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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Missionaries Get New Bible

The first Ragoli Bible, for use by a tribe of 250,000 living northeast of Lake Victoria in Kenya Colony, British East Africa, has been completed by the American Bible Society. Five thousand copies will go to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, whose missionaries are active in Kenya, and 10,000 to the Friends' Mission.

Food for Emergency

New York City continues to make massive preparations for possible atomic attack. At present plans for the emergency feeding of a million people are being pushed. Restaurants will be used in such a plan, as well as reception centers at strategic points. The plan also covers provision for feeding refugees along probable escape routes. We wonder how many are hiding God's Word in their hearts in preparation for coming emergencies!

War's Ravages in Korea

The terrific toll in lives and property taken by the war in Korea may be a sample of what could be expected in another world war. Though it is considered a minor conflict, it has claimed 80,000 American casualties. Three million Koreans have been killed and ten million made homeless.

Senator Capehart estimates that the Korean "police action" costs the U.S.A. four billion dollars a month. Senator Knowland says: "Even more deplorable than the awful destruction of Korean cities has been the Communist liquidation of educational, religious, and industrial leaders by merely putting them before the firing squad."

"Converts to Judaism"

A group of 200 converts to Judaism recently formed the United Israel Hebrew Congregation in New York, selecting Rabbi Joseph Adler and Dr. David Horowitz, head of the United Israel World Union, as their spiritual leaders. The objective of the new congregation is to secure the unity of Jews and non-Jews "under the banner of Mosaic law," says Dr. Horowitz.

Formed seven years ago, the United Israel World Union now claims 5,000 members who were formerly Christians. Here is Jewish evangelism working in reverse. Are we doing all we can to lead the lost sheep of the house of Israel to the Good Shepherd who gave His life to redeem them?

The Church in Czechoslovakia

The Communist Government that, apparently for no good reason, sent the American newspaper reporter, Bill Oatis, to prison recently, has now passed a law ordering all religious, scientific, and cultural societies to be dissolved immediately on the grounds that "they are non-progressive." The Minister of the Interior told Parliament that societies like the Salvation Army, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the International Bible Society have no place in the new "people's" regime of Czechoslovakia. Property belonging to these groups will be taken over by the state.

Hiding Papers in Mountains

Taking precautions against a "bombing raid on Philadelphia," the Fidelity Bond and Mortgage Company started shipping copies of fifty million dollars' worth of mortgages to an undisclosed hideaway in the Pocono Mountains, according to the United Press. "We are not expecting any trouble," said J. N. Gorson, president of the firm, "but we are keeping in mind a possible disaster which would wipe out our entire personnel."

The day is coming when, at Christ's public appearance, the rich and poor alike will attempt to hide *themselves* in the mountains, and not merely their documents. (See Revelation 6:15-17.)

German Pastors Resist Communism

Efforts to bring the Soviet Zone churches and clergy into line with the East German government have failed, according to Communist records which have come into the possession of West Berlin authorities.

The documents comprise intelligence reports compiled by Communist agents. One document classified all clergymen in Saxony-Anhalt, one of the five Soviet Zone states, according to their political attitude.

Of the 1,458 pastors and church officials of Saxony-Anhalt, only 13 were indexed as "active and reliable" on the Communist roster. It listed 40 as "progressive-minded," 347 as having a "wavering attitude," while 514 pastors were branded as "diehard opponents" of the Red regime and the remainder were in the "still undetermined" column. Of the total, only five pastors were listed as members of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party, while 1,363 held no membership in any political party.

Hallowing the Lord's Day

Ministers of churches in Tulsa, Okla., passed a resolution protesting against "the increasing disregard of the Lord's Day," and calling upon "all of our members who patronize business establishments to secure their services and articles on days other than Sundays" if possible.

Compulsory Rest on Sabbath

A 47-hour-week became law in Israel recently, when the Knesset adopted a bill providing for eight-hour working days from Sunday to Thursday inclusive, a seven-hour working day on Friday and on the eves of holidays, and a compulsory rest day on Saturday. The new law also has a provision for Christians and other minority groups to observe their own days of rest.

China Church Expels Chiang

Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek no longer are members of the Chinese Methodist Church. At a meeting in Shanghai in June, attended by ten thousand people, Bishop Kiang Chang-Chung announced that these fine Christian people have been expelled, presumably because they are enemies of Communism. It was this same bishop who baptized the Generalissimo as a member of the church some years ago.

Women Pray in Formosa

Ever since the early part of May 1950 a group of elite ladies in Formosa have been doing evangelistic work in the military hospitals where there are large numbers of wounded Nationalist soldiers. Two of the leading members of this Chinese Christian Woman's Prayer Group are Madame Chiang Kai-shek and the wife of Formosa's Governor Woo. The ladies give hours and hours of their days for the comfort of the soldiers. They do sewing, and they spend time together on their knees praying for their country and their countrymen.

One thing they have done is to secure a number of Chinese evangelists to serve as chaplains among the servicemen. They stationed them in hospitals all over Formosa as well as in the training camps for new recruits.

In one hospital ward there were four officer patients, who had agreed to commit suicide together. After one of the chaplains had preached in that hospital for a time, the four officers handed over their drugs to him, confessed their intentions, and accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Today they are all four rejoicing in salvation.

The women give Gospels to every soldier, and present a copy of the New Testament to each one who becomes a Christian and is baptized.

The Man Who Forgot God

John W. Sullivan

IN THE TWELFTH chapter of Luke's Gospel we have the story of a man whose life and character pretty well typifies that of many people in the world today. He could well say, in the "slanguage" of this age, "Everything is lovely and the goose is hanging high!" Nothing to worry about. He had control of everything. His plans had materialized, his hopes were realized, and he was sitting on top of the world!

Poor, deluded man! Poor, deluded America! Poor, deluded YOU! In verse 20 we read: "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." BUT GOD!

You will remember that when Daniel was called to the assistance of King Nebuchadnezzar, he informed that monarch that "there is a God in heaven." Nebuchadnezzar had forgotten God.

Hagar, the maid-servant of Sarah, fleeing from the anger of her mistress, thought she was alone in the wilderness, but the angel of the Lord found her there and she cried out, "Thou God seest me."

David knew of the futility of trying to escape from the all-seeing eye of God. Here is what he says: "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." No escape now or ever from the presence of God. His eye is upon you, penetrating even the secret thoughts of your mind and heart, as much as if you were the only thing on earth for God to look at.

Back yonder when the earth was young there stood two men. One of them was beside himself with bitter anger and jealousy. He thought to himself, "I will slay this brother of mine and no one will be the wiser. I shall have the whole earth to roam in and my escape from any penalty is certain. We are alone

and there will be no one else to tell the tale." You know the story. Abel died—Cain lived. It seemed that every thing would go according to Cain's plans, "BUT GOD!" There we have the beginning of the "speaking blood." Why, Cain, the voice of your brother's blood cried unto God from the ground! Oh, Cain, you learned too late, as so many here in America are learning, that "your sins will find you out."

The late E. E. Shelhamer related that upon one occasion in Louisville, Kentucky, a man was hired as assistant to the boiler room fireman. The old fireman seemed to be of an irascible and impetuous nature. His temper was uncontrollable. One day in a blaze of anger, quarreling with the new employee, the fireman hit him over the head with a poker or shovel, and to his surprise the man lay dead! Fear-crazed, the old man picked up the body, crammed it into the inferno of white hot heat, closed the door to the furnace, scrubbed the blood from the floor, and felt that his murderous secret was safe. From time to time, however, as he would pitch coal into the furnace, the old fireman would see two blazing eyeballs staring at him! He tried to put it away from his mind as the figment of imagination. But the eyes kept staring and the old man became a nervous wreck.

At the advice of doctors and the best



wishes of his employers, he went away for a long vacation and rest. When he returned his job was waiting for him and he once again entered the boiler room. The old feeling seized him again and as he opened the door to throw in the fuel, those terrible, blazing, accusing eyes stared at him once again! The old man, to save his reason and clear his conscience, made full confession of his awful crime and entered the penitentiary to pay his debt to society! Tracked down by the all-seeing eye of an eternal God! "But God," my friend—"But God!"

The Bible records many instances where men and nations have made the fatal mistake of forgetting God, with terrible consequences. The people of Noah's day were so far gone in selfishness and sin that "every imagination of their heart was evil continually." They had forgotten that they were the handiwork of God. They had forgotten their Creator! They had discarded His precepts and commandments. Buying, selling, moving, building, profiting! Isn't that a picture of America today? Selfishness and striving for material gain has gripped our hearts! We are like the old man who declared he was not hoggish for land—"I only want mine and that which jines mine," he said. But God had not forgotten! God knew! God had His eye on them! On they went, heedless and contemptuous of Noah and of spiritual values! But God called a halt!

Why need the story of those people affect us? Because Jesus said that, "as it was in the days of Noah, so SHALL IT BE AT THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN." David said, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and ALL THE NATIONS THAT FORGET GOD!" When the clouds from above poured water and the bowels of the earth sent it up in great waves, they realized all too late that "THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN!" Here is a deeply tragic thought concerning those people. The Bible said that "they knew not, till the floods came!" God could not reach them with the gospel message. The preaching of Noah was in vain!

Yonder in the palace sits a great and mighty monarch. He has been personally chosen of God to lead Israel. The holy

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anointing oil has been poured upon him, and under the leadership of Providence he and his armies have been victorious. But one day the spirit of lust enters his heart! He sees Bathsheba as she bathed herself. David's greatest mistake, the one that led to sin, tragedy, and the frown of God, was the fact that he continued looking! The devil will always tempt you through your vision! Don't stare at His advertisements. Look the other way quickly! Surely you can roll your eye-balls and turn your head! David looked and lust was conceived!

Young man, young woman, watch where you are looking! Liquor and tobacco advertisements sometimes are made so attractive that they have a look of actual beauty and purity about them! James tells us that "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death!" David looked, David lusted, David sinned! It began with a look! That look led to murder! David conspired and conspired to bring about the death of this woman's husband. It was comparatively easy and simple. No one would question the king! Uriah is dead. He is properly mourned. His widow is invited to become the wife of the king. They settle down to live happily ever after. "But God!"

