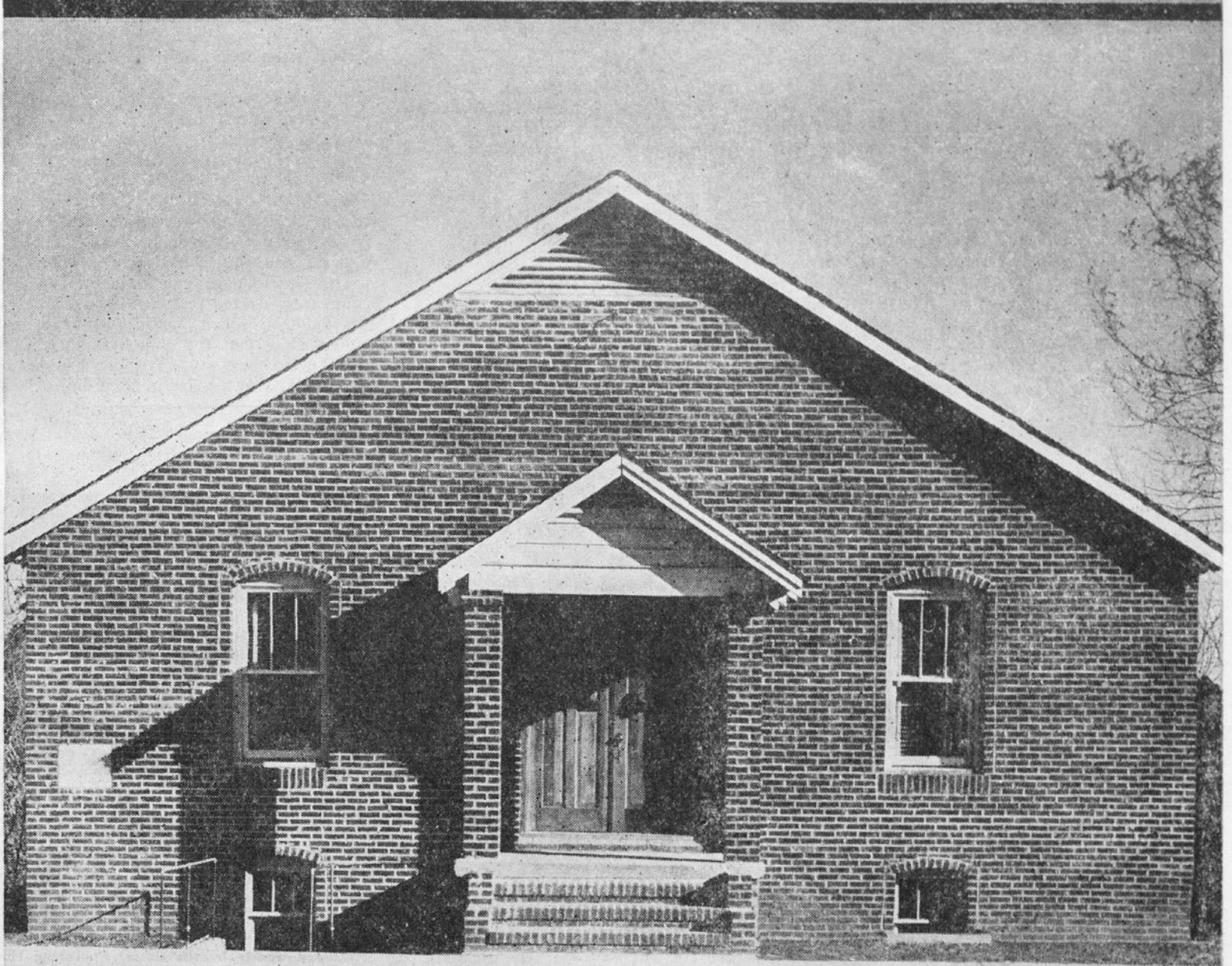


The Pentecostal Evangelist

Number 1915
January 21, 1951
5 cents

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



First Assembly of God
Vicksburg, Mississippi

EDITORIAL

WE CAN HAVE REVIVAL

Only a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Ghost can provide the leadership, atmosphere, and power for a great revival of evangelism and missionary endeavor such as this famished, frightened world needs. Thousands of Christians everywhere have been praying for such a Holy Ghost revival; and thousands of others are being aroused to pray. We need another Pentecost! Thank God for the raindrops that are falling here and there—but "oh! for the showers we plead."

Let every Christian lay aside all doubts and indifference, and begin to claim the promises. God's Word is our divine guarantee that another Pentecost is possible today; and not only possible, but indispensable to the carrying out of our Lord's Great Commission to evangelize the world in this present generation.

"A revival will come," says Chas. Finney, "when the sinfulness of mankind grieves, humbles and distresses the Christians, and Christians weep day and night over the sinners instead of scolding them. Let hell boil over and spew out as many devils as there are stones in the pavement; if it only drives Christians to God in prayer, they cannot hinder a revival."

"A revival will come when the Christians have a spirit of prayer for revival. A spirit of prayer is not merely many prayers and warm words, but is a state of continual desire and anxiety of mind for the salvation of sinners. Sometimes this burden becomes so great that the saints can neither eat, sleep, nor live unless they see the salvation of sinners."

"A revival may be expected when the preaching and the various activities of the Church are all aimed for the conversion of the sinners. A proper use of Biblical means always bring a revival. A revival may be expected when Christians confess their faults in a contrite spirit."

"When sinners are stupid and careless and sinking into hell unconcerned, it is time the Church should bestir herself. It is as much the duty of the Church to awake as it is of the firemen to awake when a fire breaks out in the night in a great city."

"The Church ought to put out the fires of hell which are laying hold of the wicked! Sleep? Should the firemen sleep and let a whole city burn down? What would be thought of such firemen? And yet their guilt would not compare to saints who sleep while sinners around them are sinking stupidly into hell!"

HOW TO GET REVIVAL

Pandita Ramabai issued a paper entitled, "The Story of the Mukti Revival," in which the following searching words appear:

"Do you really want a revival for your heart and home, and church and neighborhood? In order to get it the following conditions must be fulfilled:

"1. You must feel deeply the need, the urgent need of revival. To the self-satisfied,

no revival can come. The hungry are filled, the rich are sent away. Luke 1:53.

"2. You must humble yourself before God. He comes to revive the humble and the contrite. Isaiah 57:15. Your very need of revival means guilt on your part. Because of your unrevived and unspiritual condition, God has been dishonored and souls have been lost. Get down on your knees and humble yourself before God. When the prophet prayed, 'O Lord, revive thy work,' he added, 'In wrath remember mercy.' Hab. 3:2.

"3. You must be earnest in prayer. Such lifeless prayers as you have offered hitherto, such shallow prayers as you have rattled off so volubly, can never bring revival. 'Make your petition deep.' When the fountains of the deep within you are broken up, the windows of heaven above you will be opened. 'Deep calleth unto deep.'"

"4. You must put away all known sin. You must obey instantly every known commandment. Psalm 66:18; Acts 5:32.

"5. You must ask in faith. Believe God. He is faithful. He will not break His Word. He will not disappoint the desire which He has kindled in your heart. He waits to answer the prayer which He is prompting you now to offer."

"Revive me." Psalm 138:7.

"Revive us." Psalm 85:6.

"Revive Thy work." Habakkuk 3:2.

IN TIME OF TROUBLE

When Andrew Murray visited England in 1895 he was suffering from a weak back, the result of an accident in South Africa some years earlier when he had been thrown violently out of a capsizing cart. Mr. Murray was due to speak at Exeter Hall one evening, and it seemed as though he would be unable to fulfil his appointment. Then, too, certain expressions that he had used in an earlier message had given offense, resulting in adverse criticism, so that Mr. Murray was enduring mental suffering in addition to his physical weakness.

Du Plessis tells us (in his *Life of Andrew Murray*) that on the particular morning of this engagement, while Mr. Murray was still in his bedroom in the home of some very dear friends, a person called who was in much trouble, and the hostess relayed to him the information that there was a lady downstairs who was seeking a word of advice concerning her trouble.

"Just give her this little advice that I am writing down for myself," Mr. Murray said. "It may be that she will find it helpful." And he handed his hostess a sheet of scratch paper containing the following lines:

IN TIME OF TROUBLE SAY:

"First: He brought me here; it is by His will I am in this strait place: in that I will rest.

"Next: He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace in this trial to behave as His child.

"Then: He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow.

"Last: In His good time He can bring me out again—how and when, He knows."

SAY: "I am here (1) by God's appointment, (2) in His keeping, (3) under His training, (4) for His time. Psalm 50:15."—*Our Hope.*

ON THE COVER PAGE

The fine new church building shown on the cover page was dedicated to the service of God on October 31, 1950. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, brought the dedicatory message. Jeff Gibbs, Mississippi District Superintendent, had charge of the service.

It was in July 1949 that Brother and Sister Curtis Grant went to Vicksburg. At that time the meetings were being held in a little tabernacle. There were just a few members in the church and they had despaired of ever having a larger church, but the new pastor encouraged them to pray and believe God. And as they began to pray, God began to move upon hearts and He did the thing which had seemed impossible.

The Lord gave the church a piece of ground on the main street in a nice section of the city. It was a difficult spot on which to build, for it was on a very steep slope, but they began construction on March 15, 1950, and by July 16 they were able to begin using the new building. There are four floors altogether, each being shorter than the one above it. The auditorium seats about 325 and there are 11 Sunday School rooms.

"Join us in praising God for what He has done for us," says Brother Grant, the Pastor. "Since the dedication service He has just given us a good meeting with Evangelist R. A. Sherrill and the church is the talk of the town. The folk said we could not build, because we were too few. But we did build, and we did not solicit funds from the public either. Now that the church is there before their eyes, they say, 'We don't know how you did it.' Our answer is, 'God did it.'"

Order the Evangel for your unsaved friends—see Special Offer on page 13.



ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, Editor

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
of the Assemblies of God in U.S.A.

W. R. STEELBERG . . . General Superintendent
J. ROSWELL FLOWER . . . General Secretary
WILFRED A. BROWN . . . General Treasurer
NOEL PERKIN . . . Foreign Missions Secretary

Assistant General Superintendents
GAYLE F. LEWIS RALPH M. RIGGS
FRED VOGLER BERT WEBB

Executive Presbyters
A. A. WILSON D. P. HOLLOWAY
BARTLETT PETERSON W. I. EVANS

Published weekly by the Gospel Publishing House,
434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., U.S.A.
J. Z. Kamerer, General Manager

SINGLE COPIES, 5 cents; 50 copies for \$1.50. In quarterly bundle orders, 4 or more weekly to one address, 3 cents per copy in U.S.A., 4 cents outside U.S.A.

BY SUBSCRIPTION: In U.S.A., \$1.00 for 8 months, \$1.50 for a year, \$3.00 for 2 years, \$5.00 for 4 years. Outside U.S.A., \$2.00 per year.

Entered as second-class matter June 25, 1918 at post office in Springfield, Mo., under Act of March 3, 1879. Accepted for mailing at special rate provided in Sec. 1103, of Oct. 3, 1917, authorized July 3, 1918.

PRINTED IN THE U.S.A.

How to Have a Continuous Revival

Glenn Horst

THE LORD was very gracious to us during our pastoral ministry over the past five years. He gave us a marvelous outpouring of His Spirit in the church at South Bend, Indiana, and at Gary He gave us one of the greatest revivals I have ever seen. My heart is melted and humbled as I tell of these things. After all, when God pours out His Spirit the human agent simply stands back and watches God work.

It is my opinion that revivals do not come in cycles, but that they break upon us when we meet God's conditions. His Word tells us, "Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." I desire to unfold to you a few of the principles which we have tried to follow. I do not say that they will work infallibly in all of their details, for circumstances alter cases, but they are divine principles on which God always works.

