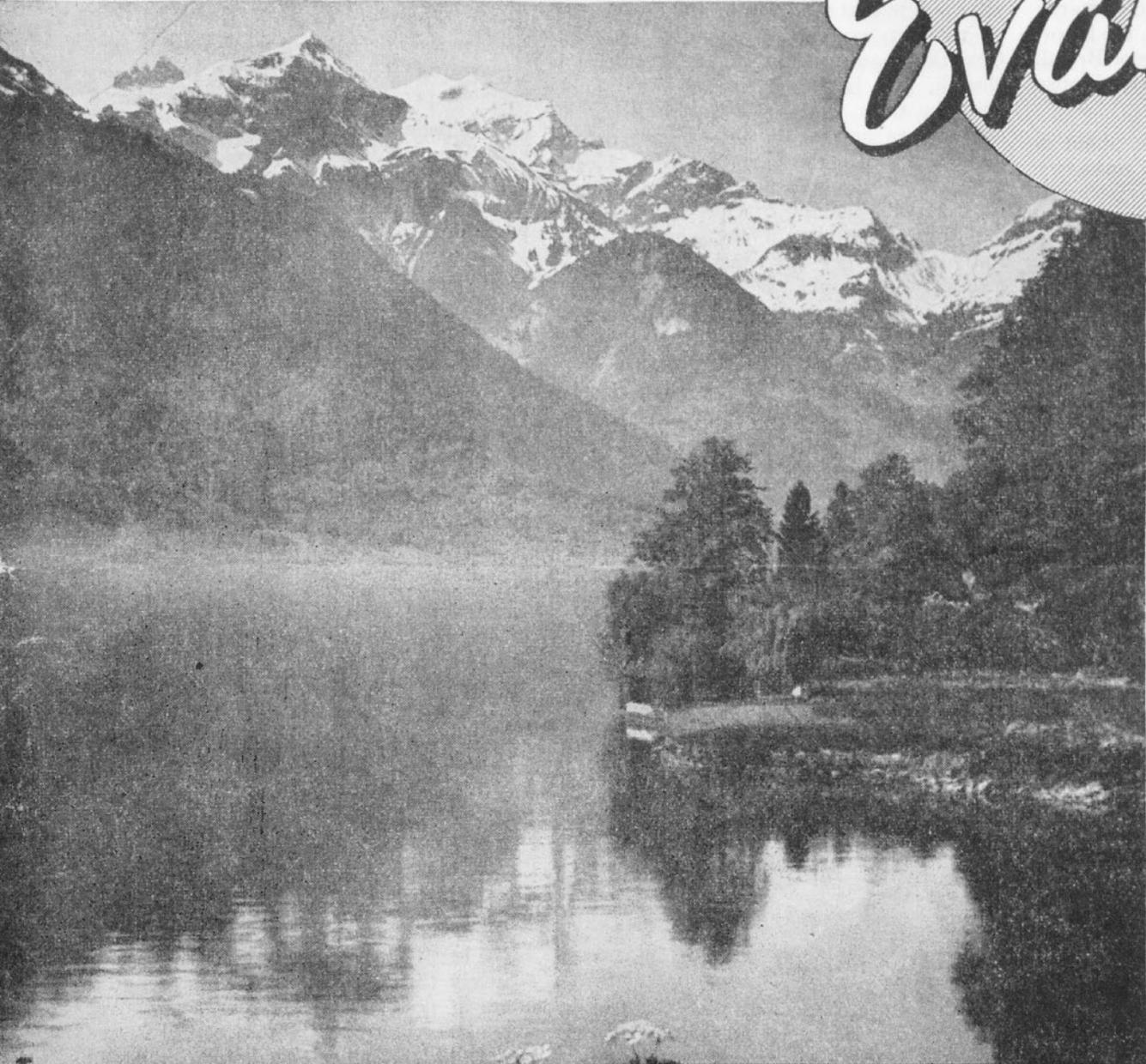


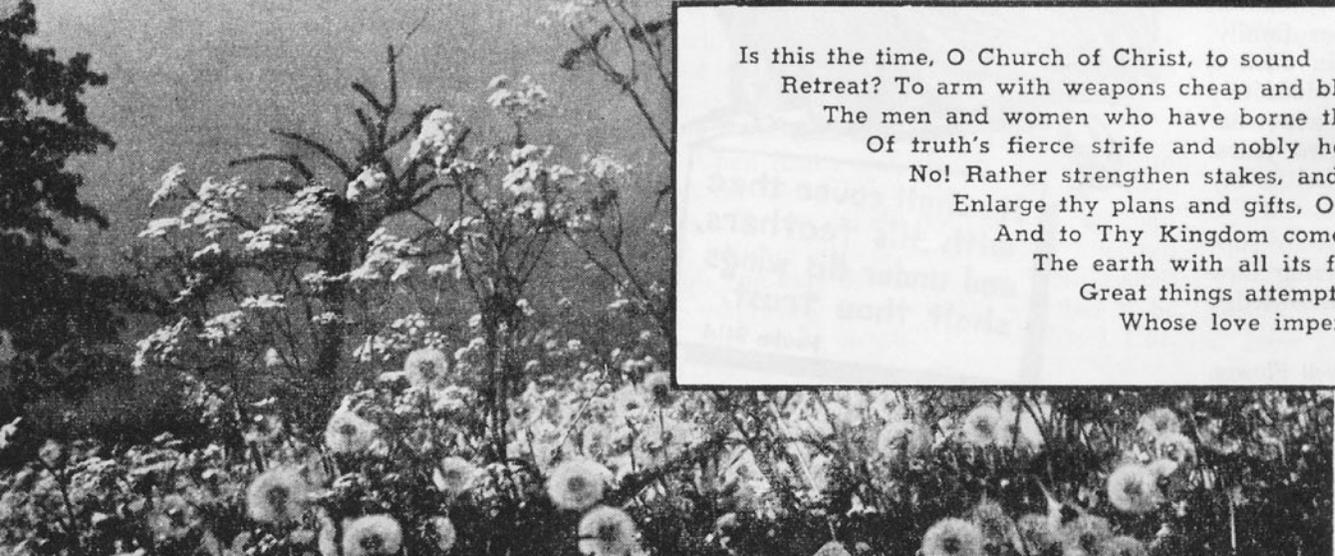
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Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife and nobly held their ground?
No! Rather strengthen stakes, and lengthen cords.
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to Thy Kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect!
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

Author Unknown

Journeying Back to Bethel

Alice Reynolds Flower

● LET US GO back to Genesis, the book of beginnings, chapters 28, 31 and 35. Here is something precious, filled with meaning for all our hearts—"The God of Bethel." Bethel has a good spiritual meaning—the House of God—or, differently expressed, the House of Bread. But is not the House of God the House of Bread, and vice versa?

The story of Bethel centers about a man who at one time had a very unsavory atmosphere—Jacob. He knew how to pull out the tricks and put them across. His very name meant Supplanter; but it was to this man with his shady conduct that the revelation of the God of Bethel came. God's grace is beautifully revealed here, and assuredly if He would do as much for Jacob we can expect the same and more. God grant to all a definite revelation of the God of Bethel.

We Must Know God for Ourselves

The father and mother of Jacob knew God. Isaac was a peaceful man who served and loved God, served the community by digging new wells and uncovering old ones. But what Isaac possessed did not take the kinks out of Jacob until God took hold of him. How necessary that we who come from good Pentecostal homes have a clear, definite, personal revelation of God in our individual lives. There are some things we do inherit and some things we do not. Some things come naturally because of our good parents, our associations, our atmosphere; but other things have to come direct from God into every young life.

I had a marvelous mother who was gloriously and instantly healed before I was born. She had been taken to the elder Dr. Mayo, father of the Mayo brothers, but nothing could be done for her. God healed her in answer to the prayer of a consecrated Quaker preacher in an Indiana town. That was the revelation of God that started things in our family. A rich inheritance was mine in such a mother, but God had to deal definitely with my own soul for me to have what I have enjoyed the past forty-two years. Thank God for a place of Bethel in my own life.

In talking to young folks from supposedly godly homes it is amazing how many we find who reveal little knowledge

of God's personal dealing with their individual hearts. There is something diluted about their experience. They have merely a relative knowledge of certain vital points that God would make positively real in every life. Coming from a Christian home, belonging to a spiritual church, and having a live pastor is not enough. Our young folk with all this atmosphere may sadly fail to have a full manifestation of the God of Bethel. Good associations alone do not bring this; there must be the touching of God and obedient walking thereafter on the part of each individual. Every car must have its own motor. No doubt Jacob's father had talked in the home about the promises of Abraham, but Jacob had to meet the God of Bethel for himself.

Make a Pillow of Each Stone

In the twenty-eighth chapter of Genesis we find the first revelation that came. You know what a trick Jacob had pulled on Esau, and what happened as a result. Jacob fled from his righteously enraged brother. The picture is given here. Greatly wearied, he stopped at a certain place to spend the night because the sun was set. He took of the stones of the place for his pillow and lay down. Notice this—he actually took the stones for his pillow. If you have been rolling stones out of your way—avoiding the hard things before and around you—you had better begin making a pillow out of them, and soon.

These very stones hold possibilities you

have sadly missed. The hard place brings the manifestation of God. By pushing aside the stones you have hindered your own development in God. Take that stone, embrace it, and put it under your head for a pillow. There is glorious blessing in every stone in your way. Jacob took the stones, put them under his head, and went to sleep.

And what a sleep he had. Banished were all the fears of yesterday; forgotten was the irate brother with his intent to kill, and the grief of leaving his devoted mother. But more than this, Jacob had a dream. There was a ladder reaching up to heaven, and angels were ascending and descending. They were going both directions—a perfect connection established.

The Lord stood at the top of that ladder, and notice the promise He gave to Jacob. "I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed . . . and, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land."

Jacob would never have had that wonderful promise had he failed to humble himself and lie upon that stone. We have here a precious hint of Calvary. There is only one thing that bridges earth and heaven—the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no manifestation of God in His fulness in your life until you come to the place where you can embrace the Cross and find in it all God intended. Thank God for the Cross. May it mean in our lives just what it meant in Paul's life—"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14. Only through the Cross do we realize every spiritual blessing.

"Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me."

