, Fred." Prison Chaplain B. C. Anderson's voice trembled with emotion.

"You're a saved man, Fred. You're going to Heaven," said Pastor Roy C. Ling, with his hand raised and his eyes looking straight up.

Then Fred Jones spoke his last words on earth. "Good night," he said, "I love all of you. Good night."

We will meet him in the morning, by the matchless grace of our Redeemer.

Four minutes after Fred Jones was pronounced dead, a Negro entered the death chamber. He was to die for murder.

"Do you have anything to say?" they asked him.

"Yes, sir," he replied. "I love the Lord. I ain't got no hatred against none of my enemies. I love everyone."

So saying, he sat down in the death chair, and his spirit went to meet his Maker. He was one of the prisoners Fred Jones had pointed to Christ. May this message, "A Voice

From Death Row," be the means by which Fred Jones' testimony will lead yet others to the Savior who forgave his sins and enabled him to die in faith, hope, and love.

"We, the Jury, find the defendant guilty, and assess his punishment at death in the Electric Chair." As these words rang in my ears, I was led back to my cell in the County jail. There, with no one to comfort me, no one to care, no word of sympathy, I was left alone. There upon my bunk for four days and four nights I was wide awake. Every time I would close my eyes, I could see that chair and all the horrors of hell.

I had lots of friends before I was arrested, and so I kept saying, "Someone will surely be here today. Wonder what could be keeping them back? Wonder why Bill, John, Ray, Sam, and Harry haven't been here?" As the days went into weeks, and the weeks to months, I finally realized I had no friends. They were all worldly friends, and quit me like rats leaving a sinking ship. As long as I was in the free world, with plenty of money to spend on them for drinks and a good time, they flocked around, patting me on the back and calling me "The world's best guy." Now that they could not use me any more, they were through with me.

About this time, Mont M. Walker, Pastor of the First Assembly of God in Lubbock, Texas, started visiting me. He came every few days. I remember how I detested his visits and wished he would not come back. I thought he did not care for me and was only coming through curiosity. I knew I had been framed and convicted of a crime that I was not guilty of, and my heart was filled with hatred and suspicion toward everyone. But as time went on, I awoke to find that this dear man had love and compassion in his heart for me. I saw he had salvation, the kind I had often heard about but had never seen before. I saw he had something I needed and wanted, and I did not waste any time telling him so.

He told me the plan of salvation, in the good old-fashioned way, and right then I started repenting and praying God to forgive me of my sins. This was not an easy thing for me to do, because of the persecution in this trial and the hatred that had been bred in my heart due to it; but thank God, I stayed on my knees, and prayed through to real salvation. "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a Rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Psalm 40:2, 3.

Since that time, for nearly three years, I have testified to hundreds of boys in jail and pointed them to my Savior. God is no respecter of persons, and what He has done for me He will do for them.

As I write this testimony, every legal door has been shut in my face. I am certain to be executed, unless God intervenes. Will you stop just a moment and picture yourself in my place? Close your eyes and try to get a mental image of yourself in these circumstances. Just what would you say and do?

Forty feet from where I sit in Death Row is the chair, and I only have 58 more days to live. Now, be honest with yourself and answer this question: If you were here in my shoes, would you deny God? Oh, dear reader, listen to His voice today and harden

not your heart. For you are under a death sentence just the same as I. The only difference is, I know when I am going and you don't. I have a great advantage over you, for I have time to get my house in order; and the chances are, you will not. Won't you listen to one who is paying the supreme penalty for sin, and turn to Him today and be saved?

The rich man wanted Abraham to send Lazarus back to warn his brothers because he said that they would take the warning if one went to them from the dead. My friend, when you read this I will be dead. **WON'T YOU TAKE WARNING FROM ONE FROM THE DEAD?** "Now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation."

May God bless this message to your heart and bring you to the foot of the Cross today.

Love in Jesus,  
W. Fred Jones.

