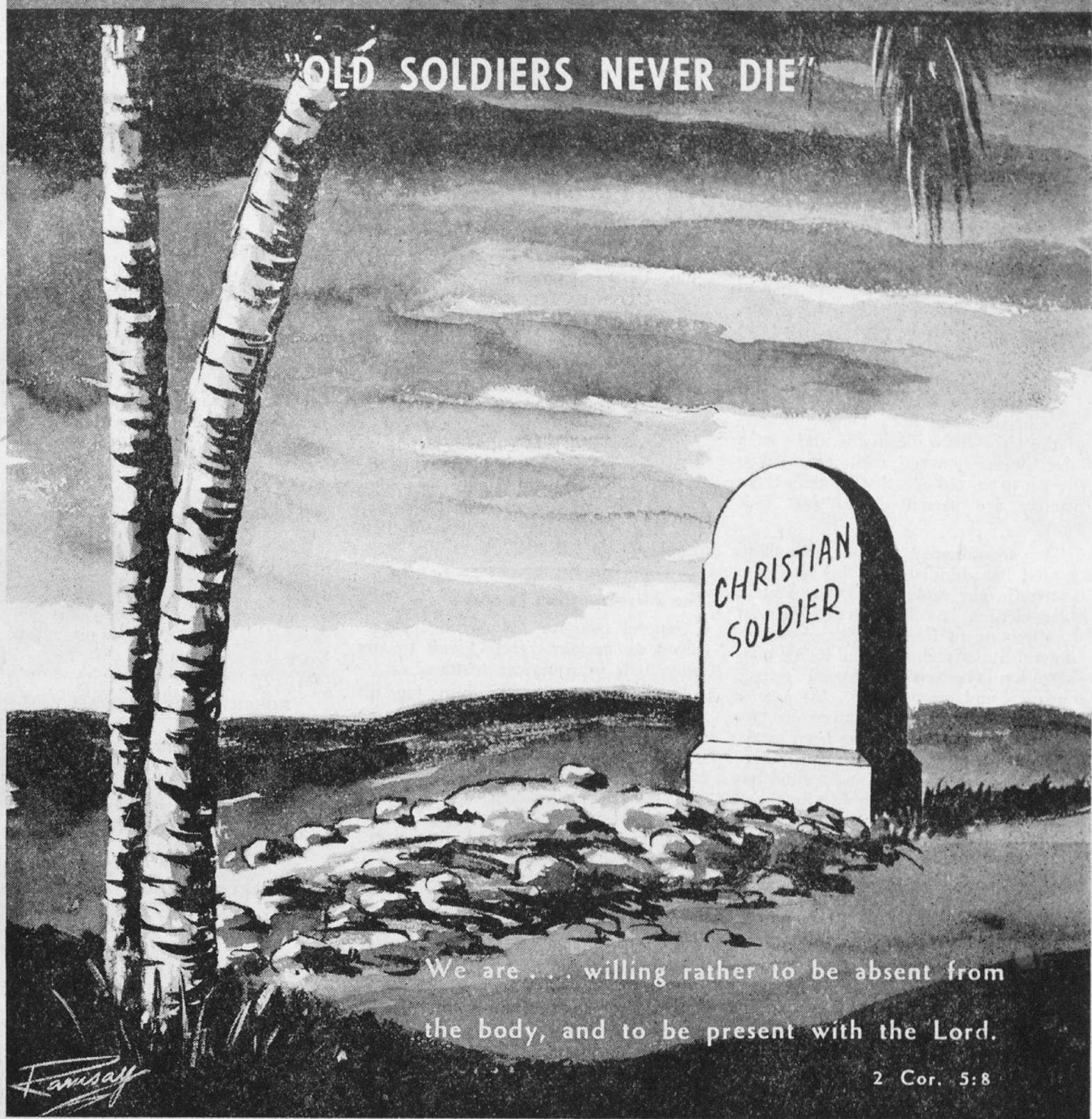


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE

CHRISTIAN
SOLDIER

We are . . . willing rather to be absent from
the body, and to be present with the Lord.

2 Cor. 5:8

Famsay

EDITORIALY

In Grateful Memory

Those who have laid down their lives for their country are held in honored memory. It is fitting that we should bow our heads on Memorial Day and pray that God will be merciful to the nation for which they gave their all.

When praying for our nation we must not forget to pray for the young men serving in Korea, and for their chaplains and officers.

Let us remember also the thousands of men who served their country in time of war but who did not die, and who now languish in veterans' hospitals or old folk's homes. How true are the words that General MacArthur quoted in his famous address to Congress: "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." Had these old soldiers died in battle they might have gained some glory in the minds of their fellow men, but instead they live on in obscurity—they "just fade away." Some in poverty—some in pain—they grow old and the nation forgets.

All too often the same thing happens in Christian circles. Those soldiers of the Cross who die in the midst of a busy life are honored, while others who live on to an old age that renders them inactive are permitted to "just fade away."

The constituency of the Assemblies of God has decided that this shall not be true in our ranks. A Department of Benevolences has been created under the direction of Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent, and loving consideration is being shown for our retired ministers and missionaries. Assistance and care is being given them in two different ways: a home has been established at Pinellas Park, Florida, to meet the needs of some, and a fund has been created to extend a helping hand to others.

At the present time 131 elderly couples or individuals are receiving a regular monthly check. It is not a large check. In the past year all the checks have totaled around \$4,848.00 per month so the average of these 131 checks is only \$37.00 each. This is not very much in these days when living costs are so high; and yet, it is an expression of love that warms the hearts of these precious old veterans of the Cross who have given their lives in sacrificial ministry and have been unable to accumulate any reserve for their declining years.

For funds with which to carry on this ministry of help, the Department of Benevolences depends on the semi-annual offerings from the assemblies each May and each November. Let us give generously. The Scripture says: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" 1 John 3:16, 17.

It would be a fine thing if every assembly would adopt the custom of sending a monthly offering to the Department of Benevolences to take care of our honored veterans and also to provide for the large family of boys and girls in our National Children's Home. It is going to take systematic giving, rather than emotional giving, to meet the growing needs.

The Kansas District Council is recommending that every assembly in Kansas should send a monthly offering to the Department of Benevolences. The Wyoming District Council recently adopted a resolution to recommend that each church in Wyoming give a monthly offering for benevolences in addition to the semi-annual offerings for the Old Age Assistance Fund.

If every assembly would give regularly, even though it be only a dollar a month, it would enable the Department of Benevolences to show kindness to the increasing number of highly deserving veterans of the Pentecostal ministry who desperately need the help of their brethren.

The Missionaries' Friend

General Douglas MacArthur has received an acclaim rarely given to any individuals in American history.

Some are acclaiming him for his military genius. Others honor him as a symbol of all the young men who have served or are now serving in the American armed forces in the Far East. Many pay tribute particularly to his wise statesmanship as ruler of occupied Japan. Some are simply captured by his superb oratory and his dramatic personality.

Far above all these other accomplishments is his excellent record as a champion of righteousness and a friend of the missionaries. It is for these spiritual qualities that evangelical Christians acclaim him the most. His faith in God's Word and his courage in giving his Christian testimony have evoked high respect.

When the Japanese people lost their faith in Emperor worship and found themselves in a religious vacuum,

General MacArthur sent a call to America for Bibles and missionaries. "The greatest need in Japan now is the Word of God. If you put the Bible in the hands of the Japanese and they read it, it will be up to the Bible to do something, and I believe it will do something, because there is power in the Bible. No country is offering a challenge to Christian missions like Japan. When trying to establish a government, history tells me that we cannot have a lasting government unless it is built on God's Word."

When General MacArthur took over Japan in 1945, he told his officers and staff that they were to set an example before the Japanese people, and go to church. "But you are not to go in your automobiles," he said. "March in a body to church."

Two years ago he said: "I am calling now for ten million New Testaments. I am calling for three thousand young men to come to Japan as Christian missionaries. If the church and the people at home do not rise to their greatest responsibility in a thousand years, future historians will look back on 1949 and 1950 and say that this failure of the church was the greatest tragedy of the Christian age."

We thank God that in these past crucial years the nation's interests in the Far East have been in the hands of a man of Christian character and personal integrity such as Douglas MacArthur.

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Crumbs of the Children's Bread

Zelma Argue

"JESUS SAID unto her, Let the children first be filled; for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord; yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, for this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter." Mark 7:27-29.

Bread crumbs! It was all she asked, that Syrophenician woman whose daughter needed deliverance so badly. Yet to her, though she asked for only a little, a great deliverance was granted. For the crumbs were from God's loaf—they were indeed bread of life!

