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



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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Biggest Book Order

A New York publisher is starting work on what is said to be the largest single order ever undertaken in book printing. Thomas Nelson and Sons are printing a million copies of a new version of the Bible in twentieth-century language. The new translation, known as the Revised Standard Version, will go on sale next year.

"Greatest Biblical Discovery"

The facsimilies of the Hebrew Scrolls of Isaiah which were found in a cave not far from Jerusalem two years ago, have been published in England, thus making them available to the student, according to the London *Times*. Said the announcement: "Of one thing there can be no doubt: these finds represent the greatest Biblical discovery of the present or any other age."

To Fill Empty Pulpits

A survey of Protestant and Orthodox seminaries reveals that a record enrollment is expected this fall. Church leaders are happy to see an increasing number of young people dedicating their lives to the ministry, inasmuch as there are fifteen thousand vacant pulpits in America. The present crop of seminary students will go a long way toward filling these empty pulpits, but only preachers who are filled with God's Spirit and filled with God's Word can fill empty hearts.

A Mechanical Wonder

Not long ago 600 scientists were ushered in before the Mark III Computer in Harvard's Computation Laboratory. Most of these scientists had tremendous questions that they were hesitant to tackle because of the computation difficulties. Here they needed only to state their problems in certain coded commands, and Mark III would take over from there and work each solution out with lightning speed. This so-called mechanical brain can multiply two sixteen-digit numbers in a little more than .012 second. It is the latest mechanical wonder in the world of human inventions.

Surely "knowledge is being increased" as Daniel foretold for the "time of the end" (Dan. 12:4). The unbelievable abilities of Mark III remind one of the even greater wonder, "the image of the beast" (Revelation 13:15), that will astound the whole world during the coming reign of the Antichrist.

A Proposed Merger

At a recent convention, the Free Methodist Church voted to continue the study of a merger with the Wesleyan Methodists, and ordered the preparation of a book of discipline embodying the principles of both denominations.

Sign of the Times

One can now join the Y's men's clubs without accepting Christianity. Delegates meeting in Cleveland to celebrate the YMCA national centennial voted that club membership would be open to men of any faith who "approve its objectives of furthering YMCA work." The organization has drifted far from its original character and purpose.

"Men of Distinction"

Another portrait which the sponsors of the full-page whiskey ads are unlikely to seek is that of the Michigan man who was wounded by his 14-year-old son. The father, police say, had broken a chair over the mother's head when she refused to give him \$5 for whiskey!

A Town Without Liquor

Harriman, Tennessee, is a town of six thousand people and yet it never has been afflicted with liquor traffic. From its founding in 1890 all land sold has had this restriction imposed: Each titledeed "shall contain a proviso forbidding the use of the property, or any buildings thereon, for the purpose of making, storing, or selling intoxicating beverages." The town was organized under the motto, "Prohibition, Peace, and Prosperity."

MEN OF EXTINCTION



by Somdal

"Maranatha"

"Maranatha" is an untranslated Syrian word found in 1 Corinthians 16:22. It means, "The Lord cometh." It was a word of greeting in the Early Church. When believers met, they said, "Maranatha." When they parted, they said, "Maranatha." It was a constant reminder of the fact of our Lord's return. And now we are nearly two thousand years nearer the event!

Sword of the Spirit

The Gideons are seeking to arm America with the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." At their annual convention in Philadelphia last month it was reported that the Gideons have placed 3,250,000 Bibles in various public places, have given over 6,000,000 Testaments to children in the public schools, approximately 11,500,000 to servicemen, nearly 500,000 to nurses, and have distributed over 85,000 foreign Bibles. "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon" is the rallying cry of these bold Christian laymen.

An Evil Alliance

En route from New York to Cairo, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, stopped in Rome for a private audience with Pope Pius XII. The purpose of his visit, the leader declared, was to discuss "the full range of co-operation" between Mohammedanism and Christianity. Azzam Pasha advocates a spiritual alliance of the Christian and Moslem world against Communism.

Comments Prophetic Word: "When the leaders of two religions which have battled each other for centuries openly discuss alliance, we can be sure that the attainment of a world religion is more than fancy. It seems yet a long way off, but it may be more imminent than we think."

False Christ in Burma

In a Lahu village in Upper Burma there is a man named Ca Pa who claims to be a reincarnation of Jesus Christ. He professes to be sinless, and proclaims that four years from now, when he will be forty, he will die, and after seven days he will be resurrected to the accompaniment of an earthquake. After that, he says, he will save people and bring in an era of peace and brotherhood. Missionaries report that he has gathered quite a following in some villages.

Our Lord warned that false Christs would arise. He told His followers not to look for Him in a desert, or in a secret place, but in the sky. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:27.

Forty-Five Years of Pentecostal Revival

Ernest S. Williams

I WAS requested to speak on the subject, "Fifty Years of Pentecostal Revival," but I cannot go back quite that far. It was only forty-five years ago that I received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. So I will have to talk about the things I saw forty-five years ago in those particular sections of the country in which I labored.

It was January 1907 that I first stepped out into the preaching ministry. From then until 1912 my work was confined almost entirely to the Pacific coast, beginning in the city of Los Angeles, going on up the coast to Vancouver, B. C., and then for a little time I ministered in Colorado, before going farther east.

In the summer of 1906, a young friend and I had hoped that we were going to have the privilege of training in a Bible Institute, but that desire was never fulfilled. Instead we became employed on ranches in Colorado, laboring through that summer to secure enough money to return to our homes in California.

While in Colorado I received letters from my mother concerning the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. She told me of my father who was seeking the Lord. She said that when the family would gather around the table and Father would ask the blessing, he would break down and weep because of spiritual tenderness. A hunger came into my soul. In early September we arrived home, and very soon after that the Lord baptized my friend and me with the Holy Spirit.

We were young and we were "green." No one ever was "greener" than I was when starting out in the work of God. No one ever knew less. No one ever had less as far as reading material is concerned. I remember that after I had been in the work for a year or so I met Paul Bettex, and he was present at the camp meeting when I left for my first pastorate. He was a bit eccentric; he had actually burned a cross into his forehead: but he was a zealous soul-winner. He had been a missionary in South

America, and finally he died in China. He heard me try to speak when I started out, and at this later meeting he said to me: "I never pitied a young man more than I pitied you when you started out. You seemed so limited in possibilities." So, you see, I had a unique start. In the light of my beginning no one needs to be afraid to start, for you cannot have less qualifications than I had for the ministry.

I had been raised in a community of Holiness people and they used to emphasize the Lord's promise, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." If the preacher had any notes they said it was not a Holy Ghost sermon, so I thought that if a person was going to preach he just had to open his Bible and trust the Lord. I began in mission work with nightly meetings on the street and in the hall. There were also three meetings in the hall on Sundays and two meetings on the street. The young friend who had been with me in Colorado was my co-worker for a short time. He led the singing. While he led the singing, I would sit on the platform looking through my Bible, particularly in the Epistles, and whaeever chapter impressed itself the most upon me was the chapter I would preach from. I would read just a verse or two, then I

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would begin to expound, and the Lord would meet me. That was the simplicity of our activities. I had never read any book on theology. I had never read anything about homiletics. All I knew was to pray and to give out the Word of God as best I could. Thank God that I had the Holy Spirit to help me and He certainly did.

I hope that others will not emulate my example and contentedly say: "Glory! That's the way I am too." For the time came in my ministry when I learned something further. I heard a venerable old gentleman expound the Word of God in a camp meeting. When he had finished his address there was something consecutive and clear about it. He always left a message with the people. I felt that God spoke into my heart and said:

"However simple may be your message, I want you to cultivate the ability to leave something definite with the people."

I went home, and soon after this a minister came along. I expressed my convictions to him and he said, "I would recommend that you get the book, The Making of the Sermon, by T. H. Pattison." I purchased a copy. It was a book on homiletics. I read it only once —I ought to have read it again and again, but I got some suggestions out of it that helped me. Then I had some association with good people and with some good churches. Gradually I accumulated some knowledge.

I am glad the young people of today have so many advantages over us poor creatures of the early days of this Movement, and I am glad that even we older folk can improve ourselves as we go along.

I am going to mention a few points regarding the Pentecostal revival in the sections of the country where I received the Baptism forty-five years ago and where I began my ministry. You then can decide whether we have advanced or have gone backward.

