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A NEW YEAR'S WISH

Blessings unspoken this year be thine!
Each day in its rainbow flight entwine
New gems in thy joy-wreathed crown;
May each in the smile of Him be bright,
Who is changeless Love and unfading Light,
Till the glory seem to thy transcéd sight
As heaven to earth come down.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

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

Victory Through Christ IN 1950

At the threshold of a New Year, the members of the Executive Presbytery send Christian greetings and best wishes to every member of our Pentecostal fellowship. The twelve men, into whose care the interests of the General Council have been entrusted for the coming two years, have each written a brief message for the encouragement and spiritual help of all our Evangel family.

COMMITTED TO THE LORD

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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5.

This verse of Scripture has been unusually precious to me ever since an occasion that arose in my life some years ago. I had been faced with some vital decisions. My dearest friends had given me several different types of advice. Some had definitely told me I was wrong in taking a certain course, others were dubious. My heart was in communion with God both night and day, and as I crossed the street at Germantown and Cheltenham Avenues in Philadelphia, these precious words of Scripture came to me. I shall never forget it.

I stopped beside the mail box on the corner as the tears ran down my face, for I felt as though God had actually stepped up beside me as He whispered, "Commit thy way unto me." I answered, "Lord, I have committed my way." Then He gently admonished me saying, "No, you have not committed your way. You are like many others. They consult me and think they are committing. Others confide in me, and they feel they have committed it to me. Others seek to coerce me, and they feel they have committed it to me. I want you to commit completely and leave it in my hands."

Ever since then this verse has been a glorious Ebenezer in my life.

As we face the new year not knowing what it holds for us, can we not fittingly obey the injunction of this gracious word?

"ALWAYS FAITHFUL"

GAYLE F. LEWIS
ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

"Always Faithful." This is the motto of the United States Marine Corps, that group of valiant soldiers of the sea who do not know retreat. And it is a splendid motto for every Christian at the beginning of another new year.

The history of Christianity contains the record of millions who heeded the exhortation of this challenging text. On April 21, 1873, Livingstone wrote in his diary, "Tried to ride, but was forced to lie down, and they carried me to the village exhausted." On the morning of May 4 his servant found him, not in bed, but kneeling at the bedside with his head buried in his hands upon the pillow. He had died in the act of prayer. Alone, in the heart of Africa, he left his tired, worn body for his eternal home. Shall we follow in their footsteps?

ABUNDANT PROVISION FOR 1950

RALPH M. RIGGS
ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9:8.

This is a superlative word with which to enter the new year. Here God stands at our side abundantly able on our behalf. He has *all* grace at His disposal. It is not only extended to us in sufficient measure but it is made to *abound* toward us. This provision is not spasmodic or even periodic but steady and constant. As a matter of fact, it comes to us *always*. If sufficiency were not enough, we have here an assurance that *all* sufficiency is ours. Not for a limited number of things, but for *all* things. Grace overflows and abounds and so does "all sufficiency in all things." It, too, *abounds*. And when applied to our need and the work we have to do, there is no selection or limitation. It is to *every* good work. Seven times over, as a complete and perfect expression, the Holy Spirit tells us that God is able. What a superlative provision, and how superbly expressed!



"THIS ONE THING I DO"

FRED VOGLER
ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Paul was true to His God-assigned task to make Christ known to all the world as the Savior of men. We too have a God-given task and it is our responsibility to preach Christ. May God help us in this new year to accomplish this task, so that we might say with Paul, "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, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

GREATER THINGS AHEAD!

BERT WEBB
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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

One of the most powerful scriptures in all the Word of God is the one quoted above. A tremendous "if"—both from God's viewpoint and ours—stands out. In the dawning of a new year, it is highly imperative that we, as God's people and the representatives of His Kingdom on earth, completely take away this "if." By His grace and the divine enablement of the Holy Spirit WE WILL remove the "if;" WE WILL humble ourselves, and seek the Lord, until He "answers by fire."

All the limitless resources of heaven are placed at our disposal through the simple expedient of humble representatives and faithful prayer.

Now a brief glimpse at the encouraging facts shows that already there is abundant evidence of God's willingness to meet those who humbly surrender to Him. On every hand can be seen miraculous answers to prayer—veritable spiritual upheavals. To God be all the praise and glory! All-out consecration will bring all-out spiritual assistance from the very

portals of glory. Let 1950 be the greatest year yet, personally and denominationally.

OUR GOAL

J. ROSWELL FLOWER
GENERAL SECRETARY

"Let us go on unto perfection . . ." Heb. 6:1.

The new year presents a challenge to me as well as every child of God. "Let us go on!" On to what? To a greater appreciation of the Cross of Christ in its application to my own personal life as well as to my ministry—to a greater dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the Divine Enabler as well as Comforter—to a greater expectation of great things from God—to a greater fervency in my prayer life—to a quickening of my hope in the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are some things in the past which should be buried in the sea of forgetfulness. There are other things which should serve as an inspiration to go on, in the will of God, unto that perfection which is seen alone in Christ, our Lord.

A NEW YEAR'S PROMISE

WILFRED A. BROWN
GENERAL TREASURER

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Psalm 73:24.

Asaph found no answer as he contemplated the success and prosperity of the wicked. His life of testing contrasted so sharply with their lives that were filled with plenty. The more he thought on these things the more his spirit was overwhelmed and his heart was sorely pained. Then he entered God's sanctuary. There he saw events in God's light.

The maze of present-day happenings is so confusing that it provides no answer to God's children. There is nothing there to reassure our hearts and give us hope. But the place of prayer brings all into proper perspective. We see things in the light of the illumined Word, and with the revelation of His will to our lives we walk life's journey with sure feet and with the living hope of enjoying His glory at the end of the way.

OUR MISSION

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FOREIGN MISSIONS SECRETARY

We might sometimes be tempted to question why Christians are kept in this world when God loves them so intensely and heaven is a place so free of sorrow and suffering. The Scriptures reveal, however, two outstanding responsibilities the Christian assumes while in this world. One is to bring men to Christ and the other, to bring Christ to men. This means

a witnessing or proclamation of the truth and a living or incarnation of truth. We must not only tell about Him, but let the living Word in us become flesh so that men may see His glory. Thank God for each day and each year which gives us another opportunity to apprehend that for which we have been apprehended of God.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

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"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8.

The Book of Joshua holds the same position in the Old Testament as does the Book of Ephesians in the New. It is a Book of conquests and victories, the latter promised by the Lord to His believing children, if we would be strong and of good courage.

Nothing has been a greater boon to my life, nor offered me more help and encouragement and developed a more militant spirit in me, than the study of this Book.

Apostolic victories depended upon the Word of God. We read, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere, preaching the Word . . . God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will."

Our spiritual prosperity and success depends wholly upon our attitude toward the Word of God.

FORGETTING THE PAST

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Some time ago two of my friends, who had suffered nervous breakdowns and had taken the shock treatments, told me of their reactions to these treatments. They said that those things of very recent happenings were completely removed from memory, but the things of many years past were very vivid.

Well, I thought, this is significant. It is the memory of the far past that we hold dear; even the trials and heartaches, with their questions answered, are dear to us: but it is those things of recent happenings which have wounded and grieved us that we like to forget. Paul solved this problem when he said, in Phil. 3:13-14—"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

It is easy to forget things when we are absorbed with reaching a goal. In pressing toward this all-important goal, let us not forget the bills we owe, or the confessions we need to make; but let us forget the hurts and injuries received from those who have felt unkindly toward us. Perhaps they are striving for the same goal as we.

As we enter the new year, may we ever keep before us as our goal "the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus." Complicated world affairs present dark forebodings, but the future, to the child of God, is bright with His unfailing promises.

"BE YE READY"

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Humanly speaking, 1950 is an uncharted sea. Unlimited armament preparations and unprecedented development of the machine of hate by non-peace-loving war-mongers, drunken with greed, guarantee very rough sailing for our world. It will be disastrous sailing—if not during 1950, disaster is imminent, nevertheless. Though shipwreck is in store for a world without God, we, like Paul, shall be saved (raptured) while the frequently patched ship will be broken. For us the future is as bright as God Himself!

To our troubled bark Christ will soon come. As He came walking upon the raging waves to bring His disciples to land, so will He come in the midst of earth's stormy tumult and receive us into His Palace of Peace.

That truth-pledged, oath-covenanted, blood-bought moment is coming! It might be during 1950! "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Luke 12:40.

PENTECOSTAL PRIVILEGE

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"I will pour out My Spirit." Joel 2:28.