Bread crumbs! How many are inclined to spurn them, either in asking for a healing, or in seeking power to minister to others. The temptation comes to discount, to minimize, to fail to appreciate the "bread crumbs" of God's blessing. "My portion is so little," one is inclined to sigh. Others have great miracles wrought; great healings. Others are used to reach multitudes; mighty ministries; but I have only a "little" blessing granted me, and am used so "little" in helping others. It is so easy to take this attitude and let the glory of what the modest demand of this woman symbolized all slip by.

Bread crumbs! Does not the Scripture definitely establish that it is not the amount we start out with that determines the size of the increase? Rather it is the quality of faith that seizes on these "bread crumbs" that determines the outcome thereof.

Let us carefully examine the Scriptures to see where this story is placed, and we will discover a joyously startling fact. We will find that the writer, Mark, places it right in the chapter of his Gospel which follows the story of the great miracle of feeding the multitude from a tiny lunch—with a bountiful supply left over! Twelve baskets full. Much more picked up afterwards, than the amount with which they started. Look at Matthew's gospel, and we find the same order. In Matthew 14 we read of Christ feeding the five thousand men, besides women and children, from a disdained beginning of such a very small amount,

yet having twelve baskets left over. And in the succeeding chapter (15:27) is related the great faith of this woman who dared to ask for bread crumbs only, and all her need was met.

It is as though the Holy Spirit was saying, in arranging it thus: "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear," for the one so marvelously picks up the mighty secret revealed in the other. It is but a humble woman of an alien race who herewith reaps great benefit. A little bit of "bread" which Jesus is handing out, even if it be but crumbs, can become tremendous life and blessing when received in faith believing.

Contrast her persistent expectation with the very negative comments of the disciples in Matthew 14. They labored to point out objections. She labored to have Christ ignore all objections! They felt these hindrances were conclusive reason to send the people away. The place was a desert. The day was far spent. Much money would be needed. They should depart, and buy for themselves in the villages. It was Jesus who overruled these objections with a firm command, "Give ye them to eat!" And that was after He had enquired if there was so much as a little, even a very, very little, and had found out that there was. That very little was what He asked for. From it the mighty miracle was wrought, as soon as it was turned over to Him.

It is a forceful truth that whenever Jesus set out to feed great multitudes (see also the feeding of the four thousand—Matthew 15), He always started out from a beginning so small that it was beforehand commented on as really too infinitesimally small a portion to even consider working with. And these comments came from His own disciples, His own chosen ones.

It was from the point of admitted inadequacy that Jesus always chose to work His mighty works. This little woman had somehow grasped this truth. Nothing could shake her from her request, nor from her unwavering expectation. The tiniest "crumb" from Jesus would more than meet her need. What did Jesus say? "O woman, great is thy faith! be it unto thee even as thou wilt." "And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." Matthew 15:28.

Difficulties and obstacles furnish the very atmosphere in which Jesus delights to prove Himself, providing someone has confidence. See another little bent figure pressing through the crowd, asking not His attention, nor special time devoted to her. Her plan was to be a secret, known only to herself. "If I can but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be whole." But she won more than she asked, for Jesus could not overlook her faith; and wonderful was His word of commendation to her, as she also was made every whit whole.

THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS

Psalms 4:8

The evening comes, the sun is sunk and gone,
And all things lie in stillness and in rest;

And thou, my soul, for thee one rest alone
Remaineth ever, on the Father's breast.

The wand'rer rests at last each weary limb;

Birds to their nests return from heath and hill;

The sheep are gathered from the pastures dim—

In Thee, my God, my restless heart is still.

Lord, gather from the regions dim and far
Desires and thoughts that wandered far from Thee;



To home and rest lead on, O guiding Star,
No other home or nest but God for me.

—Tersteegen

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In some of the large healing meetings, the cases that to my knowledge have carried away the most blessing have been some who merely sat back in the congregation, never even getting up into "the line" but leaving that privilege to others. But as the Word was ministered ("He sent His Word, and healed them"—Psalm 107:20) they received it. They fed upon it as bread of life. And the work of healing was wrought. "The power of the Lord was present to heal." Luke 5:17. "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." The "crumbs" have sufficed, for there is life in that bread. Who will truly eat thereof?

I personally know very well a beloved returned missionary, who now, with her husband, lives a quiet life in this land after a quarter century in China. Her heart is still in that land, and to help meet personal expenses and have some money to send over there, she bakes each week fragrant loaves of home-made bread for a clientele of thirty homes. It is a real joy to her to do this baking, and her weekly schedule is well arranged. She confided to me that when she delivers these loaves, it is not mere routine to her. She said that as she hands out the loaves her faith is that all who receive this natural bread will also, by her faith and witnessing, receive heavenly Bread, of which the other is a blessed symbol.

Today there are multitudes in desert places! Today there are multitudes fainting and hungry!

I am ashamed when I think how many of us repeat the old objections of the disciples. "Too little to start out with." Or "too late in the day" for me to try. We will regret it someday, when we see someone else with a very small "lunch," or someone with but a few "crumbs," who nevertheless is willing to rise up and pass them on while we sit idly by; for we will find that Jesus has multiplied the little they willingly offered, and multitudes have had their needs and hunger met.

It is an old, old question. "What? Should I set this before an hundred men?" is the way it was worded in Elisha's day (2 Kings 4:43). The little loaves were few; the young men in Elisha's school of the prophets numbered a hundred. No, it didn't seem to match. But Elisha is called "the man of God." That's where the difference in reckoning comes in. Reckoning on God, Elisha saw the little loaves as plenty, and stated there would even be some left over. So it was. And our weak excuse ("My gifts and powers are not sufficient") is but a poor way of saying we are not willing to recklessly

count on God when the distressed appear.

Shall it be said of us, "Of the Rock that begat thee, thou art unmindful" . . . "children in whom is no faith" (Deut. 32:18, 19)? Are there no vacancies left in the record of the "heroes of the faith" (Hebrews 11)? See Elijah on Carmel's top, demanding twelve barrels of water, before He even called upon God to send fire from heaven to vindicate His name. Think of Elijah, after repeated reports on no cloud, prophesying a great deluge, when one tiny cloud the size of a man's hand was discovered. Think of George Mueller, with his thousands of dependent orphan children, being notified there was no food for them for breakfast. What did he do? He just ordered that the children be brought to their places at table as usual, and thanks be offered for food. Then the wondrous works occurred, for a milk man just then came to the door,

stating that a wheel had come off the milk wagon, and asking if they would accept the milk so it would not be left out to turn sour? And the next rap was that of a bread man, saying he had a large supply left over, and wished to leave it, or it would only become stale. Plenty for all.

Crumbs? In some respects they may be a specially blest portion. When we see only crumbs, then we lean on our unseen Lord, who still is the Multiplier of the little portion.

It is not the size of the portion. What matters is whose Hand breaks and blesses that bread. Have those crumbs felt His touch? Then who knows just what the Creator will bring to pass, or how He will see fit to multiply the crumbs of the "children's bread"? Again it can become truly sufficient to meet the needs of the hungry and oppressed, who still are drawn to press where He is known to be.

Are We Bartering Future Glory for Worldly Gain?

The Last May Be First

and the first may be last unless they watch and pray

D. M. Panton

A MOMENTOUS PRINCIPLE uttered by no one but our Lord—"there are last that shall be first, and there are first that shall be last" (Luke 13:30)—is embodied forever in Esau and Jacob, the two patriarchs who are a studied incarnation of interchange of destiny. For God had foretold the interchange ninety years before their birth (Gen. 25:23).

They were born twins and, in the very act of birth, Jacob sought to supplant Esau by a grip on the heel. The interplay of their later life fills a large part of the Old Testament drama. The birthright—a throne: "let nations bow down to thee" (Gen. 27:29)—was the shifting prize. Esau, to whom it belonged, lost it, and Jacob, whose it was not, gained it. This is the concrete example for all time of a dramatic interchange of position—the first last, and the last first.

ESAU DESPISED HIS BIRTHRIGHT

What reinforces our Lord's words with tremendous emphasis is that the Holy Spirit applies the type, and on its dark and dangerous side, to Christian believers. "Look carefully," He says, "lest there be any one (among you)

that falleth short of the grace of God . . . lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his own birthright" (Heb. 12:15-16). All down the ages, and in every camp of the saints, Esau and Jacob reappear, and will to the end of time.