God had a Holiness preacher who feared neither man nor devil. A courageous, bold, loving prophet. He sought out the king, leveled his finger at him, and said, "Thou art the man." Did David reap? Yes, David reaped what he had sown, and so will you! So will I! David reaped it in the death of the child he loved! He reaped it when his own son raped his daughter! He reaped it when Absalom rebelled against him! He reaped it again when his life-time ambition of building a temple for God to dwell in was snatched from him and given to Solomon. "But God!" Inescapable, immutable, incontrovertible, inevitable! My friend, you may as well try to outrun a bolt of lightning as to try to escape from the presence of God! He is a party to every transaction you make, and He has full and perfect knowledge of every thought you entertain! Never forget it, sinner—"But God!"

One summer the Lord burdened my heart for a neighboring community. We purchased a tent on faith and dedicated it to evangelism. We had no pecuniary motives in mind and no ambitions of a selfish nature. Many of the people of that community were anxious that our glorious doctrine be preached there to the people. We went to the community and sought a place to pitch the tent. The Mayor, after listening to my request for a site to pitch the tent, told me to come

back in a few days. I did as he requested. He very casually told me that my application was denied and that I could not pitch a tent there. I saw him about two o'clock in the afternoon and he appeared as healthy as a man his age could appear. At ten that night he was cold in death. God took care of the situation and ten days later we had our tent up in that town. We preached to hundreds of people and had the supreme satisfaction of seeing many find God and find peace. "But God!"

I remember one time when my wife and I were in a revival campaign in a town on the Ohio River. In a Sunday morning service a brother arose and said that, so far as he knew, this would be his last service with us. He would be with us in spirit, he said, but circumstances were such that he would be unable to be present in person. I wondered about that. Other brethren told me that his wife was a bitter enemy of heart-felt religion and that this man wanted peace in his home. Therefore, to keep peace at home he had decided to stay away from our services.

That same evening, as the sun was setting in the west and the people began their journey to the house of God, a small storm cloud arose. There was one bolt of lightning in that cloud. This brother and his wife were standing on their front porch. The wife stepped out into the yard several feet away from her husband. That one bolt of lightning was loosed from that cloud and that woman was rushed into eternity without knowing what killed her. "But God!"

I am reminded of a friend of mine, a fiery, God-seeking and God-honoring evangelist who, in his earlier days, had suffered from mastoid trouble. An operation was performed which left one side of his face paralyzed. His jaw was drawn to one side.

He preached in a certain community in Ohio. A young lady was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Her father was so angry that he threatened the preacher with a terrible vengeance for "ruining" his child. A few days later this man and his family were in their automobile, driving into the city. The saved girl sat alone in the back seat. They started to cross the railroad tracks. Something happened. The man, wife, and one child was killed. The saved girl escaped safely. The body of the man was taken to the undertakers for preparation for burial. The undertakers did their job well. His body was placed in the casket to await the hour of the funeral. At the proper time the casket was opened—and to the horror of those present, the mouth and jaw of this dead man was twisted into a startling resemblance of

the preacher who had preached the girl into salvation! God heard his threats! God knew his heart! The hand of God painted that day a picture for those remaining to realize and remember forever that God is not to be trifled with!

The rich man from whose life we have drawn these lessons made the fatal mistake of leaving God out of his affairs. He made plans and, as men consider them, they were good plans! There was one defect! One fault! He left God out of it! What about your plans? What about your future? What about your hopes and aspirations? You dare not, you must not, surely you will not set God to one side! Put Him first in your life. Accept the Saviour today.

Give All and Get All

Remember God's rule—all for all. Give Him all and He will give you all. Consecration avails nothing unless it means presenting yourself as a living sacrifice to do nothing but the will of God. The vow of entire obedience is the entrance fee for him who would be enrolled by no assistant teacher, but by Christ Himself, in the school of obedience.—Andrew Murray.

To some Christ calls, "Leave the boat and bay and white-haired Zebedee." To others the call seems harder, "Stay and mend the nets for Me."—S.A.P.



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Assemblies of God Meet in Atlanta for Biennial National Convention

Superintendent Reviews Progress and Problems of Two Critical Years

Makes Pointed Spiritual Observations in Report to General Council

It is with a sense of humility and gratitude that we assemble for another General Council. The past two years have been years of great spiritual blessing throughout the Movement. Our churches, ministers, districts, Bible schools, C. A. conventions, radio ministry, and missionary endeavors have all felt the tide of God's movings, and if a detailed account of the manifold blessings of God were to be presented it would take a vast library to preserve the record.

With this spiritual tide has also come a new vision and a holy passion to work while it is day. This has resulted in intensive and increased activity on every hand. Beautiful new church buildings have been erected. Concentrated efforts to evangelize the untouched fields have given an impetus to home missions which has touched many communities and hundreds of lives which hitherto were without the Pentecostal testimony.

Many of our young people and a goodly company of the more matured have answered the call to the ministry; and whereas some denominations are lamenting the fact that so few are entering this field of service, we are challenged to provide opportunities for these consecrated and talented workers who present themselves for ministry at home and abroad.

In the midst of all this symphony of victory we are also aware of the more solemn undertones. Our nation is again at war; thousands of our young men and possibly our young women also will soon join those who have donned the uniforms of military service, and in some of our churches a gold star has appeared beside the name inscribed on the servicemen's plaque. This has caused us to take inventory of our spiritual acquisitions, and many have plumbed the sea of spiritual experience to see if they have been drifting toward the shallows of materialism, prayerlessness, and pretense.

We have also been awakened to the fact that this is an age of confusion and tragic bewilderment, not only among the nations, but even among ourselves; for some have been hard pressed to differentiate between the psychic and the

supernatural, and still others have been somewhat swayed by various efforts to attain spiritual ends by psychological methods.

However, on the whole these problems of perplexity have had a salutary effect on God's children, for it has served as a rebuke to lethargy and a stimulant to the inner appetite which demands reality. If we may be stirred as were the early Christians of whom Paul speaks in 2 Corinthians 7:11, then even our bewilderment is profitable to us.

Let each member make sure of his personal faith that it may be fixed in Christ, no in man, and that the doctrines he believes and practices are based upon a sound exposition of the Word of God and not a popular concept of some new thing. Having a sure foundation for our feet, we are then obliged to re-define our relationships to each other, for the body is not one, but many members, and our inherent strength is to maintain unity, purity, and steadfastness. If there is first a loyalty to Christ, there will also be a loyalty to one another, and the forces that oppose will find no opportunity to inject themselves. Disintegration comes from within, not from without.

May I say a sincere "God bless you" to every officer, minister, member, and fellow laborer by whose contribution, large or small, in both spiritual and material gifts, our great fellowship has become what it is. Each of you is as vitally important as the individual strands of one of the great cables which are woven to support the great suspension bridges of the world, and your integrity and constancy is the strength of the whole. Your kindness and co-operation have meant much to your Executive Presbyters in the discharge of their duties, and we are humbly grateful to all.

—Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent.

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORTS

The accompanying reports were given to the General Council of the Assemblies of God, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, August 15 to 23, 1951. The reports have been condensed for publication in the EVANGEL.

A day-by-day account of the proceedings at the General Council will appear in the EVANGEL, beginning next week.

Secretary Gives Statistics to Show Growth of Assemblies

Tells General Council of Revision in Estimated Membership

We have always had a great problem to prepare an accurate count of members of affiliated and co-operative churches, for the reason that some churches do not have any recorded membership and others are very careless in the matter of enrolling members. For example, an assembly may report 100 attending Sunday morning services, and 20 enrolled members. There are possibly 40 persons in that church who consider themselves to be members, even though all their names have not been inscribed on the membership roll.

With this potentiality in mind we have made a new count of the membership—first, to record actual enrolled members, and then to estimate what we believe to be a conservative count of members. The results are as follows:

	1947	1949	1951
Number of affiliated and co-operative assemblies	5,548	5,940	5,854*
Enrolled membership	243,515	275,000	263,116
Estimated membership (see explanation above)			318,478
Ordained Ministers	5,746	6,225	7,210
Exhorters, Christian workers, and licensed ministers	4,477	5,497	6,148

*This figure was reached after all assemblies from whom no report could be obtained were eliminated from the list.

On the surface, it would appear that there has not been as much growth in number of churches and church membership as in former years, but the figures are misleading for the following reasons. Many churches were begun in rural communities and remained on our records, even after they combined with neighboring churches or discontinued altogether. During the past year our office has had considerable correspondence with district secretaries in an effort to purge our list of all churches which have been discontinued, or which may not appear in district records. The result has been somewhat disconcerting until it is recognized that we have attained an accuracy in our reporting which we did not have in former years.

Relationship With Other Denominations

At the present time there is probably a closer bond of fellowship existing between the organized groups of Pentecostal believers than at any other time during the past fifty years. This does not mean that all friction has been eliminated at the local level, for that is almost too much to be expected. It does

mean, however, that the executive officers of those bodies which are affiliated in the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America have been free to contact each other concerning the withdrawal or acceptance of ministers who may wish to transfer from one body to another, and to discuss problems affecting local relationships. Personal acquaintance with the officers of the member bodies has tended to break down prejudices and to make it easy for approach on matters of mutual interest.

Plans have been made for another great rally this year, to be held in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. This will be the third national convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America since the constitutional convention at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1948.

Membership in the National Association of Evangelicals has been continued as in the past, and ministers of the Assemblies of God are serving on the various committees and commissions of the Association.

The Assemblies of God did not take part in the International Association of Evangelicals in Holland early in August. We are, however, planning to participate in the World Pentecostal Convention which is to be held in London, England, June 26 to July 6, 1952. That will indeed be an important meeting with tremendous potentialities for the future of world-wide Pentecostal fellowship. David J. du Plessis is the Secretary of the World Pentecostal fellowship and is working hard for the promotion of Pentecostal fellowship in the U. S. A. as well as on the international level.

