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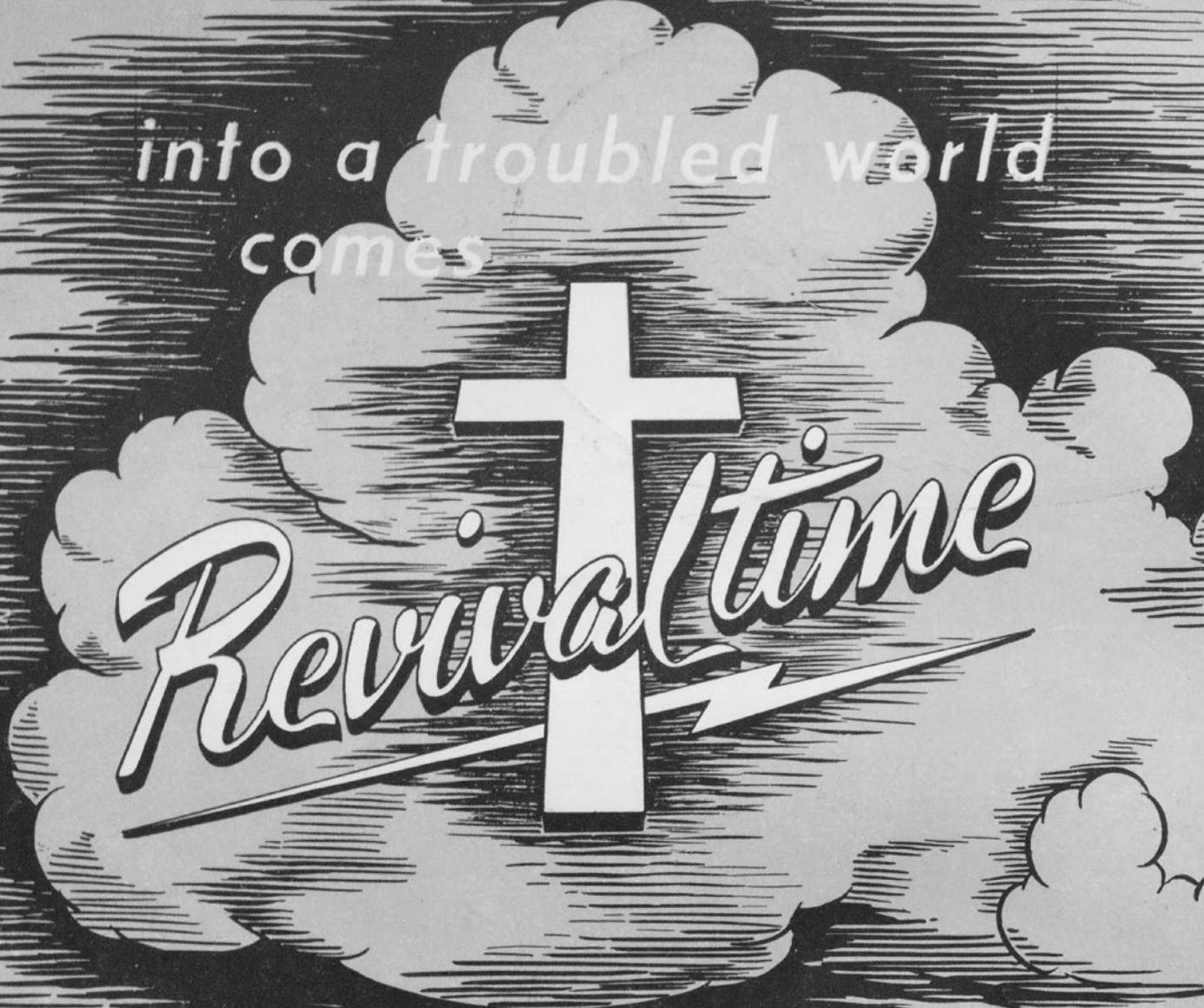
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CHRIST IS RISEN

*"Oh, we see Him in the springtime,
When each bud and leaf and flower
Bursting from its deathlike sleeping
Speaks of resurrection power!
When all nature wakes in gladness,
Birds sing out their tuneful lays,
And the earth, bedecked with blossoms,
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Paul prayed that he might know Christ in

The Power of His Resurrection

By MAX I. REICH

● WE ACCOUNT for the phenomenon of Christianity by the personal appearing of Jesus Christ. Yet we cannot escape the conclusion that but for His resurrection from the dead His Messianic cause would have been interred with His burial, however much His sayings may have been treasured by posterity. The very existence of the Christian society, still the most powerful instrument for good in the world, is a fulfilment of the words of Jesus: "Because I live, ye shall live also." Almost immediately after the crushing blow of the crucifixion the world witnessed the arising of a people exuberant with life, and burning with zeal for the spread of the Name of the Crucified One, exalted on high. The empty tomb alone explains this marvel of history.

The New Testament writings are more than the memoirs of a dead Jesus, fondly preserved by His friends. They are the joyful witness of those who drew their inspiration for holy living, service, and martyrdom if need be, from the fact of His present exaltation. The entire New Testament has the resurrection for its historical background. Jesus wrote nothing, and His recorders did not begin to write until some time after the Christian Church had been formed by the preaching of "Jesus and the resurrection."

The stories of the Evangelists, portraying the matchless life and preserving the ethical teaching of Jesus, have been placed first in the order of the books of the New Testament. But the consensus of modern scholarship regards them as the latest contributions to New Testament literature. If we search for the data of Christianity, the Epistles precede them. And before the Epistles were written Christianity was already a living force. The resurrection had been believed, preached and propagated, and produced its mighty effects and fruits in the Christian Church in many parts of the world, some time before Mark, the earliest Evangelist, wrote down some of the deeds of the Messiah at the dictation, it is believed, of the apostle Peter.

Historical Proofs

The First Epistle to the Corinthians contains in chapter 15 the oldest known

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argument for the historicity of the resurrection. The most critical scholarship has not succeeded in throwing doubt on the genuineness of the Epistle. It was written in the spring of A.D. 55. The apostle reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he had preached to them on the occasion of his first coming among them, some five years before; that is to say, only some seventeen years after the death and resurrection of Christ. He says:

"Now I make known unto you, brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you received, wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures; and that he appeared;" etc.

Paul is careful to point out that he did not originate the doctrines he proclaimed. He had "received" them, finding them already in the Christian circle when he became a part of it. Now Paul was converted very soon after the death of Jesus—according to Ramsay, some three or four years after; according to Harnack, only one year. But the fundamental truths of Christianity were already confessed. Paul gives a chronological, if not an exhaustive, list of the appearances of the Risen One. Cephas saw Him; the Twelve; about five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part were still alive; James; all the apostles; and lastly he himself on the Damascus road.

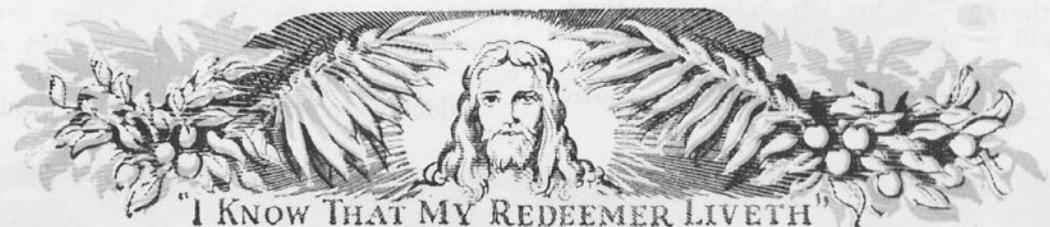
Thus early in the history of the Christian Church even before, under the inspired leadership of the apostle to the Gentiles, it was set free from narrowing influences, in order to start on the career of world conquest, it was understood that "Christ died for our sins." That death was

felt to have been more than the death of a Martyr; it had atoning efficacy and redeeming power in it. "According to the Scriptures," such as the well-known fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. And lest it should be said that the resurrection appearances of Jesus only proved the survival of His personality in the spirit world, Paul adds: "He was buried." His crucified body was raised a spiritual body in power and glory, "on the third day"; that is, the first day of the week after the crucifixion. Christianity began afresh then. And there has not been a First Day since on which believers in the Risen Christ have not assembled to worship Him, and to prove afresh the power of His resurrection. It was on a First Day that the Holy Spirit came upon the men of Galilee as the evidence of the exaltation of Christ, and turned their shrinking silence and timidity into boldness of utterance. Every recurring First Day is a fresh argument for the resurrection.

Spiritual Proofs

After the presentation of historical proofs, the apostle proceeds to bring forward several weighty spiritual reasons on behalf of the truth of the resurrection.

THE APOSTOLIC PREACHING. "If Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised." We read in the Acts that "with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." The resurrection power accompanied the resurrection message. Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul says: "Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance." Whence came this wonderful power carrying conviction of the truth of the message to the hearers? It was the witness of the Spirit to the
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A Song of the Early Church

'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst His prison;
And from three days' sleep in death,
As a sun, hath risen.

All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

Neither might the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the waters, nor the seal,
Hold Thee as a mortal:

But today, amidst Thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That Thy peace, which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

—John of Damascus

Amid Death -- Life

by Kenneth M. Haystead

Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. John 6:65.

● I WOULD LIKE you to see with me the backs of a great multitude. Not their eager upturned faces nor their outstretched hands; not those who are clamoring for the gospel and looking for a place where they can stand to hear the Master talk; not a group pushing their way in order to get a bit of standing space so they can observe the miraculous operation of the Master Himself. I'd like to have you see the backs of men and women, shoulders set and heads erect, as they walk away from the Master and disappear in the distance, leaving Him standing alone with His select company.