Now we have the Holy Spirit's own analysis of Esau: "a profane person, as Esau." Bluff, generous, impulsive, daring; an athlete, living in the open; a man of quick emotions and strong passions—Esau had a large and lovable character. And, as the eldest son of the sole God-chosen family on earth, what a primacy was his! But the Holy Spirit says he was unhallowed, unsanctified; defiled, polluted, common. In the crisis of his life his inferiority, his unsanctity, sprang to light. "For one mess of meat he sold his own birthright."

With tremendous irony and perfect truthfulness, all earth's transient passions are catalogued under "a mess of meat." It is the bartering, for present passion, of future glory. It is mortgaging the Kingdom for worldly gain. IT IS COUNTING GOD'S CONDITIONAL PROMISES CHEAP. "Esau despised his birthright" (Gen. 25:34). "Buy the truth, and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23).

BITTER SELF-REPROACH

Both Esau and Jacob awake at last; but Esau awakes only after the prize is irrevocably forfeited. "Esau cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry: Bless me, even me also, O my father" (Gen. 27:34). It is exactly the exceeding great and bitter cry our Lord has foretold. Of that servant who says in his heart, "My Lord tarrieth," Jesus says, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 24:51)—the gnashing of teeth which springs, like Esau's, from bitter self-reproach. That Esau receives a blessing (Gen. 27:39), though a blessing less than the forfeited royalty, indicates that he stands for one saved but unrewarded—"saved, yet so as through fire" (1 Cor. 3:15).

"Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest" (Psa. 95:11). Esau had himself confirmed the barter with an oath: that is, he had called God in to see that it was a sale, never to be repented: and now the God of the oath has to act His part. The sacrificing of the age to come for the pleasures of this present age is ratified at the Judgment Seat of Christ. "Even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, though he sought it diligently with tears" (Heb. 12:17).

Now we turn to the other twin in the great race. All down the years Jacob—the word means "supplanter"—has seen visions, but never lived them: the most defective of all Bible saints, he is a man whose unsanctified subtlety amounts to craft. Now, in the last lap, when ninety-seven years of age, we suddenly find him the only character in the Bible a complete victory in his sunset.

EARTHLY PLEASURES BARTERED FOR COMING ROYALTY

For Jacob had originally bought what Esau sold. That is, all his life, *faultful* and stumbling though it was, he coveted God's highest. He acted on the prophecies, and never lost the heavenly vision. Exactly reversing the action of Esau, he bartered earthly passion for coming royalty, and sacrificed the body to the spirit, the present to the future, time to eternity.

Jacob is the embodiment of all the wrestlers who through the midnight of this dark age reach the dawn; and supremely, of racers who started badly. Through the midnight at Peniel he wrestles until the dawn, "with tears" (Hosea 12:4), a soul suddenly and forever awake. The literal in a type is the spiritual in the antitype: the clenched fist, the taut muscle, the ceaseless vigilance, the unyielding grip—it is not only strength, but concentration; not only

concentration, but intensity; not only intensity, but endurance. Salvation is received by resting, not wrestling: the prize is won by wrestling, not resting.

Co-heirship with Christ is the birthright which, while open to all, depends on the midnight wrestle; "heirs indeed of God; but joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with Him" (Romans 8:17). Thus, the millennial birthright potentially belongs to all believers, but actually to those who fulfill the conditions. It is holy tenacity of purpose, dogged refusal to be beaten, quick recovery when knocked out, tremendous earnestness by all who would be God-like and God-crowned. Constancy, persistency, dogged tenacity is the striking feature of Jacob's character. He served fourteen years for the woman he loved. In contrast stands Esau, led by impulse, betrayed by appetite, everything by turns and nothing long.

CHRIST'S STIGMATA, THE WEALS OF FLOGGING

Parabolically we are next shown what invariably follows the great awakening and the complete consecration. "And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh"—and Jacob carried forever the withering touch. GOD ASKS OF HIS VICTORS NOT MEDALS BUT SCARS. "I bear in my body," says Paul, "Christ's stigmata, the weals of the floggings."

Exactly as Esau's sin pampers the body, so Jacob's devotion withers it. As rocks are carved and grooved with the convulsions of long ago, so the saint carries the wounds of a lifetime of holiness. "It is better," says the Saviour, "to enter into life halt," like Jacob, "rather than having two feet to be cast in Gehenna" (Mark 9:45).

Both Esau and Jacob had seen the vision. The one, clutching at earthly pride and power, sells his glory. The other, wrestling through the midnight reaches the dawn (Gen. 32:31).

STRIVING TO PREVAIL

So now the Jehovah Angel sets His seal on the victorious wrestler. "And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob"—a supplanter, layer of snares; for the old unsanctity has died in the midnight wrestle—"but Israel—a prince *with God*"; joint royalty, God-crowned and so enthroned when Christ is enthroned. This peerage of the loftiest creation the Angel attributes not to a gift of God through grace, but directly to the midnight wrestle: "thy name shall be called Israel, for thou hast *striven* and hast *PREVAILED*." The last runner first breasts the tape; and it is expressly in relation to the Kingdom that our Lord states the principle, "They shall come from the east and west and from

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the north and south, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God; and behold, THERE ARE LAST WHICH SHALL BE FIRST" (Luke 13:30).

So throughout Scripture, and supremely to the churches, a new name is required when there has been a profound change in disposition. God throws Jacob, but He knights Israel. "To him that overcometh"—the victorious wrestler—"I"—the Jehovah Angel (Christ) who renamed Jacob—"will give A NEW NAME WRITTEN" (Rev. 2:17).

"There is time to win a victory," cried Napoleon, "before the sun goes down"; and the quintessence of Jacob's life-story is his sudden and final victory at the age of ninety-seven. The very last can be the very first.—*Dawn*.

More and more, as I get older and go on preaching, I find that if I take a text I need the whole Bible to explain it.—G. Campbell Morgan.

"Hem your prayers with praise, lest they unravel."

WAKE UP, AMERICA!

Fathers and mothers, wake up! Politicians, wake up!
Churches, wake up! It is time to return to God.

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12.

An address by Senator Charles W. Tobey

JOHN FISKE wrote a book, *Critical Periods in American History*, telling of the time when the fathers met together to frame the Federal Constitution in 1789. That was a critical period, but not so critical as the era in which you and I carry on. Today we have a responsibility far beyond Continental United States.

These problems result from World War II, and now the threat of a third world war challenges the nation to a herculean production in war materials. Even more sobering is the tragic fact that the youth of the nation is being called into service. Homes are saddened as sons say farewell, for a time at least and an uncertain time, to go into training for defense of the nation.

How did this happen?

There is something subtle in the creeping way such a situation has grown. Twice in one generation, our normal home and business life has been disrupted, and grimly we hear again and ponder the words of Briand who said: "In modern warfare, no nation wins." In the past few years, we have, in the work of the Marshall Plan, or ECA, performed a vast job of furnishing food and supplies to many nations overseas, and aiding them to get back their strength to be able to help themselves. And in accordance with the principles of the Atlantic Pact which Congress adopted by a large majority, we are conferring with leaders of these nations, getting the facts as to their defensive resources, and giving them of our abundance to bring their total defense mechanisms to an efficient basis.

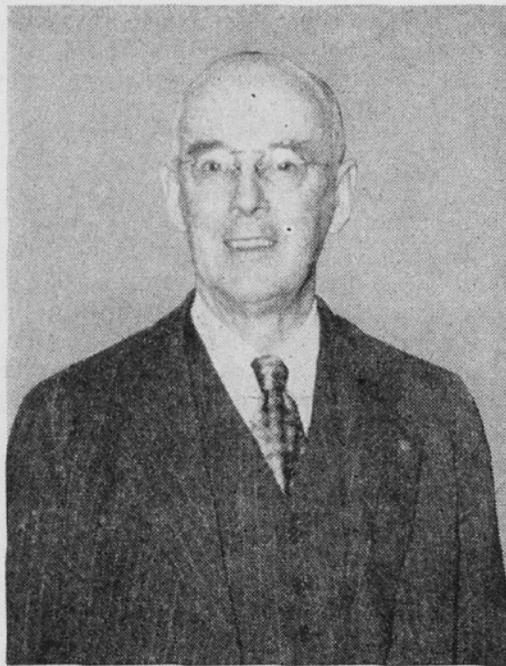
The Senate passed last week a resolution, approving the sending of four additional divisions to Europe.

In Korea our UN troops, largely American, are deploying around the 38th parallel, and that situation is pregnant with dangers for our own and the world's future.

It is a truism that we are living from day to day in an atmosphere of grave uncertainty.