First of all in the beginning there was strong feeling against having a church membership roll. Organization was opposed, one of the dominant ideas being as follows:

"God has brought us out of old, dead ecclesiasticism and denominationalism.

He has made us free people, and we are not going back into 'Babylon' any more."

But I raise the question, "Was there not some organization then?" Surely there was organization. Though there was no recorded membership, all knew who were members and who were not. They had saints' meetings with communion, and oftentimes with the washing of feet also, and at these saints' meetings no one was permitted to be present except those who were recognized as members.

If anyone had said, "These are members of the church," I don't know what they would have answered. They were opposed to having church membership; they said, "The church is an organism, not an organization"; and yet, the saints were unwritten members of the church. So we had organization in those days although in our simplicity we thought we were not organized!

Another point about our meetings back yonder was that we did not have song leaders. We all just sat. Someone would start a song, usually a leader, but no one stood up before the people to direct them. In the old mission on Azusa Street there wasn't even an organ or a piano. Everything was spontaneous. The person who opened the service would call out the number of a song; then all the people would sing—and they kept together, too.

They did not sing like a streak of lightning, so fast that others could not keep up. They sang worshipfully and meaningfully. They purposely sought to avoid giving prominence to any particular individual. Each sought to hide himself and let Jesus be glorified—to sing heartily as unto the Lord and not as unto man.

There is a lesson here for us. We need to learn the difference between the stimulation of our human emotions and the true worship of the Lord. There is singing in the flesh and there is singing in the Spirit. The one seems to splash off on the outside of us, while the other sinks down into the depths of us.

We can have two kinds of rain. There are torrential rains that just run off the land and do little good, though they sometimes cut gullies. And there is another kind of rain that soaks way down into the subsoil and does real good. That kind of worship that splashes on the outside sometimes does little more than to make gullies. It does not produce character. But when we get God before our eyes and say, "Lord, I'm seeking to sing to the praise of Thine own dear name," the song touches the heart and we go away with benefit.

The young man who started out with

me had previously been among other people, and he knew how to lead the song service. I think he did a good job. I have learned that a meeting can have human leadership and still be led by the Holy Spirit. Good leadership is important. I wish that all of our young preachers could learn enough about music to keep time and to direct the people in their singing—I have always been embarrassed when called upon to lead a song service, because I never learned how to do it well.

Another peculiarity of those early days was that no one was asked to bring the message. If more than one minister were present, the leader would say, "Now, we will look to the Lord, and the person to whom the Lord gives the word, he is going to be the speaker." After I had been in the work of the Lord for a little while, it was only on rare occasions that I ever preached in meetings where other ministers were present. I never thought that my sermon was so important that it would spoil if I did not give it at that particular time.

I remember when I sat in a congregation at a big camp, meeting, away, back yonder. One man got up with his Bible and literally staggered. I thought: "We are surely going to get a wonderful sermon this time-look at the marvelous anointing that is upon that man." He opened his Bible, read a little, and that was about all there was to it. I do not know whether God had actually given him a heavy anointing for his own edification, or whether it was only a human feeling that he had, but I know there was not much of a message in what he said. After seeing that take place two or three times I began to wonder, "How is it that a man seems to have such anointing, and yet when he gives a message there seems to be so little to it?"

We have moved far away from that inspirational manner of conducting meetings. Are we better off, or have we deteriorated? I cannot help but feel happier in services that are carried on somewhat systematically, than in services that are left to chance. If a person is sensitive or inclined to be timid, he does not function well in an atmosphere of, "I've got the message." I do think, however, that we ought to pray and ask God to guide us. I believe that in our camp meetings and other gatherings where there are numerous ministers, it might be a fine thing for us to pray together and to say:

"Now, heavenly Father, we want Thy will. If You have something for us from someone who may not be appointed speaker, we want Thee to have Thy way."

Make room for the Holy Ghost to work in the meetings. If He lays something on one's man's heart, the appointed speaker ought to be very happy to give place to him. The person to whom God has spoken may not express himself at length. He may simply have a thought for the people, and after he has expressed himself the speaker can follow right on and deliver his message.

We must never become so bound to certain means or methods that God will not have the opportunity to intervene if He has something different to that which we had planned.

(To be continued)

An old Scotch woman who was alone for the greater part of the day was asked, "What do you do during the day?" "Well," she said, "I get my hymn book, and I have a little hymn of praise to the Lord." Then she added, "I get my Bible and let the Lord speak to me. When I am tired of reading, and I cannot sing any more, I just sit still and let the Lord love me."—Christian Cynosure.

One kind of enemy is a friend who does not oppose you when you are wrong.

He who will not forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.



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Prayer AND . .

Donald Gee

Something more than prayer is required before we can have the revival we seek

THE INSISTENT demands for more and more prayer for revival throughout the church of Jesus Christ strike such an authoritative note in all our hearts that we are almost in danger of becoming crushed by their repetition. The force of their claim is strengthened by the conviction haunting many of us that we do not pray half enough. We therefore are inclined to attribute every failure, either personal or collective, to insufficient prayer. Once that position is taken we scarcely allow enough place in our thinking for other essential factors in revival.

Yet it is worthy of careful attention that when the Bible refers to prayer as an activity of the early Christians it seldom mentions their praying as an isolated act. Almost always it is linked with something else.

These thoughts are not expressed to weaken by one iota the altogether right, good and proper exhortations to "pray without ceasing" that are being heralded throughout the world. Neither are they written to excuse those who wrongfully substitute for prayer merely carnal methods, vainly supposing that a revival worthy of the name can be produced by big-business organizing, advertising, music, showmanship, or any other kind of high-pressure activity except those revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

We do not need to pray less; but it may well be that we need to learn more thoroughly the things that accompany true praying.

Prayer and Fasting. Acts 13:3

"And fasting" will be almost the first couplet that springs to mind. It is a shame that the unbalanced and exaggerated claims that have been made in recent years in some quarters for the results of fasting threatened to discredit a perfectly sane and Scriptural exercise taught and practiced by our Lord Himself, and also by His apostles. We must guard against the boomerang of revulsion from proper fasting.

The added power it brings to prayer is too well established as a fact of experience to need further emphasis.

Throughout the ages those who have wanted to draw nearer to God have fasted. The Spirit's call to missionary work at Antioch, and still more the clear indication of the men of His choice, and their subsequent sending forth with a solemn laying on of hands, all provide a significant episode in apostolic history. Successful and God-directed missionary work is born in something more than prayer alone.

Prayer and Ministry of the Word. Acts 6:4

We seem in greater danger of placing insufficient emphasis upon the vital place in any true revival of speaking the Word of God with power. Sometimes an inference is offered to us that prayer alone can produce revival. We believe this has never been so in fact, even if occasionally it has appeared so superficially. The lack of sufficient preaching of the Word in the great Welsh Revival of 1904 is probably the main reason why, in many cases, its effects lacked lasting depth, and why it was so localized that it never spread into England, nor even to the whole of Wales.

The word of wisdom, uttered by the apostles when they refused to be dragged down to serving tables, while it placed prayer first, immediately linked with it the ministry of the Word. And so it was that the "Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly." A powerful speaking of the Word is the divine method for winning souls. There are sincere and zealous Christians who mistakenly suppose that facility in praying qualifies them to lead a local assembly, but it is praying and preaching together that the Lord has ordained to bring souls to Christ. And when we say "preaching" we mean really spiritually-gifted ministry that is marked by unquestionable power.

PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING. Acts 10:4

This dual religious work on the part of the hungry soul of Cornelius found such acceptance before God that he became honored as the first Gentile to receive the Holy Ghost. He was famous for his alms before heaven and earth.

The obvious value of almsgiving, linked with prayer, is that it can stamp the praying with sincerity. It is easy to pray for the poor and needy, or for missions, or for other worthy causes, and yet fail to GIVE. Our deceitful hearts can even promise prayer as an excuse for rendering practical assistance. I think it was Spurgeon, who on one occasion stopped his deacons praying for a needy case and had a collection instead that made further prayer unnecessary.

While we are spreading our petition before God He is reading our hearts, and He marks whether the sincerity of our praying is sufficiently proved by the amount we have sacrificed to help the answer to be realized. Prayer for missionaries is not a substitute for giving; it is an accompaniment. Generous giving provokes keen prayer interest; and honest praying moves us to give.