## THE DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

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Moses discerned the spirit of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, and knew the judgment that would come. He warned those who were innocent to keep away from them lest they be partakers of their judgment. And God sent judgment upon those haughty, unteachable spirits; the earth opened and swallowed them. The Lord delights in the humble and meek spirit, but the proud He knoweth afar off. He who thinks himself highly spiritual and is unteachable, is dominated by a spirit of spiritual wickedness that God will judge. He will drag down the proud from their seats. Spiritual pride is a most subtle and damnable thing in His sight, and he who yields to it shall be abased; judgment will come on such. God's overseers, His rulers, need to watch against a subtle, proud, unteachable spirit that would get into the ranks; and they should warn the people against having any part or lot with such, lest they share the judgment that comes upon all who have part and lot in the gain-saying of Kore.

Many false prophets! How necessary it is that there should be that manifestation of the Spirit—the gift of discernment of spirits—to recognize these who are disguised as ministers of righteousness, who are false and filled with a lying spirit, who speak not the things of the lowly Lamb, who lead not in the paths of righteousness, but lead into that way which seemeth good unto mankind, but a way that endeth in death.

The true prophet of God will ever be despised, will ever be meek, will ever be lowly. He will not seek filthy lucre. He will not seek the praise of men. He will seek to be true to the One whose messenger he is. But false prophets seek to exalt themselves. They seek to feed themselves. They seek to clothe themselves. They are not filled with a deep compassion for the flock. Watch, for by their fruits ye shall know them. For good trees bring forth good fruit, and evil trees bring forth evil fruit. Look to your Lord. He will show that which is good, and that which is evil.—S. H. F.

Give all He asks; take all He gives; and your cup will be spilling joyously over the brim.—S. D. Gordon.

## HEAVEN AND HELL

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of her furniture would be moving in. She would be only too happy to move!

But I think of another woman that rents a house, and houses are so scarce. It is just a poor little house, but when she is given notice to vacate the place, she is desperate. She is greatly troubled about it because she has nowhere to go. She has been looking all over for a house, and she can't find one. Friends, if you can't find another place to move into, you don't want to move out of the one you're in, no matter how bad it is. That is just the condition of the unsaved person. He's in a bad house, but he doesn't want to move out because he has nothing better to move to. The believer, thank God, has something to move to; no wonder we sometimes get homesick for heaven!

I enjoy taking the privilege of sending my greetings and my love to the dear ones in heaven who are gone before. This may seem peculiar to you, but I do it, and I'm sure that it's quite in order. If I were going as I am now to San Francisco I wouldn't think it out of order if one of you came and asked me to remember you to So-and-so in San Francisco, and give them your greetings. I wouldn't think that was impossible because the person is there, and I'm going there, so when I see that person I can convey your greetings. And if I find somebody that's going to heaven, and I know for sure that there are many of my acquaintances there, then I take the opportunity of sending my love and greetings to them because they're very much alive.

Not long ago one of our oldest pastors was very sick, and he sent for me. It was quite a long distance—several hundred miles. When I came there he was so pleased to see me. This was just about a day before he passed away. His wife said, "Here is Brother Vermeulen." He was so pleased, he lifted up his head and greeted me heartily. It was his birthday the following day. I said, "Brother, and how are you?" He said, "I'm all right, Brother. I'm all right. The body is weak and sick, but the soul is right, and that's all that matters. I'm right with my Lord, and I'm going home." I said, "But don't you want to stay longer with us?" He said, "No, Brother, I think I have stayed long enough. I'll be eighty tomorrow, and I think it's time that I get away from this miserable old world now, and get home."

And so I sat down beside his bed, and we had a heart-to-heart talk with him. He was one of our pioneer workers, and I took the opportunity of thanking him in behalf of our Executive Council for the noble work he had done for God in our Mission. I told him that although he was not a man who had much advertising, nevertheless I knew of several preachers in the field who were his converts. And did he appreciate what I told him! I saw the tears rolling down his cheeks!

Then I started to speak to him about heaven. I said, "Now Brother, you know you're going to heaven, and you know who are there;" and I named some of our old pioneers who had gone before. His face lit up with glory and victory. As I mentioned the names of these dear ones, he actually laughed with joy at the thought of meeting the dear ones again. I said, "Well, do me this favor, and convey my greetings and my love to them. Tell them that we are hold-

ing the fort, and we are still preaching this glorious gospel." He said, "Thank you, Brother, I will." And that's how I parted with him.