First, let us consider revival from the standpoint of the leader. The pastor, the evangelist, the missionary—these are key men in revivals. The leaders must stand in the vanguard of revival. The leaders must have a hunger for God and for revival. I believe that one of the reasons for strained and abortive spiritual movements is that there is a spirit of revival among us, and when people have a hunger for God and do not see it also in their shepherd they are an easy target for the enemy who would lead the sheep away into the wilderness of extremes. Before we can have a deep Pentecostal revival at home or on the foreign field, we as leaders, as *pastors* (literally, "shepherds"), must first experience a heart hunger for God; and when that hunger so grips us that we wait before God for the moving of His Spirit, then a revival will begin.

Sheep follow. They are not driven. And unless we, as shepherds, have had a new touch of revival on our souls and the rich presence of God in our lives, we cannot hope to impart spiritual life to our people. What we had thirty years ago will not suffice. It must be a new breathing of God upon our souls. The wonderful thing about it is that

you need not tell God's people you have this. They will know it at once and they suffer from its absence.

The last Saturday before I left Gary, I was in my study preparing my final message for my people, and as I was praying the Lord dropped something into my heart, so that I forgot about time. I forgot where I was; I forgot about everything; and all morning I wept in the presence of the Lord as I had not done for years. He vividly unfolded to me that wonderful twenty-first chapter of John which tells of Peter's restoration, after the resultless fishing expedition on which he and the other disciples had gone. The Lord's masterly yet tender dealing with His impulsive disciple broke my heart as it had never been broken.

When I walked out of the church building, I frankly admit I was ashamed to be seen on the street, for our church is right down town. It was Saturday noon when the streets were crowded with people. I know they wondered what was wrong with me, as I walked down the street with the tears streaming down my face, but the next day I did not need to tell my people that I had been in the presence of the Lord. They knew it and I was able to lead them into the "green pastures" where I had been. We must be willing to lead our people, for they will not go where we have not been. We must be able to pray and to lead them in prayer. We must be willing to *tarry* with them in prayer. I have seen some preachers who, having preached on prayer, pick up their Bible and walk out after they have given the altar call.

When you have made an appeal, when you have given an altar call and there are hungry

souls seeking God, you should stay there until the last one leaves. When your people see that you are hungry and that you will wait before the Lord with them, then they will stay. I proved it. One night in the midst of a revival, I told Mrs. Horst, "I'm going back to shake hands with the people." I went to the door, turned on my best smile, and shook hands with the people as they walked out. My altar service lasted exactly ten minutes, when, by contrast, the one the week before closed at 2 a.m. with four receiving the Baptism of the Spirit.

God's ministers must also have a burning love for God and for His people. The two are really one. The nearest thing to the heart of God is His people, His flock, His sheep. See Ezekiel, chapter 34. Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Feed my sheep." They are not ours, but God's and our business is to feed them for Him. The greatest honor God can give to a man or woman is to turn a flock of His sheep over to us, and the important thing is to love them. The Good Shepherd gave His life for the sheep (John 10:15) and He expects us as "undershepherds" (not hirelings) to do likewise. Love is shown by actions, by real affection, and not merely by the bestowment of things.

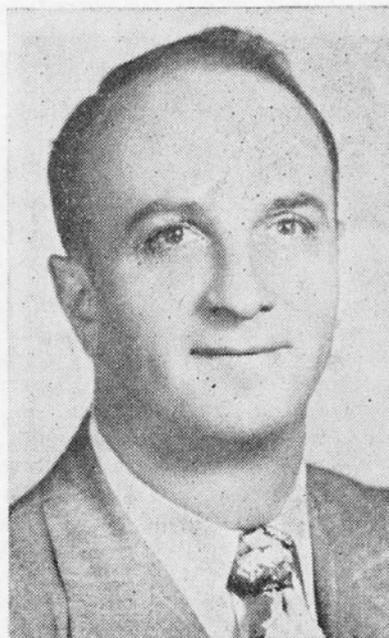
To illustrate: I know a very wealthy family that travelled considerably. They always left their little girl at home with the servants and a mistress to care for her and supervise her life. When they were in different countries they would send home gifts to the little girl, and generally they came home from each trip with a suitcase full of new gifts.

After their last trip they came in, set the suitcase down, and said, "Look here what we have brought you from India. Here's something we got you from Italy. And here's a present from North Africa, and this from Singapore. And this we brought you from Manila."

The little daughter stopped her mother in all this recital, and in the midst of her tears she said, "Mommie, I don't want your gifts; I want your love."

We cannot help anyone we don't love. While I was in China, in the early days of my ministry there, I was not welcome. As I walked down the street they called me "Yang-Lao-Mi," or "foreign devil." They called me all kinds of names. These did not bother me half so much as when they began to say unclean things to my wife. It disturbed me and I found a hardness coming into my heart, until one day the Lord rebuked me and said, "Now, after you have shunned this man, turn to him and talk to him about Me." How could I do it? I had lost my testimony. I cannot help someone I do not love.

There is another principle we must obey or revival will not come. There must be some preaching about it in a twofold way. First, there is the negative aspect, which some



The author was a missionary in China. When war broke out between Japan and the U.S.A. he returned to America and did deputational work for our Foreign Missions Department. From 1945 to 1950 he served as a Pastor in Indiana. At the present time he is Promotional Director for the Foreign Missions Department and serves as Assistant Field Secretary for East Asia. This article is the substance of a message he gave at the Missionary Seminar in Springfield, Mo. last summer.

would completely ignore, but I deem it tremendously important. No revival has ever yet come apart from an uncovering of sin. Sin is not uncovered unless someone preaches against it. And when I say "sin" I am not referring to movies and other worldly pleasures. This sort of thing is obviously sinful. I mean worldly-mindedness in God's people, too much concern over the problems of life, which displace consideration of the more important spiritual problems. We cannot have revival until our people with us as one unit "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," in order that the other things that we worry so much about may take care of themselves.

Many of God's people are earth-bound. I have known people who have lost the fresh and lovely touch of God the moment they bought a new home or a new car. But there are some sins of the heart that need to be uncovered—animosity, jealousy, envy of someone else's ability or usefulness for God—sins of the heart, sins of the flesh. You will be surprised what things God brings to light in the midst of His burning presence. Traits of carnality that don't seem to be important when we are walking "afar off," become very real and alarming when we are "nigh." However, we must have a heart of love to preach against these things, otherwise we will drive the flock away. But with the touch of God upon us and out of hearts broken in the burning presence of God, lovely things will begin to happen from our preaching.

Then there is the positive aspect of our preaching. I am convinced that the reason we do not have Pentecostal revival is because we do not preach Pentecost. A preacher said to me recently, "I will give anything to have a revival like this." I asked him, "How long is it since you preached about the power of Pentecost?" He could not remember. I am surprised at the attitude of some of our brethren. I once had a preacher in my church, and it was evident that the power of the Spirit was upon man in the back seat to baptize him. In my judgment the thing to do was to say to the people: "It seems that God wants to baptize folk this morning. Come on. Do you want your healing? Let's get into the troubled waters." But while we were waiting for the mind of the Lord, this preacher came over to me and said, "Brother Horst, I think you ought to stop this. It is time for the Word."

The facts were that the folk in that church had had enough preaching to have spiritual acute indigestion. They needed the manifest presence of God. And what took place that morning fifty sermons would not have accomplished. The time was ripe for the manifest presence of the Lord.

God laid it upon my heart to bring a series of messages on Pentecost—the meaning of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, His work and ministry, His personality, His work in the Church and in the world. Other pastors might well do the same. Give a series of messages on the Holy Spirit and keep at it. The wonderful thing will happen despite all appearances. People who have never been hungry for the Pentecostal experience will suddenly become so. They will sweep into a glorious full-gospel experience and the Church will be revolutionized.

But your preaching will have to be fearless. Sometimes when you stand before the people

"THE DAY SHALL DECLARE IT"

1 Corinthians 3:13



When the Empress of Ireland sank in the St. Lawrence River on May 29, 1914, the amount of money and jewels that the heirs of the victims claimed had been deposited in the purser's safe was so large that the insurers went to the expense of having it salvaged. When opened, the safe contained less than five per cent of the alleged loss.

There is going to come a day when the books of God will be opened and the dead shall be judged according to that which is written in the heavenly books. There are those who today make extravagant claims of faith that will find in that day that their lives have been brought to light. Saving faith is a deposit that must be demonstrated by daily dividends of faithful living.—*Eternity Magazine*.

a man-fearing spirit will grip your heart. But if you have been in touch with God the man-fearing spirit will flee away. You will feel a little like David, who rent the lion and the bear, which came against the flock. Your preaching will be in the spirit of love, tenderness, and meekness and yet it will be powerfully searching. Pentecostal revival is brought about by searching messages. Too often we preach to get the people to shout and to feel happy. That is not the goal of true preaching. It is to extend and to build up the kingdom of God—"And the Lord added to the church daily" and "the churches were edified." Remember, too, that your preaching must be saturated with prayer.

If you can get your church leaders to pray with you, you will be better fortified. Have them stand with you in prayer, for some of us who are miserably poor preachers have had good deacons who have said, "Pastor, we'll stand with you in prayer," and the first thing we knew we were preaching like a house afire, because we had a praying group behind us.

Furthermore, let your preaching be "not with persuasive words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Sin does not yield except under Holy Ghost anointed preaching. Hardness of heart can only be broken by the hammer of the Word wielded by the Holy Spirit. How does He demonstrate Himself? As for me personally, sometimes I'm loud, sometimes I cry, sometimes I laugh—but the important thing is to be conscious of the anointing. Last year's anointing, last week's anointing, will not suffice for today. As missionaries we know the temptation of becoming so busy with all the demands upon us that we do not take enough time to pray. *But we must.* The busier we are, the more time we should take to pray, for prayer does not waste time—it conserves time.

The anointing is the all-important matter. You will be preaching to folk who can't appreciate mere homiletics. Your sermon may have an introduction and a conclusion and three points between, but that will go unnoticed. They may not appreciate your psychology, but they will appreciate, as you preach, that you have touched God.

Again, we must inspire our people to pray. Revivals are not sung up, nor worked up. They are prayed down. You may have a big splurge, even big crowds; but every real revival, where people are consistently, day in and day out, being saved, healed, and baptized in the Spirit, comes in answer to persistent, believing prayer. Recently in the Gary church a man was saved as he sat in the back seat. He did not even get to the altar; he just sat there, and while the altar call was being made he lifted his hand and said, "Lord, I take Thee now." The first thing we knew he was saved and healed, and on his way home he received his Baptism! His Catholic wife noticed that for the first time in years he did not need to use a pillow to sleep, and the next morning he ate his first breakfast in twenty-five years. His wife was so impressed by his healing that she knew she needed something. She knelt in her home, and said simply to the Lord, "I don't know what I want, I don't know what I need, but whatever *he's* got, give it to me." Before her husband returned home she *had* it. That's revival.

Recently I went to a man sitting in the rear of the church and asked him about giving his heart to the Lord. He replied, "There are too many things standing in the way. I'm a backslidden preacher." He had divorced his wife and had married again. "I'm nothing but a drunkard," he said, "I'm living in the deepest sin. I don't think God can save me. I've tried and tried to get back to God, but He has turned His back upon me. But I did feel something tonight."

"Well, how about giving your heart to the Lord tonight?" I asked.

"No, no," was his answer.

He went home but could not sleep. On his way to work the next morning, as he drove, conviction seized him so powerfully that he could wait no longer.

"I can't even wait till I get to work, Lord. Please save me now."

He was beautifully saved and received a refilling of the Holy Spirit. His wife was also saved and received the Baptism.