What wonderful grace bestowed upon us in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit! How wonderful that I should receive this marvelous Pentecostal experience. Then what cause for abounding gratitude and overflowing joy that I should be included in such a fellowship of men and women who are blessed by the Holy Spirit with vision and with desire for the exaltation of Jesus as Lord in one's life, in the Church, and in our witness to the world.

May our new year be characterized by repeated outpourings of God's Spirit and renewal in the reality of Pentecostal life and power to the magnifying and glorifying of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every servant of God should read
this timely article.

The Watchword

W. T. Gaston*

● THERE NEVER has been a religious movement that has remained spiritual very long. Gracious seasons of revival are sooner or later followed by decline. This fact, confirmed by the long history of the church, is certainly no indication that a lively flourishing church is not the norm. The word of Jesus to the church at Ephesus is proof positive that the saints in any locality are to blame for any decline from first love. The church at Rome was exhorted by the great apostle to the Gentiles to "maintain the spiritual glow" (Rom. 12:11 Moffatt). To this end the whole church should be constantly on guard. If the truth could be fully demonstrated, we would discover that each and every fellow believer is a contributing member either to the spiritual health and prosperity of the church or to the opposite.

Revival movements are always spear-headed by faithful ministers of the gospel. These self-abandoned servants of Christ and the people should therefore be given the full measure of well-earned appreciation for their work's sake. And if it is proper and right to render honor and credit where it is due, then it follows that responsibility for any deviation from the Scriptural norm must be borne chiefly by the church's leadership.

The trend of these introductory remarks has already indicated the particular group that is more especially addressed in this brief paper. God has signally blessed this great spiritual movement. All whose spiritual eyes have been opened will concede this well-attested fact. The days are still pregnant with possibility for those with faith and courage for spiritual adventure, and there is a deep yearning in the hearts of God's servants and handmaidens upon whom the Spirit has been graciously outpoured, that copious showers of Latter Rain may continue and in-

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crease upon us. To this end I suggest this little verse from Holy Writ as a watchword: "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:4).

These are the words of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ during that first great outpouring of the Spirit in Jerusalem. The immediate occasion of these words was the case of some women who had been neglected. True to type, these women put in a complaint that they had been neglected. This came to the ears of the apostles, and they said, "Look ye out among you seven men . . . full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Now, you need both if you are going to deal with grumbling women—and some men are worse. The apostles wanted to get rid of business and give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. A great many preachers since that day have failed God because of too much business, too many side lines, too many other things, failing to say with one of old. "This one thing I do."

"We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." You will notice in this little verse that prayer comes first. Not the ministry of the Word and prayer, but prayer and the ministry of the Word. This is God's order, and to attempt to reverse the order is to fail. Anyone called to preach



the gospel will succeed if he goes at it according to this program. There never was and there never will be a case of failure where a God-called minister gives himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word. I want to drop this into your heart—there is no such thing as defeat in the will of God.

Look at Jacob. He knew how to drive a bargain. He did not need to pray very much to get by in the world. But there came a time in his life when he was up against it, when his cunning and ingenuity would not get him by. He heard that his brother was coming to meet him with four hundred men. This was too much for Jacob. However, he proceeded with his diplomacy. He arranged his property and servants in bands and sent them over. He said, "I will appease him with a present." This is a pretty good way to win a Jew—and a Gentile as well.

After all, Jacob was afraid; and the whole company having passed over the brook, he was left alone with God. There he wrestled all night even until the breaking of the day. And in that time of agonizing travail of soul, Jacob was changed from a bargain-hunting supplanter to a prince with God. His name, his heart, and his character were changed.

There are some things in the world we can do with a minimum of prayer. But when it comes to grappling with the powers of darkness, when it comes to dealing with the souls of lost men who are bound by Satan, we need the power of God. We must have that princely something that comes only from God. And we can only have that as we give ourselves to prayer. We too can learn to wrestle and prevail against the powers of hell through the ministry of the Spirit and by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Moses is another character who learned to pray. There are so many instances of this in his life that I hardly know which one to mention. You remember that while Moses was up in the mountain with God, the fickle-hearted people got tired of waiting for him to return and they made a golden calf, and were having a great time dancing and singing. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed thereunto and said,

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These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now, therefore, let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them, and I will make of thee a great nation.

"And Moses besought the Lord his God and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?" Like a lawyer before the bar, this prince with God presents his strong reasons and argues his point with God. "And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto His people."

There is something very encouraging here to the heart of a true servant. Here is a lone man in the presence of God, dealing with God for the people, perfectly at home with his Master and Creator, and free to tell Him what should be done under the circumstances. Nothing short of a life of intimate association with the Infinite would ever give a man freedom to talk with God after this fashion.

Moses, having prevailed with God for the people, now leaves the place of prayer for the place of service to the people. The two tables of the testimony are in his hands. When *"he saw the calf, and the dancing: Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. . . . Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me."*

You would think Moses would be afraid of that frenzied mob of religious fanatics. Nay, verily, there can be no fear in the heart of a man fresh from the mount of God. Alone he stands, towering majestically above the crowd. With solemn dignity and God-breathed authority he excommunicates the entire nation and calls for volunteers for the cause of righteousness.

The fear of man has been the handicap of many preachers. We need fearless men and women today to champion the cause of unpopular truth. And be it remembered that divine truth is always unpopular. To brave the enmity of the carnal mind, we need God-given boldness. This, Moses had in superabundance; not by nature, for Moses was timid, shrinking, and slow

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Begin the Day With God

Andrew Murray

● THE FIRST and chief need of Christian life is fellowship with God. The divine life within us comes from God and is entirely dependent upon Him. As I need the air to breathe every moment, so it is only in direct living communication with God that my soul can be strong. The manna of one day was corrupt when the next day came. I must every day have fresh grace from heaven, and I obtain it only in direct waiting upon God Himself. Begin each day by tarrying before God and letting Him touch you. Take time to meet God.

To this end let the first act in your devotions be a setting yourself humbly before God. In prayer or worship everything depends upon God taking the chief place. We must bow quietly before Him in humble faith and adoration. God is near. God is love, longing to communicate himself to you. God, the Almighty One, who worketh all in all, is



BEGIN THE YEAR WITH GOD

Begin the year with God!
 Begin with praise
 To Him whose love will keep
 Thee through the days.
 Whate'er those days may be—
 Of dark or bright—
 Walking with Him thy path
 Leads to the light.

Begin the year with God!
 His love can bless
 Even the dark days in
 The wilderness;
 He goeth still before,
 A cloud by day,
 Pillar of fire by night,
 Guiding thy way.

Begin the year with God!
 No friend like Him.
 And should the unknown year
 The valley dim
 Open before thy gaze,
 With Him in sight,
 Surely the unknown way
 Shall end in light!

—K. Russell

even now waiting to work in you and make Himself known. Take time till you know God is very near.

When you have given God His place of honor, glory and power, take your place of deepest lowliness and seek to be filled with the spirit of humility. As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing, that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God; bow in self-abasement. As a saint let God's love overwhelm you, and bow still lower down. Sink down before Him in humility, meekness, patience, and surrender to His goodness and mercy.

Then accept and value your place in Christ Jesus. God delights in nothing so much as in His beloved Son, and can be satisfied with nothing less in those who draw nigh to Him. Enter deep into God's holy presence, in the boldness which the blood gives and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well-pleasing. In Christ you are within the veil. You have access into the very heart and love of the Father. This is the great object of fellowship with God, that we may have more of God in our life and that God may see Christ formed in us.

Christ is a living Person. He loves His people with a personal love, and He looks every day for the personal response of your love. Look into His face with trust till His love really shines into your heart. Makes His heart glad by telling Him that you love Him.

As you meditate on this wondrous salvation and seek full fellowship with the great and holy God, and wait on Him to reveal Christ in you, you will feel how needful is the giving up of all to receive Him. Seek grace to know what it means to live as wholly for God as Jesus did. Let every approach to God and every request for fellowship with Him be accompanied by a new, very definite and entire surrender to Him.

"By faith." Here, as through all Scripture and all the spiritual life, this must be the keynote. As you tarry before God let it be in a deep, quiet faith in Him, the invisible One, who is so near, so holy, so mighty, so loving; in a deep, restful faith, too, that all the blessings and powers of the heavenly life are around you and in you. Yield yourself in the faith of a perfect trust to the ever blessed holy Trinity to work out all God's purpose in you. Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and read a portion of His Word; then God will be all in all to you.

Sunday School Lesson

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THE MIRACLE WORKER

Lesson for January 8, 1950

Lesson Text: John 2:1-11.

In our day many identify God with nature, which is incorrect. Our Lord is superior to nature. He is Creator; nature is creation—the work of His hands. The miracles of Jesus reveal this fact: turning water into wine (John 2:9), multiplying the loaves and the fishes (Matt. 14:19-21), rebuking the storm (Matt. 8:23-26), and His many miracles in behalf of afflicted humanity.