It looks for a moment as though His heart will break. In that dark hour the disciples who have followed Him by the thousands, the hundreds, the groups wherever He went, when they are challenged with the cost of discipleship, turn their backs and walk away. As I watch that scene for an instant, I can almost sense the heartbroken plea of the Master; I can feel the heaviness of His soul as He turns to the few who are left and says to them, "Will ye also go away?"

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And then Peter steps up. God bless Peter. I know lots of folks like to talk about Peter and say how he got into all kinds of trouble and how he failed the Lord, but I love that man. There is something about his personality, something about his impetuosity, something about the drive and push of his soul that grips me. Peter steps out and says, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of life." Jesus Christ is the answer to the need of our day.

It wasn't so long ago that I sat in our living room while supper was being prepared. I turned on the radio and a voice came out of the ether; a commentator was giving a report of the meeting of the United Nations at Lake Success. As I listened, he said something like this: "There's gloom hanging over Lake Success today. The men are beginning to wonder if they have the answer." He went on to talk a little bit about the great minds, the great men who had been sitting there day after day, thinking about the problems of peace and wrestling with them only to find that every plan seemed to be blocked. They had come to a dead end. He closed with this thought: "They are beginning to wonder if peace is just a will-o'-the-wisp—and I wonder myself."

Suddenly something gripped my soul

and I jumped to my feet and said, "Praise the Lord." I'm not particularly given to such an action, all by myself like that. My wife came in and said, "What's going on?" I stood there for a moment; suddenly tears came to my eyes and I said to my dear companion, "Do you realize that we have the answer? The greatest minds of the world are gathered together groping for something they can't put their hands on. Just as soon as they think they have it, it slips from their fingers and is gone. I have it in my heart. I know the answer to the problems of the world. I know the only answer is Jesus Christ and Him crucified." And I raised my hands heavenward and praised the Lord.

We can never match our intelligence with the fine minds of men who gather together around peace tables. We are not big enough to step in their shoes. We should thank God for some men we have who are honestly, sincerely striving before God to do their best. I just wish they knew what you and I know. I wish somehow they would wake up to the realization that there never can be and never will be peace till Jesus comes. God hasten the day!

My message is not a road to world peace or anything like that. My message is just Jesus Christ, the matchless Son of God who has the answer to all the problems of life. In the Scripture we have the thrilling account of Jesus meeting a funeral procession. I watch Him as He walks along toward that little village called Nain, His disciples behind Him, and suddenly He perceives coming out of the village a strange small procession: the body of a young man is being carried on a litter and behind it is the sorrowing mother. Suddenly Jesus steps to the front and says, "Stop." He turns to the mother, questions her a little, and then, in that magnificent voice which could open blind eyes, set captives free, and cause men who were lame to walk, He says, "Young man, I say unto you, Arise." Right there before the disciples the divine eternal power of God touched that dead body; the young

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The Relationship Between the Resurrection and Pentecost

by John Carter

● ON THE DAY after the Jewish sabbath following the crucifixion of the Saviour, the priest in the Temple at Jerusalem was waving before the Lord the sheaf of the early harvest; and while this was taking place, Christ came forth from the tomb in resurrection power and glory. Every year at that time a sheaf of the firstfruits of the harvest was waved ceremonially in God's presence, and every time its message declared that Christ would rise from the dead on that day—the first day of the week.

Life out of death—that was the message of the sheaf of firstfruits. The sheaf contained the resurrection life of grains which had been sown in the ground, and which had died the year before. In dying, the seeds had given birth to sheaves of precious grain. Even so, they had put Christ into the ground after that ignominious scene on Calvary, and for three days He was buried; but "on the morrow after the sabbath" Christ fulfilled the oft-repeated type. "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept . . . But every man in his own order; Christ the firstfruits." 1 Cor. 15:20, 23.

Fifty days later, again on the first day of the week, came another type. It was the Feast of Pentecost (the word "Pentecost" simply means "fifty"). On this occasion there was more waving. The priest waved two loaves, which God described as "the firstfruits unto the Lord." These loaves were the firstfruits of the firstfruits. The wave-loaves were prepared from the early harvest; in other words, they were formed from the resurrected grain. Not now separate and individual grains of wheat, but blended together into the unity of a corporate body.

Again, type coincided with antitype. While the priest in the Temple waved, with elaborate ritual, the loaves before the Lord on this the Day of Pentecost, in the same city, in an upper room, 120 disciples—men and women who had received new life as a result of the death and resurrection of their Lord—were formed into a mystical body by the operation of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, the resurrection of Christ and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit are in-

separably linked. There can be no "bread" (loaves) without first the "sheaf." "The sheaf of the firstfruits" was, in a sense, part of "the bread of the firstfruits." There could have been no Church apart from the triumphant resurrection of the Christ of Calvary. He conquered death and hades, and the outpouring of the Spirit fifty days later was the result. Let us develop this thought.

The Outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was an infallible Proof of the Resurrection of the Redeemer.

The disciples were convinced, beyond a shadow of doubt, that Jesus had risen from the dead and was now alive for evermore. Had they not walked with Him, talked with Him, handled Him and eaten with Him—not once but several times? Had they not beheld His body leave Mount Olivet and rise majestically into the air, mounting up higher and higher, until He had been lost to their view in the clouds? Because of all this, the disciples had personal proof that Jesus was alive; but what proof could they bring to an unbelieving world, especially to a religious nation that had absolutely rejected His claims?

The Holy Spirit was proof indeed. Listen to Peter, fresh from his deliverance from prison by the Angel of the Lord, as he addresses the High Priest and the members of the Council. "Him (Jesus)

hath God exalted with his right hand. . . . And we are witnesses of these things, AND SO IS ALSO THE HOLY GHOST, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts 5:31, 32.

The outpouring of the Spirit, the tongues, the miracles, the healings, the signs and the wonders—all these constituted indisputable proof that the One whom Peter's listeners thought to be dead was in fact alive and at the Father's right hand. The presence and operations of the Holy Spirit bore eloquent testimony to the witness of the disciples that Jesus of Nazareth was no longer in the tomb but in the heaven of heavens. And what was true then is true today—the supernatural presence and power of the Spirit in the Church is proof of the fact that Christ is alive forevermore.

The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus was Indispensable to the Sending Forth of the Holy Spirit.

What happened on the Day of Pentecost and in the house of Cornelius was dependent upon the resurrection and ascension of the Saviour.

God had spoken many promises in the Old Testament concerning the advent of the Spirit. Through the mouth of the prophet Joel had come the announcement: "It shall come to pass afterward, that I

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Christ Is Risen—Hallelujah!

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!
Gladness fills the world today;
From the tomb that could not hold Him,
See, the stone is rolled away!

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
Blessed morn of life and light!
Lo, the grave is rent asunder,
Death is conquered through His might.

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
Friends of Jesus, dry your tears;
Through the veil of gloom and darkness,
Lo, the Son of God appears!

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
He hath risen, as He said;
He is now the King of Glory,
And our great, exalted Head.

—Fanny J. Crosby



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Fellowship With Christ

by L. H. Hauff

But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Luke 24: 29-32.

● WE HAVE BEFORE US one of the most heart-warming incidents in the life of our Lord. Many are the times we have walked the road to Emmaus, and learned valuable and blessed lessons. May we make the journey again today and learn in a new way the value of fellowship with Christ. The beloved apostle John has said, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

As we follow the two disciples to the village of Emmaus, we shall notice four outstanding truths concerning fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Fellowship with Christ is secured by earnest seeking.

"He made as though he would have gone further, but they constrained him, saying, Abide with us." Jesus had journeyed with the two discouraged disciples, and had made their journey pleasant, although they did not know who He was. When they arrived at their destination, He would continue on, but having enjoyed His company thus far they urged Him to stay with them. We must remember that the Lord will not force His presence on any of us. Only as we earnestly seek Him will He be found of us and reveal Himself to us.

Many scriptures in the Bible show us that people received things from the Lord through their *earnest seeking* which they would not have received if they had not constrained the Lord. A good example of this is the Syrophenician woman, who after much discouragement received help

for her daughter from the Lord through *earnest seeking*. Blind Bartimaeus received his sight by earnestly calling out to Jesus, although those round about were discouraging his calling out to the Lord. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near." Jesus stayed with these disciples and blessed their home, because they constrained Him to do so.

Two Christians were visiting and one said, "Isn't it wonderful to be saved?" The other replied, "I know something better." The first said, "What could be better than being saved?" The answer quickly came back, "Having the presence of the One who has saved me." Are you living continually in fellowship with the Christ who has saved you? You may, if you earnestly seek Him.

2. Fellowship with Christ is the means of knowing Him.

After these two had constrained Him to abide with them, and He accepted, He sat at meat with them. As He blessed the bread and gave to them, "their eyes were opened and they knew him." Up to this moment He was a stranger, but now they knew Him as the Lord in whom they had trusted. The more closely we are associated with Christ the more we shall know Him and enjoy His blessing.



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Only as we are much in His presence will He become the fairest of ten thousand to our souls.

There is a great difference between *knowing about* the Lord and really *knowing Him*. What a change took place for Job when he met the Lord and communed with Him. He then could say, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but *now mine eye seeth thee*." In all walks of life, we do not really know people until we come in close contact with them. May we live so close to Christ that He shall be a living reality in our lives.

