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



*Except ye be converted, and become as little children,
ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:3

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Religion in Russia

In Moscow, the army newspaper *Red Star* recently stated that a survival of religious faith in Russia was "hampering the triumphal progress toward Communism," and declared that this must be stamped out by "systematic scientific anti-religious propaganda."

Marriages That Endure

There is nothing surprising about the results of the recent marriage survey by the American Institute of Family Relations. It shows that active church members hold first place for successful marriages. Second place goes to those who have attended Sunday School into their adult years.

The Cost of War

The total bill for World War II, just reckoned by statisticians in the Library of Congress, is four trillion dollars—or \$1,708 for every man, woman, and child on earth. The official figures were published in *Pathfinder*. Military outlays ran to \$1.1 trillion; civil destruction \$2.2 trillion; economic and personal losses \$650 billion. In terms of human flesh the figures do not read much better: total world casualties were about 40 million people!

Hastening Christ's Return

Modern science undoubtedly is hastening the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. "The H-bomb," says *Intelligence Digest*, "is or will be at least 1,000 times more powerful than the A-bomb; there is no reason why one should not be made one million times more powerful. There is no reason why it should not be rigged with cobalt and, if then exploded, kill all life in an entire country—if not worse." It appears that God will have to intervene to save the world, and to save it for Christ.

President Truman Accepts Bibles

President Harry S. Truman recently accepted a gift of some 240 different volumes for the projected Truman Memorial Library at Grandview, Missouri. The volumes contain the Scriptures in 120 languages and dialects, and one is in Braille. The presentation was made by the American Bible Society. Mr. Truman, said to be an ardent Bible student, commented that he goes to the Scriptures for the facts, and that he enjoys the old-time King James Version more than the modern translations.

800 Korean Martyrs

The Communists executed more than 800 persons in Seoul early in the Korean war, for no other reason than that they were Christians. This startling statement was made at Cincinnati, Ohio, by J. F. C. Robertson, a minister representing the American Bible Society in Japan.

News in Brief

Ralph Larson, a missionary of the Baptist General Conference of America, was slain by a highwayman in Ethiopia on November 13.

More than 20,000 church members, representing every Protestant denomination in St. Louis, Mo., joined in a city-wide religious census last month.

Nine thousand Protestants attending a Reformation Day rally in St. Louis mailed personal post cards to President Truman opposing his appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

A Baptist minister at North Kingston, R. I., has protested the elevation of a Roman Catholic priest to the chairmanship of the state's Board of Education, saying that the priest is bound by papal encyclicals and canon law which condemn non-Catholic public-school education.

Usually it's the snake that poisons the man. But at San Antonio a rattlesnake had convulsions and died after biting a U. S. Air Force technician. The man, unhurt, said that in his work he handled big amounts of sodium cyanide, from which he was now immune, but the snake was not.

"Manna"—"What Is It?"

Worldly-minded men are constantly seeking to discredit the supernatural. They would like to reduce the story of the Manna, which God sent to His people in the wilderness, to a merely natural development. The Smithsonian Institution in a release at Washington, D. C., suggests that the "Manna" may have been a species of lichen that still grows on rocks in the mountainous regions and blows down into valleys, where it still is eaten by desert tribes. They say the ancient Egyptians used a similar species for making bread. It is mixed with meal today and is said to be quite palatable. In the Arctic, lichens constitute the "pastures," and are very important to life. In all parts of the earth, lichens have many economic uses,

according to the Smithsonian Institution.

If the scientists would read the Bible they would find some details about the story of the Manna that might lead even them to accept it as a miracle. The Manna melted in the sun. It came every morning for six days but never could be found on the seventh. Ordinarily it became wormy if kept overnight, yet it always kept well over the Sabbath.

It was no ordinary fungus growth. The Israelites lived in the wilderness forty years and became well acquainted with its vegetation, yet they never ceased to marvel at the Manna which God sent down from heaven throughout all that period. Had the substance been known in Egypt, the Israelites would have learned of it while living there.

When their wilderness journeyings were over, a pot of the God-given "bread" was preserved for a testimony to the generations to come. The Israelites treasured the pot of manna as a symbol of the supernatural. They kept it in the ark of the covenant, along with Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the law. See Hebrews 9:4. It is a testimony to God's people of all the ages, testifying that the Lord shall always supply all their needs—even in the wilderness.

Steel Alloted to Mosque

Although 62 churches were denied steel by the National Production Authority during its most recent consideration of allotments, the agency helped the Washington Mosque Foundation to obtain some 41 tons of steel it needed for the half-completed Moslem Mosque being constructed in the nation's capital city. Two previous applications for steel from the Mosque Foundation had been denied, but the State Department intervened, evidently on the theory that the goodwill of Mohammedan countries must not be lost for the sake of steel.

Pentecostal Minister Arrested

Emile Lessegues, a Pentecostal pastor, was arrested by police in Montreal, Canada, when they broke up a Sunday afternoon open-air meeting he was conducting in a city market. The minister was charged with unlawful assembly and failure to obey police orders, although witnesses testified that the church has held regular meetings at the same spot for the past ten years. Later he was released, and was given oral permission to continue holding open-air meetings, but the police still refused to give him written permission; and so he is in constant danger of being re-arrested for a "violation" for which he has oral permission from the police!

Christ Walks Behind the "Bamboo Curtain"

William Schubert

SHE WAS just a simple little old Chinese lady, but she had found a new joy in her old age. Heaven had opened and Jesus had come into her life bringing His peace. She knew God watched over her and was always with her.

Each time there was a service, she faithfully attended. She had heard it was dangerous to do this, for the "liberators" had taken over the country, and everywhere there were rumors of those who had mysteriously disappeared, or were imprisoned or killed. But still her face radiated His joy and peace, as she went to and fro between her home and the church.

A Communist soldier, observing her steady loyalty in worship, thought to disturb her faith. "Don't you know if you continue going to church, in time your head will be cut off?"

Nothing like this could daunt her faith. She knew that even should she be led through the valley of the shadow of death, Jesus would go with her. And so she replied to this soldier, "If you cut my head off or not, I will still be a Christian!"

That is the spirit of real Christianity which is behind the "Bamboo Curtain" of China today. Many people ask me the question, "Is the Church of Christ dead in China today?" Emphatically, I say "No!" *The Risen Christ still walks the streets of Red China*, and many hearts are finding joy and rest of soul in that land where Satan is seeking to reign. Christians may be dying but the Church is not.

The Chinese churches seem to be prospering in most parts of China, especially in the large cities. In some places there are real revivals. At Easter, the largest church in the town I was in was packed with Christians for a Good Friday service, and a straight gospel message was given about the man to whom Jesus said, "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." All who were there were urged to pray as he did, while they could, and ask forgiveness for their sins. A great volume of fervent prayer rose up to God,

with tears and deep emotion. Many to whom prayer was but a form before, now confide that God hears them.

Hearts are being stirred as never before. Many are growing spiritually and God is moving through the Chinese Christians. One young evangelist, a student, was too busy to finish his theology work and went out preaching a year ago. Last May he was arrested on some false charges. This did not stop his preaching activities. He had his Chinese Bible in prison and preached to his fellow-prisoners, in conditions so crowded they could not lie down.

When men are in a place like that, all natural hope gone, imprisoned, perhaps facing death, they want a solid foundation, and this young evangelist presented it to them. He preached Christ, the One who would be a refuge from all their troubles.

Prisoners were converted. Some, upon being released, wanted to be baptized. They were asked how they found Christ, and they said it was through this man who preached in prison. In a short period of time there were 150 converts.

The Communists did not like this, so they took his Bible away. But he still had the Word of God in his head and in his heart, and he went on, even though they tied him up.

Only one person was allowed to



Behind the "Bamboo Curtain" are millions for whom Christ died.

visit him, a Chinese preacher. "We are praying for you to get out of prison, even as the early church prayed for Peter," he told him.

"No, do not do that. I am having the best time I ever had," was his reply. I believe that young man is still alive. If he would stop preaching they would allow him to come out. If there was only one person like him, I would still say the church of Christ is alive in China. But there are many.

One young man, only twenty years of age, wrote and told me he had been chosen by the church to succeed the pastor who had died. In a few months, there were eighty converts in that church. In one large city church there were over 700 converts in a few months. It is true that in some places the churches are closed down entirely, but in the large cities the churches are open, and God is moving. He is moving everywhere in mysterious ways.

Yes, in China, dark China, Red China, young people are dedicating themselves to go as missionaries to other countries. One young man who is in prison now has a call to go to Afghanistan where missionaries are not allowed to go. Recently sixty students went to Chinese Turkistan. One young woman went first and then wrote back to the others. Wherever these young people go, there is going to be revival, for they have counted the cost and are willing to pay the price. There are some called to go to India, Africa, and Palestine. Many young Chinese Christians have already gone by faith to preach in the far west border regions of China as the result of Pentecostal outpourings in their churches and student groups.

Because of the many intercessions of these earnest Chinese Christians, great revivals have broken out in various places. In one youth conference there were 260 college and middle-school students gathered together in South China for sixteen days. It was conducted entirely by the students themselves, no foreign funds used, and only Chinese speakers who preached the Cross, repentance, and the new birth. From this group forty-six college students consecrated themselves to preach the gospel. One who wrote me said that
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The author is an independent missionary who labored in China for thirty years. He remained in Communist China until this summer, so his report of happenings behind the Bamboo Curtain is up to date.

Practicing the Presence of God

Bess A. Olson

"Brother Lawrence, bring me that pan!"