Prayer and More of the Spirit. Phil. 1:19

When Paul asked his friends in Philippi to pray for his deliverance out of imprisonment at Rome, he linked with their prayers a "further (lit.) supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ." The association is interesting and instructive—first, because he stated a need in addition to prayer, and then because a further supply of the Spirit is regarded as important for one already baptized with the Holy Ghost and mightily used by God.

There are believers, and greatly used preachers, who urgently need a larger measure of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. We all do. Prayer in itself, though it be redoubled, is not enough to meet such a case. There are times when the soul needs another Pentecost, another "supply" of the Spirit, a new tide of power and glory, a fresh drink at the eternal fountain. We err when we regard as all-sufficient much activity in prayer alone. Prayer in itself, as an isolated exercise of the soul, can become exhausting and even sterile. It needs an accompaniment of larger spiritual blessing to achieve the fulness of the divine purpose.

Prayer and Confession of Faults. James 5:16

The combination of prayer and confession of faults has often been pointed out in connection with divine healing. Our Lord taught very plainly that prayer is hindered when we have something against a brother. Job was healed after he prayed for his unkind friends. It is those who "agree" that touch a secret of heavenly power (Matt. 18:19).

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Religious News Service Photo

Volodymyr Holubiw, the 250,000th DP admitted to the United States, disembarking with his family. He was sponsored by the Assemblies of God.

250,000th Displaced Person

Sponsored by Assemblies

THE 250,000th Displaced Person brought to the United States under the Displaced Persons Program, arrived in New York City on the morning of July 11, aboard the United States Naval Transport, the General S. D. Sturgis. He was Volodymyr Holubiw of Bremerhayen, Germany.

The Polish-Ukrainian refugee came here under the sponsorship of the Assemblies of God, with employment and housing assured by Frank Grahl, a mink-fur farmer of Woodruff, Wisconsin.

As the 250,000th Displaced Person to be admitted to this country, Holubiw and his family ran into a "full-dress" hour-long reception as their boat came to anchor, including music by the 328th Army Band; speeches; gifts; a visit to the Honorable Vincent Impellitteri, Mayor of the city of New York; and a tour of Manhattan.

Robert T. McGlasson, who is in charge of the Foreign Missions Department's New York Office and Missionary Representative of the New York-New Jersey District, represented the Assemblies of God in the program.

Members of Volodymyr Holubiw's family include his wife, Maria, and three small daughters, Walja, Lida and Wira.

The reception ceremony was conducted at the steamship and peer. Colonel E. J. Van Horne, Movements Officer of the International Refugee Organization, boarded the General S. D. Sturgis and escorted the 250,000th DP and his family down the gangplank. They were greeted by Harry N. Rosenfield, Acting Chairman of the United States Displaced Persons Commission, and personal representative of President Truman. Mr. Rosenfield escorted the family to the platform for the program.

Following the ceremony the reception party traveled to the City Hall where the Holubiws, and representatives of the religious and nationality agencies, were greeted by the Mayor of New York. The State Department then took the DP family on a tour of Manhattan.

A five-room house awaited the Holubiws in Woodruff, Wisconsion. For the daughters the house will be their first real home, since all three were born in DP camps. Their father will be working on the fur farm.

The Holubiw family left New York by train en route to Woodruff the evening after their arrival and the reception. Mr. Grahl was to meet them in Woodruff.

News Notes

Lois Coxe, who has been engaged in missionary work in Hawaii, was married on

June 11 to Kenneth Linton Carruthers, a teacher in Jackson College in Honolulu. They plan to continue in missionary work in Hawaii.

Jessie Wengler, missionary to Japan, has returned to the United States for furlough.

Mr. and Mr. Vernon Pettenger, who sailed for South Africa on June 20, arrived at Cape Town in mid-July.

Gustave Kinderman, field secretary for Europe, returned to the States on July 12.

According to a letter dated July 9, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kohl have arrived safely in Ceylon.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Shortes, missionaries to Guatemala, announce the birth of a son on July 8. He has been named Marvin Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Niles returned to the Nicaraguan field in July.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton H. Shumway sailed for Nigeria, West Africa, on July 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright have arrived

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safely in South Africa. They hoped to reach their Nyasaland field by the middle of July.

Harold S. Jones, missionary to Upper Volta, French West Africa, who has been in Europe since February making a survey of missionary work there, mainly in Italy, Switzerland, France and Belgium, has returned to the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo J. Crabaugh and

Florence Helen Bassett reached Monrovia, Liberia, on July 14.

Mrs. Alberta Daniels and Elaine Daniels, mother and daughter, returned to Peru late in July to resume their missionary work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovid A. Dillingham, who have been stationed at Nawabganj, Gonda, U. P., India, have arrived home on furlough.

Revival in Egypt

Mabel M. Dean, Egypt

LATE IN FEBRUARY we went to Beyedia, Egypt (population 7,000), to try to straighten out some difficulty that had arisen in our church there. We were discouraged with the church. It had been weak. Up until that time only a few persons were attending services. Much to our surprise, though, the people began to flock in. I inquired if they had been visited and invited. They told me that they had not been. By the third night the crowd was overflowing into the street, and we began to awaken to the fact that God was sending a "revival" to the community.

What a hungry crowd it was! The people crowded in upon us for prayer. One night two women sat under the pulpit table in order that they might be near. Moslems came as well as Copts.

It became necessary that we obtain a larger place for the services. Between 4,000 and 5,000 were attending. We found a large vacant lot. Hundreds have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Demons have been cast out. Many have had visions. Donkeys are used to bring in the sick.

When we had to return to Minia, we sent a young man, Kamel, from the church in Minia to Beyedia. He is being used in an unusual way. Other missionaries and ministers who have attended the services say that they have never seen anything that would compare with what is taking place in Beyedia. The entire town is stirred for God.

Last week we heard that the Coptic priests had charged our young minister, Kamel, with converting Moslems to Christianity. He had to appear in court, but the case was dismissed. The Coptic priests are watching Kamel closely. A woman sorcerer and her four sons, whose business has dropped off, are angry also, and have made threats.

I have written only part of what is happening in Beyedia. What the end will be I do not know. It is God's work. We rest in Him

A little now about some of our villages to the north of Minia. The Lord gave our Pastor Kamel a dream concerning the wicked town of Amodain (population 5,000), and he went there to hold services. God began to work and a large cotton house was opened for meetings. Men began to pray—some all night. The sick were healed. The news spread and people began to flock in from the surrounding area.

I went to Amodain after a few meetings and I could scarcely believe my eyes. "A church born so soon?" I exclaimed to the young minister. "Yes," he replied, "it's revival here too." As I looked into those shining faces I had to weep, for it was all a great miracle. It seemed that I could see God's great arms outstretched over the people.

When the large cotton house became too small for the crowds, a family offered a lot, enclosed by a high wall, for meetings. Often 2,000 persons are packed into the enclosure. Quite a number have been filled with the

Holy Spirit. A minister has been found to take care of the flock.

One day a young Moslem was brought by his father and uncle for prayer at Amodain. The young man had a heart ailment, and passed away immediately upon accepting Christ as his Saviour. He had begged his family to take him to the *church*. Later in a vision the young man was seen with Christ. The incident has had a profound influence upon the people.

A few miles from Amodain is another town with a population of 9,000. Some of the people there had attended the Amodain services and begged us to start services for them. Around 200 gathered for the first meeting. Now some 2,000 gather under twenty-eight palms on the bank of their little river. Seven lanterns, suspended from the trees, give light. It is an unusual sight. Many lovely young men of this town have turned to the Lord. A woman, who had been paralyzed for fourteen years, was healed. All the town marveled. We have helped with the services as much as possible. When we cannot be there Makram, a seventeen-year-old student from our Minia church, is in charge. Though young and shy, he has been a blessing.

Because his church has been empty, one of the ministers of the town has threatened to report us to the government. He called special ministers to his church, and put on a visitation program, but Brother Makram has held the big crowd.

How thankful we are that God is calling the young men to help us in the "revival."

There are other villages and towns besides these that I have mentioned where God is working in a special way.

Surely Jesus' coming is very near!



Elmer C. Niles Nicaragua



Vinton H. Shumway Nigeria



Mrs. E. C. Niles Nicaragua



Mrs. V. H. Shumway Nigeria



Mrs. Alberta Daniels Peru



Elaine Daniels Peru

Churches Ruined by Flood

V. G. Greisen, Kansas District Superintendent, gives an eye-witness account of the ruined churches left in the wake of the worst flood in America's history.