3. Fellowship with Christ is delightful.

When their eyes were open and they knew Him, they said, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way." The presence of Christ is something that can be felt. Someone has said, "It is better felt than telt." We know we must walk by faith, but what a blessing to be able to feel His presence along life's pathway. His spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

They were sad and discouraged, but He brought joy and courage to them. They were looking down in despair, but He caused them to look up in victory. They were troubled, but He dissolved their troubles. He is still the same, so we sing,

"And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,
None other has ever known."

Fellowship with Christ makes our hearts burn with gratitude, with adoration, and with hope. May we ever keep His touch on our soul.

4. Fellowship with Christ made them useful.

The death of Christ scattered the disciples. When they were made aware of His presence with them, they could not wait to return to the others. Whereas they had slowly walked to Emmaus, they now hurried back to Jerusalem. It is wonderful how new energy comes into us after we spend a time in the presence of the Lord. If we as His people are separated from one another, could it be that we have lost His presence? As we each draw closer to the Lord we shall be drawn closer one to another. Christ is like the hub of a wheel. As the spokes come to the hub they come closer to each other, and so will it be with us as spokes in the wheel of God's program. Let us center our lives in Him.

Their fellowship with Christ gave them a message to proclaim. They now had a burning testimony that would cause others to listen. Their message was, "The Lord is risen indeed." This is the message the
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O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?

A True Story from the Belgian Congo

● "LOOK OUT!" The missionary jumped aside. "I'm sure I saw a snake in the grass." But the natives grinned. "Bwana," they said, "it's only a lupulu."

The missionary did not understand what a "lupulu" was, but taking a stick he approached very carefully the spot where he believed he had seen the snake. Yes! There it lay, its mouth wide open, its glassy eyes staring, its scaly body clearly visible in the grass. And yet . . . it seemed unnatural and ghostly, almost transparent. Even the coils seemed distorted.

Again the natives grinned and, picking up the supposed snake, they showed the newly arrived white man that it was an empty skin; for periodically the snake just opens wide its mouth till the skin sloughs away. The whole skin loosens and the living snake glides out through the mouth, leaving the old skin behind, while the reptile looks most beautiful in the fresh unfaded colors of its new coat.

It was one of those old cast-off skins that had frightened the missionary. The natives call it a "lupulu"—but there was nothing of which to be afraid.

So it was with the wife of Senga Tadikile. Tadikile and his wife were so happy in their newfound Savior, in the fellowship of the saints, in the efficacy of prayer. Even when they did not know the hymns they would sway head and hand, following the rhythm.

I shall not easily forget their baptism. There were 38 baptized that afternoon. The forest pool was a perfect fairyland, the creeper-covered trees above and the ferns and grasses all reflected, in nature's looking glass, the still water. The very birds seemed gay and a great gauzy dragon-fly watched the whole proceedings from the end of an old stump.

With what joy Senga Tadikile and the old lady were buried with Christ. How obviously satisfied, too, to take their place at their first breaking-of-bread service. Their cups seemed to overflow with sheer happiness.

Poor old fellow. He did not realize how soon a testing time was coming, but a couple of weeks later his life companion lay dying.

Of course, the heathen relatives gathered round to watch the end, but there was something different about this death. No fear! No struggle! She seemed so happy to be going that even old Tadikile said

between his sobs, "Lord, I couldn't keep her back from Thee; but oh, I shall miss her."

Someone whispered to her, "But are you not afraid of death?"

She replied, with a chuckle, "This isn't death. It's just house-moving. I'm going to Jesus. It was He who took our death, and He has just left us the 'lupulu'—the empty skin."

O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?—W. B., in *Congo Ev. Mission Report*.

"Dying together" with Jesus,
This is the end of strife!
"Buried together" with Jesus,
This is the gate of life!
"Quickened together with Jesus,
By the touch of God's mighty
breath;
"Risen together" with Jesus,
Where is thy sting, O death?"
—Selected

FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST.

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world needs. This is the message that will gladden saddened hearts. Christ must be a living reality in our lives before we can command much attention or be of much help to others. People do not need our eloquence, or learning, or argument, but they will give heed to the testimony of one who has been with the Lord.

A skeptic said to a Christian, "How do you know that Jesus Christ is alive?" The Christian replied, "I talked with Him this morning." Here is a testimony that none can dispute.

The Lord no doubt is walking near many of His people who do not recognize Him, because their eyes are holden through unbelief and despair. Let us open our eyes and realize that He is ever near His people. May we ever be aware of His glorious presence. May we know Him better day by day. May our hearts burn within us and move us to tell a lost and dying world, "The Lord is risen indeed."

WHAT SIN WILL DO

D. M. Panton, writing on the subject of the resurrection, gives this striking illustration: "The microscope reveals that the body of a caterpillar contains the future butterfly in embryo, for which God made the caterpillar. It often happens that a certain fly (the ichneumon) pierces the skin of the caterpillar and deposits eggs in its body. By a most extraordinary arrangement of nature, the grubs (or larvae) born from these deposited eggs never attack any of the organs of the caterpillar, nor injure it as a caterpillar, at all. It goes on feeding and apparently thriving as well as all other caterpillars, during the whole of its larva life. *The grubs feed only on the embryo butterfly.* It is only when the caterpillar life is over, and the time comes for the creature to fly, as God meant it and made provision for it to do, that the injured caterpillar stands revealed from all others; for lo, *nothing remains within but a blackened form*—the hidden butterfly has been secretly consumed.

"The secretly feeding larvae is sin, which is destroying the body of glory Christ won for all. Beware lest you discover the fact only when the moment for the glory change is upon you, and the resurrection of life is exchanged for the resurrection of damnation."

Ever bear in mind the words of Rev. 20:6, "*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him.*"

LIKE HIM

The thought of the coming of the Lord and of the resurrection should be a purifying hope to us. It is said of Horatius Bonar that when he retired to rest his last action ere he lay down to sleep was to draw aside his curtain, look up into the starry heavens, and say, "Perhaps tonight, Lord?" In the morning as he arose his first movement was to raise the blind, look out upon the dawn, and say, "Perhaps today, Lord?" I believe it was this same man who sent his picture to one who had requested the same, with the statement, "This is the best picture you can have of me at this time. One of these days I am going to look very much better than now—I am going to be like Him!" Is that your hope?

Someone asked Joseph Parker, "Why did the Lord choose Judas?" "I do not know," was his answer, "but I am baffled by a still deeper mystery: Why did He choose me?"

Plan to spend more on your Easter heart than on your Easter head.

He is risen! Come and see! Go and tell!

● THERE IS REVIVAL IN OUR LAND TODAY.

The newspapers are telling us so, religious publications are telling us so, and all around us we notice an acute awareness of things spiritual which in itself is an indication that revival is present.

Spontaneous revivals have burst forth at colleges and Bible schools in many different parts of the land. Both Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal schools are being visited from on high.

Some of the largest auditoriums in America are being filled to overflowing with crowds of hungry-hearted people who have been awakened to their spiritual need. Thousands are being converted. In many places the sick are being healed, and the Holy Spirit is being poured out in old-time power.

"From Los Angeles to Boston, and from Minneapolis to Texas, we hear of revival fires being kindled," writes Howard W. Ferrin, in the March 1 issue of *United Evangelical Action*. What is the reason? It is his opinion that "the accumulated prayers of God's people over a period of three to four decades are descending like a mighty avalanche to make fruitful the barren places in the church and in society. 'God is faithful that promised.'"

The feature article in the March issue of *Christian Life* is entitled, "Revival Is Breaking." It is written by Harold J. Ockenga, who observes: "Without divine intervention, this situation [meaning present-day conditions] is hopeless. Granted a revival in America, it could sweep through every nation of the world and change the whole world outlook. This seems to be the only alternative to another conflict." We feel also that things cannot go on as they have been over an extended period of time, and we realize how important it is that America be drawn back to God—but we are glad to report that revival is not confined to the homeland. We have every reason to believe from reports coming to us that revival fires have been kindled in foreign lands as well. **GOD IS ANSWERING PRAYER WITH PENTECOSTAL REVIVALS ABROAD, TOO.**

In July of last year the Foreign Missions Department introduced through the pages of *The Missionary CHALLENGE*, and later through a "Forward in Fifty" folder, a prayer program for the fellowship, known as "The Prayer Fellowship," calling for 1,000 prayer groups and 25,000 individual *prayer troopers*. Those who became members of the Prayer Fellowship pledged themselves to pray daily for the evangelization of the lost throughout the world. For some time missionary letters coming to our desks have been pointing to the fact that revival fires are burning on a number of our foreign fields, especially in Africa and Latin America. As an encouragement to members of the Prayer Fellowship and others who have prayed, and as an inspiration to everyone to assume a burden for the lost, we are giving you some of the accounts of revivals which have reached us. Every prayer that ascends to God furnishes fuel for the revival fires. Let's keep them burning.

GUATEMALA REVIVAL

(Taken from a letter written by A. Adele Flower on February 13. Miss Flower has been visiting the Central American field since November.)

"On New Year's Day we were almost too

weary to travel; nevertheless, we started out for El Overjero. Hermano Socorro, a national worker, was with us. He accompanied us on a number of our trips, and was such a blessing to us! Sometimes he would combine Quentin Shortes' message and my message into one. Sometimes he would bring a third message. Practically always he gave the altar call.

"El Overjero is perched on the mountainside. Half of the town towers above the road on one side, and the other half is in the gorge on the other. We found the house of one of the believers; it was located near the road and had a big *patio*. Since there was no church building, with permission we decided to hold a service at the house.

"It took some time for Mr. Socorro to find the pastor, Belisario Marroquin, who lived up the mountain. After the pastor came, and before the service started, we learned something about

time we heard the account there were 48 believers in all. The pastor did not know how it happened and he scarcely knew what to do with so large a group of believers.