"Brother Lawrence, see to the stew!"

"Brother Lawrence, you are wanted in the dining hall."

The summoning voices clashed against each other adding to the general confusion of the monastery kitchen. But through it all the large, ungainly figure of Brother Lawrence, the cook, moved with an "even, uninterrupted composure and tranquility of spirit." His round face beamed with happiness. The sweetness and calm that marked his countenance was evident to beholders as he whispered adoringly, "My God, here I am all devoted to Thee. Make me according to Thy heart."

Nicholas Herman of Lorraine, known simply as "Brother Lawrence," was a humble and godly monk of the seventeenth century. He never reached a high pinnacle of fame or prestige, either in the world or in the church, but his life, lived blessedly and solely for God, left its mark. Letters which he wrote to seeking men and women almost three hundred years ago find a response today in hearts hungry for a closer walk with God.

For Brother Lawrence went far beyond the circumstances of his surroundings and the spiritual knowledge of his day. He passed by the rituals and forms and penances of his church to know the reality of Jesus in his own soul. And having found his Saviour at the age of eighteen, he surrendered himself to Him. "I took a resolution," he says in one of his letters, "to give myself up to God, as the best return I could make for His love, and for the love of Him to renounce all besides."

It was not merely a renunciation of the world to bury himself in a cloister. Nor was it just a renunciation of his occupation as a soldier and footman to become a servant of the church. It was rather the more personal and difficult matter of renouncing *himself*, daily, in order that God might be "all and in all." It was knowing God's presence in his everyday living as well as when upon his knees. He called it "the practice of the presence of God." And to the end of his long life of eighty years, he consistently lived and encouraged others to live in the glory of God's presence.

His recipe is simple—"I know that

for the right practice of the presence of God, the heart must be empty of all other things, because God will possess the heart alone." And then—"to keep myself by a simple attention and a general fond regard to God, which I may call an *actual presence* of God."

We may well covet the result for he explains his experience as "an habitual, silent, and secret conversation of the soul with God, which often causes me joys and raptures inwardly, and sometimes outwardly, so great that I am forced to use means to moderate them and prevent their appearance to others!"

It was natural that he should want to pass his experience on. He wrote these words to a friend, "Remember what I have recommended to you which is, to think often on God, by day, by night, in your business, and even in your diversions. He is always near you and with you; leave Him not alone. . . . Adore Him continually, live and die with Him; this is the glorious employment of a Christian."

"Ah, but," you may say, "the employment of Brother Lawrence was in prayers, meditations, and study. It is easy enough for such a one to keep his mind stayed on God. But consider the life of a mother—the confusion of the home, the constant interruptions, cooking, homemaking. . . .!"

Brother Lawrence was a cook, continually at the beck and call of his superiors! There were times of rush and confusion in his kitchen, you may be sure. He confessed that it was a place to which he naturally had a great aversion; yet, having accustomed himself to do everything there for the *love of God*, he found everything easy!

"But he did not have to rub elbows with the world," a man may object. "He lived a sheltered, ordered life, unhampered by the difficulties of a business world. It's not so easy to 'adore God continually' in the distractions of commerce."

Among the many duties that fell to Brother Lawrence was that of shopping. Into the business world he had to go, there to mix with the ungodly, and do his buying, not to please himself but his superiors. Some of his purchases took him on board a boat thickly loaded with casks. He admits that it was a very unwelcome task for him because he was lame and could not go about the boat except by rolling himself over the casks. What a blow to the dignity of a man of God—to say nothing of the discomfort it must have caused him! He reminded God, however, that "it was His business he was about," and after that his task was well performed.

"The time of business," says he, "does not with me differ greatly from the

time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament."

What is this "practice of the presence of God"? Is it a pretense of God's presence? Is it a continual asserting that He is near until we make ourselves believe it? A thousand times *No!* It is rather an agreeing to the blessed *fact* that He is with us and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, *in* us at all times. It is accepting the *fact* that at Calvary we died with Him, and that now *He* lives in us. It is a frequent lifting of our hearts to Him in worship and love for the blessed fact that "Christ liveth in me" in the kitchen, and at the place of business, as well as in prayer!

If, in the course of our activities, our thoughts stray from contemplation of Him, we should not be disturbed. Simply recall them to Him as quickly as possible. "He is nearer to us than we are aware of." And continue *living* in the glory of His presence.

Said Brother Lawrence, "Were I a preacher, I should above all other things preach the practice of the presence of God. And were I a ruler, I should advise all the world to do it, so necessary do I think it, and so easy too!"

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POWER to Set You Free

Evangelist Lee Krupnick

THE BIBLE has much to say about power. "Christ is the power. . . ." 1 Cor. 1:24. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power. . . ." Rom. 1:16. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power. . . ." John 1:12.

The world never has seen such vast resources of power. We are surely living in the age of power. The electricity that was in the world for centuries waiting to be discovered is now surging through the wires to light our modern cities. The gasoline that formerly lay unused in the ground is now driving great engines all over the world. Humanity has rejoiced in this development, for the age of power has lowered the working hours and raised the standard of living.

Six years ago another source of mighty power was unleashed with the explosion of the atomic bomb, and today men are wondering whether we know more than is good for us! Men tremble when they hear of the new advances of science. They know that the same aircraft that can rush a son from New York to a dying mother in Los Angeles in so short a time can also be used by the merchants of death to wipe out our cities and burn them to the ground.

Then there is mechanical power—what a mighty force can be harnessed by our modern machinery! I was on my way to church one night when a train blocked the road, and I sat in the car waiting for it to pass. I watched with wonder as the trainman reached up to oil the mammoth wheel. Then I saw him climb up into the engineer's seat and lay a grimy hand on the throttle. Slowly he moved the long iron lever, and the great iron horse that for the moment was just a huge inanimate object of steel became vibrant with life and power. It began to wheeze and chug, the great wheels began to turn, and the train began to move, shaking the ground for yards around. It went slowly at first, then gained speed gradually, pulling away a hundred cars at a terrific speed.



"What a display of power!" I thought, though I could not understand it.

Consider also the power of radio. Radio waves travel at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, fast enough to go around the world seven times in one second. That is power indeed. It staggers the imagination.

These powers are in the world—they can be used for good purposes or evil. But greater than the physical forces of the universe are the spiritual forces that are at work today. The most dangerous and destructive power in the universe is not the A-bomb, or the H-bomb; it is a power which cannot be measured in horsepower or kilowatts; it is the power of sin.

Some time ago a girl told us a sad story. A man had influenced her until she started to drink, and then he stole her richest treasure. "Now," she said, "I'm going to take this baby boy to the parents of his father; if they will not take him, then I will place him in a children's home. Then I am going to climb over that bridge and throw myself into the river."

What is it that will bring a girl to a point of such desperation as that? It is sin—wicked, hideous, ruthless sin! The story she told has been repeated thousands of times. My friends, I want you to listen to this testimony of a girl who has drunk from the cup of sin:

*"Once I was pure as snow, but I fell;
Fell like the snow, but from heaven to hell;
Fell to be trampled as filth of the street,
Fell to be scoffed at, spit on, and beat;
Pleading, cursing, begging to die,
Selling my soul to whoever would buy;
Dealing in sin for a morsel of bread,
Hating the living and fearing the dead.
My God! Can it be I have fallen so low?
And yet I was once like the beautiful snow!"*

Sin is worse than all the weapons of war. Enemy armies can kill off a generation, but the "wages" of some sins will be paid to the third and fourth generations. Sin is worse than the screaming of shrapnel—worse than the rattle of machine guns—more terrible than the bursting of bombs. Sin is the most horrible power in all this world. There are millions who would give all they have if only they could escape the consequences of their sins. But they cannot; sin is too relentless, too powerful.

Sin crushes the poor beneath its feet and seizes the rich with its talons. It spreads its disease on young and old alike. It laughs at laws and sneers at purity. Sin is an awful word. Sin is a burden to society. It robs mankind of everything that is good. It corrupts a government. It endangers a home. It undermines a business. It destroys a character. It inspires crime, and because of its threat to society we are forced to build prisons, maintain police forces, and spend billions of dollars every year. Because of sin, banks must insure all deposits, and many of them have installed bullet-proof glass. They put locks on the doors, bars on the windows, install burglar alarms, and employ watchmen to protect the place against robbers. That's how bad sin is.

Sin is a curse to good citizens, but it is also a burden to evil-doers. One by one they are brought to justice and forced to pay for their crimes. One man is sent to prison for life; another is led to the gallows; another is riddled with bullets; a fourth is stabbed with a knife; a fifth is poisoned by his enemies. Sin is the most destructive, the most dangerous force in the world.

Only one power is great enough to overcome sin, and that is the power of God. There is limitless power in the Spirit of God. There is limitless power in the Word of God. There is limitless power in the blood of the Son of God. The blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross can make the vilest clean. It can cleanse human lives from all their sins and make them free—free from guilt, and free from evil habits.

If you are bound by habits that you have tried to quit, but without success, I urge you to let Jesus touch the irons that bind you. He will set you free. Yes, He will, for "He whom the Son makes free is free indeed." The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." John said, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin." There's power in His blood.

Deserted Clue to Revival

L. E. Maxwell

Many people have been praying for revival. But not everyone realizes that it is the task of God's servants to *probe* as well as to *pray*.

Joel 2:12-18 contains a valuable clue to revival, a secret much used by evangelists of other days. Note that Joel demands that all the congregation assemble for general humiliation and confession and calling upon God. And officials must lead the way, not merely endorse the program. They must lead in prayer and confession. "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar."