—J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary.

General Treasurer Gives a Good Report

Offerings Increased, Debt Decreased, Through Co-operation of Many Friends

There was a good increase in offerings from our ministers for the General Council Headquarters Office during the past two years. The increase was due to the recommendation adopted at the General Council in Seattle that all ministers contribute from their tithes not less than \$1.50 per month or \$18.00 per year for this expense. As a result of this increase, the deficit in the Headquarters Office fund was reduced from an average of \$1,326.64 per month in 1947-49 to an average of \$894.83 per month in 1949-51.

The average amount received from the ministers during the past two years was \$14.32 (less than sixty cents per month).

The construction of the new printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House cost approximately \$1,400,000. One year ago the indebtedness stood at \$644,352. This indebtedness was covered by small loans, for which demand notes had been issued. During the past year some gifts have been received, and the Gospel Publishing House was able to pay from its income a part of its indebtedness, so that the indebtedness now stands at \$450,006. If this rate of payment is continued, the new printing plant should be paid for fully in three or four years.

The Church Extension Loan Fund is still rendering a great financial service to the fellowship. At the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 1951) there were 577 churches having loans from this fund. Besides the basic

fund of \$210,000 many persons have loaned money on demand notes making it available for this service in the total amount of \$92,205. These notes bear interest at 3%. Others have invested a total of \$4,000 in five-year notes at 4%. Thus, an amount equal to \$356,205 is constantly in motion assisting these hundreds of churches.

Recently a special campaign has been launched to acquaint our constituency with our Annuity program. The results have been very gratifying and our office has sent scores of annuity brochures to interested people.

We rejoice in God's financial favor to the various departments of the General Council and are looking forward to greater blessing as we proceed to the ever-increasing opportunities and responsibilities which the Master has set before us.

—W. A. Brown, General Treasurer

Educational Secretary Reports Enrollment of 2,947 Students

Traces History of Bible Schools in Pentecostal Movement

From the very beginning of this twentieth-century Pentecostal movement, the Holy Spirit has prompted and blessed Bible school work. From the Bible school known as "Bethel Bible College," where the Spirit fell first in this century, until the organizing of the Assemblies of God in April, 1914, no less than ten Pentecostal Bible schools were in operation. The need for better co-operation in Bible school work was one of the reasons for the organizing of the Assemblies of God.

When this meeting was held in Hot Springs, Ark., in April, 1914, the following resolution was passed unanimously; "Resolved, That the General Council call attention to the literary school of Brother R. B. Chisolm, near Union, Miss., and recommend the same to those who are in reach of it and who are seeking literary training for their children in a good religious atmosphere." (Certain Bible schools were then commended and students urged to attend them.) "As regards a school for the Southwest, we recommend the matter to be committed to the Executive Presbytery with authority to act upon the same."

From then on, fourteen Assemblies of God Bible schools were established, twelve of which are still in operation. At the present time, the educational system of the Assemblies of God embraces thirteen Bible schools, one liberal arts college (owned and operated by the Southern California District), two junior colleges (in Texas and Arkansas) and two high schools (in Texas and Oregon). These schools own plants valued at \$2,963,798 and operate under a yearly budget of \$1,088,086.

There are 186 teachers engaged in these schools, and a combined student enrollment of 2,947. In the last two years these schools have poured 1,477 graduates into our ministerial, missionary, and lay constituency, a stream of spiritual power and trained recruits.

In addition to the work of the Bible Schools, the Educational Department is interested in the promotion of Ministers' Study Conferences for our ministers who are already on the field. These conferences consist of a two-week program broken by a return to respective churches for the middle Sunday. Five days in each of these two weeks are spent in intensive study carrying six class-hours

each day. In this time sixty hours of classroom work are offered in various subjects such as are taught in our Bible schools. Certificates are granted for the work done and credit is allowed in our various Bible schools on an equivalent basis. In the last two years, Michigan and Louisiana have conducted such courses.

—Ralph M. Riggs Educational Secretary

1952 Program of Training Announced for All C. A.'s

Young People "On the March for a Million" to Speed the Light

Seeking to direct the thinking and activity of our young people toward spiritual objectives of primary importance, and realizing that inspiration comes from rallying around one unifying theme, the National C. A. Office in 1950 initiated a program of emphasis on evangelism with the slogan, "Christ For All."

The emphasis was continued in 1951 with a quarterly breakdown—first quarter, personal evangelism; second, literature evangelism; third, group evangelism; fourth, evangelism through missions.

The emphasis for 1952 was decided upon at the conference of District C. A. Presidents this past March: first quarter, Training in the Word; second, Training in Worship; third, Training in Walk; fourth, Training in Work.

There are two red-letter days in the C. A. calendar—National C. A. Day and Speed-the-Light Dollar Day.

National C. A. Day has two main purposes: (1) To honor our Assemblies of God youth in their churches. (2) To take the sole annual offering for the support of the National C. A. Office. Response from pastors and local C. A. groups has increased each year. Not only has the observance of C. A. Day cemented relationships between the national office and local groups, but it has been marked with real spiritual results. Reports returned to the office tell of numbers of souls saved, and of hearts of God's children refreshed and blessed. The financial response has increased each year and, while still not adequate, is yet most gratifying.

Speed-the-Light Dollar Day has been set for October 21 this year. As of June 30, 1951, the aggregate money received amounted to \$842,585.03. The total number of vehicles has reached 577 and they have served in some 56 countries of the world. We have set our goal for one million dollars in total Speed-the-Light giving by the end of 1951.

At the end of each calendar year statistics are received from the District C. A. Presidents. When compared to similar figures of two years ago, the latest report shows a healthy increase. At the end of 1950 there were 3,746 churches having C. A. groups (out of 5,385 reporting) with a combined membership of 72,760 C.A.'s.

The C. A. Department publishes a monthly youth magazine, the *C. A. Herald*, and a quarterly magazine for youth leaders called the *C. A. Guide*. Its Servicemen's Division ministers to the spiritual needs of the young men in uniform and has published 600,000 copies of *Reveille* during the past two years, besides sending letters and literature to a mailing list of 5,800 servicemen.

For the benefit of our young people in college, the Department issues a bimonthly

bulletin and sends letters and tracts to 338 students in 116 different colleges and universities. The Department also assists in the promotion of Youth Camps. During 1950 there were 48 camps with 5,540 campers. Reports indicated that 645 young people were saved at these camps and 612 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Bert Webb, National C. A. Director

Approximately Five Million Dollars Given for World Missions

Foreign Missions Secretary Tells of Wonderful Revivals in Many Lands

Frequently the question is asked, "How are we getting along on the Foreign Mission field?" To this we answer, "We are advancing, although storms are facing us on almost every side."

Dangers and discouragement are not grounds for stopping our work of evangelization. We have not only some danger from persecution and war, and some heart-breaks through lack of funds to meet vital needs, but we have abundant cause for thanksgiving for unusual revivals that are breaking out in many lands. The Lord is working with us, and this means everything.

It is our opinion, after watching the foreign missionary activities of the Assemblies of God for over a quarter of a century, that present-day revivals are greater and more widespread than at any other time in the history of the work. These movings of God's Spirit in bringing healing and salvation to hundreds and thousands are particularly manifest in the Gold Coast, Transvaal, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Peru, Trinidad, Hong Kong, Formosa, and in many parts of Europe.

We have 662 men and women on our missionary list at this time, which includes the ordained ministers of the General Council who are working in co-operation with the Foreign Missions Department and who are resident in foreign fields or in Hawaii. In addition we have 3,519 native ministers of other lands and 3,374 foreign assemblies or mission stations where the gospel goes forth regularly. The number of baptized believers in these assemblies in foreign lands is more than 200,000, and in addition there are 20,000 who profess salvation but who have not as yet been baptized in water. These missionaries, ministers, and assemblies are distributed over 56 different countries.

In answer to the question as to whether we need more missionaries, we could readily respond that with 1,700,000 non-Christians in the world, every available person could be used to carry the gospel. But in consideration of the potentialities of our Assemblies of God constituency we would advise that the greatest need is for more financial help to be given to the missionaries and native workers for providing church buildings and Bible schools, for financing radio broadcasts, and opening virgin territory.

We need more prayer for more power from heaven to rest upon every minister, missionary, and follower of Christ. We need more literature and more transportation equipment. We thank God for the excellent help from the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (through the Sunday School Department) in providing the means to secure gospel literature in other languages, and for the aggressive work of the Christ's Ambassadors in help-

ing to provide means of transportation for our missionaries, as well as radio equipment and printing presses. These things wear out, however, so the needs are unending.

Giving for the last two years showed an increase of \$79,328.88 for foreign missions over the previous two-year period. The total giving for all purposes including World Missions, department expense, and offerings given direct to our missionaries, was \$4,987,945.90. Deducting the amounts returned to the districts for Home Missions, our office expense, and amounts recorded as given direct, a balance of \$4,067,164.59 was given for foreign missions.

In spite of this encouragement, we have found that the increased cost of living in foreign lands has necessitated increased allowances for our missionaries and for their work. Further increases in allowance should be made in many fields but our income has not permitted this. Costs of transportation, shipping of freight, customs duty and other expenses have also increased. Because of these things we are obliged to appeal for additional help for every new missionary sent out.

The over-all cost of sending a missionary, supporting him, providing outfit, housing, and maintaining his work and workers, averages over \$3,000 per year. After all, this is not an extravagant figure when you consider that this includes much of the support of 3,629 native ministers, and also covers such expensive items as the purchase of automobiles

and their maintenance, as well as the support of our missionary air arm in South Africa, West Africa, and the West Indies.

We thank God for the interest of the various districts in the U.S.A. in appointing missionary representatives who have conferred with our Foreign Missions Department in planning the development of missionary interest and missionary giving throughout our constituency. We do believe that the hour calls for united effort with every member of every assembly making his or her contribution to world evangelism. Only in this manner can we hasten the coming of the Lord.

—Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary.

Nearly 600,000 Enrolled in Assemblies' Sunday Schools

Approximately 100,000 Won to Christ in Two-Year Period

The Sunday Schools of the Assemblies of God are on the march!

Since the last General Council, our schools have enjoyed noteworthy progress. There was a gain of 118,827 in enrollment during the past two years. The total enrollment of our schools, including Cradle Rolls and Extension Departments, is 599,872. The average weekly attendance is 460,096 which is a gain of 81,746 during the past two years.

Sunday Schools are a means of winning souls. The schools reporting for the years 1949 and 1950, stated that 76,893 souls had

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FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND *Believers*

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

WE BELIEVE that by accepting Him our lives have been transformed, that we have been redeemed from sin.

WE BELIEVE that this salvation is the need of every person.

that's why—

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD HAS SET ASIDE OCTOBER AS ENLARGEMENT MONTH

There are 116,000,000 people in the United States who are not attending any Sunday School anywhere! Among those people are the young couple who live across the street from you; the salesman who knocked on your door yesterday; the boy who throws the evening paper on your porch.

WITH YOUR HELP we plan to invite at least one million of these people to our Sunday Schools in October. Some of these **only you** can contact. If you will do your best, your life will be inspired, your church will be enlarged, and your friends will be saved.

October is Enlargement Month

ENLIST FOR ENLARGEMENT — ENLARGE FOR ADVANCEMENT



One million calls for Christ

Write for the free Enlargement Month packet which fully explains the helps available to your church for the Enlargement Month campaign.

Biennial Report of Foreign Missions Department

Noel Perkin

Foreign Missions Secretary

A Bird's-eye Glimpse of the Fields

The Lord Himself has told us to lift up our eyes and look upon the fields for they are white unto the harvest. Out of the 2,278,973,000 present population of the world the Protestant Church has a registered membership of just 159,537,499. This presents a challenge that only surrendered lives under the constraining power of the Holy Spirit and with His anointing can meet. Briefly, let us consider the situation as seen by some of our Field Secretaries who are in close touch with their respective areas.

Africa

The greatest concentration of our missionaries in this great continent comprising one quarter of the world's land surface is on the West Coast where we have assemblies all along the coast and in the interior from Sierra Leone to Nigeria. The largest number of converts in Africa is in South Africa, where through the efforts of the associated missionaries of several countries the Assemblies of God membership numbers over 20,000.

Some marvelous revivals have broken out within the past two years, largely under the ministry of African ministers in West and East as well as in South Africa. Literally thousands have accepted Christ in these revival movements.

Courageous efforts have been made by our missionaries to open Dahomey, a most primitive field, and we greatly desire to enter the vast territory of Senegal, but unfortunately funds have been inadequate to meet the needs of either field. We have an entering wedge in Dahomey with a handful of missionaries holding on, but funds are needed to open several stations and to provide the equipment to accomplish the task of evangelism in this territory.

Africa has been likened to a giant awakening out of the sleep of centuries, finding herself rich with hidden treasure, and resentful of the exploitation she has so often suffered at the hands of foreign agents and governments. The British government's colonial secretary in Northern Rhodesia has written:

"We have indeed reached a turning point in the history of African development. In its early stages Africa needed pioneers in practical endeavor. . . . but now it needs pioneers of

the spirit who are equipped and ready to devote their lives to open up the swift-growing and entangled jungle of human passions and ideas. Into this jungle there is only one road—the heart." And may we add that the road to the heart is through the presentation of the Christ who is the leveler of races and inequalities. As He is lifted up He will draw Africa to Him.

East Asia

In this section we include the Pacific area with the islands of Hawaii, Fiji, Samoa, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaya, China and Japan. Glenn Horst, Assistant Field Secretary for East Asia reports:

It seems to us, who are closely associated with the Far Eastern field, that this part of the harvest field divides itself automatically into three separate and distinct fields, not by virtue of their geographic location, but more or less as to their relation to Communism. We shall define it as *red*, *pink* and *white*.

First and foremost comes the great country of China, with its 500,000,000 peoples, all speaking the same language, and comprising nearly a fourth of the world's population. The conditions that are existing therein now are such as call for a critical analysis of missionary principles, and a proper application of those principles on the fields that are yet open. China is closed as far as the foreign missionary is concerned. We have only one or perhaps two behind the "bamboo curtain." Their activities are more and more restricted. Quoting from one who has intimate knowledge of conditions, "It is amazing the degree of control which the new government has already achieved in all walks of life." There had been some hope that China would accept and modify the Communism of Russia, but concerning this he makes the statement, "There is no evidence whatsoever of such a modification." The church is carrying on, behind the "bamboo curtain," but against tremendous odds. Its leaders are being killed, and are being imprisoned, and gradually the government is seeking to gain control until the church will become nothing more nor less than a propaganda agency. Fortunately, during the war between China and Japan, the China church learned a little about self-government and support. Now it has to practice it by force, for we can neither send missionaries, nor funds. The church of China stands or falls according to its faith in Christ. From all reports, it seems as though this upheaval in China is not just another disturbance; it appears as though the Communists are seeking to gain such a hold upon China that she will be in their grasp for years to come.

The areas that we would call *pink*, where the Communists are seeking to gain the upper

hand, and the doors are yet open, would be the Malayan peninsula, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong and perhaps the Philippines could be included also. Communism is making a strong bid for the millions in these areas. A recent letter from one of our missionaries visiting in the northern part of one of the Philippine Islands made this statement, "It is appalling the inroads that the Communists have made in these remote areas of the Philippines." Recently in Hong Kong, God gave us a gracious revival and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pictures and articles were carried on the front pages of the press and it was acclaimed as the greatest thing that ever came to Hong Kong. A letter from the Philippines indicates that God is beginning to move in the Philippines as well. A number of the churches have had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. One letter tells us that in our Manila Evangelistic Center the Lord is beginning to pour out His Spirit. In a few days fifty received the Baptism.

In concluding this report we must consider countries such as Japan, Samoa, Fiji, and the U. S. territory of Hawaii wide open and without too much trouble from Communist influence. Japan is not quite as hungry for the gospel as she was a year or so ago. There is a strong national spirit, but it is not antagonistic, either to the missionary or to the gospel of Christ. Hawaii is hungry for the gospel, and recently God gave Honolulu a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A number of the churches are already self-supporting, and it seems to us that this is our day for Hawaii.

The Middle East

M. L. Ketcham, Assistant Field Secretary for India and Ceylon reports:

CEYLON. The over-all picture in regard to Ceylon is very favorable. Colombo, being the capital and metropolis of the island, is the center of the activities of the Assemblies of God. The Colombo Gospel Tabernacle has a fine congregation, which has outgrown its present building. The Bible School which is operated in Colombo has received excellent material in the way of trainees, and has used its students in establishing assemblies throughout the island. The Assemblies of God of Ceylon, composed of national ministers and foreign missionaries, is responsible for all phases of the work, and our nine American missionaries are members of this national organization. Various Pentecostal missionaries from the Scandinavian countries are working in co-operation with the Assemblies of God in Ceylon.

SOUTH INDIA. The major development in recent years is the establishment of the South India Assemblies of God. Considerable legal difficulty has been experienced in drafting a constitution suitable to the government; however, the organization itself has been functioning for some time, and the legal aspect will soon resolve itself. This national organization is composed of two linguistic districts—the Tamil District and the Malayalam District. Steps are being taken to bring all branches of the work, including the ministry of missionaries, under the direction of the S.I.A.G. There are two Bible Schools—one in the Tamil Field and one in the Malayalam field—and both own fine properties, and are doing excellent work.

NORTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN. In this field, also, the most significant develop-

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ment is the formation of the Assemblies of God of North India and Pakistan, which was launched two years ago. All evangelistic and church work, and some institutional work, is being carried on under the supervision of this body composed of Indian ministers and American missionaries. All funds made available through the agency of missionaries are pooled together with funds raised in India and administered by the five districts of the Assemblies of God for the support of pastors and evangelists, in proportion to the need. Some churches are practically self-supporting at the present time, and all are working toward this goal. A definite plan is in effect in the East Pakistan area, which will make all the churches there self-supporting and purely indigenous, by January, 1952. Missionaries are members, on a basis of equality with nationals of India, in the Assemblies of God. There is also the Missionary Society of North India and Pakistan which has the responsibility for matters of a personal nature. There are at present sixty-six missionaries on this field.

It is encouraging to note that the granting of independence and the division of India into two nations—India and Pakistan—has not proved detrimental to missionary work. There have been isolated instances of discrimination against missionaries by officials. But, on the whole, the attitude of the government has not been unfavorable to missions. Communism is making an all-out bid for India, and achieving alarming success. The future is most uncertain. Now that India's doors remain open, this is our day of opportunity!

Near East

George Carmichael, Field Secretary for the Near East, reports:

The work in the Near East is more encouraging than it has been for many years, and revivals are reported in different sections. Most of these lands, with the exception of the new state of Israel, are shackled by Mohammedanism and gospel work is difficult; but we believe that before the Lord's return a revival will stir these lands, and that thousands will be brought into the kingdom of God.

God has been moving in the Hashemite Jordan Kingdom, formerly known as Trans-Jordan, and many have been saved in Amman, the capital, as well as in Es Salt and other villages. Permission was given by King Abdullah for gospel services in the army. He appointed a Christian chaplain for the Arab Legion with free transportation furnished. These soldiers are enlisted from every village and Bedouin encampment throughout his realm. Evangelizing the army will influence the entire Hashemite Jordan Kingdom. This gesture toward Christianity is far beyond anything we had dreamed possible.

There have also been reports of revivals in Damascus, Syria, and in several cities in Lebanon.

God is moving in Iran. Here we have a strong indigenous work. Our fifteen national workers feel that the time may be short because of the storm clouds hovering over its borders, and they are doing everything possible to evangelize the country. Churches are established in the largest cities, such as Teheran, Hamadan, Kermanshah and in many smaller towns.

