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A NOTE OF THANKS

The encouraging way in which our circulation list has been growing in recent months makes us turn aside from editorial duties for a few minutes and give thanks both to our Lord and to all our friends. We are now printing more EVANGELS each week than at any time in history. Will you not rejoice with us and also join with us in praying that every copy may be a means of blessing and spiritual help to the readers?

There are many reasons why the EVANGEL has a phenomenally large circulation. Foremost is the glorious fact that God answers prayer. Another primary reason is that people today are hungering for the Full Gospel message which the EVANGEL brings. Furthermore, we believe the Lord is graciously helping the editorial staff, the writers of the articles, and each one who has a part in producing the paper. But the circulation would not be mounting as it is were it not for you who are boosting it so heartily in your churches and in your districts.

We have no circulation department at the Gospel Publishing House. Our circulation department is scattered from coast to coast. It consists of the District officials who speak a good word for the EVANGEL at their camp meetings and District Council meetings. It consists of the Pastors who urge their people to read the EVANGEL and who occasionally mention some particularly helpful article in the current issue. It consists of the Sunday School officers and teachers who order the EVANGEL as their adult class paper. It consists of every reader who passes the EVANGEL on to a friend or who orders gift subscriptions.

Because of the good work which all of you have done as members of the circulation department, we are now having to print 132,000 copies of each EVANGEL.

We must mention especially the wonderful job you did during the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. Many of you handed out copies of the EVANGEL as you went from door to door inviting the people to Sunday School. You ordered so many extra copies of the Campaign issue that we had to keep our big printing press running day and night for over a month. We printed 550,000 copies of that particular issue! Only in eternity will you know all the results from the papers that you placed in all those homes!

Hundreds of you have taken advantage of the special Christmas rate and have ordered gift subscriptions for your friends. For this, too, we are indeed grateful. Time will not permit us to write to each of you personally so we hope you will accept this expression of our thanks.

To those who have meant to order gift subscriptions but have let it slip, may we suggest that there is still time. The regular price of six subscriptions (eight months each) is \$6.00 but the special Christmas rate is only \$5.00. (Price slightly higher outside U.S.A. due to additional postage.)

In addition to the reduced price, we offer a free greeting folder with matching envelope for each gift subscription. We believe you will enjoy signing these beautiful gift folders and mailing them to your friends.

Our daily prayer is that the EVANGEL may accomplish definite results for God in the lives of the readers—that many shall be genuinely saved, and healed, and filled with the Spirit, and drawn closer to Christ by reading the paper. We know that many of you likewise are praying to this end, and we trust you will continue to do so. Your partnership means more to us than words can tell.

ON THE COVER PAGE

The Assembly of God in Normal, Illinois, is located on Franklin Avenue between Illinois Wesleyan University and Illinois State Normal University. Ripley said that Franklin Avenue was the only street in the world that had a university at each end. Believe it or not! But the history of the church, as related by the pastor, is almost as strange as anything Mr. Ripley ever wrote.

It was in June, 1937, that F. A. Mitchell was invited to come and hold a revival for a small group of saints. A lay preacher named M. L. Hardin had gathered these saints together. This man, a barber by trade, is still a member of the Assembly and he is a great blessing to the church today just as he was thirteen years ago. Brother Mitchell was booked for a three-week meeting. There was a real move of the Spirit, and many were saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed in body. At the end of the three weeks the evangelist was asked to become pastor and he accepted the invitation.

The revival continued for months. God had visited the little church, and there were other visitors as well: members of the police force visited every service! The police ordered the pastor to stop the people from praying and displaying so much emotion. The pastor did not refuse to stop the people from praying but he said, "If you officers want to stop the people, go ahead and stop them." Of course, the police would not do such a thing, and after repeated assignments to the noisy little church the policemen began telling the Chief of Police they would not go back.

So the Chief of Police decided to go for himself. He went, and what he saw did not fit in with his particular ideas of religious worship, but he would not stop the service. Threatening many things, he left in a rage.

The pastor was taken before the police court and was ordered to stop the services. However, as soon as he proved that this little congregation represented the General Council of the Assemblies of God the officers withdrew their charges and ceased to make trouble.

The police did not bother them any more, but neighbors did. One neighbor bought the little church in which they were meeting. He paid the same price that the Pentecostal people had offered for the building. The church was torn down and made into a barn, but later the city bought the property for a city well.

With only sixty days' notice and \$75 in the treasury, the church began looking for a new location. Finally they found a good spot and paid \$25 down; then they learned that the property they had bought was not what they thought it was. Someone had made a mistake and had given a wrong address!

A group led by the unfriendly neighbor tried to block the deal by offering the owner a larger sum of money than the church was paying, but the owner turned them down. The group then signed a petition to prevent the church from building, but God overruled that also.

When the sixty days were up, the little congregation was in a basement building of their own. They worshiped in it until spring, then began the superstructure; and in 1941 they had the joy of dedicating the completed building to the Lord. Recently they built an addition to the building making it 91x36.

The building is of lightweight blocks, which will be covered later with Bedford stone. It has exposed ceiling beams. There are fourteen classrooms, secretary's office, pastor's study, nursery, cloak room, balcony, and baptistry. The building has been estimated to be worth \$75,000. The pastor and the men of the church did all the work.

Today the church has the goodwill of the community, but what of the former opponents? Brother Mitchell, who is still pastor, says: "The man that caused us all the trouble at the beginning is a mail carrier, and soon after we started to build he was transferred to the route that passes the church. He has had to watch the great things the Lord has done. Those of the police department that took their stand against the church are all gone. The Chief of Police lost his job, the Judge is dead, the Mayor was voted out—but the church is going strong. The average attendance for Sunday School and church this year has been 165."

"Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the ROCK which ebbs and flows, but your sea."



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Christian Credentials

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From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Galatians 6:17.

THIS AFTERNOON we wish to speak on the subject, "Christian Credentials." Who is a Christian, and what are his distinguishing characteristics or his distinguishing marks? My friend, we cannot depend on words today to tell us who is a Christian, because words have gone crazy. Words no longer mean what they used to mean. Diplomats today do not use words to convey what they mean. They use words to cover up. You cannot tell today whether a person is a Christian simply by what he says, because many a man says, "I am a Christian," who is not a full-fledged Christian. He does not mean that he is a Blood-bought Christian. He does not mean that he is a born-again Christian. He simply means that he has an empty profession.

Modernism today uses the same expressions as does fundamentalism, and yet they do not mean the same thing. Harry Emerson Fosdick, in his book *Modern Youth and the Bible*, declares: "The weakness of modernism is that we have no terms to explain what we mean. We have no definitions. Fundamentalism does have, so we shall use the definitions that they have but place our own interpretation upon them." And so, in our rationalistic, humanistic colleges we have liberals teaching the Bible who speak of Jesus as God's Son, but they do not mean that Jesus Christ is THE Son of God, the only begotten Son of God. They simply mean that He is a son of God as all men are sons of God.

Words have lost their meaning. We have to have some distinguishing characteristic other than a testimony, other than a statement that we are Christians. Paul said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." There are at least four marks of a true Christian.

The first mark that we must bear is the mark of the covenant. Over in Genesis 17, Abraham was given the ordinance of circumcision which was a sign of the righteousness that God had im-

puted to him. God said, "Abraham, as a token of this righteousness which you have, which is by faith, I want you to have the covenant of circumcision." From that moment circumcision became a mark of the covenant. May I say to you that circumcision today is a mark of every Christian. If a person does not have that mark, then that person is not identified with the Lord Jesus Christ. You say, "Brother Smith, what do you mean? That passed away with the law." I'm speaking of circumcision, my friend, as a mark in the heart.

What is the true meaning of it anyway? Turn to Romans 2:28-29. Paul says, "He is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Again Paul tells us, "We are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Phil. 3:3. It means that we are separated from the wickedness of this world and that righteousness is a part of our life. It is a changed life, a changed heart, and a changed spirit, and if we do not have those characteristics we are not Christians.

You say, "Brother Smith, that wasn't the true significance of circumcision back there." Yes, it was. Moses said, "Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked," Deut. 10:16. Again he said, "The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." Deut. 30:6. My friend, circumcision is of the heart and it is of the spirit. It



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doesn't make any difference what we claim to be. Unless we have a new heart, we do not have the mark of the covenant in us.

"What do you mean by a new heart?" you may ask. First of all, it is a pure heart. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Paul said to Timothy, "Keep thyself pure." It means to keep yourself physically clean, morally blameless, and spiritually consecrated. It means also a single heart. We read that the early Christians "did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God..." Acts 2:46, 47. Then it means that we are to have a devoted heart. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." Do you put Christ first in your life? What is the first thing in your day? Is it the morning paper or is it the Word of God? Where is your first love, my friend? It is shown by the things that you put first in your life, in your home, in your business, in your pleasure.

Circumcision is of the heart and it is of the spirit. Over in the 51st Psalm, David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." You know, there are some people who can shout and sing and testify and yet they don't have a right spirit about it. We need to have a right spirit—a loving spirit, a humble spirit, a happy spirit, a willing spirit. And David also prayed, "Uphold me with Thy Free Spirit." Brother, you couldn't say we haven't had a free spirit here in this convention. I haven't seen a bound spirit in the place. I looked around the other night and it seemed to me that everybody in the place was praising the Lord and having a wonderful time. No bound spirit, no quenched spirit, but each spirit free to praise the Lord. I've known some Christians out of whom, when it comes to praising the Lord, you couldn't get a peep. Their spirit was all tied in a knot. But Pentecostal people, those who are baptized in the Holy Ghost, have a free spirit. That is what David meant when he said, "Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me . . . and uphold me with Thy Free Spirit"—a spirit that is liberated, a spirit that has joy, a spirit that can rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ, for we are the circumcision which worship Christ in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh.