There are people who believe that when a person dies he is unconscious of his existence until the day of resurrection, but we do not believe the spirit sleeps. We believe in the sleep that the Bible refers to, the sleeping of the body; but the spirit is very much alive, very conscious of its existence, and we have ample proof of that in the Bible. Our Lord Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." That is true. You continue to live. The dying thief on the cross made a petition to our Lord Jesus. He said, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." The Lord Jesus did not say to him, "All right, I'll remember you on the day of the resurrection." No, He didn't say that. He said, "Today thou shalt be with Me in paradise." That same day the Lord Jesus passed away and this thief on the cross passed away, and that same day he was with the Lord Jesus in paradise.

Read the story of the rich man and Lazarus. There is a life without God that is spent now by this rich man. This rich man did not go to hell because he was rich. Neither did Lazarus go to heaven because he was poor. But the rich man was a selfish man, and he was unsaved. He did not seek God. That is why he was lost. On the other hand, Lazarus, although he was a beggar, sought the Lord, and he found the Lord, and therefore he was saved.

This rich man says, "I am tormented in this flame." That was after his death, and he was deeply conscious of the torment that he was going through. Lazarus, on the other hand, was deeply conscious of his bliss. He was there, safe in the bosom of Abraham, after a long and a toilsome life, after all the struggles, after all the hunger that he had suffered in this world, and the persecution, and what a change it must have been to him. I believe many a poor Christian will find it just the same. After all the trials and the struggles of this life, when we reach heaven in the end, it will be such a glorious place, and oh, we will just enjoy that wonderful rest.

We wonder if the departed ones, our loved ones who have passed away to be with Jesus, still remember us. I'm sure they've not forgotten us. Look at this rich man who is now in hell who still remembers his five brothers who are unconverted on earth. He could intercede for them, or try to. He was concerned about their condition, and he wanted to try to get them saved. He pleaded with Father Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's home, to witness to these brethren. In our African Bible it is much stronger. It says, to plead with them *most earnestly* not to come to this place of torment, but to repent and to accept the Lord.

If a man in hell could be concerned and try to get others saved, how much more should one who is right in the presence of the Lord Jesus. There will be no anxiety in heaven, and the people there will have such faith that they will not have any doubt or any anxiety as to their dear ones who are still left behind, but there is always a constant expectation of the arrival of their dear ones. A certain lady has written a book in which she tells of a vision received of heaven. She said heaven was so wonderful, and she

described it in a scriptural way. She said that every now and then people would enter into the pearly gates having come from the earth. As they entered, all the other people would run to meet them and receive them and see if they were their dear ones whom they were waiting for. And I'm just looking forward to that great reunion again. Oh, thank God, we have something to look forward to. I'm sure we'll know one another. The rich man knew Lazarus. He recognized him as he saw him at a distance. He looked across the great gulf and said, "That is Lazarus there in Abraham's bosom." He knew him. Well, if a man could recognize and know a person in heaven right out of hell, then how much more would we know and recognize each other in heaven.

Heaven is such a reality to me that it seems it's just across the border. Heaven is a real place. It is as real as Springfield, and much more real than Springfield because something might happen to Springfield one day. An atomic bomb could just put it out of existence, but no atomic bomb, or anything in the world, or under the world, can put heaven out of existence.

A little incident happened some time ago in Johannesburg. A little girl about thirteen years old was a believer, and very seriously ill. She passed away, apparently, and she was dead for about forty-five minutes. When she came to, she told her mother, "Oh, Mother, I was in heaven." Her mother wrote down the vision as the little girl described it, and I still have those pages of writing. She said, "Oh, mother, I was in heaven. When I passed out here Auntie Debere, (an old sister that passed away in the same assembly just previously) came and fetched me, and she took me right through the pearly gates. When we entered there, the gates just swung widely open, and we walked on the golden streets. Oh, Mother, it's too beautiful for words. The streets just shine. It's pure gold."