"As darkness crept over the town we suspended the gasoline lamp from the rafters of the house where we were having the service. By the time the strains of my accordion had floated out into the night a crowd began to gather. The floor of the house was packed with children. All available chairs were taken, and the *patio* was full as far as we could see. From the faces we could tell that many were unbelievers.

"The intense interest of the listeners made it so easy to minister to them! Almost before I had an opportunity to turn the service over to Hermano Socorro, five came forward, one after another, in typical Latin fashion, with hands raised, saying, 'I accept Jesus Christ as my only and sufficient Savior.' Maybe you

God is answering prayer with

Pentecostal Revival

the work in El Overjero. It was an amazing story:

"Belisario Marroquin is a very humble man. He has had no training for the ministry, but he loves the Lord with all his heart. Last year he went to El Overjero to try to pastor the four believers who were there. Week after week he preached and worked and gave what explanations of the Word he could. The months went by and nothing happened. Then suddenly, one Sunday in November, something did happen. Five accepted the Lord. From then on in every service there were conversions—four one Sunday; six the next; five the next, etc., until at the

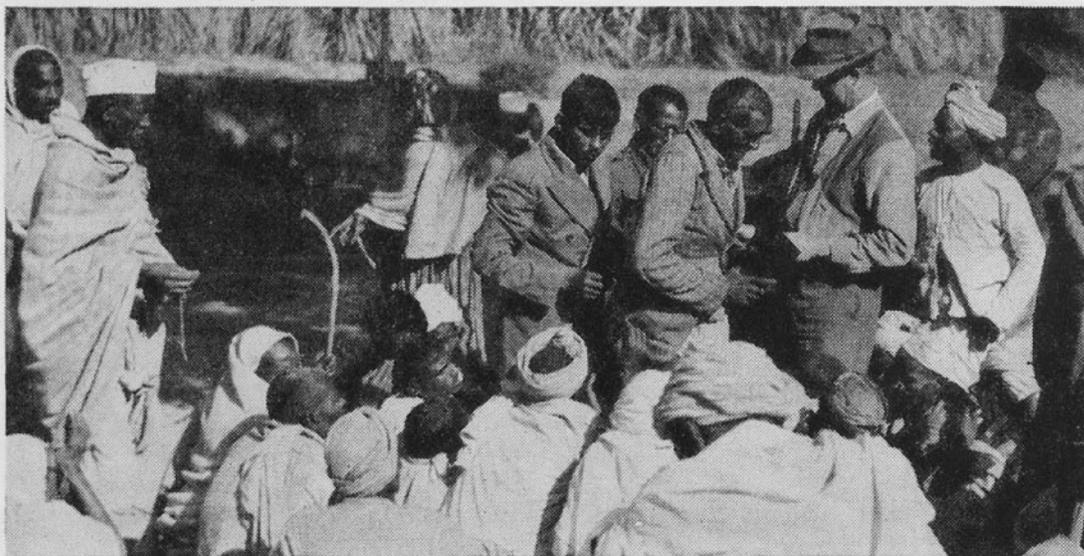
think it was not a thrill for me! And maybe you think it was not a thrill for the Shortes who had only been in Central America a little more than a week.

"Since then the believers in El Overjero have elected a new pastor, someone with more experience and training, but all of us know that the revival came as a result of that humble worker's faithfulness, and as a result of prayer."

PERU REVIVAL

(From a letter written by Herbert B. Felton, missionary to Peru, on February 22, 1950.)

"Some 70 were filled with the Spirit in two days' services for the Lima churches, held at



Edgar Barrick, missionary, praying for the lost and diseased in North India. As many as 1,500 persons came to our missionaries and national workers in one day during a revival there some time ago.

the Bible School this week. Sixty-four were baptized in water on Monday."

GOLD COAST REVIVAL

(From an article received from H. B. Garlock, Field Secretary for Africa, a few weeks ago. Mr. Garlock went to Africa in January aboard the AMBASSADOR. For a more complete account, see the March 25 issue of the Evangel.)

"I have just returned from one of the greatest village meetings in my nearly 30 years of experience in Africa.

"Pastor Tchie and his prayer band, a group of some 20 believers who have dedicated themselves to the ministry of fasting and prayer, had concentrated on the village of Akropong, the home of a powerful Ashanti chief. After seeking the Lord for four months, they set Sunday, February 12, 1950, as the day to carry the

Abroad

gospel into Akropong. . . .

"Before Pastor Tchie left Akropong 120 in that village had been saved.

"He had gone out to two other little villages on the outskirts, under the same chief. In one of these 20 persons were saved, including the official poisoner whose work was to poison the chief's enemies. He brought his deadly poisons and turned them over to Pastor Tchie. In the other village 16 were saved, totaling 156 persons saved in about 24 hours' time.

"This initial service in Akropong will be followed by a series of gospel meetings. It is expected, judging from experiences in other villages, that several hundred will be saved within the next few weeks.

"Since the Ashanti revival began 3,000 have been saved, and about 70% of the number have been filled with the Spirit. One hundred and seventeen fetish priests and priestesses have been saved and most of them filled. In Tafo village recently about 100 persons received the Baptism in one day. The Christians fasted and prayed three months before entering Tafo. Miraculous healings take place practically every day.

"While the meeting was going on in Akropong three other groups were out in other sections with the gospel. It is expected that 10,000 souls will be won this year."

ARGENTINA—URUGUAY REVIVAL

(From a letter written in December by R. Edward Miller, missionary to Argentina.)

"We have seen God come in baptizing, converting and healing power on five churches of Argentina and Uruguay during the past month. There had been a period of years without any great results, but now into the churches has come the power of the Risen Christ. Lives

have been changed as only Christ can change them.

"Between 200 and 300 have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit in the capital city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Three other churches have been so changed that they seem foreign to their pastors. A Bible School also was visited with revival. It was considered almost impossible for God to work in some of the churches. Yes, the powerful gospel which we have the privilege to preach has been given marching orders in these hungry countries."

HONG KONG REVIVAL

(From a letter received from J. E. Morrison, president of Ecclesia Bible Institute, Hong Kong. For a more detailed account see the March 18 issue of the Evangel.)

"On Friday, February 3, at 1:15 o'clock, Ecclesia Bible Institute had a regular Friday afternoon prayer meeting. Sarah C. Johnston spoke briefly, exhorting the students to seek the Lord. Immediately the Holy Spirit began to work among the students. The student body went to prayer and the prayer service lasted until 11:30 that night. During the period 12 of the students received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. . . .

"After a belated supper some of the students returned and prayed until nearly three o'clock in the morning. . . . One of the students received his Baptism after he had gone to bed.

"On February 4, six of the boys went to a hill top to pray. Very soon all began to speak in other tongues. Meanwhile the girls had assembled in their dormitory to pray, and several of them also received the fullness of the Spirit. By noon 23 had received the Baptism. . . . Since I came to China in 1923 I have not seen such a revival."

VENEZUELAN REVIVAL

(From a report received from Henry C. Ball, Field Secretary for Latin America, on February 27.)

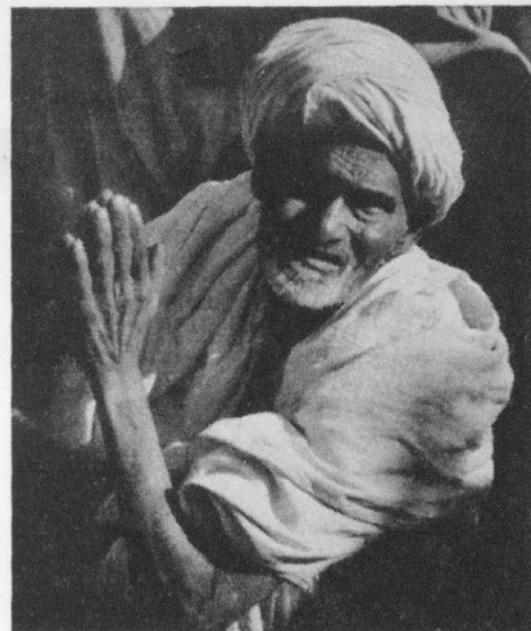
"In the city of Barquisimeto I found Mrs. DeMerchant, whom I had known when she pastored the First Assembly of God church in San Antonio, Texas, holding evangelistic meetings for Bethel Church. Bethel Church had gone through fierce trials and for many years not a single believer had been filled with the Spirit, but during Mrs. DeMerchant's month of services nine were baptized in the Spirit. The peculiar thing is the way this revival spread to our other congregation in the same city, known as Zion Church. The Lord began to work there and in one week 30 were baptized in the Spirit. On February 4, 14 were saved and 14 baptized in the Spirit. The next day I saw 15 baptized in water in the church baptistry.

"Reports coming in from other churches in Venezuela reveal that God's Spirit is moving elsewhere also. Is Venezuela on the verge of a great revival such as Brazil is having? I trust so. May God's people everywhere pray that these revival fires will continue to sweep through Venezuela."

BRAZIL REVIVAL

(A report on only a small portion of the Brazil revival, from a letter written in December by Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Bergstrom, missionaries to Brazil.)

"Recently we visited Patos. Some 20 persons were saved in four services. Three families have



been saved at Patrocinio and now others are seeking salvation there. At Lagoa da Prata and Itauna a number have found the Lord, and at Formiga there have been 17 converts. In our church at Divinopolis 20 were saved in one week."

EL SALVADOR REVIVAL

(From a letter written February 15 by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams, missionaries to El Salvador.)