Such a call to prayer and revival demands a leadership that has had heart-rending experience in revival work. Ministers will have to be willing to respond to the summons: "Cry aloud, spare not." God's men under Heaven's anointing must learn to name individual sins, and begin not only to pray in the Spirit but also to identify themselves with the Spirit's searching work.

But only the minister who has been deeply operated upon can be used of the Spirit to operate upon others. No man can be bold and uncompromising in his presentation of the Cross unless he has embraced such a path in a bold and deep and deathless identification with that Cross. No minister can daringly let the Lord Jesus take the consequences of his disobedience unless he has first embraced the Cross in its utmost shame and pain and humiliation. Only then can he forget all fleshly strategy and diplomacy and contrivance and manipulation.

In Old Testament times, the exiles were badly backslidden. Nehemiah was appointed of God to bring His people back to repentance and revival. In Nehemiah 9:1-3 we read that the congregation was "assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth . . . and the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins. . . . And they . . . read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one-fourth part of the day, and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God."

Our trouble today is that we are utterly unacquainted with such heartsearching and heart-probing work. We are so concerned with our prearranged program that we cannot call a halt to this surface-scratching and skirmishing on the outside of the real conflict. Each servant of Christ will have to face the question: How willing am I to pay the price for this kind of God-ordered revival? It is just here that the flesh talks back. The flesh prefers the padded program a thousand times over instead of a day of such humiliation and prayer and confession of sin. But pretty prayers for revival are as hopeless against the mountains of entrenched wickedness in our churches as a peashooter against a battleship. And even earnest prayer for revival will not likely avail until leadership is ready to lead off in this kind of desperate and difficult revival work.

Not long ago, I had a sad experience in a good, fundamental church. At the close of

the last meeting, 150 to 200 of that congregation (which numbered 500) were on their feet publicly avowing that they would go to their friends and neighbors and make confession of sin. Previous to these meetings the church leaders had acknowledged privately to one another that there was sin in the congregation, sin that needed to be uncovered and dealt with. However, with a pretense of piety they had preferred just to commit it all to the Lord. Did they, too, have their own hidden sins? Did they fear public exposure? Now they have taken action that no such meetings will ever again be allowed in their church. Yet our gatherings were simple and manifestly under the power of the Spirit of God.

This desperately difficult kind of divine work demands a broken-hearted leadership. It is this brokenness of spirit which paves the way for the necessary unction of the Holy One.

Jonathan Edwards was well acquainted with this clue to revival work. In describing the great revival at Northampton he said:

"The assembly in general were from time to time in tears, while the Word was preach-

ed; some weeping in sorrow and distress, others with joy and love, others with pity and concern for neighbours. . . . We have kept, from year to year, days of public confessing and prayer to God, to acknowledge our backsliding and humble ourselves for our sins, and to seek of God forgiveness. . . ."

I do not advocate any fleshly probing into the private lives of people. Any running ahead of the Spirit in the energy of the flesh will only prove chaotic. But I do plead for individual identification with the Spirit in His reproofing, convincing and convicting work. Let no one excuse himself by saying it is so entirely the office of the Spirit to convict people that He does not use *men as His means*. If you and I insist that it is solely the Spirit's work to show people their transgressions, let us hear God also insisting, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression" (Isa. 58:1).

Today many of us prefer merely to pray rather than to identify ourselves with the Spirit in His work of conviction. We prefer to leave the whole unpleasant task to Him. We even sound more pious to ourselves and to others by ascribing all the glory and all the work to the Spirit. But let us dare to identify ourselves with Him by showing God's people their transgression. Before we know it we shall hear a word behind us saying, "Yea, saith the Spirit." Then revival will be close at hand.

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WARNED BY A VISION OF HELL

N. Lawrence Olson, Brazil

A FEW WEEKS AGO Jovelina Ferreira, one of the Christian women of Lavras, Minas Gerais, Brazil, was visiting at Volta Redonda. Through a series of strange incidents she took a train for home, though the period set for her visit was not up and she was not ready to return home.

On the way to Lavras the train caught fire in the bearing boxes, necessitating a fifty-minute stop at a small town for repairs.

While the train was being repaired a middle-aged man came through the cars asking from passenger to passenger if any crente (*believer*) was aboard.

When the man reached Jovelina Ferreira she told him that she was a believer, and asked what he wanted. He told her that for three days he had been meeting the trains and asking for a believer. At his home, about four blocks away, his niece was seriously ill, and she wanted to talk with a believer.

Three days prior to this the niece, who had had a severe headache for a year, had been given a vision of hell. She was carried by an angel to the region full of persons suffering from flames. She asked the angel to allow her to return to earth so she could warn her aunt and uncle. The request was granted, and the aunt and uncle were impressed with her story. But none of them knew the way of salvation.

Since there was no believer in the town, the uncle had decided that the only way to find a believer was to ask for one on the

trains. Now he had found Jovelina. Would she go?

Jovelina inquired how long the train would be delayed, and was told that it would be at least fifty minutes. A messenger was to be dispatched to tell her when she should return to the train.

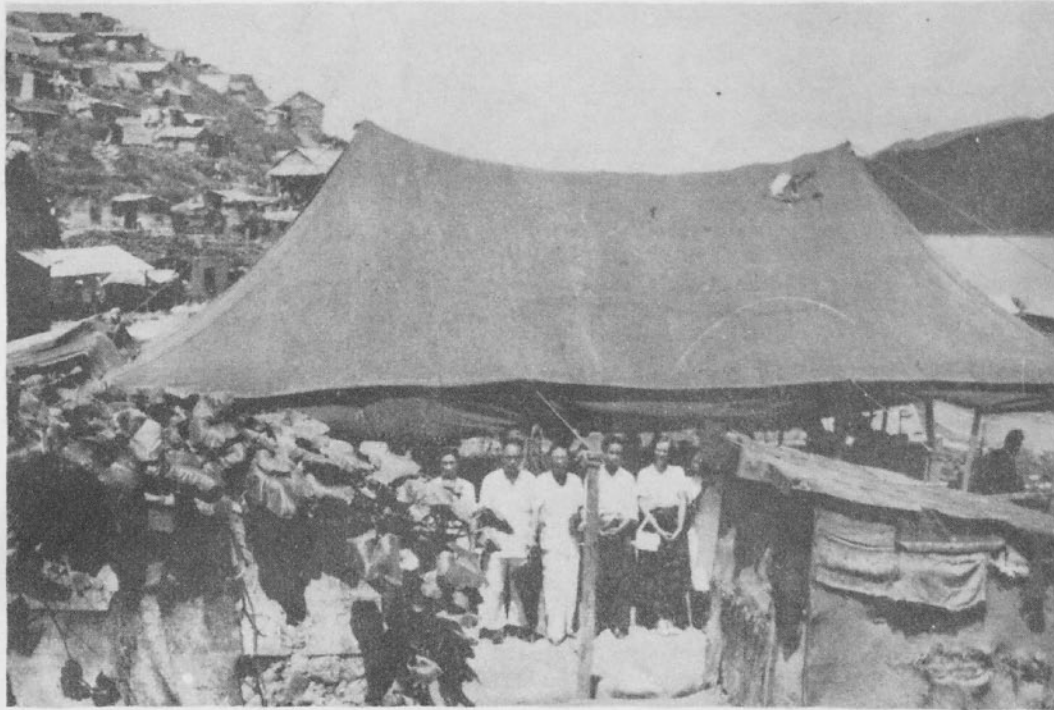
At the home Jovelina found a twelve-year-old girl, who told her that a worker had come through the village two years before, giving out the gospel message. She had heard and had accepted the teaching, but her aunt and uncle would not permit her to give her heart to the Lord. Now she desired to be saved at any cost.

Jovelina told the redemption story in simple language to the dying child and the aunt and uncle. Not only was the child saved, but she was filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking and singing clearly in another tongue.

Jovelina had to depart when the messenger came to advise that the train was ready to leave the station. Before she reached the station she heard the cry of lamentation, so common in those areas where Christ is not known—the aunt was mourning the death of the girl.

Who arranged the strange incidents to make the Christian leave Volta Redonda against her will and before schedule? Who made the train catch fire in the bearing boxes, requiring repairs?

May God help all of us that our steps may be ordered daily by the Lord!



FIRE DESTROYS REFUGEES' TENT-CHURCH

Howard C. Osgood, Field Secretary for East Asia, writes from Hong Kong: "Some weeks past I took a trip to Rennie's Mills Refugee Camp. Twenty thousand Chinese live there in abject poverty. Most of them would be killed if they returned to the mainland because of their loyalty to the government in Formosa. They huddle in little board shacks; or, lacking boards, they try to find other materials to make a shelter.

"The camp is located in a barren cove where there is no possibility of raising anything, or of carrying on business; for Hong Kong does not welcome these refugees, though among them are some of China's finest professional people—lawyers, generals, professors, etc.

"Several denominations have set up temporary quarters in the camp. Our own students put up a tent with some help from the Christians in Kowloon, with excellent results. Ninety-eight were baptized in water and eighty more are ready for baptism.

"But recently fire swept the section of the camp where the tent was located, and *it is no more*, and neither are several hundred pitiful little shacks. Between two and three thousand were left shelterless, with no clothing except what they had on their backs. Yet they complain but little about their personal losses. They have already lost so much, a little more does not seem to matter; however, they do miss the tent where they had learned to worship, for it means that they must worship in the open now.

"Cold winter months are now upon us, and we are praying that some way will be found

to provide another place of worship for the refugees. Materials for a more substantial, though very simple place of worship, could be provided for \$1,500. The people would do the building themselves."

The Foreign Missions Department will be happy to receive offerings toward providing the Rennie's Mills refugee Christians with another shelter for worship. Offerings should be sent to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Designate them for "Rennie's Mills Refugee Church."

Sunday Schools Gaining Acceptance

Walter G. Waldvogel, Europe

"JEDERMANN SOLLT' Es Wissen Wer Jesus Ist." That awkward translation of part of the words of the Chorus, "Everybody Ought to Know Who Jesus Is," is filtering its way across Germany. We taught it at large youth gatherings, in small schoolrooms, and in barracks and barns. Now people whom we have never seen are singing it. When they sing a variation, "Every child ought to know. . . ." we especially are pleased, because we know that our efforts on behalf of Sunday Schools are beginning to bear fruit.

A short time ago a middle-aged man came to take a two-day Sunday School course we were offering. He told us that his wife had called him a few days before to see what a Sunday School worker was doing with some children meeting in their home. The worker had taken one of our Sunday School courses and had prevailed upon the man and woman to let her gather the children of the neighborhood in their front room for Sunday School. Said the man, "I thought it rather foolish and useless, but when I saw the children kneel-

ing and weeping before the Lord I changed my mind, and now I have come to learn so I can help in the work."

We are sending Sunday School lessons translated from Gospel Publishing House quarterlies to 105 teachers. These teachers are teaching some 2,000 children. How many more children are being taught *who Jesus is* we do not know. One teacher wrote, "Since the Sunday School course was given here and we began to receive the lessons, we can only exclaim, 'What hath God wrought!'"

A minister has said, "The lessons are so good I use them as sermons."

Another worker has said, "I have never seen any literature that made the Word more plain and practical."

And the interest is increasing. In response to a recent questionnaire sent to Sunday School workers, a number stated that there were in their assemblies many who were anxious to attend workers' training courses. Last week we received invitations from three churches in Austria to come to give instructions in Sunday School work. Yesterday a letter came containing the addresses of eight churches in Central Germany desiring help, none of which had ever been on our list.

We visited a little Sunday School in Northern Germany some time ago. Our visit was regarded as an outstanding occasion—the Sunday School *uncle* had come! One of the teachers had learned about Sunday School from us and we had sent lessons and pictures. We climbed a steep stairway to a neat little hall where about 100 persons, young and old, were gathered. We were greeted with the chorus in English, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men." We had used it as the theme chorus of some of our courses.

Many of the children already had accepted Christ at that Sunday School. After a short talk an invitation was given and two more girls came forward to take Christ as their Saviour. They wept and prayed until they had peace. While the closing hymn was being sung another girl came, and then an older boy. We believe that both found the Lord.

Less than two years ago it was quite generally felt in Europe that children's work was of little value. We are thankful to God for the change in opinion that is coming about regarding teaching and training the children.

(Note: The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade is helping to supply some of the material mentioned.)

The Foreign Missions Department is receiving Christmas offerings to be divided among the missionaries and their children for this Christmas. It is hoped that enough will come in to send each missionary \$10 and each missionary child \$5. If you have not sent in a Christmas missionary offering this year, and would like to have a part in spreading cheer to the missionaries and their children in this way, it is not too late to help with the fund.

Send all offerings marked "Christmas Offering" to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY OF CHRIST

Lesson for December 23

Isaiah 7:10-16; 9:1-7

In our lesson for today we have two outstanding prophecies, the first telling us that a Divine Son would be born of a virgin mother, the other that He should be a descendant of David and heir to David's throne.

At the time when the prophecy of Isa. 7:14 was given, Judah was in great distress. Pekah, king of Israel, had slain in Judah 120,000 in one day, and carried into captivity 200,000 including women and children (2 Chron. 28:6-8). Moreover, Rezin, king of Syria, was confederate with Pekah. It looked as if Judah might be destroyed, and as if the promise given David of a sure house would never be. (See that promise in 2 Samuel 7:16.) It was at this time of national distress that God inspired the prophecy, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14).

1. Davidic Covenant

God had given to David the promise, "Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever" (2 Sam. 7:16). This covenant God confirmed in Psalm 89:35-37—"Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie to David. His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established forever as the moon." Both Israel (the ten tribes) and Judah might go into captivity because of their sins, but God's covenant still stood. He would assure this fact to Ahaz, a man inclined to idolatry, and to a people who worshiped in idolatry. They might perish for their sins, but the house of David would endure. The sign promised was not specially to Ahaz who never lived to see its fulfillment. The sign was given to the "house of David" (Isa. 7:13).

Let this encourage us. In personal experience we may suffer times of distress. Only God knows what times may lie before us as a nation. Of one thing we may be sure: God's promises shall not fail. He will not fail Israel; He will not fail us. Our present life is but for a moment; the promises of God reach into eternity. Paul saw this and said, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen" (2 Cor. 4:17, 18). May we listen to God's words to Ahaz and be not faithless, but believing—"Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted. If ye will not

believe, surely ye shall not be established" (Isa. 7:4, 9).

2. The Covenant Confirmed in Prophecy

Our lesson includes Isaiah 7:10-16; 9:1-7. In both these prophecies our Lord Jesus, David's promised son (Luke 1:32, 33), is declared to be both human and divine. In chapter 7 He is Immanuel, meaning "God with us." He is also the son of the virgin. In Isaiah 9:6 He is the child born, the son of the virgin Mary. He is also "a son given," the son of God. The "child" was to be born at Bethlehem, but this child was "from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). The Jews expected this divine-human king. The wise men from the east had like convictions. When the Wise Men arrived at Jerusalem, they inquired, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2). The answer was, "In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet" (Matt. 2:5). Israel's king is our Christ, an ever present help, our Lord and our Saviour, "God with us."

3. David's Son

We believe that the qualities described in Christ as the Son of David will be fulfilled when He reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords, sitting on the throne of His father David. We believe also that those qualities are active now, being realized in believing hearts as they are applied by the Holy Spirit who, Jesus said, would "receive of mine and show it unto you."

Some have asked concerning God, "What is His name? Does God have a name?" We answer, He has many names, each a description of His gracious character. In our lesson we find several names which describe the person and work of our blessed Lord. The first: "His name shall be called - *Wonderful.*" Would that all God's people could comprehend this truth! He is a wonderful Saviour, saving His people from their sins. A wonderful Counsellor, guiding those who trust in Him. Wonderful in power and in sympathy, "The *mighty God, the everlasting Father.*" Oh, that we might lean on Him for strength, go to Him for guidance, trust Him to keep us, and believe in His parental affection toward us. May we who carry heavy burdens cast them on Him and trust Him, for He has said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." If you believe, you will be established. "If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established."

4. The Reign of David's Son

He comes now to the human heart in the power of the Spirit. He will come in bodily form to reign on the earth—"This

same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Israel will look upon Him whom they have pierced (Zech. 12:10). His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4). "In that day . . . the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them" (Zech. 12:8). At that day "it shall come to pass that I will destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem" (Zech. 12:9). Note the description of the nations' attack on Jerusalem, in Zech. 14:1, 2; then see the Lord in His deliverance of the inhabitants in vv. 3, 4. Compare this with Matt. 25:31-46 and Joel 3:9-17.

With the enemies of Israel destroyed, with Christ reigning on David's throne, "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). For some of God's wonderful promises under the Kingship of Jesus, see Isa. 2:1-5; 11:1-9. See also the promise that God will set His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people Israel (Isa. 11:11, 12).

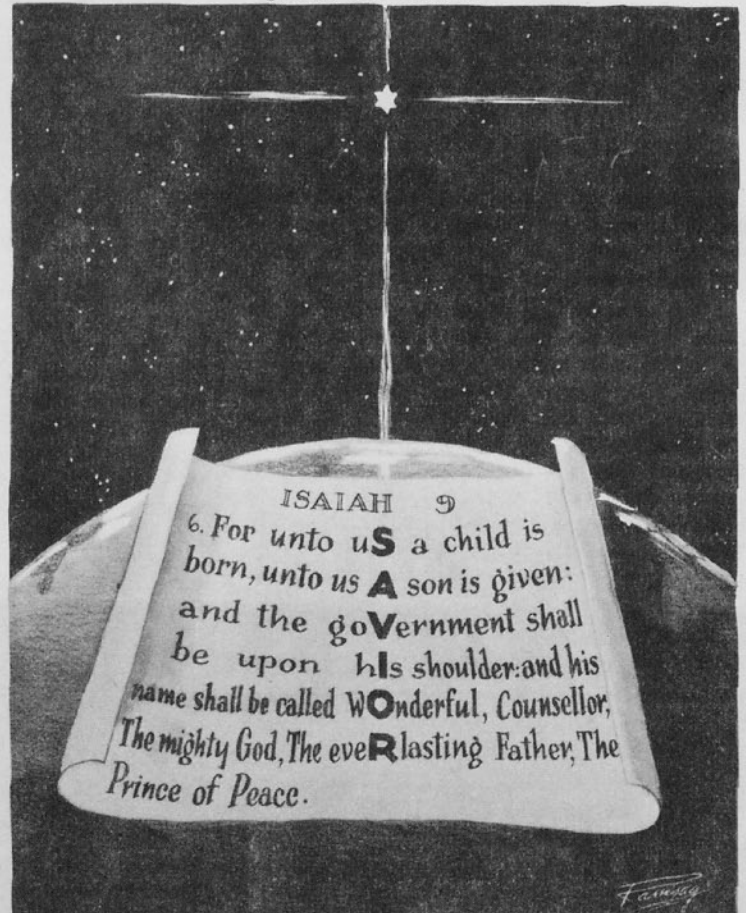
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Uzziah's Pride Abased (lesson for Sunday, December 16). Lesson text: 2 Chronicles 26:1-8, 15:21.

Sin is a disease, an awful debt, a crushing load, a slavery casting men as wrecks upon the sands of time, waiting there for a compassionate heart to lift them to the Rock of Ages. Did you see them there and pass them by? Tomorrow may be too late!

Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.—Bunyan.

STAR OF HOPE



MISSIONS AT HOME

New Fields . . . Deaf Mutes . . . Prisoners
Jews . . . American Indians . . . Alaska
Foreign Language Groups in U.S.A.

INDIAN CHAPEL DEDICATED

Indians on the reservation near Granite Falls, Minnesota, now have their own chapel in which to worship. But back of the neat little chapel is a story of God's blessing, the courage and sacrifice of our workers there, and the willingness of ministers and laymen in that area to work with their hands to make the chapel a reality.

The story began back in 1947 when Pastor Rose Johnson of the Granite Falls Assembly began visiting homes on the reservation. Soon prayer meetings were held in addition to the visitation program. During the summer of that year, Eldeth Adkins, a student from N.C.B.I. in Minneapolis, came out to take over the work. In 1948 Vera Eldridge joined Sister Adkins, and together they built the work under God until the need for a building became acute. The workers prayed about this need and it became more apparent to others as well. This led to a building program which began last fall. The Presbyter of the section, O. E. Carter, along with Pastor Mort Benson, Pastor Kvistad of Granite Falls, and other interested parties, got together and erected the lovely chapel. The property is nestled below a hillside in a beautiful setting in the Minnesota valley along Highway 67.

Dedication services were held on October 21, following a weekend of special services of thanksgiving for the new Indian Chapel. Fred Vogler, National Home Missions Director, brought the dedicatory message. A welcome interruption of Brother Vogler's message came when a brother, impressed with the need of giving for the evangelization of American Indians, waved \$100 in the air, and exclaimed, "I'll give \$100!" An Indian sister, saved under the ministry of our workers there, brought in



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The 1952 Subscription Increase Effort for *The Missionary Challenge* begins January 1, 1952 and continues through March 31. The national winner will have a choice of: (1) A trip through Mexico and Central America visiting missionaries; (2) A year's tuition paid at any Assemblies of God Bible School; (3) \$200 cash.

You have wanted to attend Bible School? If you do not win the first award there still will be opportunity to secure a semester's tuition FREE. Various Bible Schools are co-operating with us in an unusual award. Write today to *The Missionary Challenge* for complete information about the plan. This is your opportunity to obtain training for Christian service.

HOW TO ENTER

Anyone may enter the 1952 Subscription Increase Effort. Simply send your name and address, together with the estimated number of subscription order blanks you will need to start selling. A salesman's kit will be sent you with complete instructions and helps. Address your correspondence to *The Missionary Challenge*, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

for the building fund a large jar of pennies, amounting to several dollars.

Recently several Indians have been saved, two have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and some healed. Much progress is reported generally in evangelistic efforts among the American Indians.

This great work can continue only as we continue to support it. Let us not fail to give to these, the original Americans, the gospel of Christ. Funds are needed now for the continuing and expanding of our work among the Indians. Offerings for this work should be designated "For Indian Work," and sent directly to the Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

CHRIST WALKS BEHIND THE "BAMBOO CURTAIN"

(Continued from page three)

early morning and late at night there was prayer and weeping. As a result of this, over 300 students meet regularly in three prayer meetings daily in one city alone. When

they meet they pray for their home churches and there is much weeping and brokenness in these meetings.

Apart from the regular churches, there are two indigenous groups of evangelicals who are sponsored by no missionaries and have no foreign support. These groups are allowed to function almost-unmolested. One of these groups was to have been indoctrinated with Communistic teaching, as part of the government's program to indoctrinate everyone. The government sent a man, strong in his Communistic beliefs, to teach this group. This Bible-believing company, who took the Bible literally and worked and farmed together, did not lose their faith and trust in God, but they began to pray for this man.

He lost his appetite. He could not sleep. Greatly distressed, he consulted some of the people, wondering what was wrong with him. Their answer was, "It is sin. You need to kneel down before God, and get your heart right." And this man who came to indoctrinate them into the principles of Lenin and Marx, there knelt and humbled himself, confessed his sins, and accepted Christ as his Saviour!

He went back to the Communists and told them, "These people have got the real thing. They have something which works. I can no longer be a Communist." I do not know what happened to that "indoctrinator." I doubt if they will kill him, but even if they do he will witness to Christ, and so a hundred more will be converted. This gospel is really working in China. It was a modernist missionary who told me about this case, and it is incidents like this which are causing some who were modernists to turn back to the old paths of gospel truth. The Living Word lived out in the lives of His followers is bringing conviction to the hearts of men and women in China.

A Chinese Roman Catholic priest knew what could give him courage and strength for times of testing and trial like this. He asked an English Quaker missionary friend of mine for a Chinese Protestant Bible, saying, "We will have bloodshed and persecution, and I want the inner peace and strength which you have received from the Bible." This

REVIVALTIME answers the challenge of a closing door . . .

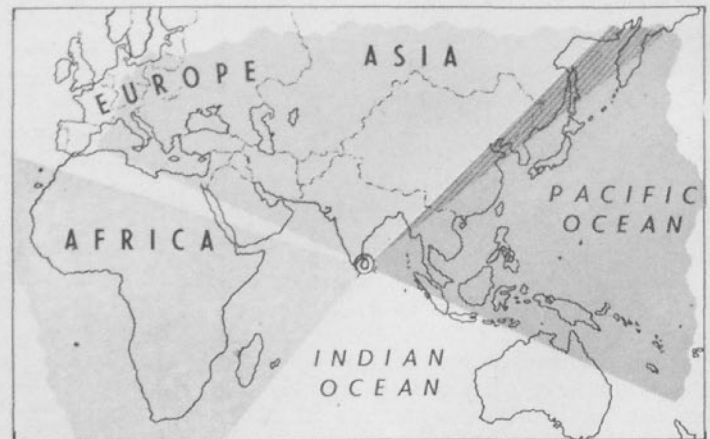
MILLIONS MORE ADDED TO AUDIENCE IN INDIA, AFRICA, EUROPE, AND ASIA

A succession of telegrams from the New York representative of Radio Ceylon offered REVIVALTIME an outlet reaching a vast new audience. It was a closing door, for this station is making no further time available for broadcasts such as ours.

Torn between this opportunity to reach 50,000,000 (fifty million) English-speaking people in India, in the Far East (including our armed forces), and throughout Africa—torn between this challenge and its increased financial burden—we have done what we feel you, as a missionary-minded member of the Assemblies of God would want us to do. More important, it was what we felt the Master would have us do.

A contract has been signed, and soon, at 9:30 each Saturday evening, the four great 100,000-watt beams of Radio Ceylon will sweep across the Eastern Hemisphere with the old-fashioned gospel!

To understand fully this great opportunity, you should remember, first, that English is the *lingua franca*—the language of commerce—throughout much of the world; second, that Radio Ceylon is a station of great power, with an established audience among



these English-speaking people. Pray that the Word will do its work.

Our new-found friends in these lands will not be able to help us financially. But the same Master who has set this open door before us, who has bidden us enter, may even now be speaking to *your* heart. What He says, do!

Send your gift to REVIVALTIME, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. If you give the name of your Assembly, it will receive missionary credit for your offering.

was given to him. Surely, "The Word of the Lord endureth forever!"

That is what comforts me now. I sleep and rise and say, "Lord, You'll give the harvest." I gave out the Word as I could. I gave out 12,000 Scripture portions myself, primarily to Communist soldiers, and I am believing God for the harvest.

Wherever I went I gave out the Gospels. At first I did not know whether I dared to do this. But I took courage and called out to the Communists, "Hi, comrades." Now you may wonder how I could be a "comrade" to the Communists. Well, I agree with them in one thing. They want everyone to have everything he needs. I agree with them in aim, but not in method. So I said, "Here is a little book." The Communists took the Gospels. Before I reached the top of the mountain, I had given out all I had.

On my way back, one of the Communists cried, "Kill him." But I knew they could not do that. They had orders not to do so. There is good discipline among the Communist troops, and nearly all have been courteous to me. About half of them accepted the Gospels, some even with thanks.

Those in the school compound where I was would say jokingly when I approached, "God is coming," for I have told them they cannot succeed in bettering the condition of the people if they leave God out of the program. So some have thought of God, and I am hoping the Word will keep them from the judgments of Romans 1:28 which shall come on those who "did not like to retain God in their knowledge."

Prayer will help to bring the fruit of the harvest. Pray especially for these young Chinese students and soldiers. Oh, that one of them might become an Augustine, a Finney, or a Moody. Perhaps out from them might come an even greater than John Sung, the great Chinese evangelist of the '30s, who burned himself out in fifteen years.

All God's servants in China need our prayers. Many are men and women of education and intelligence, keen sensitive, spiritual believers. They languish beneath Communism and numbers of them are in prison. Some have already died rather than betray their fellow believers and deny their Lord.