1. Jesus Is Present Wherever We Are.

Our lesson for today takes us to a wedding. The mother of Jesus was there, as were Jesus and His disciples. Nature calls for some natural things, none of which are more sacred than the marriage tie. What responsibility rests on those who pledge fidelity each to the other so long as they both shall live.

How elaborate this wedding festivity at Cana was to be, we are unable to say, but it was planned to well represent the sacred occasion. As it is with many other events in life, even this wedding feast faced embarrassment. The wine ran out. It reminds us a little of those weddings where people go beyond their means. From this let us learn to live simple lives, and not over-spend. Let us also learn to trust the Lord when circumstances seem disappointing. May we make life as pleasant as possible, so that each association in life may be a blessing and a means of grace. The presence of Jesus and His mother at this wedding feast reveals the approval of God on marriage, and divine pleasure on making the ceremony of marriage a time of pleasant associations. May we make not marriages only, but all our social gatherings, such as Jesus can approve with His presence.

2. The Mother of Jesus had Confidence in Her Son.

Turning to Him, she said, "They have no wine." To us it might seem like a reproof when He answered, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." But Mary understood Him. Not for a moment was her faith daunted. Turning to the servants, she said, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." She did not know how He would meet the situation, but she had confidence that He would do it. We must not tell God how He is to work. We must have confidence that He will work.

God sometimes lets human means fail that He might teach us our human limitations, turn us away from self, and stir our faith in Him. For some it is hard to learn this lesson. Not

so with Mary. Her trust was not in self, but in our Lord Jesus. Mary believed that Jesus was divine as well as human, and well she might. Had not the angel appeared to her before He was born, announcing to her: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the son of God"? Luke 1:35. Mary believed in order to bring forth Jesus; and she continued to believe. We must believe that we might be saved; we must continue to believe if we will see the glory of God, for "the just shall live by faith." Heb. 10:38.

THE SAME—



3. Faith Must Be Accompanied with Works.

Some preach "grace" until it no longer remains grace. One who prepared a work on Theology has rejected even the teaching that faith is the foundation for salvation, claiming that to do this makes salvation dependent on works. While "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11), yet the Bible clearly teaches that every blessing comes through faith, for "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6.

Mary's faith called for works. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Obedience is the fruit of faith. When Abraham believed, he also obeyed. "He started for the land of Canaan, and into the land of Canaan he came." Gen. 12:5. See also James 1:22; 2:14, 18-24. When the Israelites stood at the Egyptian side of the Red Sea with Pharaoh's hosts charging toward them from the rear, they had to face the sea in faith. When Moses smote the waters, they had to believe that the sea would not close its waters around them and devour them. Then they had to take the step of faith and obey the commandment of Moses that they go forward. They must take up their march through the space which God has opened through the sea. Contrast Israel with Pharaoh and his army. Pharaoh started across because he had seen Israel do so, but without faith in God. His was not an "obedience of faith," and he and his army were lost. Exodus 14. All our obedience must be an obedience of faith and cooperation with God.

4. The Commandment of Jesus.

Jesus saw the faith of His mother. Seeing six waterpots of stone He said to the servants, "Fill the waterpots with water." The servants were not to question; they were to obey. When they had obeyed He said, "Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast." I wonder if this was not meant as a test of the faith of the servants. They knew they had poured only water into the waterpots. Now they were to pour out the same, first of all to the one presiding at the feast, as if it were wine. If the words of Jesus were a test to their faith, they met it gloriously. "They filled them up to the brim." They went all the way in their faith and they were not disappointed. Jesus did not let them down, and He will never let faith down.

When the governor had tasted the water that was made wine, he called the bridegroom "and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth the good wine: and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now." He knew the way of the world. Setting the good wine first, then the worst as men became intoxicated, well represents the way of the devil. He gives the best first, and what woe often follows! Not so with Jesus. He continually imparts the better. See Prov. 4:18.

Faith may be tested, whatever our walk in life may be, but faith will triumph as we put our trust in the Lord. As Jesus was present at the wedding at Cana, He is ever present with those who love Him. Blessed is the divine promise, "For the Lord will not forsake his people." 1 Sam. 12:22.

LESSON FOR JAN. 1, 1950—"The Lamb of God." Lesson Text—John 1.

"If I had ten lives, I would gladly lay them down for Christ in the white man's grave, to gain, by the grace of God, the black man's resurrection.—Bishop Taylor Smith.

A New Year's Resolution

Wins a Soul

● ON THE FOURTH day of January I made a trip to New York City to keep an engagement with a customer. For practical reasons, I decided to register at a hotel near the station and was assigned a room on the 18th floor, where the page deposited my baggage. By the time I had refreshed myself and was ready to leave, it was nearly eleven o'clock in the morning.

Kneeling beside the bed, I asked the Lord of the harvest to guide me during the day and to use me for His glory. I prayed thus: "My Lord, this is a large city of seven million people, and I am just a weak, unknown servant of Thine with no knowledge of the city and no acquaintance with the hungry hearts that may be here. Thou dost know where the needy ones are. Thou alone dost know with whom Thou hast been dealing. Here is my body—my feet, my lips. Wilt Thou take them today to some troubled heart and speak through me Thy words of light and life? Thank Thee, Lord; I believe Thou wilt do it."

Rising from my knees, I took my samples, price-book and Bible, and went out to call on my customer. Walking east on Thirty-second Street, I found near the subway station a stationery shop, in the window of which was a small leather-covered note-book which attracted my attention. I was in need of a new prayer-book, for it was my custom, on the first of the year, to make out a new list of my petitions to the Lord. The prayer and the date of the petition were placed on the left-hand page, and then a space was kept on the right-hand page in which to write the answer to that prayer and the date on which the reply was received from the Lord. This keeping books with God I found to be most profitable, as well as inspiring and encouraging. Here was the very book that I needed for the new year.

This shop was a very small one and was operated by a German who was small of stature. I entered the store, described the little book in the window, and he at once obtained it for me. After a careful examination I found it was arranged just right for my needs and agreed to pay the price, \$1.10. As he wrapped it up I asked the Lord whether this might be the person in whose heart He had been working, and followed the prayer with this inquiry, "Do you know what I expect to do with this little book?"

"No," he said, "unless you will gift it to some friend for a New Year's present."

"No," I answered, "this will be used as a prayer-book."

A look of surprise and astonishment came over the face of the little German, and he began to unwrap the package. "I am sorry, my friend, but you have bought the wrong book. This is a blank book; it is not a prayer-book," he said.

"I know it," I said quickly, feeling that the Lord had given an opening for a conversation about Himself. "You see, I will make my own prayer-book out of this book, for I will write my petitions on the left-hand pages and will enter the answer on the opposite right-hand

pages when the Lord gives the answer. I like to keep a record of God's dealings with me, and to know whether or not my prayers are being answered."

I observed a deep earnestness and seriousness on the part of my new friend as I told him this story. He finished wrapping the package, placed the money in the cash register, and, still holding the package in his hand, came from behind the counter to talk with me about this matter. Placing the book on the counter and taking hold of the two lapels of my coat, he looked into my face and I observed tears in his eyes. He was greatly agitated. With a voice full of emotion, he said, "Can you get to Gott?"

"Yes, indeed," I replied happily. "Many years ago He saved my soul, and since then I have had the joy of knowing Him and walking with Him in happy fellowship. Would you like to find Him?"

It was easy to see that the Holy Spirit had found for me a candidate for glory. How earnestly the little man replied to my question, saying, "Mister, I have tried to find Gott for many years. I have gone around Manhattan and Brooklyn and the Bronx, night after night, attending many services, but failed always to find Gott. Can you tell me how to get to Him?"

"Yes," I replied, "that is my principal business in life. Perhaps you have tried to get to God without going to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ. If you will come to Jesus Christ, He will bring you to God."

I then opened my Bible and read to him John 14:6—"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." We also read together 1 Peter 3:18—"Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

Here was a heart not far from the kingdom. I remembered the promise of the Lord: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Here was one who was seeking, and surely he would find, according to the promise of God.

The idea of coming to Christ first as the way to God seemed to be an entirely new thought to my friend. It puzzled him a little and I saw that it needed an explanation. I sought to show him that there must be a Mediator between God and men, and the Christ was that One. I also sought to show him how the work of Christ at Calvary was quite sufficient to satisfy the demands of God for his sins, and that at Calvary's Cross the Lord Jesus was wounded for his transgressions and bruised for his iniquities. Isa 53:5. We read together 1 Peter 2:24—"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." Then we turned to Romans 5:6—"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

My friend realized that he had no strength, and yet he was earnestly seeking for the forgiveness of his sins and wanting access to God as his Father. "How can I find Jesus?" he asked. "Where can I find Him?"