I have just returned from a trip to Kansas City, Topeka, Ottawa, Manhattan, and other places affected by the awful flood in the State of Kansas. I found several of our churches ruined, parsonages damaged beyond repair, and many of our members homeless.

I arrived in Kansas City on Sunday morning. After going to police headquarters for permission to drive to the Kansas side, I wended my way through all the debris amid the almost unbearable odor. The heat bearing down from the burning sun upon the fine flourlike dust from the silt that had dried was bad enough, but to look out upon the scene of devastation and see homes turned upside down, and charred fragments of others, was most depressing.

I went through the packinghouse district where the stockyards were mixed with the railroad cars which were heaped one upon the other. Here 12,000 animals perished, leaving behind an indescribable stench.

The business buildings on one side of the street had giant gaping holes where the flood waters had torn away the foundations and left fragments of the upper structure standing, but very dangerous. On the other side the big factories stood, likewise, with the debris mixed with mud and silt.

There were large tanks, ten feet in diameter and thirty feet long, piled on top of one another. Whole lumber yards were carried away—piles of lumber, yet intact, were placed by the waters in various sections of the city. Furniture, trucks, cars, houses, street cars, box cars mixed together with dead animals.

A few returned to their homes, if they had not been swept away, seeking to salvage some precious treasure. They would drag out one or two mudcovered articles, with sinking hearts, and try to find out just what these were. One woman sat on a box outside her house and just stared at it saying: "Thirty years I labored, sacrificed and toiled to own this house. Now it is all gone. I could never live there again—it is beyond repair." It is the most discouraging thing I have ever seen.

I finally arrived at the Masonic Hall where the Victoria Tabernacle congregation had services that Sunday. About two hundred were present. They testified about the flood destruction. Some had one, two and even more houses, but all were lost. They had no flood insurance. Some said they will never go back there. Others stated that it is the only place they can go.

H. W. Barnett and U. S. Grant accompanied me to view the remains of the parsonage and tabernacle. The water came to the ceiling of the Victoria Tabernacle. The floor was carried, by the water, to the ceiling of the tabernacle which broke all the light fixtures. The platform broke down as the waters receded, and the new Hammond organ and the "baby grand" piano tumbled down to the basement with all its silt and mud, completely ruined. The new seats, worth several

thousand dollars, were water soaked. When the floor came down, it wedged between the two outside brick walls and broke the walls so that it is unsafe even to enter the building. The place is dark and filled with silt, mud, and debris of all kinds. A foot of mud covers everything.

The new brick parsonage occupied by Pastor Barnett is completely ruined. The roof fell into the basement. It happened to be right in the path of the angry flood. There is absolutely no hope of repair of the parsonage. It is a total loss without insurance.

On Monday we visited Sister Lucille Craig, the pastor of the Argentine work. We found the same muddy condition. They had just gotten the church door open, and as Sister Craig looked in she began to weep. We all had to weep. The church looked like a wreck; dark and dismal with the same stench. The piano was piled on top of the benches, the keys down and every bit ruined. Their home was likewise. It had been covered with water to the roof top, and was filled with mud and foul stuff.

In the afternoon we left for Ottawa. This city suffered greatly. The water damaged all the business district, even the Post Office. The Assembly of God building was dripping wet with the same stuff—silt, mud, debris of all kinds. Six feet of water had been in the upper structure and the floor was ruined, as well as the walls and all the partitions in the basement. All the musical instruments and furniture were destroyed.

Entering Topeka we found the same condition. The Faith Assembly on North Van Buren was covered by the flood waters up to six feet of the upper structure. The floor buckled from two to three feet the whole length of the church. This church has just been dedicated and it was a lovely building. The parsonage floor and walls also were ruined, with most all of the furniture. Five hundred dollars' worth of good books belonging to Pastor Oliver Hollis were destroyed. These young people with their three little children suffered greatly and need help.

In Manhattan it is just beyond description. The pastor and wife (Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Frey) remained upstairs two days and two nights until rescued by a boat. The floor and walls were ruined, their furniture spoiled. Their church was also under water. The piano and benches with the rest of the church furniture were all dumped in a pile and covered with six inches of mud. The stench was unbearable. The drinking water tasted horrible. The need is indeed great.

The brethren seem to be cheerful in the midst of it all. Naturally it is a hard blow; it is not easy to lose all your earthly belongings. It is discouraging for the pastors to see their people scattered. Maybe some will stay, maybe not. It is hard when the place of worship is destroyed. Their hearts ache,

yet they look to God and believe that somehow the Lord will work all this together for good, and that they shall see the glory of it later on.

Right now the need for help is great. We are helping our brethren out of the Home Mission Fund of our Kansas District but it seems only a mite. They need more help. We shall send a letter to our pastors and ask all our Kansas assemblies to send an offering for the flood victims, but it will not be enough. Therefore, we trust that all the Evangel readers will come to the rescue and seize this opportunity to show brotherly kindness.

Town after town all over Kansas has been hit by the disaster. Flood waters reached in to Iola, Chanute, and many other places. The Red Cross has done well in supplying food and clothing, and we do not need those things as much as we need money to rebuild. The flood victims do not have money to repair their homes and the church buildings and parsonages too; therefore, the need for money is greatest.

(Offerings may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, marked "Flood Relief.")

CHURCHES DAMAGED BY FLOOD



- 1. Victoria Tabernacle, Kansas City, Kansas, showing wall bulging in middle section. Arrow indicates height to which flood waters rose.
- 2. Victoria Tabernacle auditorium, where new seats were ruined and where the front section of the floor floated up to the ceiling and down again, dumping organ and piano into the basement.
- 3. Parsonage of Victoria Tabernacle, with roof caved in and a large billboard lodged on top of church bus.
- 4. Church in Argentine section of Kansas City, Kansas, which was practically covered with water.
- 5. New church in North Topeka, Kansas, with parsonage in rear. Flood waters came up to the parsonage roof. Notice cavity where side street used to be.
- 6. Basement of the North Topeka church, with water and mud still covering the floor.
- 7. Church in Ottawa, Kansas, where height of flood waters is plainly seen.
- 8. Church in Manhattan, Kansas, which was filled with water and the contents ruined.

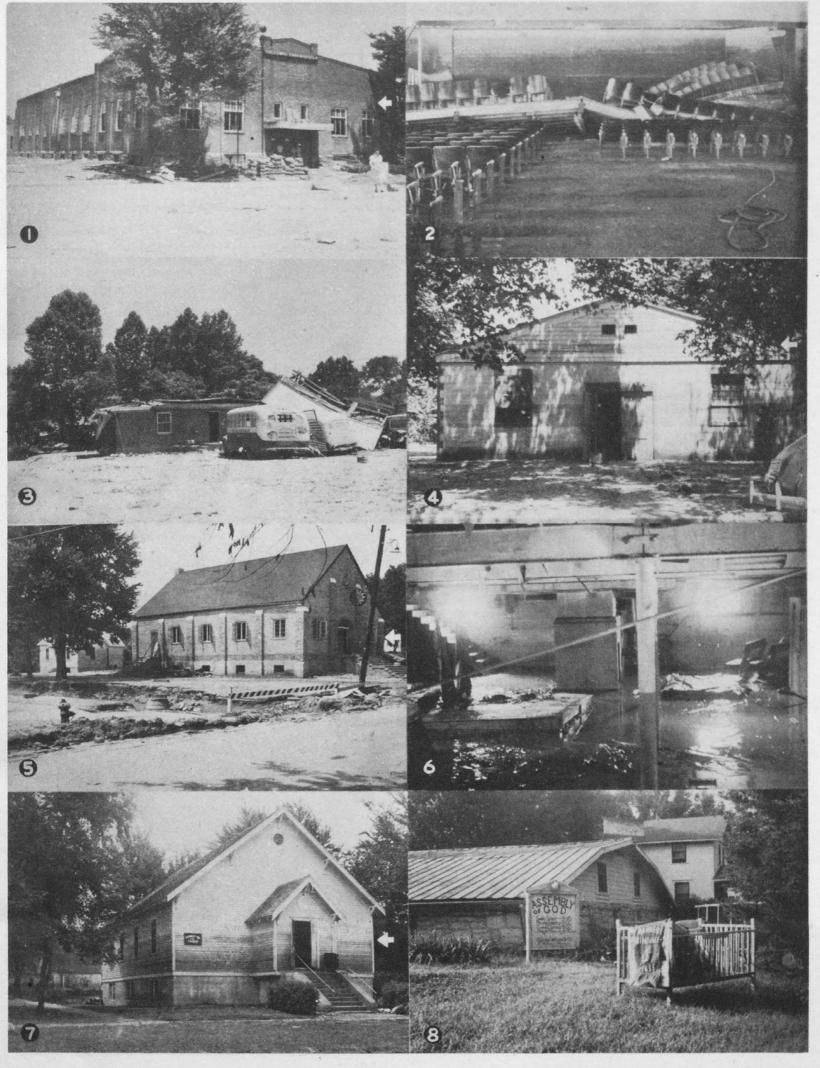
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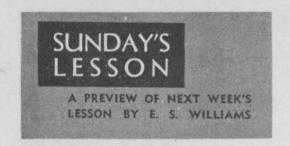
WIN THEM ONE AT A TIME

Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," once wrote to an eminent senator of the United States in behalf of a man who was suffering great injustice. He replied: "I am so much taken up with plans for the benefit of the race that I have no time for individuals." She pasted this into her album with this comment: "When last heard from, our Maker had not reached this altitude."

That person who has no interest in individuals, and who never tries to rescue even one lost soul, has a spirit different from that of the Master whose personal words and work make up the bulk of His life record.

"He who waits until he can save many souls will never save one."—Michigan Advocate.





ELIJAH PRAYS FOR RAIN

Lesson for August 26

1 Kings 18:1-8, 17 18, 41-46

When Elijah presented his challenge to the prophets of Baal, he probably did this directly to Ahab, for we read, "So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel" (v. 20). The prophets of Baal were forced into a corner. If Baal was of such importance that the people should desert Jehovah for him, let him prove his superiority. It was a sort of challenge that we might well consider. In our day many are the substitutes that are presented as "pure and undefiled religion." May we have courage and power to demonstrate the verities of God in contrast to the vanities of man.

1. The Need for Water

Water is an absolute essential to life. Without it we would all die. Through lack of water, flocks and herds were dying in Israel and the people were near to perishing. In one desperate effort to locate a source of supply Ahab himself started out to search in one direction, while he sent his faithful Obadiah in another. They were looking for natural water. The king thought this would fully meet the need of the people. It would have met the physical need, but their real need was for something much deeper. They needed God and "the water of life." Natural water was withheld, because they had turned their backs on God "the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Jer. 2:13. Man thinks that life consists in the abundance of the things which he possesses. God knows that man's greatest need is "the water of life," which is spiritual.

Beautifully this is illustrated in the meeting of Jesus with the woman of Samaria. She went to the well to draw natural water. Jesus spoke to her of "the water that I shall give him" (John 4:14). Again, on the great day of the feast, as He saw the people carrying water for an oblation in remembrance of the water which was afforded their forefathers in the wilderness, "Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37). He saw that their first need was the water of life.

2. Water Withheld

When Ahab saw Elijah he said, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Ahab was looking only at outward conditions. He wished for temporal blessing, but failed to examine his heart to see if he might be the hindering cause for its withholding. One of the last things that we would desire to do would be to heap accusation on any of the children of

God. At the same time we do well to examine our hearts when there comes spiritual dearth. We are not always to blame. At times God permits this for the trying of our faith. But it pays to look within and earnesly to pray that God might show us if things which hinder have been permitted to find a place in our hearts.

Ahab definitely was at fault, and when he sought to put the blame on Elijah, the prophet replied, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim" (v. 18). There is no need of mincing matters when we know where things are wrong. We need to be Christian in spirit, but faithful to truth. Sin was the trouble in Israel, and sin is often the trouble today.

3. Removing the Hindrances

The reason the water was withheld from Israel was the presence of sin. There was sin among the people, but pre-eminently it was sin in high places. The king and his heathen wife were leaders in the sin. Let us not try to put the blame on others, as Ahab did, until we have first carefully examined ourselves in the light of holy Scripture.

When the fire fell on the sacrifice of Elijah, this must have had a great effect on Ahab otherwise Ahab would not have consented to the slaying of the prophets of Baal (v. 40). The power of God on our lives can work wonders. It worked wonders in Israel. Not every manifestation of divine power will be the same, but whatever it be, it will testify unmistakably for the Lord. There could be no rain in Israel until sin was out of the way. Divided worship must cease.

The false must be put away. Largely our lesson has to do with prayer. But prayer alone is not always sufficient. There is need of action against that which is ungodly. Prayer may bring to light the things of evil, but action is required in dealing with the evil. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13. This rule must be followed, if we expect revival.

4. Prevailing Prayer

Our lesson indicates that Ahab became reconciled to Elijah at Carmel when he saw that God was with him. He showed no displeasure at the execution of the false prophets. He moved in obedience when Elijah said, "Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain" (v. 41). Faith was beginning to take hold. The spiritual atmosphere was being changed. Then

Elijah "went up to the top of Carmel" and began to pray.

Elijah had faith for rain before he began to pray, for God had told him that He would send rain when Elijah showed himself to Ahab (v. 1). Elijah had promised rain to Ahab most definitely (v. 41). Yet he must earnestly pray if the rain was to come. He bade his servant to look toward the sea as he earnestly prayed. For the sixth time the servant brought answer, "There is nothing." Each time this answer came the prophet increased his earnestness. Then there appeared a cloud, small as the hand of a man. Elijah now knew he had prayed through, so he girded himself and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel (v. 46).

How long a time Elijah spent during this prayer season we do not know. We may well believe that the event took place the same day that the prophets of Baal were slain. Whatever the length of time, Ahab remained in the vicinity, waiting for Elijah and for the answer to Elijah's prayer. Had it been otherwise, Elijah could not have run "before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel." What a victory God gave that day! Ahab was convinced that Jehovah was God and so were the people of the land. God had spoken and He was again in the midst of His people. God send on us fresh revival through spiritual cleansing and faithfulness in prayer.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Elijah on Mount Carmel (lesson for Sunday, August 19). Lesson text: 1 Kings 18:21-25, 29-32, 36-39.

"If there is any other way to become a Christian than through faith in Jesus' atoning death on Calvary, then God's Son shed His blood in vain."

AN EFFECTIVE COMBINATION

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The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16

On the Cover Page

The Assembly of God in Dorothy, West Virginia, was started some twenty years ago in an old store building. Today it is a flourishing church having 250 in Sunday School. During June the average attendance was 252, and in a recent revival meeting there were 332 in Sunday School.

We asked the pastor, W. Glenn West, to tell us the reason for the remarkable growth in attendance. He replied: "Extensive evangelis-



W. Glenn West

tic effort, together with a well-organized Sunday School program under the blessings of God, have been responsible for the growth of our church."

About twelve years ago a church building was erected, at which time W. P. Broyles was the pastor. Since Brother West became pastor six years ago, the church has

been remodeled and a parsonage has been built. During the past year an addition has been built on the church for Sunday School rooms and a C. A. auditorium. Both the church building and the parsonage are entirely free of debt.

The Assembly at Dorothy is putting into action a good slogan for any church: "Take the gospel out, and bring the people in." It sends the gospel out into all parts of the community by sponsoring a weekly broadcast of REVIVALTIME over a local radio station, and it brings the people in from outlying sections by operating two buses. Brother West, the pastor, is also Assis-

tant Superintendent of the Appalachian Dis-

PRAYER AND . . .

(Continued from page five)

That is why, in almost every breath of renewed Pentecostal revival, there comes an initial period of general confession of sins. It has it dangers; it can quickly become exaggerated, or morbid, or artificial, or subtly attract attention to self. But when healthy it plays a vital part in true revival. Perhaps it is essential.