What is the domestic situation? It is far from healthy. Washington is seething with unrest. Politics is being played as if there was no uncertainty in the nation. There is dishonesty and intrigue rife in the Capital. The get-rich-quick parasite is getting in his work. The revelations of corruption in the RFC; the efforts of so many to escape their Federal tax obligations, knowing as they must that every dollar they evade becomes an added burden on honest citizens; the politicians whose first allegiance is to some special group or interest; such things become almost treason.

In recent weeks our citizens throughout the nation have had a revealing and painful experience. For the first time in our national history, they have seen, through television, their government at work in the hearings conducted by the Senate Crime Committee, of which I am privileged to be a member. They have watched a parade of witnesses from the



HON. CHARLES TOBEY
U. S. Senator from New Hampshire

underworld appear in court before the committee. They have studied the faces of these witnesses, watched their reactions to questions propounded by committee members, heard their refusals to answer questions, as the witnesses repeated parrot-like, time after time, those words, "I refuse to answer on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate me." Guilt was manifest, but the only recourse our committee had was to order them to answer, and then, if they persisted in their refusal, to cite them for contempt on the Senate floor.

I want to mention a few highlights from our visits to various sections of the country, which show the sordid conditions that exist. In Kansas City, for instance, we examined twenty-six men, all with criminal records, who covered their faces with their hats as they entered the courtroom, and whose incomes ranged from \$40,000 to \$100,000 a year, all gained by gambling and illegal activities.

We found sheriffs who admitted taking bribes, and men who had failed to live up to their oaths of office as law enforcement officials. We uncovered proof of definite collusion between criminals and public officials.

In Las Vegas, Nevada, which is the only state in the Union where gambling is legal, we visited large gambling emporiums. It was a tragic sight to see the tables surrounded by men whose faces showed lust for money. Around the walls were hundreds of slot machines where very humble men and women were playing the one-armed bandits in the hope they could win, when we all know the odds are stacked against them.

In Los Angeles, we found tragic conditions where gangsters had used money to effect the recall of a very able mayor, Mayor Bowren. We found inefficiency, if not worse, in the sheriff's office and we examined various men with criminal records who told an amazing story.

In San Francisco there was evidence produced where Internal Revenue officials took payment of money to influence tax cases. We found where one man has more power than the governor in many things, and received a million dollars last year from liquor and other evil interests to use in any way he wished, and he used this money to corrupt men in public life. No accounting was made and no records were kept.

In Chicago, we found tragic conditions of crime and an organized underworld. We found that one man, an outstanding police officer, who had pursued relentlessly the evil forces of that city, was suddenly murdered in cold blood the

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Senator Tobey delivered this speech to the ninth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Chicago on April 13, 1951.

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

More for Liquor than Milk

According to *Clipsheet*, the American people are spending more for liquor than for milk and all other dairy products combined. They spend \$8,500,000,000 a year for alcoholic beverages and only \$8,000,000,000 for dairy products.

The Bible in Brazil

The Portuguese—Brazilian d'Almeida version of the Bible is being revised for Brazil, and its text modernized. A Revision Committee of the Brazil Bible Society is at work in Rio de Janeiro; the task will probably take about five years.

Catholic Negroes and Indians

The Roman Catholic Church is making strides in the conversion of certain American groups which other churches have been neglecting. Figures recently issued by the Commission for Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians state there are 400,000 Roman Catholic Negroes and 99,200 Roman Catholic Indians.

What's Wrong with the World

Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin says that he had an encounter with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky four years ago. When he was introduced to Vishinsky, Senator Wiley told the Soviet diplomat:

"I pray every night that the United States, Russia and Great Britain . . . will have a sincere desire for peace."

Vishinsky replied: "I don't pray."

And that, the Senator observes, is what's wrong with the world today.

Children Rising Against Parents

Our Lord said, in referring to the days just prior to His return: "Children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death." Mark 13:12. A case of this was reported by *Associated Press* on April 17, 1951.

The Red China radio said a woman was sentenced and put to death in a mass demonstration at Chungking April 11 on the testimony of her daughter, who was described as "star witness."

Rising before a rally of 70,000 people, the radio said, a student named Chen Kuo Tseng denounced her mother as a "counter-revolutionary." The mother was charged with "sabotaging patriotic movements among students."

"Secret agents are not human," said this daughter without natural affection. "I don't recognize her as my mother. I

ask the government to execute her so that she will no longer be a menace to the people." A Red firing squad executed the mother of this deluded young Communist student, along with five other people.

In the Greek Schools

The Greek Government will not permit evangelical believers in Greece to build their own schools. Writing in *Sunday School Times*, Ernest Gordon says: "The church unionists in America fraternize with the Greek Orthodox and extend relief to them in Greece. But in Greece, evangelicals have to send their children to the Orthodox schools, 'where the priests force them to pray to the Virgin, to cross themselves,' and to practice the rest of the clerical rigmarole."

Back to Christ and Character

Said the *Atlanta Constitution* (Atlanta, Ga.) in an editorial on a city-wide religious crusade: "We can hope that what is taking place in the 200 churches of Atlanta, and in hundreds of others throughout the South, will be the starting point for a nation-wide recovery of the character we seem to have lost along the way." Evangelistic meetings and lay visitation were conducted simultaneously by several denominations. Some 2,000 teams visited 20,000 neighbors and invited them to church.

Pentecostals in France

Harold S. Jones, one of our missionaries from French West Africa who is doing evangelistic work in France at the present time, writes:

"In the EVANGEL of April 1, 1951, there was an article which stated that France has only ten thousand evangelical Christians. It quoted Mr. John Huffman, a writer in *Christian Life*. It is evident that Mr. Huffman did not take into consideration the Pentecostal movement in France, which numbers almost that figure in itself. The official list of churches and meeting places published on March 1, 1951, includes 127 meeting places. The movement is very much alive and is enjoying God's copious showers of blessing.

"The crying need of the Pentecostal movement as expressed by many of the French pastors is full gospel literature. There is almost nothing available in the French language in the way of printed matter that gives our full gospel testimony."

Goodwill Temple in Ohio

The Ohio Council of Churches has launched a state-wide campaign for funds to build a skyscraper Temple of Goodwill in Columbus. The object is to get as many denominations as possible to establish their headquarters in this building. Officials also hope that the liberal National Council of Churches will accept \$25,000 moving expenses and move from New York to make the skyscraper its headquarters.

Chaplains Needed

Chaplains of all faiths on active duty in the armed forces of the United States numbered 2,695 on April 1, according to the Department of Defense. More than 500 new Protestant chaplains have been recruited since last November, but 500 more men are needed to bring the Chaplains' Corps up to minimum standards. The Army, for example, has 1,287 chaplains on duty, or approximately one for every 1,000 soldiers. It needs 270 more chaplains to reduce the ratio to one chaplain for every 850 troops.

Religious Freedom in Japan

Legal guarantees of the freedom accorded Christian churches in Japan since the end of the war have been embodied in the New Religious Corporations Law passed by the Lower House and the House of Councillors. The law is expected to become official soon. An important clause in the law states:

"Freedom of faith guaranteed in the Constitution must be respected in all phases of government. Therefore, no provision of this law shall be construed as restricting any individual, group or organization from disseminating teachings, observing ceremonies or functions and conducting other religious acts on the basis of said guaranteed freedom."

Intolerance in Italy

Information has reached us of the closing of another Pentecostal Church in the region of Calabria, Italy, on February 18, 1951.

According to Umberto N. Goriotti, General Director of the Rome office of the Assemblies of God in Italy, the authority for the police action is a circular letter from the Italian Minister of the Interior, No. 600/158, dated Rome, April 9, 1935, and citing as its authority Articles 1 and 2, Statutes of June 24, 1929, which in general prohibit the worship of the Pentecostal people as "contrary to social order and harmful to the social, physical and psychical order of the race."

Thus the present government in Italy, in order to legalize its persecution of the Assemblies of God, is using the Fascist laws of Mussolini, which should have been automatically canceled by the formation of the Italian Republic.

Results of Evangelistic Campaign

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Peterson, Cuba

Editor's Note: On February 20 an evangelistic campaign was started in Holguin, Oriente, Cuba. James W. Nicholson and Hugh P. Jeter were the speakers. The city was stirred and eager for the campaign as a result of special meetings held earlier in Camaguey. In this article the Petersons, who are in charge of the work in Holguin, tell how their church has been blessed as a result of the services.