Let me return again to prayer and suggest some methods we have used in our churches. It is a good thing to call the church together for an all-night prayer meeting, for it was while such a meeting was in progress that the Lord opened prison bars and let Simon Peter out. You say, "Is there any more virtue in praying all night?" Not necessarily, but you are more likely to get the men of your church to come, for they work all day. Get the men to come. They won't mind sacrificing some sleep.

It may be well to establish a twenty-four-hour prayer meeting. It was during such a season of praying around the clock and fasting that our greatest break came. We started one morning at 6 a.m. with about thirty people present. By seven o'clock there were fifty, and a little later there were eighty, and then a hundred. Some had to go to work, but all day long there were hardly less than thirty.

The men went to work from the prayer meeting without their lunch baskets, labored eight hours, came right back to the prayer meeting and remained until the twenty-four-hour period was over. A few minutes before 6 a.m. the Spirit of the Lord seemed to lift and we had the assurance that we had prayed through.

Our next meeting was one of the most powerful I have ever been in. That meeting affected the church so powerfully that the results still abide. It is a good thing to fast and pray. I would warn against these long self-imposed fasts, but a one- or two-day fast has real physical benefits and when merged with prayer produces great spiritual result. We need to be temperate in all things. If the Lord lays a fast on your heart, respond.

As you minister the Word, emphasis will need to be laid upon the necessity for love and unity among God's people or there will be no revival. Be encouraged by the fact, however, that you will rarely get 100% cooperation in the matter of promoting revival. I have never had it so. No matter what kind of forward move is proposed, there will be some who will not go along, even though they claim to be spiritual. But don't let that upset you or turn you aside. God will find a nucleus large enough and holy enough through whom He can accomplish His purpose for a glorious revival.

In addition to prayer, love, and unity, there must be a hunger for reading God's Word and for instruction from it, to form a basis for revival. Exhort the people to read the Word, and when the revival begins to break there is fundamental instruction which supplies a sure foundation. Such Scriptural instruction will bring confession.

When you see people begin to go to each other, embrace each other, and shake hands, who used to go up opposite aisles, then you will know the revival is on. When folk who have been dry-eyed for years begin to weep, real revival has broken out. May I suggest that when these foregoing conditions prevail, anything can happen. And they really happened during the last few months of my pastoral ministry.

One of the students at Central Bible Institute (Paul Goodwin, a member of the Gary church) was home on a visit. In the morning service the power of the Spirit was manifested and this young man stood and spoke in perfect, beautiful, cultured Italian—and he has never studied the Italian language. We have a number of Italians in the Gary church, and you should have seen them get into high gear when this occurred! One Italian young man, whom I was trying to anchor to the church, stood up with tears streaming down his cheeks and said, "If I never believed before, I do now. I heard a man speak my language this morning—and I know he does not speak Italian. I heard a personal friend of mine give the interpretation and I know he doesn't speak Italian either; and the interpretation was perfect. I'm convinced."

Folk will be saved in unusual ways in such a revival. Nobody will have to help them particularly. They will get a deep experience and no one will need to ask them if they know they are saved. You will just sit back and wonder at it all. Really, I am speechless when trying to describe such a revival. This is what we all want to see.

We also saw some remarkable cases of healing. Folks were healed who were not even being prayed for. I went into a home to pray for a lady who was not a member of the church. She was not sure whether she believed in healing or not, but she had been to the services and felt the presence of the Lord. We prayed for her. She did not have faith to believe for what was really wrong with her, so she asked us to pray for her headache. But the wonderful thing that happened in the midst of that revival was that she was healed of every sickness she ever had. Her joy knew no bounds.

In the midst of revival, hardened backsliders who for years have set themselves against God, will suddenly find themselves caught in the mesh of God's presence and melted before Him.

The last point is, How shall we maintain this revival? When revival breaks some people will say, "Ah, at last!" That is dangerous. Don't let them do that. It takes as much to maintain revival as to promote it. Keep talking revival. Preach revival. Keep inspiring the people to believe for more. Keep the saints talking revival. Keep the people praying and create revival atmosphere.

There is a young man from the Gary Assembly now in C.B.I. (Jimmie Jones) who was saved a little over a year ago. He received the baptism of the Spirit a few weeks later. God gave him such a marvelous baptism that he could hardly contain himself. But when the revival broke early in 1950, he began to preach to everybody. And how he preached! Jimmie didn't care whom he tackled, but he worked and worked on them. He was employed with a gang of men who were not saved, but he won them all (to the last man) to the Lord Jesus Christ. Before he enrolled in Central Bible Institute the whole saved gang, at the noon hour, would

take their Bibles out of their lunch boxes or pockets and have Bible study together, followed by a time of prayer. The only one of the gang who was not saved when Jimmie left Gary was the boss, and he had the whole gang working on him.

That's revival. And when you have a whole church like Jimmie—and the whole assembly actually become personal workers—then you have the Lord adding daily to the number of His body such as "should be saved" (or, "those that were being saved").

BOLDNESS IN PRAYER

Luther's boldness in prayer is well illustrated by a letter he wrote in 1540 to his friend, Frederick Myconius. His friend had become seriously ill. Feeling that the end was near, Myconius wrote Luther a letter of farewell. But the reformer did not feel that the death of his friend and helper was in the will of God at this time. Luther therefore replied as follows:

"I command thee in the name of God to live because I still have need of thee in the work of reforming the church. . . . The Lord will never let me hear that thou art dead, but will permit thee to survive me. For this I am praying . . . and may my will be done because I seek only to glorify the name of God!"

When Myconius received the letter he was unable to speak, but he recovered and survived Luther by two months.—R. P. Haakonson, in *Evangelize*.

"Tell me how it is that you and I, who have so many tears for physical maladies, tears for family disappointments, tears for public calamities, find their source dried up when we contemplate the loss of souls and of the glory of God?"

"REVIVE US AGAIN"

Owen C. Carr

Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? Psalm 85:6.

HOW OFTEN we have sung the old song, "Revive us again." Often we have said, "It is time for another revival." We speak of this revival, of the last revival, of the next revival. The terms imply that revivals come in "spurts."

What does it take to make a revival? To most people it means calling in a special speaker, advertising a series of services, working harder for an increase in Church and Sunday School attendance. Then more prayer, and a genuine searching of the heart to remove everything that would hinder the blessing of God, and we wait with expectancy for souls to be saved, believers to be filled with the Spirit, and sick bodies to be healed. And it works! in such a meeting we usually see what we desire.

Then why do we only see these things happen in cycles? Because we pay the price for revival in installments. With a constant

Brother Carr is Pastor of the Assembly of God in Iola, Kansas.

searching of the heart, continual waiting upon God, perpetual working to get new people into the church, any church can have a continuous revival.

For the most part, a special speaker has little to do with a revival. As a general rule, people prefer to hear the pastor speak, though the diversified ministry of visiting preachers is helpful and needful. Most Assemblies see souls saved under the pastor's ministry. Sick bodies are healed as a result of his prayer of faith. Many advertised revivals turn out to be just ordinary services, while many regular church services have all the earmarks of revival.

Then the difference between spasmodic revivals and a continuous revival is with the people of the Assembly. For with God the conditions are always the same: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

CONFESSION OF SINS

THE KEY TO PERSONAL REVIVAL

J. Edwin Orr

CLEAR TEACHING concerning the confession of sins by Christians is one of the most neglected doctrines of today. Such confession is taught in Scripture and manifest in every great spiritual awakening. Why then is there such ignorance, prejudice, misunderstanding and neglect?

There appear to be two main objections in the minds of those who are critical of confession of sins: first, a protest against the public confession of sins better dealt with in private; and second, a denial that either public or private confession of sins is ever necessary.

In the first instance, the objection may be met by clear and simple teaching regarding the limits of Scriptural confession. As for the second, the necessity of confession of sins to parties concerned is so clear that the very vehemence of objection must be attributed to unwillingness to put right serious matters requiring adjustment. In my own experience of real revival over a period of fifteen years and in many countries, I heard no actual transgression of the limits of decency or good taste where the Scriptural teaching was propounded or the leading of the Spirit clearly followed; and it has been a sad discovery that many pastors and teachers and evangelists who hotly opposed confession of sins had their opposition explained too often by private complaint or public scandal.

Before seeking the revelant texts in Scripture, it seems good to state a maxim of confession to set at rest the minds of those who are uneasy about it. *Let the circle of the offense committed be the circle of the confession made!* In other words, secret sins should always be secretly confessed, private sins should be privately confessed, and open sins should be openly confessed. Sins between the individual soul and God alone are defined as secret, as distinct from private sins involving other individuals.

1. Specific Confession

Charles Grandison Finney, the most scholarly of the great American evangelists has written:

"A revival of religion may be expected when Christians begin to confess their sins to one another. At other times they confess in a general manner, as if they are only half in earnest. They may do it in eloquent language, but it does not mean anything. But when there is an ingenuous breaking down, and a pouring out of the heart in confession of sin,

the floodgates will soon burst open and salvation will flow over the place."

The same emphasis is found in the writings of the renowned Canadian Presbyterian missionary, Jonathan Goforth, leader of great movements in Korea and Manchuria. It can be found in the records of great awakenings in every generation and country that has experienced the moving of the Spirit. Confession of sins must be specific and not general.

This principle of specific confession is clearly taught in Leviticus 5:5: "And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing."

It costs nothing for a church member to admit in a prayer meeting, "I am not what I ought to be." It costs no more to say, "I ought to be a better Christian." It costs something to say, "I have been a troublemaker in this church." It costs something to say, "I have had bitterness of heart toward certain leaders, to whom I shall definitely apologize."

While it is true that human hearts possess attitudes toward sin which can be described as *general*, all acts of sin are *particular*, and should be confessed in a particular way. A sinner might be overwhelmed by so many specific convictions of sin that he does not know where to begin. He should begin with his besetting sin, about which he will feel most conviction. The exhortation to confess our sins is clearly progressive: "If we keep on confessing our sins" (1 John 1:9).

2. Responsible Confession

Achan, a soldier in Joshua's army, disobeyed military orders and Divine commands by looting silver and gold and clothing: so, with Divine blessing withdrawn, the arms of Israel tasted humiliating defeat at the hands of a small enemy garrison. By lots, Joshua located the looter, and told him: "My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me what thou hast done; hide it not from me." Confession was first due to God against whom the sin had been committed, but it next became due to persons affected by the sin, for the blessing of God had been withheld on account of one sinner. Achan made *responsible confession*.

Shortly before the Bethel College Awakening in Minnesota in April 1949, with which began the mid-century series of college revivals in the United States, I was engaged in evangelism under the auspices of an evangelical student group at a university in the Middle West. I was greatly heartened by the noon-day prayer-meetings of the students on behalf of their unconverted fellows, but greatly dismayed that not one so prayed for made decision, although others contacted did. The president of the group did not attend many meetings because of preoccupation, his wife being in a nursing home with their

first-born. Then someone told me privately that these otherwise admirable Christians had been married only five months. And yet, six months before, this student had accepted election to the presidency, which was hypocrisy. Public confession of pre-marital relationship seemed unnecessary, but he should have confessed openly his hypocrisy and unworthiness to the group, and offered his resignation. And there were those who were prepared to renominate him once he confessed the fault. He never did confess his fault, and the Lord's judgment became unavoidable.

3. Thorough Confession

In Proverbs 7:19 is a clear statement on confession: "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Once the conviction of sin has been quenched, there is a tendency for the sinner to cover or bury anything that remains of unpleasant memory. The work of the Holy Spirit in pre-revival judgment is to reveal such things.

I recall crossing the Soviet Russian frontier west of Leningrad. The Customs officer quickly inspected my baggage and passed me, but the lady who followed me, a Russian American, appeared to be trying to smuggle in all sorts of things for her relatives there, and the Customs officer began a thorough search of all of her baggage, bringing to light all sorts of things that had been hidden or forgotten (or both). So it is with conviction.