So, the first mark that we bear is the mark of the covenant. The second is the mark of suffering. Circumcision entails pain. Even so, my friend, there is a cross in the Christian life. We may not like it but it is there just the same. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up

his cross, and follow me." Paul tells us that if we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him. Many of us sing, "Jesus paid it all," with great crescendo, but when we come to the next words, "all to Him I owe," we change to diminuendo and finally fade right out on it. James and John wanted to reign with the Lord Jesus Christ, and they came to Him and said, "Grant unto us that we may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand, in Thy glory." Mark 10:37. Jesus answered, "Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said, "We can." He said, "Ye shall." You see, my friend, there is a cup before you reign and it is the cup of suffering. We can't get away from it if we are going to be Christians. They that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. If we are going to be Christians, we must bear the marks of the Lord Jesus, and one of those marks is suffering.

It is not all physical suffering. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that mourn." My friend, there is a mental and spiritual agony that souls who are really born again must go through from time to time. We cannot escape it. When Jesus looked over the city of Jerusalem, He wept and said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that stonest the prophets and killest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." The Scripture also tells us that Paul's spirit was stirred within him when he saw the whole city of Athens given over to idolatry. Again Paul says, "I could wish that myself were accursed... for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." My friend, if we have never felt the pain, the sting, the agony of mourning over unsaved souls, we are missing one of the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Ezekiel caught a vision of the destruction of Jerusalem. He saw the six men who came to destroy Jerusalem, and one of the six had hanging at his side an inkhorn. God said, "Wait a minute. Before the destroyer goes through the streets of Jerusalem, let the one with the inkhorn go through and put a mark upon the forehead of all those who sigh and all those who cry for the sins and the abominations that are done in this city." My friends, I believe that God puts a mark in those people who are concerned about lost souls, and concerned about the wickedness in their churches and in their cities and in our world. Don't

try to get away from it. Take that mark. It is a mark of suffering.

The third mark of the Lord Jesus is a mark of sacrifice. God said, "Abraham, I want you to walk before me, and be perfect." It meant sacrifice to do that. God said, "Abraham, I want you to leave your country. I want you to leave your kindred. I want you to leave your father's house." From that time on, my friend, it was a continual sacrifice for Abraham. He had to turn his back on all things he had counted dear. He had to turn his back on his loved ones and go out alone, not knowing where he went. It was a life of self-denial and self-abnegation. Paul said, "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." Christ said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." It takes sacrifice.

A while back someone offered me an honorary doctor's degree. I said, "Well, I appreciate it very much. Thank you for the offer." That is all I said and I walked away. A few days later someone came around and said, "Brother Smith, I think you ought to know that So-and-so is asking various ones for money to pay for your degree." I said, "Don't give him a dime. I don't want the degree." I don't want any degree, my friend, that comes so cheap. Some folk send away and buy a degree for \$50.00 and others just write a theme to get it. But say, my friend, you have to have something in your head to back it up or the degree is not worth \$50.00. You can't buy Christian achievement cheap. You may try, but you can't get it that way. You have to work. You have to study God's Word. You have to sacrifice and pray. You have to really knuckle down if you are going to get something from God.

We have boys over in Korea and what a splendid job they have done! How glorious have been the triumphs as they have marched northward to set the Koreans free. But I want to remind you, my friend, that those victories have not come cheap. They have been won at the cost of blood and of sweat and of tears. It has cost the lives of some of your loved ones and my loved ones, and it will still cost the lives of others, because warfare isn't cheap. And neither is it cheap, my friend, to win in this Christian warfare. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 6:4-9: "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness,

by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live." He says that Christian service doesn't come cheap; there is a price to pay.

We have mentioned the mark of the covenant, the mark of suffering, and the mark of sacrifice. The last is the mark of service. Paul said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus," and one was the mark of service. Look in the palms of your hands, you fellows that go out and do a hard day's work with your hands. Those callouses on your hands are the marks of service. You mothers who work in the dish water and you bemoan the red hands and cracked skin; remember, those are marks of service. We must have the mark of service or we don't bear the marks of the Lord Jesus.

What is the symbol of Christianity, anyway? I see all kinds of symbols. Some folk wear little gold crosses on the lapel of their coat. We don't criticize them for doing that—I've done the same thing—yet I would like to say to you that a polished gold cross is not a true symbol of Christianity. A truer symbol would be an old rugged cross. What is the best symbol of Christianity? In the great stained glass windows in our church in Des Moines we have a cross and a crown. That cross and crown is set in ruby glass and it shines forth with a resplendent glory in the sunshine—but is that a true symbol of Christianity? I hardly believe it is. May I tell you a story to show what I think is a true symbol of Christianity?

Jesus, one evening, after He had finished speaking to His disciples and just before He went out into Gethsemane's garden, took a towel and girded Himself; then He took a basin of water and began to wash His disciples' feet. You remember the story. Peter said, "Not my feet, Lord. You'll never wash my feet." Jesus said, "Peter, if I wash not your feet, then you have no part with me." Peter said, "Oh, Lord, not my feet only, but my head also. Wash me all over, Lord." Jesus went from one to another and He washed their feet. He said, "I've done it to you for an example. He that would be the greatest among you, let him be the servant of all." What is the true symbol of Christianity? A BASIN AND A TOWEL. My friend, if we are not servants, we are not Christians. If we are not serving mankind, and if we are not

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A Sign-Attested Ministry

W. F. P. Burton Answers a Critic

WHEN John the Baptist sent to Christ to ask if He were really the expected Messiah, our Lord said, "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Matt. 11:4, 5. In other words, Christ's miracles attested to His divine errand. His works bore witness of Him. John 5:36. Thus Peter could speak of Him, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know." Acts 2:22.

The early church appealed to God to grant them boldness in preaching "by stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus." Acts 4:30. Were they wrong? At least God did as they asked.

Similarly Paul writes to the Romans, "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." Rom. 15:19. And to the Corinthians, "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders and mighty deeds." 2 Cor. 12:12. Where, my brother, is there any suggestion that God sent out His first messengers with signs, and that to His later messengers He denies such supernatural credentials? Has not the unbelieving world a right to such evidences that God has sent us? That is surely the inference of Hebrews 2:3, 4.

I went for a holiday with a friend, to the little Staffordshire village of G. I did not know at the time of a lonely woman who was giving much of her time to prayer for revival in the place. It was apparently dead. In the two rival Methodist chapels on opposite sides of the street, they had not seen a soul saved for eleven years, and those who "took communion" together at the Lord's table would not speak to each other in the street.

I was a perfect stranger there. One

This is the second in a series of three articles, addressed to a critic who wrote: "Others claiming miraculous powers of healing and gifts of tongues are either deceivers or are themselves deceived."

morning I went into the butcher shop to get some meat for my hostess, and there happened to be a deaf customer in the shop, trying to hear and be heard. As I look back on the incident now it seems that I acted with shocking rashness, but I can only believe that the Holy Spirit directed me, for almost before I knew what I was doing, I put my hands on those deaf ears in the name of the Lord Jesus, and prayed for the woman's hearing to be restored. There and then she found that she could hear, and of course the news went round the whole village; for the healed woman and butcher, together with the customers, spread the report far and near.

Later in the day the same woman sent to ask if we would visit another woman some miles away in the country. She was dying of cancer and the doctor had said he could do no more. They must send to him when the time came for the death certificate. We found her and placed our hands on her head in the name of the Lord Jesus. A few days later when the doctor examined her he was dumbfounded and remarked: "In all my 70 years I have not seen such a thing before. The cancer is drying right up." That same afternoon the vicar's wife called on the poor woman to try to persuade her to resign herself to death, since we were false teachers and it was impossible for cancer to be healed. Miracles, she said, were not for today. The silly woman was a couple of hours too late for the doctor had admitted that they were for today!

The Methodist churches were eager to hear more about it, and we preached in both chapels on alternate nights. First, quarrels were made up, long-standing

debts paid, forgiveness asked for unkind scandal, and then, praise God, souls came forward to the "communion rail" seeking salvation in both chapels. All this was the direct outcome of the incident in the butcher shop, and Christ was glorified in a ministry confirmed by SIGNS FOLLOWING.

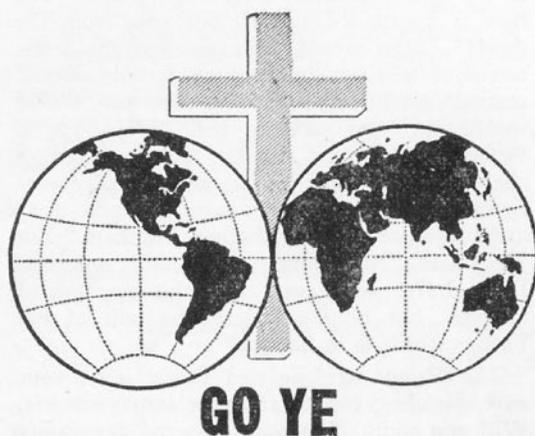
Later, when I came to Central Africa, it was with the fixed idea that we were to fulfil the command of the Lord Jesus to His first disciples when "He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." Luke 9:2. In some 1,500 villages of Lubaland and Songiland we have placed our hands upon the sick in the name of the Lord Jesus. That is just as if He Himself had so acted, for it was in His name—and of course He responded by healing them. I doubt if any one of those 1,500 villages has been without such supernatural healings, and even the splendid staff of Belgian Colonial doctors admit God's miraculous intervention in our testimony.

My brother, by placing an unwarranted barrier between the sign-attested ministry of the early church, and the lifeless, powerless formalism of many churches today, you are robbing my Lord of glory, depriving the gospel preacher of a powerful confirmation to his message, and denying the people a demonstration of God's power. This is a divinely provided key to open the hearts and homes, villages and towns to our gospel testimony. In Acts 4:14 we read, "Beholding the man which was healed . . . they could say nothing against it." One such miraculous demonstration of God's power does more to disarm agnostics than a whole library of Christian apologetics.

I was attending the meetings of an English evangelist in Leeds Town Hall. There were crowds of around three thousand listening to his ministry, and after preaching the gospel of God's saving grace, the evangelist explained bodily healing to the people and prayed with the sick.