"Some of you may remember that in our last letter we wrote of a rather violent attack by a mob against the preaching of the gospel in the town of San Ignacio. We felt considerable discouragement as we drove away from that town late at night under the protection of an armed guard. Reason suggested defeat, although faith struggled valiantly. The national believers remained true to their testimony. They called for special prayer. They knew that in order to ever see their church established God would have to intervene.

"Imagine the results! Within a few weeks the local *pirotecnico* (maker of fireworks), while filling an order for a stack of explosives with which the enemies of the gospel had planned to attack the next meeting, suffered an explosion in his little factory. All of his stock was burned and he barely escaped with his life. This was a great shock to him and to the townspeople. Many said that it was a direct answer to the prayer of the believers to their God for protection.

"Another phase in the line of victory is that many of our believers have been approached by some of the better-disposed neighbors who have declared that they will definitely be on their side if any similar attack should be planned.

"Since the explosion there has been a wave of revival over the whole section that is being evangelized by the mother-assembly. There have been 25 new converts, and three new preaching places have been opened; also, more than a score have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

"We are thanking you for your prayers and are convinced that, although you are several hundred miles away, the burden for this field has been brought very close to your hearts. Rejoice with us in this victory!"

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

The World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance is to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-26, and the city is expecting 75,000 visitors for this special occasion.

C. O.'S CAN BECOME CITIZENS

According to an *Associated Press* dispatch from Washington on February 20, an alien unwilling because of religious views to serve in the American Army even as a non-combatant may still become a citizen, the U. S. Supreme Court has decided.

TALKS ABOUT THE BIBLE

A series of talks about the Bible, given by Francis C. Stifler of the American Bible Society, will be broadcast twice each Friday over the American Broadcasting Company and its affiliated stations, April 7 through September 29. The series is entitled, "Gems for Thought."

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

Last year the average American consumed three times as much alcohol as during the first year of Repeal. "The apparent consumption of absolute alcohol has risen since 1934 from a low of 0.58 gallons per capita to a high of 1.75 gallons in 1946," the American Business Men's Research Foundation stated recently. "Consumption decreased to 1.54 by 1948, but showed an upward trend in 1949 to 1.67 gallons."

FOURTEEN MILLION JEWS?

The 1949 edition of *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that there are 14 million Jews in the world. This seems to be a rather high figure. It is especially astonishing to note the *Britannica's* estimate of five and a quarter million Jews in Russia. U. S. Jewry is said to be next with a total of five millions (Jewish surveys show it to be four and a half million), Israel one million, Great Britain 400,000, and France 300,000. This would leave two million scattered in all the other parts of the world.

"WE SHALL BE CHANGED"

The Word of God says, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be," and the handiwork of God is full of hints and glimpses of this in nature. The homely grub becomes the lovely butterfly, winging its way over brook and meadow, a creature of exquisite beauty. The dragonfly began as a grub at the bottom of the weeds in the muddy pond. One day an irresistible longing seized his inner being, and he climbed the stock to the upper world. As he did so, and emerged into the sunlight, a strange something happened; the skin split and from the grub-like body there emerged a creature with gossamer wings that flits from weed to water lily.

Nature is full of such analogies. If God does such wonderful things in the lower orders of life, what will He not do with the creature whom He created in His own image?

BELIEF IN HELL

David C. Lamb, 83-years-old Salvation Army Commissioner in England, says that "people must be made to believe in hell and the devil before there will be any hope of world peace." They need such an incentive to help them do right—but it seems that a great many people are determined not to believe in hell until they get there!

A NEW NAME

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, over 17,000 people have changed their surnames into Hebrew ones. They have taken a new name. Soon we too shall have a new name. If we are overcomers we shall go to our heavenly Jerusalem and get a new name which is better than any the earthly Jerusalem can offer; for God has promised He will write upon us *His* new name. Revelation 3:12.

ACTRESS GIVES UP CAREER

According to *Christian Life*, Colleen Townsend has given up her movie career for Christ. The beautiful 21-year-old girl reportedly was on the threshold of stardom; the promises of fame and wealth were virtually in her hand; but she found Christ as her personal Saviour at the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood and plans to enter a Christian school next September to give herself entirely to a life of service for Him.

FIVE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

1. The falling away from the true faith, side by side with the development of spiritism and other evil cults. 2 Thessalonians 2.
2. A mighty and miraculous return of the Jews to Palestine from all countries. Isa. 11:11-16; Jer. 16:14-15.
3. A state of licentiousness which is leading to a condition comparable to the days of Noah, and to the days of Lot. Luke 17:26-30.
4. A time of worldwide terror and commotion caused by threats of war, international rivalries, political discontent, labor strife, and social instability. Luke 21:7-28.
5. The evangelization of the world as a last call to the marriage supper preparatory to the coming of the world's true King. Matthew 24:14.

REAL APOSTASY

In the first issue of *The United Church Observer* for 1950 there appears an article under the caption, "The Perplexities of an Honest Preacher," in which nearly all the fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures are denied, and especially the Resurrection. Here is part of it:

"Easter is a difficult time for honest preachers. The writers of Holy Scripture naturally accepted the view of the world as described by the best scientists of their day; the earth was flat and square with four corners; above was heaven or the heavens containing the sun, moon, and stars and 'things celestial' . . . Consequently it

was natural for these writers of the gospel story to picture Jesus as descending . . . into hell and then ascending into heaven to sit at the right hand of God. All the pieces of this picture fitted together very nicely, and with it the idea that Jesus will come again from His heavenly home to set up His kingdom on earth. But what happens to the honest preacher who naturally accepts the modern view of the universe, as described, for example, by Sir James Jeans in his *The Mysterious Universe*—stars that are suns and as numerous as the sands of the seashore, distances that are beyond computation, the earth a very little planet clinging mysteriously to its mother sun! No heaven above, no hell below, no ascending or descending—all gone!

"The honest preacher tells his people that, and they are bewildered unless, or until, they find a larger faith. But the point is, this modern view of the world makes many features of the Easter story and subsequent events sound ridiculous. Did Jesus' resurrected body really go up into the air? The early Christian believed so—at least, some of them. Did they really expect a physical body to return down out of the air? They honestly thought so. But how can we honestly think so, today? Yet so many preachers, many of them reputedly learned, pay lip service to these ideas of a resurrected physical body ascending and descending! The poor honest preacher telling his people what he really believes about it all is discounted and placed under suspicion for his lack of orthodoxy."

"Poor honest preacher," indeed! We naturally pity any poor preacher who loses his faith in the clear teachings of the Bible—but if he is really honest he will leave the pulpit and find some honorable way of making a living, rather than continuing to pose as a minister of the gospel. A man who no longer believes that there is a real heaven, an eternal hell, and a literal resurrection may nurse his doubts if he so desires but he has no right to occupy a Christian pulpit and infect others with his unbelief. "Beware of the leaven of the Sadducees," said Christ.

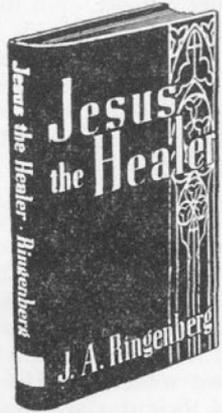
THE EMPTY TOMB—OUR FORTRESS

Alexander Maclaren said: "If the resurrection goes, the supernatural goes; if the resurrection remains, the door is open for the miraculous. We hear all round about us today, in all sorts of voices, the declaration that all miracle is impossible. There is one fact that stands on its own appropriate evidence, evidence which I venture to say is irrefragable, viz., the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which shatters all such contention. The fact is the key of the position. Like some great fortress, standing at the mouth of the pass into the fertile country, as long as it holds out, the storm of war is rolled back in broken foam from its firm battlements; if it yields, all is surrendered. Round the alleged fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ turns this whole controversy, and more and more it will be manifest that any theory of the relations between God and man which is not able to find a place for the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is unable to hold the field. All sorts of preposterous theories to account for the belief in it upon natural grounds spring up, generation after generation, and generation after generation are swept away into the dust-bin of forgotten absurdities, and the old message stands, *Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.*"

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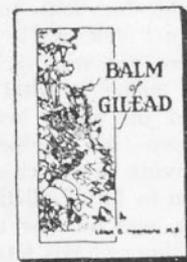
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THE CHILD SAMUEL

Lesson for April 16

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Samuel was a much desired child, welcomed by his mother, but dedicated to God from earliest youth. ch. 1:2, 24-28. The tabernacle of Israel ought to have been the most sacred place in Israel. We regret that it was not. The sons of Eli, instead of being exemplary priests, were "sons of Belial," or "base men," ch. 2:12. They desecrated the sanctuary with their immorality, and defiled the sacrifices by their conduct. ch. 2:13-17, 22. All the forms of religion were there, but without character. We must guard lest being "religious" take the place of being "righteous." It is easy to let divine things become commonplace and to deteriorate, unless we "watch and be sober."

"The word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." This means, "The word of the Lord was rare; there was no frequent vision." ch. 3:1, R.V. To bring the lesson down to our days we might say, Corruption in the pulpit discouraged the people (ch. 2:17) and grieved away the Spirit of the Lord. All that remained in what was called The House of God was formality, perversion, and disheartedness. Hardly can we pass this over without pointing our finger at formal religions of today, such as Roman Catholicism, but we must beware lest we fall under the same condemnation.

1. Faithfulness in the midst of unfaithfulness.

Samuel was but a little boy when his mother brought him to live at the tabernacle, putting him under the care of the high priest Eli. There he "ministered unto the Lord before Eli," doing such chores as Eli thought him equal to. There he grew up amid the altar, the curtains, the candlestick, the golden boards, the priesthood, and the sacrifices. He was instructed in the ways of the Lord by this godly high priest. The environment should have been holy, and was holy except for the example of Eli's wicked sons.