YES, we have it right here in Holguin—the largest Pentecostal Sunday School in Cuba! One Sunday we had a good 550 in attendance. Easter was still better with 589. No dress parade either! Then we dropped to 453, and last Sunday to 358, but now we can handle them in classes and we shall divide and subdivide as we are able to arrange class space. Two homes have been offered for our use so a hundred or more go marching up the street, two blocks away, for their class period. We have Sunday School enthusiasm here! Our goal is an average of 500. You will have to work hard to keep ahead of us!

Church Building

One week after our evangelistic campaign closed we began services in the building which we have felt for several months was God's perfect choice for us. Actually it was the only building that was available and suitable and within financial reach. Best of all it is in the heart of the section where most of our people live, though many come from other sections too.

There are some changes and improvements to be made in the building, and then we hope to enlarge the auditorium and prepare the lot in front for a two-story structure for classrooms.

How thankful we are to the Lord for making it possible for us to purchase the building! We still have a debt of \$2,500 on it, in the States, as well as a smaller note here.

Doors Open at Six O'clock

The early birds (pupils) get the seats. We have fifty-three full-size benches and thirteen smaller ones, made out of packing boxes. Some of the people bring their own chairs. Then planks and the four sides of the platform take care of some of the congregation. After the first 500 persons have arrived there is standing room only.

Some of the people who cannot arrive early have become discouraged about attending our Sunday School. The doors open at six o'clock on Sunday morning.

On Sunday nights we have between 800 and 900 in services, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights between 500 and 600. The people would like to have services every night, but we have other obligations and must be elsewhere.

Grateful Hearts

Many attend the services in gratitude to the Lord for having healed them. Because of this they have begun to love and serve Him. Others found peace of heart during the campaign and are happy in the Lord. On the

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whole these are fine people, and have been hungry for years for such a church as ours with a full-gospel message. They just drink in the truth! It is such an inspiration to speak to them.

Typical Example—Family

Many families have been changed as a result of the campaign. A typical example is the Tejada family. Manuel Tejada was healed of hernia, sight was restored to one of his eyes; and he was delivered from the cigarette habit. He had been out of work for some time, but during one of the services the Lord showed him how he could make a living. He is a faithful tither now. An eighteen-year-old daughter in the family was a heavy smoker. She lost all desire for cigarettes during the campaign. Then, the first night we were in the church she was healed of a physical ailment. Yesterday we had a Bible class in the family's *patio* with more than 100 present.

Cuban Poet in Service

We just learned that a well-known poet was in the service last night, as well as in other recent services. Though he has been addicted to drink, witnesses say that he has not touched liquor for twelve days.

God is still working, and we do praise Him for it all. Keep praying for the flames to spread.

Miss Karlene M. Burt and Miss Florence V. Christie, missionaries to Egypt, arrived in the States for furlough on May 2.



OVERFLOW CROWD AT HONOLULU FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Overflow crowd on the side adjacent to Victoria Street at the First Assembly of God Church in Honolulu on Friday, February 16, during the Valdez Evangelistic Campaign. The night services were held in the

city auditorium, which holds 6,000. People were turned away from the civic building during the night services. The entrance had to be roped off to comply with rules of the management.

"Revival in Camaguey"

C. Mervin Russell

WILL WE FIND revival in Cuba? Is spiritual awakening limited to continental America? These were questions in our minds as we took off for the Cuba Crusade. All of us had been thrilled with what we had seen and heard of spiritual revival in America, Europe, Japan, Formosa, and elsewhere. Now, what about Cuba?

Well, we did not find revival everywhere in Cuba, just as you cannot find it everywhere in America. Even though thousands have been converted in the last few months here in the States, we must not forget that there are yet millions who have not been reached by the movement. Certainly we must not let down in prayer and faith at this point—we must pray as never before that the revival shall grow in depth and momentum. There are yet thousands of churches which are adhering to "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." We also found this in Cuba. To some churches the very word "revival" is taboo.

However, immediately upon our arrival on the island, reports began to come through that Camaguey, in the central part of the country, was experiencing a tremendous spiritual awakening. Hundreds were being converted, many had been healed, and the church was being activated. The closer we got to Camaguey, the more enthusiastic became the reports. We were eager to see for ourselves, and could scarcely wait until our schedule would land us in that section.

The day arrived. We drove into Camaguey

and stopped to inquire directions. Some of the team started passing out Gospels. One man looked at him, his face lighted up, and he exclaimed aloud, "Gloria a Dios, Aleluya." All over the city we were greeted in the same manner. At first we wondered if they were mocking us; but no, their faces registered no look of superciliousness or cynicism. Later we were told that these people were probably converts of the revival. Whenever they discovered that we were "evangelical Christians," the reception was tremendous.

A great interdenominational mass meeting had just closed. The services had been held in an ill-equipped ball park on the edge of the city. The platform, I am told, was very small, with only a thatched roof to protect the speaker from the tropical sun. The only music was from a second-hand accordion. As many as thirty thousand had assembled to hear the gospel. This is overwhelming when one realizes that Camaguey is the stronghold of Catholicism in Cuba. It is true that many were attracted to the meeting because of a healing emphasis and, according to the reports, there were many miraculous healings. However, missionaries of a cross section of denominations told us that the healing emphasis was not the dominant message, but the saving power of the Atonement was the real emphasis. At any rate, the impact of this meeting was felt by our team on the streets of Camaguey. As a counter-measure the Catholics had printed thousands of pictures of Christ with their propaganda inscribed underneath.

To Pastors and Missionary Secretaries:

Please note the advertisement regarding National Missionary Challenge Day on the back of this issue of the Evangel.

Send the total amount received for subscriptions in your church on Missionary Challenge Day to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, immediately following the special day, June 3. Your church will receive missionary credit (just as it does for regular missionary offerings) for subscriptions taken in your church on that day only.

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Evangelical missionaries and natives of all denominations acclaimed the movement a genuine revival. As in America, the revival is cutting across all denominational lines. In fact, in Camaguey the evangelist was an American with Pentecostal background; and the interpreter was a native Episcopal rector, fully in sympathy with the effort.—*The Free Methodist*.



INTERIOR OF FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH IN HONOLULU

Shown above is the crowd on the inside of the First Assembly of God Church during the service on Friday, February 16. Note the people standing in the doorways of the balcony and the ground floor. The

campaign in the city lasted two weeks. Some 14,000 decision cards were signed during the time. Since the revival, churches in the Honolulu area have been crowded to capacity during regular services.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

PAUL GIVES HIS TESTIMONY

Lesson for June 3

Acts 26:1-28

The Agrippa before whom Paul stands in our lesson was son of the Herod of Acts 12 who took glory to himself and was eaten of worms. We learn that these rulers did not excel in moral qualities. History tells us that Bernice who accompanied Agrippa (Acts 25:13) was his sister. She had married Herod, and upon his death went to live with Herod Agrippa her brother, with whom it is said she lived an incestuous life. What contrast in character between this man, a ruler in government, and the humble preacher who stood before him.

1. Paul Introduces His Defense

When Agrippa gave Paul permission to speak, Paul expressed himself as happy that he was permitted to appear before the king, for, whatever might be this king's character, he "was expert in all customs and questions which were among the Jews." It is always a comfort to any who are in trouble if they feel that they are able to present their case before an understanding moderator. Paul seemed to feel that he would receive better consideration from Agrippa than he could expect from the prejudiced Jews by whom he had been accused.

2. Paul Summarizes His Life

As Paul speaks before King Agrippa, he begins with his early childhood—"My manner of life from my youth." He also cites the Jews, who were his accusers, as witnesses to his manner of life and to the strict carefulness in which he had lived as a Jew before his conversion to Christ. What an asset is "a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men." As we pass through life our conduct goes before us. If we have brought reproach upon God and upon ourselves, reports of the same go along with us. What humiliations there must be, if a person still has a sense of shame, when reports declare him to have been untrue here or there. A clean life is a very great asset. Paul might be accused of heresy, but no one could impeach his conduct. Let us learn from this to so conduct ourselves that men will have no valid ground for accusation against us.

3. Paul Testifies of His Resurrection Hope

The Jews, who believed in the resurrection of the dead and were looking for Messiah, worshipped God earnestly "day and night." Now that hope was realized in the Person of our Lord Jesus, but they could not see it. Because of their blindness of heart they were persecuting him whose "eyes were opened." Paul's picture of the zeal of the Jews and their persecution of him, reveals how bitterly

religion can persecute. Recently I was reading of the bitter persecutions which took place in Holland against devout men because they believed and taught other than the Calvinistic doctrine. Some people become so zealous in contending for their special ideas that they would destroy any who might hold a different view. May God save us as far as possible from a religious prejudice that condemns all who may not see exactly as we do.