The Proverbs link confessing and forsaking. Some confessions are not thorough. They are too general. They are not made to the persons concerned. They neglect completely the necessary restitution. Or they make no provision for a different course of conduct in which the sin is forsaken. They are endeavours for psychological relief.

It is not enough to announce in school that one has cheated. Academic restitution ought to be offered the teacher concerned. It is not enough to admit that one has been a thief. The stolen goods should be taken back. It is not enough to confess that one has been malicious. The malicious falsehoods or slanders ought to be confessed to the person wronged.

4. Private Confession

Concerning private confession, confession made by individual to individual, as distinct from secret or public confession, the clearest statement is found in the words of our Lord, in Matthew 5:23-24: "So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Most Christians display a preference for confession in secret before God, even concerning matters which involve other people. To confess to God seems to them to be the easiest way out. If offenders were really conscious of the presence of God, even secret confession of private sin would have a salutary effect. Alas, most offenders merely commune with themselves instead of making contact with God who refuses their prayers under certain conditions.

In the words of our Lord, it is clear that sin involving another person should be confessed to that person. The offering referred to in

FASTER THAN EVER

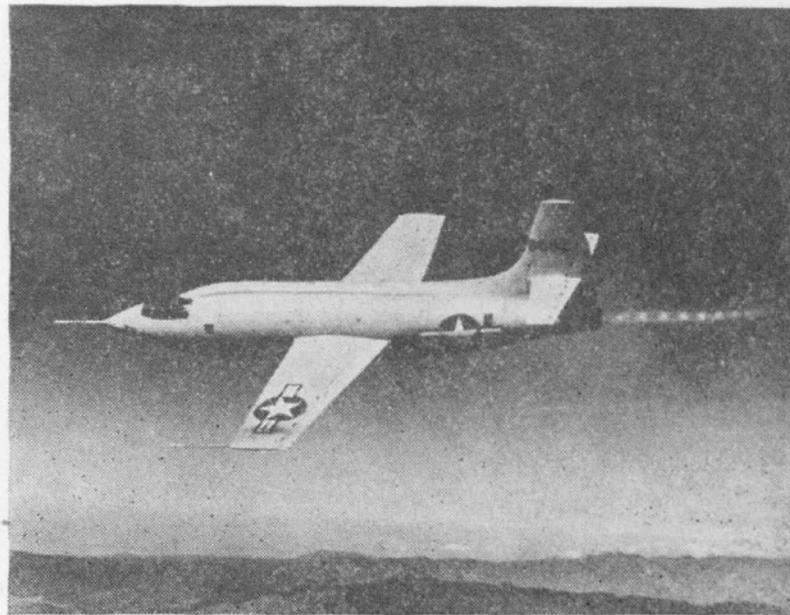
Man's craze for speed has at last enabled him to pierce the sonic barrier so that now he is able even to keep ahead of the sound of his coming. All of which would have made strange reading for our forefathers.

We boast our achievements in the realm of flight and feel we have made wonderful progress. The importance of going fast is emphasized as essential in this age of tension and danger from attack.

But surely it is more important to know where we are going, than to be able to travel at an amazing speed. To fly at speeds exceeding the speed of sound is no great achievement if we are going in the wrong direction. In fact, it will only add to our embarrassment.

Where are we going? We are all moving forward into eternity, and Jesus pointed out that there are only two directions in which we can be traveling. "The hour is coming," He said, "in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE; and they that have done evil, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION." John 5:28, 29. There will be two resurrections. Which one will include you?

Speed is not the chief concern of man, but his destination is. Make sure that you are going to the right place when you die, by



accepting the great salvation which Christ offers to everyone.—H. W. Greenway, in *Elim Evangel*.

the Hebrew sacrifice was an offering accompanied by direct confession of sin to God for wilful or inadvertent transgression. Thus it is underlined that it is not enough to confess the sin to God alone, but it must be confessed to any person hurt thereby. And persons can be hurt in various ways.

Someone may offend another person directly, as in stealing from him, lying about him, or striking him. In such a case the weight of the confession falls upon the offender, and a simple confession may be made.

Two people may agree together to commit sin or participate in sin. In such an instance, the offender first convicted should confess his guilt to the other, denounce the deed, trust this confession to awaken a sense of guilt in the other, then carefully proceed to make right any wrong inflicted upon a third person. For example, two students may together break school discipline. The convicted student should first confess his guilt to the fellow-offender, telling him that he intends to confess to the authorities only his part in the wrong.

A sinner may offend someone who is not a party to the act by consent. To use offensive language to a second person in the presence of a third requires an apology to both second and third parties. The same thing applies in apologizing for loss of temper to all witnesses or for bad example.

One might think that the initiative in reconciliation belongs to the sinner rather than the offended. Certainly the responsibility for confession is the sinner's, but in matters involving two Christians, the initiative in reconciliation belongs to the more spiritual, the offended:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church let him be to you as a heathen. . . ."

5. Open Confession

There is definite exhortation to open confession in Scripture, and, although no limits are mentioned, unwise open confession seems to be as implicitly prohibited as would be insincere or vicious or profane confession. Common sense tells us that descriptive details of a scheme of cheating without detection, or of impure acts, would prove a temptation to others and should never be mentioned.

The well-known pastor of a renowned New England church told me that an officer of his church, under suggestion from a popular movement, asked permission to make a statement to the congregation. It was humble and sincere, but it concerned sexual sin so distasteful that even the most spiritual hearers could never dissociate the memory of it from him in later days, even though they rejoiced in his deliverance from it.

Almost all sexual offenses are secret or private, and should be confessed in secret or in private. If the burden is too much to bear, a confession can be shared with a pastor or doctor or wise friend of the same sex. The Scripture discourages even the naming of immorality among believers, and says it is a shame even to speak of things done in secret thereby.

Open confession was practised during the baptizing of John in Jordan, and following the preaching of Paul in Ephesus. It had limits, no doubt. The manifest need for limiting open confession should not become an excuse for prohibiting open confession, for the commandment is clear in James 5:16: "Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

The peerless Greek scholar A. T. Robertson, has written that confession to God already is assumed in this exhortation, and that public confession of certain sins to one another in the meetings is greatly helpful in many ways. Christians unacquainted with the Greek should note that, although the King James Authorized Version uses the word "faults," the most ancient manuscripts and more modern trans-

lations use "sins." The sense of the Greek verb "confess" implies group confession, not private confession between one individual and another.

6. Cleansing Confession

From the word of 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

It is seen that the forgiveness and cleansing of sins hindering our fellowship with God depend upon our confession of the same. The price of blessing involves the heart-searching of the Spirit, candid admission of failure, immediate confession to God, and subsequent confession to persons involved. *The circle of sin committed should be the circle of the confession made.* The Spirit who searches the heart will guide the confession. —Reprinted from *Awakening*, by permission.

"AS THE HART PANTETH AFTER THE WATERBROOK . . ."

An Eastern caravan was overtaken once in the desert with the failure of the supply of water. Dismay was upon all faces and despair in all hearts, when one of the ancient men approached the sheik and counseled him to unloose two beautiful harts that he was taking home as a present to his bride, and let them scour the desert in search of water. As the harts were led out to the borders of the camp and set free on the boundless plain, they lifted their heads and sniffed the air with distended nostrils. Then with unerring instinct and with course as straight as an arrow, they darted off across the desert. Swift horsemen followed close behind, and an hour or two later hastened back with glad tidings that water had been found. So still there is a heart that can ever find the springs of living water. It is the heart that hungers and thirsts for God. Follow this deep spiritual instinct as it leads you to the throne of grace.—A. B. Simpson.

Order the *Evangel* for your unsaved friends—see Special Offer on page 13.



INDIAN CHIEF ACCEPTS NARROW WAY

Attending the Annual Assemblies of God Convention in Peru, September 5-13, 1950, was a jungle Indian chief, Alberto Quinchoquer. He does not read or write, but speaks some Spanish. Dressed in native attire, Chief Quinchoquer told church delegates, national workers and missionaries of his conversion.

In a dream he had seen a broad way and a narrow way, and a man had appeared to him warning him that he should not travel any longer in the broad way, but should take the narrow. About ten days after he had the dream our national evangelist, Julio Siancas, met the Indian and told him the gospel story. At once, together with fifteen of his tribespeople who were with him, he accepted Christ.

Chief Quinchoquer is asking for a worker to teach his people. Shown above (in the foreground), Justino Aliaga and Julio Siancas, two of our national workers, with a group of the jungle Indians who are taking the narrow way.

Picture and story submitted by Pansy D. Blossom, Peru

VISITOR ENJOYS

Caribbean-Area Convention

David J. du Plessis

ONE OF THE MOST delightful experiences that I have had lately was my visit to the Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of the Caribbean Area, which was held at San Juan, Puetto Rico on November 22-24. At no place where I have been have I met more zealous people. There were close to 100 delegates and ministers. The presence of the Lord was just wonderful throughout the convention!

The evening services were held in one of the public parks. Crowds ran from possibly 2,000 to 10,000. Robert F. Fierro of California was the main speaker. There were no seating accommodations, but very few seemed to tire of standing from four to six hours. Scores stepped forward to give their lives to Christ and to be anointed for healing.

The high point of the convention was the Pentecostal parade through the city of San Juan on Saturday afternoon. Early that

morning busses began to roll in with loads of believers from all over Puerto Rico. Every group had a special banner—there were invitations to services, the names of churches, Bible texts, etc.

The parade left the park at two o'clock, led by the Chief of Police and a radio car, which announced news of the convention and parade as the procession passed through the crowded streets of the city. The police estimated that there were from 7,000 to 10,000 marchers and that from 15,000 to 20,000 persons lined the streets. It was declared to be the greatest parade that ever had been organized in San Juan.

Some had feared that the recent political troubles might hinder, but there was no disturbance of any kind.

On Sunday the ministers visited the various churches of Puerto Rico.

Hugh Jeter, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Cuba, acted as chairman of the convention. He was re-elected president of the Pentecostal Fellowship of the Caribbean Area, and Juan C. Orozco, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Mexico, was re-elected secretary.

Details of J. R. Shaver's Death

FROM MILDRED C. GINN, stationed at Punalur, Travancore, South India come details concerning the death of John Robert Shaver, missionary to South India, who went to be with the Lord on December 6. She writes:

"He had not been well on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, so he stayed with the children on Saturday night and Sunday while Mrs. Shaver and Ellen Esler went to services which had been scheduled. He complained of severe pains in his back, and was quite weak. R. W. Edwards arrived in Trivandrum Monday evening and on Tuesday morning took Mr. Shaver to the Catherine Booth Hospital at Nagercoil, Mrs. Shaver accompanying them. On the way it became difficult for Mr. Shaver to breathe. By the time the English doctor arrived at the hospital, paralysis had crept up to his lungs. At 10:30 the next morning, December 6, he slipped away. The doctors diagnosed the disease as cerebro-spinal encephalitis. Funeral services were held at the Bible School in Punalur on December 7."

Miss Ginn adds: "What hopes we had for Mr. Shaver in the work, and how the Indian people loved him! We pray that his going will be a challenge to others to go forth to the harvest field. Workers are needed here."

Mrs. Carol Shaver sends this word of challenge:

"One week ago today I saw my husband die, and as I looked on death and saw there the inevitable result of sin's entrance into the world a terrible revulsion for sin came over me, yet I know that today there are countless thousands who not only countenance sin but love it. They hug it to themselves, defend it, and compromise with it. To those people I would say, turn from sin to the Savior who can deliver the soul from death.

"Because Mr. Shaver knew Him, who is life, sin's worst could only evacuate him from the battlefield to that 'prepared place' of which Christ tells in John 14.

"Some may remember a statement that Mr. Shaver made in several missionary meetings before leaving the States. He said, 'If you should hear that either of us has been taken, do not grieve but pray the Lord of the harvest to send someone else quickly.'