Environment must be taken into consideration when parents plan for their children. The place where we live, the people with whom we associate, our own conduct impress and tend to mould life's future. The Christian example in the home, consistency of the walk of parents, reverence for God and the house of God, all help to direct the future of those we love. We cannot, however, live entirely on the fruits of environment. Youth must know that the world is sinful; must be taught to depend on convictions within, and thus enabled to resist evil from without. With Samuel the question was, Would the teachings and example of godly Eli influence him more than the evil conduct of Eli's sons? Eli's influence prevailed, coupled with a disposition that by nature responded to God.

2. Submission of old age.

Not once do we read of criticism of the personal life of Eli. He feared God. He revered God's house. People had every reason to believe in him. Nevertheless he was pulled down in his erring sons. "Now Eli was very old and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel." ch. 2:22. His eyes had become dim "that he could not see." ch. 3:2. Did his ungodly sons take advantage of his old age and infirmity? I think they did.

Eli remonstrated, but did not put his words into actions. His sons' abuses of their sacred office were enough to have warranted their being stoned in Israel. The kind father said, "Why do ye such things? Nay my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress." ch. 2:23, 24. Eli spoke well, but failed to support his words with vigorous action. We find this gentleness manifest in many parents as they grow older. We do not mean that they tolerate gross evil; but compare how stern were some parents with their first born, and how lenient with the child born in later years. Let us look at grandparents. When young, they were strict with their own, but the grandchild can run the house!

Samuel, when he was old, fell to a degree into the same weakness as Eli. He loved his sons and wished to make a place for them. Exemplary in his own character (1 Sam. 12:3), he would make his sons judges over Israel (ch. 8:1), sons that were not worthy. v. 3. Did he make a vital mistake? Did his aging heart ascend above his noble reason? Having been such an inspiration to Israel all through his life, was he now to mar his testimony? His interest in his unworthy own provoked the elders to ask a king that they might be like all the nations. ch. 8:5.

3. Willingness without understanding.

We return to the childhood of Samuel. Because God was unable to speak to those who were older, He spoke to the child. God is not limited. "A little child shall lead them." Does this not also mean that God uses the childlike? Samuel had been accustomed to the performance of duties at the tabernacle, but the voice of God was not heard. Formality ground out its routine; spirituality was dead. Then the Lord spoke. Samuel thought it was Eli calling him, and obediently he re-

sponded to the call. Being assured by Eli that he had not called him, he returned to his bed. Not until the Lord had called his name three times, and he had three times run to Eli, did Eli detect that the Lord was seeking to speak to the child. Then he instructed him.

4. Obedience when instructed.

When Eli told Samuel how to answer if the voice came again, Samuel listened, then he heard the voice. His answer was, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." ch. 3:10. We cannot but admire the sweetness of Eli, his kindness and his influence on the life of Samuel, even though we regret his softness in dealing with his wayward sons. If he was not calling for Samuel, certainly it must be God. He would have the child recognize and respond to the voice of the Lord, little knowing what the voice would say.

5. A chilling message.

What a message for a child to receive! It was so severe that "both the ears of everyone that heareth it shall tingle." Eli's house should be judged. The priesthood should pass to others. From this let us learn that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Eli must reap the fruit of his own weakness. His sons must reap the reward of their sins and desecration. Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. Finally, "Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him," and Eli, bowing to the decision of the Lord, replied, "Let him do what seemeth him good." Eli in his old age seemed willing to yield to anything. God give us grace to be true to Him and to righteousness, both in our youth and in our old age.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Risen Master: Lesson for April 9. Lesson Text: John 20:19-29.

HIS SERVANTS KNOW HIS VOICE



OUR HOME FRONTIERS

ALASKA...RURAL AREAS...DEAF-MUTES
JEWS...PIONEER FIELDS...PRISONERS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE GROUPS IN U.S.A.
AMERICAN INDIANS

"I WONDER——"

"Who is Jesus? Could it be that my father is mistaken?" Sammy's twelve-year-old mind is caught in the conflict that has tormented his people for twenty centuries; for Sammy is Jewish. Tomorrow night begins the Passover, and even now he can hear his mother and sisters downstairs finishing the details of preparation for this very special season of the year. Already a feeling of awe and anticipation is settling down upon the house. In past years Sammy has been thrilled with all this unusual activity, and has always listened with a solemn interest to his father's telling of the first Passover so long ago, and of the Messiah who was yet to come. And always before this, Sammy has been eager to add his petition to his father's—that their Messiah might come quickly.

But tonight Sammy is puzzled. It was just this afternoon that he was at Nathan's home, and he and Nathan had heard Nathan's father and Dr. Young talking. The boys listened at first with the curiosity of any child in an adult conversation; but their interest mounted when they heard the doctor talking about Jesus. He was reading from their Scriptures and explaining that Jesus had fulfilled the promise of deliverance and had become their Passover. In Sammy's home no one was even allowed to speak of Jesus. Sammy could still remember the time he had asked his father about Jesus—how angry he had become, denouncing Him and declaring Him to be an impostor and a curse to their people. Was it possible that his father could be wrong?

Dr. Young had planted in Sammy's mind the

question that perplexes thousands of Jewish young people today. They are torn between the teachings of their parents, and a yearning in their hearts that remains unsatisfied.

It sometimes takes many months of patient, faithful teaching to win these innately religious people to Christ, and not all who hear will accept. However, though we cannot bring everyone to Christ, we are responsible to point the way, persuading wherever possible. Each time a Jewish man or woman, boy or girl is converted, it is the result of much concentrated, prayerful effort on the part of our workers.

This great task requires funds, which we are only too glad to provide when we have them, but right now we are appealing to our readers to help provide the money necessary to continue giving out the message "to the Jew first. . . ." Remember, there are many who, like Sammy, are wondering. Perhaps the next time they hear will be the time when they will decide to accept Jesus as the Messiah for whom they have been longing.

Will you join us in our work among the Jewish people? Contributions should be sent to the Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.

A JEW AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

Israel I. Saxe, writing in *The Jewish Era*, testifies: "I remember I burned about six New Testaments, but the seventh one burned me. When I received the seventh New Testament I decided to read it for the sake of education only. I at first struggled against the prejudice of the name Jesus Christ. . . ."

Then I took a large sheet of paper and marked down all the Old Testament Messianic prophecies I could remember, and I also read the Old Testament that I might be sure I had all the Old Testament promises of the Messiah. Then I compared their fulfilment in the New Testament. After doing this I could not help but accept Jesus as the Messiah." A good suggestion for other sincere Jews.

THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

(Continued from page three)

Risen Christ. Is not this witness with us still? The power that started Christianity has not deserted us and is the guarantee of the ultimate triumph of the Kingdom of God.

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. "If Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins." Is Christian experience the result of a delusion? We know what a difference the Christian message made in the lives of the Corinthians. "To Corinthianize" was a proverb in the pagan world for a life of shameless abandonment to moral evil. "And such were some of you," said the apostle. "But ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God." We may watch the operation of this miracle in our own times wherever Christ is apprehended in the power of His resurrection. Is it the influence of a myth?

THE HOPE OF THE BLESSED DEAD. "If Christ hath not been raised . . . then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished." Many of these had died as martyrs. "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they

were slain with the sword." "Yet in all these things," Paul exclaimed with jubilation, "we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Could he forget the face of Stephen in the hour of mortal agony? Was Stephen the victim of a delusion when he beheld the heavens open and saw his Lord in the glory of God, ready to receive his spirit? That sight filled his heart with peace and love, enabling him to pray for his murderers and to fall asleep in peace with God and man. The holy dying, as well as the holy living, of the saints is a witness to the resurrection.

The resurrection of Christ demonstrated the exceeding greatness of God's power. That self-same power works in all true believers; it is above every other power. It has enthroned Jesus in the heavenly world. It wants to enthrone Him in our lives. It waits to be appropriated by faith, so that it may triumph in our particular case. It is an inexhaustible supply. Its secret and silent influence can enable us to live as those "risen with Christ," above the seductions and defilements of the world, to "seek those things which are above."

AMID DEATH—LIFE

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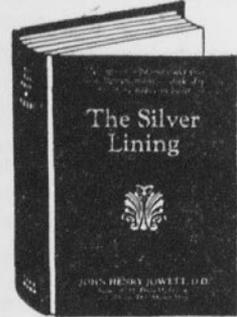
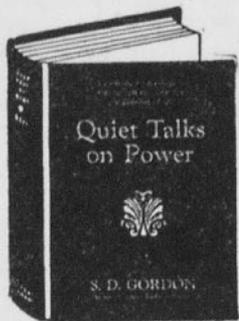
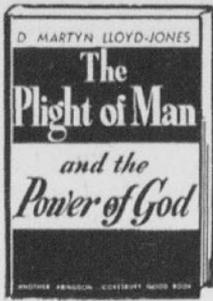
man arose from the litter, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

I've thought about that so many times; Christ is the answer to the problem of death. This whole world is one long funeral procession. Men and women by the thousands are stepping their way into the jaws of eternal damnation. High-sounding programs of self-rehabilitation, programs of social gospel or raising a moral ethical standard, will not halt that procession to eternity for one split second. The only One who can stop a soul on the way to eternal death is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can give life where death is inevitable. He is the only One who can call a halt to that mad rush to eternity. Have you ever thought of it? "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." That's the message of Christ to the dead young people of our generation. That's the message the Lord has for the countless thousands of those who, unless Jesus does speak to them, are doomed to eternal damnation. Somehow I feel that we need to sense the value of the soul.

I was elected by the Christian businessmen to be director of Youth for Christ for the city of Ottawa, Canada. A Christian businessman in the city said to me, "You know, I like the work you're doing; but to tell you the truth, your church is just too emotional for me." I said, "Is that so?" "Yes," he said, "I like religion but I don't like so much emotion with it." I said, "My friend, did you ever think about Jesus being emotional?" "I never thought that He was," he replied. "Yes, I'd like you to go with me and watch Him. I'd like you to see Him look down over a city and weep and cry, 'O Jerusalem, . . . how oft would I have gathered you, as a hen gathers her chicks, but ye would not.'"

My friend, until you have caught that spirit you have never caught the spirit of Christ. That's true emotion. I thought not long ago of the days gone by when I used to pray and weep for the souls of men; when I used to awaken in the middle of the night and a burden would come over my soul. I'd crawl out of bed and





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get down on my knees and pray, "O God, save somebody." Then I saw that thing sort of pass out of my own heart and life. I saw myself getting busier and busier in the work of God; constantly going on doing things that I thought were pleasing to God; so busy that God couldn't touch my heart; so busy that I had lost the burning passion for the souls of men. That thing swept over me one day. I was in my office. I broke before God and said, "O God, somehow give me a burden for the lost. I'm not particularly visionary, but something gripped my soul. I got out of my office as fast as I could, entered my car, and drove right down to the parliament buildings. It was a cold, blustery day. There weren't many people around. I got in the elevator and went to the top of the Peace Tower, the most magnificent Gothic architecture in the world. I threw my overcoat around me, went out on the Peace Tower (one of the tallest spires in the Dominion of Canada), and looked all over the city of Ottawa. I said, "O Christ, somehow help me to feel what you felt that day you looked over Jerusalem. Help me to know that down there are men and women who do not know Christ. Give me a burden for the souls of men." I stood there and cried my heart out to God. I've seen more souls won to Christ in the last few months since that prayer, I suppose, than in all the rest of my ministry put together.

Come with me once more to the pages of Scripture. This is not spring sunshine; it's dark and gloomy. It's a couple of mornings after the Crucifixion. Two broken-hearted women in the early hours of the morning are making their way to the tomb. I don't know what their conversation was. Maybe they couldn't even talk. There was a great choking in their throats. Their Master was gone. They had stood by and watched Him die. And in that hopelessness which comes with the irrevocability of death, they wended their way that gloomy morning to the tomb. Read Mark's account. You always thought there was an angel in that tomb, didn't you? Of course, in one of the other records it says there was. But in Mark 16 we read that there sat on the stone a young man who said to them, "He is not here," and then, "go and tell." What a message! What a mission!

My young friend, that's exactly what Jesus offers you today. We are living in a sepulcher of the world. Death surrounds us everywhere we turn. Men and women try emotional pretense; they laugh with cold laughter; they try their best to keep their frozen smiles working, to get off their shoulders that gloomy, clammy feeling of impending disaster. But try as they might, death still stands over this whole universe. We live in a sepulcher; we work in a sepulcher; we breathe the atmosphere of death everywhere we go. Every step we take, it's death, death, death. The man on the street knows not but that the next moment he will be blasted into eternity with countless thousands of others because some nation has taken it in their hearts to drop an atomic bomb. Don't tell me I'm just talking fancifully. I know what I'm talking about. My friend, if I didn't have Jesus Christ in my heart, highly strung and sensitive as I am, I would go crazy. Impending disaster that somehow seems to be in the very atmosphere would drive me beyond the border of sanity. Don't think you're any better than others. Countless thousands have done just what I'm telling you about—gone to that breaking point, placed pistols to their

temples, taken poison, jumped off bridges, because they were afraid to live.

But, Hallelujah! In the midst of impending doom and disaster you and I can sit right on the very tombstone itself and say, "Why, you'll never find what you're looking for here. He isn't here! He's risen! Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along the narrow way." In the midst of the stench of death, you and I can preach a living, resurrected Christ. That's the message of the hour—the glory of the resurrection.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RESURRECTION AND PENTECOST

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will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh"—a universal outpouring accompanied by prophecy and dreams and visions. Isaiah also had declared: "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."

Centuries rolled on, however, and still these glorious promises awaited fulfilment. Then came the Redeemer, but still the promised outpouring of the Spirit tarried. What was the reason for the delay? The Saviour told the people that rivers of living water would flow from the inner life of the man who believed on Him. Then there is recorded this explanatory note: "This spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: FOR THE HOLY GHOST WAS NOT YET GIVEN, BECAUSE THAT JESUS WAS NOT YET GLORIFIED." John 7:37-39. This explains it all. There could be no Pentecostal outpouring until Jesus had risen from the dead and had been glorified at God's right hand. When the Lord went up from earth to heaven, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven to earth.

The Resurrection of Christ was to the Disciples a Guarantee of the Sending Forth of the Spirit.

They had been sad and troubled when they learned that Jesus was soon to go away, and the Saviour had sought to comfort them. Twice over He had said: "Let not your heart be troubled." Then He had announced the coming of the Comforter, who would never go away or leave them. He told them: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." "If I depart, I will send him unto you." John 14:16; 16:7. They began to realize that it was expedient that Jesus should go away, for otherwise this "other Comforter" would not come to them.

The departure of Jesus, therefore, acted as a guarantee that He would send the Holy Spirit. After He had left them, He promised that He would pray the Father on their account. Now that meant that He would be raised from the dead—a dead Saviour could not "pray the Father." To do this He must be raised from the dead.

As soon as the Lord took His place at the right hand of the majesty on high, He remembered those disciples waiting, as He had commanded, in the upper room at Jerusalem, and He proceeded to do as He promised—He prayed the Father to bestow the promised Comforter. In answer to His high-priestly prayer, Jesus "received of the Father the promise of the Holy

Ghost." Acts 2:33. Christ then began to pour out the Spirit upon the waiting company in fulfilment of the promise made to the disciples before His death: "I will send Him unto you."

An Ever-Living High Priest at God's Right Hand Still Continues to Baptize Believers in the Holy Spirit.

The amazed onlookers on the Day of Pentecost heard a group of 120 men and women magnifying the Lord in new tongues, and they exclaimed in wonder: "What meaneth this?" Thereupon Peter, not now speaking in tongues but in a language which they all understood, proceeded to give them an explanation of these strange happenings. He told the great crowd which had gathered that the One whom their rulers had crucified seven weeks before was responsible for these events. "HE (whom God raised up) hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear."

Five years later, some godly Jews, who had accompanied Peter to Caesarea, were astonished because they heard some Gentiles speaking in tongues and magnifying the Lord. Peter also was greatly surprised, but there came to his mind the words of Jesus: "Ye shall be baptized in the Holy Ghost." In describing the scene afterwards, Peter told the rest of the apostles: "God gave them the like gift as he did unto us." Acts 11:17.

The same thing happened again, 20 years afterwards, this time at Ephesus, when a group of 12 men received "the like gift" and spoke in tongues.

And in this twentieth century, when sincere followers of the Lord Jesus all over the world are speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, the question is still being asked: "What meaneth this?" The answer is the same as was given two millenniums ago: "This Jesus hath God raised up. . . . Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted . . . He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." An ever-living High Priest is still baptizing His people in the Holy Spirit, with the same Scriptural evidence.

EASTER EVERY SUNDAY

The late Dr. Dale was writing an Easter sermon, and when he was half way through, the concept of the risen Lord broke in upon him as it never had done before. "Christ is alive!" he said to himself. "Alive!" And then he paused. "Alive! Can that really be true? Living as really as I myself am?"

He got up and walked about, repeating, "Christ is living! Christ is living!" At first it seemed strange and hardly true, but at last it came upon him as a burst of sudden glory. Yes, Christ is living! It was to him a new discovery. He thought that all along he had believed it; but not until that moment did he feel sure about it.

He then said, "My people shall know it; I shall preach about it again and again until they believe it as I do now."

The living Christ became his one great theme; and there and then began the custom of singing an Easter hymn in his church in Carr's Lane every Sunday morning. A visitor was surprised, on a November morning, to hear the hymn given out, "Christ is Risen: Hallelujah!" He mentioned it to Dr. Dale afterwards and he replied: "I want my people to get hold of the glorious fact that Christ is alive, and to rejoice over it; and Sunday, you know, is the day on which Christ left the dead."

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Coming Meetings

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

HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.—Meeting in progress, Evangelist Ella Olson; Richard Olson, singer. (Thomas E. May is pastor.)

OSCEOLA, ARK.—Assembly of God, Apr. 9—; Evangelist R. E. Gilliam, North Little Rock, Ark.—by Murphy Smith, Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—New Bethel Assembly of God, 2201 N. 8th St., Apr. 9—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bird Campbell.—by G. W. Hardcastle, Pastor.

CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Norman McCutchen is pastor.)

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Apr. 9—; Evangelist W. O. Ziegler. Neighboring assemblies invited.—by H. W. Thiemann, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Berea Temple, Russell Blvd. and Comton Ave., Apr. 9; Evangelist and Mrs. Dean E. Duncan, Denver, Colo.—by James D. Cockman, Pastor.

LANCASTER CALIF.—Assembly of God, Apr. 9—23; Evangelist Carl Stewart, Ft. Worth, Tex.—by D. W. Throne, Pastor.

SWEETWATER, OKLA.—Mar. 26—Apr. 9 or longer; E. C. Lagmay, Filipino Evangelist.—by Erwin W. Moore, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Bethel Temple, 12th and S. Boulder, Apr. 16; Evangelist Otto J. Klink.—by William A. Ward, Pastor.