As they walked along she saw Jesus approaching, and He came and He took her hand and said to her, "Now come along, Joy, I will show you first of all your relatives who are here in heaven." He took her just a little way, and just off the street, on the one side there are beautiful green trees, and green lawns, and some beautiful rock, and on one of the rocks sat her grandfather and her grandmother. He brought her right up to them, and when she got there she was so glad to see them, and they were so glad to see her, and they greeted her and they welcomed her. On her grandmother's lap sat a little girl, just about eighteen months old. She looked at this little girl and she said, "Grandma, who is this little girl?" And her Grandmother said, "Well, my child, this is your little sister." But she looked at her and didn't recognize her at all. She took good notice of her, and when she came back she could describe the color of her hair and her eyes, and all.

Then she saw next to her grandmother and grandfather a number of people standing, and the Lord just took her hand and introduced her to some of these people. There were two ladies there, and He introduced her to them. He called them one by one by their Christian names and their surnames, but she didn't know them. Then He took her across the golden street, and on the other side there was a wall, and in that wall there were marble plates

about twelve inches by nine inches. There were three rows of these marble plates, and on the top row she saw that on each plate was a name written, and as she looked at it she recognized most of the names. They were her relatives. She mentioned them to us. The Lord said, "Now these are the names of your relatives who are still on earth, who are saved, and are serving Me, and I am pleased with them. You see how nice and clean their names are." She said, "Yes." The second row of names were written just the same, but behind every name there was a cross, and then she wondered what this cross was for. So the Lord said, "Do you know what that cross is for?" She said "No, Lord." He said, "That cross means that they are saved. Their names are written in heaven, but they don't live up to the mark. I'm not satisfied with their lives. They must reconsecrate their lives. I want them to come closer to Me." Then under these was another row, but they were few, and they were written, but they were deleted afterwards—a stroke through them. The Lord said, "Do you know what that means? That means that they were saved, but they are backslidden, and unless they come back to me and give their lives all over again to me, they shall be lost. You must pray much for them."

Then the Lord said to her, "Now you must go back to the earth." She didn't want to, and I'm not surprised. She said, "O Lord, please let me stay here," but He said, "No, my child, you will come later again, but you must go now. Go and tell the people." Then she went back, and then someone took her and just guided her back to the earth again. On her return journey she says she came another way than the one she took to go to heaven. She said that her guide was another guide, and he took her to a great prairie. Down here was a very deep precipice, and this was hell, and the flames of fire were just licking up in the air. It was like waves of water. The people in those flames, and the shouts and the screams and the curses were just too terrible for words. The people on this flat prairie were coming on by the hundreds and they were just dropping down the precipice into these flames. Those are the people who are lost. And true enough, according to the Word of God, the people that are lost are far in the majority. Many many more people are lost than those that are saved. This world is a wicked world. She said they just kept on dropping into hell. She was so frightened, and this guide pushed her very close to the edge of the precipice, and she was just afraid that she would fall in, but he said, "No, you need not be afraid, but I want you to have a good look and to see just exactly what it looks like."

So she revived again and opened her eyes and said, "O Mommy, I was in heaven." When she told her mother all these things, she told her mother about the little child on her grandmother's lap, and her mother said, "Well, my child, tell me, what did she look like?" And she described the little girl perfectly, just as she looked, the color of her eyes and her hair and everything. The mother said, "Yes, my child, that was your little sister, but you never knew her. She died before you were born."

This is a very strange part of it. The girl was perfectly correct in giving the names of the three ladies, three Christian names and their surnames. The mother said, "Yes, they were your aunts. They were my sisters, but

they died before you were born. You never knew them." The Lord Jesus introduced her to them in heaven, and He told her their names. Heaven is a real place. That child brought a message from heaven. Her vision has caused many people to wake up, many backsliders to return to the Lord, and many Christians who had grown cold to reconsecrate their lives.

I just wonder as we are gathered here what our position in heaven is. There are some here, I have no doubt, whose names are written in heaven, nice and clean. God is satisfied with them. They enjoy His good will. But there are others whose names are written, possibly with a cross behind them, and if there are those like that here tonight, I would urge you to get that cross removed because you are going to lose by it. Reconsecrate you life to the Lord, dear one. Come back to the Lord, and serve the Lord out and out.

Instead of being a half-hearted Christian, be out and out for the Lord. That is the best way to serve Him.