This manifestation of the God of Bethel brought from Jacob some expression—"Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." A godly fear swept over him. He cried out, "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Jacob was becoming a true worshiper. The night before, that place had been dreadful for other reasons; but from a pillow of stones, a bed of earth, this fugitive had found a gate to heaven. And now the rising sun found him with a holy dread. He realized he was standing in the very presence of God. His stone-pillow became an altar, anointed with oil; and he made his sacred vow to God, pledging one tenth of his income. To Jacob that desolate spot had become a temple of the Lord.



He shall cover thee
with His feathers,
and under His wings
shalt thou trust.

Psalm 91:4

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Past Blessings Are Not Enough

Turn now to the thirty-first chapter of Genesis—a further step in Jacob's dealing with the God of Bethel. Jacob had reached his mother's people: he had served Laban faithfully for Leah and for Rachel, then for the cattle. Now he wished to leave. Some things were not satisfactory and again there was occasion for fear. But Jacob was still under the care of the God of Bethel, who now encouraged him with these words, "I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred." It is a wonderful thing to be able to reckon from a crisis in our lives. When the hard testing times come how assuring to look back to a certain time and place when God spoke to your heart.

It was a gracious thing for God to speak to Jacob first at Bethel, where the stones were, as with broken spirit he fled from his enraged brother. The God of Bethel dealt with him according to his need at that time. But now, many years later, there was a need for guidance. Jacob needed help in a new crisis. In his distress God spoke, "I am going to lead you; I am still the God of Bethel; I am the unchanging One; I am still interested in you." It brought sweet memories to Jacob, and gave strength for his present hour. We too need times of fresh consecration when we recall the place of our first meeting the God of Bethel and hear from Him again in renewed power.

God is concerned that we be led aright. In a sense He is more concerned than we are. Everything has been staked on us; heaven was emptied for the purpose of Calvary, that we might be made and kept useful to God for His glory. He is the Author and Finisher of your faith—your God of Bethel, eager to lead you according to His holy desire. What He has done in the past is a blessed pledge of help for the future.

"He who hath led will lead
All through the wilderness;
He who hath fed will feed,
And never cease to bless."

In the thirty-fourth chapter we have the story of the dreadful happenings at Shechem. If only Jacob had gone straight through to Bethel that story never would have been written. A bad mix-up with outsiders, the sin the two brothers committed—all so contrary to God's plan for Jacob's family! Yet in the thirty-fifth chapter God spoke again, directing Jacob back to Bethel. How often our delays open the door for serious trouble in our lives today. It was a second call for Jacob, as in the case of Jonah when he suffered the penalty of disobedience and the word of the Lord came the second time bidding him go to Nineveh.

There was added direction here from the Lord. "Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there." Not a visit, or a pilgrimage, or a fleeting moment of spiritual uplift—God wanted him to go to Bethel and *dwell* there. Do you think God intends us to have mere passing glimpses of His glory; scattered occasions of being on the mountain top; changing surges of prayer energy, then severe lapses? No. He would have us dwell under the very shadow of the God of Bethel.

Eyes fully opened would enable us to see the purpose of God until we would be lifted out of ourselves and would see light in God's light. We are not called to live on an ordinary plane: God wants to make us extraordinary Christians. Our natural

conditions may be most ordinary, but our spirit may soar above to live in such constant contact with the God of Bethel that the glory of His presence is evident in our daily living. Here is what it truly means to "dwell in the secret place of the Most High" and to "abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Do We Dwell in That Secret Place?

Once arrived at Bethel, Jacob's instructions were to "make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother." Jacob's response was immediate. He seemed to clearly understand just what it took to return to the God of Bethel. He said to the members of his household,
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VICTORY IN THE LORD

Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph
in Christ. 2 Corinthians 2:14.

● WHEN YOU ARE content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God—that is *victory*.

When you can patiently bear with any disorder, any irregularity, and unpunctuality, or any annoyance—that is *victory*.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is *victory*.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works, or to seek after commendation, and when you can truly love to be unknown—that is *victory*.

When you are forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly glorying in the insult or the oversight, because thereby you are counted worthy to suffer with Christ—that is *victory*.

When you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is *victory*.

When the enemy presses sorely and the world clamors on all sides; friends forsake and foes malign, and you hide behind the Blood, sweetly resting and rejoicing—that is *victory*. 1 John 5:4; Rev. 12:11.

When death and life are both alike to you through Christ; and to do His perfect will, you delight not more in one than the other—that is *victory*: for through Him you may be able to say, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." Phil. 1:20; 1 Cor. 15:54.

When others are content with a meager

measure of piety and power, with an ambition merely to be "saved as by fire," and you claim your full inheritance in Christ—an overcomer—in order to reign with Him, that is *victory*. Rev. 3:21.

When, like Paul, you can throw all your suffering on Jesus, thus converting it into a means of knowing His overcoming grace; and can say from a surrendered heart, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in distresses, for Christ's sake"—that is *victory*. 2 Cor. 12:7-10.

Victory centers wholly in the Lord Christ Himself. You may dwell too much on your weakness and too much on the strength of your foe. You must look away from Satan. You must be absolutely taken up with the Lord Jesus—with His keeping power, with His conquering power, with the certainty of His victory, and your share in it. 1 Cor. 15:57.

The perfect victory is to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and thus to triumph over self. Rom. 13:14.

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rom. 8:37.

*Victory! Victory!
Precious Blood-bought Victory,
Victory! Victory!
All along the line.
As Jehovah liveth,
Strength divine He giveth
Unto those who trust Him,
Victory all the time.*

Author Unknown

How is preaching spoiled? When you go on after you have finished.—Smith Wigglesworth.

EDITORIALS

"Mercy Killing"

The trial of a doctor in Manchester, N. H., on charges of wilful murder, is attracting nation-wide attention and bringing the subject of euthanasia, or "mercy killing," into prominence once again.

The doctor is charged with "mercy killing" in the death of a 59-year-old woman who supposedly was dying of cancer. It is alleged that the patient was suffering greatly, and that the doctor injected air into her body to hasten death and put her out of pain.

The law of the land, based on the Bible, forbids "mercy killing." But it is surprising how much sentiment is being expressed in favor of the physician in spite of his alleged confession. The citizens of his village, 605 out of 965, signed a testimonial expressing faith in him. His pastor, the day before the trial, led his congregation in prayer for him.

Many seem to feel it is a light thing for a man to dare to climb to God's throne and decide whether or not a human being should live any longer. They forget what happened to Eve when she believed Satan's lie, "Ye shall be as God" (Genesis 3:5, R.V.), and disobeyed the Lord's command.

An organized effort has been made to get "mercy killings" legalized. The Euthanasia Society of America has been working hard on the New York State Legislature. They claim that more than 1500 New York physicians are in favor of a law permitting them to end a patient's life by some painless means, if he has an incurable disease, and if he and his family request it. They think that human beings know better than God when an earthly life should end.

Worst of all, the liberals of the greatest American pulpits are in favor of the scheme. A petition calling for passage of such a law was signed by 379 Protestant and Jewish clergymen in New York. But God still reigns, and surely He will not hold guiltless the hands that purposely end human life.

Who is to say that a sickness is incurable? Many a sick person has been healed by divine power after doctors had pronounced the case incurable. It might even be that the light of Christ's salvation had never dawned upon the soul until after such a healing. Who would dare to cut short the day of grace to an eternal soul?

To every "mercy killing" scheme the God of infinite mercy and infinite wisdom would say, "I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal." Deuteronomy 32:39.

Expounding the Word

In his preachings and writings F. B. Meyer was a great expositor of the Word of God. In his early days, he was tempted to preach topical sermons, but there came a time when he changed his deliveries for a more expository form of ministry. He tells us how it happened. "Mr. Birrell and I were walking home one Sunday evening, after I had preached. 'That was quite a good sermon you gave this evening,' he said, 'but it was a topical sermon, and if you are going to make topical sermons your model, you will presently come to the end of your topics, and where will you be then? I advise you to do as I have done for the last thirty years—become an expositor of Scripture. You will always retain your freshness, and will build up a strong healthy church.' That sentence—I remember the spot where I heard it—distinctly changed my outlook and habit, and by God's blessing, its effect has molded my pulpit and literary work, and has enabled me to sustain my pastorates with perpetual zest and freshness all my days."

God and a Parachute

Sgt. Vernon W. Entrekin related to *International News Service* how he recited the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Psalm while dangling by his left foot from a parachute after bailing out of a C-47 transport plane during a swirling snow-storm.

Entrekin was one of six aboard the plane when the pilot lost control five thousand feet above Dwight, Nebr., reports *INS*. The pilotless plane continued on for nine hundred miles, finally crashing near Chillicothe, Ohio. It was Entrekin's first parachute leap. He had been reading the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Psalm just before starting out on the flight. He found himself saying: "The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. . . . The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."

He asked for strength to climb back into the parachute harness which he had failed to fasten securely. Gasping for breath in the icy air, and summoning the last ounce of his energy, Entrekin doubled his body and caught hold of the harness above his foot. Slowly he was able to climb back to a sitting position while dropping swiftly through the air.

Finally he landed with a jolt and unbuckled his parachute harness. He said simply: "Thank you, Lord." Later Entrekin said: "I'll never forget the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Psalm. You know how it ends:—'My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.'"—Tom M. Olson.

Blindfolding the Lord

"And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face." Lk. 22:63, 64.

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer has so truly pointed out why they blindfolded our Lord: "Was it not because His eyes were filled with such a holy wonder at their unbelief, eyes full of compassion for their ignorance, and yet flashing with a light that smote their consciences like a flame of fire? They could not bear to look Him in the face," and so they covered His face.

We can blind the Lord Jesus by accepting views and ideas that rob Him of His essential deity, or water down His death to that of a mere martyr. We blindfold the Savior by accepting unsound views concerning the Bible. Oh, do not blindfold Him!

"Oh, let me see Thy features,
The look that once could make
So many a true disciple
Leave all things for Thy sake!
The look that beamed on Peter
When he Thy name denied;
The look that draws Thy lovers
Close to Thy pierced side!"

—Robert Lee

Empty hours, empty hands, empty companions, empty words, and empty hearts, draw evil spirits, as a vacuum draws in air.—W. Arnot.

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The Challenge Before Us

Melvin Hodges

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries. 1 Corinthians 16:9.

● THERE ARE a great many perplexing problems in the world today, and sometimes our minds are drawn aside to the consideration of secondary matters—the state of the nation, the economic difficulties, the disturbances around the world, and the political dangers. Our hearts are filled with misgivings, and sometimes we feel we should do something about these matters; but when my mind begins to run along that line, the Holy Spirit quickly checks me and makes me to know that God's challenge to me is along a different line. The challenge to me, and I believe the challenge to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in this day, is the challenge of a great, unfinished world-wide task. It is

The Challenge of an Open Door.

The harvest is ripe in Latin America. That is seen in many sections where already great revivals have broken out—for example, in Brazil where our fellowship is represented by some 130,000 Pentecostal believers and more than 1700 churches. The harvest is ripe. In some other countries revival fires have broken out, while in other places they are still to be kindled. These present to us a great challenge.

Africa, with its millions! My heart was stirred when Brother Garlock told us how they travelled 800 miles in West Africa without coming in contact with a single mission station of any denomination. One section of that great territory with about two or three million people is being offered exclusively to the Assemblies of God to occupy, yet we hesitate to take the step because we are financially unable to occupy all the territory we already have. We have stations that have become vacant for lack of missionaries, to say nothing of evangelizing its sections and tribes that never have been touched. So that great territory is waiting with two or three million people—and not a missionary, nor a preacher, nor a gospel worker, and (as far as we know) not even a Christian.

Take a glance at Japan which since the close of the war has brought to us its

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own special challenge. I fear that the tide may turn in Japan and we may find our opportunity gone unless we grasp it soon. We are planning to strengthen our missionary force there, but the number we can send is so small in the face of the millions of people that are to be reached with the gospel.

In one sense of the word, we can say we have the *money*—not that the money is coming into the Missions Department, but in our constituency and in America I am sure there is money enough to meet the need. We also have the *means*, such as radio, machines, and printing presses. In a certain sense, we can say we also have



the *men*. In saying this I am thinking of our various Bible Schools throughout the land, filled with students preparing themselves for future work; as well as of the many workers already on the field who would qualify for foreign service. Oh, I trust that God will give us a fresh vision and set us afire once again with a passion for the lost.

The challenge is made even more real by the fact that

Time Is Running Out.

It is the challenge of the night coming when no man can work. Already we are seeing the door closing in China. Not that a door is ever closed to God, for I trust that out there behind the Bamboo Curtain the Spirit of God will fall upon Chinese men and make them mighty evangelists

to their own people. But in the ordinary sense there has come a limitation to what we can do in China since the Communists have taken over.

Night is falling upon the world. The outlook is uncertain in many countries. One of our missionaries wrote not long ago and said, "The spirit of nationalism is rising in Africa. We probably have only ten years at the most to work in Africa and then it will be too late for us to do anything more." The lengthening shadows challenge us to use these last few hours of daylight as God would have us use them, and not be sidetracked from God's main purpose.

In Latin America the persecution is becoming severe. In Colombia just recently there has been great persecution. Some days ago a letter came to my desk telling that due to difficulties in that country one missionary society has been forced to close its stations. Native workers and Christians have been killed within the past few months in that land. The great foes of Evangelical Christianity—Communism, Mohammedanism, and Catholicism—advance throughout the world. Roman Catholicism is striving hard at this time to get a fresh grip on the nations. All these adversaries oppose us and in the natural it is a dark picture.

But there comes to my heart another challenge. It is

The Challenge of the Possibilities in God.

No matter how dark the picture may seem, we have our God and our trust is in Him. Eternal purposes shall be wrought out according to His plan. These possibilities are beyond measure, because they can only be measured in God—and God is limitless.

There are the possibilities of REVIVAL. The Assembly of God movement is a revival movement. We have seen the marvelous effects of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our own country. It is possible that, in answer to prayer, revivals will break out in foreign lands, even in places where missionaries have not been able to go. This has already happened in some parts of the world.

Down in Central America, our work in Honduras was started without any missionary instrumentality. God found a man out in the country, a man that wasn't even saved at the time, but one who had a Bible. God sent an earthquake and a great storm and stirred that man. With his house falling down, he went out into the patio and knelt down and cried out to God to forgive his sins. While he was there on his knees God saved him and baptized him in the Holy Ghost when he didn't yet know there was such a thing as the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Something began to burn in his heart and he went to town as fast as he could, gathered

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PRAYER HALTS A HIGHWAYMAN

Walter Orman

● I WAS DRIVING along the highway between Yuma, Arizona, and National City, California, when I encountered the bandit. I was alone. With my projector and lantern slides in the car, I was hurrying along toward National City where I was to speak at a missionary meeting that night.

I had traveled to India and back twice, had made many inter-village trips during my twelve years in India, and had covered thousands of miles in North America, but this was my first encounter with a highway bandit.

There was very little traffic on the road, and the monotony and heat of the desert had begun to wear on me. Suddenly, as if he had sprung up out of the earth, there was a man just ahead of me with his thumb up. I slowed the car but passed him before I could stop, and went back for him. My wife had warned me against the practice of picking up hitch hikers, but I liked company and sometimes the lift proved to be a real service to a person in need. So I often picked people up, and I never let one go without giving him the gospel and handing him a suitable tract or a copy of John's Gospel.

No sooner had I stopped than I sensed that something was not quite right. But I opened the door, as usual, and said, "All right, brother, hop in."

"Sorry, but I'll have to trouble you to get out first," he said brusquely.

It was past the middle of the afternoon with still some distance to cover and I wanted to arrive at National City in time to set up my lantern and get a little rest before the evening meeting. I said, "I'm in rather a hurry. You'll have to get in quick if you're going with me."

"Mr. Colt speaking," he said, leveling an automatic at me. "When he repeats, it's too bad. I need this car. It's your turn to walk."

I prayed silently, "O Lord, help me now." Instantly, the direction came to me: "This car belongs to my Boss," I said. "I'll have to talk it over with Him. If He wants you to have it, it's all right."

His eyes widened with surprise and puzzlement but he kept his gun at the same level. Probably he thought me mildly insane. Without giving him time to reply, I closed my eyes and prayed aloud:

"Heavenly Father, this car and all that is in it belong to Thee, and Thou knowest that I am about Thy business. If it is Thy will that this car shall not be taken from me, I know that no power on earth can take it. Thou knowest about my engagement for tonight to tell the people in National about the great need to send the gospel to the poor, unsaved people of India. If it is Thy will that I fulfill this engagement, speak to this young man, I beseech Thee, in the name of Thy Son who died on the Cross that whosoever will believe should not perish but have everlasting life. Perhaps he has not heard that the Lord Jesus died to save him from sin and death; speak to him and open his heart to Thy pleading. Help him to surrender himself to Thee now, even while I ask it. If Thou hast sent him to me to show him the way of

salvation, help me to make it plain; help him to accept now. . . ."

When I opened my eyes, the young highwayman's head was bowed, all his bravado was gone, and the gun was no longer in evidence. "You win, Minister," he said huskily. "Go on, and good luck to you on your way."

"Just a minute," I said, "let's talk this over a little." I was not in a hurry then. I took him into the Scriptures concerning salvation, and had him read portions aloud from a pocket Testament which I gave him. Finally, he seemed clear about it and accepted the Lord as his Savior. Then, with my help, he tried to pray. It was a halting, stumbling attempt, but bore all the earmarks of a deeply contrite heart.

I invited him to ride with me if it was still his intention to go that way. He said that he would go to San Diego and look for a job. I offered him a little money so that he could make himself respectable-looking to go job-hunting. But he refused. "I can always get something on a gun in a pawn shop," he said. "And anyway, now that I belong to the Lord, I guess He'll help me out. He helped you."

It was too late, when I arrived in National, to get my rest before the evening lecture; but I had had so great a spiritual exhilaration that my fatigue was gone and I did not feel the need of it. My heart rejoiced in the thought of the young man who came to rob and remained to pray.—From *Your Faith*, a Bernarr Macfadden magazine.



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THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

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his friends together, and began to exhort them. He said, "The time is short, and God is calling us to repentance." He got them on their knees and began to pray with them. God sent a revival about a year later. Some 150 people received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost in three months' time, and from that beginning there were four churches established. Now in that area there are twelve churches. That is what I mean. God can work beyond all we can plan if we will pray and believe Him for a mighty work of the Spirit in these last days.

Our Individual Responsibility.

Let me bring another point along the line of these possibilities. I'm feeling the challenge of the possibilities that there are in us as INDIVIDUALS. There are possibilities in your life for God if you will line up with Him and hear the call of the Spirit. So often I have wondered what others would do and say. The answer has come back to me, "Whatever others may do, whatever others may say, My call is for you to walk with Me and for you not to miss My will." That is the challenge. Whatever course others may take, let us individually do God's will and fulfill His purpose for our lives.

I have been thinking about the Book of Judges. There are some things there that are not just to our liking. We recognize the lack of organized strength on the part of the nation, and we deplore the way certain lawless individuals took matters in their own hands; but I am thrilled to read how God laid His hand on certain other individuals who could hear His voice. In spite of the lack of organization, God saw fit to reach down and lay hold of Samson and fill him with supernatural power. He took an Othniel, and Ehud, a Shamgar, a Gideon, or a Deborah and through them blessed the nation. Let us not forget that God through one individual can do wonders even in this day. I think that one of the reasons why the Lord's heart was saddened when the people wanted a king, instead of continuing under the judges, was that He saw that this possibility of His placing His hand on an individual was going to be more limited. God loves to show forth His glory through weak men.

So there comes the challenge to the individual. It is a call not to be a professional in the work of God. The call is away from professionalism, and back to that personal contact with God which will bring to our hearts a white hot passion for lost souls. Never mind about making a place for ourselves. Never mind about building a great movement and filling our place as a great denomination. Personally I really question whether God would lift His hand to make us a great denomination. But if we will dedicate ourselves to the carrying out of God's purpose in the spreading of the gospel around the world, then God will place all the resources and power of heaven at our disposal.

I challenge you with the challenge of a great task, with the challenge of a closing day, with the challenge of the possibilities in God, and the possibilities under God that there are in you. I trust that you will be faithful to God and meet the challenge of the present hour.

THE SERVANT KING

Lesson for March 19

John 13:2-17

● THERE ARE different views as to the setting of our lesson. Some teach with Adam Clarke that instead of the reading, "Supper being ended" (v. 2), it ought to read, "While supper was preparing," since it was customary with the Jews to wash their feet before they entered upon their meals. See Luke 7:44. Others believe that it was at the ending of the Passover Supper, before instituting the Lord's Supper, that Jesus washed the disciples' feet. The passover feast is shown in Luke 22:14-18; the institution of the Lord's Supper in verses 19, 20. Some truths found in the lesson are as follows.

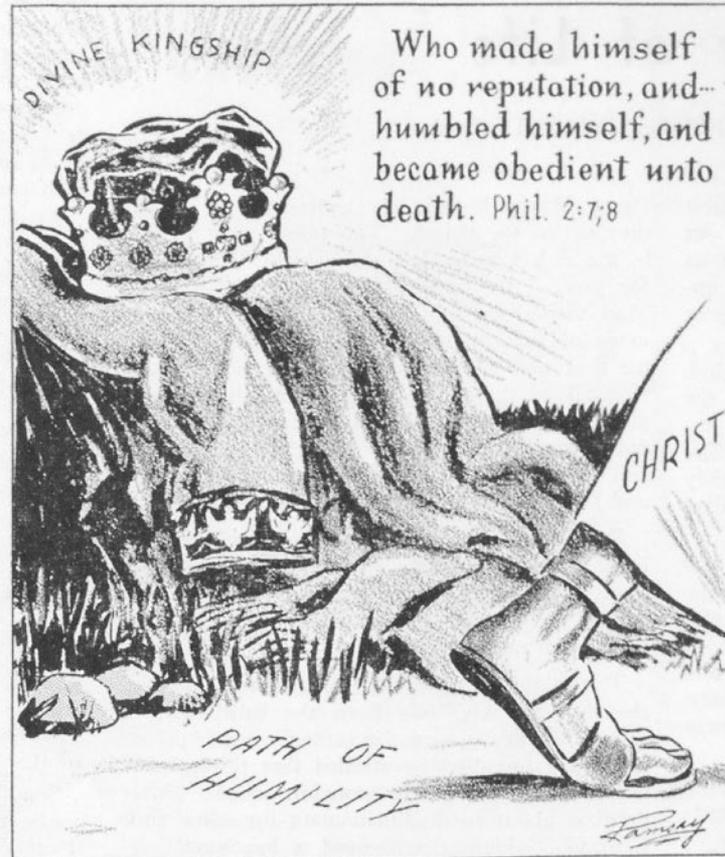
1. His Love

The Scripture says, "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." v. 1. What an anxious hour it was. All the forces of perdition soon were to be released against Jesus, His disciples sharing with Him in the bitter attack. As a result He was to sweat as it were great drops of blood, "resisting unto blood, striving against sin." Heb. 12:4. The disciples would all leave Him and flee (Mark 14:50), while Peter would deny Him with a curse. Have you ever been betrayed? Jesus was betrayed before you. Have you suffered bitter pain, perhaps been tempted to seek revenge or clearing of your honor? Jesus, "when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not." 1 Peter 2:23. Have you ever been deserted in your hour of need? Jesus was forsaken before you. Have you been denied? Have those whom you loved and trusted turned against you? What disappointment and sorrow it brings! Jesus was denied by one of His choicest disciples. But in it all He loved. His love did not stop when He was betrayed by Judas, deserted by the disciples, and denied by Peter! He loved His own; He loved them to the end. Man might change, but not Jesus.

There is also another truth here. "Having loved his own, He loved them to the uttermost." This is the true reading. Through all the bitter circumstances His love never changed. It was as great when He was denied as when He was defended. Nothing short of Deity could do that. Nothing short of divine love can make us Christlike when bitter injustice and disappointment comes our way. It is in such hours that we learn whether our attachments are human or whether our love is divine. Because of His love "to the end" and "to the uttermost" Jesus could say on the resurrection morning, "Tell my disciples, and Peter."

2. His Knowledge

Jesus knew. Let us trace His knowledge a little. "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands." v. 3. He knew He was going to Calvary. Can you see Him and the yearning of His heart as He said to the disciples, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer"? Luke



HE WAS WILLING -- FOR YOU

Comments on Next Week's

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Ernest S. Williams

22:15. It is the hour of sorrow that causes the heart to yearn and its love to expand. Had life for us no sorrow our hearts could not be tendered; our feelings for our fellowmen largely would disappear.

Jesus knew Judas would betray Him. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, One of you shall betray me." v.v. 21, 26. Jesus knew the disciples would all leave Him. John 16:32. He knew Peter would deny Him. Luke 22:31-34. Jesus knew what His followers would do concerning Him. Does He know what you will do? Is your consecration such that it will hold you fast to Him in the dark and disappointing times of life? Have testings up to the present drawn you each time nearer to Jesus, or have you vacillated when in the test? God keep us faithful.

But Jesus knew the hearts of His followers even though they failed in the dark and trying hour. Deeper than their weakness was a love for Him. He knew it; and when the resurrection came, He went about drawing them together—drawing them to Him and in so doing drawing them to one another. Ambition and strife had been among them. Luke 22:24. This melted in the love of His resurrection presence, and when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place. His love which had continued faithful in the darkest hours melted them into kindred

love. Nothing wins like disinterested love.

3. His Humility

Jesus knew that He came from God, and went to God. v. 3. Some might think such knowledge would make His spirit highly exalted, but not so. He took the lowest servants' place. Girding Himself with a towel, securing a basin of water, He stooped and began to wash the feet of the disciples. A picture of this humility is seen in the words of Abigail when she said, "Behold, let thy handmaid be a servant, to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." 1 Sam. 25:41. She could not think of a greater expression of her willingness to humble herself.

The disciples of Jesus were looking for seats of prominence. He would show them what real majesty is. Love service brings more joy than all of earth's refinements. A cup of cold water given in His name, a kind word, the simplest service that springs from love, brings blessing to the heart of the giver more than to the heart of him who receives. No wonder Jesus frowned on titles and positions charging His disciples that they were a common brotherhood, and that none of them should regard himself greater than his brother. Jesus said, "Ye call me Master and Lord." v. 13. Then He gives them an example in Christian lordship. "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." v. 15.

How different was Jesus to the spirit of the Scribes and Pharisees! They told people how they ought to bear heavy burdens, "but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." Matt. 23:4. Christian profession may consist in Christian doing. Do you like the uppermost rooms at feasts? Do you love greetings in the market place? Do you enjoy being called "Reverend," or having a high name in the church? These things are a snare unless with them goes humility and helpfulness. May we follow the example of Jesus and "by love serve one another."

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus and His Friends: Lesson for March 12.
Lesson Text: John 12:1-11; Luke 10:38-42.

The Educational Director in an Arkansas assembly writes: "I saw the offer of the Evangel Boxes. We are at present receiving 75 copies of the Evangel and are working for an increase. If you could spare us a Box we will surely use it for the glory of the Lord. We are enjoying the Evangel as never before. Brother Williams' comments on the Sunday School Lessons are a valuable addition."

Does your assembly have an Evangel Box? We have an attractive metal box, with open front, silk screen lettering, and a closed coin compartment which we will send free of charge if you will order ten or more copies a week on our quarterly bundle plan. The cost of ten copies a week for three months is only \$3.90 in the U.S.A. (\$5.20 outside U.S.A.).—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Water of Life

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finkenbinder, El Salvador

● THE PASTOR of one of our largest churches, who also is a faculty member of our Bible Institute, related an unusual story to us just recently which we thought you might appreciate, so we are passing it on to you here:

Dona Maria (as we shall call her) was a devout Catholic. She was unselfish, kind, honorable, and especially zealous that all of the children of her immediate family learn to appreciate and desire the Catholic teaching. She was strict with the children, insisting that they learn many prayers, be at confessions on Sunday, and live clean lives.

A few years ago Dona Maria became ill and finally was confined to her bed. Though she could not go to church her room was practically a chapel. On one wall was a small image of Mary. It was decorated with flowers, and candles were kept burning nearby constantly. The other walls were decorated with pictures of saints.

When Gustave Galdamez, one of the nephews, entered a Catholic school to train for the priesthood Dona Maria thought that the purpose of her life had been fulfilled. "What I could not do because I was a woman, my nephew, Gustave, can and will do," she said. She had hoped that others of the family also would become nuns or priests.

One morning Dona Maria awoke asking for water. The strange part of the request was that she would say, "Quiero agua de vida" (I want living water). The family did not understand the request. She was offered wine, brandy, soda water, and other beverages, but she refused them. "No," she would say, "I want some water of life." Finally she told that a Man had visited her during the night and had given her some water of life. She had found it very satisfying. "Please bring me some more of that water," she said.

Everyone thought that Dona Maria was out of her mind. "It is her last hours," they said.

The following morning Dona Maria awoke with an even stranger request: "Take all of these saints and Mary out of the room, and take this scapular off my neck." She had worn the scapular all her life, and the Virgin Mary and the saints had always been very dear to her. The family ignored the request at first, but

Dona Maria became so insistent that finally they called the priest. The priest tried to talk to the sick woman, but she asked, "Who called for you? I do not need you any longer. The Man visited me again last night and gave me more of that satisfying water of life. He told me that was all I needed to enter heaven, and that all of these other things, in which I had placed my trust throughout all these years, were not pleasing to Him. Just believing in Him and drinking His water of life was sufficient, and I do believe in Him. He is so wonderful!"

Dona Maria was not satisfied until all the images were out of the room and the priest had gone. When everything was in order as she wished she closed her eyes and went to sleep, to awaken no more.

The pastor we mentioned is Gustave Galdamez, the nephew, who had been the fulfillment of Dona Maria's desires in entering the priesthood. He found as he studied that things were not as he expected. He soon left school. After drifting about in disillusionment for some time Gustave Galdamez witnessed a baptismal service one day and heard the true message of salvation. It was not long afterward that he, too, found the Lord as his personal Savior.

It was with much emotion that Pastor Galdamez related this story to us. At the end he said, "I never would have understood her change had not God found me also, and delivered me as she was delivered from the darkness of Catholicism."

Gold Coast Bible School Opens

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Thomas, Gold Coast

● WE ARE WRITING from Kumbungu, about four hundred and fifty miles in the interior of the Gold Coast.

The rainy season is past here and the nationals are harvesting their crops. It is a happy time for them as they experience a hunger period each year. We witnessed the harvest festival



Mrs. T. R. Schultz
Dahomey



Theodore R. Schultz
Dahomey



Mrs. J. B. Wiles
Gold Coast



J. Burdette Wiles
Gold Coast

this week which is called *bugem* (fire). At eight o'clock in the evening each villager thrust a bundle of long grass in a bonfire. After the bundles were ablaze they were carried in a great procession to the market place where everyone joined in dances and songs. I thought as I saw all the fires how wonderful it would be to see the fire of the Holy Spirit rest upon each carrier.

At last the Bible School, about which we talked, prayed, and planned for so long, is ready for classes. A keen interest in the school has been evident among our Christians. More desire to attend school than can be accommodated the first term, which will have started by the time this communication reaches you. There will be a number of problems connected with conducting the school because of the different tribes, and tongues. Very little translation work has been done in the tongues here.

There are two needs in connection with the Bible School: (1) The students will require some help in their support. Because of the great poverty that exists here most of the students will be unable to pay for their training. About \$6 a month will be needed for each student. This would make a good project for classes or groups. (2) Living quarters and additional classroom space will be needed for another year.

Send any offering you may have for these needs to *Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Designate: Gold Coast Bible School "student support," or "building fund."*

News Notes

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Edwards, missionaries to South India, on January 24, a son, Robert Wade Jr.

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A cable was received on February 4 advising that Merle Llewellyn Wright, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Wright, missionaries to Nyasaland, had passed away suddenly of cerebral malaria.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sterling W. Stewart, who have been home on a short furlough, have returned to El Salvador.

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Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Schultz sailed for France on February 13. They will study French for a short time before continuing to their field, Dahomey, French West Africa, to which they recently were appointed.

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All relief clothing, relief gifts, and missionary supplies and equipment should be sent to the Assemblies of God Warehouse, 233 Fifty-Third Street, Brooklyn 20, New York, instead of to the Fifth Avenue office.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Burdette Wiles left the States for their field, the Gold Coast, on February 17.

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Miss Anna E. Tomaseck, missionary to North India has been quite ill for some time. She will be returning to the States in the near future. Prayer is requested for her for strength for the trip.

Young Lives a Challenge

Hilda Wagenknecht, North India

● JANUARY 31, 1950—Last month when the fall term closed here at the Assemblies of God Girls' School and Orphanage, twelve more of our girls were graduated. Most of them had been with us since they were little children. All are now saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. As the girls stood before us to receive their diplomas we could not but wonder what the future holds for them. No doubt for some the temptations will be many, away from the influence and care of the home, but we pray that they will be kept true.

Among the graduates was an eighteen-year-old girl whose parents are lepers. She has not been able to be with her parents for years. They are Christians. The girl is to train to be a nurse. When she finishes training she expects to go to the leper colony where her parents are and work for the Lord there. Three other girls have gone for Bible training, and one to train as a teacher. The latter will come to help us in the work here when she finishes. Some of the younger girls will be going to high school. We thank God for these girls and the privilege we had of leading them closer to Christ. Please remember them in prayer.

After the fall term closed we entered into a busy Christmas season. There were 250 for whom to plan. Many of the needs were met by parcels from the States. As we wrapped a gift for each individual we thought of the friends in the home land who had been so kind and thoughtful. There was a Christmas service on Sunday. The church was packed. On Monday we had services and dinner. It has been the custom here for many years to remember those

who are not as fortunate as we are. Our Indian Christians brought thank offerings to church. The offerings were used to buy food for the many who would come with some expectation of help. It is an opportunity to give out the Word of God. Our Christian girls sang. We pray—that through the services of that day God will speak to the poor, darkened souls who do not know Christ, and that some day they can know the full meaning of Christmas and find the Christ whom we serve.

School has now opened again. We have the joy of being in a new school building. The men worked hard to get the building finished for this term. Work on the building started less than six months ago. The day before school opened a number of the girls worked for many hours getting the rooms in readiness. I have never seen them work with more zeal and joy. On the opening day we gathered in the old assembly hall, and then marched over to the new and had our dedication service. We sang the "Doxology," and our hearts were indeed filled with praise to God for the new building. We had needed it so much!

We still miss the graduates, but already others have come in to fill our ranks. We trust that their lives, too, may be touched by the Spirit of Christ, and that they may find the Lord in a real way. These young lives are a constant challenge to us.

Two of our young teachers were married at the close of the other term, and two new teachers have come to replace them. The new teachers were students in school here a few years ago.

For His Coming

Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Johnson, Brazil

● GOD IS BLESSING throughout our section of Brazil. We have twenty-eight churches and outstations under our supervision. From each we could send a report of real progress. In all the time that we have been in Brazil we have never seen as many receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as we have seen since last September. The Lord surely is preparing His people for His coming.

Sunday, January 15, we had a glorious baptismal service in the town of Tres Coracoes. A large crowd gathered with us at the big river, Rio Grande. The river was full and overflowing (we have had heavy rains lately), and hearts were full, too. One of the candidates for baptism formerly was a member of another church. One Sunday in October he visited our services in Varginha. Before Sunday School that morning, as we gathered in prayer, God's power fell and seven persons received the Baptism. The man was one of those baptized in the Spirit.

Many of his acquaintances came to see him baptized in water.

After the baptismal service we went to our church lot and laid the cornerstone for a new church in Tres Coracoes. It is a step of faith. The Christians have little money, but we believe that God will supply.

On January 14 we were called to the home of a noted sorcerer of Varginha. He had had a stroke of paralysis and little hope had been given for his recovery. He wanted to know Christ. When we began to talk with him about the Lord, tears came to his eyes. He said that he wanted peace in his heart. Since he has been saved we have seen a great change in the home. One of the married daughters now comes regularly to our services.

Our church in Varginha was packed for the Christmas program. We had spent some time preparing for the occasion, for here in Brazil a Christmas program is important. Many will

SAVAGE ATTACK BY CATHOLICS

Mexico City, January 19—The attack of a group of fanatical Catholics, led by several priests, against a group of defenseless evangelicals during a religious service in their chapel at Tixtla, Guerrero, is the subject of unfavorable criticism here. The attack was carried out with the participants shouting "Viva Cristo Rey" ([Long] live Christ the King).

The fanatics came armed with clubs and other weapons and seriously wounded sixteen peaceful persons, for none of the evangelicals offered resistance. The mob was guilty of all kinds of misdeeds, stealing 2,000 pesos and destroying the building.

The authorities of Tixtla had to intervene to restore order.

(The above news item was published by a newspaper in Mexico City.)

attend who will not come to a regular service. We used all of the benches and chairs from the Sunday School rooms and still numbers had to stand. We understand that there were those of the unsaved who went away after the program favorably impressed with our church.

From Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Boyer, missionaries connected with the *Casa Publicadora da Assembleias De Deus* (Assemblies of God Publishing House) in Brazil, have written: "In a recent *Evangel* we read about the new printing plant in Springfield. We can appreciate how everyone must have felt with more space. It will soon be a year since we too moved into larger quarters. Before this time all editing, storage, correspondence, etc., had been done in two rooms about 9x15 feet.

"Our big press has been idle five days this week—trouble with the motor. How we wish that the automatic press, automatic folder, and also the machine for binding, provided for us by the Speed-the-Light program, could be at work, but it takes many weeks to get an import license.

"We have printed 38,700 Quarterlies this time and 39,500 *Mensageiros* (Messengers). We cannot print enough tracts to supply the demand.

"It requires nine months for us to get a letter to some of our assemblies in Brazil and another nine months for their answer to get back to us, though the letters go part way by air!"

If each Christian were to make one convert each year within only a few years the entire world's population would be within the fold.

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

MAKING RESTITUTION TO ISRAEL

It is delightful news that Dr. Adenauer, Chancellor of the new West German state, has given three million dollars to Israel as partial reparation for the mistreatment which the Jews suffered in Germany.

BIBLE-READING IN ISRAEL

According to *Intelligence Digest*, there is an unprecedented clamor for Bibles throughout the land of Israel. Many are asking for the whole Bible, both Old and New Testaments, in Hebrew: and not only the Christian Jews, who are entering the land in considerable numbers, but even orthodox Jews are wanting the whole Bible. There are not enough Hebrew Bibles in Israel to meet the demand.

THE CALL TO PALESTINE

Deep in the interior of Yemen, in the Arabian peninsula, there was a community of Jews cut off completely from the outside world. One day they suddenly arose, left their dwelling places and their few possessions behind, and began walking to Aden, where they embarked for Israel. Upon reaching a reception camp they were asked how it happened that all of a sudden they left their old place of abode. In reply, some spoke of a hurricane which brought the news. Others said that the signs of the sky convinced them of Israel's rebirth, and that the time of the Messiah had arrived.

THE REGATHERING OF ISRAEL

There has been no Zionist movement in North Africa until a few months ago; and yet, about 36,000 North African Jews from Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco have emigrated to Israel since May 15, 1948. They have had no Zionist training; they speak neither Yiddish nor Hebrew; their removal to Israel therefore indicates that the greatest power behind the regathering of Israel is not political Zionism but a divine influence that is urging Jews everywhere to return to their ancient homeland. See Isaiah 43:5, 6. God is keeping His Word to His ancient people.

REVIVED ISRAEL

One of the striking features of this present age in which we live, says a writer in *The Prophetic Digest*, is the manner in which the Lord seems to be paving the way for post-rapture activities in foreign lands. Since the recent war, there has been a tremendous upsurge of the printing of the Scriptures in a very large number of languages around the world. Missionaries today are transporting giant printing presses to remote parts of the world, and the Scriptures are being printed in thousands of dialects. Recordings also of Scripture messages are being shipped abroad in vast quantities, and one can readily imagine the situation that will arise when the saints of this present period are suddenly enraptured to meet the Lord in the air. These present facilities will immediately be ready at hand to be put to use by the people of restored Israel, who will carry the Gospel of the Kingdom into every corner of the earth.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE IN ALABAMA

Protests from the Pastor's Association of Birmingham, Alabama, have caused the city commission to bar sports events from Legion Field, a municipal stadium, on Sundays during morning and evening worship hours.

NO PEACE IN SIGHT?

Speaking at the University of California at Los Angeles, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt predicted a long period of insecurity and danger. She said to the students, "I don't think your generation any more than mine is going to see a settled and secure world." The forecast, from a natural standpoint, is probably correct—but the Prince of Peace will return to earth soon and He will change things. Until that time, believers may find individual safety and peace by trusting in God and keeping their minds stayed on Him. Isaiah 26:3.

INTOLERANCE IN ITALY

Life Magazine recently published the story and pictures of the persecution of the Church of Christ evangelists from Texas who are preaching the gospel and operating an orphanage at Frascati, Italy. The priest denounced the evangelists as "heretics" and the Roman Catholics stoned them. It is difficult to understand why the Roman Catholic Church demands religious liberty for itself in Protestant lands but refuses to permit religious liberty in Catholic lands.

JAPAN

The Roman Catholics are building a powerful broadcasting station, and their schools, monasteries and hospitals are going up on every hand. They are about to build a costly church in Hiroshima. Shall Christ have Japan, or shall it be overrun with Communism or Catholicism? Here is the greatest missionary opportunity the Christian Church has ever known. The door is open for a mighty band of consecrated men and women to yield themselves to mission work in this great land. It presents a mighty challenge to young people. Pray for Japan.

LITERACY IN JAPAN

Ninety per cent of the Japanese can read. Japan has 162 daily newspapers, some of which reach even remote villages, having a circulation as high as three million copies daily. In the single month of December, 1948, a total of 16,370,000 magazines, including a thousand separate titles, were published. One month recently Japan's publishers produced 589 separate book titles. As might be expected, there are some religious books and magazines included in the above totals, but there are very few evangelical publications. Yet the people are eager to have gospel literature. One missionary leader who visited Japan recently, personally distributed thousands of gospel tracts in railroad stations and along highways. He said the Japanese would stand in line to get a tract and usually would read it from beginning to end. Is it not a pity that more gospel literature is not being published while the door stands wide open and the people wait with outstretched hand?

A MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

Did you know that during the past 40 years the Christian Church has added only about 14 millions to its membership; but during the same period the world population has increased by about 475 millions! Far more souls are born each year than are being born again.

POLYGAMY BANNED IN CONGO

By a decision of the Belgian Colonial Council, held in Brussels, polygamy in the Belgian Congo will officially cease on Dec. 31, 1950. However, to protect the rights of children of polygamous marriages, all such marriages contracted before that date will be recognized.

AN EYE OPENER

Some have wondered whether it is safe to use planes in missionary work. You will be 20 times safer traveling by air than by car, says Berton Braley in *New York Times Magazine*. "Odds against your getting killed in an auto accident in the course of a year are 4,800 to one, but if you're one of the 4,700,000 air-minded folk averaging 570 miles in flight per year, it's 94,000 to one you won't be in a fatal crash."

JUMBLED VALUES

The Archbishop of Canterbury declares that the world today is like a hardware store in which a joker mixed up all the price tags until lawn mowers sold two for a nickel, nails \$25 each, and a gallon of paint for a penny. In other words, as the price tags in that hardware store needed to be corrected, the time has come when the values we put on things moral and material, things temporal and eternal, must be made to tally with God's price tags as revealed in His holy Word.

SOME PARENTS SAY:

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion!" Why not? The ads will! The press will! The radio will! The movies will! Their neighbors will! Their business will! The politicians will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, and cattle. Should we ignore our children? No, says the Good Book. "Train up a child in the way he should go."

MISSIONARY CONTRASTS

For two years a survey of world Protestant missions has been carried on by the World Dominion Press in London.

The survey does not record any of the missionary work being carried on in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. In all of the other countries there are approximately 27,314 missionaries in 102 various mission fields with the responsibility of approximately 1,755,000,000 people. Thus, the average missionary would be responsible for 64,500 non-Christians, if the distribution were uniform throughout all these countries. Of course it is not, as the figures below, picked at random, will prove.

Southern Rhodesia has approximately one missionary for every 4,000 persons, Northern Rhodesia one for every 5,000, Nigeria one for every 20,000, Chile one for every 25,000, Colombia one for every 31,000, Haiti one for every 54,000, India one for every 93,000, China one for every 117,000, Japan one for every 186,000, French Indo-China one for every 308,000, Formosa one for every 580,000.

Fellowship NEWS

"Come, and Bring Your Bible"

The National Sunday School Convention will open with a great rally on Wednesday night, March 15. The slogan is, "Come, and bring your Bible." One of the many hundreds who are planning to come is Pastor Ralph Harris, of Fremont Tabernacle, Seattle. He is going to bring his Bible, too—a hand-written Bible made by the members of his congregation last autumn!

New National C. A. Secretary

For two years Harry M. Myers has served as National C. A. Secretary, and he has done an excellent job. However, he has felt that his calling was to pastoral work, and so he has resigned from the C. A. office to resume a pastoral ministry. He took up duties on February 1 as pastor of the South Side Assembly of God Church, 7300 Virginia Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The new National C. A. Secretary is Don Mallough, widely-known evangelist, who is taking office immediately.

District C. A. Presidents to Meet

The District C. A. Presidents will meet at Springfield, Mo., March 9—13, for their annual conference and seminar, which will immediately precede the National Sunday School Convention.

Catching a Missionary Vision

The C. A.'s of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Gary, Indiana, have caught a missionary vision. James W. Jones, their missions director, writes as follows:

"Praise the Lord, there's victory in Gary! Revival fires are burning brightly. It all began on Friday night, January 13, during our missionary service.

"In previous months many prayers went up in behalf of a revival, and then God seemed to speak to us in a new and different way in regard to giving. We had set our C. A. missionary offering goal for 1950 at \$1,000—but as the power of God came down in our midst, the spirit of giving seemed to sweep our souls. When all the pledges had been counted, we found that over \$2,000 had been pledged for missions! Praise the Lord! This is actually ten times the amount pledged the previous year.

"Already the Lord has blessed us in a marvelous way by giving us eight souls who have all come through to a glorious experience in salvation, and four have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Three of these are sweeping through to a wonderful experience at the writing of this letter (January 29). Glory to God! Once again God has proved that He will bless a giving church."

(The pastor of the Gary Full Gospel Tabernacle is Glenn M. Horst.)

Building Union Pickets Church

The Assembly of God Church in LaCrescenta, Calif., is being picketed by AFL union members. An addition is being built on the church and the labor union complains that two non-union men are being employed.

Pastor Paul A. Fleming put up a sign, saying:

"Neighbors, our church is being erected by its members and friends, union and non-union. Wages are above union scale. God is no respecter of persons."

The church could not discriminate against the non-union church members by firing them. The union church members therefore had to quit working on the building!

Gospel Team on World Flight

Lester Sumrall, Charles Blair, and Ernest Reb are flying around the world on an evangelistic crusade. The team were to leave the airport at New York City on Feb. 27. They will have meetings in Israel, Egypt, India, Philippine Islands, and in Honolulu. A great mass meeting will be held in Manila in the Rizal Stadium, which seats 10,000. Pray for this gospel team.

Addition Dedicated at Pueblo, Colo.

Pastor Oral J. Burns announced that a new \$50,000 addition to the First Assembly of God, 702 S. Main, Pueblo, Colo., was to be dedicated on February 22. There was to be a fellowship meeting, services afternoon and evening, with the District Superintendent, J. E. Austell, in charge.

Officers re-elected or re-appointed were: Atwood Foster, District Superintendent; N. D. Davidson, District Secretary; Lester C. Young, District Treasurer; Victor Trimmer, District C. A. President and S. S. Representative; Harry G. Downey, District Missionary Secretary; Mrs. Annie Walton, President of the Oregon W.M.C.

The following brethren will serve as Sectional Presbyters: C. L. Freeman, J. Lester Gibson, Hilton T. Park, Howard S. May, Gordon Kampfer, Kesley C. Prinzing, George J. Davis, Joseph D. Dawson, Lester Carlsen, and O. R. Cross.

Church Burned at Indio, California

An early-morning fire on December 15 destroyed the Assembly of God Church at the corner of Requa and Second Streets, Indio, Calif. Pastor Roy L. Buckner reports that the loss was heavy. The congregation had just finished remodeling the church auditorium, installing a new platform and recovering the seats. The church building was 12 years old.

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District Officers' Re-elected in Oregon

All of the officers of Oregon District were returned to office at the District Council meeting which convened in Corvallis, January 16—18. The meetings were held in the new American Legion Hall.

Monday evening was a highlight of the convention. It was C. A. night, and during the service a telegram was received from the National C. A. Director, Bert Webb, announcing that the Oregon C. A.'s had led the entire nation for Speed-the-Light giving during 1949. There was also a farewell service for Mr. and Mrs. Heath Lowry and their two boys, who on January 21 sailed from Seattle for India as C. A. missionaries from the Oregon District.

Pastor D. L. McLaughlin, of Tacoma, Wash., was the convention speaker and his Spirit-anointed preaching brought many "Hallalujahs" and "Amens" from the congregation. In the closing service ten were ordained to the gospel ministry.

It was at a fellowship meeting in Newark, N. J., that the need of a certain pastor in Italy was presented. This Italian pastor cares for several congregations and has to travel continually over mountainous terrain with only a bicycle. An appeal was made for funds with which to buy him a motor-bike, so that his strength and time could be saved and used to reach more people for Christ. A dear sister arose and said: "I would like to have the privilege of offering the money to purchase this vehicle for our brother in Italy."

When the Italian Assembly in Schenectady heard of this, first one and then another offered to pay all or half of the cost of a motor-bike for other pastors in Italy. As a result, there was enough to buy eight vehicles—and the most heart-stirring part of the story is that most of the brothers and sisters who donated to this cause have given practically all that they possess. Surely the Lord is pleased with such unselfish devotion.

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By Grace L. Hill

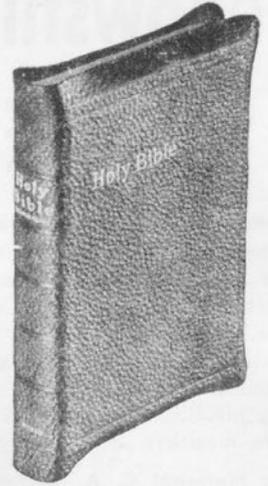
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JOURNEYING BACK TO BETHEL

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said to the members of his household, "Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments, and let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God."

Jacob must have known his family's weaknesses. And what about us? "Strange gods" can have a larger meaning than we at first imagine. It deals primarily with our affections. God must control the throne-room of our lives. The God of Bethel must have first place. You cannot know the God of Bethel if your heart is reaching here, there, and everywhere.

What are some of the strange gods that hinder today, that rob us of full devotion and communion? Natural friendships, perhaps; indulgence in questionable entertainment; coveting material things; fussing unduly over one's personal appearance; ease-loving habits. These and many more similar "strange gods" can readily destroy that first love which should dominate our lives. Jesus must have absolutely first place

if we would dwell at Bethel in the fulness of God's blessing. But what a wonderful place it is! Is your inmost heart centered in Jesus?

All the years, when asked what the baptism of the Holy Spirit has meant to me, I have quickly answered, "The constant reality of Jesus." He is real now, always. If He is not so to your heart, put away the strange gods. The work of the Holy Ghost has always been to put the magnifying glass on Jesus, to keep Him so esteemed and so satisfying that everything else will be insignificant. Let nothing usurp His place.

"Be clean," was the further command. Present tense—"be clean." Jacob knew what it took to meet the holy God of Bethel. Perhaps we need a greater revelation of His holiness that we may better appreciate our constant need of the cleansing flow of Calvary. God desires to possess your eyes, your ears, every faculty of your being; but to do this there may be need for a more separated life and a fuller cleansing by the precious blood. Sometimes our words, our thoughts, our actions need cleansing. What marvelous provision He has made for our com-

plete cleanliness—the flowing of Calvary's fountain this very moment. Hallelujah!

"The cleansing stream I see, I see,
I plunge, and oh, it cleanseth me!
Oh, praise the Lord, it cleanseth me,
It cleanseth me, yes, cleanseth me."

Garments easily become spotted by the world. There are good people whose garments have become sadly spotted. There is perfect cleansing for you and a change of garments through His gracious provision. Do you see the mighty crimson flow—the cleansing stream? Take a bit more of that same old hymn:

"I rise to walk in heav'n's own light
Above the world and sin;
With heart made pure and garments white
And Christ enthroned within.

"Amazing grace! 'tis heav'n below
To feel the blood applied;
And Jesus, only Jesus know,
My Jesus crucified."

It took this preparation before Jacob could go back to Bethel. He was moving in the right direction, moving with God to Bethel. How often we have failed to move with God in the past. May He forgive us and strengthen our hearts to say with Jacob, no matter what it costs, "I will arise and go up to Bethel." Is some spiritual housecleaning needed in your life? Go to God with it. Eternal issues are involved, affecting others as well as yourself.

After the cleansing and the changing of garments there is a wonderful conclusion given in the fifth verse. "And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob." A wonderful result! They were well insulated by the presence of God. It was like the journeying host of Israel later on—the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. God in the midst of His people is the greatest protection they could have, and the greatest testimony to outsiders that God lives and moves.

How we yearn to see such testimony given today, to see the fear of God upon the multitudes around us. Shall we journey to Bethel? Shall we meet the necessary conditions? God is moving on our hearts. Let us respond fully to Him. If we will go all the way to Bethel, whatever it takes, we can count upon seeing His salvation, His working, the manifestation of His power and glory. And the greatest cost will seem very, very small in comparison with the rich recompense of reward. May we arise in His name and journey on.

PRIDE GOES BEFORE DESTRUCTION

When Bonaparte was about to invade Russia, a person who had endeavored to dissuade him from his purpose, finding he could not prevail, quoted to him the proverb, "Man proposes, but God disposes"; to which he indignantly replied, "I dispose as well as propose." A Christian lady, on hearing the impious boast, remarked, "I set that down as the turning-point of Bonaparte's fortunes. God will not suffer a creature with impunity thus to usurp His prerogative." It happened to Bonaparte just as the lady predicted. His invasion of Russia was the commencement of his fall.—Enoch Hall.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT EXPANDING

Another District is to be commended for its excellent work in pioneering new churches—the Michigan District. Superintendent Charles W. H. Scott has sent in this report of remarkable progress:

"During the past 18 months God has enabled us to launch new efforts in Springport, Cadillac, Hastings, Paw Paw, Armada, East Muskegon, Pennfield Township out of Battle Creek, St. Louis, Allegan, Boyne City, Olivet, Elmira, and Dundee.

"I am happy to inform you that during 1949 we had the privilege of dedicating the following seven churches: Muskegon Assembly, Jackson Assembly, the Detroit Full Gospel Church, Detroit Brightmoor Tabernacle, Detroit Bethel Church, Kalamazoo Assembly, and Port Huron. Besides these, we dedicated Sunday School units for the Church of the Four Fold Gospel at Battle Creek, and the Bellevue Assembly of God at Bellevue, Michigan."

We say, God bless Brother Scott and the Michigan District in their fine program of expansion. These new congregations will appreciate our prayers.

NEWS NOTES FROM ALASKA

These words of remarkable testimony from a former skeptic we pass on to our Evangel readers as proof that consistent Christian living pays. This incident is gleaned from a letter from Brother and Sister Charles C. Personeus, pioneer missionaries in Alaska, and builders of three churches in that Territory:

"Recently one of the fishermen who has been almost an avowed infidel, who does not believe the Bible and by talking against spiritual things has hindered others from coming to church and believing, remarked: 'I don't know much about your religion, but I have learned to respect you people, for you have produced the goods. You know, every boat that comes in here (Pelican City) can see that church standing there, and it makes them think of God. I don't know how you got that church built; but I know you didn't have much help from this town. You say it is God who helped you in answer to pray-

er. Well, it must be. But I know you worked plenty hard, yourself, and I must say I respect your religion.'

"So we thank God that this little church stands as a testimony to these fishermen who come and go."

REVIVAL AMONG CHILDREN

Ray Cather, Superintendent of our Children's Farm Home at Palmer, Alaska, in the Matanuska Valley, reported in a recent letter that there was a special seeking after God among the children in the Home. All are saved now, and nearly all are filled with the Holy Spirit. Remember our three Alaska children's homes in your prayers.

Echoes of a First Christmas

When Junior celebrates his first holiday season, the entire family from grandparents on down halt everything to observe and analyze the young child's every movement and reaction to the festive wonders. There is nothing like the first Christmas to provide kith and kin with anecdotes and smiles for years to come. It is probable, therefore, that our General Council family will be filled with delight and thanksgiving upon sharing the account of the first Christmas of its newest child—the Pinellas Park Retirement Home for elderly ministers and missionaries.

Several weeks before Christmas, large, interesting packages began to arrive at the Home, bearing postmarks from far and wide. Upon opening them, the matron discovered an abundance of lovely, appropriate gifts designated for the guests of the Home. Several boxes bore signatures of Women's Missionary Council groups; others came from individuals. More than once staff members felt a little lump rise in their throats as they sorted and wrapped the gifts.

Decorations were in progress a week before Christmas. Visions of catastrophe danced in some heads as precarious positions were attained on ladders, chairs and similar elevations; but all was accomplished without casualty. Some of the decorations were donated by a St. Petersburg church; others by a Pentecostal friend. The entire household was alive with holiday spirit!

At length the great day came—December 24. Guests were told that a four o'clock bell would summon them to the parlor for a little Christmas gathering. In the meantime they slipped off for a nap to fortify themselves for these special festivities. When all was quiet, stacks of gaily-wrapped gifts which had come in the aforementioned boxes were brought into the parlor and placed beneath the tree and on its branches, after which a screen was placed in position to hide "the surprises."

About this time a young lady began to work energetically, but unsuccessfully, with a circuit of colored lights which had failed. Brother Mudge, our "Mr. Fixit," had promised to fix it, but if he came now he would see the gifts! In desperation, the young lady prayed, remind-

ing the Lord that much work had been put into making this Christmas a memorable occasion for His beloved children. One more wiggle, and the lights came on!

Curiosity is a powerful force, you know; and it has no regard for age—young and old alike are smitten with it. By four o'clock there was really no necessity for a bell, but the bell was rung for the sake of formality. The room was already filled with the entire household plus a few friends closely connected with the Home. With shy bewilderment and suppressed anticipation, each gazed at the many packages. But the fulfillment of the anticipation was to be postponed until after a brief, informal program.

After several carols were sung by the group, Brother Van Meter spoke a few words of welcome. Brother Evans led in prayer, and Scripture was read by Rosa Lea Juergensen. Brother Mudge played a piano solo, which was followed by a thought-provoking poem, beautifully read by his wife, entitled "How Far to Bethlehem?" James Van Meter, Jr., who was visiting his grand parents, along with his brother and parents, played Handel's "Largo" on his violin.

Then for a while the glowing Christmas tree, the frills and finery, the Florida sunshine, and the entire western setting seemed to fade into oblivion, as the charm of a far-away country stole over the scene, for Miss Radford was recounting memories of a Christmas Eve in Bethlehem—the narrow streets, the Church of the Nativity, the masses of pilgrims and the unforgettable, enchanting Bethlehem bells. The program was closed with a vocal solo: "O Holy Night."

Any hint of formality was quickly shed as Brother Van Meter began to distribute the gifts. There was as much "Christmas tree chatter" as you ever heard. Exclamations flew from all corners of the crowded room as pin cushions, neck ties, aprons, laundry bags, socks, shell pins, soap, and numerous other gifts emerged from their wrappings. Some gifts, including a large picture, a stereoscope, and candy, were labeled for the group.

When all was finished, each truly was grateful for the little pile of gifts held on his or her lap. Every face glowed with an inner blessedness, for to everyone had come the true warmth of fellowship, the true essence of Christmas, the true spirit of the Christ Child. This was an act of love, a thoughtful remembrance, a need met by some fellow soldier of the Cross who had never been seen or known at the Home.

A lap lunch was served in the parlor. Eating and thanksgiving were blended as all leisurely alternated a mouthful of food and a glance at the new possessions. By seven o'clock all guests were safely back in their rooms, preparing for bed, and dreamily speculating about tomorrow's dinner, which was to be copiously supplied by another St. Petersburg assembly.

Lastly, an invisible Guest stole through the halls that evening, stopping here and there to bestow His everlasting gift—the Prince of Peace. Two youthful assistants had their part—a small poorly-clad boy with his little sister came to sing carols. From door to door they trudged, breaking the evening silence with their unusually lovely, childish soprano voices: "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie..."

Note: This story of the first Christmas at our Retirement Home was sent in by the matron.

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MOORHEAD, MINN.—Mar. 12—; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (Alex Karmarkovic is pastor.)

COALINGA, CALIF.—Interdenominational Revival, Mar. 12—26; Evangelist W. E. (Bill) Long.—by Pastor Paul R. Keeth.

NAMPA, IDAHO—Mar. 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call, Trenton, Mo.—Douglas Snider, Pastor.

NORTH PLATTE, NEBR.—Mar. 7—; Evangelist Bennie Harris, Fort Morgan, Colo.—E. M. Herrman, Pastor.

HIGHLANDS, TEX.—Assembly of God, Feb. 28—Mar. 14 or longer; Evangelist Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex.—Frank Looney, Pastor.