The indigenous work in Egypt is growing

and there is a spirit of revival throughout the Nile valley. Mabel Dean writes: "In the villages of Beyedia, a crowd of two to three thousand gathered in a grove of palms to hear the gospel. People came from great distances with their sick and demon-possessed relatives and friends. They are being saved, baptized in the Spirit, and demons are being cast out, screaming as they go. The people marveled at three young boys who had received the Baptism in the Spirit as they spoke to the crowd like learned men."

Several new churches recently have been dedicated, built entirely by Egyptian funds. Two thirds of the field budget now comes from the nationals. Five years ago one third

came from the Egyptians and two thirds from Springfield. We have thirty-six national workers, fifty-seven churches, and an average Sunday attendance in these churches of more than 6,000, with more than 1,600 in Sunday School and a Christ's Ambassadors membership of 600.

Our greatest need in Greece is for church buildings. Our congregations meet in small halls and homes which are entirely inadequate to accommodate the regular attendance, much less the crowds in times of revival. We have established congregations in the following cities in Greece: Athens, Katrina, Sevasty, Salonika, Kavalla, Diya, also on Crete.

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The amounts contributed to World Missions by the various states are as follows:

	July 1949 to June 1950 (inclusive)	July 1950 to June 1951 (inclusive)	July 1949 to June 1951 (inclusive)
Miscellaneous Offerings	\$409,266.40	\$401,617.46	\$810,883.86
California	238,437.95	283,369.10	521,807.05
Texas	168,371.10	185,240.50	353,611.60
Washington	136,976.43	168,826.53	305,802.96
Pennsylvania	105,863.26	130,652.64	236,515.90
Ohio	110,964.49	109,988.27	220,952.76
Missouri	89,873.15	100,341.07	190,214.22
Oklahoma	84,613.38	89,515.81	174,129.19
Oregon	79,376.68	93,055.78	172,432.46
New York	76,831.74	88,170.74	165,002.48
Illinois	73,865.87	86,081.32	159,947.19
Michigan	68,845.12	90,004.63	158,849.75
Minnesota	73,898.58	81,343.07	155,241.65
Kansas	63,278.37	66,329.15	129,607.52
Florida	70,583.27	54,843.90	125,427.17
Wisconsin	48,840.29	51,731.70	100,571.99
New Jersey	28,653.69	50,200.13	78,853.82
Colorado	33,316.04	39,234.67	72,550.71
Nebraska	30,716.68	37,288.26	68,004.94
Iowa	29,837.85	35,459.33	65,297.18
Indiana	30,935.85	33,979.08	64,914.93
Arkansas	26,502.31	31,718.04	58,220.35
Montana	20,482.92	32,849.51	53,332.43
North Dakota	19,036.13	24,108.04	43,144.17
South Dakota	16,930.70	15,446.54	32,377.24
Virginia	13,950.02	17,325.34	31,275.36
Idaho	15,008.65	15,896.89	30,905.54
Alabama	12,529.92	14,154.89	26,684.81
Maryland	12,265.91	14,116.68	26,382.59
Georgia	12,304.17	11,863.43	24,167.60
District of Columbia	14,143.67	8,930.42	23,074.09
Massachusetts	12,260.50	10,685.08	22,945.58
Arizona	12,168.70	10,400.79	22,569.49
Canada	11,009.36	8,820.36	19,829.72
New Mexico	8,186.66	11,359.29	19,545.95
West Virginia	7,883.13	8,923.47	16,806.60
Legacies	4,583.50	12,167.55	16,751.05
Delaware	8,015.02	8,610.05	16,625.07
Louisiana	7,320.71	8,593.90	15,914.61
Connecticut	7,468.38	8,443.51	15,911.89
Mississippi	7,649.70	7,720.28	15,369.98
Tennessee	6,651.43	8,681.01	15,332.44
Kentucky	8,276.22	6,914.43	15,190.65
Italian Branch	2,130.90	10,692.77	12,823.67
German Branch	6,465.47	5,381.89	11,847.36
Latin American Branch	1,561.32	8,792.40	10,353.72
Foreign	3,529.29	6,544.73	10,074.02
Wyoming	4,501.78	4,581.84	9,083.62
North Carolina	2,472.55	3,790.69	6,263.24
Ukrainian Branch	3,427.04	2,227.54	5,654.58
Maine	2,357.90	2,666.17	5,024.07
Rhode Island	1,599.34	2,383.14	3,982.48
Nevada	1,930.63	1,642.38	3,573.01
Hungarian Branch	1,163.15	2,301.92	3,465.07
South Carolina	1,418.61	1,994.58	3,413.19
Alaska	1,331.10	1,757.02	3,088.12
New Hampshire	638.20	1,429.12	2,066.32
Polish Branch	962.98	516.81	1,479.79
Russian Branch	395.90	779.43	1,175.33
Utah	337.32	545.07	882.39
Vermont	343.95	375.43	719.38
Total received for World Missions	\$2,354,541.33	\$2,633,404.57	\$4,987,945.90
Less amounts received for District home missions, expense, and amounts given direct	412,106.66	508,674.65	920,781.31
Amount received for Foreign Missions	\$1,942,434.67	\$2,124,729.92	\$4,067,164.59

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

DEFEATED THROUGH DRUNKEN- NESS

Lesson for September 9

1 Kings 20:1-12, 16, 17, 20

The use of intoxicating liquors is one of America's most disastrous evils. Shortly after President Roosevelt was first elected, he stated that the nation would pay off its national debt through income that would result from taxing liquors when the prohibition amendment was removed. Did we? From that hour forward America has been plunged further and further into debt, while cost of the prosecution of crime has risen to staggering heights, to say nothing of the blight and damage wrought through intoxicating liquors. Liquor is a damnable curse, a disgrace to the nation.

And to think that our country does little or nothing toward protecting our youth drafted from our homes into its service. Now our 18½-year-old boys are to be drafted, taken from the protection of home, and thrown into the jaws of the liquor traffic.

A man gets filled with legalized liquor, then takes another's life. What caused him to do it? Liquor. Who ought to be prosecuted, the man who commits the deed or the people who legalize the thing that made him do it? It is rank injustice to condemn the drunkard while legalizing the sale of the thing that caused him to do the deed. God awaken America to its responsibility for the crime of legalizing the sale of intoxicating liquors! Now for our lesson from the Scripture.

1. An Unjust Demand

When men become strong in power they sometimes become unjust in their demands. This was true in the case of Ben-hadad when he made his demands on Israel. He was strengthened by having thirty and two kings associated with him. Can you picture Israel trying to face such odds? He made unreasonable demands. He would have not only the silver and gold of Israel, but also the wives and children that he might choose. Feeling his helplessness to do other than as Ben-hadad demanded, Ahab consented to the demand. There are times when submission to injustice seems the only course that a person can pursue. Jesus had this in mind somewhat when He said, "Agree with thine adversary quickly." There are times when we gain more by surrender of rights than by seeking to preserve them.

2. A Change in Spirit

Ben-hadad was not content with Israel's willingness to comply with his request. He further insisted that his representatives were to exercise the right of search and seizure—"search thine house, and the house of thy servants" (v. 6)—taking everything they

might desire. He was not going to trust Israel to turn things over; he was going to see that it was done. This brought a change in the spirit of the king and of his advisers. v. 7. Instead of further yielding, they decided to resist the demands.

Let us now see the effect of this decision, and then apply it to our spiritual lives. As soon as this decision was reached it brought a complete change in the attitude of Israel. Ben-hadad, in reply to their response, vowed by his gods that the dust of Samaria would not suffice for handfuls for all the people that followed him. v. 10. To this the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." What a surprisingly bold statement for a man who had meekly said "yes" to unreasonable demands only a day before!

3. A Lesson for Us

From this account in the history of Israel let us learn a lesson. In many things, yielding for the sake of peace is necessary. In our spiritual battles, however, yielding is weakening. When Ahab said "yes" to the first demand of Ben-hadad, it produced a feeling of heart-sickening weakness in himself and in all Israel who learned of it. Power of resistance was broken down. When demands became yet more unreasonable, resistance began to return. When the elders and the king decided not to yield to the further demands, greater fortitude took possession of them, so that, when Ben-hadad made his boast as to what he was going to do, the king of Israel met his challenge with stirring strength.

In our spiritual warfare we lose when we begin to submit to the threatenings of the devil. As we take a position of resistance in faith, fortitude takes the place of weakness, and "out of weakness we are made strong." Feed on fear and you fail. Feed on faith and you succeed.

4. Disaster Through Liquor

Ben-hadad was so confident of his power to overcome Israel that he and the kings that were with him began to celebrate with indulgence in liquor. Under its influence he arranged his men in their position against the city. v. 12. Later in our lesson we read, "Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him." v. 16. We shrink from mentioning some of the conferences of present-day international leaders, where liquor flowed like water, and where (if reports are correct) under the influence of liquor treaties and agreements were made which sold out whole countries to the sober ambitions of others.

What shame, what crime, when representatives make agreements for their nations while under the influence of liquor. Ben-hadad thought himself so secure that he could indulge himself, and yet defeat Israel.

5. Victory Through God

Israel was in a poor spiritual state. We could do no less than to condemn them all, from the king on the throne to the peasant in his rude house. At the same time, they were the people of God's covenant which He had made with His friend Abraham, and their cup of iniquity was not yet full. Among them God had a prophet, as He has faithful people today. The prophet assured Ahab that, although Ben-hadad had such a multitude with him, the Lord was going to deliver him in the coming battle.

Ahab was not to fear. He was to order the battle. The leaders in the conflict were to be a chosen few from among the young men of the princes of the provinces. vv. 14, 15. Taking advantage of the drunkenness of Ben-hadad and his chiefs, a great victory was won.