Should there be anyone whose name is written there but crossed out, deleted, because you are backslidden, I would say to you, come back to the Lord Jesus. Do come back tonight.

## Among the Assemblies

**WINNIPEG, CANADA**—Three weeks of special meetings were held in Calvary Temple, with T. Johnstone of Toronto ministering the first week, Martin Luther Davidson of Texas the second week, and F. J. Lindquist of Minneapolis the third week. God graciously met folk at the altar and in the prayer room every night, while these consecrated men of God ministered to us. Many were saved, and also filled with the Holy Spirit, and Christians were revived and encouraged to press the battle for God. Some very fine young people were saved and filled with the Spirit during these meetings, and we give all the praise to the Lord.—T. E. Ness, Pastor.

**PORTERVILLE, CALIF.**—Just closed a 2-week revival meeting, in which 14 were won for the Lord and 10 followed Him in water baptism. J. F. McNinch, 3811 K. St., Bakersfield, Calif., was our evangelist.—R. E. L. Turner, Pastor, Community Chapel, 549 N. Grevilla St.

**CHESTER, CALIF.**—From July 10 to July 24 we enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Earl Henderson of Oroville. Two nights extra benches were brought in and filled. Souls were saved. To God be the glory. Brother Henderson has a great burden for souls.—W. T. Stallings, Pastor, P.O. Box 658.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**—We just closed a 2½-week revival meeting with Evangelist J. C. Morgan from Ellsinore, Mo. Fourteen prayed through to salvation, and 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The church as a whole was drawn closer to the Lord. A large number claimed healing for their bodies.—Fred Wampler, Pastor.

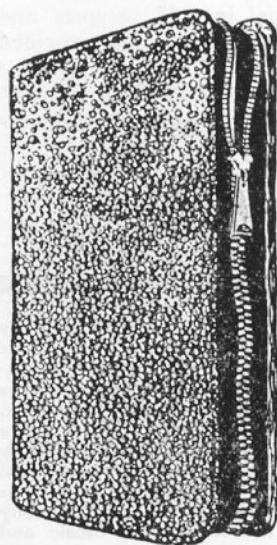
**TULSA, OKLA.**—We are glad to report a good revival meeting at Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fifth and Peoria, with Brother and Sister Bird Campbell. Nineteen were filled with the Holy Ghost, and several were saved or reclaimed. The church in general has had a real refreshing.—Glenn E. Millard, Pastor.

**THROCKMORTON, TEXAS**—We recently closed a 2-week meeting with Evelyn Vaden, one of the teachers from Southwestern Bible Institute at Waxahachie, Texas, doing the preaching. God met her each night with a Spirit-anointed message. A number were saved and the church was edified and built up in the Lord.—Harley Pruitt, Pastor.

**MATTOON, ILL.**—We have had two weeks of special services with Evangelists Max and Mary Jo Martindale of California. Even though the weather was very hot and some of our folk were on vacation, the Lord blessed from night to night and the services were a help to our assembly.

We are in our sixth year of ministry here. During this time God has been blessing His people, and has helped us to make some progress. Several Sunday School rooms have been built and a modern parsonage bought. We have enjoyed the ministry of R. L. Bartlett, H. E. Hardt, Mark B. Paddock, Helen Funk, Iva Lee Nicholson, O. L. Jagers, Smith and Rogers, Carl and Edna Goodwin, D. C. Ogden, and Thelma Wilkins. We appreciated the blessing and help that each of them was to us. A wonderful spirit is prevailing in our midst at this time. We have been on the air over our local station for a year and God has blessed this ministry too.—A. L. Todd, Pastor.