One afternoon a big powerful man struggled in on crutches. An accident had left him so horribly mangled that his distorted ankles had turned and his feet faced backward instead of to the front. We went to where he sat hunched together on a chair, and asked if we could try to make him a little more comfortable, but the poor fellow said, "No! leave me. I'm never comfortable."

After the evening meeting they prayed with him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and later as he was leaving the meeting, my friend Wigglesworth was walking with his two daughters just ahead of the cripple, and had
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The Prince and the Pauper

Maurice E. Lamb

There was a certain rich man . . . and there was a certain beggar . . . Luke 16:19, 20.

THESE ARE the words of our Lord Jesus—eternal and immutable! Many would argue that this is but a parable, spoken only to illustrate some truth. Others, like myself, believe it to be the history of an actual occurrence. Whether this account is parable or history, it contains truth which ought to startle every one of us. We see immediately three contrasts of two men:

The Contrast in Life

Dives, for such is his identity in the Greek, was prosperous and popular, enjoying a life of luxury, ease, and contentment. And Lazarus was a beggar; rendered useless to society by a loathsome affliction. Dives, surrounded by servants, clothed in finery, engaged only in entertainment, daily feasted upon every delicacy wealth afforded; while Lazarus, swarmed by mongrel dogs, dressed in the cast-off rags of trash-heaps, starved for want of the barest essentials of existence!

Dives was no fiend, but just an average man who had prospered. He did not molest or abuse Lazarus; he merely ignored him. He was not lost because of his wealth, for Lazarus finds comfort in the bosom of Abraham, a man of remarkable riches! To have money is no sin, but to have money and to use it only for earthly enjoyment with no investment in eternal enterprises is sin! Neither was Lazarus saved for being poor; for poverty is no more saintliness than gain is godliness. But Dives was satisfied with earthly pleasures, and so completely satisfied that he had little or no thought for eternal treasures; whereas Lazarus found life so bitter and empty that he made sure of his welfare hereafter! Whatever his lot in life, heaven was his!

So earth's prince was honored, respected, successful—his every whim and fancy was gratified—while the pauper, who desired only the wasting crumbs from the rich man's table, was despised and neglected—and considered a detriment to society, unto which the sight of him was revolting!

The Contrast in Death

The beggar died, with none to mourn his passing. I suppose Dives was relieved; for the wretch, whose miserable presence had spoiled the beauty of the landscape, was gone. The rich man also died, and was buried! Flowers of every variety, their beauty and fragrance blended, together with the crowded synagogue, the extravagant eulogies, the lengthy procession, gave unmistakable evidence that a prince had passed away! Lazarus will no more feel the sting of society's cruelties and neither will Dives know, nor appreciate, the last respects paid to him. For death to

him was the end of everything he owned and loved; while to Lazarus it was only the end of sorrow and suffering.

To Lazarus, death was the opening of the Gates of Glory; but to Dives it was the closing of the Door of Doom, shutting off escape and forever sealing him to a fate invited by his crowding God out of his life on earth! To one it was the beginning of a perfect life; to the other, the beginning of an awful and never-ending death. While Lazarus gazed with rapture at the glorious sunrise of unending day; Dives saw only the dismal sunset and shivered in the chilly gusts of gloom as the powers of everlasting darkness irresistibly claimed their prey! As the angelic escort transported Lazarus in bewildered ecstasy to Paradise, Dives was dragged mercilessly away to "hell"! Friend, what does death hold for you?

The Contrast in Eternity

Celestial attendants remove the pauper's rags and replace them with garments of everlasting excellence in texture and design. But Dives is flung naked into unending perdition! For Death has proved him bankrupt—not one paltry thread did he really own! The bliss, the glory, the peace, the comfort, the love, the Joy of God is lavished upon Lazarus. But, with pain, sorrow, and suffering heaped upon him, Dives finds in eternity nothing but torments!

Lazarus had cried for crumbs; now Dives wails for water! On earth, Dives had insultingly ignored the godly beggar; now, in eternity, a beggar himself, he piteously pleads, "Send Lazarus to me!" Such is the penalty of godlessness and greed.

Lazarus may forget the past; Dives must forever be reminded, "Son, remember that thou IN THY LIFETIME . . ." Lazarus is the object of heaven's affectionate hospitalities, while Dives is abandoned to flames and torment. There was a great gulf fixed! God did not fix it—Dives fixed it.

Dives prayed, "Send him to my five brethren—lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham answered, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. If they hear not Moses and the prophets (that is, the Old Testament scriptures) neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead!" Men would have mocked the testimony of a risen Lazarus concerning Dives' eternal condition. They would say, "God would not send HIM to hell"! He was a "good" fellow, an honest citizen—even a church member, for he has no difficulty recognizing Abraham. He even pretends piety and reverence, saying, "Father Abraham." But Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

The Prince of Life and Peace is at your gate, pleading for an entrance into your life. Will you admit Him now, or some day vainly

plead, "Father, have mercy on me and send Jesus unto me?"

"How much do you suppose that place cost?" asked a man of a Christian friend as they passed a beautiful estate. "I don't know how much it cost its present owner," the Christian replied, "But it cost the last man who owned it his soul!" Friend, have you stopped to consider the cost of the life that you are living? "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

No Warning Being Heard

Dr. W. R. Inge, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, addressed the Modern Churchmen's Union a few weeks ago and said: "Of one thing we may be thankful, that the hideous hell-fire theology is heard no longer in our churches" (London Times, Aug. 15, 1950). When Satan heard that, he must have shouted *Amen*. There was a time when Dives (the rich man mentioned by Jesus in Luke 16) might have been thankful that in his church there was no hell-fire preaching to disturb his slumbering conscience, but it wasn't long after he died that he was begging for a faithful preacher of hell fire to be sent to his five surviving brothers to warn them before they too would be cast into eternal burnings.

A SIGN-ATTESTED MINISTRY

(Continued from page five)

reached the vestibule when he shouted, "Look out!" A moment later the man behind was jumping, shouting and swinging his useless crutches in the air. He had suddenly found that his feet and legs had become perfectly whole. He was so wild with delight that he nearly struck one of the daughters with a crutch.

That thing was not done in a corner. Three thousand people had seen him distorted with pain and twisted in body. They now saw him straight and strong. If you wish it, brother, I can get you the written testimonies of several eye-witnesses. Could any man say in the face of such an incident that God does not heal through His servants today? That night so greatly was God's power upon the meeting, over three hundred decisions for Christ were recorded.

I have challenged you to produce a single verse to show that God has abrogated His promise of Mark 16:17-18 to confirm the gospel by the healing of the sick. Paul writes to Timothy, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, THE SAME commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Tim. 2:2. Thus we hand on to others not the watered-down dregs of the gospel, but the same, the very same all-powerful gospel which Christ delivered to His disciples in the beginning, accompanied by SIGNS FOLLOWING.

Such supernatural confirmation is of the very essence of our gospel propaganda.

(Reprinted from a new book SIGNS FOLLOWING by W. F. P. Burton, a British Pentecostal missionary in Africa. Price 25 cents a copy. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri.)

Give the EVANGEL this Christmas.

The author is an Assemblies of God evangelist whose home is at Youngstown, Ohio. He gave this message over The Word of Life Hour, Station WLIN, Merrill, Wisc., October 22, 1950.

Signing the "Good Will Book"

THIS UNIQUE BOOK contains the signatures of more than 25,000 Americans who have each contributed from \$1 to \$1,000 to supply the Scriptures to Japan. These Bibles, Testaments and Gospels in Japanese are being printed and distributed in Japan at the request of General Douglas MacArthur who asked for "a permanent program for furnishing the Bible for the people of every village and hamlet in the land."

The "Good Will book" is arranged by states and cities. A special page carries the signature of President Harry S. Truman and state pages have the signatures of 41 Governors.

A section is devoted to the denominations which have contributed to make possible the distribution of more than 5,000,000 volumes of Scripture in Japan since VJ Day. The inscription at the start of this section reads—

"The national church organizations of America have contributed generously for the distribution of the Scriptures in Japan. Below are the signatures of the leaders of these denominations and communions. The membership of the churches represented is more than 30,000,000 people."

Assemblies of God contributed \$11,198 to the American Bible Society in 1949 and \$6,900 this year through September 30. This money was used to supply Scriptures for people in many languages—including those in Japan.

Weighing 172 pounds, the "Good Will Book" had to be bound in two volumes. It will be presented in Japan early in December. The presentation will be made to the President of the Japan Bible Society, Masaki Imaizumi, by Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett representing General MacArthur.