AMARILLO, TEX.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, 6th and Cleveland Sts., Mar. 5—; Evangelist William T. Holcomb. (A. A. Daly is pastor.)

COLUMBIA, MO.—Mar. 7—; Hazelle Reed, evangelist, and Evalyn Bethurum, soloist; both of Colorado.—Charles A. Parker, Pastor.

DAWSON, GA.—First Assembly of God, 9th Ave. and Stonewall, Feb. 22—Mar. 12; Evangelist Nell Murphy of Americus, Ga.—Claude E. Collins, Pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO—First Assembly of God, 124 Ash Ave., Mar. 28—Apr. 9; Evangelist C. C. Wilcox, Appleton, Wisc.—J. F. Pepper, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Gospel Tabernacle, 2315 S. Michigan St., Mar. 5—31; Evangelists Margaret Plunkett and Gladys Pearson.—Lester F. Sumrall, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—North Side Assembly of God, 519 E. 23rd St., meeting in progress; Evangelist Robert Fairchild, Houston, Tex.—Herman Rose, Pastor.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Union meeting, auspices of the Capitol District Full Gospel Churches, Mar. 12—26, in Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., opposite State Teachers College. Evangelist Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill. Prayer for the sick every night except Sat. Burton H. Ellis, chairman; Robert Vinson, co-chairman. For information, write Burton H. Ellis, 373 Delaware Ave., Albany, N. Y.

MONTANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Montana District Council will be in Missoula Assembly of God, 337 Stephens Ave., Mar. 27—31. Council opens Monday evening with C. A. Rally. First business session Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. with Currell Muirhead, District Superintendent, presiding. Joseph E. Neeley, Superintendent of Wyoming District, will be special speaker.

The District Presbytery will meet Mar. 24, 25, and 27 in Missoula. Those seeking credentials for the first time should be present on the 27th. For reservations write Eugene A. Born, 337 Stephens Ave., Missoula, Mont.—Lyle B. Spradley, District Secretary.

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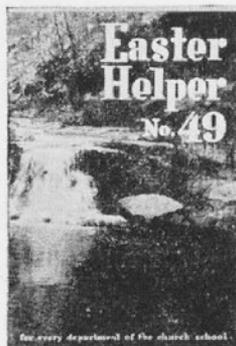
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EATON, OHIO—First Pentecostal Church, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vanderploeg.—H. Warren Staats, Pastor.

KEYSER, W. VA.—Pentecostal Church, W. Piedmont St., Mar. 14—Apr. 4; Evangelist Lillian Overstreet, Philadelphia, Pa.—Pete Saleskey, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Bethel Temple, 1250 Bellevue Ave., meeting in progress; Evangelist Hattie Hammond.—Louis F. Turnbull, Pastor.

SARASOTA, FLA.—Assembly of God, Cor. Washington Blvd., and 10th Sts., Mar. 15—26; Carolyn Lindblad, Swedish Evangelist.—Harold J. Snelgrove, Pastor.

EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Trinity Assembly of God, 5017 East Olympic Blvd., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. James L. Isaacs, Hawthorne, Calif. (Elmer T. Draper is pastor.)

WICHITA, KANS.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 1504 N. St. Francis St., Mar. 19—Apr. 9; revival and Sunday School rally, Evangelist and Mrs. Okra Gaddis.—Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

SOUTHERN IDAHO MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

Pocatello, Apr. 4—5, L. A. Steller, Pastor. Jerome, Apr. 6—7, A. E. Rainwater, Pastor. Caldwell, Apr. 10—11, J. E. Shaw, Pastor. Weiser, Apr. 12—13, O. W. Fish, Pastor.

Four services at each convention. Opening night, Speed-the-Light Rally. Morning meeting, W.M.C. Afternoon service, Home Missions. Night meeting, World Missions. M. L. Hodges, speaker both nights.

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 will not be present as was previously announced. 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, Arizona.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Eighth annual National Sunday School Convention, Shrine Mosque, Springfield, Mo.; March 15—19. Opening rally Wednesday night with visual presentation of "The Good Ship 'Sunday School Evangelism.'" Meetings and group conferences three times daily with outstanding speakers and leaders. Teamworkers' dinner Friday evening; W. R. Steelberg, speaker. Parade, Saturday morning. Convention panorama, Saturday afternoon. Youth rally, Saturday night. Closing session Sunday night, great missionary rally, Glenn M. Horst, speaker.

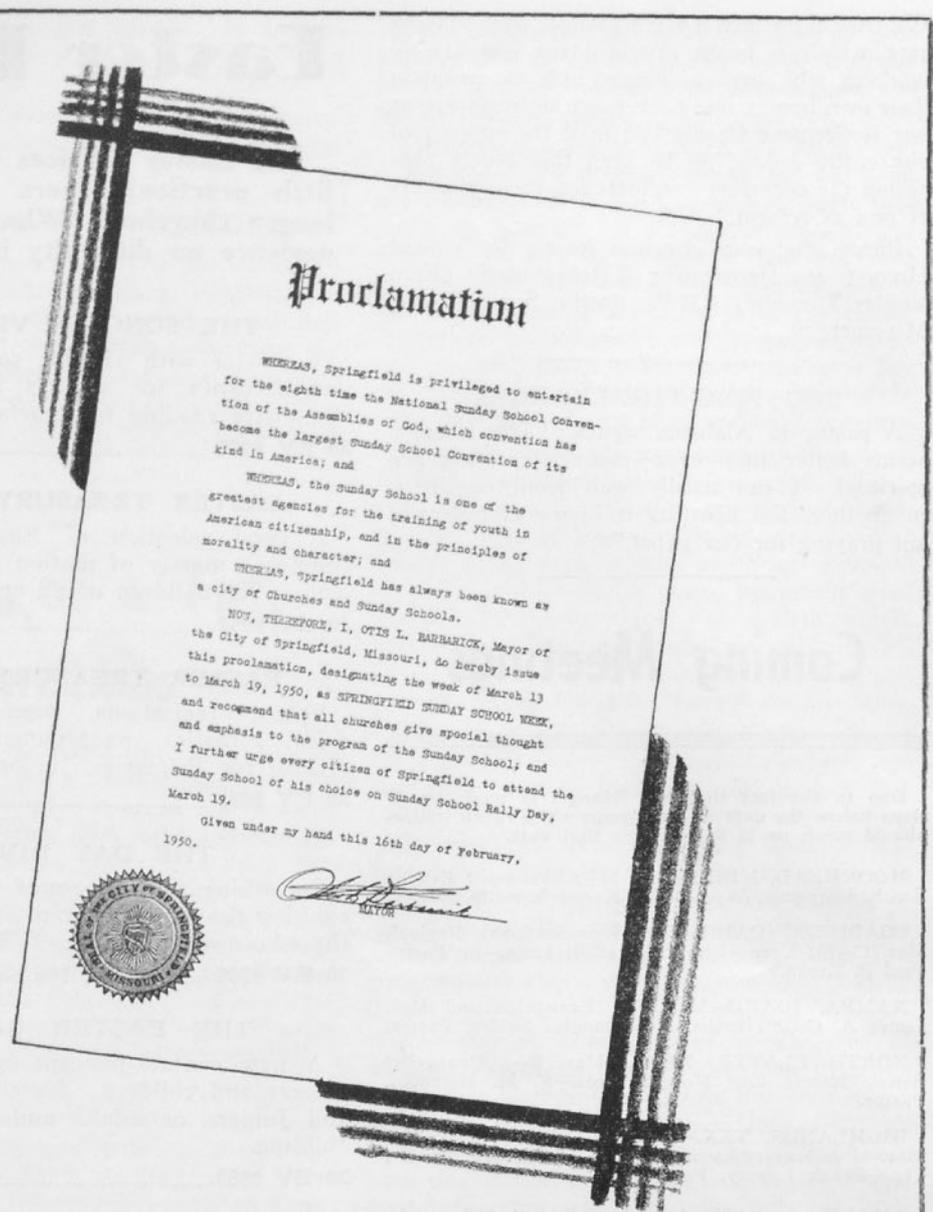
For room reservations write Sunday School Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

ALABAMA DISTRICT SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Mobile Section, Crichton Assembly, Mar. 27—28. Andalusia Section, Opine Assembly, Mar. 30—31. Dothan Section, Mt. Zion Assembly, Apr. 3—4. Phenix City Section, Eufala Assembly, Apr. 6—7. Montgomery Section, Temple Assembly, Clanton, Apr. 17—18. Anniston Section, West Enda Assembly, Apr. 20—21. Birmingham Section, Norwood Assembly, Apr. 24—25. Tennessee Valley Section, Lincoln Assembly, Huntsville, Apr. 27—28. Tuscaloosa Section, Winfield Assembly, May 8—9. Demopolis Section, Mount Olive Assembly, Needham, May 11—12.

Each Section Council will begin on the night of the first day with a fellowship rally. Three services the second day at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. Each church is entitled to one delegate at the business session. Those applying for credentials or renewal of credentials are requested to meet the Credentials Committee at 2:00 p.m. on the second day of the Council in your section.

For further information write T. H. Spence, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 2171, Montgomery, Ala., or Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary, P. O. Box 276, Slocomb, Ala.



CITY GOES ALL OUT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS

PICTURED here is the official notice issued by the Mayor of Springfield, Missouri, to proclaim the week of March 13-19 "Sunday School Week." The Mayor gives among his reasons for this proclamation the need for more emphasis on Sunday School, and the interest of the city of Springfield in religious activities, but he also declares that his action was greatly influenced by the Eighth National Sunday School Convention of the Assemblies of God. He was quick to realize that such a convention, meeting in the largest auditorium in the city, is certain to result in untold benefits to the entire community.

Among the striking features of the city-wide Sunday School Week will be the huge parade. While it will be made up mostly of convention delegates and floats entered by the General Council depart-

ments and affiliated churches, other church groups will participate. Even business concerns have asked to have a part. The route of the parade will include the main business districts of Springfield.

Not only will Sunday School enthusiasts march through the streets, but they will also present a public reading of the entire Bible from a prominent department store window! On the opening night, the first chapter of Genesis will be read in the convention hall. Then the reading will continue from the store window throughout the week. At the last service of the convention Revelation 22 will be read in unison by the entire congregation.

Like the apostles of old, the Sunday School workers at Springfield are striving to fill their Jerusalem with their doctrine. There is still time for you to come and help them do it!