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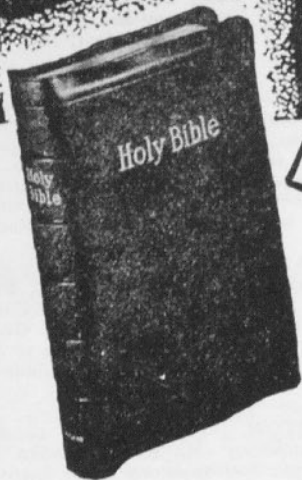
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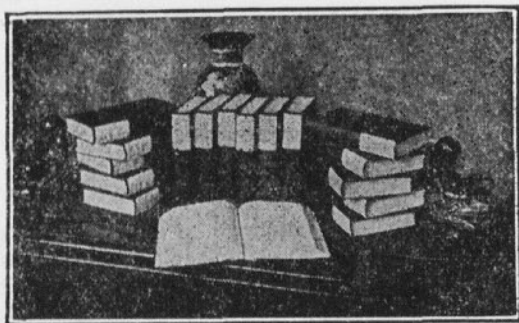
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HIGHLAND, CALIF.—The young people of the Harlem Springs Church were hosts to a group of patients from the county hospital at a special service one Sunday night recently. These patients with their wheel chairs were transported to the church by car and trailer. Handkerchiefs for the tubercular patients, who were unable to come to the services, were anointed and prayed over. Special singing by members of the church was followed by a special address, given by Opal McKey, minister of a Southern California District Assembly of God. At the conclusion of the services, the patients were returned to the hospital, with the fervent prayers of the church members. George Scott is Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—We recently brought to a close a 2-week meeting at the Prayer Mission Church, 2522 S.W. 39th St., with Patricia Mahan and Bonnie Jean Richmond from the Waxahachie Bible School. They did fine work, and God honored their ministry. Twelve were saved, and 4 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The last night, there was a large crowd present. The street was lined with cars and as there was not room to seat all the people, many sat in their cars and listened to the music and preaching. In the last two services, we had the Musical Messengers with us. The whole neighborhood enjoyed their music on steel guitars and their songs.—Lloyd Cellan, Pastor.

PLAIN DEALING, LA.—The Assembly of God here recently closed a 6-week revival meeting, in which 15 were saved and 2 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit-anointed and straightforward messages by Evangelist L. O. Smith of De Queen, Ark., have done much to revive this congregation, bringing to our hearts the spirit of love, and worship of the Lord.—B. A. Lanius, Pastor.

TAYLORSVILLE, KY.—We recently closed a fine 3-week revival meeting with Evangelist Don Groves of Hollister, Mo. Many were at the altar for salvation and 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. On the last Sunday morning, following prayer, God swung back the gates of heaven and for nearly two hours, continuously, the saints of God shouted and wept in praise before Him. A young sister, badly afflicted with tuberculosis, was healed. In this little city of 950 we had 88 out to this mid-week prayer service.—George P. Sutherland, Pastor.

SAN SABA, TEXAS—We have just closed a 3-week tent meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. L. L. Hudson. We had fine crowds every night. Eight grown people were saved, also several children. Four received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 8 were baptized in water, and 7 joined the church. God is still blessing in a wonderful way. We are building a parsonage and are going to remodel the church so as to have more Sunday school rooms. Brother and Sister Hudson also have a good message in song. Their specials were enjoyed by everyone.—W. R. Turner, Pastor.

MEXICO, D. F.—The services at the Gethsemane Church, Mexico, D.F., were well attended nightly with hundreds of new people coming during the revival and divine healing campaign conducted by Evangelist Harvey McAlister. Many testified to relief from pain and receipt of definite healing. Hundreds came to the altar seeking salvation. The profound messages were uplifting. Not only was the Gethsemane Church benefited by the ministry of the evangelist, but many of the smaller churches were visited during his time here. Miss Marie de La Paz Rubio assisted in these meetings with her excellent job of interpreting.—E. R. Anderson.

HORSEHEADS, N. Y.—We have had a 2-week series of revival meetings at Glad Tidings Assembly with Evangelist Olive Kellner, ably assisted by her husband, John Kellner, formerly pastor of Faith Tabernacle, Binghamton, N. Y. Sister Kellner played many beautiful selections on their Hammond Electric Solovox organ. Fourteen came to the altar for salvation, a number returned to the Lord and are still going on with Him, and others received a new touch of old-time power. The congregation was definitely benefited by the evangelists' ministry among us. Many were healed at the Friday night divine healing service.—Jos. F. Maisch, Pastor.