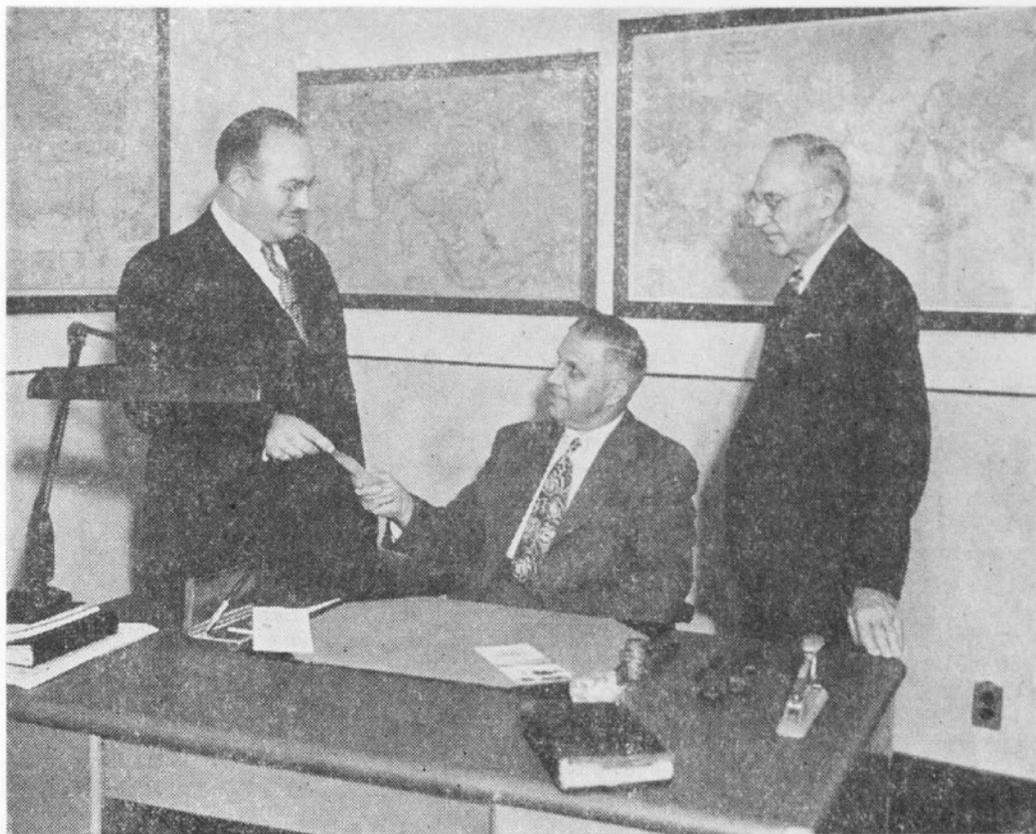
The purpose of the "Good Will book" is well described in the Preface which reads as follows:

TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN

The tens of thousands of American people, whose signatures are herein, present this book as a symbol of good will. It comes with the prayer that both our nations may learn from the Bible the "righteousness that exalteth a nation" and that peace and good will of which the angels sang. God grant that, through the love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ and set forth in the Holy Scriptures, all nations may learn how to live together in brotherhood.

The presentation of this book of good will is, at the suggestion of General Douglas A. MacArthur, made to the President of the Japan Bible Society. General MacArthur wrote on March 1, 1950, "The President of the Japan Bible Society, Masaki Imaizumi, is suggested as the person to receive the signature book. The Society will be the continuing agency through which the work of production and distribution of the Scriptures will be carried on in Japan."

On the first pages herein are the signatures of the official leaders of nation-wide church organizations in America representing more than thirty million people. Each one of these de-



Our General Superintendent, Wesley R. Steelberg, has added his signature to the "Good Will Book" which contains the names of more than 25,000 Americans who have contributed toward Scriptures for Japan. Brother Steelberg is shown handing his signature to C. C. Burnett (Instructor at Central Bible Institute, who serves as a Field Representative of the American Bible Society), while our General Secretary, J. R. Flower, looks on.

nominations or communions has contributed thousands of dollars to the American Bible Society in order to send to the Japanese people more than five million Japanese Scriptures since 1945.

The book contains also the signatures of thousands of men and women and children who have each given from \$1 to \$1,000 toward supplying Scriptures for Japan. Many others have helped in many ways.

The Christian people of the United States and Japan must ever be grateful to:

- the great company of devout and faithful missionaries, pastors and teachers who have brought the gospel of Christ to Japan for nearly a hundred years;
- the consecrated scholars who translated the Bible into Japanese and those who are now engaged in revision of translation;
- the unnumbered host of Christians of many lands who, for more than seventy-five years, have given sacrificially that Japan might have the Word of God;
- General MacArthur and other United States citizens in Japan who, by word and example, have assisted in teaching the Bible;
- the Bible Societies of Great Britain, Scotland, America and Japan which have, first separately, now unitedly, sought to bring the Holy Scriptures to the people of Japan.

With thankfulness to this great company and many not named, and above all, with gratitude to Almighty God, this "Good Will book" has been prepared and presented.

Prepared by the American Bible Society
1950

Signatures are still pouring in and a third volume will be presented in Japan, probably on Easter Day. Those who desire their names in this "Good Will book" can send their gifts, accompanied by their signatures on any piece of white paper, to C. C. Burnett, Main P. O. Box 322, Springfield, Missouri.

The Spirit of Antichrist

The spirit of Antichrist is a deceiving spirit, and it is at work in the earth today. According to *Universe* (July 28, 1950), the handwriting expert who testified to the incriminating documents at Cardinal Mindszenty's trial, Lazzlo Sulner, has escaped to the United States and now publicly confesses that he himself forged the documents. He obeyed Communist orders, he says, for it was a case of "co-operate or hang." This is a warning of what Christians throughout all the earth may yet have to meet before we are caught up and before the Antichrist reigns.

Read the WORD



Join with Christians of all nations
in reading a portion each day

Sunday, Dec. 10 Psalm 119:97-104
Monday, Dec. 11 Luke 15
Tuesday, Dec. 12 Isaiah 40:1-8, 28-31
Wednesday, Dec. 13 1 Corinthians 13
Thursday, Dec. 14 1 John 3
Friday, Dec. 15 Romans 12
Saturday, Dec. 16 Matthew 25
Sunday, Dec. 17 John 3:1-21

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

Thanksgiving to Christmas

Sponsored by American Bible Society

Universal Bible Sunday, December 10

Suffering in Indo-China

Editor's Note: The following article, written by John Olsen, appeared in the Missionary News Letter of the World-Wide Prayer and Missionary Union under date of November, 1950. It tells of the suffering of Christians in Indo-China. As we pray for our own missions and converts let us also remember other Christians. God's protection is needed during these trying days.

"SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, the enemy literally came in like a flood, and we came up against one of the hardest testings we have ever met. As you already know, Indo-China is in the throes of revolution. The insurgents are fighting for independence, trying to throw off the foreign yoke which was imposed upon them nearly a hundred years ago. As in countries occupied by the Germans and the Japanese during the war, Indo-China has its share of all sorts of underground activities. Those taking part in these activities are naturally sought out continually. While some of these are gathered up, many innocent people are also taken, imprisoned, tortured and sometimes executed. Some of our Christians, whom we know to have been innocent, have suffered terribly, and not a few have been killed.

"During the early part of March, 17 of our young people in the Tourane church were arrested. A few of them were released in a short time, but most of them spent weeks in jail. Our hearts were wrung with anguish at the terrible torture some of them had to endure. For days we did little but run from one official to another, pleading for them and

trying to relieve their sad plight. In one case both husband and wife were taken, leaving five small children without food or care. It became our duty to look after them as well as to help the parents in prison.

"After much prayer and intervention all of the young people were finally released. . . .

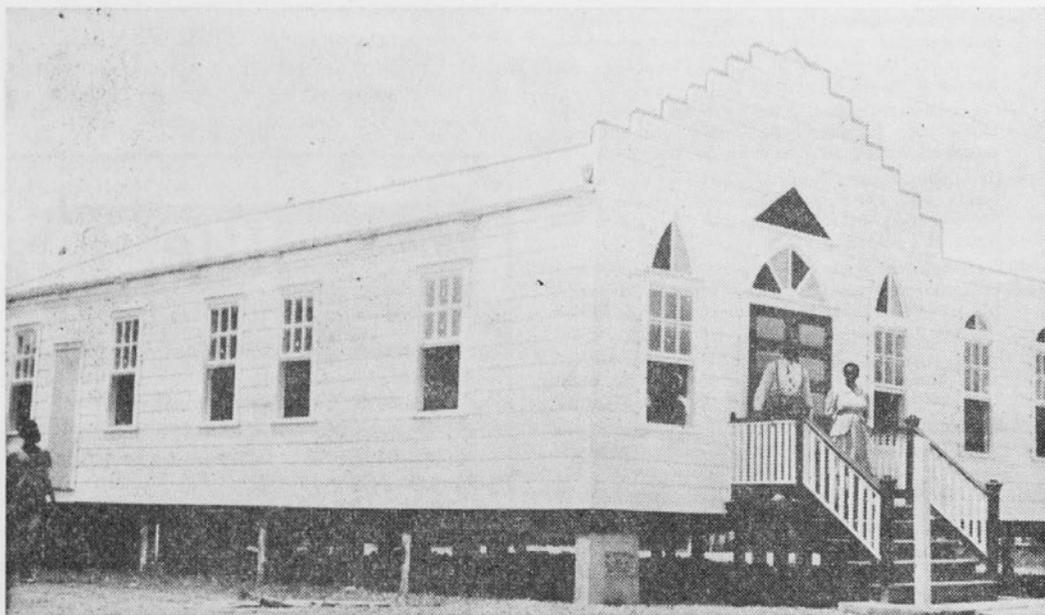
"Yesterday we received news of another tragedy. The pastor of one of the churches located near Tourane writes that two earnest Christians in his church were arrested and summarily shot. One was a woman, mother of seven children, and the other was a young man. Neither had taken part in any political activity. Besides this the homes of 12 families have been burned and all their belongings destroyed. The misery of these innocent people can better be imagined than described. . . .

"The political clouds are growing darker, and the anti-Christian forces are constantly at work to tear down that which God has built up. . . ."

Belize Convention

Malchus B. Bennett

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Assemblies of God in British Honduras was held in Belize from September 24 to October 1, in our new church which was dedicated on September 17. E. R.



NEW CHURCH AT BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS

Shown above is the church recently completed at Belize, British Honduras. The cornerstone was laid on May 31 of this year, the governor's wife participating in that service. The church was dedicated on September 17. Malchus B. Bennett is pastor.

Foster, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Amarillo, Texas, was our convention speaker, and Goldie C. Runyon of Lakeland, Florida, Sunday School Representative of the South Florida District (who is also serving as Sunday School Representative of the Caribbean Area) was with us in the interest of Sunday School promotion.

The Lord was in our midst throughout the convention. Three received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during the time. We know that from the convention will come bigger and better churches and Sunday Schools and an increased effort in the behalf of souls. The time spent together was most profitable.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McGrew, missionaries to Malaya, announce the arrival of a daughter on October 28. She has been named Sharon Jeanne.

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Mollie E. Baird, who has been laboring in North India, has returned to the States for furlough.