God is on the side of His people. There may be things among them that grieve His heart. Far be it from us to encourage such, but at the same time we must remember that they have taken His name upon them. He knows those among them whose hearts are faithful to His will. He knows also the young people among them whom He can trust. Let all who love the Lord trust in Him, resist evil, and look to God for victories and revival against all the power of the enemy.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Elijah Becomes Discouraged (lesson for Sunday, September 2). Lesson text: 1 Kings 19:1-18.

WHERE ARE MY WANDERING FOLKS TONIGHT?



Israel's Christian Rabbi



The case of Rabbi Daniel Zion, the former Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria, has aroused much attention in the Israel press. Rabbi Zion is a scholar and historian of note. An ardent Zionist all his life, he settled in "the promised land" when the State of Israel was established three years ago, and so did the bulk of his Bulgarian congregation.

But Rabbi Zion has accepted Jesus of Nazareth as his personal Saviour and is preaching to the Jews in Israel that He whom their nation rejected is their true Messiah. He has advocated a re-trial of the Nazarene and a reversal of the verdict which sent Him to the Cross. He has said that the Jews must accept Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour, otherwise they would never get Jerusalem and would continue to suffer.

Naturally, his stand has incurred much opposition. A conference of Orthodox Rabbis held in Tel Aviv declared that he was insane, and recommended that he be placed in an asylum. He was deprived of his position as Rabbi and now, at about seventy years of age, he lives in poverty. The rabbinate enjoined all the Hebrews in Israel to have nothing to do with him, but the sympathy of the people is with the persecuted Rabbi and crowds turn out to hear him.

Conflicting stories have been circulating in America concerning Rabbi Zion, and Keith L. Brooks, editor of *Prophecy* magazine, asked him for a personal testimony. In June Dr. Brooks received the following letter, written in Hebrew:

"I received your dear letter and hasten to reply, giving you the true story of how I found my Messiah, the Christ.

"It was over the course of twenty years that faith gradually developed in me. I was, of course, educated in an environment quite hostile to the name of Jesus. I myself—now much to my sorrow—once tore up a copy of the New Testament. But after that I was troubled and prayed much that God would show me the way of truth.

"In His great mercy He answered my prayer. The very Spirit of the Messiah came upon me. The Holy Spirit began speaking to me by an inner voice. He gave me many signs by which I should find the Saviour. His likeness as He hung upon the cross frequently came before my mind. There were miracles wrought in answer to my prayers in His name. Thus I knew in my soul that He was the Messiah.

"Despite all these things, causing me to believe in Him, I was in a high position among the Jews and I was not yet moved to go before them and before the world to publish my faith. Since I was the chief Rabbi of Bulgaria, it took some time for me to be emancipated.

"Finally, I left the rabbinate and came to

the land of Israel. There were many afflictions and disappointments to humble me. The inner voice of Messiah finally sent me to Jerusalem and there I remained a full month in solitude. The Spirit told me to read the New Testament constantly and with devotion.

"At the conclusion of this month, the Spirit came mightily upon me. He was in my heart as a burning fire. For some time I was unable to speak, then the Lord definitely led me to go to the two secretaries of the Chief Rabbinate of Tel Aviv and tell them that Jesus the Son of God is our Messiah, our Redeemed. I could find no rest until I started for Tel Aviv. God enabled me to witness to them with power.

"From thence the message went forth over all the land. There was great confusion among the Jews. Newspapers and periodicals over the land published stories about my conversion. There came to me also journals from other lands with strange reports about me. It

The Feast of Tabernacles

Ruth Specter

Beginning on the fifteenth day of the seventh month and lasting a week, a feast of thanksgiving observed in the Jewish homes, known as the Feast of Tabernacles or *Succot*, is celebrated as a national holiday to memorialize the journey from the land of slavery to the Promised Land. Booths are erected for this festival either in the yards or on the roofs of the Jewish homes because of the admonition of the Lord in Leviticus 23:42, 43: "Ye shall dwell in booths seven days . . . that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt."

So highly regarded was *Succot* in ancient times that the prophet Zechariah said: "And it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of the nations . . . shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and keep the Feast of Tabernacles."

The twenty-third day of the seventh month is known as "Simcath Torah" or "Feast of Rejoicing Over the Law" and is the jolliest day on the Jewish calendar. This is the day when the reading of the Torah in the synagogue is concluded every year and immediately after is resumed. The custom of beginning Genesis at the same synagogue service at which Deuteronomy is concluded, had its origin in the fourteenth century—the reason being that Satan might not say that the Jews, having concluded the reading of the law, were unwilling to begin anew its re-reading. The Jews do not want to bring the law to an end at any time.

seemed my faith had been broadcast to all the world.

"But despite all the insults, misrepresentations and persecutions—and some friends turned to bitter enemies—God gave me great strength to withstand all the slander and Satanic temptations. I had debates with noted Rabbis in the land, as well as with many learned people who dwell in darkness. I was never so happy in my life. I was dwelling in the light of Jesus, and God, through the Spirit, empowered me so that none were able to prevent my speaking and I began to have the joy of winning others.

"Now, He has led me to prepare a charter for a Messianic Church for Christian Israelis. I am seeking government ratification so that we may have a little place of prayer and meditation where I can open the Scriptures unto my Jewish brethren. . . . My one hope now is that my remaining years may be devoted to bringing this same wonderful faith to my brethren, and that He may empower me to sound the trumpet with no uncertain sound. . . .

"Yours in the peace of the Messiah—
DANIEL SOLOMON ZION, Jerusalem."

Here is a man, like Saul of Tarsus, whom God has raised up to proclaim the truth as it is in Jesus, and to help prepare the Jewish people for the glorious appearing of their Messiah and Redeemer who will soon return to sit on the throne of David and rule over them. He needs to be upheld by the prayers of Christians everywhere.

On the Day of Rejoicing Over the Law, special enducements are held out to the younger members of the congregation to participate actively in the public service. The scrolls are taken out and the older men carry them, as the young boys, holding flags and burning tapers, follow in a procession up and down the aisles. As the procession moves through the auditorium, women throw nuts and raisins from the galleries on the men and boys marching below, and sweet cakes and candies are given to the children—symbolic of the sweetness of the study of the law.

A Thanksgiving Eternity began for us on the day Christ was born in our hearts, that wonderful day when He condescended to tabernacle within these temples of clay. We dwell now in booths, in temporary tabernacles of clay, but are being fitted into a building not made with hands—an eternal habitation and abiding place of the Spirit of the Living God! Hallelujah!

At that very moment, when we accepted the Anointed One, our stony heart was broken and the law of God was written on the fleshly tables of our innermost beings. Our Day of Rejoicing Over the Law is not celebrated by carrying the scrolls in a procession up and down the aisles of the synagogue on one certain holiday, but is remembered every minute of every day wherever we are because Christ, who is the Fulfillment of the Law, dwells within! Let us praise His wonderful name forever!

My son, if God has called you to be a missionary, your father would be grieved to see you shrivel down into a king.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

Assemblies of God Meet in Atlanta for Biennial National Convention

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been won to Christ. If the unreporting schools came even close to the average in the matter of evangelism, the number of souls won to Christ during the two-year period was in excess of 100,000!

Last year 499 schools qualified for the Gold Crown efficiency award, 444 received the Silver Crown rating, and 649 were awarded the Blue Crown poster. This indicates progress in quality as well as in numerical strength.

There were 30,857 Workers' Training Certificates issued in the past two years. This represents a gain of about 70% and means that an increasing number of workers are studying to become more effective teachers and officers in the Sunday School. Eight new departmental manuals, written by our own Pentecostal workers, have been published for use in training workers. In addition, Instructors' Guides have been prepared for most of the textbooks use in our Workers' Training program.

While the word "phenomenal" may well describe the growth and development of the Sunday Schools, there is yet work to be done. We are challenged by the Great Commission and by our own Pentecostal profession to conquer new territory for Christ. —J. Paul Copeland, Sunday School Director.

Facilities Enlarged at Central Bible Institute

Chapel Being Remodeled; Good Enrollment Expected for Fall Semester

With deepest gratitude to our Lord, we humbly report a very successful two years' operation. Surely He has been in our midst! Constant daily prayer on the part of faculty and student body has been abundantly rewarded. Frequently the Lord has visited us so that class periods have become periods of intense prayer, and chapel hours have continued spontaneously as the Holy Spirit has moved upon us.

Our enrollment for the Fall semester of the year just passed was 670. This compares well with 670 for 1949 and 675 for 1948. Though students, accepted to date for the Fall semester, are slightly under the total one year ago, it is believed that promotional effort will bring this figure to a proper level.

It is generally believed by college and Bible Institute heads that enrollments will be reduced by 25 to 30 percent this Fall. In keeping with this expected decrease most schools have reduced their faculties. Central's faculty has not been reduced. The faculty consists of 22 full-time instructors and nine part-time. This makes a teacher-student ratio of one to 25. Instructors are well-trained, experienced men and women who give evidence of living Spirit-filled lives. In addition to the faculty, 20 faithful staff members give ready assistance in this important task of training youth.

Our students during the past two-year period have come from 46 states and 9 foreign countries.

Through the War Assets Administration, 24 buildings have been secured. Some have

been dismantled and the material stored for use in a proposed new administration building. Other buildings have been moved in sections and converted into additional classroom space, warehouses, and apartments for students with families.

Other work now in progress includes the installation of new sidewalks, new boilers, and the remodeling of the chapel. A short-wave amateur radio station is also being built, to be used primarily for training prospective missionaries in radio communication.

Our purpose is to provide a "thorough-going, spiritual, Bible-centered, Christ-related training under Spirit-filled instructors, for prospective Christian workers at home and abroad." We are possessed by a passion to instill in our future ministry the true spirit of Pentecostal pioneers.

—Bartlett Peterson, President, C.B.I.

"Revivaltime" Broadcast Enjoying Fruitful and Far-Reaching Ministry Radio Department Reports Heartening Increase in Contributions and Coverage

At the last General Council in Seattle, the Radio Committee recommended increasing the length of our national radio program from 15 to 30 minutes in order to have time to introduce more of the evangelistic warmth and liberty our people were desiring in the national broadcast. Immediate steps were taken to produce the new program and it was launched on Easter Sunday, 1950.

Our General Superintendent, Wesley R. Steelberg, was chosen to be the speaker, and Emil A. Balliet, pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., was selected as narrator. God has richly blessed the ministry of these brethren, and scores of letters from listeners give evidence that surely it was the hand of the Lord that gave us such a strong combination.

"Revivaltime" was chosen as the most fitting name for the new broadcast. The opening theme is the lively evangelistic song, "Whosoever Will." After the opening announcement by Brother Balliet, the first half of the program is devoted to a good variety of favorite gospel songs by the choir, quartet, and other groups. In addition to the music, an interesting testimony is included. Brother Steelberg has time on the second half of the broadcast to preach a forceful 12-minute message from the Word of God. He is not bound to the reading of a script, but he speaks extemporaneously from notes, and enjoys all the freedom and anointing of the Spirit he would have while preaching in any of our churches. The program is concluded with a strong appeal to the unsaved, and invitation song by the choir, the closing announcement by Brother Balliet, and the closing theme, "The Old Rugged Cross."

"Revivaltime" is released over 67 radio stations in 30 states and 10 foreign countries. Most of this fine coverage is a result of local churches becoming enthusiastic over the broadcast and making direct arrangements with their radio stations to carry the program. Some of the best stations which carry "Revivaltime" have been secured by the fine co-operation of some districts which have pledged to sponsor the national broadcast.

Economies have been effected, and offerings from our churches and friends have increased, with the result that the operational

October 21 is Speed-the-Light Dollar Day



The young people pictured above preview what thousands of C.A.'s all over the nation will be doing on October 21—responding to the challenge of Speed-the-Light—bringing their dollars to provide vehicles, printing and radio equipment for our missionaries the world around.

"WE WILL" is the slogan of Dollar Day this year. It means:

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Dollar Day is our big opportunity to stride toward that million dollar goal. Let's take advantage of it. Within the next few weeks special materials will be mailed to all our churches to assist in plans for the day.

WE WILL—A MILLION FOR SPEED-THE-LIGHT!

deficit for the past year is considerably less than formerly. The Radio Department is carrying a fine selection of excellent gospel recordings, the sale of which assists in meeting the cost of "Revivaltime." The Department realized a profit of \$2,561 through the sale of recordings last year.

The inimitable children's program, "The Gospel Rocket," continues to find favor among our assemblies. This series of 52 transcribed 15-minute broadcasts, geared to at-

tract the children and to interest them in spiritual things, has enabled many pastors to build up their Sunday School. The Radio Department now is able to offer the transcriptions to our churches and Sunday Schools at a greatly reduced rental rate.

—W. A. Brown, Executive Administrator
—Marcus T. Gaston, Director of Radio

Missionary Work Advancing in the American Homeland

Assemblies Lead All Denominations in Number of Churches in Alaska

Fred Vogler, Home Missions Secretary, told the General Council that the Assemblies of God now have more churches in Alaska than any other denomination.

"For many years Alaska has presented a real challenge," he said. "By the grace of God, we have determined to meet this challenge. We have entered into this, our last frontier, with a determination to plant the full gospel over the entire territory."

The Assemblies already have 16 churches in Alaska, besides six parsonages and two children's homes. Within the past year they have taken over the mission buildings at Fort Yukon, formerly owned by another Pentecostal organization. New works have been opened in Homer and Chugiak, and plans are under way to open a church in Wasilla.

The Home Missions Department has two small planes in Alaska, by which the missionary pilots are able to reach the interior with the gospel.

Our churches at Fairbanks and Anchorage are each doing an excellent work among the servicemen. In the past three years, about 81 soldiers have been saved and nearly 50 have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at Fairbanks.

But Alaska is only one of the fields in which the Home Missions Department is working. Right here in America it is promoting gospel work among Jews, deaf-mutes, Indians, prisoners, and other groups which are often overlooked by the local churches.

"At the present time there are 37 prisoners receiving our correspondence courses," Brother Vogler said. "The Home Missions Department is furnishing more than half the support of the chaplain at the Tennessee State Farm, who is doing an excellent work among the men there. Another good worker receives partial support from us for his gospel work among the Spanish-speaking inmates in California prisons. His work is commended by the prison chaplains."

He added: "A great forward step has been taken recently in the appointment of Arvid Ohnell as National Director of our prison work. Brother Ohnell has served as prison chaplain in the State of Washington for over 15 years. He has led many souls to Christ and has ministered to 32 at the time of their execution."

Regarding the Latin-American District, over which the Home Missions Department has supervision, he said that many new churches have been built by our Spanish-speaking brethren in the United States. The most outstanding is the beautiful new building of the First Latin-American Assembly of God in San Antonio, Texas, which when completed will be worth between \$80,000 and \$90,000. There are two Bible Institutes with a total enrollment of 100 students who have

heard the call to preach to their Spanish-speaking countrymen.

There are seven other foreign-language groups in the U. S. A. which function as Branches. Brother Vogler reported that marked progress has been made during the past two years and there are now 146 of these churches. The Italian Branch has gained 12 new churches.

God is moving among the Indians. We have 60 missionaries ministering to the Indians in 12 states. "It is our opinion," said Brother Vogler, "that during the past two years the blessing of God on our Indian work has been more evident than in any previous time. Many Indians have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We have purchased a church building in Phoenix, Arizona, to take care of the growing congregation. This is an all-Indian church with white missionaries in charge. We now have three good Indian churches in Arizona, and each has a large congregation. In addition to this, new missionaries have come to work among the Papagos and Pimas and other small tribes. The future of our Indian work looks very bright indeed."

New Printing Plant Turning Out Floods of Gospel Literature

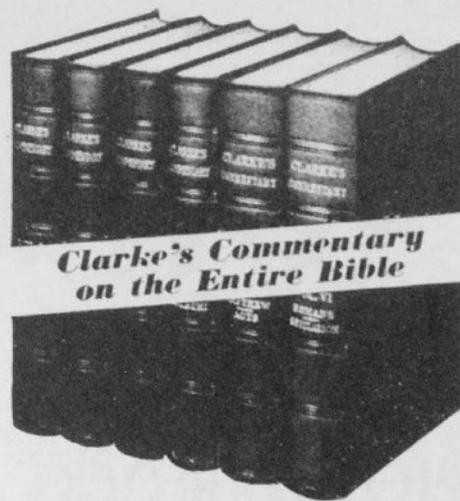
Circulation and Sales of Gospel Publishing House Reach All-Time High

Net sales of the Gospel Publishing House in the past fiscal year have exceeded a million and a half dollars. The circulation of nearly all our publications has increased, so that the annual production of our printing plant is now 7½ million *Evangelists*, 29 million Sunday School papers, 4 million quarterlies, nearly a million monthly magazines, quarter of a million books, and 5½ million tracts.

The following comparison of our periodicals shows a net increase of 260,905 in circulation:

Publication	1949	1951
Pentecostal Evangel	123,000	144,000
Junior Trails	93,000	105,000
HiCall	78,000	88,000
Gospel Gleaners	139,000	161,000
Sunday School Counsellor	22,000	26,000
Christ's Ambassadors Herald	20,000	19,000
Missionary Challenge	26,000	21,000
Superintendent's Assistant	5,250	7,000
Christ's Ambassadors Guide	4,000	3,600
Family Altar Guide	14,000	13,000
The Primary Pupil	66,000	83,000
The Junior Pupil	108,000	120,000
The Teen-Age Student	104,000	118,000
The Adult Student	240,000	270,000
Sunday School Lesson Leaves	97,000	104,000
The Beginner Teacher	10,000	12,000
The Primary Teacher	12,500	15,000
The Junior Teacher	14,000	17,000
The Teen-Age Teacher	13,500	16,000
The Adult Teacher	62,000	77,000
Junior Workbook	34,000	45,000
Teen-Age Workbook	16,500	19,000
Visual Aid Sets	19,900	24,200
Beginners Lesson Picture	3,200	4,000
Little Folk's Friend	81,200	96,000
My Picture Paper	84,000	100,000
Primary Picture Roll	4,300	4,900
Primary Picture Cards	58,525	63,670
Ramsay's Cartoons	1,000	750
La Guia Dominical (Adult-Y. P.)	12,500	33,500
El Companero (Children's Quarterly)	2,800	11,000
El Maestro (Adult Teacher Quarterly)		2,600
El Sendero Evangelico (Children's T. Q.)	1,500	2,760
Joyas Escogidas (Children's paper)	9,000	13,600
Total	1,579,675	1,840,580

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Evangel and a new \$100,000 two-color rotary press for printing the Sunday School papers.

The report of the publication work was presented to the General Council by Gayle F. Lewis, Director of Publications. Speaking on behalf of J. Z. Kamerer, General Manager of the Gospel Publishing House, and of the heads of the various departments, Brother Lewis said:

"In summing up the activities and accomplishments for the past two years, and then looking back to the early days of the Gospel Publishing House, surely we can say with the Psalmist, 'The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to those of our fellowship for the wonderful loyalty and co-operation shown in our business relations. We earnestly covet the prayers of all for God's continued blessings on all branches of this work."

Department of Benevolences Rendering a Needed Ministry

Aged Ministers and Homeless Children Being Helped

The Department of Benevolences has been in existence for about three years. This department was set up to administer the National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the National Home for Retired Ministers and Missionaries in Pinellas Park, Florida, near St. Petersburg. As finances are made available, other homes will be established to care for our aged people and homeless children.

At present there are 57 children in the National Children's Home. Recently seven acres of land adjoining the Home was purchased for the sum of \$2,800. This land now has been sown with Lespedeza to provide pasture and hay for dairy cows.

On January 1, 1951, the supervision of the Ministers' Benevolence Fund was turned over to the Director of the Department of Benevolences. At present 136 checks are being mailed every month to our needy and worthy ministers. It is quite evident that, should the Lord tarry, a great many will be added to our retirement list. In view of this, it will be necessary that more funds be provided in order to properly take care of our aged ministers.