There come times when further praying is sheer waste of time and energy, for there will be absolutely no answer to our prayers until some faults have been mutally confessed and forgiven. There is a sanctifying grace in humbling ourselves to confess a fault and to ask forgiveness that would unlock a torrent of renewed power in the life of many a

In intercession for a nation there is a necessity for the intercessor humbly to associate himself with the confession of the sins of the people (read Daniel 9). To confess the sins of others is cheap, easy and often nasty. To confess our own is salutary and rewarding.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION. Acts 1:14

At first glance these seem so identical that the other day I decided to search out the meaning of "supplication" as a distinct act. I discovered that prayer is a broader word. Supplication is the voicing of request for very definite and specific needs. The

apostles, with the women and others in Jerusalem, were expressing a definite request for "the Promise of the Father" to be fulfilled while they waited for the Day of Pentecost to fully come. Esther knew precisely what she meant to ask for when she went into the presence of the king. Our Lord uttered very definite requests in the days of His flesh (Heb. 5:7) and particularly in Gethsemane. Freedom from anxiety comes to ourselves when we ask plainly for the very things we need, with no "beating about the bush" (Phil 4:6). It becomes almost impossible to pray for a thing that is not in God's will for us, when incessant supplication for it by name drags it continually and relentlessly into the light of His presence. Supplication is only one form of prayer, rather than a distinct exercise, but the Scriptural distinction between the two, clothes it with significance.

Other combinations with prayer could be quoted, as, for example, when Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God at midnight in the jail (Acts 16:25). But enough Scriptural references have been adduced to establish the matter.

Those who feel called of God to exhort us all to continue "instant in prayer" must not slacken in their insistence; but let us all understand that, even so, the context to that exhortation in the scriptures (Romans 12) enjoins a great many practical duties, and a wise variety of spiritual activities, to accompany our praying.



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, Missauri

SAVED AND HEALED

Recently Evangelist A. H. Argue, while occupying one of my rental courts, asked me a direct question: "Are you saved?" I had to reply, "No."

From that day he repeatedly urged me to accept Christ, and kept pointing out the danger of neglecting the matter of my salvation. Finally I did realize my lost condition and I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

I had just had two blood tests for an appendix condition, and after the second test the doctor told me I must undergo major surgery at once for other complications more serious than the appendix.

When I told Brother Argue about this, he prayed earnestly that this trouble might be removed, and I am so thankful that God heard the prayer and wrought a miracle of healing for me.

No one had ever before spoken to me in a personal way about my salvation, and I am so grateful to the Lord for saving me and healing me.-Leola Bragg, 307 Leibrandt Ave., Santa Cruz, Calif.

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I praise God for healing me of a tumor. Three doctors had said I had a tumor in my right side. My side and stomach were sore all the time, and the doctor could feel a lump in my side.



Mrs. R. C. Biffle back to s

Evangelist S. L. Slavens prayed for me on March 13, 1951. The next morning about four o'clock I was awakened with a peculiar feeling in my side. It seemed as if something was going around this lump. I prayed myself back to sleep. When I awoke later the lump and

all soreness was gone out of my side.

Just one week later (March 20) I was examined by a well-known physician and he said he could find no trace of the tumor. I have a written statement from him saying

have a written statement from him saying that I have no tumor.

I praise God for performing the wonderful operation which the doctor had said I would have to undergo. I still feel fine today (June

8)-no soreness or sign of tumor. I praise God

for His wonderful healing power.—Mrs. Raymond C. Biffle, Thayer, Missouri.

(Endorsed by N. Cleo Tapp, Pastor of the Assembly of God in Thayer, Missouri, who states that Sister Biffle is active in the church and shows every indication of perfect health.)

PAINS IN ABDOMEN

For the past three years, at different times, I had terrible pains in my abdomen. Sometimes the pain was so severe that I could not walk across the floor, but would have to stay in bed. My abdomen became enlarged and I was afraid there was a growth inside.

In November, 1950, I had a severe attack. I could not eat anything but a small amount of soup. My bowels knotted up. I went to a doctor who examined me and said he thought I should have an operation as soon as I felt better. He examined me for cancer. He asked me to come back at the end of the week for fluoroscope and X rays.

In the meantime, my pastor and a number of the people from the church came to see me. They gathered around my bed, anointed me with oil in the name of the Lord (see James 5:14) and prayed. The power of God touched my body and I was relieved of allpain. After they left I got up and walked from room to room praising the Lord.

The next morning I had no pain, but I kept my appointment with the doctor. Each time the doctor looked at the finished X ray, he would show it to me and say, "I do not find anything there now."

We were having a meeting at our church with Evangelist Z. P. Miller. I went to church the night after I had been to the doctor, and the pains in my abdomen returned. I was in misery throughout the service. They prayed for me that night and the Lord touched me again. From that time to this (June 28, 1951) I have never had another symptom of the trouble. The Lord also removed neuritis from my arms and shoulders that I have had for the past ten years.—Mrs. Laura May Baumgard, Box 504, Boyes Springs, Calif.

(Pastor Hurless H. Teeters, Boyes Springs, Calif., verified this healing.)

Brokenness Brings Blessing

REVIVAL FIRES are brightly burning once again across my native land of Sweden. From heart to heart, and from church to church, the flame is spreading. The cold, the indifferent and the hard-hearted are melted down before God as the Holy Spirit comes down convicting of sin in the heart. After the tears have flowed because of the burden of sin, the Blood of Calvary comes in cleansing power. Then after confession and restitution, fellowship is once more restored among the believers, and this is followed by great joy.

This awakening came first to the city of Karlskoga. A young man, Algot Nicklasson, is the firebrand God has used to kindle the flame in the hearts of men and women. God has given him an unusual ministry in healing the sick. He had been called to Karlskoga for a series of meetings. Here, God made him a great blessing. As he ministered the Word of God in the power of the Holy Ghost, great conviction, fell upon the pastor and the congregation alike.

The pastor first stood up before his congregation and asked their forgiveness. He confessed he had not had compassion for sinners, and served God as she should have done. Upon this admission, the whole assembly was smitten with conviction as they, too, realized their own need, and how they had failed God.

After that, confession followed among the members in the church, at their places of work, and between individuals. Their cold hearts were melted down, and the warm love of Calvary was once again restored among them. This caused a great stir, and a deep hunger in the hearts of many Christians in the land, as other churches heard how the Lord was working.

Later there was a large ministerial convention held in another city, with over 600 ministers attending. Again God used Algot Nicklasson along with others, in the same manner as in the revival at Karlskoga. This was followed by the same results, conviction of sin in the heart—criticism, pride, unlove—all was brought out in the light of the Holy Spirit. After real heart searching and crushing there came a spirit of brokenness and humility before God, and confession before their fellow ministers.

Each minister went back to his individual assembly carrying with him the sparks of revival, and so the fires spread. From place to place, as new hearts were touched with flame, revival reached out into independent groups and different denominations.

One never knows what will happen next in these meetings. There are no programs planned. The minister is usually in charge of the meetings, and generally they start with the singing of songs. There is order in the services, and yet there is great spiritual liberty. As there is no set plan, those to whom God has given a message or an exhortation for the people are free to get up and give out that which the Holy Spirit has put upon their heart.

There are great crushings in these meetings. There is much weeping before the Lord, and heartfelt sorrow at the realization of sin and failure. But after this the Holy Spirit floods the soul with a deep well of joy. Then there is rejoicing as the burden of sin is lifted.

All have not been affected by this revival. Some are standing on the sidelines watching and wondering, because they do not understand. Those who watch are not disinterested in God. Rather they are cautious, for this is a new experience to many. But all who open their hearts to the Spirit are melted down before God.

In our church in Uppsala we prayed for a long time for a revival before it broke. There was fasting and praying by the ministers, and by many of the lay members. Since revival has come, we have set aside every Thursday for fasting regularly. But many people fast, and it is not made public, as all do it unto the Lord, and so there is much fasting besides this done on the regular fast day.

The story is the same everywhere. Gothenburg is a city that has been so hard that no one expected God to do anything there. Helge Lundberg, a pastor in a church there, had heard of the revival fires burning elsewhere, and his own heart was hungry to see God move in that city.

So he began to seek the Lord. For six weeks noon-day prayer meetings, with an attendance ranging from 500 to 1,000 in each service, continued daily in this hard city where no one believed God could move. And these were prayer meetings indeed! There were no special singers, no featured speakers, no instrumental talent—only the power and Presence of the living God, without respect of persons, melting all down together.

In another large city there had been a division between two churches. For many years it had been slowly eating into the spiritual fiber of the people like a canker. The situation was so bad that men had felt nothing could be done to change it. But revival came here, and the hearts were crushed and cleansed, and love and fellowship was restored again.

In my own church the fires of revival burn on. Souls are continually being saved. Some of these have come in because they have heard of the burning revival fires. Others have been won because of Christians whose hearts, now fired with a new love and zeal for souls, have gone out seeking the lost to bring them in. Church attendance, too, has been greatly increased.