"The work is not done. Laborers are needed."

Word was received on January 3 that the M.V. (Motor Vessel) EVANGEL, the boat purchased by Speed-the-Light for the Indonesian field, had arrived in Djakarta on January 1. Missionaries on the field were meeting in conference with H. C. Osgood, Field Secretary for the Far East, upon the arrival of the boat.

Evangelistic Campaign in Aba

R. Rex Jackson, Nigeria

IT HAS BEEN THOUGHT that evangelistic meetings such as we have in the States would be unsuitable for Nigeria because of the lack of advancement; however, after giving the matter some consideration we decided to try an evangelistic campaign in the government town of Aba where there has been more opportunity for the people.

The church spent two weeks in prayer for the effort. We even had some handbills printed and distributed. It was the first time that had ever been done and it created not a little curiosity. A group of mature Christians were selected and trained to do personal work. Believers were asked to invite neighbors and friends to attend the services.

On Sunday night, November 19, the campaign opened. Long before time for the service the newly-finished cement-block church was packed. At the close of a simple message on salvation an altar call was given, and from every side of the church men, women and

children came to kneel for salvation. We took the names of 78 to be followed up with a visit later. It was impossible to deal personally with every individual kneeling at the altar but with the help of the workers we did the best we could. We do not know how many were really saved. Many had no knowledge at all of God's Word or His plan for salvation.

Hundreds came to the church for the first time during the campaign. After that first night we some times had as many as twenty at the altar. Twelve were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Services continued for two weeks.

On nights when there were those receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit visitors remained to see what was taking place long after they were dismissed. We believe that they will find it difficult to forget what they saw.

We are thankful that we attempted the seemingly impossible here, and are so grateful for the results.

Union Meetings in Nanking

Alice F. Stewart, Henrietta A. Tieleman
Central China

YOU WILL BE HAPPY to know that Dr. Ch'i, who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in Ningpo in 1937, has been in Nanking for five days of meetings, sponsored by the National Christian Council of Nanking. His messages were anointed, and he continues to hold up the Pentecostal testimony. Dr. Ch'i told us that just recently ten of the students in the Baptist seminary where he teaches received the Baptism.

Following the meetings with the National Christian Council there were two days of services at Nathan Ma's church. Our little church joined in the services.

Dr. Ch'i's messages were not only inspiring but also heart searching. The last day there was a baptismal service. Sixteen from our church followed the Lord in water baptism. One man testified that as he went into the water he began to shake. He said that he felt a Power come into his life that he had not known before.

Pray for our new converts that they may become established in the faith.

NEWS NOTES

Ruth A. Schoonmaker, missionary to North India, was married on December 27 to L. Percival Breush.

* * *

Pray for our missionaries still in China.

* * *

Mr. and Mrs. Julius O. Olson, missionaries to Brazil, arrived in the States for furlough late in December.

Emil R. Schneider writes from Valdivia, Chile: "We are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord. Souls are being saved and the sick are finding healing. The ignorance of the people in regard to the gospel is appalling, but the hunger they manifest is an inspiration.

"Some time ago religious instruction was proposed for the public schools in Chile, as mentioned in the EVANGEL, but the proposal was not passed.

"The Catholic church has little influence on the people here."

RADIO LUXEMBOURG

To continue sending forth REVIVAL-TIME'S message of life throughout the continent of Europe by way of Radio Luxembourg \$200 each week, designated for this ministry, is needed. When one considers the fact that the powerful 200,000-watt Luxembourg Station in Europe is comparable to a network of stations here in the United States it readily can be seen that this method of proclaiming the gospel to the hungry millions of Europe is not only fast and effective, but also reasonable in cost.

Our hearts are encouraged in this missionary radio endeavor by many letters such as the following:

I recently have heard two of your REVIVALTIME broadcasts under rather unusual circumstances, and I felt that I should write to you concerning them. I have a son who is a radio and television engineer. One night he told me he had heard a program which was connected with the Assemblies of God. He is not saved and neither is his wife, but he thought I would like to hear the broadcast so he asked me and my husband to come to hear a recording of it. My son and his wife also listened to it all over again, and I cannot tell you the joy I felt.

Today my son asked me to go to hear another of your broadcasts that he had recorded. He obviously was touched by the song, "The Old Rugged Cross," which has memories for both of us.

I have an adult Bible class and I have told the members about REVIVALTIME. Their interest is aroused, too. I want you to know we are praying for this blessed and unlimited ministry. I praise God for His overruling. The truth shall reach hungry hearts—He will see to that!

Mrs. H. E. R.
London, England

Send all offerings to keep REVIVAL-TIME on Radio Luxembourg to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Paul R. Weidman tells in one of his letters of souls being saved in Accra, Gold Coast where the Weidmans are stationed:

"We are encouraged with the work and are seeing souls saved every week. Two weeks ago nine persons came forward for salvation. They were at the altar to do business with God and they went away with definite experiences. Last Sunday morning just before the message one woman requested that we pray with her that the Lord would save her.

"There is unrest in this colony, but we have found that there is hunger for God. We have been distributing a large number of back-dated EVANGELS and other literature. There seems to be an opportunity just now for gospel literature."

From missionaries and missionary children on the more than fifty foreign fields served by our fellowship are coming expressions of appreciation for the Christmas gift offerings amassed for them by churches, groups, individuals and friends of our organization. The offerings have brought joy, and have cared for urgent needs. In behalf of the missionaries and their children I wish to thank all contributors to the fund.

Noel Perkin
Foreign Missions Secretary

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

CHRIST'S LAST APPEAL TO JERUSALEM

Lesson for January 28

Luke 19:37-48

What a climax to a tremendous day! Jesus had ridden into Jerusalem and had met with the acclaim, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." Luke 19:38. It seemed that Jerusalem was ready for His coronation, but Jesus knew this was not so. As He drew near He wept over the city. Though the multitude rejoiced, Jesus wept. To the multitudes it was a gala day, but to Jesus it spelled tragedy. We fear that, in some respects, similar conditions are in the world at present. The people go on as if blessing and prosperity would continue forever. Little do they know how rapidly the world is getting ready for the Tribulation and Antichrist.

1. Jesus Accepted the Praises of the People

When the people heralded Him as King, He accepted such acknowledgment. When some of the Pharisees said, "Master, rebuke Thy disciples," He refused, saying, "If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Was He indeed the King? He rode into Jerusalem as a King. The prophet Zechariah had said, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee . . . lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zech. 9:9. It was in fulfillment of this prophecy that Jesus rode into the city. Luke 19:29-40. Jesus had been born King of the Jews; He now presented Himself as their King, although He knew He would be rejected and that soon He would be crucified as "King of the Jews."

2. Jesus Knew the Fate that Was Awaiting the City.

(a) Great Distress and Suffering.

In the midst of the rejoicing the heart of Jesus was broken. With weeping He said, "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." He foresaw the capture of Jerusalem, the dispersion of the people and great suffering because they knew not the time of their visitation (v.44).

For a fuller account of the things that were to befall the people we do well to look at Luke 21. There Jesus warned of the woes that were coming, then charged those who would believe to leave the city when they saw it compassed with armies. ch. 21:20, 21. Historians tell us that when the Roman armies compassed the city, they withdrew temporarily for some unseen reason; and that during this brief time the believers in Christ escaped from the city. It pays to be a believer. It pays

also to be a student of the Word. Had the believers not been familiar with the warning instruction of Jesus, they would not have fled when they saw the city compassed about. As there was need of understanding of the Scripture for those days, there is need of understanding for the days in which we live.

(b) Gentile Dominion over Jerusalem and the Jews.

The Jews were to be led away captive into all nations "and Jerusalem . . . trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (v. 24). "The times of the Gentiles" is that long period dating from the Jewish captivity in Babylon to the time when Christ shall return as "King of kings and Lord of lords" to set up His kingdom. It is pictured by Daniel in the great image which sets forth four great Gentile empires, Babylon being the first, Medo-Persia the second, Grecia the third, and Rome the fourth. (See Daniel, chapters 2 and 7.) The history of the Roman Empire is easy to trace down to the feet. Some believe we must be near the time of the toes, equivalent to the ten horns of chapter 7. It is during the time of the ten toes, or ten horns, that the "little horn" is to appear, believed to be the Beast or Antichrist, earth's last world ruler before Jesus reigns. During his reign men can neither buy nor sell without the mark of the Beast.

Preparation for this is seen in the world uniting in unions among the working class, and governmental control of business and industry. We also hear the cry for "one world." In addition to these signs so clearly before us, we have the return of the Jews to Israel and the setting up of their own government. The last days are upon us. Christ's coming for the Church may be nearer than we think.

"In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." The danger is that too many who claim to be followers of Christ at present, will desert Him when the hour of decision comes because they are too tightly tied into the spirit of the times.

3. Jesus Cleansed the Temple

Jesus knew that He had been rejected by the Jews. He knew the commercialism that had crept into the worship of the Lord. After warning of coming destruction He went into the temple. There He found that, instead of making the temple a house of prayer, they had made it a den of thieves. What were they doing that was so bad? It was not so much what they did, as why they did it.

The money changers might have been a great blessing to the people, likewise they that sold animals for sacrifice. Faith-

ful Jews came from far-off points to worship. It was a great convenience that there should be, perhaps in the court of the temple, those who could exchange foreign money into money current at Jerusalem, and those from whom animals for sacrifice might be purchased. The argument of the money changers would seem very legitimate, sound and righteous. But Jesus knew they were exchangers of coin and sellers of animals for personal gain rather than for the glory of God. Christ would not object to the sale of articles, if sold for the help of the people rather than for personal gain. Whatever is done for the advancement of the Kingdom of God has God's approval; whatever is done for selfish ends has His displeasure. May the house of God be preserved as a place of worship and never become a merchandise mart with worldly gain as the object.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

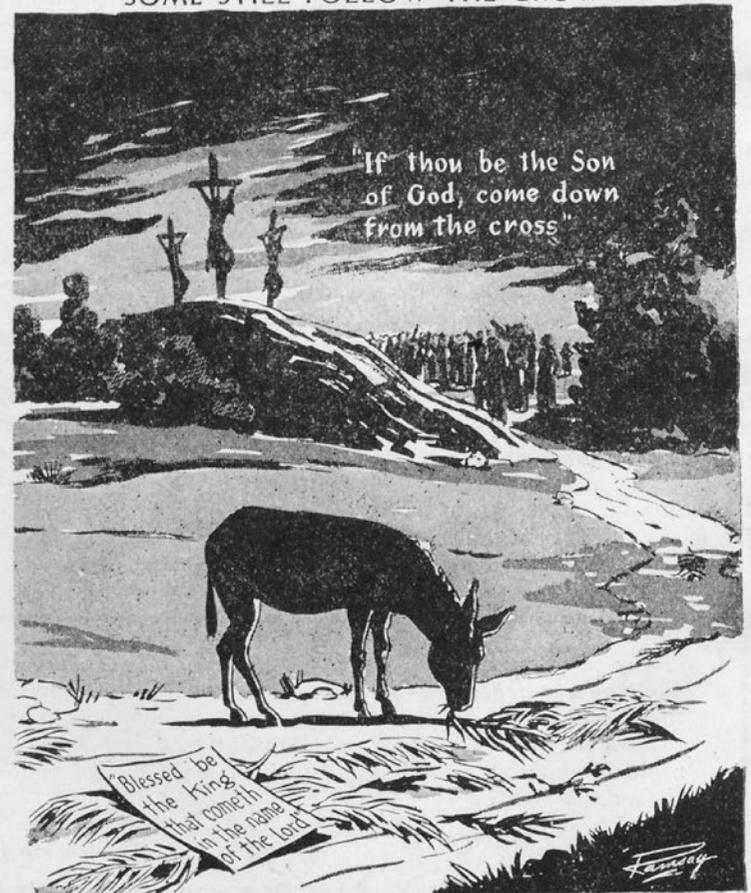
The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus (lesson for January 21). Lesson text: Luke 18:35-43.