One leading Christian in China sent a thrill through all the Christian ranks when he willingly joined "the ten million Christian martyrs." He said there were many good things in Communism, and he listed them in a speech which he gave before a large assembly of Chinese. However, he said, "We Christians part company with the Communists where they refuse to recognize God and the soul. So," he continued, "since you believe only in the physical and reject the spiritual, I reserve my soul for God, and I give my body to be tortured, to be broken, and to be killed." After this he was arrested.

I believe God has a great purpose in all this suffering and martyrdom. Out of it is coming a Church purified and tested by the fires of adversity. Christ never forsakes His own. He is standing beside those who are being beaten, persecuted, tortured, and killed in China; but He is depending on us to hold up their hands by prevailing prayer.

SURRENDER OF SELF-WILL THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

GOD is getting ready to shut the door! These are the closing days of time! The hour has arrived for the outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh.

Revivals may begin in the church or have their genesis in individual hearts; but before they are through, they rock and shake communities and counties, and sometimes states and nations, by the dynamite of their explosive power. Revivals come quickly when evangelists and people get out of the center of *their* will concerning God and get into the center of *God's* will concerning revival outpourings.

It is hard to acquiesce to the will of the Lord when it is contrary to our own desires. We must come to a place where we recognize that quite often the will of the Lord runs contrary to our own desires, and there have been occasions when the divine will seems to run across our human reason and judgment. You can measure the extent of your consecration by the way you react in spirit and in action when you come to such a time as that.

Our Heavenly Father would never ask us to follow Him if He did not lead us. He would never ask us to listen if He never spoke to us. He would never require us to put our lives as clay in the Hands of the Potter if He did not intend to mould us and shape us according to His own purposes and His own plans.

Our difficulty is our reservation of our human wills and reason. We will give up bad habits. We will give up our money. We will abstain from questionable amusements and pleasures. We will give up almost everything but the thing we call our human will. Our own self-will is the hardest thing of all to lay at the Master's feet, but until we do make *this* surrender we can never experience the joy and glory and the beauty of a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life.—Chas. S. Price.

AIRMAN PRESERVED THROUGH MOTHER'S PRAYERS

I would like to tell how the Lord answered our prayers during my son's time in the service of Uncle Sam.

He was our only son, and he had never been out in the world of sin. When he joined the Air Force our hearts were very heavy. I felt that his going off to a training camp where all kinds of sin is committed would be more than I could endure.

At that time we were having a revival meeting at our church and there was a prayer meeting each morning. I went and asked the prayer warriors to ask God to take away my burden. He did that very thing, and when our son said good-bye I couldn't shed a tear for I felt God was going to see him through.

After he received his wings as a navigator he was sent to Arizona for his final training before going overseas. At this time I was awakened one morning and it seemed a newspaper was thrust in front of my eyes. I saw the headline—"Lost over the Pacific, Lt. Hoit D. Frierson"—in bold black letters.

In my half-awakened state I said, "No, no, I can't have that."

Something seemed to say, "What will you do about it?"

I said, "I'll fast and pray, and I'll begin this morning." So each Wednesday with a few exceptions I fasted, until he got back from overseas. God answered prayer. He wasn't sent to Japan after all. God changed his course and he went to England.

Six days after D-day he began his missions over Germany. Each night I asked the Lord to awaken me when he went on a mission or was in danger, so I could pray. I want to testify that God will do that for a person that is in earnest. Praise His holy name! Some nights I would try to go back to sleep, but the Lord would move me to get up again and pray. God knew what was going on and He was answering my prayers. In many cases I found out later that one or two motors on our son's bomber had been knocked out, or that he had been in some other danger.

One night in particular as I knelt to pray I seemed to see a plane nose-dive to the ground. Oh, how I prayed that God would preserve my son and the other men in that plane! I wrote to him asking about this. He replied saying that at that very hour the plane had done that very thing! It had gone into a nose-dive, and my son had his hand on the little red handle of his parachute ready to jump, when the pilot righted the plane in the nick of time.

Mothers, if you have boys at the battle front, hold on to God! He will take care of them if you will pray and trust Him to preserve them. "It is no secret what God can do. What He's done for others He'll do for you."

—Mrs. C. P. Frierson, Austin, Texas.

MISSIONS ABROAD

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell E. Dowdy, who sailed for Chile on October 8, have arrived safely on the field.

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The Ward Francis Woods, who have been engaged in language study in France for several months, reportedly are on their way to Upper Volta, French West Africa, to take up their work there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie E. Calloway and Miss Cleith M. Cox, missionaries to Nigeria, have returned home for furlough.

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Miss Winifred Currie, missionary to Belgian Congo, has arrived home from the field.

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Mr. and Mrs. Verlin E. Stewart are on their way to Cuba to engage in missionary work.



Mr. and Mrs. Alva I. Walker (above) have returned to Cuba after several months in the States.

Receives Appointment as Field Secretary

AT THE LAST meeting of the Executive Presbytery, November 13 to 15, Maynard L. Ketcham, who has been serving for several months as Assistant Field Secretary to India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, was appointed Field Secretary for that division of our foreign missions work. He will fill a vacancy left by the resignation, effective the first of the year, of Robert W. Cummings, well-known missionary, Bible teacher, author and speaker, who has served as Field Secretary to the Middle East since 1946.

Brother Ketcham has spent close to twenty-five years as a missionary to India. He first went to the field in 1926. His work has been in the Bengali-speaking area of North India. For a number of years he was Superintendent of the North India District Council of the Assemblies of God of the U.S.A. When the North Indian field was reorganized as the Assemblies of God of North India he be-



Maynard L. Ketcham

came the first General Superintendent, and served in that capacity until his return to the States in April of this year. For a time he also was Secretary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of India.

The retiring Field Secretary will devote his time to his teaching ministry at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. There may be future visits to the field he has served so faithfully and well, along with Sister Cummings, for so many years. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings went to India in 1920 as missionaries under the United Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Brother Cummings, whose parents also were missionaries, was born in India.

The appointment of Brother Ketcham was the only change made in field secretaries of the Foreign Missions Department.

FILLED WITH GOD

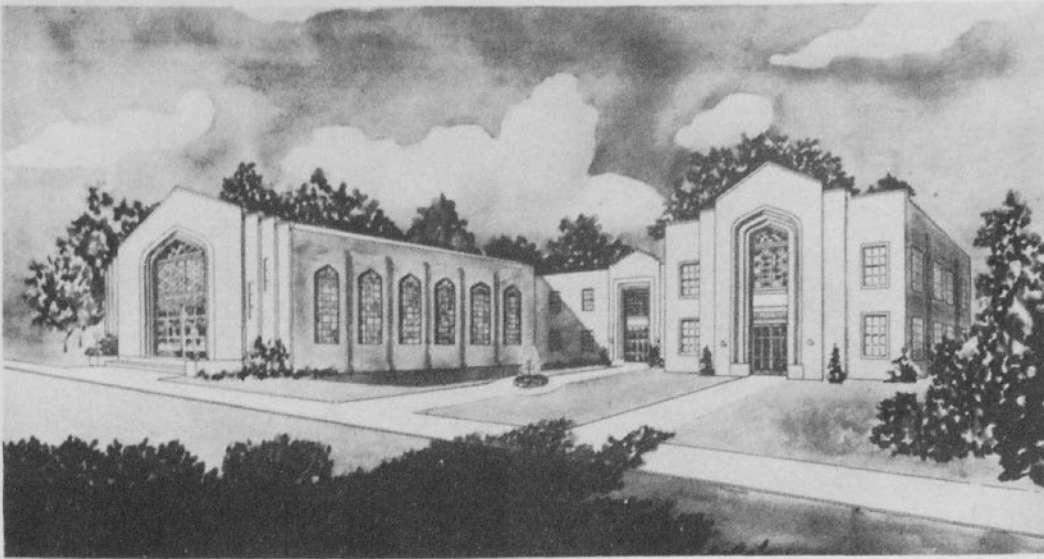
"Be filled with all the fulness of God." Ephesians 3:19. This means that not only should we have all there is of Him, but that He should have all there is of us. Is every part of our being filled with the Spirit of God?

Have we received Him into our spiritual nature, to lift us up into the life of God? Have we received Him into our intellectual nature, to cleanse, to quicken, and to use? Have we received Him into our physical being, to purify every member, to consecrate every power, to heal, and to employ our lips and hands and feet, and all our ransomed powers for the service and glory of Christ? This is what it means to be filled with the Spirit.

It means, also, to be filled with Him in all the circumstances, seasons, moments, interests, and occupations of our life. It means the indwelling of God in all our human relationships and activities. It means to have Him in our business, in our trials, in our joys, in our gains and losses, in our family affairs, in the whole circumference of life. It is the spiritual application of the miracle of the widow's oil poured out into all the vessels of our diversified human life.

*"There's no time too busy for His leisure;
There's no task too hard for Him to bear;
There's no soul too lowly for His notice;
There's no need too trifling for His care."*

—A. B. Simpson



CRICHTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN MOBILE, ALABAMA

The Crichton Assembly in Mobile is one of the oldest Assemblies in the Southeast. It had its beginning in the early days of the Pentecostal revival as the result of a tent revival. A building was erected at Haas Avenue and Bay Shore Street, and the church became affiliated with the General Council on October 16, 1922.

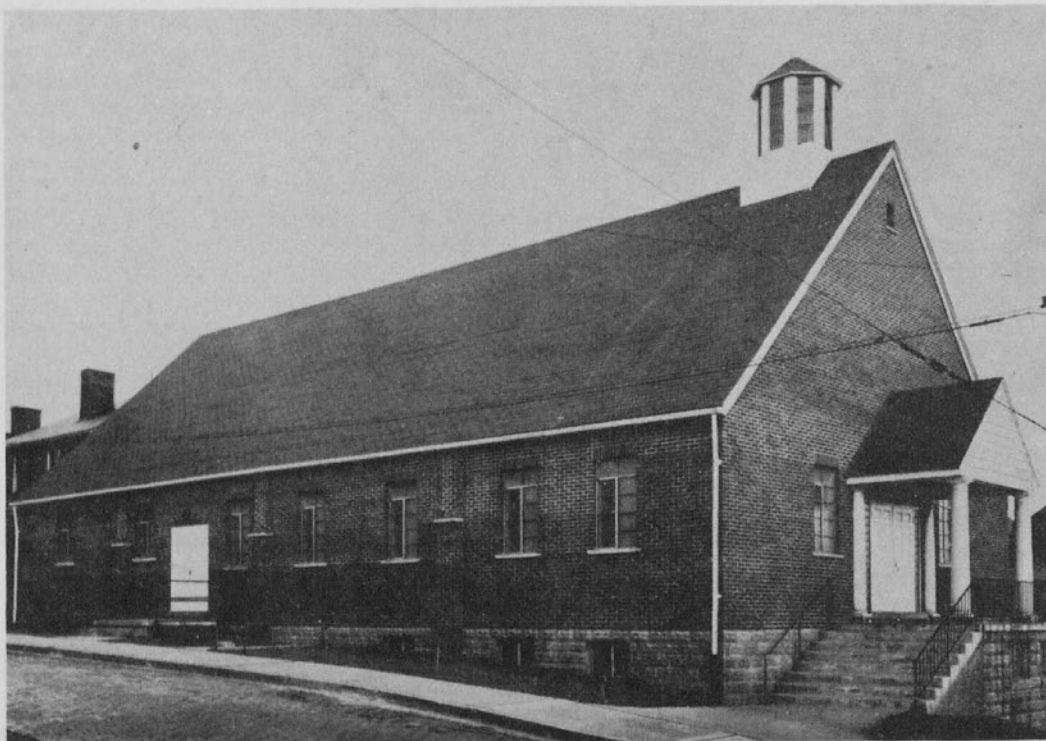
The late Ance Page was the first full-time pastor. Other well-known ministers who have shepherded the flock are D. P. Holloway, Clyde S. Bailey, Marvin L. Smith, and Clyde C. Goree. The present pastor, D. V. Williams, has served since 1946.

During the ministry of D. P. Holloway (1929-1935), property was purchased on Mobile Street and a new building program was launched. The

main auditorium and six Sunday School rooms were completed. An additional Sunday School unit was built during the years of Brother Goree's ministry. The present educational building, valued at \$100,000, has been completed since Brother Williams became pastor.

The architect's sketch (above) shows the entire church with the main auditorium at the left and the new educational building (Sunday School) at the right. It has 170 feet of frontage.

While the church has grown materially, it has also enjoyed a great spiritual growth. During the past five years it has received over 300 new members. Over 400 have been baptized in water and a like number have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.



NEW HOME OF THE TURTLE CREEK ASSEMBLY

In December, two years ago, the Assembly of God in Turtle Creek, Pa., was facing a crisis. The congregation was forced to seek a new location because of a railroad relocation project. The old property was sold with an agreement to vacate by April 30, 1950.

It seemed impossible to build a new church in four months' time. Nevertheless, plans were drawn for a brick structure 40 ft. by 80 and the work was started. Alex Stiner of the Jeanette Assembly was the brick and masonry contractor. His men had the basement wall up in nine days, and the upper structure finished in three months. Much of the other work was

done by members of the congregation, who helped with painting, roofing, plumbing, and electrical work. The first services were held in the new building on May 7, 1950.

The auditorium seats 300, and is furnished with golden oak pews. There is a baptistry, radio room, and pastor's study on the main floor. There are Sunday School rooms, a large assembly room, and furnace room in the basement. K. W. Wilkerson has been pastor of the Turtle Creek church for the past six years. He did the planning, buying, and directing of the construction of the new building.

VIEWS

—READERS WRITE

A Visit to the Children's Home

I feel impressed to write this letter, praying that it will be published in the *Evangel* before Christmas.

Last May I went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for two weeks to help at the National Children's Home where Brother and Sister Raymond Joliff are in charge. I spent my vacation there and was glad to donate my service since they were short of help at that time.

The children were so precious and courteous. I never saw such harmony and discipline among so large a household. And I never was called "sister" so much in my life. It made me very happy.

The workers in the Home deserve all the help we can give them. They put in a full day's work every day of the week. At night they go to their rooms tired enough to throw themselves across a bed and not lift their heads until morning, but they do not do that. If it is not church night, they gather in groups for prayer and Bible study. If it is church night they go to church. No matter how much work there is to do, that household never misses Sunday School or church.

When you are making up your Christmas boxes of gifts, don't forget these faithful workers. Their pay is not large, yet I never heard a complaint. They feel that inasmuch as they are training sixty boys and girls to serve the Lord they are doing their work unto Him. I believe there are twelve workers, including the superintendent and his wife. If you should rather send money instead of a Christmas box, it would be most acceptable, I am sure.—Lottie Chenault, Fort Worth, Texas.

A Letter from England

For the *EVANGEL*, which has been sent to us for some time by someone's generosity, we would say, "Thank you, in the name of our dear Lord Jesus Christ." My wife and myself (both over 70) enjoy reading it. We mark the portions as we are blessed and encouraged, and pass it on to others to read. We invariably have portions read at our monthly missionary meetings.

We are pleased to read the notes on the Sunday School Lesson, by our beloved Brother E. S. Williams whom we have had the great pleasure of seeing and hearing, and thank the dear Lord upon every remembrance of him. May the Lord bless him and all who labor to send out the truth through the medium of the *EVANGEL*.—H. T. Wilson, Barnsley, Yorks, England.

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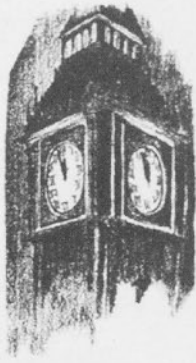
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After praying about it, this plan came to me. On September 18th I put my pennies in the missionary offering, a penny for each year of my age, as customary in most Sunday Schools. On the following Sunday I was up there with my pennies again, and the superintendent said, "How come you are up here again; didn't you put your pennies in last Sunday?" Then I stated to him and the Sunday School that 45 years ago the previous Sunday I was born of the flesh, and 20 years ago that day I was "born again," or spiritually born.

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The Sikorsky was the first Speed-the-Light vehicle purchased by the Christ's Ambassadors of the Assemblies of God. It was purchased second-hand in 1944 and was used for a period of over three years. Brother Mason piloted it over 1500 hours, carrying passengers to and from

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Southwestern deeply appreciates the propeller of the Sikorsky and will treasure it as a token of the consecration of all our Assemblies of God young people to the missionary work of the Lord Jesus Christ.—Elisabeth Galley, Missions Department Supervisor, S. B. I., Waxahachie, Texas.

NEWS

**W. A. BROWN HEARD IN
RADIO RALLIES**

Wilfred A. Brown was engaged in a series of Radio Rallies in Minnesotā and the Dakotas last month. He visited a different church each night for nine consecutive nights, presenting the challenge that faces our national radio program.

Brother Brown is Executive Administrator of Radio, as well as General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. He is available for speaking engagements in radio rallies wherever and whenever his schedule will permit. Invitations may be addressed to him in care of the Radio Department, P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

"Revivaltime" is reaching a vast audience every week, estimated at



W. A. Brown

40,000,000 or more persons. It is released over 59 stations in the United States and 11 stations in other lands where there are many English-speaking people.

One fifth of the radio budget is spent for these foreign releases, so "Revivaltime" is a real missionary enterprise. It is heard regularly over Radio Luxembourg, Europe's most powerful commercial station (200,000 watts), which reaches millions in France, Belgium, and Great Britain. The coverage in Great Britain alone includes 11,000,000 people, and 1,200,000 families consider themselves regular listeners to the Sunday programs. Nearly all of the radio stations in Europe are government-controlled and will not accept gospel programs like "Revivaltime," and so the English-speaking people of Europe find the broadcast over Radio Luxembourg an unspeakable blessing.

But "Revivaltime" is not only a foreign missionary enterprise; it is a home missionary work, as well, for it reaches into many areas where no Assembly of God church has been established. Last month, for example, it was introduced to a great new audience over Station WCFL, Chicago. This station reaches 190 counties in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Iowa. More than 4,700,000 homes have their radios tuned to WCFL, the station estimates.

This thirty-minute program of gospel music, song, and preaching is stirring many hearts, as indicated by the mail that comes from all parts of this country and from other lands. The voice of Wesley R. Steelberg is heard each week, presenting the good news of salvation through Christ. The singing is done by a choir of consecrated students at Central Bible Institute. They are capably directed by Erika Munger,

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who is responsible for the musical portion of the program.

E. M. Clark, formerly pastor of the Assembly of God church in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, is now Director of the Radio Department. The former Director, Marcus T. Gaston, resigned after several years of excellent service. Under Brother Gaston's direction "Revivaltime" was launched on April 9, 1950, to enjoy an ever-widening ministry. Brother Gaston felt called back into pastoral work, and so he resigned in August to become Assistant Pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Fresno, California.

Brother Clark and the Radio Staff are depending on their friends to support the work both in prayer and with gifts. The radio ministry is expanding, therefore the financial burdens are greater, and help is particularly needed at the present time. Do you wish to have a part in this mission of faith, and share the rewards of its spiritual harvest? If so, address your offering to "Revivaltime," P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

REIDSVILLE, N. C.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Walter H. Smith of Merced, Calif. Five were saved, eight received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and several were refilled. The entire church was benefited by the meeting.

A young man testified to a glorious healing. He was afflicted with tuberculosis and had had seven ribs removed. Three times he was thought to be dying. He was in the hospital at the beginning of the meetings. After prayer he was raised up, pronounced completely healed, and dismissed from the hospital. He came to church and testified to his healing. His wife was saved and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the meetings.—W. R. Pierce, Pastor.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—We enjoyed four weeks of old-time Pentecostal refreshing under the anointed ministry of Evangelist L. A. Hubbard of Fairmont, W. Va. The presence of God was so great in several services that the evangelist was not able to preach. In one of these services two women received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost while they were standing in the congregation worshipping the Lord.

Almost every night people from other denominations attended the services. Souls were saved, some were reclaimed, and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A number were healed by the power of God.

The meeting was climaxed when eight were buried with the Lord in water baptism. Several have expressed their desire to affiliate with the church.—V. M. Dullabaun, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Nov. 11—We give thanks to our heavenly Father for a refreshing shower from on high. During the year there have been conversions, a few have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and about 45 have been baptized in water, but beginning about the middle of September a spirit of prayer became evident among us. There were conversions in our regular services.

On October 7 we began special meetings with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry as musical messengers. The Lord honored this effort and confirmed the Word with conversions and healings. Approximately 20 were saved, seven were filled with the Holy Spirit, and some were refilled. There are still a number seeking to be filled with the Spirit. The meetings are being discontinued for the present because of the weather.—Fred Lohmann, Pastor-Evangelist, Trinity Tabernacle.

WINDSOR, ONT., CANADA—Immediately following the dedication of our new building, Evangelist Jack West and the Fred Henry Party gave us a very fine meeting. Quite a number were saved and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

For three weeks in September God met us in a wonderful way under the ministries of Evangelists Clifton Erickson and A. S. Teuber. Over 200 names were recorded of people who sought God for salvation. Fifteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Many were marvelously healed. A person who had worn a body cast for months was healed and removed the cast after four days. A veteran whose arm was broken by a bullet was healed immediately. A woman with cancer was prayed

for and an X ray taken later proved that she was healed. A little girl with vision nearly gone in one eye received sight immediately. A man with a crippled arm was wonderfully healed.

Our church received much benefit in membership both in the church and in Sunday School. We baptized 19 in water recently.—William H. Fitch, Pastor, Bethel Pentecostal Church.

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.

NEWCASTLE, WYO.—Assembly of God, Dec. 4—16; Eden Evangelistic Party of Coffeyville, Kans.—by W. Neil McDaniel, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, 1st and Nevada Sts., Jan. 13—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif. (Claude Weaver is Pastor.)

MATTOON, ILL.—Dec. 30—Jan. 20; Evangelist Fred D. Drake, Buffalo, N. Y. (M. R. Searles is Pastor.)

SEYMOUR, TEX.—Assembly of God, Jan. 2—; Evangelist P. C. Loftin.—by Lloyd McIntosh, Pastor.

BENTON, ARK.—Dec. 9—23; Evangelist James O. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo. (T. W. Reddin is Pastor.)

EDMOND, OKLA.—Dec. 30—; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by R. S. Strange, Pastor.

NYSSA, OREG.—Assembly of God, Dec. 4—; Evangelist Dick Colsen, Hillsboro, Oreg.—by Frank Coley, Pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 810 Summitview, Dec. 4—23; Evangelist Joyce Gering and co-workers.—by B. V. Jones, Pastor.

CUTLER, CALIF.—Dec. 16—; Surratt Brothers (Norman and Hubert) Evangelistic Team, Waynoka, Okla. (Gordon Shannon is Pastor.)

FORT FRANCIS, ONT., CAN.—Calvary Tabernacle, meeting in progress; Evangelist Oliver Johnson, Powers Lake, N. Dak.—by G. N. Fulford, Pastor.

MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Cor. Springbrook Ave. and 3rd St., Jan. 6—Feb. 3; Evangelist Richard Vinyard and party.—by J. E. Jenkins, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—City-wide Sunday School Workers' Training Course, Bethel Tabernacle, 12th and C Sts. S.W., Dec. 9—16. Near by Assemblies co-operating. Duane Hurst, National Director of Workers' Training.—by Harry V. Shaeffer, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

RADIO PROGRAM—"Words of Life," station KRAL, Rawlins, Wyo., Saturdays 7:30 a.m.—by Murray McLees, Pastor.

RADIO PROGRAM—"Gospel Gleaners," station WAVL, Apollo, Pa., 910 kc., Sundays 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by Gospel Tabernacle, 214 High St., Freeport, Pa.—by Charles Shaffer, Pastor.

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FOR SERVICEMEN IN JAPAN—Pentecostal rallies held regularly at Assemblies of God Bible School, 430-1 San Chome, Komagome, Tokyo, at 3 p.m. on first Sunday of each month, and at 7 p.m. on third Sunday of each month. For information phone Tokyo 86-5115.

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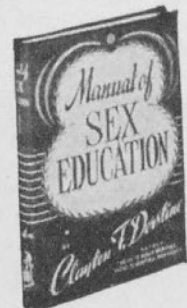
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"The picture, 'David and Bathsheba,' is one of the most outstanding examples of the manner in which Hollywood producers distort the records of history and the sacred chronicles of the Bible," he said.

"For entirely mercenary reasons they again have misused and abused the Holy Bible. Holding in greedy hands the magnifying glass of Mammon, they again have concentrated on what seems to be their favorite theme—an act of adultery—and enlarged and refurbished it until nothing much stands out in the picture for the mind to remember except lewdness, plus the Star of David, so erroneously and distastefully displayed on the shirts of David and on the hangings of the palace.

"According to the Jewish Encyclopedia, volume 8, under the heading, 'Magen David,' we read: 'The Jewish view of God permitted no images and was opposed to the acceptance of symbols and neither the Bible nor the Talmud recognizes their existence. It is noteworthy, moreover, that the shield of David is not mentioned in rabbinical literature.' It was not until 1873 that the American Jewish Publication Society adopted it as a device to be used on sacred vessels.

"The movie producers made of Bathsheba a calculating Lorelei, a conniving adulteress who enticed David. The fact is, as recorded in the Bible, that David sent messengers and took her. 2 Samuel 11:4.

"They made of Bathsheba a murderess at heart who denied her love for her husband and declared she was glad he was dead, after David had arranged for him to be destroyed. The fact is that 'when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.' 2 Samuel 11:26.

"In one love scene of the picture, when Bathsheba asked David what he did as a boy, he replied that on the hills of Judea where he tended his sheep he did nothing much except watch his flock and 'dream of women—beautiful women.' The Bible, on the other hand, shows that he, as a boy, was so pure of body and mind and soul that God sent the prophet Samuel to anoint him, and Samuel said of him, because of the fineness of the youth, 'The Lord is with him.'

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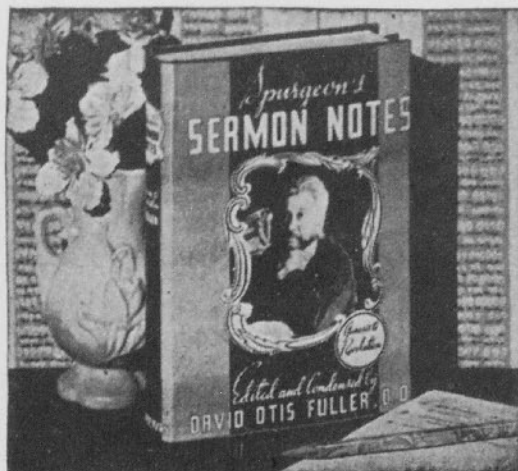
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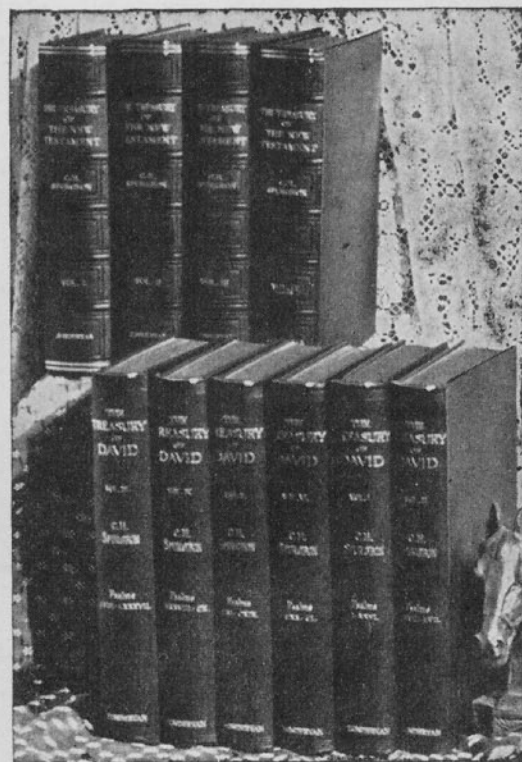
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