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Mrs. Robert B. Thomas of the Argentine field has returned to the States on furlough. Mr. Thomas will remain on the field for some time yet before taking his furlough.

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Irene E. Larson, formerly of the Manchuria and North China fields, was married on November 16, at the Mizpah Missionary Rest Home in New York, to Daniel Brett.

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Ruby C. Nicodem, formerly of the North India field, was united in marriage on November 11 in Chicago to Lewis Peterson.

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Ruth F. Kelley of North India has arrived home from the field.

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Send all foreign missionary offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

SENDING USED CLOTHING

Individuals and groups preparing used clothing for shipment to the foreign fields should observe the following suggestions:

1. Write to the field or to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, to inquire if there is a need for the type of clothing that you have to give—and, if so, where it is needed.

2. When you have learned where the clothing is needed, the parcels should be sent directly to the foreign field. Do not send used clothing to the Foreign Missions Department.

3. See that the clothing is clean and in good condition. Clothing that is dirty and in bad condition cannot be used. The cost of cleaning is prohibitive and materials are not available for mending.

4. Pack carefully. Address plainly. Do not value the packages too highly because of customs duty.

Conferences in Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kolenda, Brazil

DURING THE MONTH of August we conducted three Bible conferences, at Marilha, at Varpa, and at Tupa. Among those attending the conference at Marilha was a young Japanese worker, a seminary graduate. After he finished at the seminary he attended some of our churches and received the Baptism, and now has a fine congregation of Japanese believers many of whom have also received the Baptism in the Spirit. There are thousands of Japanese around Marilha. They are hard to reach with the gospel. Please pray for them.

About 20 years ago close to 2,000 Latvians settled in Varpa where the second conference was held. They had fled from Europe because of religious persecution. Most of them are members of the Baptist church at Varpa although many of them have been baptized in the Spirit. We have an assembly in

Varpa, but the Bible conference was held at the Baptist church which seats around 2,000. Even though our message had to be interpreted from Portuguese to Lettish there was great conviction during our services. A number were at the altar seeking Christ.

After the conference in Tupa we returned to Florianopolis where we were host to the Santa Catarina annual convention. A number of new assemblies have been built throughout the state of Santa Catarina during this past year.

The Virgil F. Smiths have returned to the States for their furlough. We will be taking over their church in Joinville during their absence, and will be looking after the work throughout the district. We attended the farewell service for the Smiths. Their church seats around 600 and it was packed for the service. Twenty-four believers were baptized in water that day.

In checking our records we find that the response to our appeal for special offerings to send to our missionaries and their children as a Christmas gift this year, as in the past, has not been nearly enough to take care of the need. Only a few missionary families could be cared for out of the present amount on hand, and there are several hundred missionary families on the list.

We feel certain that there are many who want to contribute to the fund, but have neglected to send in their offerings. The \$10 that has been sent to the missionaries and \$5 that has been sent to the missionary children in other years has brought considerable happiness to them. In view of the privations which many of our missionary families are suffering to represent us on the fields, the small offerings seem very inadequate in expressing our appreciation during the season when expressions of appreciations are so in order.

If you have an offering no matter how small that you would like included in the Christmas fund to be divided among the missionaries and their children, won't you get it ready NOW before it slips your mind, and mail it in to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri? Simply state that it is for the Christmas offering and we will know immediately what to do with it. Remembering the missionary families will bring happiness to you, we know, as well as to them.

Mrs. Beckdahl was with Mr. Beckdahl on the field at the time of his death. Their son, Samuel T. Beckdahl, is also on the field, having gone to India just this year with his wife and family to engage in missionary work.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

October, 1950

Alabama	1,019.20	Nevada	116.19
Arizona	577.41	New Hampshire	72.10
Arkansas	2,276.92	New Jersey	2,605.49
California	21,293.37	New Mexico	755.97
Colorado	4,548.06	New York	6,033.24
Connecticut	1,243.28	North Carolina	199.04
Delaware	1,035.30	North Dakota	1,721.28
District of Columbia	614.05	Ohio	8,211.61
Florida	1,746.41	Oklahoma	6,512.66
Georgia	782.26	Oregon	7,989.71
German Branch	329.70	Pennsylvania	18,045.16
Hungarian Branch	101.47	Polish Branch	7.00
Idaho	1,393.31	Rhode Island	159.53
Illinois	8,407.52	Russian Branch	35.51
Indiana	2,721.03	South Carolina	221.82
Iowa	3,564.54	South Dakota	917.76
Italian Branch	343.66	Tennessee	679.90
Kansas	4,845.37	Texas	17,610.29
Kentucky	410.66	Ukrainian Branch	105.60
Latin American Branch	79.55	Utah	33.59
Louisiana	671.21	Vermont	70.00
Maine	204.50	Virginia	1,281.27
Maryland	1,065.58	Washington	12,332.78
Massachusetts	504.56	West Virginia	684.16
Michigan	7,370.78	Wisconsin	5,366.85
Minnesota	6,252.42	Wyoming	259.02
Mississippi	471.28	Alaska	141.90
Missouri	8,155.77	Canada	33.00
Montana	1,867.30	Foreign	443.15
Nebraska	2,511.37	Legacies	2.12
		Miscellaneous	41,857.75
Total amount reported	220,913.29		
District Fund	10,492.23		
National Home Missions	2,018.33		
Office Expense Fund	6,432.19		
Literature Expense Fund	148.32		
Given Direct to Missionaries	22,513.34		41,604.41

Amount received for Council Foreign Missions	179,308.88
Amount Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions	3,116.14

Total Receipts for Foreign Missions	182,425.02
Amount Received for Home Missions	10,293.33

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

October, 1950

Belgian Congo	2,053.07	Liberia	9,061.73
Dahomey	4,081.10	Nigeria	4,721.83
Gold Coast	6,784.84	Nyasaland	944.25

Sierra Leone	2,884.97	Mexican work in United States	362.30
Union of South Africa	5,730.04	Mexico	2,504.68
Upper Volta	8,357.10	Argentina	1,782.99
China	6,598.77	Bolivia	1,056.00
Fiji	1,286.74	Brazil	4,394.01
Formosa	429.31	Chile	2,939.79
Hawaii	2,223.52	Colombia	443.00
Indonesia	6,849.83	Paraguay	497.53
Japan	7,047.83	Peru	5,602.55
Malaya	954.59	Uruguay	580.00
Philippines	4,421.60	Venezuela	2,258.94
Samoa, American	158.01	West Indies	9,793.30
Burma	414.75	Entertainment of Missionaries	3,268.77
Ceylon	1,485.01	General Transportation	7,956.93
India	26,622.78	Retired Missionaries	1,068.20
Egypt	4,165.68	Spanish Literature	8,276.59
Europe	5,210.23	Miscellaneous	11,697.48
Iran	125.00		
Israel	81.90		
Syria	99.00		
Central America	5,676.62		
Total Distribution to Council Foreign Missions	182,952.52		
Non-Council Missionaries	2,765.00		
Total Disbursements	185,717.52		
Charged from Hold Accounts	3,292.50		
Total Receipts	182,425.02		

Christian Beckdahl With Christ

Word has been received that Christian Beckdahl, veteran missionary to North India, stationed at Nanpara, Bahraich District, U. P., went to be with the Lord on November 12. He was 74.

Mr. Beckdahl, who was born in Denmark, served on the mission field for more than 40 years. He was an untiring worker, constantly witnessing of his faith, and going for long periods without a furlough or rest. He first sailed for India in 1909. In 1915 he was ordained to the ministry in New York, and in 1919 he received General Council appointment.

EN ROUTE TO INDIA

Arne H. Vick, one of our ministers, who recently sailed for India and Ceylon to engage for a period of several months, at the request of the field councils, in convention and evangelistic work, writes from Athens, Greece, one of his stops: "It has been just three weeks since I left New York. They have been weeks of considerable interest in seeing new places. I had three days in Lisbon, Portugal, where I found quite a flourishing Pentecostal church, though crowded quarters. Then I had four days on the French Riviera, mostly at Nice but with trips to Marseille and Monte Carlo. I spent ten days in Italy, and at Rome I had the joy of ministering in the new church to a congregation of 350. The assembly in Naples was even larger.

"I will be taking a plane on October 8 for Istanbul, Turkey, and expect to arrive at Calcutta on October 12. There will be three days at Istanbul and brief stops at Damascus and Karachi."

SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Lesson for December 17

Matthew 17:1-13

It was but six days since Jesus had drawn from His disciples the great confession of Matthew 16:13-18. At that time He told them that some were present who should see Him in His kingdom. Ch. 16:28. In the Transfiguration this promise is fulfilled. In 2 Peter 1 the apostle tells how we may have an abundant entrance "into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Then, still speaking of the kingdom, he writes, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." v. 16. He then testifies to the majesty of Christ by referring back to the Transfiguration. "For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." v. 17. The Transfiguration is therefore a little foreview of what the glory of our Lord Jesus will be when He comes to reign.

1. A Testimony of a Perfect Life

Moses went up into Sinai to receive the law, and coming down his face did shine, but with a reflected light. It was the glory of God that shone in him. When Jesus appeared in glory in the Transfiguration, it was a revelation of His personal glory. When He comes again it will be in the glory of the Father (Matt. 16:27) and in His own glory (Matt. 25:31).

Borrowing from G. Campbell Morgan we get the following thoughts: "His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white like the light; this brings light prominently before us. His raiment becoming shining, or glistening, exceeding white as snow (Mark 9:2, 3) suggests the sparkling of snow as light shines on it. His raiment white and glistening (Luke 9:29), or dazzling, suggests the majesty of lightning." What a picture of our glorious Lord! Jesus came to earth in humility that He might give Himself a ransom for a lost world. He is coming again to reveal Himself as King of kings and Lord of lords. 1 Tim. 6:15. Then shall the Son of man shine forth in the glory which He had with the Father before the world was.