The Spade and the Scriptures

For many years the accuracy of 2 Kings 18:14 was questioned. This scripture says that the king of Assyria made King Hezekiah of Judah pay tribute of "300 talents of silver and 30 talents of gold," whereas the Assyrian account was found to say the the tribute was 800 talents of silver and 30 talents of gold.

However, more recent discoveries have disclosed that the standard for calculating silver talents differed in Judea and Assyria, so that it took exactly 800 Assyrian talents of silver to equal 300 Judean talents. Thus the reliability of the Scriptures was again confirmed.—Stuart Peterson in *The Bible Speaks to Britain*.

SOME STILL FOLLOW THE CROWD



PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Returning Good for Evil

Chief of Army Chaplains Roy H. Parker recently visited Korea, and in his report he said: "One day we visited a Prisoner of War Hospital where we saw our nurses and doctors and Medical Corps men busy at work ministering to the sick and wounded North Koreans. What a contrast! Some of these very same Communists had shamefully mistreated our soldiers who were taken prisoners."

World Day of Prayer

For the fifth consecutive year, the N. A. E. is publishing a program for the World Day of Prayer on Friday, February 9, 1951. Those desiring copies should write the National Association of Evangelicals, 542 South Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Illinois, enclosing an offering to defray printing and mailing expense.

Writers' Conference

Christian writers, both experienced and aspiring, will take part in the third annual Christian Writers' Conference, January 25 to 27, in Chicago. The gathering, which is sponsored by the Christian Writers' Institute and by *Christian Life* magazine, will be held in the magazine's offices at 434 So. Wabash Avenue. It will immediately follow the Evangelical Press Association's two days of conference in the same city.

Queen Refuses Champagne

"Could we please have a nice cup of tea?" said Queen Elizabeth, when the British royal family was offered champagne at the Stratford-on-Avon Town Hall recently. Attendants cleared away the champagne glasses and replaced them with teacups. They took away the ice-filled champagne buckets and, by royal request, everybody drank tea.

The King and Queen and Princess Margaret went to the Town Hall after attending a performance at Shakespeare Memorial Theater. It was the first visit of a reigning King to Shakespeare's native town for 386 years, and the inhabitants will not forget it, but one of the most indelible impressions made by the occasion was that the royal family was wise enough to prefer tea to champagne.

Carrying On in China

Missionaries who are staying at their posts in China at the risk of their lives, are reaping a spiritual harvest. "I have been amazed," writes Bishop Houghton, general director of the China Inland Mission, "at the number of baptisms in all parts of the country. Students are always more sensitive than any other class in China to political changes, and Christian students were very early called upon to give a reason of the hope that is in them. Steadfastness rather than surrender, courage rather than compromise, have characterized the Christian students in the universities. In Peking, Sian, Lanchow, Chengtu, Chungking, Nanking, and Shanghai, our missionaries are continuing their work among students, and in most of these places they are even continuing to teach in Government universities."

Pray for the Korean Refugees

More than half the estimated 500,000 refugees who have poured into Seoul from Pyongyang and other North Korean areas are Christian church members, according to a semi-official report relayed by Religious News Service. The report said the Christian refugees had been undergoing oppression by the Communists for the past five years.

Scriptures for Japan

The American Bible Society is waging a campaign to send millions of Gospels to Japan. General Douglas A. MacArthur, at the inception of the drive, set a goal of ten million Scriptures to be printed and distributed in Japanese by the end of 1951. However, it now appears likely that this goal will be exceeded and that twelve million copies of God's Word will be placed in the hands of the Japanese people who are hungering for the Bread of Life.

Stalinism in Albania

The Christian people of Albania can thank God for the prophetic Scriptures which warn against accepting a false Christ. According to *Intelligence Digest* (October 1950), "there is massive Soviet propaganda. It consists mainly of endless dedications of Stalin, who is referred to as 'Holy,' 'Father of the Nations,' 'Leader of the Universe,' and Source of all Light.' Many Albanian Christians are convinced that Stalin is the Antichrist prophesied in the Scriptures."

A Gospel Broadcast on Formosa

It seems that the people in Communist China who were tuned in to Chinese Nationalist headquarters on Formosa at Christmas heard a good gospel message. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek cabled to Charles E. Fuller, of the "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour," asking for a Chinese translation of the radio preacher's annual Christmas message. Mr. Fuller granted the request and a Chinese student at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena translated the message into Chinese.

Chiang Kai-shek's Example

Regardless of what you think of Chiang Kai-shek's political and military ability, consider the manner in which he starts the day.

According to Clyde Farnsworth, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer, Chiang's rising time the year round is with the first light of day. After a cup of hot water and a piece of fruit, his routine starts.

"On his desk is a well-thumbed Bible printed in Chinese. His first order of business is a half hour of solitary religious devotion, in which he reads portions of both the Old and New Testaments. If he has any favorite passages, they are in the Psalms.

"After reading the Bible, he meditates and then prays.

"During Chiang's half-hour of sunrise devotions, his household withholds its morning bustle. The servants tiptoe in the corridor. Few persons have ever seen him at this time. His prayers are not for the market place or those of the show-off Pharisee."

Building Up Zion

An estimated 200 million dollars have been spent by the Government of Israel on the 1950 building program. Thousands of workmen have been kept busy, erecting homes, enlarging the cities, and building new settlements in the desert and waste places of the land. While the world talks of peace and prepares for war, the land of Israel is being built, and the Scripture says, "When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory." Psalm 102:16.

Liquor on Alaska Radio

It is reported that the Alaska Broadcasting Company has been advertising hard liquor over seven stations in the largest communities of Alaska, for the past five months. A daily sports program is sponsored by the Schenley Liquor Corporation. Informed people regard this as an experiment. If it does not arouse a significant amount of adverse public reaction, the next step may be to advertise liquor on nation-wide networks in the U. S. A. The Christian people ought to see to it that there is "a significant amount of adverse public reaction."

Praying for "Power for the Hour"

The Elim Churches throughout the British Isles are making 1951 a year of continuous prayer. H. W. Greenway, editor of *Elim Evangel*, writes: "The power we need today is spiritual power. This alone can meet the violent anti-God forces now spreading over the globe; this alone can enable the Church to succeed in her evangelistic enterprise.

"Members of Elim have taken up this idea with enthusiasm, and expect to report blessings from time to time. It is hoped that other denominations and fellowships will join in this wide ministry of intercession."

Are We Forgetting God?

A front page article on the Grand Rapids (Mich.) *Shopping News* last month threw out a timely challenge. "What part does God Almighty occupy in our plans for national defense?" it asked the shoppers.

"Let us face the fact that we have been leaving the Most High God out of our thinking and our planning. We have relied upon men, and guns, and planes, and ships . . . but what about God? We are deeply concerned about our allies; our State Department does its utmost to retain all the assistance and support possible among the other powers of the earth; yet, to what extent do we seek to lay hold upon the power of God in our behalf?

"The night before Thanksgiving Day, we learned of the worst train-wreck our nation has sustained in years! Thanksgiving Day of this year was truly the most thankless Thanksgiving in this writer's memory. Fewer churches advertised special services; less was said in appropriate comment on the air. God was all but forgotten on Thanksgiving Day. . . . That same day, a blizzard set in which within three days had paralyzed the chief centers of industry, particularly the vital war industrial centers; steel, rubber, coal, and radar centers were brought to a complete standstill, just as truly as if an enemy had struck. . . . At the same time, our boys were turned into retreat, after they had been assured that they would be ready to return home by Christmas! Isn't it time for Christian America to pause for a moment, in order that we may hear God speaking?"

HEALED

If God has healed you recently, will you not write out your testimony and let us publish it so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch? Make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

SEVERE MUSCULAR PAIN

In the fall of 1949 I was sick with a terrible soreness in every muscle and joint in my body. I could hardly walk, and when I did I just slid my feet along. I was in much pain. That winter I went to a doctor. He said my tonsils would have to be taken out or they would cause me to have arthritis.

I was better for a few months, but in September, 1950, I was worse. This time I was almost helpless. By the help of the Lord I decided to trust Him completely. I did what the Bible said in James 5:13-15, and I believed Matthew 8:16, 17 and Isaiah 53:5. I was prayed for several times. I couldn't understand why I didn't get my healing, at first, but I didn't question God. I knew His promises were true.

One night friends took me to church. I had to be helped into the car and into church. While I was sitting in the service and the Word of God was going forth, a blessed peace from the Lord came over me and I knew God had given me the victory.

I am healed completely. I do all my housework and some outside work as well. What a wonderful Savior and Healer we have! He never fails!—Mrs. N. L. Stansberry, P. O. Box 156, Pixley, Calif.

(Pastor James W. Lott, Pixley, Calif., has endorsed this testimony.)

BRUISED SPINE HEALED

An indescribable sense of thanksgiving to God prompts me to give this healing testimony. I was in constant pain day and night for eight years from a bruised spine, caused by a fall. For two weeks after the accident I could not find a comfortable position. I was in excruciating pain whether sitting up or lying down. The X-ray pictures showed that a sliver of bone had broken loose from the end of my spine. A later examination showed that this bone sliver worked itself out of my body through the lower bowel, just as a sliver in one's finger will work itself out. This was evidenced by a scar on the intestines. The doctor thought that this was nothing short of a miracle. I had been much in prayer and my pastor had also prayed most earnestly.

However, the soreness and constant dull pains continued for years. The pain was severe when I stood for a length of time, or if I sat down for more than a few minutes at a time. I was in an extreme nervous condition, described in medical terms as "super-tenseness."

I was prayed for in the Harvey McAlister meeting, and felt instant relief from tenseness of nerves. Now I can sit in any position and for any length of time without pain or discomfort. It is several months since I was

healed and I am still well.—Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, 1357 N. Burdick, Kalamazoo, Mich. (Pastor M. R. Searless of Kalamazoo, Mich., was an eye witness to Mrs. Graham's healing, and states that she is still rejoicing in Christ as her Divine Physician.)

RHEUMATIC FEVER

I suffered with strept throat and pneumonia which caused rheumatic fever. I had rheumatic fever five years causing a bad heart murmur. Doctor Routsong of Bartlesville, Okla. said that my heart was just about worn out, and that I would have to stay in bed for a long time.

The last attack affected my eyes. They swelled out of my head. This doctor was so interested in my case that he came to see me without my calling him, and he did not charge me.

I was prayed for in August, 1950, during the meeting which Evangelist W. V. Grant was conducting. The Lord healed me. The next day I went to Dr. Routsong for examination. He said there was no sign of the old trouble, and told me I could go back to school.—Larry Hansen, Box 315, Avant, Okla.

(Pastor C. H. Asher, Bartlesville, Okla., verified this testimony and states that he knows this healing is real.)

America is running on the moral momentum from a godly ancestry.—J. Gresham Machen.

NEWS

NINTH NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, MARCH 13-16

The Ninth National Sunday School Convention of the Assemblies of God will be held in Springfield, Missouri, March 13 to 16. Over five thousand Sunday School workers are expected to attend this largest of all Sunday School conventions.

Theme for the 1951 convention is expressed in the slogan, "FULL SPEED AHEAD." The conferences, evening services, Sunday School exhibition room, and special features will emphasize this theme.

The convention is open to Sunday School workers regardless of denomination, and a welcome will be extended to all who are able to come for these important and significant sessions.

Seats for all registered delegates will be reserved in the evening services until 7:30. For information, room reservations, or registration (fee \$1.00) write CONVENTION COMMITTEE L; 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT ILLINOIS DISTRICT CAMP

The Presbyters of the Illinois District, meeting in session, have laid plans to build the first unit of a Motel just across from the Hotel at the District Camp Grounds at Petersburg. New sanitary facilities will be installed and other improvements made before the 1951 Camp opens.