## Coming Meetings

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

REYDON, OKLA.—Reydon Assembly of God; Oct. 9—23, or longer; E. C. Lagmay, Evangelist.—Dewey L. Heath, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEXAS—Sept. 21—Oct. 9; Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer Gardner, Seattle, Wash. J. B. Brumbelow is Pastor.

OLYMPIA, WASH.—Olympia and Pear, Sept. 18—Oct. 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough.—E. R. Scratch, Pastor.

GREAT FALLS, MONT.—Assembly of God, Sept. 18—Oct. 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris, Ft. Morgan, Colo. C. A. Brown is Pastor.

MULESHOE, TEXAS—Sept. 18, for 2 weeks or longer; A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—Harold Hubbard, Pastor.

CONWAY, ARK.—Assembly of God, 525 Grove St., Sept. 18—; Hopkins Twins of Desloge, Mo., Evangelists.—Joe W. Adams, Pastor.

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CHATHAM, ONTARIO—Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Sept. 25—Oct. 6; George Hayes, Evangelist.—Don A. Emmons, Pastor.

CLANTON, ALA.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 18—; Wm. F. A. Gierke of Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist. J. H. Aplin is Pastor.

BEGGS, OKLA.—Assembly of God, 301 E. Main St., Oct. 2—23; D. J. McKinney, Artist-Evangelist, of Gulfport, Miss., Evangelist.—J. R. Harris, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO—El Bethel Assembly of God, 401 N. Belmont, Sept. 27—Oct. 16; Gay Benson of Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelist.—Arthur H. Parsons, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—Christian Hild will begin a two weeks' meeting at Bethel First Church, 15th and G Streets, September 18.—Donald G. Weston, Minister.

COLUMBUS, NEBR.—Sept. 18—; Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo., Evangelist. B. F. Correll is Pastor.

PENNSVILLE, N. J.—Assembly of God, Dolbow Ave; Sept. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; C. S. Tubby, Stevensville, Ont., Canada, Evangelist.—Samuel Y. Weidler, Pastor.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—City-wide Evangelistic Campaign, St. Nicholas Arena, Sept. 19—24. Evangelist, Wilbur Ogilvie. Chairman, Louis Kaplan.—W. A. Radawski (Finance Committee), Pastor.

ELMER, MO.—Fourteenth Annual Fellowship Meeting, Oct. 4—6. Opening service, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Free rooms. Meals on free-will offering plan. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker.—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Pastors.

CAMANCHE, IOWA—Fellowship Meeting, Oct. 1. Services 2:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Supper at 5 o'clock at Garner's Hall. Bring basket lunch and musical instruments.—Carl Bergman, Pastor, Assembly of God Tabernacle.

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT S. S. RALLIES

Sunday School Enlargement Rallies will be held throughout the Northwest District, Sept. 19—23, with Paul Copeland, National Promotional Director, speaker.—Vernon W. Skaggs, District Sunday School Representative.

## KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Kansas Sunday School Conferences, Oct. 10—21. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God, Conference speaker. Theme: "Our Sunday School's Meeting Today's Challenge—with Leadership, Light and Life." Services 10:30 a.m., 2:00, 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. Conference centers: Parsons, Oct. 10; Lawrence, Oct. 12; Salina, Oct. 14; Oberlin, Oct. 17; Dodge City, Oct. 19; Pratt, Oct. 21.—Paul Witten, District Representative.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—First Assembly of God, 1084 E. McLemore at Somerville, Oct. 2—23; Martin Luther Davidson, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

## 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, Slocomb, Ala.

## SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

The first South Carolina Camp meeting will convene Sept. 26—Oct. 6 on the grounds of HI-WAY Tabernacle, on Highway 6, 3 miles west of Lexington, S. C. Jonas Miller, Lakeland, Fla., camp speaker. Visiting ministers will speak in afternoon. Cots furnished for 25 cents a night; bring pillows and sheets. Meals on grounds. For further information write L. L. Whittaker, Route 2, Columbia, S. C., or H. T. Walker, District Superintendent, 1414 Richland St., Columbia, S. C.—J. C. Hunnicutt, Secretary.