2. The Appearance of Moses and Elijah

Moses represents the law, Elijah the prophets. Both the law and the prophets had spoken concerning Jesus. Moses himself had said, "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you." Acts 3:22; Deut. 18:15. In detail the prophets had spoken concerning Jesus. Moses had been foremost in leadership in Israel; Elijah had been foremost among the

prophets, so much so that the prophets had said, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Mal. 4:5. Again Moses represents those who have died in the Lord (Jude 9; Deut. 34:6; Josh. 1:2), while Elijah represents those who are translated (2 Kings 2).

All this means to us that Jesus fulfilled the law and the prophets, and that our salvation is in Him. It also means that when Jesus comes again the living will not hinder the dead, neither will the dead hinder the living. "The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:17. John tells us what this will mean. "But we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2. Jesus was transfigured on the Mount, radiating the glory of His Deity; we shall be translated when He comes again, sharing in His glory.

3. The Speech of Moses and Elijah

Jesus had appeared in kingdom glory; did that mean that the kingdom would immediately appear? It did not, for "they spake of His decease." Luke 9:31. In the midst of the splendor of the Transfiguration, the conversation concerned the coming death of our Lord Jesus. The glory of the Mount was to be followed by the valley of suffering. Jesus "must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." Matt. 16:21. It was concerning this that Moses and Elijah appeared.

Before Jesus could be crowned as King, He was to "give His life a ransom." Did Moses and Elijah appear that they might encourage Him in what lay before Him? Let us now gather a thought for ourselves. Each of us is a "companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." Rev. 1:9. Our promise is, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." 2 Tim. 2:12. Paul said, "For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ." 2 Cor. 1:5. We are now following the suffering Savior whose will was wholly given up to the will of God, let God's will bring to Him whatever it might. The time of our reigning with Christ is not yet come. Too many seem not to know that Christian life is developed by taking up our cross daily and following the Lord.

4. The Ignorance of Peter

When Moses and Elijah appeared on the Mount, Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." This gives us the thought of divided worship. How easy to let things related to worship come between us and whole-hearted worship of the Lord. To set up the three tabernacles meant three places of worship, two to the creature, one to the Lord. How much there is of this; people and things take attention. It becomes so natural for man to set up something which the Lord uses, making it an object of worship in the place of the Lord. It was so with the brazen serpent (Num. 21:8; 2 Kings 18:4). God would not have the glory of Christ given to another. A cloud quickly removed Moses and Elijah from their sight while the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." True worship is to center in our Lord Jesus.

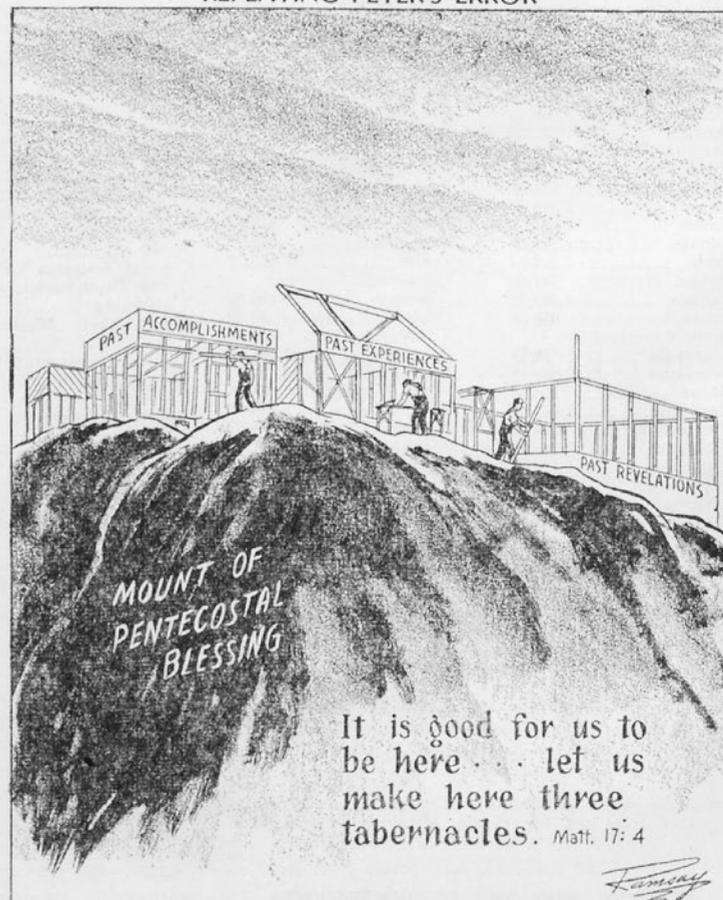
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus Walks on the Water (lesson for December 3). Lesson text: Matthew 14:22-33.

Prayer of an African Christian

"Lord, don't let us be like a hen that should sit on her eggs for 21 days but, just a day or two before they are due to hatch, deserts them—and they never hatch. Don't let us be like that in Thy Work."

REPEATING PETER'S ERROR



If one of Brother Ramsey's cartoons appeals to you more than others do, send us a card about it. The cartoon getting the most votes will be printed as "Cartoon of the Year."

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Shakespeare's Will

It is not generally known that (according to D. M. Panton in *Daven*) the following sentence appears in Shakespeare's will: "I commend my soul into the hands of God, my Creator, hoping and assuredly believing, through the only merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, to be made partaker of life everlasting, and my body to the earth whereof it is made."

Revival in Korea

William H. Chisholm, veteran Presbyterian missionary to Korea, reports that genuine Christian revival has followed in the wake of the war. People in South Korea are more receptive to the gospel than he has ever seen them. Large numbers of pastors have confessed their sin of bowing down to Japanese Shinto shrines. The demands for Scriptures are greater than ever. Communist soldiers, captured by the South Korean forces, are asking for Gospels.

\$25 a Week in Taxes

"The average family," says Rep. Rees of Kansas, "will be charged with a tax burden of \$25 a week just to carry on expenses of government" during the coming year. In other words, he says that it will cost each American citizen an average of \$400 (in hidden taxes and tangible ones) for the year.

We "render unto Caesar" whether we like it or not. How does our "rendering unto God" compare?

The Increase in Marriages

The American people are "marrying and giving in marriage" as never before. Figures compiled by Metropolitan Life show that, whereas ten years ago there were 60,500,000 married people in this country, today there are 75,000,000. This means that two-thirds of the population above 15 years of age are married. With such an increase in marriages we can probably expect a continued increase in divorces, the modern trend being in that direction; but if young people would let God lead them in the selection of a life partner, and if they would establish a family altar in their home, their marriage would succeed. For "families that pray together stay together."

Churches in the Newspapers

The need for trained church reporters was emphasized recently by Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. Secular papers are using ten times as much religious news as formerly, McClellan said, adding that it is only natural for editors to respond quickest to people who can find news angles and write stories. Newspaper reporters seldom go after religious news; it has to be brought to them. One reason why the Roman Catholic Church gets so much publicity in the press is that it is clever enough and energetic enough to train writers and to see that a steady stream of news stories pours into the offices of the news editors.

Alaska—a Mission Field

Out of a population of 135,000 in Alaska, only 25,000 are church members and 14,000 of these are Roman Catholics. The Roman Catholic is the leading denomination, with 50 churches. The Assemblies of God are second, having 18 assemblies. Pray for Alaska and our valiant corps of home missionaries working there.

Modern Martyrs for Christ

Thousands of Roman Catholic priests, monks and nuns have been liquidated behind the Iron Curtain and an uncounted number of Protestants have suffered for Christ since the end of World War II. Bishop Houghton, head of the China Inland Mission, says it is expected that one hundred thousand Chinese Christians will die for Christ this winter.

An Antireligious Institute

Romania's Communist government has organized a special antireligious institute, with headquarters in Bucharest. The institute, according to *Watchman-Examiner*, has been set up to distribute atheistic propaganda throughout the country. Already, the reports state, the institute has received 70,000 antireligious books printed in Russia as a "gift" from the Soviet Union.

Thirty Pieces of Silver PLUS

A dispatch from Vienna states that the Communist-dominated Government of Czechoslovakia is offering Christmas bonuses this year to all "loyal" clergymen who are "devoting their lives to the building of Communism." The amount of the bonus these clerical servants of Stalin are receiving is 1,200 crowns, or \$24.00 in U.S. money.

Comments *Alliance Weekly*: "Judas was paid thirty pieces of silver for betraying his Lord. In U.S. money that amounts to about \$18.00. It would appear that the price for betrayal in Czechoslovakia is slightly higher than it was in Jerusalem!"

Sunday School Attendance

Everybody's Digest of June, 1950, reportedly carried an interesting article on Sunday School attendance, saying: "Though our population has soared by millions in the last quarter of a century, Sunday School enrollment still is about 21,000,000 which it was back in 1926. And on an average, these children attend only one Sunday out of three. Worst of all, another 21,000,000 reach maturity without formal religious training of any kind."

An analysis would show that in many denominations, where the preachers and teachers have ceased to give the members the simple gospel, the Sunday School enrollment has fallen far below the enrollment of 1926; while in aggressive groups such as the Assemblies of God and other evangelical denominations the Sunday School enrollment has been doubled many times over in the past quarter of a century. People are hungry for truth and reality. They want spiritual life and they will flock to any church where they can find it.

Radio Talks on the Bible *

Francis C. Stifler, representing the American Bible Society, will be heard over Mutual's coast-to-coast network each Tuesday morning throughout December and January. His series of talks on the Bible will be a part of Mutual's program "Faith In Our Time" which is heard Monday through Friday at 10:15 a.m., E.S.T.

A Cure for Drunken Driving

According to *Moody Monthly*, a man held in an Indiana court on a drunken driver charge has been sentenced to attend Sunday School every Sunday for six months. If the man hears the gospel and is saved, this may prove to be an effective cure; but if he had attended Sunday School regularly at an earlier age he might never have fallen into this trouble. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Spain Is Still Intolerant

In spite of American protests and a pending American loan of some 62 million dollars, the Spanish Government still prohibits any "external demonstration" or any public activity by any Protestant body.