God was with us at the 1950 Camp in saving, healing, and baptizing power. The holiness of God was so felt that we found it unnecessary to police the ground as in other years.

T. J. Jones, of Minneapolis, was our Bible teacher each morning. Glenn Horst spoke to the young people every afternoon. Brother and Sister Raymond T. Brock had charge of the daily children's meetings. We do thank God for the wonderful ministry of all these workers.

Paul Copeland taught a Teacher Training class during the Camp, and F. H. Toliver conducted the services on Sunday School Day. The first Sunday we had 1382 present for Sunday School. The last Sunday we reached a new record of 1525.

The crowds at all the meetings were the largest we ever had. Many nights we had around 4,000 people present. It was an awe-inspiring sight at each of the night services to see the altars lined with men and women seeking the face of God for salvation, or being reclaimed. None will ever forget the Holy Ghost Rally on Monday night when the entire tabernacle was filled with the presence of God and people were baptized with the Holy Spirit all over the place.

Evangelist O. L. Jagers was our night speaker. The great crowds, the full altars, the healing services, the manifest power of God, all spoke for the sincerity and earnest desire of God's untiring servant to help sinful and suffering humanity. Many different kinds of disease were healed in answer to the evangelist's prayer, for which the Lord Jesus Christ was glorified. Goiters disappeared, deaf ears were unstopped, and the paralyzed were made whole. A little boy, who could not walk, instantly received his healing. A young man blind from an accident for seven years, saw his mother's face for the first time in that period of time.

None of us will ever forget the miraculous healing which took place while the evangelist was preaching. Suddenly a blind man stood up and said, "I see the preachers sitting on the platform." No one but God could have done such a marvelous work.

It was a great camp, for God was there. Over \$600 was given in our missionary offer-

The Nation's LARGEST—

The annual Sunday School Convention of the Assemblies of God is the largest Sunday School convention in the nation!

Plan to attend this year and enjoy with thousands of others the thrill of learning to win souls.

Ninth National SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

MARCH 13-16, 1951

Seats in the evening services will be reserved until 7:30 for those who register. For information and room reservations write.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE L

434 West Pacific Street

Springfield

Missouri

ing, and over \$400 was given for our children's home. We thank the Lord for the new camp interest and eagerly await the time when another Camp will come around.—W. R. Williamson, Illinois District Superintendent.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

PITTSBURG, KANS.—We recently completed a profitable revival with Evangelist E. L. Slavens of Kansas City, Mo. Many were saved and many were wonderfully healed of various afflictions. We do thank the Lord for His mercy and presence with us.—C. E. Peak, Pastor.

PARIS, TEX.—We have just closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist Harold D. Starks of Whittier, Calif. Twelve were saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We broke our previous Sunday School record with 118 in attendance.—C. G. Nichols, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Nelson Woodcock of Corpus Christi. His anointed messages were a blessing to the saints. Ten were saved and several healed by the power of God. The revival spirit continues for which we praise the Lord.—I. L. Raymond, Jr., Pastor, Assembly of God Mission.

HARLOW, N. DAK.—I wish to report on the revival conducted by Evangelist A. M. Selness. He was with us five nights. The power of God was present in every service both to bring souls to repentance and to heal the sick. Words are inadequate to express the blessings and benefits received during this meeting.—Mrs. Robert Hoff.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—We had a blessed revival with Evangelist Charles Harris and co-worker. God met with us in a special way in every service. Several were saved and a number filled with the Spirit. Every department of the church was blessed. The children's work conducted by Billie Reeves was enjoyed by the grown-ups, as well as by the children.—L. R. Hampton, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

CLINTON, ILL.—Last November we began a meeting with Evangelist James D. Drush of Houston, Tex. The meeting continued over a month. God blessed in a wonderful way even amidst opposition and indifference in the community. Seventeen were saved and many healed, some while sitting in the services. Since the meeting closed a lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit while praying at home. Praise God for the new spirit that is manifested.—H. Ivan Ryan, Pastor.

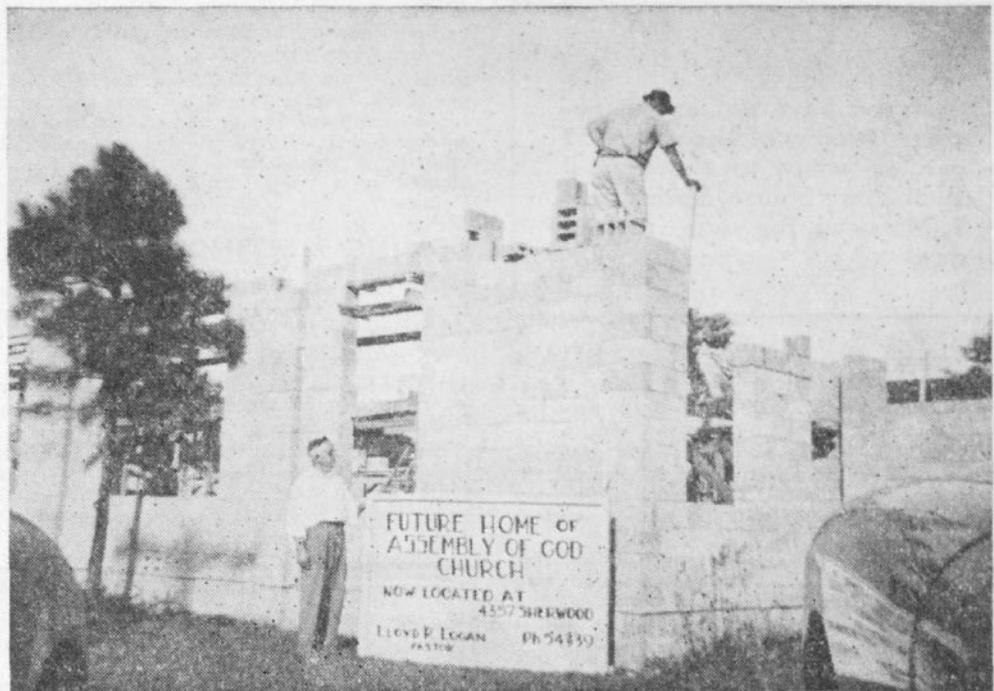
MERCER, MO.—We had a six-week revival with Evangelists G. R. and Delores McGhghy. We appreciated the fine ministry of this anointed couple, and also the singing and musical numbers. Night after night Holy Ghost conviction gripped the hearts of men and women. Eighteen were saved and three were filled with the Holy Ghost. Most of them came back night after night to testify to the saving power of Jesus. Our Sunday School reached a record attendance of 161. We praise the Lord for wonderfully answering our prayers.—George E. King, Pastor.

RICHMOND, IND.—God is moving in a marked way at the First Assembly of God. Every service affords a great blessing. We had a revival with Velmer Gardner and party of Washington. From the very first meeting God moved sinners to the altar. At the close of the three-week revival we were able to count 30 adults who had found God. We gained six new families. The building was packed out every night.

There were several outstanding healings. A Catholic lady was one of the first to be prayed for. She was converted and was healed of cancer. One night Brother Gardner called out a lady who had cancer. She came and was prayed for. A few days later she went to her doctor. He was amazed to find such a recovery. Others were healed of various diseases.

We feel that this is just the beginning of a mighty moving of God in this city. Since the close of the revival sinners are still being saved. A married couple gave their hearts to the Lord at the close of our Christmas program.

The church has decided to sell their present property and buy a lot on West National Road (route 40) to build a new church. We give God all the glory.—H. Warren Staats, Pastor.



Building for God

The members of the First Assembly in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are building for God. They are erecting this building 40x96 feet in size, using concrete blocks and brick veneer. When finished it will seat about 400 people. Lloyd R. Logan, the Pastor, is shown in the picture.

When construction was begun the church had hardly enough money to pour the foundation. But they went forward in faith. The men of the church are doing the construction work, and the Lord is providing the material as it is needed.

Baton Rouge is one of the South's largest industrial centers. Pastor Logan and his congregation are determined to reach as many as possible with the Full Gospel message; therefore they are erecting this building in a fine location and are making many sacrifices to get it finished.

All over this land and other lands there are similar groups and individuals who are building for God. They are not merely erecting structures of bricks and boards, although that is an important work for the Kingdom; but they are helping to build that *spiritual* building which is the true Church. Jesus Christ Himself is the "chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit."

Every worker who wins souls, who brings in the backsliders, who helps to establish others in the truth, is making a contribution to this spiritual building. The EVANGEL also is playing an important part, and each one who hands out a copy or who orders the paper for a friend is making a vital contribution.

Special Offer—for January Only

We will send the EVANGEL to any address in the U.S.A. for FIVE MONTHS (21 weeks) for only FIFTY CENTS.

Notice, however, that we cannot offer this low rate after January 31. The order must be mailed to us this month, so that our office staff can put it through before the

quarterly rush begins. Help us build for God. Order the EVANGEL for the people for whom you are praying, and watch the "building" grow.

GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE, Springfield 1, Missouri

I am attaching a sheet containing the name and address of each serviceman, friend, and relative for whom I am praying. Please send them the EVANGEL for the next five months (21 weeks) at your special January rate of Fifty Cents each. I enclose a check or money order to cover the cost.

My name is

Street

City Zone ... State

(This offer is only good on addresses in the U.S.A.)

NOTICE!!

If you have not as yet received a copy of the new 1951 catalog write to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri, for your copy today.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—In October we had a ten-day meeting with Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad. Two were saved and God richly blessed her ministry.

At the close of the meeting we called Evangelist and Mrs. Burton Ellis of Albany, N. Y. to continue the revival. God wonderfully met with us and numbers were healed of various ailments and afflictions.

One of our members was healed of ovarian trouble and adhesions. The doctors had told her she would have to have an operation, but now she has the doctor's statement that she is healed.

Another lady was healed of back trouble. She had not been able to stoop.—Harry R. Jackson, Pastor.

ELKPOINT, S. DAK.—On Nov. 26 we concluded a profitable revival with Mrs. Bonetta Rabe, evangelist and Bible teacher. Souls were saved and some received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several backsliders came back to the Lord.

We are praising God that since we came here fourteen months ago our Sunday School has more than doubled, and several new families have been added to our congregation. We have painted the church inside and out, and installed a new gas furnace. We have also completed the parsonage and we are now living in it.—J. C. Olson, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—About eight months ago we rented an empty church building in the suburbs of Portland and started a new Assembly of God church. The first Sunday we had 14 in Sunday School and within a few weeks we increased to 30. Then a number of the families moved away. Our Sunday School dropped to seven; it looked very discouraging, but God enabled us to purchase a Sunday School bus, and we canvassed from door to door. As a result, our average attendance has increased to 40 with a record attendance of 52.

We have started C. A. services with an average of 20 in attendance. Robert Swope of Seattle, Wash., who has come to assist us in this pioneer work, has charge of this group. For the first seven months we did not have a pianist and now the Lord has given us three. We give the Lord all the credit for the work that has been accomplished.—Floyd Huntley, Pastor.

CORSICANA, TEX.—After witnessing many wonderful healings in our church, we had a longing to launch a city-wide campaign emphasizing deliverance for body and soul in the name of Jesus. The Lord answered our prayer by sending Evangelist E. R. Lindsey and party (of Oregon) to Corsicana for a meeting.

The newspaper and radio co-operated, and there was a good response from the people. The large tent was filled from the very first service. A number of people came forward for salvation each night.

Many sick bodies were healed in answer to the prayer of faith. The revival became the talk of the town. People who were strangers would stop us on the street and ask us to pray for their sick folk who had been given up by the doctors.