The apostle shows that he was as zealous as any as a persecutor, before the Lord opened his eyes to clearer truth—"I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." Then he tells how he persecuted those who believed in Christ (vv. 9-11).

4. Paul Testifies to His Conversion

He was en route to Damascus determined to arrest any that professed faith in Christ when suddenly, at midday, he saw a light brighter than the sun and heard a voice telling him that he was persecuting the One from whom the voice came. From 1 Cor. 15:8 we conclude that he also had a vision of Jesus at the time.

When Jesus spoke to Paul, He said, "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks (goats)." Does this not mean that Paul had come under conviction, but was steeling himself against such? God was convicting him, but his stiff-necked zeal kept him from responding. Many feel conviction of God concerning truth, but refuse to submit because of their determination to defend a position they have already taken. Personally, I believe that Paul came under deep conviction, a feeling that the Christian religion must be right, when he saw the glory of heaven on the face of Stephen as he made his defense, and beheld the kind and triumphant manner in which he died. Compare Acts 6:15; 55-60. See also Acts 22:20.

5. Paul Testifies to His Call

When Jesus appeared to Paul, He appeared not for his salvation alone but also to call him to His service. When the Lord saves us, He wishes to make us also "able ministers of the new testament (covenant)." We have not been saved just for the salvation of ourselves alone; we have been saved to pass the knowledge of salvation on to others.

Paul had been smitten to the earth by the brightness of the Saviour's presence. Now the Lord reveals to him that he is to become "a minister and a witness," both of the things which he had seen and also "of those things in the which I will appear unto thee." Little did Paul realize at that time what "those things" would include—

the great revelations of truth that we find in the Epistles. We never know what the Lord might do through us if we let Him have His way in our lives.

6. Paul Testifies to His Faithfulness

He was to go to the Gentiles and to the children of Israel. His task was "to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God." This is a great task. Sinners walk "according to the . . . spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). The god of this world has blinded their minds (2 Cor. 4:4). To wrest men from this bondage is no small service. Only a Spirit-filled gospel can do the work. Paul had received a vision of our Lord Jesus. With this had come a vision of his calling and the need of a lost world. Tests and trials lay before him, but he had not failed. "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

God help us who are His children that we also may not be disobedient.

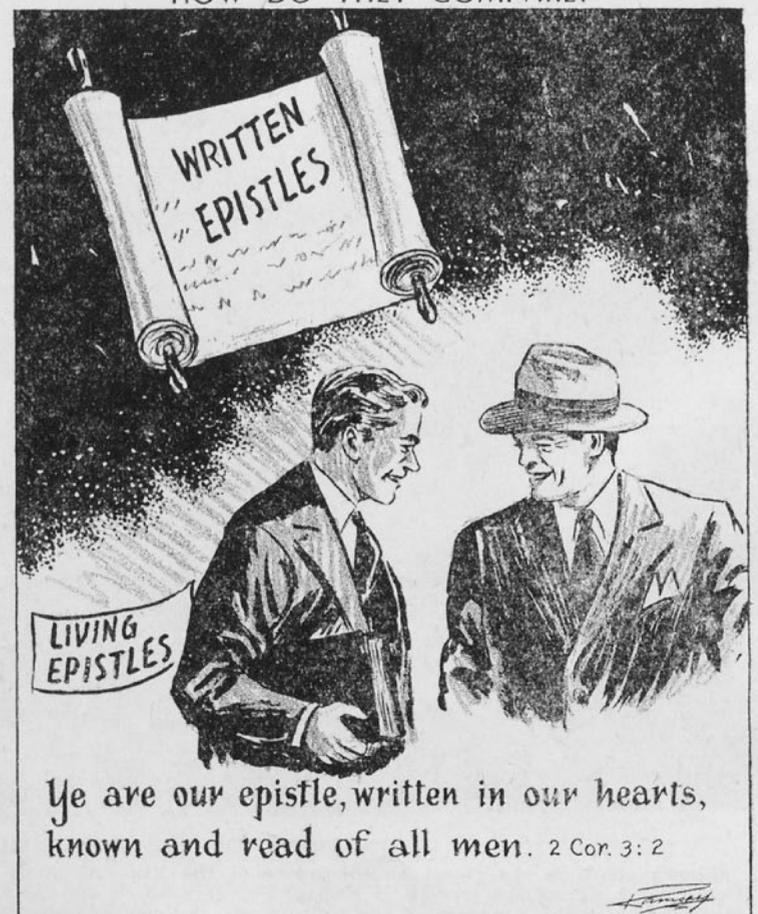
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Paul the Preacher (lesson for Sunday, May 27). Lesson text: Acts 17:16-31.

FOR THE SERVICEMEN

A corporal in Korea writes: "I have been receiving the *Evangel* for some time, and I enjoy its messages very much. It has meant even more since I've been in Korea where there is a shortage of Christian literature." Do you know young men who would like to receive the *Evangel*? Send us their addresses, and for \$1.00 each we will send the paper to them every week for eight months. This rate applies to U. S. addresses, U. S. possessions, and all A.P.O. or F.P.O. addresses.

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GOD MOVING AMONG THE INDIANS

One of the most intriguing bits of missionary work being done by the Assemblies of God is that which our missionaries are doing among the American Indians. It is definitely home missionary work, for our Indian people certainly are not foreign; and yet the religious rites and tribal ceremonies of the reservations are second to none on the most heathen foreign missionary field. Thus we find in the very heart of our own homeland a mission field of heathen darkness.

Great Spiritual Awakening

Outstanding reports of revival among the Indians are coming to us from widely separated parts of the country, and Indian hearts are opening to God on many reservations.

E. W. Brown, our missionary at Poplar, Montana, tells of a three-weeks meeting, closing April 15, resulting in twelve members of their Christ's Ambassador group being wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit. Before the special meetings, some of these were not sure of salvation.

Brother Brown writes: "How our hearts rejoice to see these Indians and to hear their glowing testimonies. One girl had a vision of heaven and was under the power of God for two hours, speaking in a heavenly language. Recently we had twenty in our Young People's Sunday School Class. Many strangers and unsaved people are coming, hungry for the Lord. Several from other denominations are seeking the Baptism with the Holy Spirit."

R. W. Buchanan, our worker at Fort Hall, Idaho, sent a post card in haste to tell us that the Indians on the reservation are in the midst of the greatest revival he has ever witnessed. No doubt we will have a complete account from Brother Buchanan later.

Saved and Witnessing

From the Southwest comes an outstanding story from Mrs. Clarence Washburn. Often the Indians to whom she ministers at the Indian Church at Phoenix, Arizona, leave for distant reservations for seasonal work. A short time ago she reported: "A truckload of Navajos returned from Gallup, New Mexico. They had been gone for eight months, and they have stayed saved without a church or a missionary. They told me, 'We have gone from hogan to hogan and told our people all we know about Jesus.' How it thrilled our hearts, for we know that the only way to reach the many on the reservations is to teach those we can reach and then send them out to teach others."

Mrs. Washburn tells of a great moving toward God on every one of the reservations where the workers are giving out the Word of God. Even to those who understand very

We Thank Thee...

for strength to have fought the battle through many years, and for the goodness of Thy people whose gifts sustain us now . . ."

God uses our love gifts to provide for His own—the aged and infirm ministers and missionaries being aided through our Old Age Assistance Fund. The semi-annual offering to replenish the Fund is being received in most of our churches on Sunday, May 27. Give *bountifully*, won't you?

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little English, the Lord is revealing Himself in dreams and visions. One dear old Pima brother spoke in the church of a dream God had given him with a striking spiritual application. His nephew interpreted to the people in the church, and so piercing was the conviction upon the people that nearly everyone in the congregation came to the altar weeping and calling on the Lord.

Even though we are well along in the new year, we believe you will still be glad to know that our Phoenix workers prepared four hundred Christmas treats for the Indians. These were distributed in the church, on the reservations, in the Indian Hospital and the Indian Sanitarium. Each mother received a quilt, and there were treats for each member of their families.

Indian Highways

The following story is taken from the publication INDIAN HIGHWAYS: "This is a story of a friendly and hospitable rabbi unloading in London a cart full of fine foods and drink for a great dinner party he was giving.

"While he was unloading it a poor beggar came and asked for food, to which the rabbi replied kindly, 'Certainly, my friend, just as soon as we have the cart unloaded.'

"When the work was finished the rabbi came out with a silver tray loaded with fine foods and drink, and decorated with dainty silver and fine crystal and white linen. But the beggar was nowhere to be found. Upon searching for him they found him in a heap in the corner where he had fallen, weak

from exhaustion; in falling he had hit his head on a cement abutment and was dead.

"'Alas,' said the rabbi, 'I have killed a man.' 'No,' chorused his helpers, 'you would never do that.' 'Yes,' said the rabbi, 'I killed him, not by what I did, but by what I failed to do.'

"Action is what is needed to save our Indian people from ignorance, superstition and paganism. Thousands, many of them children, know no God but the gods of superstition and the false teachings of the medicine men. All this in our much loved America! and among our Indian Americans, here long before we were.

"Let us not wait until *some future time* when we have unloaded our cart, but begin now with renewed vigor to teach these fine people the blessed news of ETERNAL LIFE. The message of Jesus alone can help the Indian—preachers and teachers are what they need, Christian teachers and workers who can give the gospel to them in a language they can understand—the good news of eternal life in Christ Jesus."

Won't you take upon your hearts the need of the American Indian people, and our missionaries who are working among them, and the new Christians who are witnessing for the Lord to their own people? This is a great missionary opportunity and responsibility. Let us be faithful to God in doing all we can for them, and doing it without delay.

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WAKE UP, AMERICA!

(Continued from page six)

night he was to appear before our committee.

In Saratoga, New York, we found an entire disregard of the law, and gambling running rampant, with police officials negligent in their duty; detectives stating that they didn't know of any gambling, although they visited these houses—it was found they only stepped into the front hall. One official admitted, under cross examination, that he was being paid each day to carry money from the gambling houses to the bank and back again. There were shocking revelations of policemen and sheriffs drawing modest salaries, who had amassed large sums of money, the source of which they refused to divulge.

A gambler with a net income of \$83,000 last year testified to the details of a vast system of agents with whom he operates by wire; and when I asked him if, when he placed his gambling in states where gambling was illegal, he wasn't guilty of breaking the law, he hesitated a moment, and then said frankly, "Yes."

In Covington, Kentucky, a cheap gambler with a large organization carried on his operations in an office having painted on its doors, "Mutual Hospitalization Association." Nine telephones were used in this room, placing bets throughout the country, all being used to aid and abet illegal operations.

In New York City, former mayor O'Dwyer, now Ambassador to Mexico, testified that he had gone to see the noted gambler, Frank Costello, and there were gathered five to six Tammany politicians. This is the same Costello who used his influence in getting a Supreme Court judge elected in the State of New York.

I have set before you the indictment—an abstract of the testimony showing something of the scope of crime throughout the nation. It is not a pleasing picture. What shall we do about it? It is unthinkable that we shall lapse back into apathy and indifference. There is substantial evidence that we are on the eve of a great moral awakening in the nation.

There is a sense of outrage and righteous indignation clearly evident. In my own office, I have received over 15,000 letters in the past two weeks, and 95% of these urge, even demand, that the work of our committee continue. We must not let them down; there is so much work yet to be done. We are justified in our indignation against these racketeers across the country, because it is self-evident that they could not have grown as rich and powerful, if they had not been in collusion with law enforcement officers across the country.

As evidence of this, in Brooklyn recently the gambler Gross pleaded guilty to spending a million dollars in one calendar year in New York to buy protection.

It is high time that the Christian people of the country became aroused and realized that public apathy is the soil in which graft and corruption thrive.

Our committee and staff are hard at work compiling a report. In it we shall make several recommendations for laws to aid in combating these evils. But while laws will help, yet laws are not enough.

No, the real remedy lies deeper than law.

It lies in a quickening of our individual responsibilities. And there is evidence that constructive action is being put into effect.

For all over the country, public opinion is crystalizing and organizing to combat the criminal interests of the country.

In Kansas City, a Citizens Crime Committee was formed under splendid leadership. A similar committee was formed in St. Louis and businessmen underwrote it with \$100,000 in contributions.

Governor Warren has appointed a strong committee in California. Governor Dewey has appointed a splendid committee in New York. Massachusetts has a committee in process of formation, and in Miami, Florida, a group of fine citizens are lending their full financial and moral support to the Crime Commission of Greater Miami. In other places throughout the country an outraged public are getting into gear to combat crime.

But even more basic is the only real remedy. During the New York hearings there came before us the District Attorney of Brooklyn, Miles McDonald, a splendid public official.

As he talked he told an amazing story of the organized traffic in marijuana and heroin, among the school children of Brooklyn. As I listened, there came to mind the words of the Master, "Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones . . . it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea." Deeply moved, I broke out to say:

"What bothers me most about your splendid testimony this afternoon is your allusion

to the conditions of the school children over there in Brooklyn, school children who have been corrupted by these emissaries of evil, the narcotics peddlers. The children under this pernicious influence begin to think that the evils they see are justified and the *norm in America*. As they grow up and have homes of their own, their moral depravity makes them unfit for family life. They have a low standard of morals, and a low standard of citizenship.

"These deficiencies probe so deeply into our national life that the whole moral fabric of the nation is in peril. It seems to me that one of the great weaknesses in America today is the fact that the home and the church have lost a large degree of their influence. Can their influence be recaptured? It *can* and it *must* if this nation is to survive.

"What we need—what we must have—is a revival of the application of the life and teachings of the Master of Men. Until that virtue lives in America again, I tremble for America's future.

"Up in New England we had a poet. He is dead now. His name was John Greenleaf Whittier. He was a great man, a Quaker, and he wrote some wonderful things in poetry. In one poem, called 'Problems,' he commented on the ills of the nation, and he closed with this couplet that I want to submit for the record, and to the people over the radio and television: 'But solution there is none, save in the rule of Christ alone.'

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and we will have in this nation a nation in which dwelleth righteousness, and, before God, it is high time."

FATHERS AND MOTHERS OF AMERICA—WAKE UP! Make that home a great trust for the children God has entrusted to you. Teach them to put first things first, and know that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses."

Life is a call to duty, and the "good life" which all of us covet for our own is always based upon the fundamental spiritual ideals on which our fathers built this great nation of ours: the foundation stones of honor and truth, courage and decency, and faith in Almighty God.

Remember our American motto—"In God we trust."

CHURCHES, WAKE UP! Not in rituals or creeds lies the salvation of the world, but rather in living out the teachings of the Master of Men, seven days each week. Remembering always the text Jesus gave when He said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

POLITICIANS, WAKE UP! Remember the words of Grover Cleveland, "Public office is a public trust." Be a trustee to conserve the interests of the people—of all the people.

So, as we face the tremendous problem of overcoming these evils that threaten the American home and the future of our nation, I have tried to set before you the remedy. It lies in a revival of the spiritual forces in men and women, and the application of these forces in our daily living in accordance with the teachings of Jesus. It has been an inspiration to me to find that many men, active in public life, share this conviction.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd recently said: "In the kind of world we live in today we cannot preserve our liberty and achieve peace by military mobilization alone. It is necessary to mobilize also the spiritual assets of freedom-loving people in order to achieve adequate power to halt the onward march of evil. This can best be done by living in accordance with the Christian principles."

Charles E. Wilson, Director of Mobilization, said: "When the world is torn by dissension among men, we Americans find new reasons for strengthening and reaffirming our faith in God. We must bear witness anew that we stand a united nation, mighty in the faith that is the very foundation of all that we are and all that we aspire to be."

Since the Crime hearings in New York, we have received 15,000 letters in my office. TIME magazine received 113,000 letters, and unless all signs fail, there is a great moral awakening on the way. This must not be allowed to diminish.

Rise up, Christian men and women, and create a great body of public opinion which will move to make America a nation wherein dwelleth righteousness.

We have so much of this world's goods. We are the wealthiest nation ever known. We have vastly improved educational opportunities, more automobiles than any nation, a radio or television set in every home. Great art museums and musical problems enrich our lives. As we contemplate these, we hear again the words of Christ to the rich young ruler: "One thing thou lackest."

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lack of Christian fortitude and a lack of a sense of individual responsibility to our fellow men. Whether we realize it or not, we are truly our brother's keeper.

As America appraises her present position, let us profit from the experiences of earlier nations.

Ancient Greece, with all her culture and sciences and military strength, passed into oblivion, and her glory faded. There was the Roman Empire with its great temples

and coliseum, but these have all crumbled into ruins. Consider the ancient nation of Babylon, with all its riches, pomp and circumstances.