During the past year, personal offerings were received amounting to \$13,450 and church offerings amounting to \$67,385, making a total of \$80,835 received for the Ministers' Benevolence Fund. The fifteen states who led in total giving were as follows:

California \$11,001; Texas \$6,782; Pennsylvania \$4,921; Washington \$4,360; Montana \$3,887; Oklahoma \$3,444; Ohio \$3,343; Arkansas \$2,989; Oregon \$2,954; Michigan \$2,850; New York \$2,777; Missouri \$2,735; Illinois \$2,722; Kansas \$2,488; New Jersey \$2,354.

We earnestly ask the prayers and financial help of our entire constituency for the different phases of our Department of Benevolences.

—Fred Vogler, Director of Benevolences.

Since we strain at gnats and swallow camels, give us a new standard of values and an ability to know a trifle when we see it.—The late Peter Marshall, Senate Chaplain.

QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY FRANK M. BOYD

Is one partaking unworthily of the Lord's Supper if he does not apprehend divine healing in the ordinance?

No. The primary significance of 1 Cor. 11:29 from which your question arises is to be found in the specific conduct of the Corinthian church. Apparently there existed social cliques or factions among the Corinthian believers (11:18, 19, R.V.). Some of the more well-to-do made the meeting-place and the occasion of the Lord's Supper a time of feasting and even drunkenness. They ostracized the poorer elements in the congregation, who were not able to bring an elaborate spread. Thus, some did not "rightly discern" (v. 29) the mystical "body" of Christ, of which every believer, irrespective of social, intellectual, or material standing, is a member. The body is one, but they were dividing it.

Furthermore, in making the Lord's table a feasting time they were not discerning the true spiritual significance of the bread and the wine, which represented His *body* broken, and His blood shed. In this they were not "discerning" or rightly estimating the Lord's broken body.

There is, however, a secondary sense in which we may discern (rightly estimate, or apprehend in faith) that the life of the Lord is available to us for the healing and quickening of our bodies.

"Be not wise in your own conceits." Rom. 12:16.

When we get to heaven will we see three bodily forms, comprehending the three persons of the Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Or, in the light of Colossians 2:9—"In Him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily"—will we see all three in the body of Jesus?

To attempt to answer this question adequately would require reams of paper, for it involves the great doctrine of the Trinity. Even at this length the question might not then be answered, for we only know such secrets of the future to the extent that they are revealed in Scripture.

In vision Daniel beheld "the Ancient of days" on the great throne of the heavens, before whom he beheld "one like the Son of man" brought before the throne to receive His kingdom inaugural. Dan. 7:9-14. The New Testament counterpart of this scene is found in Revelation 4 and 5, where John saw the *Throne-sitter, before whom Christ*, as the symbolic Lamb, is brought to open the seven-sealed book of redemption and to activate the judgments which are to usher in His kingdom. John also saw a symbolic visualization of the Holy Spirit (4:5) as "seven lamps of fire burning before the throne," which represent the Holy Spirit in the seven-fold fullness of His being and ministries. These, with many other scriptures, prove the divine Trinity.

It might be interesting to note that the revelations in Scripture of God the Father, the great sovereign ruler of the universe in all the majesty and splendor of His ineffable being, is never sharply focalized upon a distinct bodily form, although there are

references to bodily manifestation. What is revealed is veiled in a certain mystery and couched in language which partakes of accommodation to our human lack of full understanding. Compare Ezekiel's, Daniel's, and John's visions. Some of the revelations of God are clearly in anthropomorphisms, or representations of God to whom are ascribed human attributes and characteristics.

Jesus Christ is unquestionably the full revelation of God in bodily form. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." John 14:9. "For it is in him (Christ) that all the fullness of God's nature lives embodied." Col. 2:9, Goodspeed. "It is in Christ that the entire Fullness of deity has settled bodily." Col. 2:9, Moffatt. We believe that He always has been and always will be just that.

But personally the writer questions whether we shall see three distinct bodily forms, which conception savors too much of the idea of tritheism, which is contrary to Scripture; for God is one (Deut. 6:4) and yet a God who subsists in three persons; one in three and three in one—certainly a mystery. If we could reduce God to terms of human comprehension He would cease to be God.

That we shall see God in some manifestation, and hear His voice, we do verily believe. Moses saw God on Mount Sinai, but

only in manifestation and not in the mysterious, inscrutability of His eternal, ineffable Being as the Sovereign Creator of the universe.

The Holy Spirit does manifest Himself in both animate and inanimate forms such as the Dove, tongues of fire, etc.), but He is God, the invisible Spirit, filling the universe to its utmost bounds, and indwelling and filling all of God's redeemed forever, wherever they may be in their eternal service of God.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

ALBANY, N. Y.—On July 27 a challenging commencement exercise brought to a close a successful VBS at the Evangelistic Center. Fifty-four were enrolled and the average attendance was 36. We believe that definite results were accomplished in the children's hearts. The missionary offering was \$20.00. Misses Violet Madigan and Mary Jane Parker conducted the VBS.—Morris Seth Williams, Pastor.

GRANDVIEW, MO.—We had a three-week meeting with the Wright-Myers Evangelistic Team of Dayton, Ky. Several were saved and there was a real moving of the Spirit among the saints. A lady came who had an extreme case of nervousness and had consulted a psychiatrist with no results; in answer to prayer she was gloriously healed. Others testified to being healed of various ailments.—Herman McFarland, Pastor.

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. However, there will be no announcements of coming meetings in the issue of October 7. Notices of meetings which begin between October 1 and October 14 will appear in the issue of September 30, and therefore they must reach us by Monday, September 10.

SKIATOOK, OKLA.—Sept. 2—16 or longer; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by L. D. Roberts, Pastor.

OXFORD, FLA.—Sept. 2—; Evangelist Alton L. Hayes, Dallas, Tex. (L. L. Grossnicke, Pastor.)

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—Assembly of God, West 8th at Lee, Sept. 2—; Evangelist Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill.—by Everette Ewing, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Parkrose Assembly, Sept. 16—; Evangelist Raymond Osborn.—by F. J. Huntley, Pastor.

HANCOCK, MD.—Aug. 28—Sept. 11 or longer; Evangelist Frank Sharp, Philadelphia, Pa.—by W. C. Blewitt, Pastor.

WACO, TEX.—East Waco Assembly of God. 525 Preston, Sept. 2—16 or longer; Evangelist L. C. Harris.—by Horace Rawls, Pastor.

STRATHMORE, CALIF.—Tent meeting Sept. 18—Oct. 2 or longer; Evangelist T. T. Ward, Anaheim, Calif.—by Ralph R. Hall, Pastor.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.—Calvary Assembly of God, 2735 S. 4th St., Sept. 9—; Evangelists Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill.—by W. Howard Roberson, Pastor.

GALENA, KANS.—Fellowship Rally, Sept. 14. Services 10:30 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Wilfred A. Brown and Everette Ewing, Speakers.—by Roy H. Tregenza, Sectional Secretary.

RUPERT, IDAHO—Sectional Rally, Labor Day Sept. 3. Service at 2:30 p.m. in the City Park; 8 p.m. service in the Civic Auditorium. Bennie R. Harris, Speaker.—by Willis E. Shane, Sectional Representative.

BUCKLIN, MO.—Sept. 16—30, Evangelist Paul W. Klinger, Shamokin, Pa. (Carl O. Swanson is Pastor.)

LOUISE, TEX.—Assembly of God, Sept. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. L. Whitworth.—by W. N. (Buck) Blackmore, Pastor.

PEORIA, ILL.—Assembly of God, 207 Humboldt St., meeting in progress; the Musical Vanderploegs, Toledo, Ohio.—by Walter Smith, Pastor.

FT. MORGAN, COLO.—Tent meeting, Aug. 28—; Evangelist Gerald Eden and party.—by William Mitchell, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle.

CLINTON, IOWA—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Aug. 21—; Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Hall.—by C. E. Thompson, Pastor.

WILDER, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Sept. 9—; Evangelist Richard Colson, Hillsboro, Oreg.—by Bennie R. Harris, Pastor.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 16—30 or longer; Evangelist D. C. Ogden, Memphis, Tenn.—Donald Walker, Pastor.

McALESTER, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 9—; Evangelist Jimmie Adams and the Gospel Music Makers.—by L. H. Arnold, Pastor.

MARIANNA, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 29—Sept. 12 or longer; Evangelists James O. Johnson and James M. Bryan, of St. Louis, Mo.—by Jesse C. Nichols, Pastor.

CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—West Side Assembly of God, Texas and 10th Sts., Sept. 9—23 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Stover, Farmington, N. Mex.—by W. A. Vanzant, Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Wyatt Park Assembly, meeting in progress; Evangelist Jimmie Adams and the Gospel Music Makers. (J. E. Wilson is Pastor.)

PENNS GROVE, N. J.—Dedication of new church, Labor Day, Sept. 3; T. R. Brubaker, District Superintendent, speaker.—by Wesley O. Fritz, Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—Central Assembly of God, 885 N.W. 27th Ave., Sept. 16—30 or longer; Evangelist W. J. Lewis, Minneapolis, Minn.—by R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

QUAKERTOWN, PA.—Interdenominational Crusade for Christ in large tent at Park Ave. and 6th St., Sept. 2—23.—by Wesley Clark, Pastor, Assembly of God.

CLEWISTON, FLA.—Teacher Training Course and Sunday School revival, Sept. 16—30, directed by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hickman, Clanton, Ala.—by Max Cloud, Pastor.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Oct. 2—3, Biloxi, Miss. in Community Center. Fellowship Rally, Monday evening, Oct. 1. R. M. Riggs, guest speaker. Accommodations furnished. For information write E. E. Noland, Sunday School Director, or Pastor Douglass Carroll, 807 Fountain Lane, Biloxi, Miss.—by E. E. Noland, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1954, Meridian, Miss.



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