"You may just accept Him right now, where

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Sunday, January 1

to

Sunday, January 8

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on yourself, your home, your assembly, on all the world.

Pray that sinners will be saved, that believers will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that God's Church will be endued with mighty power to make her victorious in the last great battles that lie ahead.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the salvation of the Jews.

Pray for all pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and others who lead in the worldwide offensive for Christ.

Pray for the President, Congress, State and local governments, and all that are in authority.

Pray for the Sunday Schools, the C.A.'s, the Bible schools, the publishing houses, and every agency which has a vital part in world evangelization.

Begin on New Year's Eve and keep praying until the answer comes.

"And it shall come to pass," God says, "that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24.

you are standing." I assured him. "Just bow your head and pray for forgiveness. Tell the Lord Jesus that you believe in Him, that you love Him, and that you trust Him just now with your soul's salvation."

He bowed his head at once, and said quietly, "Lord Jesus, I see that You came to die for me and to bring me to Gott. I belief in You and I come to You now with my sins for You to safe me, and I belief that You do. I belief You will bring me to Gott and I trust you with my soul."

My German friend had found the Lord, and the Lord had found him. The quest of years was at an end. The seeking heart had found a sufficient Savior. The one who had been afar off was now made nigh by the blood of Christ. Darkness had been turned into day, and this friend had passed out of death into life.

As I left the shop with my prayer-book, I said, "Thank You, blessed Lord; how quickly You answered my prayer."

The Holy Spirit is always ready, waiting, and willing to lead the yielded servant in paths that are profitable. Let us learn to look to Him and to depend upon Him, so that we may be found spending our time wisely and be led to those hidden hearts in whom He is working.—by W. L. Wilson, author of the book "Miracles in a Doctor's life." This book of inspiring adventures in soul-winning may be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House for 35 cents.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Two million dollars were spent during the past year by the Catholic Church Extension Society on mission projects in the Far West and South, according to an announcement by the Society's president.

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

NON-CATHOLICS IN ITALY

The children of 45,000 Protestants and 40,000 Jews in Italy are forced to receive instruction in the Roman Catholic religion as part of their studies in public schools.

A SWEDISH GOSPEL BROADCAST

Starting last September, the Pentecostal people of Sweden have been sponsoring a weekly radio broadcast from Radio Luxembourg. The broadcast, heard each Tuesday evening at eight, reaches all Scandinavia and other parts of Europe.

TO PURCHASE FM STATION

New England Evangelicals are planning to purchase a 20,000-watt Frequency Modulation radio station in New Hampshire, to bring "the living message of the gospel to sinful men as well as to put Christian educational and cultural programs into the homes of 2,500,000 listeners."

SLAVE TRAFFIC REVIVED

"Another consequence of the weakening of British naval power in the East," says Ernest Gordon in *S. S. Times*, "is the revival of the slave trade carried on by Arabs across the Red Sea. More than a hundred thousand blacks have been stolen from Africa recently by these slave raiders."

ONE LONE PENNY FOR GOD!

According to statistics from the Department of Commerce, the American people spend 99 cents of every dollar on themselves and only one cent for God and humanity. With an annual income of \$224,000,000,000 they give only \$2,224,000,000 to churches and charity. American generosity is not what it used to be!

A NATIONAL "HANGOVER"

"Remember the booze proponents who, in 1933, glibly told the nation that 'a tax on legal beer will quickly lift the entire public debt?'" asks the *Democrat and Chronicle* (Rochester, N. Y.). "Yet, in spite of our 'noble experiment' in drinking ourselves out of debt, here we are with a 250 billion dollar hangover."

WHISKEY ADS ON THE AIR

Although the radio networks have decided not to accept whiskey advertising, it is reported that 200 separate radio stations are willing to accept spot programs. If all Christian people would register a protest with their local radio stations it would do much to prevent such an intrusion by the liquor interests into the privacy of our family circles.

A STARTLING FACT

Of the 730 million books printed in America last year, 720 million were comics! The fact is almost unbelievable; but the figures are correct, according to Richard Barbour, a public school official of San Diego, who made a special investigation of the reading habits of the rising generation! Surely no good can come from feeding the mind on so unwholesome a diet.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

A Gallup poll was taken regarding New Year resolutions and it gave a revealing insight into the things which count most with many people. The favorite resolution was a determination to save more money. The second resolution in popularity was a desire to improve their character. The third was a resolve to improve the disposition. It is tragic that people will put the unrighteous mammon first and relegate the things of eternal value to a secondary importance.

THE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Many will be found in our assemblies kneeling in prayer as the midnight hour strikes on New Year's Eve, and it may be of interest to know how this blessed Watchnight custom originated. It began at Kingswood, England, among some converted coal miners. In Southey's *Life of Wesley* we read that these miners had been accustomed to sit up late at their ale houses, and they felt that they ought to spend as much time in psalm singing and praying, which they did far into the morning. Wesley capitalized on this novelty. The last night of the year came to be the time when Watchnight was most universally observed, especially by Wesley's followers.

AN EGOTIST SPEAKS ON ALCOHOL

George Bernard Shaw says at times some things worth repeating. The following with regard to the high-pressure selling of intoxicants appeared in *Listen* for July-September: "If a natural choice between drunkenness and sobriety were possible in our civilization, I should leave the people free to choose. But when I see an enormous capitalist organization pushing drink under people's noses at every corner and pocketing the price, whilst leaving me and others to pay the colossal damages, then I am prepared to smash that organization and make it as easy for a poor man to be sober, if he wants to, as it is for his dog."

IMMIGRATION IN ISRAEL

The rate of immigration in Israel has been rising again. There were 15,000 in July, 14,000 in August, 20,000 in September, and October was expected to bring an influx of 30,000 immigrants, which was the record immigration figure reached last March.

There is considerable mystery about the new immigrants. The Israeli Government has refused, "for safety reasons," to disclose the countries from which the immigrants are coming. It is reported by *Jews in the News* that "many Jews are crossing the borders of Communist-dominated European countries that are supposedly sealed to emigration. The same holds true with regard to certain Arab states where the spirit of Pharaoh prevails, but there is no stopping the second great Jewish exodus. Plagues will befall the nations that retard any God-inspired movement when the Eternal says, 'Let my people go.'"

PAUL'S LANDING IN GREECE

The Greek Orthodox Church is making extensive preparations to celebrate next June the 1900th anniversary of the landing of the apostle Paul in Greece. A featured part of the celebration will be a pilgrimage to the places where Paul preached.

The story of Paul's arrival is told in Acts 16:9-40, and it is a thrilling one. First there was a vision; then an outdoor service by the river; and women were the first converts. Paul cast out a spirit of divination; as a result, he and Silas were thrown in jail; but God sent an earthquake to set them free; and in the end, the jailer and all his house were converted.

From start to finish it is a story of the supernatural. It will be well for the Greek clerics to re-examine the record and see how far they have departed from the foundations of Christianity in these 1900 years.

WATCHES TELEVISION HANGING THEN HANGS HIMSELF

A 12-year-old boy in Hayward, Calif. hanged himself a few days ago, apparently while re-enacting a scene from a television show, according to Alameda County Deputy Sheriff Glen Harvey. The parents found the boy in the bathroom, hanging from a belt looped around his neck, when they returned home from a dance.

His younger brother said the two boys had watched a Western movie on television during the evening. It included a hanging scene, he said, and both boys had discussed "how it must feel."

What a pity! We wonder who is most guilty in God's sight: the boy himself, who merely obeyed the common urge to copy; or the parents, who left him to choose his own television programs; or the authorities who permit such stuff to be on the air?

NEW STAR SYSTEMS DISCOVERED

Discovery of two new star systems, each much larger than any ever found before, was reported this month by the director of the Lick Observatory atop Mount Hamilton in California. A newspaper points to the discovery as additional proof of the minute size of the earth's solar system in comparison with God's great universe.

The solar system, as we know it, is an infinitesimal part of earth's galaxy, the Milky Way. The Milky Way is one of twenty galaxies grouped together. They are about a million light-years wide, altogether. By way of contrast, the largest of the two clusters of galaxies just discovered contains more than a thousand galaxies. It is about ten million light-years wide, and sixty million light-years from the earth.

There were no giant telescopes with which to explore the vastness of God's creation in David's time, yet the Psalmist cried: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Psalm 8:3, 4. How much greater would have been the Psalmist's wonder, and how much deeper would have been his humiliation, had he lived today—and how much greater and deeper our own ought to be!