But it is not only in the church that the impact of revival has been felt. It has reached out to touch the hearts of the ungodly, as Christians who have experienced this heart-crushing and heart-cleansing have gone to their places of employment and confessed to their ungodly fellow workers they have not been what they should have been. The public confession in the assembly has been followed by private confession and res-



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Christians everywhere are feeling this hunger in their hearts to have God move, too, in their midst. In the city of Karlskoga where this revival first started, all the different denominations are meeting together in a wonderful fellowship of brotherly love. When this revival comes and the Spirit of God is moving, all barriers come down, and there is that real fellowship in the love of Christ for which we have yearned for so long.

(The foregoing account was related to Honore Osberg by Ruth Zettersten.

(A minister who visited Sweden this summer reports that as he travelled the country he found revival blessing in every church he visited. One large Pentecostal church reported that over 300 had been saved, baptized in water, and received into church membership in the past five months. Everywhere he found a great hunger for God.

(At the great Kolingared conference in June, he said, the theme under consideration was how to extend this new revival to other parts of Europe and to the distant mission fields. Hundreds of pastors and thousands of their people came together for this week of Bible study and prayer. On the closing day 25,000 crowded in to hear the Word of God.

(The visitor witnessed remarkable scenes in these Kolingared meetings. As the power of God swept over the great congregation all would rise to their feet and praise God. In one meeting over a hundred received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the people praised God. Many others testified that they were healed as they rejoiced in the Lord. Yet there was no disorderliness for the people allowed themselves to be moved only by the Holy Spirit.

(He said that the Pentecostal people in Sweden feel that the time to reap the harvest is short, and they are doing all they can to reach the unconverted with the gospel.)

"You may give until you are rich, or you may keep until you are poor."



TWO YOUNG MINISTERS DROWNED IN LOUISIANA

Robert F. Gottas and Thomas J. Wilson were accidentally drowned on June 18, while fishing at Lake Providence, Louisiana. Brother Gottas, a licensed minister of the Assemblies of God and a 1948 graduate of Central Bible Institute, was pastor of the Assembly at Alexandria, La. at the time of his death. Brother Wilson, whose home was in Ellicott City, Md., was in the state preparing for evangelistic work.

SHORT WAVE STATION ERECTED AT CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

With students' applications arriving daily, Central Bible Institute expects another good enrollment this year. The fall semester will open

on September 5.
Robert W. Cummings, who has been serving in India during the past year in connection with his duties as Field Secretary, is returning to head the Missions Department at C. B. I. His recent experiences abroad will bring fresh vision and inspiration to the missionary classes which he will be teaching.

Numerous improvements are being made in buildings and campus equipment. Erected this year is a new short-wave amateur radio station which will serve chiefly for training in missionary communications.

Applications for admission for the fall semester are still being accepted. Anyone interested in enrolling should write at once to the Registrar, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

MUSIC GRADUATES FIND PLACE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

North Central Bible Institute, Minneapolis, will open its twenty-second year with registration for all new students on Tuesday, September 4.

Of particular concern to young people interested in teaching in the public schools will be the news that North Central is continuing and strengthening its splendid courses in music education. Studies in the field of music are not limited, however, to music students, but are also offered as electives to students of theology and religious education.

Arrangements have been made with the Mac-Phail School of Music in Minneapolis so that students who have completed the three-year course at North Central may take an additional fourth year at MacPhail with regular transfer of the Bible Institute credits to obtain the Degree of Bachelor of Music Education.

While enrolled at the Institute all music students carry up to five hours per week in Bible and theological subjects, with a minimum of two hours. Bible classes include studies in the Old Testament, doctrine, personal evangelism, and the Epistles.

Music students also have the advantage of regularly attending the Chapel services of the Institute and participating in other extracurricular activities of Pentecostal youth.

N.C.B.I. graduates of 1950 who completed

N.C.B.I. graduates of 1950 who completed their work at MacPhail last spring have all been offered teaching positions in public school systems.

Prospective students, who must be high school graduates, may obtain further information by writing to the Registrar, North Central Bible Institute, 910 Elliot Avenue South, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

MONTANA DISTRICT RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS

The sixteenth annual session of the Montana District Council was held June 27 and 28, just preceding the Camp Meeting, at the Glacier Bible Camp Grounds. The Council re-elected Lyle B. Spradley as District Secretary-Treasurer for a two-year term, and all District Presbyters were also re-elected, as follows: H. W. Fine, Eugene A. Born, W. Paul Jones, E. W. Goodman, Leon P. Mitchell, and Charles H. Jackson. Currell Muirhead is District Superintendent.

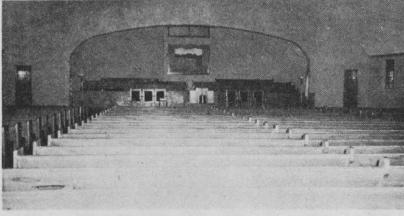
Currell Muirhead is District Superintendent. His term holds over for another year. The General Presbyters for the Montana District are Currell Muirhead, Lyle B. Spradley, and Charles H. Jackson.

The Christ's Ambassadors re-elected Owen S. Hodges as their President, and named Joseph Z. Newby as the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Women's Missionary Council re-elected both of their executive officers. Mrs. Roy R. Munger is President and Mrs. Paul W. Fenton is Secretary-Treasurer.

The Camp Meeting opened the night of June 30 and continued through July 8. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. Arne Vick and A. N. Trotter were specially anointed of the Lord as they ministered the Word to a packed tabernacle each night. Attendance was the largest on record.

Brother Vick and Brother Trotter are familiar with the needs of foreign fields and they pre-





INTERIOR OF NEW AUDITORIUM AT FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

"We have just completed our third year of ministry with the congregation of the First Assembly of God here in Fort Smith," writes Pastor B. Owen Oslin. "During this period we have enjoyed a steady growth and the Sunday School now averages 505.

"It was only a year ago that we were able to purchase the two lots adjacent to the church, upon which we have built a new auditorium. Last September the ground-breaking service was held. Due to the splendid co-operation of the entire congregation, we were able to complete the building by Easter. Wesley Steelberg, our General Superintendent, and David Burris, our District Superintendent, were our guest speakers."

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"The new auditorium is 70x120 in size and has a seating capacity of approximately 1,400. The old building is being renovated and it will have 52 Sunday School rooms.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP FOR ASSEMBLY IN LEROY, KANSAS

The Pentecostal church in LeRoy, Kansas, was begun in 1931 under the ministry of Foursquare workers. Later Harold Duncan, an Assembly of God minister, became pastor, followed by Harold Hollis, under whose ministry the church was set in order. There were 35 charter members.

In 1948 the church bought the building in which they had been worshiping for 17 years, and tore it down. A new building with buff tile walls was built according to plans drawn by V. G. Greisen. It was dedicated in November of that same year.

The church has been blessed with the ministry of a number of faithful pastors during its twenty-year history. At present Ray F. Hollis is pastor. It was under his leadership that the church built this fine new house of worship, and last fall they also completed a new parsonage.

sented the great need. A record offering amounting to \$2,184.18 in cash (and several additional pledges which will bring the amount up to \$2,300.00) was given for World Missions. In addition, pledges were made for Montana Home Missions amounting to \$2,000.00.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Louisiana District Council and Camp Meeting were held together on the camp ground near Alexandria, July 9—13. James W. Van Meter, Superintendent of the Ohio District, was the Camp Meeting speaker.

The morning services were given to Council business. The District Superintendent, F, C. Chamberlain, automatically remained in office, as he was elected for two years last year. E. L. Tanner was re-elected Assistant Superintendent. L. O. Waldon, District Secretary for the past six years stated that he was not available for the office for another year, and L. C. Ashbrook, of Lake Charles, was elected Secretary-Treasurer,

D. E. Stroud, who has served as Sunday School Representative for the past year, refused to allow his name to be voted upon, and J. E. Allen was elected Sunday School Director. Mrs. J. E. Allen was re-elected Women's Missionary Council President.

The General Presbyters elected for two-year terms last year are T. Horace Clark and L. D. Wells, Jr. The Sectional Presbyters are as follows: J. E. Barton, H. F. Jones, C. M. Robinson, J. O. Dewitt, L. R. Logan, and L. C. Arbbreck. Ashbrook.

BLESSINGS FALL AT INDIANA DISTRICT CAMP GROUNDS

HARTFORD CITY, IND., July 18-The HARTFORD CITY, IND., July 18—The Lord is helping us celebrate our five years as a new district. Last week we closed the most glorious camp meeting yet. Under the ministry of Willard Cantelon, John Sullivan, and the Fox Party of Canada, souls were saved, believers filled with the Spirit, sick bodies healed, and the attendance far outnumbered any previous

camp meeting.

This week 147 boys are here at Boys' Camp. Last night, six or eight of the roughest were saved and four received the Holy Spirit in their own tent after the evening service was disown tent after the evening service was dismissed. Tonight another eight or more received a glorious baptism in the Holy Spirit. Next week the Girls' Camp begins and that will be followed by Youth Conference.

Two lovely homes are under construction for district parsonages, and a number of new churches are being opened this summer. By next year we will have more than doubled our num-

year we will have more than doubled our number of churches, with over 100 in the state, while actual attendance at church and Sunday School has already tripled.—Roy Wead, District Superintendent.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BUNA, TEX.-We just closed a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. C. W. Gregg of Nederland, Tex. The church was blessed in a wonderful way. Several were healed and several reconsecrated their lives to God. We recently had 84 in Sunday School.—W. B. Thomas, Pastor.

WARRIOR, ALA.—We recently closed a two-weeks revival with Evangelist Woodie Lee of Mobile, Ala. God's power and blessing was in our midst; five young people were saved and three received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. For the past year God has been pouring out His Spirit in our church in apostolic power, and a revival spirit has been manifested in practically every service. Some outstanding healings have taken place in our regular services and souls have been under such conviction at times that they came to the altar crying out to God during the song service or without any

preaching being done.

Every department of the church has made a substantial increase, including home and foreign missionary giving, tithes, offerings, and the Sunday school. We recently broke the Sunday school record of about four years standing. day school record of about four years standing. We have made some notable improvements on the church property and have remodeled the parsonage. God has called some of our young people into the ministry and they are being used for His glory. Council ministers passing this way will find a welcome at our church which is located on the Nashville-Birmingham highway.—Talmadge F. McNabb, Pastor.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.-We have just concluded a two-weeks' campaign with Brother and Sister Bass Jeffers and Betty Guickion, Corpus Christi, Texas. God blessed from the start of the meeting. Seven were saved at church and one at home. There were several outstanding healings. The revival spirit still burns brightly. -by Nelson Woodcock, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

SANTA FE, N. MEX.—We have just closed a successful revival with Ola Mae Carroll and Leona Dougherty of Missouri. This Catholic city was stirred until there were numbers on outside almost every night listening to the the outside almost every night listening to the services. Sixteen were saved and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed, including some who were deaf. One elderly woman who was paralyzed and had not walked for four years was healed by the power of God. We give God the praise for all that has been accomplished.—C. D. Holley, Pastor.

ARCADIA, CALIF.—June 18 to 29 marked our first VBS in our new church less than one year old. Our hope was that at least 75 would be enrolled, but the opening day brought us, 113, and the second day 27 more. The total enrollment was 184. The interest and attendance rose higher the second week. The closing program Friday evening brought a packed house. Dozens of children accepted the Lord during the school, and the revival among the children did not end with the closing of the school. Several were under conviction the following Sunday morning in Sunday School and gave their hearts to the Lord. Praise be unto His name!—S. Paul Carlyss, Pastor, Live Oak Village Church.

NAZARENE PREACHER BAPTIZED WHILE SEEKING CREDENTIALS

Herbert D. Lowe of Budd Lake, N. J., received the Baptism of the Spirit while meeting with the Credentials Committee of the New York—New Jersey District last month.

Brother Lowe told the presbyters that he was an ordained minister of the Nazarene Church, and explained that he was enjoying fellowship with the Pentecostal people and desired to cast his lot with them and have credentials as an Assemblies of God minister. The committee explained that they appreciated this desire but that he would be required to wait until he had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost before receiving credentials.

Several of the presbyters encouraged Brother Lowe to persevere in seeking God and to believe that he could receive the gift of the Holy Ghost right there and then. One of them suggested that they lay hands on the brother. In a few minutes Brother Lowe was filled with the Spirit and speaking with other tongues, and the presbyters were enjoying a heavenly refreshing

The committee promptly reconsidered Brother Lowe's application and granted him credentials. It was the first meeting of the committee in the new District office in Washington, N. J.

OVER TWO THOUSAND CON-VERTS IN NEW ORLEANS CAMPAIGN

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—This city received its second great spiritual awakening within twelve months under the divinely-anointed min-istry of Evangelist Gayle Jackson, of Sikeston, Missouri. The campaign began on May 22 in the evangelist's large tent.

Hundreds of people were present for the opening service, and when the altar call was given that night 103 quickly responded to accept Christ Jesus as their Saviour. Following the altar call, the invitation was extended to all who needed healing for their bodies to form a prayer line, and the evangelist prayed for them one by one.

About the third person in the prayer line was a lady who had been on crutches for nine months. Brother Jackson prayed for her and immediately she was healed. She laid her crutches aside and went on her way unaided, delivered by the power of God.

This miracle of healing was only the beginning of the signs and wonders which God wrought in this great campaign. Literally hundreds now testify to being healed of all manner of diseases.



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The greatest miracle of the campaign, however, was the number converted. Over two thousand people (2,664 by actual count) stepped accept Christ as their personal forward to Saviour.

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The final night (June 24) was the best of all, when at least 150 men and women were bap-tized with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.—T. Horace Clark, Pastor, Canal Street Assembly of God.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

CORTEZ, COLO.—Assembly of God, Aug. 26—; Evangelist A. W. Smith, Mesa, Ariz.—by Kenneth Crouse, Pastor.

KERMAN, CALIF.—Grace and Truth Assembly, Aug. 19—Sept. 2 or longer; Evangelist Earl F. Davis, Oakland, Calif.—by J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—Union meeting at the Coliseum, Sept. 2—16; Evangelist Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill. Prayer for the sick.
—by Ivan Kramer, Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Southside Assembly of God, 809 Flagler Ave., meeting in progress; M. E. Collins, Principal of Southwestern Bible Institute.—by L. Wayne Pitts, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Mont Clare Gospel Church, corner Neenah and Barry Avenues, Aug. 19—; Evangelist and Mrs. Larry Bottroff, San Diego, California.—by M. J. Gebhart, Pastor.

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—Tent meeting sponsored by Pentecostal churches, Aug. 26—Sept. 16; Evangelist William A. Ward.—by Mirko E. Parlotz, Business Manager.

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Millville Assembly of God, Third and Church Sts., Aug. 26—Sept. 9; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Wiley T. Davis, Pastor.

WAYNE, MICH.—Tent meeting sponsored by Full Gospel churches, Aug. 22—; Velmer Gard-ner and Party. Prayer for the sick each night. —by E. W. Raimer, Chairman, Box 629, Wayne,

CHICAGO, ILL.—Tent meeting, 79th St. and Western Ave., Aug. 18—Sept. 3; (not Aug. 25—Sept. 10 as previously announced) the Humbard Family.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

RADIO PROGRAM—"The Full Gospel Hour," station WJOL, 1340 kc., Joliet, Ill., Sundays 6:30 to 7 p.m.—by Allan G. Snider, Director.

NOTICE-If you have friends in Los Alamos, N. Mex., the atomic city, we will be glad to contact them.—by Pastor Adrain Harper, Box 932, Los Alamos, N. Mex.

NOTICE—Will gladly contact any friend or relative you may have stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.—Paul E. Bills, 396 Hendrickson Ave., Long Branch, N. J. (Pastor of the Pentecostal Church).

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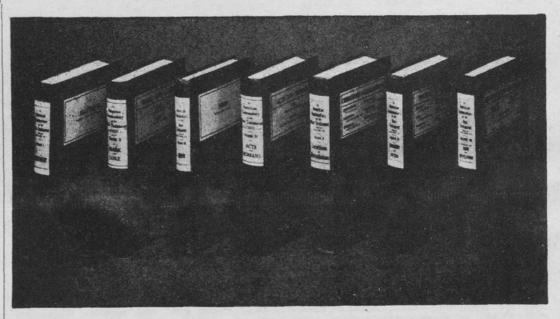
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