We had been reluctant to launch such a meeting, as we did not know whether our assembly could support it financially, but God has provided. The people of all churches have given their support, and every need has been met.—Bracy I. Greer, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

BERT TALCOTT, Springfield, Ill., went home to heaven December 23, 1950, at the age of 58. Brother Talcott became an ordained minister

in the General Council in 1918. He pastored various churches in Missouri and Illinois.

L. CLYDE MEYER, Sutton, N. Dak., went to be with the Lord December 20, 1950, at the age of 59. Brother Meyer has been incapacitated for several years due to an accident and complications which resulted. He became an ordained minister in the General Council in 1936, and labored as a pastor in Minnesota and North Dakota.

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.

PORTALES, N. MEX.—Feb. 4—18 or longer; Evangelist Warren Litzman.—by James D. Bell, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., Feb. 4—25; Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson, Houston, Tex.—by Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor.

REGINA, SASK., CANADA—Bethel Temple, 2070 Broad St., Jan. 21—Feb. 4; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by H. H. Barber, Pastor.

WAMPUM, PA.—Assembly of God, North Main St., Jan. 19—28; Evangelist Mal Kerr, Pottsville, Pa. (W. C. Harper is Pastor.)

LORDSBURG, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, 7th and Animas Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Mayne Rutledge, San Francisco, Calif.—by Robert S. and Elmina A. Bubb, Pastors.

COVINA, CALIF.—Second annual Missionary Convention, Assembly of God, 2nd and School Sts., Jan. 24—28. Speakers: Glenn Horst, China; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Butler, India; Fred Vogler, Home Missions; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Renfro, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Felton, Peru; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marsh, Mexico. Each evening members of the Latin American Bible Institute of Puente, Calif. will constitute the choir. Services, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Thurs., Fri., and Sun. 10:00 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—by R. L. Davis, Pastor.



CRISIS



Our nation is facing a crisis such as it has never before faced in its history. The very existence of the United States as a free and independent nation is being threatened. These are dark days. Sacrifices and austerities are ahead. . . .

The servicemen's Division, likewise, is facing a crisis—a *serious* crisis. Its very existence, too, is threatened. Paradoxically, the very fact that its ministry is needed today more than ever before to serve the growing needs of our expanding armed forces is that which is causing this threat. Here is why:

The drain upon our slim resources has increased immeasurably since the outbreak of war in Korea. An official at a West Coast port of embarkation, who handles about half of all the supplies sent to chaplains under the Far East Command, ordered 20,000 REVEILLE—almost one-seventh of our latest REVEILLE printing. Our ministry is reaching to the fighting front itself! In addition to a phenomenal upswing in the demand for REVEILLE, there has been an increase of over 1,000 names on our mailing list in two months!

BUT . . .

There has been no parallel increase in our financial support! The serviceman, it seems, continues to be the forgotten man in the thinking and giving of the majority of God's children. Anyone can tell at a glance that a situation like that means a losing fight!

We need your help. Won't you ask the Lord what your part in this ministry should be? If you want the Servicemen's Division to drop out of the picture at this critical stage, then forget all about this. If not, then realize YOU must do something about it! Send all offerings to:

THE SERVICEMEN'S DIVISION

Christ's Ambassadors Department

434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri

Home Reference Bibles

KING JAMES (AUTHORIZED) VERSION

Printed on "Thintext", a pure, India-like paper, tissue thin, but very opaque, from newly set "crystal-clear" bold face type in full pica size. Designed primarily for use in the home, where its remarkable, easy reading, large type is ideal for all ages. It is equally well adapted to use in the pulpit and in the Bible School. This Bible contains thousands of center column references, an atlas of new type maps in full color, and interesting Table of Daily Bible Readings. A completely new Bible which is only 1¼ inches thick; the page size is 6½x9½ inches; and it is made in four popular styles.

Size, 6½x9½x1¼ inches; Weight, 3 lbs.; Black cloth binding, Straight Edge (not overlapping); Amber Edges; Family Register; Presentation Page; Maps; Self-Pronouncing.

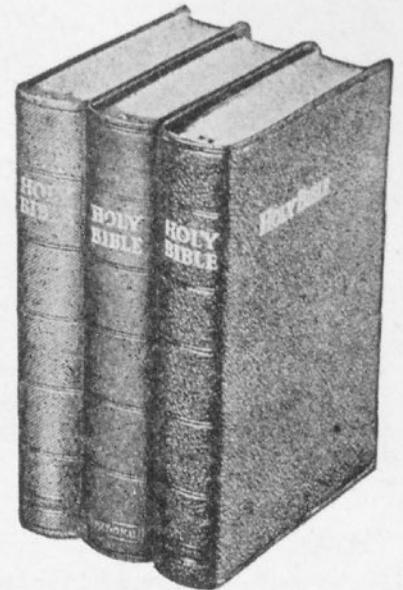
1 EV 170 \$5.50

Size, 6½x9½x1¼ inches; Weight, 3 lbs.; Straight Edges (not overlapping) Amber Edges; Center References; Thin Bible Paper; Maps; Family Register; Presentation Page.

1 EV 173 \$6.50

Size, 6½x9½x1¼ inches; Weight, 3 lbs.; Morocco Grain Leather; Straight Edges (not overlapping) Amber under gold edges; Family Register; Presentation Page; Maps; Self-Pronouncing; "Thintext" Pure White India-like Paper.

1 EV 176 \$11.00



Genuine leather cover, limp and flexible. Printed on thintext paper with gold edges. King James (Authorized) Version, with center references, Family Register, Concordance, and Words of Christ printed in Red.

1 EV 179 \$12.00

[11] CHAPTER 11
The Tower of Babel

AND the whole earth ¹was of one ¹language, and of ²one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed ³from the east, that they found a plain in the land of ⁴Shī'nār; and they dwelt there.

MARKS 3:9
1 Chr. 14
18
1 Heb. 12
2 Or, few words
3 Or, eastward
2281 →
4 Or, come
5 Babel, Babylon

12 And Ār-phāx'ad and thirty years, ^mSā'lah:
13 And Ār-phāx'ad he begat Sā'lah for and three years, and and daughters.
14 And Sā'lah lived and begat Ē'bēr:
15 And Sā'lah live

MECKLING, S. DAK.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist Leona Newberry, Springfield, Mo. (C. G. Tiaht is Pastor.)

FT. COLLINS, COLO.—Jan. 22—; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (H. I. Maley is Pastor.)

LORAIN, OHIO—Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 28—Feb. 11 or longer; H. E. Hardt, York, Pa.—by Earl J. Hance, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Kensington Pentecostal Church, Jan. 9—28 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Rudy Cerullo.—by S. A. Benson, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OREG.—Assembly of God, 485 Sikyou Blvd., Jan. 16—; Evangelist Dwight McLaughlin and party.—by O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 4th and Sierra Way, Jan. 23—Feb. 4; Evangelist Kenneth Schmidt.—by L. H. Hauff, Pastor.

HARLINGEN, TEX.—Assembly of God, 11th and Madison, Jan. 28—; Evangelist George Hayes, Houston, Tex.—by R. R. Taylor, Pastor.

HAMILTON, MONT.—Assembly of God, Jan. 17—Feb. 4 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley R. Hurst, Sr., Wisconsin. (Harry Petersen is Pastor.)

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, 1st and Nevada Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelist E. T. Vestal.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Union tent meeting, Jan. 25—Mar. 4; Evangelist Gayle Jackson. For information contact D. J. Haidt, 1700 Suwanee Dr., West Palm Beach, Fla.

WICHITA, KANS.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 1504 N. St. Francis St., Jan. 28—Feb. 11 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Ramsey, Forrest City, Ark.—by Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Tabernacle, 12th and C St. S.W., Jan. 19—Feb. 11; Evangelist Charles H. E. Duncombe, Bolton, England.—by Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Bethel Temple, Corner of George St. (2900 west) and Lavergne St. (5000 north), Jan. 31—Feb. 14 or longer; Harold Horton of London, England.—by W. L. Williams, Pastor.

GULFPORT, MISS.—Assembly of God, 25th St. and 25th Ave., Jan. 23 for three weeks or longer; Evangelist William F. McPherson, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Virgil E. Whitmire, Pastor.

DISTRICT COUNCIL, Northern California and Nevada District—Stockton, Calif., Jan. 30—Feb. 2. Watson Argue, Seattle, Wash., speaker. Missionaries and visiting ministers welcome. W. T. Gaston, District Superintendent.—by R. J. Thurmond, District Secretary-Treasurer.

MISSISSIPPI PRAYER CONFERENCE—Mississippi Tabernacle, West Capitol St., Jackson, Miss., Feb. 6—8. W. R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, principal speaker. Fellowship meeting Tues. night.—by Jeff Gibbs, District Superintendent.

S. S. SEMINAR and Workers' Training—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 5th and Peoria, Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 22—27. Teachers: Victor Trimmer, National Sunday School Representative, Mrs. Bert Webb, T. E. Hollingsworth, J. C. Dodd, and others. For information contact D. V. Hurst, Educational Director, 5th and Peoria, Tulsa, Okla.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Paul B. Reagan, 932 Rose Road, Miami, Ariz. "Have accepted pastorate of the Assembly of God here. If you have friends living here I will be glad to contact them."

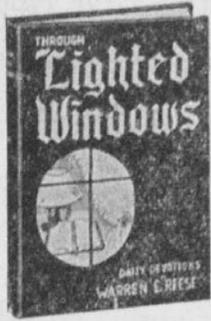
NOTICE—Servicemen at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. are invited to attend Bible classes at the North Chapel, Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., taught by Assembly of God minister.—by Arvid St. Clair Nordlund, 2923 Marquette St., San Diego 10, Calif.

MINISTERING TO SEAMEN—I have compiled a list of Pentecostal pastors in foreign ports. If you have relatives or members hospitalized or stationed in any world port, write to me and I will ask the nearest Full Gospel pastor to visit them.—L. F. Yelland, 23 Beech Road, St. Austell, Cornwall, England.

ORDER BY TITLE AND NUMBER


SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI

HERE ARE THOSE DEVOTIONAL BOOKS



*You will
enjoy
reading over
and
over again.*

THROUGH LIGHTED WINDOWS

By Warren E. Reese

A dynamic book of inspiration and devotional readings for each day of the year, containing Scripture and a simple message. Cloth bound.

3 EV 2724 \$2.00

THE PLIGHT OF MAN AND THE POWER OF GOD

By Martyn Lloyd-Jones

The author challenges the church to an honest appraisal of the conditions which it faces. Cloth bound.

3 EV 2277 \$1.25

STREAMS IN THE DESERT

By Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

The dominant note through all of these daily readings is that of comfort. This would make an excellent gift book. Art fabrikoid.

3 EV 2603 \$2.00

SPURGEON'S MORNING AND EVENING

By David O. Fuller

Devotional material for both morning and evening. Inspiration and heartwarming. This is a new edition. Cloth bound.

3 EV 2565 \$2.50

SPRINGS IN THE VALLEY

By Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

This daily devotional book is similar to "Streams in the Desert," but is composed of entirely different quotations. Cloth bound.

3 EV 2560 \$2.00

BASIC QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

By Leonard Greenway

The author speaks kindly—yet fearlessly—about the conduct of the Christian who seeks the Lord. Cloth.

3 EV 1047 \$1.50

MOUNTAIN TRAILWAYS FOR YOUTH

By Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

A devotional book prepared especially for youth, written in the same beloved style of the author. Cloth bound.

3 EV 2077 \$2.00

PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION

Carl F. H. Henry

The story of this famous mission is depicted with a human interest that is very touching. Gives an account of some of the converts. Cloth.

3 EV 2219 \$1.50

BONE OF HIS BONE

By F. J. Hugel

The author seeks to emphasize the Christian's need of the power of the indwelling Christian—"Christ in you, the hope of Glory." Cloth.

3 EV 1130 \$1.50

 **Gospel Publishing House**
SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI