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



CHRIST FOR ALL —  
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# What Is DIVINE Healing?

• THE SUBJECT of Divine Healing is much misunderstood today, and those who teach it are invariably looked upon with suspicion. This largely arises through a lack of understanding Scriptural teaching on this subject, and also through the prevalence of false cults which include in their tenets healing for the body. Whenever a truth of Scripture has been neglected by the Church, the devil has seized the opportunity to resurrect that forgotten truth in a perverted form, for Satan is never so dangerous as when he appears as an "angel of light."

It is well, sometimes, in showing what a certain doctrine is, to show first what it is not. Thus will we proceed in dealing with this subject of Divine Healing, in order to clear up any misunderstanding arising through false teachings.

## WHAT IT IS NOT

### 1. IT IS CERTAINLY NOT THE WORK OF SATAN.

The Scribes and the Pharisees openly opposed the healing ministry of the Savior by attributing the supernatural He manifested to "Beelzebub the chief of the devils." Luke 11:15. It is small wonder, therefore, if the present-day opposition to Divine Healing should take the same form. There are those today who dismiss the whole subject by affirming it to be the work of the devil. But the arguments used by the Savior in defence of Himself and His disciples still hold good at this present time. Luke 11:17-23.

### 2. IT IS NOT QUACK DOCTORING.

The New Testament means employed by those who teach and practice Scriptural Healing, viz., "anointing with oil," and "the laying on of hands," must not be ranked among those quack remedies for human ills, whose number is legion. The true believer in Divine Healing will never claim that it is he who heals, but will bear the same witness as Peter, after the healing of the impotent man, when he said to the wondering multitude who had gathered, "Why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? His name (Jesus) through faith in His name hath made this man strong." And when arrayed before the Jewish council on the next day, he further affirmed, "If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it made known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth . . . doth this man stand

here before you whole." Acts 3:12, 16; 4:9, 10.

### 3. IT IS NOT BY CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

How can healing wrought through "Christian Science" (which is neither Christian nor scientific) be Divine Healing when this teaching denies the personality of God? Quoting from the textbook "Science and Health," page 317: "God is mind: He is Divine principle, NOT A PERSON." It denies the reality of sin (and consequently of sickness). Quoting from the same book, page 137: "There is no sin." Also page 317, "Truth bestows no pardon." Seeing it denies sin, it must necessarily deny the atoning death of the Savior, so, on page 25 we read, "His (Christ's) blood was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree, than when it was flowing in His veins." A doctrine that holds such views is certainly not "Christian," and what is not Christian is not "Divine." Do not be led away therefore into believing that there is any affinity between Christian Science and Divine Healing. They are as far removed from one another as the poles, and as far as heaven is from hell.

### 4. IT IS NOT SPIRITUALISM.

We hear of cures effected through this cult, and of "spiritualistic and magnetic healers" who claim to possess these gifts. It is well known, however, that such deny that Jesus is the very Son of God, and that His blood atones for the sin of the lost. This is one of the signs of the last days predicted in the Word of God. "Now the Spirit speaketh express-

ly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons." 1 Tim. 4:1. Spiritualism is condemned in many places in God's Word and it is a delusion of the devil.

### 5. IT IS NOT HYPNOTISM NOR MESMERISM.

The believer in Divine Healing, in ministering to the sick, never attempts to control thoughts in any way whatever, but directs the sufferer to close his eyes and to turn his thoughts to the Lord Jesus Christ, who bore away our sicknesses in His own body on the cross of Calvary. Is this the method ever employed by professional hypnotists? No. The influence over the hypnotists' victims last only for a while, but there are thousands in our own land who can testify to being permanently healed by the power of God.

### 6. IT IS NOT CHARMING.

Unlike the hypnotist or mesmerist, there are those who practice the charming away of sickness in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, using at the same time the secret words of the charm. This, they claim, imparts the power over that particular sickness, some possessing charms over one branch of disease, and some over other diseases. Look, however, at the Word of God in this connection—"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a CHARMER, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord." Deut. 18:10-12. Healing that is anti-Scriptural is anti-Christian.

### 7. IT IS NOT AUTO-SUGGESTION.

The French doctor Coue introduced healing by mental suggestion, demonstrating the great influence that mind has over matter. But one never heard of Coueism opening blind eyes or causing the dumb to speak. By no methods of auto-suggestion can such miracles be wrought. Divine Healing does not ask the sufferers to entertain the suggestion that they are improving, but simply to believe that Christ has taken their sicknesses in His own body on the tree, and to rest their faith on the Word of the Lord.

### 8. IT IS NOT MERELY LEAVING OFF MEDICAL MEANS.

Turning away from doctors, and simply ceasing to take medicines, is not Divine Healing. Some have heard of people being healed by the Lord, and have felt that if they discontinued the medical treatment they were receiv-

## IMMORTAL LOVE

Immortal love, forever full,  
Forever flowing free,  
Forever shared, forever whole,  
A never ebbing sea!

We may not climb the heavenly steeps  
To bring the Lord Christ down;  
In vain we search the lowest deeps,  
For Him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet  
A present help is He;  
And faith has still its Olivet,  
And love its Galilee.

The healing of His seamless dress  
Is by our beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

ing God would heal them in consequence. Others have lost confidence in medical means and manage without the help of doctors as best they can. But Divine Healing is more than this.

#### 9. IT IS NOT EVEN FAITH HEALING.

It is not our faith that heals us, it is God. Sinners are not saved by their faith. They are saved by God's grace, which flows into their lives through faith in Christ. Thus it is with the healing of our bodies. We are healed by the Lord and this comes to us through the channel of faith.

#### WHAT IT IS

Having shown what Divine Healing is not, we will now proceed to show what it is.

#### 1. IT IS THE WORK OF GOD.

This is why we call it *Divine* Healing, and not Faith Healing. It is healing by the power of God, without the use of medical means. Healing that is not effected by His power is not Divine Healing.

It is simply trusting God instead of the arm of flesh. Surely God who created our bodies is the One to whom we should take them when they are out of order. In the Old Testament, Jehovah guaranteed to be the healer of His people providing they fulfilled certain conditions.

#### 2. IT IS TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

This is God's purpose in healing our bodies. Thus it was when our blessed Lord healed when upon earth; God was glorified in those who were healed and in those who saw God's power thus manifested. After Jesus had healed the palsied man we read, "He departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God." Luke 5:25-26. When the impotent man at the Beautiful Gate had been made to walk, we are told that "all men glorified God for that which was done." Acts 4:21. When benefit is received through the skill of earthly physicians, they receive the glory for the work, but should not God's people trust the Lord as their Physician, and thus seek to glorify Him in their bodies?

#### 3. IT IS ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD.

Healing that is Divine Healing must be according to God's Word. If it is not Scriptural, then we will do well to reject it. The Word of the Lord is very clear in its instructions to the sick believers—"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another." James 5: 14-16.

#### 4. IT IS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST.

There is power in that Name. Our blessed Lord promised, "These signs shall follow them that believe: in my name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18. It is in the Name and therefore in the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ that we minister to the sick. Peter said to the impotent man, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Acts 3:6.

#### 5. IT IS BASED ON THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST.

Divine Healing is part of the atoning work of the Lord Jesus. Kindly turn to

Matt. 8:16-17. "He healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." The Lord Jesus went to the Cross to redeem us from sin and sickness. Therefore Christ's death on Calvary is the foundation for Divine Healing even as it is the foundation for justification.

Let us prove all healing by the above tests. Is it for the glory of God? Is it according to the Word of God? Is it wrought in the name of the Lord Jesus? Has it for its foundation the Cross of Christ? If so, though misguided men may call it the work of Satan, we should safely recognize it as **DIVINE HEALING.**

## The Sick Are Healed—The Church Crowded—at Rock Hill, S. C.

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● WE PRAISE GOD for the way He has been healing the sick and saving the lost at the Rock Hill Assembly.

Last fall we felt led of the Lord to start a revival campaign, and tried to contact several evangelists; however, the way was blocked on every side. God then impressed upon me the thought that I should go ahead and announce a campaign without an evangelist. He assured me that if we would pray for the sick, He would heal them.

So on Sunday, October 9, 1949, we announced that we would be praying for the sick on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights. On Thursday night, October 13, we prayed for Mrs. Ella Stokes and God healed her of deafness in her right ear. She had been deaf in this ear for two years, but when God touched her she received her hearing instantly, and could hear a watch tick. She is still hearing with this ear as of January 30, 1950.

Mrs. Wilson, a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Rock Hill, was suffering with enlarged joints of the hand, and for years had been unable to close either of her hands. When we prayed for her God healed those hands. She came back later and testified that she could wring her dish cloth for the first time in

years, and showed the congregation that she could close her hands as well as anyone. Sister Wilson still testifies of her healing to this date. She brought a friend, Mrs. Dangerfield, who was almost totally deaf. After being prayed for, this friend was able to hear a low whisper at a distance of about fifteen feet, and the last report I heard a few days ago was that she is still hearing.

Two young men, born deaf and dumb, received a healing touch from the Man of Galilee. Their names are Jesse and Joseph Bass. One of them received power both to hear and to speak. Several weeks later I saw him again and at that time he could hear my watch tick, and could still talk. The other one was not completely healed of his deafness, but he could repeat anything we asked him to say; he is about twenty-five years of age, and his mother told me this was the first time in his life he had ever spoken.

Mrs. J. H. Brakefield had a spinal affliction that caused her head to shake continually. God instantly stopped her head from shaking, and on January 22 she told me she has had no recurrence of this trouble since the night we prayed for her. To God be the glory.

Mrs. Hattie Vincent was delivered from a serious nervous condition, and is still healed.

Mrs. W. J. Passmore had a very bad leg condition caused from "milk leg." There was a raw sore on it about the size of a half dollar, of many months' standing. God healed her in answer to the

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#### TWO IMPORTANT ARTICLES

Be sure to read Brother Steelberg's article on page six, and do not miss Brother Perkin's important message on page ten.

# EDITORIALS

## EVEN HOLLYWOOD IS SHOCKED!

The illicit love affair between Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini is one of the worst scandals ever to emerge from moviedom. The film colony at Hollywood is not easily shocked. The movie world is accustomed to low moral standards; yet it stood aghast at the news that an illegitimate son had been born in Rome to the movie actress and the Italian film director, each of whom had another living mate.

The most shocking part of the whole disgraceful episode seems to be the complete absence of shame on the part of either parent. Rossellini dared to speak of his adulterous love affair as "a sacred thing." The actress was reported to be "supremely happy"—in spite of the fact that God's holy law has been violated, two marriages have been shattered, and a child has been born with a reproach upon his life for which he is not responsible! Is there no fear of God or of eternity before their eyes?

When the baby was born, the scandal was spread over the front pages of the newspapers. At that very time Rossellini was directing a film on the life of Francis of Assisi! Francis was a holy man who lived in Italy seven centuries ago. He and his followers were happy believers in Christ. They went about the country mingling with the common people, working with their hands for a living, and preaching the gospel to the poor.

No doubt, when Rossellini has completed his film on the life of Francis of Assisi, the church people will be urged to see it, since it is a religious picture. They will be expected to overlook or forget the unholy reputation of the director!

The moral corruption that characterizes the lives of so many of the screen players and their associates is one of the reasons why Christian people cannot patronize the movies.

## "CHRIST FOR ALL"

The cover picture draws attention to the fact that Evangelism is the theme of the Assemblies of God youth program for 1950, and reminds us that March 5 is National C. A. Day. It suggests that one way in which our C.A.'s can win souls is by doing personal work at the direction of the Holy Spirit.

The picture was taken at Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., where Evangelist Don Mallough was conducting a revival campaign recently. Brother Mallough (who can be seen at the pulpit) has accepted an invitation to serve as National C. A. Secretary. You may be interested to know also that the personal

worker in the picture is John Thompson, one of our pressmen at the Gospel Publishing House.

Evangelism has always received primary emphasis in the Assemblies of God. It is because we have been an evangelistic and missionary Movement that we have continued to grow. We preach the Baptism of the Holy Spirit primarily as a means to make us better Christians and better soul-winners. Acts 1:8. We preach the imminent return of Christ as a reason for winning souls without delay. Rom. 13:11. We preach Divine Healing as a proof that Calvary brought atonement for sin, as well as remedy for sickness. Matt. 9:5.

We must never neglect the truth of Divine Healing, for it has been the means of winning many to Christ. So many hearts are crushed at the sight of disease and affliction. They are burdened with a sense of hopelessness, and moved with compassion for their sick loved ones. A demonstration of Christ's healing power may win those hearts and convince folk of the reality of salvation.

Christ has set the example: He both healed the sick and preached salvation. He bore the stripes for our sicknesses just as surely as He shed His blood for our sins. Many are believing this truth today and are being healed, and wherever there are many healings there are also many conversions. Should we not expect a greater demonstration of Christ's healing power in every one of our assemblies?

## THE SICK ARE HEALED

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prayer of faith. James 5:15. When she had dressed her leg to come to church that night it had been a raw, bleeding sore; but when she returned home from church and took off the bandages there was no sign of the sore—not even a scab or a scar. God had put new skin over the place where the sore had been.

Mrs. Passmore's husband, a Church of God minister, asked us to pray for his crippled knee. We claimed deliverance for him in the precious name of Jesus, and his knee was healed instantly. Last week he testified that both he and his wife are still gloriously healed.

One morning our Sunday School Superintendent, H. D. Matthews, brought his two-year-old baby boy to the parsonage saying he believed he had pneumonia. The child was lying very still in his father's arms, wheezing so loudly he could be heard all over the room. His breath was coming in short gasps; his parents had been up with him all night. After we prayed for him, the child spoke to us. About ten minutes later he was down on the floor playing. My wife took him to the kitchen and gave him something to eat. He was all right from then on.

He was in the meeting that night as lively as ever, and is in good health today.

Ben Phipps was healed of blindness in the right eye, and he still testifies that he is healed. He was just sitting in the congregation that night and God healed him while we were praying for someone else. Mr. Phipps gave his heart to God that night.

Many others testified to being healed, but space will not permit us to tell of them all. People whose nerves were so bad they seemed about to lose their minds were wondrously healed. Folk with headaches, arthritis, and other forms of rheumatism were healed. We do praise God for the mighty manifestation of His healing power. I have been preaching Divine Healing and praying for the sick for thirteen years, but never before have I experienced anything like this.

Our special meetings began on October 9 and continued until November 13. During these five weeks many souls were saved, and we had the largest crowds in the history of our church. God is still manifesting His power in our services. I make no claim to any special gift from God, but I do thank Him for giving me a measure of faith to claim the promise, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:18.

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# Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit

Willard T. Cantelon

● WHEN WE WERE conducting services in Los Angeles a short time ago, we learned that there are over two hundred and fifty religious sects in that one city. Men may concoct many different religions, but have you ever noticed how often the Lord divides things into just two classes? God simply draws a line and places everyone on one side of the line or on the other. You are either saved or unsaved. You have either stepped over the line on to the side of Jesus, or you are still on the devil's territory. After we come to Christ, God again draws the line. He divides Christians into two classes: spiritual and carnal, or babes and men. This message is to those who desire to be *spiritual men*.

Some years ago I spoke one morning on "The Glory of God," and the people became so blessed I was unable to finish the sermon. At the close of the service many expressed their appreciation of the message. The next Sunday morning, however, God led me to speak a message of correction and instruction, and what happened? The people sat silently through the sermon, and slipped out afterward without a single expression of appreciation for the Word. They did not want to be spiritual men. They wanted to linger in a juvenile condition, rejoicing only in personal, selfish blessing.

I have heard people say, "We had a wonderful service today. The blessing of the Lord came down, and there was no preaching." Is that the only sign of a wonderful service? How long do you suppose people would grow on that kind of spiritual diet? God's Word should have a supreme place in every Christian's life and in the house of God. There are two extremes. There is the deadness of the letter of the Law. "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." But there is also a "zeal without knowledge." An experience without the Word may result in nothing but fruitless demonstration. We should not have either extreme. God provides spiritual power and the Word of God provides the instruction and pattern to follow in using that power. If we follow the divine instructions, marvelous results are achieved.

Paul's instruction to the Corinthian church was given chiefly because they were not using the Baptism and their spiritual gifts according to the Word of God. Paul gives plenty of correction, and he goes so far as to tell some of the believers that they were "carnal and walked

as men." But Paul casts no reflection on the beauty of the Gift, nor does he say anything to reflect on the genuineness of their experience. The fault was not to be found with the spiritual gifts, but rather with the conduct of the believers. The essence of Paul's appeal to the Corinthians is when he pleads, "Brethren, be not children in understanding." All that Paul asks is a clean life, and a rendering of intelligent and obedient co-operation to the Holy Spirit, that the church may be edified and that the fruits of the Spirit may be manifested.

Each of us will answer to God as to whether or not we have walked in the light of the Word. We are to study to show ourselves "approved unto God," so that when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ our works shall stand the test of His refining fire. If any man's works be burned up, he will suffer loss. He himself shall be saved because the Blood is our means of salvation, but he will be saved yet so as by fire. If any man's work stand the test of the fire he will receive his reward. But what are the works that will stand the test? That should be the great cry of every heart; not, what are the works that bring the approval of man, or what are the works that appear successful; but what are the works in my heart and life that will stand the test of fire, as gold, silver, and precious stones, and bring me a reward at the judgment seat of Christ?

The fruit that will remain is not the fruit of the flesh, for everything of the flesh will be swept aside. Only the precious gifts of God and the fruit of the Spirit will remain to stand the test of the fire. What are the fruits of the Spirit? Galatians 5:22, 23 tells us: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."



In due season  
we shall reap,  
if we faint not

Gal. 6:9

The first fruit of the Spirit named is love, supernatural love which is a product of the Holy Spirit. Some time ago God showed me the tremendous significance of the fact that the great love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13, is placed between the majestic chapters dealing with the gifts of the Spirit. Truth began to break upon my soul that I had never seen before. People can be baptized in the Holy Ghost and speak with tongues and yet not produce the first fruit of the Spirit! People may have demonstration and manifestation and yet not produce this spiritual fruit! Listen—"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels . . . though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith . . . and have not *love*, I am nothing."

The first fruit of the Spirit is love; the first commandment of the Lord is love; and love is that one fruit that brings definite results in the souls of men and in the lives of others. That love of God, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, is the fruit that produces results that will stand the test for time and eternity.

How can you have that love? There is only one answer. You never attain it once and for all. It is not something you grasp and say, "Thank God, now it is mine." It is something you must obtain at the Throne of Grace every day. Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ," not once and for all, but "I die daily" that the body of sin might be destroyed.

If you pray to walk in the Spirit at any price, God will answer that prayer and bring circumstances into your life which will cause you to ask, "What is this?" God brought Israel to the waters of Marah, and they cried, "It is bitter." But God did not say to Moses, "This is a drastic mistake on the part of the Almighty. I am sorry I brought Israel this way." No, God showed Moses a tree, and when the tree was cut down and cast into the water the waters became sweet. If God allows the bitter in your life, cry to Him; He will show you the tree of Calvary, and the tree of the Cross mingled with your suffering will bring a proving and a sweetness as you die to self and rise in Christ.

One morning I was praying "that I might know him and the power of his resurrection." God said to me, "Why don't you pray according to the divine pattern?" I turned to Philippians 3:10 and read, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." How plain was the truth that there can be no resurrection without a death. How can the life of Christ be manifested in me unless I am crucified

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# An Investment in Youth

Wesley R. Steelberg

● IT WAS THE FIRST thing I heard when I came on the camp grounds. Everyone was talking about the youth camp which had concluded only a few days before. The minister's wife who had been one of the group sponsors wept with joy as she described the scenes she had witnessed . . . teen-agers who had knelt in the dining hall and prayed through to real experiences of salvation, and had then gone on to seek and receive a glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

This is only one among many cases where our youth are meeting God in youth camps, conventions, local C.A. services, and rallies.

Since the establishment of the National Christ's Ambassadors Department, God has wondrously prospered the development of our youth program. The Department has not only sponsored and promoted the youth projects at large but has also been directly responsible for particular projects such as the College Fellowship, our servicemen's ministry, young people's periodicals, standards of excellence in personal service, and a missionary ministry called Speed-the-Light which has encouraged the giving of over \$678,000 in approximately four years.

As a gesture of appreciation for the great army of young people in our fellowship, the Assemblies of God has set apart one Sunday each year in recognition of youth. This special day, known as National C.A. Day, has been a great inspiration not only to the C.A.'s but also to our pastors, parents, and other friends. The adults have been amazed to see how successfully the youth of their own home church could arrange a program, conduct services, bring gospel messages, present missionary skits and in every way make such a day a blessing to their own church and community.

March 5 has been chosen as National C.A. Day for 1950. The theme of the day is "Christ for All." The literature, promotional material, C.A. Day pins, and tracts being furnished by the National C.A. Office are all geared to a program not only for March 5, but for a whole year of youth winning other youth for Christ. There are 15,672,000 teen-age young people in our land. Of this number it is estimated over eighty per cent are unchurched. What a field for missionary endeavor! C.A. Day affords us a wonderful opportunity to help our C.A.'s invade enemy territory by assisting them to get off to a flying start in a history-making youth revival.

Another feature of C.A. Day which is of vital importance is the opportunity to show in a practical way our appreciation to God and the C. A. Department for the services rendered by the Department through past years. Much of its work is of such a nature that it entails a constant outlay of funds with little or no financial return. The Department has been only too happy to render these services—providing helps for District C.A. Presidents, a monthly bulletin for C.A.'s away at college, tracts, periodicals, and Bible studies for our

C.A.'s in military service, as well as a ministry to veterans and hospitalized servicemen. Every effort has been made to keep expenses at the lowest possible level. The allotment made by the General Presbytery out of the earnings of the Gospel Publishing House has been quite insufficient to meet the need. The consequences are the Department has found itself facing a \$20,000 deficit at the end of the year. Now that the new printing plant has been erected and every extra dollar of earnings is being channeled toward payment of the indebtedness incurred in its construction, there is only one thing left to do—and that is to ask that every member of our great fellowship share a portion of the financial load. If every one will do his part, it will levy a strain on no one and yet

all will have the joy of keeping the C.A. Department active. We do not want to over-emphasize the need, but may we say simply and humbly that we face a crucial hour, and we covet your prayers and assistance.

Will you remember C.A. Day? Will you get behind this worthy enterprise? I believe I can confidently say you will never regret it if you do, and who can tell what immeasurable blessings may occur perhaps even among your own loved ones.

## CONVICTION

When one is convicted in his own heart and by his study of the Scripture that he is right in his faith, then there is boldness in his ministry and he is brave before opponents. Conviction led the martyrs to die for the truth of God. Conviction enabled Martin Luther to face the wicked forces of Romanism and defy the pope. Conviction enabled Livingstone to penetrate Africa in untrodden fields. It was conviction that led Cruden to give his life in preparing his wonderful concordance. We should have conviction in our faith.—*King's Business.*



## MORTGAGE BURNED AT FREMONT TABERNACLE (Shown above)

The Fremont Tabernacle of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Pastor and Mrs. Russell H. Olson jointly celebrated their Fifteenth Anniversaries on January 2, 1950, with services high-lighted by burning the \$40,000 mortgage on the building. Brother and Sister Olson founded the church in 1935 and have ministered to the congregation ever since.

The new church building was completed in 1942. It has a seating capacity of 1000 and is valued at \$125,000.

It is significant that three church organizations have established places of worship on this particular property—the Highland Park Evangelical Church in 1888; the First Church of the Brethren in 1929; and Fremont Tabernacle in 1935.

During the past fifteen years over \$86,000 has been given to the cause of World Missions, which equals about 25% of the \$343,000 given for all causes during this period.

Four hundred eight members have been received into the church fellowship and 478 candidates baptized. The Sunday School has an average attendance of around 500.

The speakers for the anniversary services were Wesley R. Hurst, Jr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Weides of the St. Paul Gospel Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Bartlett Peterson, President of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. The mortgage was burned at the evening service at which time G. Raymond Carlson, District Superintendent, participated together with the deacons and members of the congregation.



Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Olson

## LAZARUS, COME FORTH!

### THE LIFE-GIVER

#### Lesson for March 5

John 11:20-29, 38-44

● OUR LESSON for today takes us to the place of death but gives us from it a lesson in everlasting life. Before Jesus came to the place where Lazarus lay dead He knew of the event. Martha and Mary had sent word to Jesus when their brother became so ill, but Jesus seemed purposely to have remained away until death had taken place. vv. 3, 4, 6, 11, 14. Healings had become commonplace with the disciples; now Jesus would go farther in His works and would raise the dead. Why? Was it not to confirm the faith of the disciples in life after death and in a coming resurrection?

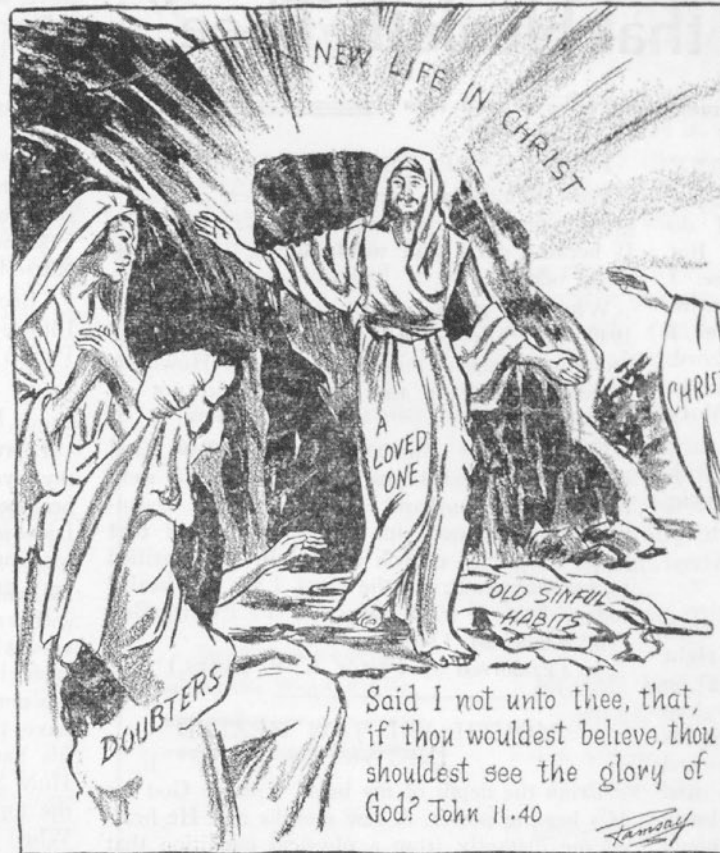
#### 1. THE MEETING OF JESUS WITH MARTHA

Jesus was not yet come into the town of Bethany when Martha, hearing that He was near, went out to meet Him. v. 30. It is probable that He was at the burial place for the Jews buried their dead outside the city. In Him we see Life in the midst of death. Well has the poet said, "Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou that changest not, abide with me."

In this meeting three lessons stand out. First, notice Martha's HESITATION. In verse 22 she reaches after faith. In verse 21 she expressed assurance that, had Jesus been present before her brother died, He would have healed him. She seems to feel that he could still do this even though her brother had died, but she is not quite sure. Does it not remind us of our experiences many a time? We want to believe; we believe He is able; but we are not sure that He will meet our particular need. When we arrive at such misgivings let us remember that He knows we seek to believe, and He is there to help us in our unbelief.

The second thought is that of ASSURANCE. As Jesus saw the fidelity of Martha, her mingled hopes, and misgivings, He said, "Thy brother shall rise again." v. 23. She believed this—she had always believed this, because belief in the resurrection was part of the faith of Israel—but she put it off into the distant future. "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." v. 24. In her experience we face ourselves again. We believe, but we do not believe for results now. Our unbelief takes it from our immediate grasp and puts it in the future. May God bless us with a present faith. If our faith is not all it ought to be, let us do as the man who said, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:24.

The third thought concerning this meeting of Martha with Jesus is CONFIDENCE. Jesus turned the eyes of Martha from all that was about, including the dead body of her brother, to Himself. It is He that we need to see, not the circumstances about us. He said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life." All



Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God? John 11:40

Comments on Next Week's

## Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

about, lying in that cemetery, was death. He stood in the midst of it in triumph. He will be sovereign at the resurrection in the future when He descends with a shout. I Thess. 4:16. He is the resurrection and the life now.

As Jesus spoke His words of assurance, confidence sprang up in the heart of Martha, sending her after her sister Mary. What a message she brought to Mary, "The Master is come." The Master is come? Was He Master in title only? I fear that too often we make Him such. We call Him "Master and Lord" yet how little do we grasp the truth that now, right now, He has all power in heaven and in earth, and waits to serve us with that power in our hour of need.

#### 2. THE RESPONSE OF MARY

Mary had continued sitting in the house. We wonder why. I believe she was following a worthy custom. It was an expression of her grief. See Ezra 9:3, 4; Neh. 1:4; Psalm 137:1; Matt. 27:61. But Jesus had come "to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death." Luke 1:78.

As soon as the word came to Mary, "The Master is come and calleth for thee" (v. 28), she immediately arose and came to Him. Those that were with her at the house supposed that she was going to the grave to weep there, which was a part of the usual custom. Dr. Lightfoot says that "seven days of lamentation succeeded the three days of weeping." While the

people "supposed," Mary knew what she was doing. She knew the Master had called for her, and that when He called it meant something. She went to the graveside, not to weep but to meet her Lord. There is a proper place for sorrow, but we must not become overwhelmed. Is there not a thought here? If custom, as well as felt loss, indicated three days of special mourning, Jesus recognized the custom. He knows that in this world we shall have sorrow. He knows also when we have given ourselves to it long enough. The fourth day had now come, as we learn from verse 39.

Mary must not overdo her mourning lest a state of despondency descend on her. We need to watch this. Some have yielded to sorrow, discouragement, or doubt until the condition has become chronic. This is displeasing to the Lord. The time came for Mary to "rise and shine, for her light had come," and it is time for those who are burdened with overmuch sorrow, or melancholy, to see Jesus as the resurrection and the life. He is risen and we are risen with Him. Col. 3:1.

#### 3. THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

It was necessary to get Martha and Mary into a proper frame of mind before Lazarus was to be brought forth. It is necessary for the Church to be in the right state if we are to have revivals, and this requires each member to be in the right condition. Revivals are, in reality, a reviving of the Church. When it is quickened, and its hope and faith are bright, then sinners are converted.

"Jesus wept." v. 35. Here is the shortest verse in the Bible, yet how much it says. It is not what we say, but how deeply we feel, that counts. Jesus groaned in Himself (v. 38) and wept because He was a man subject to like passions (or feelings) as we are. He loved Lazarus. He saw the curse of death in His friend. His fellow-feelings with us convulsed Him. Then rose His Deity. With a loud voice He commanded and Lazarus came forth. May He speak in our behalf that we may live in Him.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Lesson for February 26: The Good Shepherd.  
Lesson Text: John 10:7-16.

#### SUPPOSE

Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, should I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body, which might have been (but was not) prevented, is a terrible thing, but what about the preventable death of a human soul—perchance of many souls—for which God may hold me responsible? If my murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another's soul? If thou "givest him not warning . . . his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezek. 3:17-21.

# "I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee"

Testimonies by some who have proved Him

## HEALED OF ARTHRITIS OF THE SPINE

I was in bed for two years with this dreadful disease of arthritis. The doctor could do nothing for me but give me pain killer. But on October 14, 1949, the Lord healed me. I had not been able to walk alone for months, but when God's healing power came on me I got out of the bed and began praising the Lord. I am now doing all my work and am able to go to church. Praise His name.—Mrs. Mary Hilton, 901 Center Street, Muncie, Ind.

(This testimony is verified by Roy J. Davidson, pastor of Glad Tidings Church, Muncie, Indiana.)

## BACK AND LEG HEALED

Early in February, 1948, I hurt my back by overlifting. The sciatic nerve in my right leg was injured. I was taken to the hospital on a stretcher. For three weeks I could not sleep without a hypodermic. Pastor D. E. Skiles of the Assembly of God church came and prayed for me. God heard his prayer and took away the pain so I could rest. I knew God would heal my leg some day so I could walk. I left the hospital in July, but I could not walk without a cane.

I was taken to church and baptized in water. Such a wonderful peace and joy came into my heart. Brother Skiles took me to a prayer meeting on August 4 and there God healed my leg. I have been a happier man ever since. I was a church member 60 years, but I didn't know the Lord. Now I have found Christ as my personal Saviour and I cannot praise and thank Him enough for all He has done for me. I feel better now than I have ever felt in my life.—Chris Andersen, Grinnell, Iowa.

(Brother Skiles states that this was a remarkable healing, but "best of all, God really saved this elderly man; now he doesn't drink, or smoke, or swear, or attend movies, but is a new creature in Christ.")

## AN EVANGELIST'S TESTIMONY

On the last Sunday night in April, 1949, we closed our part of a revival meeting at Mineral Wells, Texas, in a real "glory storm" and a blessed altar service. The next afternoon I was stricken with a severe heart attack (coronary occlusion); and in a few days arthritis of the spine, hands, and feet took hold of me.

The suffering was so intense and continuous it took me to the very jaws of death where my life hung in the balance for many weeks. But faithful friends and ministering brethren held on to God for me; and through their faith and prayers I am up again. Thank the Lord, I am now ready to be in full-time service once again.—F. R. Anderson, 610 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth 3, Texas.

(A letter from Pastor Jacob Filbert of the North Side Assembly of God in Fort Worth tells how Brother Anderson is now well and able to preach again, though he was in a dying condition a few weeks ago. "The Spirit of God is resting mightily upon him," Brother Filbert says.)

## HEALED OF GROWTH ON NECK

For as long as I can remember, I had a growth on my neck similar to a wart or mole. It became dark, and would bleed. It had an awful odor.

When my mother and sister saw it in May, 1949, they advised me to see a doctor. They thought perhaps it might be a cancer. However, I kept trusting in the Lord and did not go to see a doctor.

On the first Sunday in June, 1949, God wonderfully healed that thing before I went to church. My husband was pastor of the Assembly of God church in Mulberry, Ark. at that time. I went to church that night and testified to my healing. Praise the Lord, I am still healed today, Feb. 2, 1950.—Mrs. A. F. Evans, Box 176, Ninnekah, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor A. F. Evans.)

## MOUTH AND JAW HEALED INSTANTLY

From the depth of my heart I praise God for His healing power. A few months ago He healed me instantly from a physical condition that doctors had been unable to cure, after treating me for about six months at a cost of \$1,600.

I was in an automobile accident in March, 1947, and my jaw was broken in three places. I suffered with a hole about the size of a lead pencil through the roof of my mouth and up through my nose, ending just above my eyes. My nose was broken in eight places according to four doctors who examined me. The roof of my mouth dropped and would not allow the upper jawbone to grow back to the rest of the jawbone.

For two months my jawbones were wired together so tightly that I could not so much as wiggle them, and I went without solid food for that period of time. I then returned to the doctor to have the braces removed and to be told that I was all right.

However, I went to another doctor about two weeks later, and I was told that my jawbone had not knitted at all. X-rays showed that it was impossible for it to knit together, due to the condition of the roof of my mouth and the fact that it was out of place.

This doctor then sent me to yet another, who made a false roof for my mouth to cover the hole and to hold my jawbone solid. This helped some, yet it was very uncomfortable and very annoying at times, especially when I would try to preach or speak in public.

Hearing that Evangelist Orville L. Jagers was going to be at the Assembly of God Church in Pawnee, Illinois, on Easter Sunday of 1949, we went to the services. Because there were so many needing healing we were not able to receive the evangelist's attention, but were told that if we would come back on Wednesday night he would pray for us. This we did. We waited in line until our turn came. As the evangelist laid hands on me and prayed the prayer of faith, the hole in the roof of my mouth closed, the left side of my nose opened, and I was whole once again, thanks be to God.

I took the brace out of my mouth then and there, and shouted as loudly as I could, with no pain or ill effect of any kind, something I had never been able to do since the accident. The brace has never been back in my mouth. I eat any thing, preach three or four times a week, and never have a pain—all because of "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, and today, and forever." Just as surely as Christ healed the sick so long ago, He still heals today. This I know because He has healed me.—Wm. C. Russell, 403 S. Chestnut, Pana, Illinois.

(Brother Russell is a licensed minister in the Illinois District, pastoring a new church at Pana.)

## HEALED OF CROSSED EYES

I praise my Lord Jesus Christ for healing my eyes. I was three years of age when I became cross-eyed, and I am now sixteen. My friends told me about Evangelist O. L. Jagers' meetings in Pawnee, Illinois, and I went that very evening.

The devil tried to persuade me that there wasn't any use for me to be prayed for, because my eyes would not be healed, for specialists could not help them. But I felt impressed to have the evangelist pray for me. As he laid his hands on my eyes and prayed, I felt the Holy Spirit's power go through my body, from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. When I opened my eyes they were straight, and have been ever since. That was several weeks ago, and my eyes are perfectly straight and normal in every way. I have been drawn so much nearer to my Lord Jesus Christ, praise His name!—Rosemary Bozarth, 704 No. Amos Ave., Springfield, Illinois.

(This testimony has been verified by D. B. Jagers, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Pawnee, Illinois. He states that this young lady had very badly crossed eyes and wore dark glasses to cover the defect, until God healed her several months ago, but that her eyes are still straight and normal as of January 4, 1950.)

## HEALED OF CANCER

For over ten years I had trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Physician, as also did my husband and our two young sons. Many times we had been ill, but God had always healed us. When cancer came we therefore turned instinctively to the Lord, and asked many to pray for me. But healing did not come immediately.

For two and a half years I suffered with intense pain on many occasions. I hemorrhaged until there was very little blood left in my body. I had not enough strength to do my housework properly. Time after time I would sink away in heart attacks. I was confined to bed for eight weeks and had a nervous breakdown. However, much prayer was offered for me, and God answered. He put new blood in my veins.

New strength came into my body—yet my strength did not come back completely, for after nine months I was hemorrhaging and having sinking spells again. The doctor in the small town where we lived could not help me. I was later brought to a hospital in Tulsa, Okla. where they found I had cancer in its last stages. Altogether I had six doctors but none of them held out hope for my recovery. A radium specialist, one of the best in the South-



west, gave me radium but he too said there was no hope. I was not expected to live through the treatment. However, loyal saints of God were holding on for me in prayer, and to the amazement of the doctors I came through.

The disease was still in my body when this treatment was finished, although I was stronger for a time, and severe pain again gripped my body. I knew I could not stand it much longer and wrote to several people asking them to pray for me. Sister Mildred Wicks prayed for me when she received my letter, and for two hours I felt the mighty power of God in my body burning out the disease. Health and strength returned in a wonderful way. Every symptom left my body and never has cancer showed up again in that place where God healed it.

I testified in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, and wherever I went. Then, five months later, I was tested again. Cancer came in a different portion of my body. Suffering was so great this time that I would cry out in agony. I could not have stood it any longer had not God lifted the pain. Many times I could have wished the Lord would take me home to Glory.

Knowing there was no hope except in God, I determined to trust Him fully to the end, and by His grace and mercy I was enabled to stand true until the victory came. Each time my suffering would become great, my pastor, Brother W. F. Garvin, and many others would hold on to God for me in prayer. I shall never cease to praise God for the faithful folk who stood by me in prayer.

During this last illness, even though pain was more severe, I did not have a doctor. No medicine whatever—not even an aspirin tablet—was used. My full deliverance came when I was taken by ambulance to a church where Evangelist Oral Roberts prayed for me. I was raised up off the ambulance cot, walking and shouting the praises of God.

Now I do all my housework and I have strength to preach the gospel with all my heart. Wherever I go the people marvel at what God has done in giving me perfect health. Yes, Jesus heals today, blessed be His name.—Mrs. A. L. Shumard, Box 96, Snomac, Okla.

(Pastor W. F. Garvin of Faith Tabernacle, Tulsa, writes: "I can verify this healing, and only wish that Sister Shumard could appear in person in all our churches for she is radiant with health and with the joy of the Lord.")

### SCARS BECOME WINDOWS

The late J. H. Jowett once told a story of a prize fighter who came within the grip of the gospel of Jesus Christ and was converted. He met one of his old friends, and this friend said to him: "I hear you've been converted?" "Yes, that's true." "It's a pity you've got those scars all over your face, because anybody can see what you've been." "Ah, but they can see what I am; so these scars are windows through which the grace of God shines."

It is a good rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness, or speaking a true word, or making a friend.—Ruskin.

## Support Home Missions in 1950

**Indian Woman healed of broken neck and given a glowing testimony for God**

**Numbers of service men in Alaska being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit**

**Deaf people being given the Word of Life, and many seem eager to receive deeper teaching**

These are just a few of the many ways in which God has blessed the work of the Home Missions Department during the year 1949.

We are believing God for far greater results in 1950, and ask our readers to continue to stand with us in prayer and with finances. Your prayers give the work new impetus and move the hand of God—your gifts enable us to branch out into fields still needy and without a full gospel testimony.

Send home missions offerings to

**HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
Fred Vogler, Director  
434 W. Pacific,  
Springfield 1, Mo.

**Young people in Alaska seeking God—many for the first time**

**Blind woman in Utah healed**

**Pioneer churches in many districts giving out the gospel and reaping a harvest of souls**

### "I'M FROM INDIA"

"How do you do, Brethren; I'm from India," was Sister Gager's greeting when introduced to some friends visiting the Pinellas Park Home in Florida.

"Well, praise the Lord, Sister, I'm from Arkansas," was the smiling reply of one of the visiting executive brethren.

That little sentence, "I'm from India," expresses what is still, after eight years back in the States, the dominating interest of Miss Gager's life. She was saved early in life, and for thirty-one years served God in India, the place of His choice for her. She last returned from India in 1941.

Sister Gager's health has failed in recent years, and a few months ago she entered our home for retired ministers and missionaries at Pinellas Park. Exhausted by her long trip from Los Angeles, she was glad to rest at first, but after just two or three days of quiet she got up, dressed, and with a handful of tracts announced to Sister Van Meter that she was going for a walk. This she did, and she has continued walking and giving out tracts and testifying to everyone with whom she comes in contact. It is a rare evening when she does not request prayer in family devotions for someone to whom she has witnessed that day.

Miss Gager is keeping active for God in the best way she knows at present, but lives in anticipation of the time when her strength will return sufficiently to permit her to attend missionary meetings and tell others about India. A great part of her life has been spent there, and her heart is still bearing the burden of the people of India and their need of Christ.

And so, Pinellas Park has become home to another servant of God and is providing shelter,

care when necessary, and Christian fellowship. Will you share with us the responsibility of carrying on the Pinellas Park Home for our retired ministers and missionaries?

Kindly send your contributions to the Department of Benevolences (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.



**Miss Bessie Gager, guest at our Retirement Home**

● THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD mission fields truly stretch out to "the uttermost part of the earth." When our C-46 missionary transport plane, the AMBASSADOR, which we flew last year, was making its flight to Brazil where it now is being used by a Brazilian airline, it was landed in one of the Guianas on the northeast coast of South America where we do not have a missionary. Almost immediately after the plane was landed a national mechanic ran up quite excited. He had seen the familiar emblem on the aircraft, "CHRIST FOR ALL, ALL FOR CHRIST," and came to offer his services for the plane, if they were needed, without charge. He stated that the Assemblies of God was his church, and he wanted to make his service a donation to God's work.

The above just illustrates the wide influence of the activities carried on by our six hundred and fifty missionaries and more than three thousand national ministers in Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America and in the islands. The Assemblies of God, giving approximately two million dollars each year for evangelism outside of what is being done in the United States of America, ranks high among church bodies in missionary activity. Nothing but zeal, kindled by the Holy Spirit, is responsible for this.

#### THE UNFINISHED TASK

As I write there is a map before me that has not changed materially for many years. On it stands out in bold relief, "One billion three hundred and seventy-seven million without Christ." I see more than two hundred and fifty million Moslems following a false Christ. I see the hand of anti-Christian Communism, red with the blood of Christian martyrs, reaching out greedily to control Asia's millions. I see Europe confused, hearing many voices and not knowing which to follow. The doors to most countries of Europe are still open; however, there are countries where the doors are closed. They are enshrouded in darkness behind the *iron curtain*. Europe is a challenge to the Christian Church.

Africa, rich in material wealth whose fascinating people are emerging from simplicity of life in the forests to meet the sins and attractions of white civilizations, is groping for light. The people are becoming restless under the yoke of foreign governments. Unfortunately, too few have found the One and Only Governor who can bring peace and satisfaction to those who trust in Him. We still have access to Africa's unevangelized, but some sections of the country are beginning to close to missionary activity.

India is still open to the gospel. Missionaries still are permitted to enter, but emphasis is placed by authorities upon the desirability of having missionaries who are expecting to do educational or benevolent work and not those expecting to do just Christian evangelism. We must, therefore, prepare to meet the needs as they are, in order to be "made all things to all men" so that we may "by all means save some."

China is a big question mark. Some missionaries are continuing on in that land. Varying reports reach us. There seems to be tolerance on the part of some authorities while in other sections Christians have been imprisoned and even tortured or hindered from active Christian work. The Assemblies of God still have mis-

# LOOKING AHEAD

NOEL PERKIN

Foreign Missions Secretary

sionary representatives in China. It is true that the number is reduced to a handful. Four Bible Schools are in operation—one in Peiping, one in Minshien, one in Kunming, and one in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is the temporary site of our South China Bible School. One missionary has remained in Formosa. A number of missionaries are praying earnestly that in some manner they may be able to go back to reach more of China's four hundred and fifty million people, the vast majority of whom do not know Christ.

Japan, in general, has a friendly attitude toward Christian missionaries, but the housing situation is a serious hindrance to us. The war destroyed many buildings, which means that houses now standing must take care of the population. There has been insufficient construction work since the war; therefore, it is imperative that land be purchased and a home

erected for every new missionary family sent to the field.

The Philippines have provided an outlet for a number of our missionaries from China, and encouraging progress in the work is being made there, but we do need help along financial lines for the establishing of a strong evangelistic center in Manila and for the completion of the Bible School buildings.

Indonesia is a fertile field but, like India and China, Indonesia is passing through a transitional period because of changing governments; however, missionaries are holding on and reinforcements are being added.