DULUTH, MINN.—Regional Bible and Sunday School Convention of Pentecostal Assemblies of God. Duluth Gospel Tabernacle, 1515 W. Superior St., Oct. 20—26. Opening service 7:30 p.m. Meetings daily, 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Speakers: Lewi Pethrus, Pastor of Philadelphia Church of Stockholm, Sweden, and William Kirschke, Executive Secretary of National Sunday School Association of N.A.E. Soloist: Einar Ekberg. Other pastors and workers also participating. Address all communications to: Pastor E. C. Erickson, 4220 London Road, Duluth, Minn., or Pastor Allan G. Snider, 3925 London Road, Duluth, Minn.

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DAYTON, OHIO—Bethel Temple, Sept. 20—Oct. 9; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif., Evangelists.—Paul J. Emery, Pastor.

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma District Council will be held at the Camp Ground Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Okla., beginning night of Oct. 3, with C. A. Rally; L. B. Keener, C. A. President, speaker. Business session opens at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, and will continue through Thursday night, Oct. 6. Those desiring ordination, who have met the District requirements, will send for application blank to the District Secretary, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City. For further information write Robert E. Goggin, District Secretary, or District Superintendent V. H. Ray, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla. Camp Ground Auditorium is located 4½ miles north of Capitol Building, on Highway 66. Bus service to and from town. Meals served in dining hall at reasonable rates. There will be plenty of places to stay.—V. H. Ray, District Superintendent.

APPLETON, WIS.—The Gospel Temple, Sept. 13-25; Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper of Findlay, Ohio.—C. C. Wilcox, Pastor.

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**TEXAS DISTRICT FALL BIBLE CONFERENCES**

Texas District Sectional Fall Bible Conferences: Austin Section, Sept. 29-30, South Side Assembly, Austin. Yoakum Section, Oct. 4-5, Port Lavaca Assembly. San Antonio Section, Oct. 6-7, Glad Tidings Assembly, San Antonio. San Angelo Section, Oct. 11-12, First Assembly, Abilene. Wichita Falls Section, Oct. 13-14, Jacksboro Assembly. Fort Worth Section, Oct. 18-19, First Assembly, Fort Worth. Dallas Section, Oct. 20-21, Lisbon Assembly, Dallas. Greenville Section, Oct. 25-26, Royce City Assembly. Paris Section, Oct. 27-28, Mt. Pleasant Assembly. Tyler Section, Nov. 1-2, First Assembly, Longview. Lufkin Section, Nov. 3-4, Crockett Assembly. Beaumont Section, Nov. 8-9, First Assembly, Port Arthur. Houston Section, Nov. 10-11, First Assembly, Houston. Waco Section, Nov. 29-30, Morrow Avenue, Waco. Corpus Christi Section, Dec. 6-7, First Assembly, Corpus Christi. Valley Section, Dec. 8-9, Assembly of God, Brownsville.

Services: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. first day; 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., second day.—E. B. Crump, District Secretary-Treasurer.

HOISINGTON, KANSAS—Meeting in progress; Wayne Fagerstrom of New Meadows, Idaho, Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies invited.—Douglas J. Friesen, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Central Assembly of God, 2225 E. Central, Sept. 18—Oct. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Claire Brooks of Springfield, Mo., Evangelists.—J. Boyd Wolverton, Pastor.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—Norman Gardner has resigned as Christ's Ambassador President of the Northwest District. He and his wife Eleanor will be traveling with us in evangelistic work throughout the South. We will travel with house trailer.—The Gardner Evangelistic Party; by Velmer Gardner, 538½ S. Chelan Ave., Wenatchee, Wash.

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES**

BROADCAST—Listen to "Melodies for Meditation" each Sunday, 4 p.m., Station KDEC, Decorah, Iowa, 1240 kc., sponsored by the local Assembly of God.—Robert J. Beckman, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—736 E. Court St., Chariton, Iowa. "We are now pastoring the Assembly of God, corner Grand and Auburn, in this city."—Pastor and Mrs. Merlin N. Steen.

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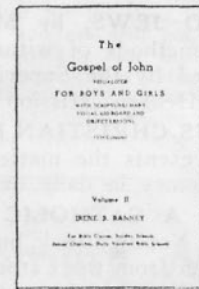


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