Recently the representatives of an estimated 15,000 Protestants in Spain submitted a petition to Generalissimo Franco asking for "measures of legal protection." Though they asked for bread they received a stone, for the Spanish Government merely reaffirmed its ban on religious freedom. The Ministry of the Interior declared that while it recognizes that the right of private worship is guaranteed to all creeds by Spanish law, nevertheless the law forbids public demonstrations or any proselytizing or propagandizing by other than the Roman Catholic Church.

The above is reported by Religious News Service. Spain presents a good example of the freedom that is enjoyed in any country dominated by the Roman Catholic Church.

Corinth Unveiled

An interesting sidelight on the gross immorality of ancient Corinth to which the apostle Paul alluded in his Corinthian epistles is now receiving attention from archaeologists excavating in Greece. According to *Moody Monthly*, a colonnade with 33 "taverns" has been unearthed by an expedition sponsored by the American School of Classical Studies in Athens.

Night life in Corinth apparently centered in this open colonnade, 80 feet wide and 500 feet long. Wine jars, mixing bowls, drinking cups and dice, along with flutes played by girl entertainers suggest why ancient Greeks regarded Corinth as the Paris of their time.

These and other objects for merry-making were thrown into the wells of the taverns by the Romans in 146 B. C. when they sacked the city, killed the men and sold women and children into slavery. Even in the apostle's time, however, the Roman-controlled city retained much of its wicked character.

"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." The gospel came to Corinth, and a strong Pentecostal church was established there (Acts 18). The Lord said to Paul, "I have much people in this city," and Paul continued there a year and six months, teaching the Word of God among them. Little wonder, then, that the church of Corinth was so richly endowed with spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 1:5, 7, etc.



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"God has wonderfully blessed me this past week, and answered prayer regarding certain needs in a way that far exceeded my expectations. After receiving so much of the Lord, yet in the natural I was decidedly weak physically. I got very little sleep Saturday night, but wanted to go to Sunday School, so arose at 7:15. Again that terrible spirit of fear tried to come over me. I didn't want to give in to it, but at such a time I am unable to pray or even think correctly. I tried to sing some favorite songs and choruses, but it was no use.

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More Smoking, Less Drinking

An increase of 119 million dollars spent for tobacco, and a decrease of 220 million dollars spent for alcoholic beverages, have been reported by the U. S. Department of Commerce for 1949 as compared to the previous year.

CHRISTIAN CREDENTIALS

(Continued from page four)

...serving God, then we have missed the mark. I think of a schoolmate of mine, Hubert Mitchell. Hubert was called to be a missionary. He went to the island of Sumatra, and there he trudged through the jungles and swamps until the leeches ate through his suit and fastened themselves upon his legs. He cut with a machete a path through the jungle and finally reached the Koooboo tribe that had never been really touched with the gospel. He spent his term over there and returned to America. When he came back home he was loaded with all kinds of mementos and gifts for his friends. He gave some ivory relics. He gave others mahogany. And he gave others mahogany studded with ivory insets. He gave these things to his friends. When it came to his father, he brought out a large package. He looked his dad in the eye and said, "Dad, this is for you."

I was present when Hubert's father unwrapped that package. It was wrapped in newspapers. It was an old boot. He held up that old boot and said, "This is what my son brought to me." At first we didn't catch the significance. Then suddenly, simultaneously, everyone in the place began to weep. What was there to weep about? Why should a father treasure that boot? Others treasure little baby shoes, but what would those boots represent? They represented a godly family that had a family altar when the children were growing. They represented the principles of Christ that were instilled in the heart of that young man. They represented the faithful training he had received from the father. They represented years of sacrifice

and service in Sumatra. They represented Hubert's own blood that had been given for the Koodoo tribe over there. To his dad it represented everything that Christianity in all of its avenues represents. An old, weather-beaten, water-soaked, dried-up boot, my friends, was a symbol of Christianity.

The true symbol of Christianity, then, will be our service—a basin, a towel, a worn-out boot. We must bear the mark to show we have been servants of Christ. There is more to this Pentecostal experience than merely a shout. Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." We are baptized with the Holy Ghost to serve. We have received this power in order to witness for Christ wherever we go.

You say, "Brother Smith, where is my opportunity?" A man once asked, "Who is my neighbor?" and Jesus told him a little story. He showed him the man that was beaten, stripped by thieves and left for dead. Along came a priest, and along came a Levite, and then a good Samaritan. You know the story as well as I do. Your opportunities are everywhere. You can witness to your next door neighbor, your milk man, your business associates, the people on the street.

Again, may I say that the marks of the Lord Jesus include the mark of the covenant, the mark of suffering, the mark of sacrifice, and the mark of service. I wish to ask just two questions. First, are you a Christian? Second, do you have your credentials with you?

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Christmas Is For EVERYONE

Children usually hold the spotlight at Christmas time. Aside from the spiritual meaning of Christmas, it is ordinarily accepted that Christmas centers in the delights of children. But a more delightful Christmas scene could not have been found than the Christmas observance at our Retirement Home at Pinellas Park, Florida, a year ago. Anticipation ran high for days before, and joy was complete when the great day finally came.

Bless their dear hearts! Perhaps Christmas means more to our elderly guests now than it has for many years, for we can easily believe that all during their busy days in the ministry, Christmas to them brought a superabundance of hustle and hurry. Pastors and missionaries have such large responsibilities in getting their churches ready for the "biggest" day of the year. For days ahead, preparations were undoubtedly made to remember the poor with Christmas baskets and dinners. Widows and dependent children of the church and neighborhood must be given a happy Christmas; the young people of the church had to be directed in their singing of carols; the Sunday School children expected the usual Christmas program at the church. One could add numbers of other duties of a minister and missionary in preparation for the Christmas season. No doubt he has longed many times to be able to forget all these demands upon his time and ingenuity, and just spend Christmas in quiet meditation and worship; for, after all, it is the birthday of Christ which we commemorate.

Now, after their busy life has slowed down and their time is their own to reflect and worship, Christmas may mean more to them than it ever has before. Then, too, if there should have been a temptation to discouragement during the past year because of decreased activity, and the possibility that friends would forget since they are not in active ministry, all the thoughtful little things done for them at Christmas time reassure them that they are still loved, and that their noble lives of sacrifice and the years they have contributed to the establishing of pioneer churches, the winning of hundreds of souls, and the lifting of burdens are still appreciated.

Let us share with you a little insight into Christmas at the Home last year. Several weeks before Christmas, large, interesting packages began arriving at the Home, containing lovely, appropriate gifts for each member of the Home family. More than once staff members felt a lump rise in their throats as they sorted and wrapped the gifts.

Festive decorations were in progress a week before Christmas, and how our elderly

guests did enjoy and appreciate everything that was done for their pleasure.

Finally, on December 24, the moment had arrived, and they gathered in the parlor. A beautiful program had been arranged with music, readings, Scripture, prayer and a short message.

Miss Laura Radford's vivid description of Christmas Eve in Bethlehem somehow wrapped the service in an atmosphere of sacred contemplation. Sister Radford for many years was a missionary to Palestine. (Since the observance of last Christmas, she has slipped into the presence of her Master.)

As the brightly wrapped packages were distributed and opened, exclamations of delight, laughter and thanksgiving were un-suppressed. After an early supper these dear elderly saints retired for the night, not with "visions of sugar-plums" dancing in their heads, but a keen anticipation of the delicious Christmas dinner to be served the next day.

So completely enjoyable was that Christmas season at the Home, that for many weeks now they have been looking forward to another lovely time this year. For some it may be the last one, and we feel that we cannot disappoint them. We need your help to give them a few of the extra little treats which will mean so much to them. Time is short. Will you please send your contributions promptly?

CHRISTMAS GIFTS should be sent directly to our PINELLAS PARK HOME, Pinellas Park, Florida.

OFFERINGS should be sent for the RETIREMENT CHRISTMAS FUND to Fred Vogler, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

Relief for Korea

Any who are sending relief to Korea will be well advised to send it through the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals. A number of other organizations are sponsoring relief drives for Korea but anything sent through these other organizations at present stands the danger of falling into the wrong hands, either through the government or through black market operators.

Pathetic appeals have come from Christians in Korea for clothing before winter. The National Association of Evangelicals is anxious to help these believers. Its World Relief Commission and its Washington office have been working on the problem of sending aid to Korea "on an evangelical basis." They find it is impossible to do this at the present time. Free cargo space on Army Transports has been promised but is not yet available.

Evangelicals are assured that when the time comes that relief can be placed in the hands of Christians in Korea to be used as a witness for Christ, their goods will have space "on the first boat." Requests for information and offers for help should be addressed to World Relief Commission (Frank D. Lombar, Executive Director), 536 West 46th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

Relief for Europe, China, and other parts of the earth where we have Assemblies of God missionaries can best be channeled through our own Foreign Missions Department, but in the case of Korea where we have no Assemblies of God missionaries relief should be channeled through the World Relief Commission.

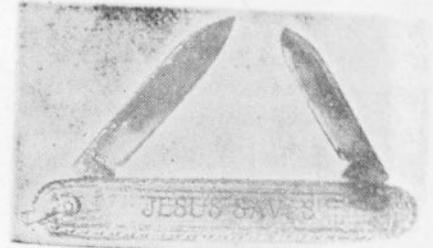
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Washington Street Assembly, Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA CHURCH MOTHERS A NEW ASSEMBLY

The Washington Street Assembly of God, under the direction of Pastor Jimmie Mayo, is to be commended for the step it has taken in opening a new Assembly of God in the East Lake section of Atlanta, Georgia. Brother Mayo's congregation has purchased the East Lake Baptist Church for \$8,000 with a down payment of \$800. It is a good frame structure with auditorium seating 250 and Sunday School facilities for around 400.