Husband, wife—is Family Worship a daily custom in your home? If not, begin at New Year's and make it so.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Alice Reynolds Flower

● STRICTLY SPEAKING, the family altar is the most vital factor in maintaining the unity of the family, for in its faithful observance every other need is directly or indirectly met.

Someone has beautifully compared the family altar to "a hem which keeps the garment from fraying." Whether they appear on the surface or not, there are fraying edges in every home that fails to set apart some season in each day for household prayers. The fact the preacher and his helpmeet are occupied in preaching, praying, calling, ministering in every conceivable way, by no means lessens their responsibility for maintaining family prayers. In this regard their first responsibility is to their home—to make it a united family before God; and to the extent that righteousness and godliness prevail there, to the same extent God can consistently bless their outside ministries.

We all have seen Christian homes that have "frayed out" sadly. There was disintegration of their family life that finally brought painful dishonor to our Christ and His cause; and oftentimes the failure to consistently and regularly continue the family altar was the chief reason for the dissipation of the family unity. Go back to the sixth and eleventh chapters of Deuteronomy and read often those striking words, "Therefore shall ye lay up these words in your heart and in your soul, . . . and ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, . . . and thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thine house, and upon thy gates."

God's first direction for spiritual development among the Hebrews was for the home. The development of public worship came later. Something to ponder here, is there not? Every home without a family altar is missing the measure of the divine standard. Here is where the diligent helpmeet can be of great assistance. Granting the many irregularities incidental to family life, even in a parsonage, a way can always be made for united prayers.

Good partners plan well their financial budget; there can be the same careful planning in the matter of time and expediency for the conducting of prayers. Much can be done by the wife in arranging household tasks, adjustments with the children, and demands of outsiders (as far as possible), that nothing might hinder such seasons of worship. The selection of a proper time must rest with each household, for different conditions will arise in various situations. When the head of the house is away from home, family prayers should continue just the same. In sickness and health, in adversity and prosperity, from the altar of every home let the sweet fragrance of true family worship rise before God continually.

"Nothing indicates the feebleness of modern piety more than the absence of family worship from so many Christian homes. In permitting the falling away—on account of the great rush



of our modern life—Christians are being involved in a loss far greater than many of them realize. Many families are awakening to the conviction that the family altar is not only a duty and privilege, but a blessing to the home and to the church.

"Many a child or older person has been kept from yielding to temptation under the memories of the morning and evening prayer at the home altar. It impresses the children at an age when impressions are most lasting. It gives to the father authority, dignity, and honor in the eyes of the household. It brings God into the home life in a positive and lasting manner. It gives eternal things importance, and thrusts back the trivial follies and fashions of the world where they belong. The members of the family are bound together as they would not otherwise be, and the precious memories of the worship hour linger while life lasts. There is a spirit of obedience that would not otherwise exist.

"True family worship is a vase of perfume that sheds fragrance over all. It softens harshness; it quells anger; it quiets impatience; it settles differences; it subdues evil passions. Hearts that are drawn together at God's feet every day cannot wander far apart. The altar in the midst wonderfully hallows and sweetens the home fellowship. It smooths out the wrinkles of care. It keeps the fire burning on every heart's altar.

"The best image of heaven which this earth can afford is found when a household is gathered to learn God's will from His Holy Word, to raise their voices in song or praise in honor of His name, and to hold sweet communion with Him in united prayer. Every family can thus breathe the air of heaven every day, and keep filled with the Spirit of God all the way home to glory. What a holy blessing!"

In the life of John G. Paton, that marvelous messenger of salvation to the New Hebrides, we are told of the regular habit of morning and evening prayers observed in his godly father's household. Until the day of his death at seventy-seven years, the father failed not, even to the last of his life when he was heard repeating the Psalms and breaking forth into

prayer. Paton was a worthy product of such a home, and of that early influence he wrote: "I never can remember that any day passed when prayers were omitted. No hurry for the market, no rush of business, no arrival of friends, no trouble or joy ever prevented our kneeling about the altar while our family priest led us to God, and offered himself and his children there. The worst woman in the town where we lived crept up to the window and heard my father pleading for sinners in his prayer, and was herself saved."

Do your part, Christian parent, that such a record may be left of your home, for the sake of the passing stranger, and the guest who may come and go, to say nothing of your own good. Eternity's pages alone can reveal the full measure of influence and salvation emanating from any home where God's altar is established and faithfully continued.

THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all who responded to our appeal for a special Christmas offering, so that we could provide Christmas cheer for our three children's homes in Alaska, as well as for our National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and our retirement home for elderly ministers and missionaries at Pinellas Park, Florida. We would like to have sent more than we did, but we are sure that what your contributions enabled us to send was a real blessing to the otherwise homeless children, and our elderly pioneer workers who are now resident in our Pinellas Park Home.

Again we say THANK YOU and may God bless and prosper you throughout the coming year.

Fred Vogler,
Home Missions Director and
Director of Benevolences

THE IMPORTANT DIRECTION

One stormy night a boat could make no headway, and while the captain was struggling to get into port, a nervous passenger said to him: "Do you think we shall get in all right?" He replied: "This is a leaky old boat, and we may go down; and the boilers are not in very good condition, so we may go up. But whatever happens, we are going on."—*Sunday School Times.*

OUR SHEPHERD GOES AHEAD

The Oriental shepherd was always ahead of his sheep. He was in front. Any attempt upon them had to take him into account. Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills men with dread. But God is there already, and all tomorrows of our life have to pass Him before they can get to us.—F. B. Meyer.

A "PRISON" FOR EACH WIFE!

According to Ripley's *Believe-It-Or-Not*, a married woman in Muscat, Arabia, must always wear a steel-barred mask over her face as a reminder that she is her husband's "prisoner." Thank God for the gospel of Jesus Christ, the great Emancipator, that has freed most countries from bondage and servitude.



An Igorot girl is given a Christian burial. The station wagon was used as a hearse. Note casket inside. Mrs. Vanderbout is standing at right.

Christian Burial of an Igorot

Elva L. Vanderbout, Philippine Islands

● TWO WEEKS AGO one of our Christian girls, a faithful attendant of our Sunday School and church, went home to be with the Lord. She was only ten years old. Her funeral was our first among the Igorots. One of my helpers accompanied me to the home. We were there several hours, encouraging and instructing the people and helping with the preparations for burial.

Some of the nationals made the casket. We lined it with a sheet. While we were getting the casket ready the children gathered flowers and the women made a wreath.

The father of the little girl was in Manila. We tried to contact him but were unsuccessful. There was a new baby in the home. It was only a few days old, so the mother had to be carried to the station wagon which also served as the hearse.

The little church at Antamok Trail had been cleaned, and decorated with flowers for the funeral. Clyde Shields and Bernardo Garcia, who have been holding revival services for us at Antamok Trail sang, and I spoke for a few minutes then Juan B. Soriano, the national pastor, brought the message. It was the first time that any of the nationals had attended a Christian funeral. The people seemed favorably impressed. The service was so sweet and so different from their pagan ceremonies. (Editor's Note: In the June 18, 1949 *Evangel* Mrs. Vanderbout told of visiting a home where the body of an aged woman was being prepared for burial. To show the contrast between the Christian preparation and the pagan we quote a paragraph from that article here: "Upon reaching the house we were taken immediately to see the body. I had been told a little of what to expect, but I must say that I had not been adequately prepared. The body of the old woman had been placed in a

special-made chair. The elbows rested on the chair arms with the hands and forearms pointed upward. The body was nude to the waist. All the skin had been removed from the body, and in some fashion the body had been roasted—in order to preserve it, I was told, only it was far from being preserved. The woman had been dead for five days and had not been embalmed. The stench was so terrible I almost fainted.")

When the service was over we took the body of the little girl to the cemetery for burial. The Igorots usually bury their dead under their houses or in their yards.

The revival I mentioned has been in progress three weeks. Quite a number have been saved. Last Friday morning thirty-one were baptized. Others are planning to be baptized next Sunday. Not all being baptized are new converts. Some Catholics have become interested in the gospel during the revival; others have thrown stones at the church building, and caused other disturbances during our services.

Work has been started on our new building in Tuding. It is surprising how fast the structure is taking form; however, we have been handicapped for lack of money to buy building materials.

CONQUESTS

"It was a Jew who brought the gospel to Rome; a Roman who took it to France; a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia; a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland; a Scotchman who evangelized Ireland and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the gospel except at the hands of an alien."

HE PAID HIS VOW

Lawrence N. Olson, Brazil

Ari Muniz de Carvalho, ten-year-old son of Christian parents living in Mattozinhos near Sao Joao del Rey, Brazil, was seriously ill of a kidney infection. The doctors held no hopes for him. Realizing the situation the father made a vow to the Lord to give the Assemblies of God church a calf if He would heal his boy.