ELK CITY, OKLA.—Apr. 3—17 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex.—by J. S. Murrell, Pastor.

TAYLOR, NEBR.—Apr. 9—; Evangelists Earl and Helen Cornelison, Kansas City, Mo. (George Robde is pastor.)

HEREFORD, TEX.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist William T. Holcomb, Lomita, Calif.—by S. E. Eldridge, Pastor.

MATTOON, ILL.—Assembly of God, 11th and Prairie, Apr. 5—; Evangelist Hazelle Reed and Evelyn Bethurum of Colorado.—by A. L. Todd, Pastor.

SANTA ROSA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 800 S. Davis St., Mar. 26—Apr. 9; Evangelist Harold Herman, Los Angeles, Calif.—by L. R. Anderson, Pastor.

GLADWIN, MICH.—Assembly of God, S. Antler St., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Orle L. Robinson.—by Wesley Wibley, Pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 207 S. Patrick St., Apr. 18—May 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest V. Berquist, Louisville, Ky.—by Obie L. Harrup, Pastor.

BRUSH, COLO.—Assembly of God, Apr. 9—; Evangelist Bennie Harris. Broadcast, "The Call to Prayer," station KFTM, Sunday 2:00 p.m.—by Peter Pilot, Pastor.

ELVINS, MO.—Flat River Sectional Fellowship Meeting at Assembly of God, Apr. 11. Services 10:30 a.m.; 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—by J. W. Allen, Secretary-Treasurer.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Ebenezer Pentecostal Church, Good Friday, services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. T. J. Jones, North Central Bible Institute, speaker.—by Orval Hulbert, Secretary.

BRAINERD, MINN.—The Gospel Tabernacle, Gillis and "A" Sts., Apr. 9—23 or longer; Frank Lummer Evangelistic Party. Broadcast every Sunday from 8:00—9:00 p.m., station KLIZ, 1400 kc.—by R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

PETERSBURG, VA.—Mar. 26—; Evangelist Floyd E. Heady, St. Louis, Mo.—by Gay G. Benson, Pastor.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 20th Annual West Texas District Council will convene in the First Assembly of God, Amarillo, Tex., Apr. 24—27. J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, guest speaker. First service Mon. night Apr. 24, C. A. Rally. For room reservations write E. R. Foster, host pastor, N. E. 8th at Pierce Sts., Amarillo, Tex.—by S. E. Eldridge, Secretary-Treasurer.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL

North Carolina District Council and Ministers' Institute will convene in Elizabeth City, N. C., Apr. 24—27. Wilfred A. Brown, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. For reservations write W. P. Odum, 714 Greenleaf St., Elizabeth City, N. C.—by Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The thirty-first annual Appalachian District Council will convene at Mt. Hope, W. Va., Apr. 24—27. Monday night, general fellowship meeting. Tuesday, Christ's Ambassadors business meeting. Wednesday morning, District Council business session. Every member of the District is urged to be present, and also a delegate from each assembly.—by S. W. Sublett, District Secretary.

WAUSAU, WIS.—Youth Building, Marathon Park, Apr. 3—14; Evangelist Harvey McAlister. Union meeting, two Foursquare churches and seven Assemblies of God co-operating. Services nightly at 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Broadcast, station WLN, 730 kc. at 10:15 a.m. Mon. through Fri. Harry Waterman, Chairman; Mrs. E. L. Ship, Secretary.—by Michael Vincelli, Publicity Chairman.

GEORGIA PRAYER CONFERENCE

Prayer and Fasting Conference, Apr. 24—26, at the District camp ground, Jenkinsburg, Ga. Conducted mainly for ministers, but anyone may attend. Meeting to begin Monday noon and close Wednesday noon. No planned program; purpose is to seek God and become of greater service to Him. Sleeping facilities free. Bring your own linens.—by R. C. "Keetah" Jones, District Superintendent, 848 Piedmont N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

The Fifth Annual Ministers' Institute will be in Reading, Pa. Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 330 W. Windsor St., Apr. 25—27. Bert F. Webb, Byron D. Jones, and James D. Menzie, speakers. Morning and afternoon sessions for ministers and their wives only. Evening services open to public. Free rooms provided as far as possible. For reservations write J. Clifford Hall, host pastor, 318 W. Douglas St., Reading, Pa.—Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

EASTERN DISTRICT S. S. CONFERENCES

Barnesboro, Pa., Apr. 10, 11; Altoona, Pa., Apr. 12, 13; Lewistown, Pa., Apr. 17, 18. Among the expected speakers: A. N. Chase, District Superintendent; District Sunday School Representative; Sectional Sunday School Representative; Sectional Presbyter; and other ministers of the Section.—Edwin C. Schmid, District Sunday School Representative.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

South Dakota District Council will convene in Watertown, S. Dak., Apr. 11—13. W. A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker. Harold Carlbloom, missionary speaker. Services 9:30 a.m., 2:00, 6:15, and 8:00 p.m. daily. Business sessions 10:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., daily. For information write G. A. Wacker, host pastor, 201-4th Ave. S. W., Watertown or W. E. Cummings, District Superintendent, 410 E. 6th Ave., Mitchell, S. Dak.—by W. E. Cummings, District Superintendent.

ANNUAL N. A. E. CONVENTION

Eighth Annual Convention, National Association of Evangelicals, Apr. 18—21, in Roberts Park Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Outstanding speakers of many denominations, including the Assemblies of God. Simultaneous morning sessions will be conducted on Sunday School work, war relief, foreign missions, religious broadcasting, Christian higher education, Christian day schools, youth, home missions, army and navy chaplains, and evangelism. For further information write N. A. E. office, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5. Ill.

SOUTH-EASTERN FELLOWSHIP MEETING

A great Fellowship Meeting will be held in the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Pentecostal Park, Abingdon Highway, Bristol, Va. Apr. 11—13. First service Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m. Services 12th and 13th at 10:00 a.m.; 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Districts participating are: Ala., Appalachian, Ga., Miss., N. Car., S. Car., S. Fla., Tenn., and W. Fla. Students from South-Eastern Bible Institute will sing. A. H. Graves, President of S.E.B.I., superintendents of the various districts, and others will speak. For information write A. L. Chadwick, Box 414, Bristol, Va.—by A. L. Chadwick, Host Pastor.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Southern Missouri District Council will convene at the Assembly of God, 6th and Summit Ave., Sedalia, Mo., Apr. 25—27. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, will speak each evening, beginning with a fellowship meeting Mon., Apr. 24, 7:30 p.m.

The credentials committee will meet all applicants Mon. at 2:00 p.m. Tues. is C. A. Day and all matters of C. A. business will be considered. Opening business session Wed. 9:30 a.m., K. H. Lawson, District Superintendent, speaking. Business to continue through Thurs. Ordination service Thur. 7:30 p.m. For reservations write Pastor George Acree, 1824 E. Broadway, Sedalia, Mo.—by Thomas F. Zimmerman, Secretary-Treasurer.

TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS

The following Texas District sectional conventions will convene for two days and one night, first service 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated:

Beaumont Section, Apr. 4—5, Orange Assembly, Orange.

Houston Section, Apr. 6—7, Central Assembly, Houston.

Tyler Section, Apr. 11—12, First Assembly, Tyler. Lufkin Section, Apr. 13—14, Clawson Assembly, Clawson.

Greenville Section, Apr. 18—19, two nights and one day. First service 7:30 p.m., Denison Assembly, Denison.

Fort Worth Section, Apr. 20—21, Rosen Heights Assembly, Fort Worth.

San Angelo Section, Apr. 27—28, two nights and one day. First service 7:30 p.m., First Assembly, San Angelo.

Wichita Falls Section, May 2—3, Olney Assembly, Olney.

Those desiring either exhorter, license or ordination certificates must fill out an application sheet and appear before the committee in your section. Those desiring to renew exhorter or license must fill out an application sheet. All ordained ministers are required to fill out a questionnaire and hand to your Presbyter. All application blanks to be furnished at time of conventions. For further information write your Sectional Presbyter or the District Council office.—by J. O. Savell, District Superintendent.

Among the Assemblies

ALLEENE, ARK.—We recently had a meeting with Evangelist Charles Harris of England, Ark. and Billie Reaves, co-worker. There were about 15 saved and 12 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.—D. V. Robinson, Pastor.

EUFALA, OKLA.—We have had a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick. No accurate records were kept of this ten-day meeting, but close to thirty were saved and 10 received the Holy Ghost. The town and surrounding community were stirred. People came as far as 125 miles to the services. Several nights the attendance was so large that people were turned away.—Estle Burns, Church Secretary.

SORENTO, ILL.—We came here seven months ago and our hearts were burdened for the souls of men and women. We had a revival with Evangelist Alex Ferguson of Alton, Ill. The Lord honored His Word and several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Later Evangelist Fred H. Brand of St. Louis, Mo., came with an anointed message for the unsaved. A number were saved and filled with the Spirit. Our Sunday School climbed to 127 in attendance. We also had a two-weeks healing meeting. Many testimonies of healing were given.—Powhatan Huffman, Pastor.

PARIS, TEX.—We are praising God for a wonderful revival with the Jones Evangelistic Trio of Texarkana, Ark. The attendance was good throughout. God blessed in a marvelous way and several nights there was no preaching. A goodly number were saved and several received the Holy Ghost. One man, who had objected to his wife's attending the revival, became so miserable that he asked his wife to forgive him. He promised to attend service that night. He was gloriously saved before it was time to go to church. Another man who had been backslidden for over 20 years was saved. Our Sunday School has had a large increase. We thank God for the visitation of His Spirit.—C. G. Nichols, Pastor.