During November the "baby church" was promoted as a unit of the Washington Street Assembly. Sunday School teachers and workers were sent there to carry on the services. According to R. C. Jones, District Superintendent, it got off to a good start on Nov. 5 with 58 in Sunday School and 48 at the evening service. Plans called for the new church to be organized as an independent Assembly of God the first Sunday in December, with a full-time pastor.

"The inspiring aspect of this effort," says Brother Jones, "is that Brother Mayo and the Washington Street Assembly will give up 12 families or more to support the new church. There is perfect unity in the Washington Street Assembly, and all of these plans have been made with full co-operation of the official board and members. It just speaks of a real, God-given home mission burden.

"Facilities at Washington Street are full, with an average of over 500 in Sunday School. They can't grow any larger, so they are giving up 100 or more who live in the East Lake section and then they will start climbing up to 500 again. Praise God! This is one of the grandest things that has ever happened in Georgia. There are other large churches throughout the nation that could do likewise."

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

ALTURAS, CALIF.—We are praising God for the good meeting we had with Evangelist Earl Henderson of Oroville, Calif. For eight weeks God met us in a most wonderful way. The Holy Spirit was poured out upon us in old-time Pentecostal power. Our hearts were melted and we reconsecrated our lives to God. Sick bodies were healed and delivered of many afflictions.—William L. Shelley, Pastor.

DELLWOOD, FLA.—We recently closed a three-week revival with Evangelist Annie Sue Nash of Atlanta, Ga. God blessed in a marvelous way. The messages were inspiring and edifying. A number were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—R. G. Hardy, Pastor.

RITZVILLE, WASH.—We had two weeks of outstanding meetings with Evangelist G. B. McDowell and co-worker Paul Glover. Good interest was shown from the very first and the mighty power of God was manifest in our midst. Such conviction gripped the people that entire families came to the altar for salvation. Great numbers of outsiders were brought in. Many backsliders were reclaimed, sinners saved, a number healed, and believers quickened in their Christian experience.

We feel that this is just the beginning of the greatest revival this community has ever known. Many say they have never witnessed such a mighty moving of God.—by Alfred M. Olsen, Pastor.

RICHMOND, IND.—We recently resigned the First Pentecostal Church in Eaton, Ohio, and have accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God here in Richmond. We have been here about five weeks and God is moving in a

mighty way. In the Sunday services eight have found the Lord.

One of the converts is a young mother whose hands have been crippled since the birth of her baby about three months ago. She was unable to hold her baby or do her housework. The night she and her husband knelt at the altar and found God, she asked us to pray for her hands. Nothing seemed to happen, but we felt that God had begun to work. The next Sunday morning she came in the church holding her baby. This past week one of the ladies of the church visited in her home and found her doing her ironing. Before she was prayed for she was unable to do this.

Many new folk are coming and God seems to be preparing us for a mighty move of His Spirit. At present we are worshiping in a basement church, but intend to complete the building as soon as plans can be drawn up. Richmond is a city of fifty thousand. There is no strong Pentecostal church here and this presents a tremendous challenge to us.

We invite all Council brethren passing through to stop and see us. The church is located at S.W. 4 and D Sts., two blocks from route 40 on the west side of town. The parsonage is located at 310 S.W. 3rd St.—Warren Staats, Pastor.

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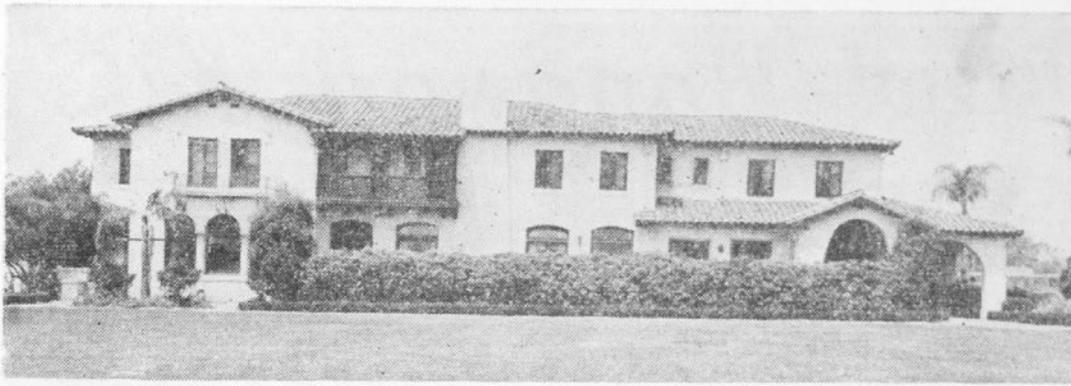
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Bethel Christian School, located at 8211 Brookhurst Road in Anaheim, Calif., is now in its second year. It is operated by T. T. Ward, an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God. Staffed with capable Christian teachers, and equipped with excellent building facilities and supervised playground, the school has approximately 80 pupils enrolled this year.

Brother Ward operated a day school in connection with his Assembly in Wilmington, Calif. When that school was announced in the EVANGEL, many people in various parts of the country wrote to him asking if it could not be made a boarding school. He began praying earnestly about the matter. He did not have adequate building facilities in Wilmington but a year ago last March the Lord enabled him to obtain this beautiful place near Anaheim. It has approximately seven acres of land, and a large home which cost \$124,000 to build in depression days, besides a number of smaller homes and buildings which are used for classrooms, homes for teachers and workers, etc.

He resigned from the Assembly in Wilming-

ton to give full time to this work. There are classes from kindergarten through tenth grade. Both day students and boarding students are accepted; also orphans, and children from broken homes. Those having parents or guardians able to support them are expected to pay a reasonable rate. However, children having only partial support or no support are taken by faith. Brother Ward is trusting God for finances and for qualified help, and God is supplying the needs.

Does it pay to open Christian grammar schools? "Yes, it pays," says Brother Ward. "Nearly every child that has entered our school has been saved, and a large percentage have received the Holy Spirit. The school also helps to increase Sunday School attendance; it enables pastors to reach families that they never could have reached otherwise.

"Catholic parents kneeling at our altar said that such a marked change had been made in their children that they wanted to be saved and make our Assembly their church home. The school also helped in reaching children for Vacation Bible School—our enrollment was 479."

McKINNEY, TEX.—We had a two-week revival with Evangelist Ralph W. Doan of Tampa, Fla. Brother Doan's unique ministry was a real blessing to our church. His beautiful flannelboard illustrations of Bible stories were inspiring. The music was inspirational and the messages were very encouraging.—Earl J. Rogers, Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—We recently closed a three-week revival at the King Hill Assembly with the Calabrese and Duncan Gospel Team of Kansas City, Mo. Night after night sinners came to the altar to seek God. The large auditorium of the church was filled each night. We appreciated the anointed messages and the special singing and musical numbers. The Sunday School averaged over 200 during this meeting. These evangelists helped our church considerably.—C. B. Roberts, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

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

WALTERIA, CALIF.—Dec. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Pruett.—by Fred Martin, Pastor.

WARREN, ARK.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist W. V. Grant.—by H. Jewel Murry, Pastor.

ADA, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Nov. 28—Dec. 17; Evangelist A. A. Allen.—by Floyd L. Poag, Pastor.

CLEWISTON, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Dec. 17—24; C. C. Burnett, Springfield, Mo., special speaker.—by Maxwell Cloud, Pastor.

NEWVILLE, PA.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Rudy Cerullo, Philadelphia, Pa. (Charles Crane is Pastor.)

GLASSPORT, PA.—Assembly of God, 5th and Ohio Sts., Dec. 3—17; Evangelist Horace Roberson. (Howard Sproull is Pastor.)

PUXICO, MO.—Assembly of God, Dec. 3—; Evangelist and Mrs. E. A. Reb.—by L. V. Kitchell, Pastor.

TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.—Dec. 3—17 or longer; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Roy L. Brooks, Pastor.

CHARLESTON, MO.—Nov. 26—Dec. 10 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson, Tulsa, Okla.—by E. E. (Ted) Smith, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, OREG.—Assembly of God, 7th and B Sts., Dec. 3—25 or longer; Evangelist John F. Hauck.—by Arthur Hyland, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Tabernacle, 12th and C Sts. S.W., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles E. Baggett, Plant City, Fla.—by Harry V. Schaffer, Pastor.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Faith Tabernacle, Conklin Ave. and High St., Dec. 3—17; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by R. D. E. Smith, Pastor.

WILLMAR, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, meeting in progress; Christ's Ambassadors' Crusade, Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn. (O. E. Carter is Pastor.)

GREELEY, COLO.—First Assembly of God, 9th St. and 13th Ave., meeting in progress; Evangelist Kenneth R. Schmidt, La Crescenta, Calif.—by Verne J. Crews, Pastor.

CONROE, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Highway 75 at Lewis St., Nov. 26—Dec. 10 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. D. M. Johnson, Wharton, Tex.—by Paul Zook, Pastor.

OPPORTUNITY, WASH.—Spokane Valley Assembly of God, E. 11515 Broadway, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie R. Harris, Loveland, Colo. (Dan Maser is Pastor.)

KANSAS SPEED-THE-LIGHT RALLIES—Scott City, Dec. 5; Morland, Dec. 6; Osborne, Dec. 7; Mankato, Dec. 8; McCracken, Dec. 10, 2 p.m.; Augusta, Dec. 11; Hutchinson, Dec. 12; Iola, Dec. 13; Topeka, Faith Assembly, Dec. 14; Kansas City, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Dec. 15. The "Missionaires" male quartet will be featured in these youth rallies.—by Paul Witten, District C. A. President.

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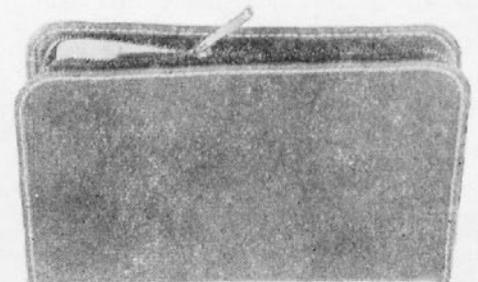
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