In answer to the father's prayer a Christian worker and I, driving through Mattozinhos from Lavras en route to another distant point, were led to stop at the home of the boy. We found little Ari (pronounced Aree) in a serious condition indeed. His body was swollen unbelievably. We anointed the lad and committed him to the Lord, and went on our way. On our return trip we found Ari up and in school.

Did the father give the calf to the church as he had promised? Yes, and the calf was then sold for \$8.

ADDRESSES FOR EUROPEAN TRANSACTIONS

THE EUROPEAN OFFICE of the Foreign Missions Department still operates in Basel, Switzerland, in connection with all missionary and relief activities on the European Continent, under the address: Assemblies of God, P. O. Box 120, BASEL 1, Switzerland.

THE DISPLACED PERSONS program, under which many believers of like precious faith are being sponsored for immigration to U.S.A. from Germany, is being handled by the European Division at our New York office. Kindly address correspondence to: Assemblies of God, EUROPEAN DIVISION, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

RELIEF FOR EUROPE, which is still urgently needed for refugees and displaced persons, can be sent directly by parcel post for those in Germany to: Assemblies of God, Kornstrasse 240, (23) Bremen-Neustadt, Germany.

(Each parcel should be marked "GIFT PACKAGE" so that the rate of 6c per pound will be applicable. The custom declaration should be marked: "Relief material—No commercial value." A parcel must not exceed 22 pounds in weight.)

Friends who desire to send packages by parcel post to other European countries will receive further instructions by communicating with: Assemblies of God, EUROPEAN DIVISION, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Kindly contact the same office relative to larger shipments by freight to Europe.

Gustav Kinderman
Field Secretary for Europe

A Living Testimony Now

Paul E. Finkenbinder, El Salvador

● A FEW DAYS AGO I visited eastern El Salvador. I was impressed while there by the story of one of the believers, Ramon, who lives in the town of Pasaquina.

Ramon, as a child, was an altar boy in the Catholic church. His people were aggressive and he was anxious to achieve success. He studied at the capital, then accepted a teaching position in the public school. Later he was appointed sectional director of schools. The social life connected with the directorship started him to drinking. In only a short time he was a slave to drink.

Though Ramon was liked by his board and had been efficient, the time came when it was necessary for the board to consider his dismissal. So often he could not attend to duties. Just a few days before Ramon was to come before the board he visited our Assemblies of God church in Pasaquina. He listened with interest to the message, though with some doubt at first. As is the case with so many here he had no confidence in any faith. The Catholic church had brought him no satisfaction; therefore, he thought no faith could. He had once asked a priest about heaven and hell. This was the answer he received: "As far as heaven is concerned I cannot tell you anything. My knowledge of the above only goes to the ceiling. As for hell, all I can say is that if there is a hell, I will be there to greet you when you arrive." The priest's words had left an indelible impression upon Ramon's mind, but through the doubt, as he listened in the Assemblies of God church, the Spirit began to work. Over

night his life was changed completely. Ramon is now a living testimony of what the Spirit can do.

MOSLEMS END FAST

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler W. Anderson write from the Gold Coast: "Moslems are very strong here. Recently thousands gathered at Accra to celebrate the end of a thirty-day fast. Of course they abstained during the day only, eating all they wanted at night.

"The celebration took place in an open space. At a given signal all faced the east and began bowing at the waist, then knelt and touched their forehead to the ground. When the entire assembly had gone through the motions several times prayers were over and the people were free to go home to eat at will.

"Everyone seemed to have dressed in his finest robe for the occasion. It was a colorful sight. There were robes of white, blue, pink, salmon, green, and black—starched and pressed to perfection. Everyone was in a jovial mood at the end of the celebration. Guns were fired as the people disbanded.

"The Mohammedans like horses and many rode to the celebration on horses, but some of the chiefs were borne by footmen in regal chairs. Large, colorful umbrellas served as canopies."



Pentecostal believers (Tzutuhiles Indians) of Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. Their church faces the main street. John L. Franklin is in charge of the work in this section.



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FIGURE DESIRED

Each church of the fellowship is requested to forward at once to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, its average Sunday morning worship attendance figure for the past year. The figure will be used in reckoning the church's per capita missionary giving. After the first of the year each church will be presented a poster showing its rating for 1949. In order that the computation be accurate this information is necessary.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

November, 1949

Alabama	\$ 1,186.90	Nevada	176.66
Arizona	1,561.94	New Hampshire	63.95
Arkansas	2,333.79	New Jersey	2,563.63
California	21,105.57	New Mexico	512.97
Colorado	2,641.62	New York	5,874.16
Connecticut	629.69	North Carolina	500.56
Delaware	479.61	North Dakota	2,340.91
District of Columbia	977.00	Ohio	11,565.48
Florida	5,593.83	Oklahoma	7,285.71
Georgia	900.63	Oregon	5,683.55
German Branch	427.61	Pennsylvania	10,549.02
Hungarian Branch	181.37	Polish Branch	351.00
Idaho	1,353.98	Rhode Island	103.70
Illinois	6,925.53	South Carolina	82.99
Indiana	3,017.08	South Dakota	1,550.01
Iowa	2,830.12	Tennessee	653.43
Italian Branch	145.00	Texas	17,802.13
Kansas	7,026.95	Ukrainian Branch	337.99
Kentucky	609.75	Utah	8.38
Louisiana	628.81	Vermont	45.00
Maine	194.84	Virginia	1,007.09
Maryland	1,062.24	Washington	13,401.73
Massachusetts	792.38	West Virginia	440.34
Michigan	7,725.25	Wisconsin	3,929.41
Minnesota	7,744.97	Wyoming	663.61
Mississippi	796.89	Alaska	109.87
Missouri	8,849.07	Canada	614.04
Montana	2,202.28	Foreign	340.09
Nebraska	2,467.64	Legacies	2.13
		Miscellaneous	72,297.82

Total Amount Reported	\$253,249.97
District Fund	11,717.97
National Home Missions	1,858.78
Office Expense Fund	7,890.67
Literature Expense Fund	641.57
Given Direct to Missionaries	24,014.37
	46,123.36

Amount Received for Foreign Missions	\$207,126.61
Amount Received for Home Missions	16,895.07

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

For November, 1949

Belgian Congo	\$ 3,355.70	Bolivia	985.00
Dahomey	2,148.46	Brazil	4,019.79
Egypt	5,273.65	Chile	1,883.74
Gold Coast	8,495.81	Colombia	627.50
Liberia	7,716.95	Paraguay	260.00
Nigeria	5,557.69	Peru	3,334.19
Nyasaland	2,165.87	Uruguay	601.00
Sierra Leone	918.87	Venezuela	2,374.35
Union of South Africa	6,899.92	British W Indies	1,881.42
Upper Volta	8,360.16	Burma	1,088.20
China	12,870.66	Fiji Islands	442.87
Ceylon	2,926.04	Hawaiian Islands	3,237.51
India	37,998.14	Japan	3,822.68
Europe	6,695.05	Malaya	742.50
Palestine and Near East	1,231.05	Netherlands East Indies	2,785.97
West Indies	6,613.06	Philippines	7,862.50
Mexican Work in the U S	809.25	Samoa	250.68
Mexico	2,471.89	Entertainment of missionaries	1,239.60
Central America	6,660.79	Gen. Trans.	6,577.73
Argentina	1,629.50	Retired Miss.	1,221.00
		Miscellaneous	9,313.90

Total Distribution to Council	
Foreign Missions	\$185,350.64
Non-Council Missionaries	2,909.55
Total Disbursements	188,260.19
Credited to Designated accounts	18,866.42
Total Receipts	\$207,126.61

Pray for the Priests in Italy

"And a great company of priests were obedient to the faith. . . ." Acts 6:7.

At the General Council meeting in Seattle, our hearts were stirred when we heard that a great many priests in Italy were being delivered from the darkness of Roman Catholicism and were receiving the light of the simple gospel of Christ.

It was R. L. Decker, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, who told the story. We rejoiced to learn that an evangelical school for the training of these priests was going to be opened in Naples, Italy this year, and that 150 priests would be enrolled.

We are happy to learn from Dr. Decker that the school is now in operation. It is called the Evangelical Biblical Institute. It opened on Reformation Day, the last Sunday in October, 1949.

"Over 700 people were present. Some of the priests were delayed in coming because they were having difficulty in settling up property affairs of their parishes, but they are making a clean break—leaving everything and getting the courts to resolve their affairs properly before leaving to come to the Institute to begin training for evangelical work. The number of priests who have arrived is more than can be comfortably accommodated in the building which Professor Caliendo was able to buy last summer.