Recall the great feast of Belshazzar where were gathered together all the leaders of the nation, a nation which worshipped no spiritual God, but the god of the flesh and material things, and which was steeped in lasciviousness and crime. At this great banquet, there appeared suddenly on the walls

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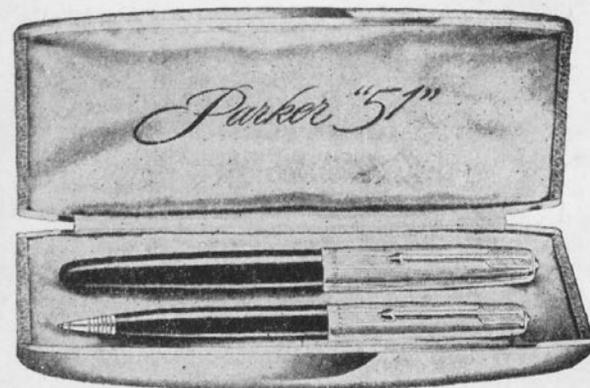
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the words, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." Wise men and astrologers were brought in to translate the words, but could not. Then Daniel was brought in, and he said, "This is the interpretation—God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided." In that night was Belshazzar slain, and Darius the Median took over.

History has a strange habit of repeating itself, and Americans are not immune from reaping what we sow any more than the early nations centuries ago.

So lift the scales from our eyes and see America diseased by crime and immorality. Stand aghast at the divorce rate throughout the nation, which in 1947 reached a percentage of one-third of the marriages of that year.

Cry out against the apathy and indifference of people to things which are pure and lovely and of good report.

Contemplate with sadness the increase in juvenile delinquency and crime. All these things threaten our country.

Is America to be weighed in the balances, and be found wanting?

Read again with me that first Psalm of David which chronicles the abyss between the righteous and the ungodly:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous."

Let each of us ask ourselves these questions, for in the last analysis we have a personal responsibility:

(1) Am I doing the *right thinking* in my own heart—to make of myself the kind of man or woman Christ would be proud of?

(2) Am I exerting an influence for good in my own household? Am I setting a good example for my children and instilling in

them, every day, the basic principles of right living?

(3) In my town or city, am I an aggressive power for good in my business, civic and social activities in the community?

(4) Do I do my utmost to carry over my ideals of honor and integrity and decency into state affairs? Do I insist on fair play and justice and eternal vigilance in the election of clean and honest public officials?

If every man and woman in the nation could answer these questions affirmatively, the onward march of evil and corruption would not only be halted, but destroyed.

Let Christ be exalted in our lives, and we shall have done our part in helping America achieve her great destiny under God.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 15 days before the date which appears upon it.

GENERAL COUNCIL—Atlanta, Georgia, August 16—23, preceded by C. A. Rally on Wednesday night, August 15.

ST. CLAIR, MICH.—May 29—; Evangelist Fred D. Drake, Buffalo, N. Y. (Carl E. Gammel is Pastor.)

PLENTYWOOD, MONT.—Assembly of God, May 22—; Evangelist Gerald Eden and party, Coffeyville, Kans.—by J. J. Wagner, Pastor.

SAN YSIDRO, CALIF.—Assembly of God, May 27—June 10; Evangelist E. L. Cole, Jr., Carlsbad, Calif.—by R. H. Marshall, Pastor.

OSHAWA, CANADA—First Pentecostal Church, May 29—June 10; Evangelist Fleming May.—by R. A. Bombay, Pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist James L. Isaacs, Pasadena, Calif. (Emmet M. McLaughlin is Pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Tent meeting in progress; Rudy Cerullo Evangelistic Party of Philadelphia, Pa. (For information contact J. P. Pecorino, Pastor of Bethel Temple, Assembly of God, 705 E. 24th St.)

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Gospel Gleaners Assembly of God, May 13—; Evangelist Claude O. Wood, Cupertino, Calif.—by L. D. Krause, Associate Pastor.

HERMOSA BEACH, CALIF.—Hermosa Gospel Tabernacle, 701 Pier Ave., May 27—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Sharon of Hollywood, Calif.—by J. Van Oosbree, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Bethany Pentecostal Church, Springfield and Armory Sts., Missionary Convention and Evangelistic campaign, June 1—17; Evangelist and Mrs. E. V. Berquist.—by A. D. Skymer, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Calvary Full Gospel Church, Western New York C. A. Rally, May 30. Services 2:30 and 8 p.m. Don Mallough, speaker.—by George H. Jordan, Pastor.

WILDER, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Sectional C. A. Rally, May 28 at 8 p.m. Leonard Leisy, District C. A. President, speaker.—by Bennie R. Harris, Pastor.

SCRANTON, PA.—Northeast Sectional C. A. Rally, Myrtle St. Methodist Church, May 30. Speaker, Fleming Van Meter. Services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—by D. A. Berquist, Sectional C. A. Leader.

TULSA, OKLA.—Bethel Temple, 12th and S. Boulder, Sts., May 27—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dean E. Duncan, Denver, Colo.—by Ernie Reb, Pastor.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—May 13—; Evangelist Lee Trowbridge.—by Leslie and Oleta Eldridge, Pastors.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, Park and Gridley Sts., Greenville, S. C., June 18—21. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, guest speaker. For reservation write host pastor, G. E. Gould, 500 N. Franklin Rd., Greenville, S. C.—by Walter G. Dixon, District Superintendent.

JENKS, OKLA.—June 3—; Youth Revival, Evangelist Otho Allen, Tulsa, Okla.—by James Bright, Pastor.

TONKAWA, OKLA.—Sunday School Emphasis Campaign, May 27—; Evangelist N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla. (John Beck is Pastor.)

CUMBERLAND, MD.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, May 22—; Evangelist Frank Sharp, Philadelphia, Pa.—by Mrs. Elva Brotemarkle, Pastor.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, May 27—June 3; Evangelist Howard Carter, London.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

AVENAL, CALIF.—May 29—June 17; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin. (Gerald R. Furman is Pastor.)

KLAMATH FALLS, OREG.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist Dave Phillips, Portland, Oreg. (K. Prinzing is Pastor.)

BASSETT, NEBR.—May 29, two weeks or longer; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Herman H. Rohde, Pastor.

HAMMON, OKLA.—Assembly of God, May 27—; Evangelist and Mrs. E. C. Lagmay.—by M. I. Pierce, Pastor.

WOODWARD, OKLA.—Assembly of God, May 22—June 3 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Jones, Texarkana, Ark. (J. C. McCluskey is Pastor.)

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL—Laurel, Miss., June 4—6. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, main speaker.—by Jeff Gibbs, District Superintendent.

RUSSIAN BRANCH of the Assemblies of God, 8th annual conference, June 1, 2, at 419 Ocean Ave., Jersey City, N. J.—by Samuel J. Wasilenko, Superintendent.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL—Calvary Assembly of God, Stamford, Conn., May 31—June 2. Speakers: A. Dawidiuk, B. Hutzaluk, and J. J. Matolina. S. P. Maruscak, host pastor. Write Ukrainian Branch, 9 East 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.—by Fred Smolchuck, Superintendent.

ITALIAN BRANCH CONVENTION—Broadway Tabernacle, 39-41 Broadway, Paterson, N. J., May 26, 27. Speaker, Fred Vogler, National Home Missions Director. P. D'Angelo is host pastor. For information write Anthony Piraino, Secretary, 33 Bleecker St., Brooklyn 21, N. Y.

KANSAS C. A. CONVENTION—Great Bend, Kansas, June 4—6. C. C. Burnett, convention speaker; Glenn Horst, speaker for Speed-the-Light Rally. For information write host pastor, J. O. Rosenberg, 9th and Hubbard, Great Bend, Kans.—by Paul Witten, Kansas C. A. President.

NEW ENGLAND BIBLE INSTITUTE, Framingham, Mass.—Memorial Day Services, May 30. District-wide Fellowship Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Flem Van Meter, speaker. Commencement Exercises, 3 p.m., Martha Bagley and Malcolm Wetherbee, speakers. District C. A. Rally, 6:30 p.m.—by Lyle W. Butler, Dean, New England Bible Institute.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL—Calvary Pentecostal Church, Penn Ave. and Franklin Sts., Wilmington, Del., June 5—7. Roy H. Wead, Superintendent of Indiana District, speaker. C. A. Rally on Mon. evening, June 4. For information write host pastor, Fleming S. Van Meter, 1300-A Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, Del.—by Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

ALABAMA S. S. ACHIEVEMENT RALLIES; Paul Copeland, speaker.

June 4, 5, Sectional S. S. Representatives' Seminar, Montgomery, First Assembly. Monday at 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday at 9 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m.

June 6, Temple, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

June 7, East Gadsden, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

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