South America still is our most responsive field, and yet difficulties are encountered there as elsewhere. Some of the republics definitely are pro-Catholic and opposition against evangelical missionary efforts frequently is stirred up by local priests.



Poor fellow! What a picture of hopelessness and dejection! A Chinese and his opium pipe after the toil of the day. Leaning against the wall of the pawn shop (identified by the Chinese characters) is the *T'iao* pole used over the shoulder for carrying heavy loads. The whole world staggers under a heavy load without Christ. Wherever our missionaries have gone they have brought hope to such hopeless derelicts. Our prayer is that in the forthcoming months, through your prayers and offerings, we may be able to reach a greater number.

THE PRESENT NEEDS

The question may be asked, "What are the missionary needs?" First, and foremost, we need praying friends at home and praying missionaries on the field. The task cannot be accomplished by the might of man, but by the Spirit of the Lord it can be accomplished.

Then we need a renewed vision of a task that calls for consecrated lives and consecrated giving. Why not all forget our own needs for a brief moment each day, and even our local church needs, and remember others less favored whose needs are presented in some request in the "Daily Devotions" section of *The Missionary Challenge*,\* the official organ of the Foreign Missions Department? In this way all can become acquainted with our missionaries. Place the *Challenge* in your Bible as a reminder for daily prayers.

Finally let us try to raise the giving in our assemblies by raising our own individual giving. Five cents per day given by everyone in our assemblies would more than double the present income. This might mean doubling the number of souls saved in foreign lands. Some of us may not be able to preach, and perhaps some of us may be slow in testimony, but we all can give so that others whom God calls to preach can be sent forth. "And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

There are so many needs that it would seem wise to try to meet, but we will only list a few of them and the estimated costs:

AFRICA

Schools, churches, and missionary homes for Liberia, \$35,000; opening of new stations in Togoland, the Gold Coast, Nyasaland, and Belgian Congo, \$35,000; school buildings, Ivory Coast, \$10,000; Bible School, Kumasi, Gold Coast, \$10,000; printing equipment, Nigeria, \$5,000; the opening of an entirely unevangelized field in West Africa, six couples needed and necessary buildings, \$50,000.

CHINA

Funds to help some of our Chinese brethren who are continuing their ministry under increasingly difficult conditions, monthly budget of \$500; for the maintenance of our Bible Schools in China, monthly budget of \$500; probable taxes on Bible Schools and mission buildings in China, \$5,000. (This amount may be higher because of some authorities who may be unsympathetic toward religious work.)

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

For Bible School buildings and furnishings, \$2,000; monthly maintenance budget, \$150; church building near Baguio, \$2,500; evangelistic center in Manila, \$10,000.

JAPAN

The needs of Japan are many but special requests are for a revolving fund for loans for church buildings, \$7,000; homes for missionaries, \$3,000 to \$4,000 each, total \$12,000; furnishing of the Kobe Orphanage, \$1,500; maintenance of Bible School in Tokyo, per month, \$150; miscellaneous appropriations for church buildings, \$15,000.

INDIA

For Bible Schools, \$30,000; evangelistic

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centers in areas such as Bombay and Calcutta, \$30,000; for new work among the aborigines, \$20,000.

LATIN AMERICA

Evangelistic center in Havana, Cuba, \$10,000; evangelistic center in Santo Domingo, \$15,000; Chilean Bible Institute, \$15,000; Bolivian Bible Institute, \$12,000; Bible Institute in Venezuela, \$3,000.

Outside of the monthly appropriations with which we need help, the needs listed above, mostly for buildings, total more than \$300,000. Our present budget, based on last year's need, amounts to more than \$2,000,000 a year, or more than \$166,000 per month. It will be necessary that each registered member of our assemblies give not less than 60 cents a month just to maintain what we were doing a year ago, or about 70 cent per month if we are to raise the additional amount of money needed as listed in this report. Why not let us make it our objective to have every member give a dollar a month, at least, and if possible, five cents per day. Five cents per day from each member would enable us really to go forward.

May we urge friends who have given much more generously than the standard we have suggested to continue giving as before, since unfortunately there will be those who will see the need but will fail to respond, just as not everyone who hears the gospel responds to it. The number who accept the missionary challenge will undoubtedly fall far short of what it should be, so let us each do our best as unto God for we serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Persecution in Brazil

Lawrence N. Olson, Brazil

● YOU MAY RECALL that some time ago we were having difficulty establishing a work in Cana Verde. One Sunday a procession was organized against one of our groups holding a street meeting in a small park in the town. No one was seriously injured though one of the girls received a burn on one leg from a firecracker thrown in the midst of the workers. We are glad to report that, thanks to the co-operation of government officials, some of the persecution has died down.

In August, with the co-operation of regional authorities, we managed to perform a baptismal service at the edge of town. Nine believers were immersed. The situation was extremely tense, so much so that local authorities even suggested that we use pails of water for the service instead of immersing the candidates.

RELIEF WORK IN EUROPE

The Assemblies of God work has benefited from offerings given to CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program). We urge that friends who may be contacted by representatives of this organization respond with gifts of livestock or food stuffs. Designate your gifts: "For Assemblies of God Work in Europe."

Noel Perkin  
Foreign Missions Secretary

The evening following the baptismal service the Catholic church bell began to toll to call the people together. As a result (contrary to Brazilian law, which guarantees religious freedom) we were ordered by local authorities not to have a service. There was nothing to do but to comply. Since we were not getting the co-operation we expected from the local authorities, we left town. It was under boos, curses, and firecrackers. We took the matter up with government officials and were promised the fullest protection; but the local people were still intent upon destroying our work.

One Tuesday as we were leaving town again we were subjected to further ill treatment. Our car was stoned, and firecrackers were thrown at us. Again we went to higher officials. This time we entered a complaint against the known persecutors. They were called before the authorities. Even their own lawyer set them straight as to our rights. Since then much of the persecution has ceased.

News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Heath Lowry sailed January 20 for South India.

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Miss Ruth A. Schoonmaker sailed for North India on January 30.

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Forrest G. Barker sailed for Peru in January. Mrs. Barker is remaining in the States temporarily.

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Miss Hilda Reffke, missionary to Cuba, returned to the States in January.



Heath Lowry  
South India



Mrs. Heath Lowry  
South India



Ruth A. Schoonmaker  
North India



Forrest G. Barker  
Peru

# THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

## FEDERAL AID TO HOSPITALS

Southern Baptists will support a proposed court test of the Hill-Burton Act which allows Federal aid to church-owned hospitals. A legal firm has advised that the Act violates the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

## DAYS OF PRAYER IN ISRAEL

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel ordained three days of prayer for Jerusalem, that it might be spared from international rule. Among the prayers is included Psalm 148.

## JEWISH PARLIAMENT IN YMCA

It is expected that the YMCA building in Jerusalem will be leased for use as provisional headquarters of the Parliament of Israel. It is the largest building in the city and offers excellent facilities.

## A FAST-GROWING CITY

Tel Aviv, the all-Jewish city of Israel, has a population of about 275,000 and is growing at the rate of 500 to 1,000 every day. Eighty-one million dollars will be spent to convert its harbor into a deep-water port.

## BROOKLYN, ISRAEL

Israel soon may have a Brooklyn of its own. Jews of Brooklyn, N. Y., opened a campaign December 4 to raise \$750,000 to purchase and develop 4000 acres in the Negev; they plan to name the new settlement Kfar Brooklyn (Brooklyn Village).

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S ANNIVERSARY

On April 1, 1950, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. Dr. Albert Einstein and Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts are to be guests of honor.

## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Those most competent to value the Divine law for the State of capital punishment endorse it. Sir Harold Scott, Commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, assured the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment (London *Times*, Oct. 8, 1949) that the general opinion of the police is definitely against the abolition of the death penalty.

## METHODIST RALLY IN PHILADELPHIA

Rallying to the call of Bishop Corson for a show of revivalism in the Methodist church, thousands of Methodists gathered in Philadelphia during the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 4. The slogan of the convention was, "Methodism's Second Start." On the last Sunday afternoon 25,000 persons filled Convention Hall, and police estimated that more than 8,000 were turned away. Reporters said, "It was bigger than any religious, political, or civic meeting or athletic event ever held in Convention Hall's history. It was bigger than either the Republican or Democratic conventions of the presidential year 1948."

## INDECENT LITERATURE

Charging that "fifteen million questionable periodicals reach the American public every month to poison the minds of our youth and to contribute to the tremendous postwar growth of juvenile crime," a club of Catholic university students is protesting that such magazines should be barred from the U. S. mails.

## CHRISTIAN COMPASSION

Herbert Hoover writes: "The world is in the grip of a death struggle between the philosophy of Christ and that of Hegel and Marx. The teaching of Christ is a philosophy of *compassion*. The outstanding spiritual distinction of our civilization from all others is compassion. With us, it is the noblest expression of man. Those who serve receive an untold spiritual benefit. The day when we decide that the Government is our brother's keeper, that is the day the spirit of compassion has been lost.

"But a simpler answer than all this lies in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He did not enter into governmental or philosophic discussion. It is said that when he saw the helpless man he had compassion on him . . . he bound his wounds . . . and took care of him.

"The inspirations of progress spring from voluntary agencies, not from bureaucracy. If these voluntary activities are to be absorbed by government bureaus, this civilization will be over. Something neither free nor noble will take its place."

## WHEN LOVE SHINES IN

Jacob DeShazer, a missionary in Japan, thinks that mercy should be shown the 40 Japanese who have been convicted as war criminals. He admits that they are guilty and are worthy of death; but he remembers how his own life was spared when, as one of the captured Doolittle raiders, he was a prisoner of the Japanese.

"The Emperor of Japan intervened in my case, and spared my life and the lives of four of my companions," he states. "It was an act of mercy. Through that act of kindness I owe the Emperor of Japan an eternal debt of gratitude. I would have spent eternity in hell if I had been executed at that time, as I was not a Christian. I was placed in prison and given a Bible to read. God spoke to me through the words of the Bible, and I was born again. Later on, as I sat in prison, God called me to tell the message of salvation to the Japanese people. Jesus is the Light of the world, and we as Christians must let our light shine, that others may see and believe."

The former bombardier thinks that if America would forgive these 40 men, such an act of mercy might turn the world against the Communists' program of hatred. If any man might be expected to hate the Japanese, it would be DeShazer, for during the 43 months he was a Japanese prisoner of war, he suffered untold abuse, pain and starvation. The fact that he is now a missionary, preaching the gospel to the Japanese and pleading for mercy upon the

Japanese war criminals, is a marvelous evidence of the transforming power of Christ.

## AMERICA'S DEFENCE

America trusted in the atomic bomb to defend her, and was betrayed. The top atomic scientist of Great Britain gave away our secrets and now Russia may be as far along in developing the A-bomb and the H-bomb as we are. It is time America stopped trusting in weapons of war and put her trust in the Almighty instead. If she could say, "God is my defence" (Psalm 59:9), she would have a protection which no man could take from her.

## CHURCH MERGER JUDGED ILLEGAL

Negotiations have been under way for many months to unite the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The combined church would have about two million members.

However, a Congregational Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. has contested the legality of the proposed merger. Justice Steinbrink of the Brooklyn Supreme Court has ruled that the General Council of the Congregationalists, as a representative body, has no power or authority to merge or unite itself with any other body or organization.

In ruling against the proposed merger, Judge Steinbrink said it "provides for machinery which has in it the dangerous possibilities of a general overall body usurping the interest and property rights of churches in all that they have created in the past, excepting their own immediate and separate church property."

Some Protestant leaders believe the decision may jeopardize the whole movement to unite the various Protestant denominations. The General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches may appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court in the matter.

## BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

(Continued from page five)

and this carnal body of flesh is destroyed?

But in this matter there is need for co-operation with God. We are to be workers together with Him. We are not to take the helpless attitude that God is going to do everything for us and that we have nothing to do for ourselves. Paul says, concerning the crucifixion of the self-life, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection." I refuse to acknowledge that the flesh will have mastery over my spirit. We are told, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." The implied subject of the sentence is "You put on the Lord Jesus Christ, you make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof."

Some people who profess the experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit live on a carnal plane, indulging in disputes, jealousies, hatred and strife. Is this a reflection on the genuineness of the Baptism which they received? No, the reflection is rather on the character of the one who received. Why is there sometimes an evidence of carnality manifested by people professing a Baptism in the Holy Spirit? One reason is that many of these people have had the impression that when they received the Baptism they reached their ultimate objective, and that they were then a finished product. How many

have used the expression, "I've got through," and when the statement was applied to their daily living they actually were "through" so far as their value to the church or their service to God was concerned.

The Word very definitely teaches that the Baptism does not *give* us power, but rather places power at our disposal, from which we are to draw daily as we go on to experience the gifts of the Spirit. For example, the Holy Spirit comes to give me power to witness, but how can He give me that power unless I am willing to testify for the Master? The Holy Spirit is given to guide me into all truth, but how can He guide me unless I am willing to give myself to the study of the Word? The Holy Spirit is given to help in my prayer life, but how can He help unless I give myself to prayer?

We must recognize the tremendous importance of the will and of the mind in our walk in the Spirit. It was Lucifer's WILL that caused his fall. See Isaiah 14:12-15. Likewise when man fell from his place of original innocence and fellowship with God it was because that which had been given to him as a sovereign possession, his will, was used to disobey God. It was man's WILL that caused the fall. In seeking to redeem man from the curse of sin God provided redemption through the death of His Son, but the plan of salvation could be effective only if man by an act of his own will *chose* to answer the call from the Savior, "If any man WILL come after me . . ." "Whoever WILL, let him come."

When we accept Christ this sovereign possession is not taken from us. When we receive the Baptism of the Spirit our will is still our great possession. But God wants to renew our mind, our will, by the transformation of the Spirit. However, He must have our co-operation.

The fruit of the Spirit is peace. Why is it that some believers, professing to be baptized, are disturbed by anxiety, worry, and perplexity? Why is there no peace? God promises that He will keep us in perfect peace if our minds are stayed on Him, but He tells us also that we are to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. We cannot bring every thought into captivity if we are going to muse and meditate over some unkind thing someone said about us, or if we turn our mind to some cheap, silly radio broadcast, or get all upset over neighborhood gossip. We must think on things that are true and honest, the things that are just and pure, the things that are lovely and of good report; then we will be co-operating with God and the God of peace will be with us.

The fruit of the Spirit is joy, but how many Christians have no indication of joy. You meet them today and say, "Brother, how are you?" and they reply, "I'm feeling wonderful. God blessed my soul last night." The very next day you may meet the same individual and ask the same question, only to receive the reply, "I'm not so well today. I've got a pain in my back, and I've lost one of my cattle, and my little boy fell down the steps." Where is that person's joy in the Holy Ghost? A man whose joy is always changing is rejoicing in circumstances, whereas God wants him to rejoice in the Lord.

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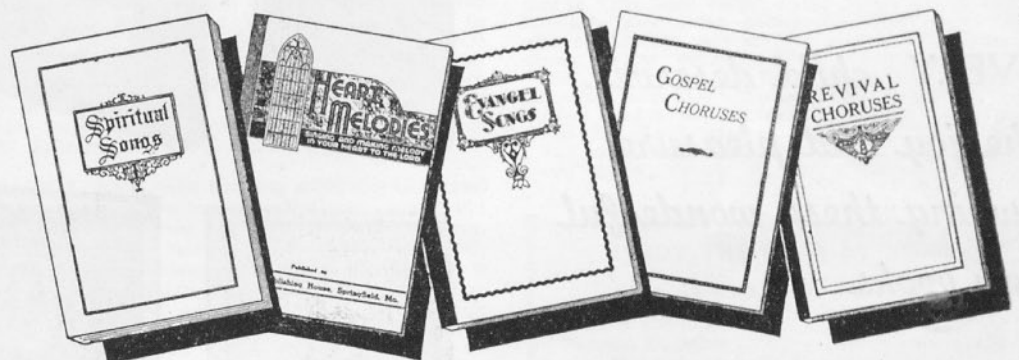
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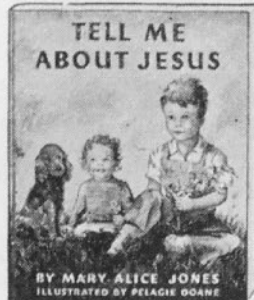
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ceived the Baptism fourteen years ago. I spoke in tongues and was so blessed. But I've never spoken in tongues since, and I don't feel the Baptism has been to me what it should have been." I replied, "When you received the Baptism I'll venture to say that you received a great blessing with plenty of feeling, and you've been waiting fourteen years for God to repeat that same experience of feeling before you would speak in tongues again. Am I right?" He answered in the affirmative. But is this Scriptural? Paul had an experience of being caught up into the third heaven, and fourteen years later he wrote concerning it. However, all during that time Paul had been enjoying the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

The next night this brother returned with a glowing testimony. He said, "I'm a new man. The life of faith is a new life! When I left you yesterday I said, 'Lord, You gave me the Holy Spirit fourteen years ago, and all of this time You have been waiting on me to give You recognition and to honor Your presence. I'm going to pray right now and honor the Holy Spirit's presence and allow Him to accomplish in my life what He promised to accomplish.' I lifted my voice in faith, and I began to speak and sing in tongues until my soul was lifted right into the presence of God. I worked all day at my bench, praying in the Spirit. This morning when I went alone for prayer I honored the Holy Spirit's presence and worshipped in the Spirit. Now I know what Paul meant when He said, 'I serve God with my spirit,' 'I keep my body under.'"

We are so bound to circumstances and to what we see and touch with our five senses. How often God must be displeased and perhaps disturbed by our carnality in wanting to rejoice only in what we see, feel, or hear. Here is an illustration from a healing meeting. A man testifies, "I thank God for delivering me from cancer. I was given up to die, but I have been back to the doctor for an examination and he has testified that I am healed." People murmur, "Praise the Lord." But here is another man brought in blind. He begins to see and the people go into pandemonium. They clap their hands and through the aisles shouting because the blind man is receiving his sight. People will rejoice more over something they can see than over something they don't see. Is this pleasing to God? Absolutely not!

I have had people say to me, "But you don't know my circumstances. I lost everything in business." But does God say that when business fails and everything goes wrong there is to be no rejoicing in the Lord? Listen to Habakkuk 3:17, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

Others say, "I am sick. I saw someone healed yesterday and they were rejoicing, but I'm not healed." Paul said, "I take pleasure in infirmities." Sometimes I believe there is more of the fruit of the Spirit manifested in the life of the man who can glory in infirmity, than in those who rejoice only when they are in health. Is it suffering that makes us blue, and is it alleviation of suffering that gives us joy? Paul welcomed suffering since it helped to keep the

body under, and to produce the fruit of the Spirit. He welcomed adversity if it crucified the flesh. He preached an intelligent co-operation with God according to the Word.

God's pleasure is that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit should produce the fruits of the Spirit, and that this fruit may remain: remain as a permanent work for God in this life, and remain as fruit that will stand the test of fire at the judgment seat of Christ, bringing us an abundant reward. Here we are to be "workers together with Him." In that day we shall reign with Him!

## Among the Assemblies

(Near) WILMER, ALA.—Tanner Williams Assembly has just closed a meeting with the Skondeen Family. The attendance was good during the entire meeting. We broke our Sunday School record the last Sunday of the meeting.—Jack Fowler, Pastor.

DYER, TENN.—The First Assembly of God has recently closed one of the greatest revivals of its history. Bob Bryson and Kenny Forman of Beaumont, Tex., were the evangelists. Around 20 were saved, 10 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 12 united with the church. The Sunday School records were broken.—Howard C. Campbell, Pastor.

AUSTIN, TEX.—Whitestone Assembly of God has just closed a successful meeting with Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin. Many received healing, and around 17 were saved, including a number of young people; others received the Holy Ghost. God manifested new wonders of His power to us in blessing these services. Our Christians found a deeper place in God.—O. L. Moore, Pastor.

MARION, IND.—We have recently closed a revival meeting with Evangelist R. E. Lister of Oklahoma City, Okla. Several were saved, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the meetings. A dear Catholic woman was saved and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The evangelist's illustrated message on "Heaven and Hell" was an outstanding event.—B. E. Hillman, Pastor.

ST. JOHN, WASH.—We have enjoyed one of the best revivals we have ever had. Brother and Sister Archie Brusck of Spokane, Wash. were with us for four weeks. Several were converted and a number filled with the Holy Spirit, including many from other churches. Many were healed, and several outstanding miracles were wrought. The sweetest spirit prevailed throughout the entire meeting. The church was substantially built up.—Lester W. Damron, Pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA—Evangelist John Spencer, Knoxville, Iowa, has been with us in a five weeks' meeting. Through the anointed preaching of the Word, men and women were made to realize their need of God. Thirty-three were saved, two were filled with the Holy Ghost, and many others were refilled. Many who were sick and afflicted in body were healed. Our young people were greatly encouraged and strengthened.—M. Latham and W. S. Stanberry, Pastors.

SALEM, ARK.—In keeping with the Universal Week of Prayer, we had services every night and two afternoons during the first week of January. Even though much rain and sleet and ice hindered, yet we did not have to miss a service and it proved to be a real revival. Two were saved, two reclaimed, and one refilled with the Holy Ghost. There is a real revival spirit in most of our regular services.

About 15 months ago we had 23 members, and one has since gone to Glory. Our Sunday School and church attendance is now almost doubled. We surely praise God for His moving in our midst and for faithful ones to pray down His blessing.—Glenna J. Byard, Pastor.

WESTERNPORT, MD. (by wire)—This area being stirred. Evangelist Louise Nankivell of Chicago with us. Unusual supernatural occurrences, healings, miracles. Real Pentecostal manifestations. Many being saved. Overflow crowds to services nightly. Meeting continuing indefinitely.—E. W. Welford, 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.

PEARL, ILL.—Feb. 12—Mar. 5 or longer; Evangelist W. Leo McClure, Colquitt, Ga.—James Grady, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Sts., Feb. 19—; Evangelist Marvin L. Smith, of Mobile, Ala.—A. J. Pope, Pastor.

OCALA, FLA.—Mar. 5—; Evangelist Curtis H. Snair, Tampa, Fla.—Charles S. Brown, Pastor.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—Gospel Tabernacle, 5025 Hudson Blvd., Feb. 19—Mar. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Vernon Cardiff.—Guy W. Duty, Pastor.

CHARITON, IOWA—Assembly of God, Grand at Auburn, Feb. 26—Mar. 12; Evangelist and Mrs. Warren J. Halleen, Fargo, N. Dak.—Merlin N. Steen, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Bethel Full Gospel Church, N. Goodman and Ripley Sts., Feb. 16—19; Walter Bouchard, Principal of Berea Bible Institute, Montreal, Canada.—Warren B. Straton, Pastor.

### REGIONAL INDIAN CONFERENCE

SAN CARLOS, ARIZ.—Regional Indian Conference, March 26—31, on the reservation. Fred Vogler, Home Missions Director, conference leader. W. R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, guest speaker. All missionaries to Indians invited. Tourist cabins available at reasonable prices at Globe, 25 miles from San Carlos. For further details write William F. Olson, P. O. Box 55, San Carlos, Ariz.

### EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE

GLASSPORT, PA.—Assembly of God, Ohio Ave., at 5th, Feb. 28—Mar. 2; Fleming Van Meter of Wilmington, Del., evening speaker. Other district brethren will be speaking in the afternoon. Prayer League Rally, Feb. 27, 7:30. Earl Winand, Prayer League leader. Free lodging as far as possible. For information write Harold E. Crosby, Box 333, Glassport, Pa.—Harold E. Crosby, Pastor.

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ELVINS, MO.—Feb. 8—22; Evangelist James Eastman of Springfield, Ill. (Odis Cooper is pastor.)

BAYTOWN, TEX.—Central Assembly, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp. (C. G. Owen is pastor.)

RICHMOND, CALIF.—Full Gospel Temple, 14th St. and Bissel Ave., Feb. 12—; Ernest Eskelin Musical Family, Detroit, Michigan.—C. Ely Persing, Pastor.

HOLLYDALE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Feb. 19—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Semans, Jr. (C. O. Green is pastor.)

HEMET, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 237 N. Alessandro St., Feb. 12—; Evangelist Otto J. Klink.—Lloyd J. Cagle, Pastor.

BARSTOW, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 660 Buena Vista, Feb. 26—Mar. 19; Blair Evangelistic Party.—Gordon and Wandafaye Jaus, Pastors.

TILLAMOOK, OREG.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Albin G. Johnson. (C. R. Norman is pastor.)

LAKE PRESTON, S. D.—Assembly of God, Feb. 14—26; Evangelist Bennie Harris.—W. H. Ross, Pastor.

CHESTER, PA.—Feb. 28—Mar. 12; Evangelist Horace Roberson. (Albert Lazar is pastor.)

THEDFORD, NEBR.—Feb. 19—; Evangelists Earl and Helen Cornelison, of Kansas City, Mo. (E. E. Rohde is pastor.)

SAN BRUNO, CALIF.—Meeting in progress; Iola V. Wiseman, Musician and Evangelist. (Lyle Corsaw is pastor.)

ODIN, ILL.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist G. A. Brewer, assisted by G. A. Brewer Jr., Musical Team.—Florence Boucher, Pastor.

WHISTLER, ALA.—Assembly of God, Feb. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex.—E. R. Schulz, Pastor.

ELYRIA, O.—Gospel Tabernacle, Feb. 26—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dean E. Duncan, Denver, Colo.—David M. Hogan, Pastor.

KING CITY, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly of God, 512 N. Second St., Feb. 12—26 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. D. Brown.—Lee Trowbridge, Pastor.

TOLEDO, OREG.—Assembly of God, upper Arcadia revival, Mar. 5—19; Bill Long, Evangelist, Gaylord Atwell, Singing Evangelists, Portland, Oreg.—Raymond L. Casselman, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—Assembly of God, 301 Capitol Ave., Feb. 19—Mar. 5; Bill Long, Evangelist, Gaylord Atwell, organist, and Bob Williams, artist.—Paul F. Cook, Pastor.

FT. MYERS, FLA.—Assembly of God, Feb. 19—Mar. 5 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley R. Hurst, Sr., of Watertown, Wis. (Woodrow W. Fountain is pastor.)

# The "Assistant Pastor"

In all our churches, both large and small, the busy Pastor feels the need of an Assistant to help minister to the spiritual life of his community. There are the shut-ins, the aged and sick, the new converts, the discouraged ones, and those needing comfort. No matter how many calls the Pastor has made during the day, there are always some who have been missed.

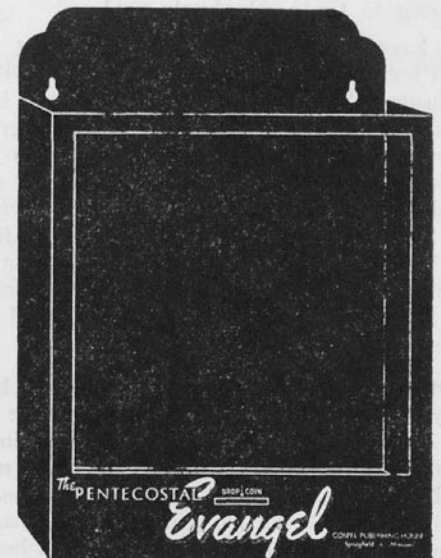
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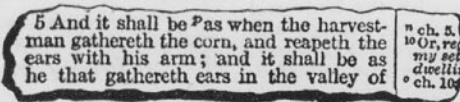
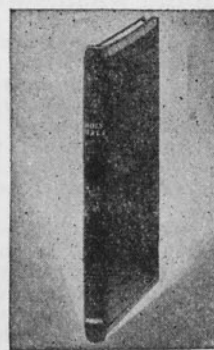
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