"When I was in Italy a year ago, I talked with a number of the Roman Catholic priests who are interested in the Evangelical Biblical Institute, and they told me that in their estimation there were twenty to twenty-five thousand priests who were ready to break with the church in Italy. I do not know whether their estimate is exaggerated or not. I heard it in various parts of Italy, from various priests who felt they were in a position to know. But I do know that we have a waiting list of 500 priests who are anxious to enroll in the Evangelical Biblical Institute."

Surely this is a great work for God. Let us pray for this Institute during the Week of Prayer. The work is being financed by free-will offerings from the American people of various denominations. Perhaps your assembly would like to take up an offering for this worthy cause. If so, the offering should be mailed to W. A. Brown, our General Treasurer, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. Mark it "For the Evangelical Biblical Institute, Italy," and Brother Brown will forward it to be used for this purpose.

HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE THIS YEAR TO MISSIONS?

(A little argument with myself)

1. If I refuse to give anything to Missions this year, I practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary, both in the home and foreign fields.

2. If I give less than heretofore, I favor a reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.

3. If I give the same as formerly, I favor

holding the ground already won, but I disregard any forward movement. My song is, "Hold the Fort!" forgetting that the Lord never intended that His army should take refuge in a fort. All of His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go!"

4. If I advance my offering beyond former years, then I favor an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join this class?

RESOLVED: I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our missionaries, therefore I will increase my former offerings to missionary work.—*Selected.*

IT TAKES A SERVICEMAN

It has often been said, "It takes a serviceman to understand one." Perhaps that is why the dear Lord called Henry H. Price to the work in which he is now engaged. Four years of service, and fourteen months of that in India, Burma, and China, certainly would fit a man to understand some of the problems which a lonely serviceman faces. Brother Price served as chaplain's assistant until his discharge from the army, at which time he engaged in pastoral work.

In the meantime, the Texas District Council officials had been looking at Camp Hood with its 12,000 to 30,000 men and wondering what could be done to bring them to the Word of Life. After much discussion and prayer they decided to open the Service Center in the nearby town of Killeen, Texas. Brother Price was called to become the Director. In July, 1949, the Service Center was opened; immediately over 1,000 men per week began to pass through the doors of the Center.

All of the men hear or read the gospel. Magazines are made available to them. Some are saved. Some have never heard and understood

the gospel story before. Think of it! In our own United States, our own men do not know that Jesus saves! Through the personal work of Brother Price and his assistants, seed has been sown that in days to come will be harvested all over the nation.

For some time the Texas District has carried the burden of the work financially. However, they are now appealing to us as a national constituency to assist them in this burden. Almost all of our wartime Victory Service Centers that did so much to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen and encourage our men in uniform during the war years, have been closed. But here is an opportunity for you to minister to the "forgotten man" still in uniform.

Here is a quotation from an unsolicited letter: "One day while here at the Service Center in Killeen I found a deeper, richer life. In the prayer room I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Yes, sir, a Spirit-filled Baptist. During this time He has healed my body. On October 30, a Sunday evening, the Lord touched my eyes and I no longer wear glasses.

"At the present time I am a Pentecostal Baptist and hoping to go out as an Assembly of God missionary to Africa. I can not put into words the joys I have had. I love Jesus more than anything in this world."

Perhaps your dollar or five-dollar bill may be responsible for another young man coming to know the fullness of the Spirit in his life. As Brother Price said, in one of his recent letters to us: "When you give for the Center, it helps keep the door open one more day—and only our Lord knows what might be done for Him in one day."

Offerings for this work may be sent to the Servicemen's Division, Christ's Ambassadors Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., designated for the Killeen Service Center.

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Donations are especially needed at the present time. Will you not pray about your stewardship and ask God if He would not have you invest His money in this important gospel work?

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

NOTES FROM OUR RETIREMENT HOME

Eightieth Birthday Celebrated

September 20 was a special day in the Pinellas Park Home as Miss Laura Radford celebrated the eightieth anniversary of her birth.

The activities of the day began with a prayer meeting in the morning, with all members of the home participating, and the blessing of the Lord resting upon the service.

Invitations had been sent out for tea in the afternoon, and a time when Sister Radford would bring reminiscences of her fifty years in the work of the Lord in foreign lands. A number of people responded to the invitations, and it was a very enjoyable time. Miss Radford poured tea and served wafers and sweets. Then she spoke for some time on her work in India and Palestine.

The evening service was a season of praise and prayer for the mission field. Then Miss Radford thanked all who had contributed to her happiness that day, saying that she had no



Laura Radford on her 80th birthday, after fifty years of foreign missionary service.

relatives to do anything for her, and that she appreciated so much the kindness she had found among the people of the home. All who attended the services accounted it a very happy day.

Another Eightieth Birthday

Another member of our Pinellas Park Home family passed the eightieth milestone of life when Brother J. R. Evans celebrated his birthday recently. He received more than forty cards from friends, many of whom well remember him as he served the General Council as General Secretary-Treasurer. A well-prepared birthday dinner was served, and a former pastor and other friends were present to help him enjoy it. Our Matron writes that somehow it seems he has more strength since his birthday than he had before. Praise the Lord!

Thanksgiving Day

On Thanksgiving night Mrs. Van Meter, Matron of our retirement home, wrote to report a lovely day in the home. Bessie Gager, one of our elderly missionary residents in the home, remarked that she could not remember sitting down to such a good meal in such good fellowship in all her life. After dinner the family gathered in the living room for a song fest, and to give thanks to God.

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THE WATCHWORD

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of speech. But there is no shrinking in him now; neither is he slow, for he comes from the presence of God fully equipped. He was first at home with God and then at home with the people.

Every minister wants freedom in the ministry of the Word. This, even the most timid and fearful may find in the mount of God. Here he will be lifted out of the realm of the flesh into a place of princely dominion in the Spirit, until, with great boldness and freedom of utterance, he will speak the Word with authority and power.

"And Moses returned unto the Lord and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." As far as I know, this is the only unfinished sentence in the Bible. *"If thou wilt forgive their sin—"* The prayer warrior seems to choke up and be unable to finish. *"And if not, blot me out of thy book."* Such intense desire, such identification of himself with the people, and pleading for them! Oh, for the spirit of intercession that Moses had! How beautiful to see him as he comes personally to God, spreading out the sin of the people, putting himself along beside them, and willing to be put with them in their condemnation if perchance his pleadings go unanswered.

It is needless to say here that Moses prevailed. Such prayers always prevail. And I would here remark that there is still a great place of leadership and service in the world for men who will love the people and pray for them even when they are bad. A minister should keep the path well beaten out between himself and God in the first place, and between himself and the people in the second place.

The men who have been a blessing to the world are men who have learned how to prevail with God in prayer. Martin Luther prayed three hours a day, and God gave him power with the people. Finney was a man of prayer. It is said that oftentimes at the hour for preaching they would wait and wait for Finney to show up. Then they would go and hunt him, and many times would find him in the grip of intercession, pleading with God for the power of the Spirit, and telling the Lord he would not go until he was anointed with power. What a flame of fire that man was! He had learned the secret of ministering the Word in that power that comes in answer to prayer.

If I mistake not, this is the main line

for all ministers of the gospel. This is apostolic faith and practice. Preachers can and will do many things, but two things are a *must* in the divine program for the church. Every minister must be a man of prayer and a man of the Word. He is called and anointed to pray and preach. If his praying degenerates to the perfunctory level, his preaching will rise no higher. It is my considered opinion that sophisticated preaching without the aid of the Holy Spirit is the most common error of an age lost in the fog of its own culture. Heaven help us to depend upon the blessed Holy Spirit and abandon ourselves more and more to His beneficent ministrations.

If this last-day awakening is to continue awake and dynamic, the ministers must continue to pray and preach in the Spirit and lead the people to new vistas of spiritual revelation and glory. To this end we should endeavor to find reasonable release from services that are trivial in comparison, and give ourselves more completely and continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

Among the Assemblies

BATESVILLE, MISS.—Evangelist T. A. Wynn of Alabama City, Ala., reports a revival at the new assembly in Batesville. Nine were saved, 10 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church. (Mrs. Lee Mack is Pastor.)

HOME GARDENS, CALIF.—Just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Culpepper of Bellflower, Calif. God's blessing was upon each service. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Nineteen were baptized in water, and 11 came into the church.—Lucille Edmondson, Pastor.

VERSAILLES, MO.—We have just closed a 4-week revival with Evangelist Earl Hall. Fifty-four came forward for salvation, 18 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 28 were baptized in water. Our Sunday School averaged 203 for the month of November. This has been one of the greatest revivals in our history.—Wm. N. Sachs, Pastor.

HOPE, ARK.—The Hope Gospel Tabernacle has just enjoyed one of the greatest revivals in its history. Evangelist and Mrs. W. S. Barham of Houston, Texas, were with us for 4 weeks. Twenty-five were saved or reclaimed, and 44 were gloriously baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many others were refilled with the Spirit and an unknown number were healed.—H. Paul Holdridge, Pastor.

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.—Recently we closed a revival with Claude O. Wood, San Jose, Calif. God blessed the faith-inspiring messages to the extent that people were stirred to believe God for their needs. We were all made to rejoice as we heard testimonies, from the very first night, of definite healings.—Edward R. Gomes, Pastor.

NEWPORT, WASH.—We are praising God for His blessing upon our services during the past several weeks. Cornelius Eylander of Everett, Wash., began meetings with us Oct. 25, continuing for 16 days. During that time 10 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. One sister was filled with the Holy Spirit on Sunday night before the special meetings started. The morning prayer meetings were times of refreshing.—Gladys Duty and June Cox, Ministers.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.—We have resigned the pastorate of the Assembly of God here, after 18 years. The Lord has been gracious to us, helping us to build a lovely church. This last year we added a Sunday School annex and a C. A. chapel. We are leaving a spiritual group, well established in the Word of God.

Have also resigned as sectional presbyter after serving 8 years.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Gunter.

GARY, IND.—We have just closed our 2nd Annual Missionary Convention, and in the minds of our people it is one of the highlights in many years of services at Gary Full Gospel Tabernacle. Brothers H. B. Garlock, Melvin Hodges, Howard Osgood, and Kenneth Short, speaking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, did something for us that nothing else has done. The revival spirit resulting from this convention is still with us and we are looking forward to greater things in the new year, including our Third Annual Missionary Convention.—Glenn M. Horst, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Chaplain and Mrs. Howard Rusthoi, of Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Calif., were with us at Central Assembly for 3 weeks. Revival tides reached most wonderful heights. Many were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Crowds filled the church to capacity night after night. We not only reached many new people, but the church was greatly enriched by the freedom and liberty in the Spirit which the evangelists encouraged. Too much could not be said about the fine messages which they brought. The Word was ministered with rich anointing. The entire congregation was lifted up into a plane of blessing which abides. We are very happy Brother and Sister Rusthoi came our way.—Emil A. Balliet, Pastor.

INDIANA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

In November, two District Sunday School conventions were held. The Northern Meeting was in Plymouth, and the Southern in Jasonville. Approximately 800 persons attended. J. B. Davis, Panama City, Fla., and J. R. Randolph, Madison, Ill., were guest speakers. The theme of the Conventions was, "Find Them, Win Them, Keep Them!" The mighty presence of God and the manifestation of His Spirit accompanied each service.

One highlight of each convention was a parade with elaborate floats representing each department of the Sunday School. Local and neighboring schools dismissed their pupils to participate. A Ministers-Workers fellowship dinner was a grand climax, just prior to the last service.

Plans are now being made for next year's Conventions and we are looking forward to the harvesting of many precious souls through the Sunday School.—Beulah Brasker, Indiana District S. S. Representative.

GEORGIA S. S. AND C. A. CONVENTION

COLUMBUS, GA.—One of the greatest Sunday School and C. A. conventions the Georgia District has ever had was held Nov. 22-24, at the East Highland Assembly (G. P. Hertwick, host pastor). Our Mexican brother, Robert Fierro, from the Latin American Orphanage and Broadcasting Co., was our guest speaker. The Holy Ghost preaching met the needs of the people. There were mighty manifestations of the Spirit in every service, confirming the Word. Some found Christ as their personal Savior and others were filled with the Holy Spirit.

At the great Thanksgiving Rally on Thursday evening, in the midst of the message the power of God fell; the building, packed to the limit, was swept with wave after wave of glory and blessing, finally winding up in a mass healing and altar service which lasted into the next morning.

L. C. Honderick was our Sunday School speaker, and much valuable information was received concerning Sunday School enlargement programs. E. P. Pruett, of Experiment, is District S. S. Representative. Registrations were nearly double that of last year, and overflow crowds attended each night. There was a good representation at each business session.

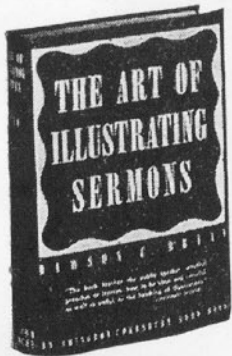
In the C. A. election, Glen D. Miller was chosen to succeed J. M. Bell as President. Brother Bell resigned from C. A. activities after a number of years' service, and deserves commendation for his good work. Joseph Westbury, Augusta, Ga., was re-elected Vice President. Mrs. Glen D. Miller was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

We covet the prayers of the saints that the coming year will be a great year in ministering for Christ and others, both at home and abroad.—Glen D. Miller, District C. A. President.

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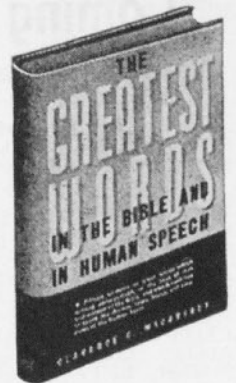
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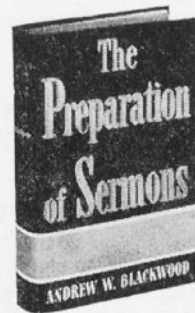
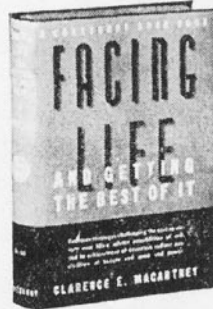


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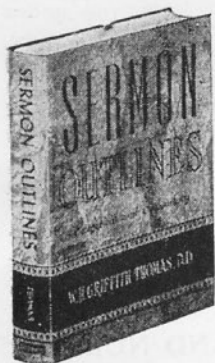
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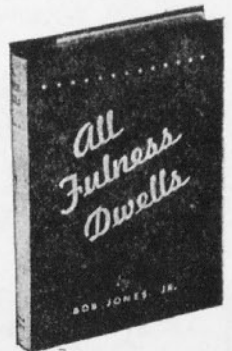


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MARTINEZ, CALIF.—Jan. 8, 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist James Eastman of Springfield, Ill.—L. L. Ferguson, Pastor.

ASHLAND, ORE.—Watch night and New Year's Day; Atwood Foster, District Superintendent, speaker. Nearby churches invited.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—A co-operative South Texas Evangelistic Campaign, Jan. 10—; City Auditorium (seating 5,000) and the Sam Houston Coliseum (seating 16,000).—Raymond T. Richey, Pastor.

ROSEVILLE, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 202 Bonita Ave., Jan. 1—; MacPherson-Ferguson Evangelistic Party. (R. A. Wilson is pastor.)

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Watch Night Service, Dec. 31; New Year Fellowship, Jan. 1, 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Speaker, W. I. Evans, Dean of Central Bible Institute and Seminary.—C. H. Asher, Pastor.

BUCKLIN, MO.—Assembly of God, Jan. 5—8; speaker, W. A. Brown, General Treasurer, Springfield, Mo. Neighboring assemblies are invited to attend these special services.—Carl O. Swanson, Pastor.

TEACHER'S TRAINING SCHOOL

PORTLAND, OREG.—Portland area Teacher's Training School, Central Assembly of God, 115 NW 14th Ave., Jan. 2—7; Paul Miller, Springfield, Mo., conducting the school. Special Training Classes for Instructors daily at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Evening classes at 7:30 for Sunday School Teachers. District Superintendent Atwood Foster will give the commencement address, Saturday evening, Jan. 7. For further information write: Wm. F. Hageman, 115 NW 14th Ave., Portland, Oreg.—Victor D. Trimmer, State Sunday School Representative.

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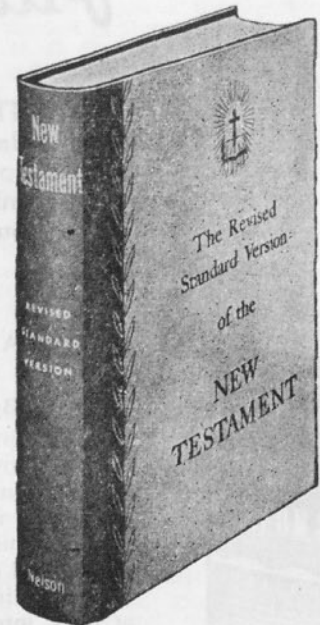
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