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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Urge Sacred Wedding Music

The Canadian College of Organists has urged that songs used currently at some church weddings be abandoned in favor of strictly sacred music. In a letter to the Canadian Council of Churches the organists ask that the Mendelssohn and Wagner wedding marches, and such songs as "I Love You Truly" and "I'll Walk Beside You," be replaced by religious music.

Gospel Songs in Georgia Senate

The Georgia Senate held an old-fashioned gospel sing to open a recent session in Atlanta. Pastor Tom Holmes of Lakewood Heights Baptist church, who was Senate chaplain for the week, brought along three colleagues to lead the singing. The senators sang lustily and the chamber rang with "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus." People throughout the offices of the State capitol stopped their work to listen to the spirited singing.

Seek Chapel in the Capitol

A resolution has been introduced in Congress for the purpose of providing a chapel in the U. S. Capitol. It would be an inter-faith affair with altars suitable for Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. It would be located just off the rotunda of the Capitol and would be for the exclusive use of members of Congress. Sponsors of the resolution said such a chapel would fill a long-felt need for a convenient place where Congressmen might retire for prayer. Less lobbying and more praying on Capitol Hill would result in better government.

Prayers Answered in Washington

Many prayers have been answered by the remarkable results of the Billy Graham meetings in Washington, D. C. The nation was thrilled at the report that more people gathered on the east steps of the Capitol to hear the young evangelist preach the gospel than gathered there for any recent inaugural ceremony of the President of the United States!

Less than twenty minutes before the time to start the outdoor meeting, rain was falling. It was a cold, wet day. As a result, the crowd that gathered prior to the meeting was comparatively small. But God answered prayer and before the meeting began the rain abruptly ceased. The meeting lasted an hour and the rain held off, but three minutes after the

meeting closed it began to rain again, to continue pouring all evening!

An estimated crowd of 40,000 heard the evangelist, and millions listened by radio. An altar call was given from the steps of the nation's Capitol and more than 500 stepped forward to receive Christ as their personal Saviour.

News in Brief

The Y.W.C.A. of Atlantic City, N. J., is contesting the right of the courts to force it to take into membership 13 women who are not in sympathy with the spiritual aims of this particular branch of the "Y" which happens to be in the hands of born-again Christian women.

Between 70% and 80% of the Communist prisoners of war held in South Korea has signed petitions stating that they do not want to be sent back to any Communist-dominated area.

The Navy is conducting a special training program at Norfolk, Va. for laymen who serve as religious leaders aboard ships that are too small to have a full-time chaplain. The Amphibious Force, consisting mainly of small landing ships, now has a volunteer group of 90 laymen assisting the seven regularly assigned chaplains. The laymen range in rank from seaman to lieutenant.

Each month 65 million subway riders in New York City come face to face with gospel texts which the New York Bible Society has posted in subway stations. The texts, such as John 3:16, Romans 6:23, and Isaiah 55:7, are clearly printed on posters 30 x 46 inches in size.

A survey by the National Council of Churches reveals that the Free Methodists are leading all other denominations in all-purpose giving, with an average contribution of \$163.76 per member during 1951. Adventists were second with \$143.11 per member, and the Wesleyan Methodists third with an average of \$114.95.

The Church of the Nazarene now has 3,800 established churches in the U. S., Canada, and the British Isles, with approximately 242,000 members. Their Sunday School enrollment increased 20,000 during 1951 and now stands at 500,000.

Thirty-eight U. S. and Canadian denominations now have more than 15,000 missionaries abroad, and are contributing more than forty million dollars a year to sustain their foreign program of witness and service for Christ.

The U. S. Army now has one chaplain to every 900 men.

We read with regret that "Jersey Joe" Walcott, who won the world's heavyweight boxing championship and announced his intention to devote his life to Sunday School work, has asked the authorities in Philadelphia for a permit to operate a bar in the new restaurant he is opening.

Lutherans to Meet in Hannover

Some 80,000 Lutherans from all parts of the world are expected to attend the Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation this summer. It will be held in Hannover, in the British Zone of Western Germany, and authorities of East Germany have promised to provide transportation for any Lutherans from East Germany who wish to go to Hannover for the event.

Congressmen Urge Bible Study

Four Congressmen appeared on Evangelist Dale Crowley's national Quizspiration broadcast recently. The weekly program originates in Washington and reaches a huge audience through the facilities of 150 radio stations across the country.

During the broadcast, Sen. Olin Johnston (D.—S. C.) said: "When nations become wealthy, like the rich man of the Bible proverb, they tend to forget God, and that is what is happening to us in America. We are relegating God to an inconsequential place in our lives."

"We have a tendency to worship gold rather than God," commented Rep. Dwight L. Rogers (D.—Fla.).

"We talk a lot about our military and economic security," observed Rep. J. Percy Priest (D.—Tenn.), "when it is really our spiritual welfare that ought to be concerning us most, for there is where we are becoming fatally weak."

Rep. Brooks Hays (D.—Ark.) said that he has found people in the nation thinking more about the moral corruption in the government than any other issue. He said that the scandals have shocked them into realizing what has been happening to American society gradually over the years as spiritual values have come to have less meaning.

All four members of Congress gave personal testimony to the need for increased study of the Bible in order to restore America's spiritual foundation.

The Faithful Bride

Evangelist Willard Cantelon

IF JESUS SHOULD come today, would you be ready for His coming? You may answer, "How can I know?" And the Word of God replies in 1 John 2:3, "Hereby do we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." The first and the great commandment, said Jesus, is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37).

God created man in the beginning to love and worship Him, but the devil came in to the early garden home to attract man's love away from God and, if possible, to himself. The sin that brought Lucifer, Son of the Morning, down from his exalted place was his refusal to submit to God (Isaiah 14:12-14). Satan succeeded in causing our foreparents to listen to his voice and disobey God's Commandment, and this act of disobedience broke man's communion with God.

Although the sentence of death was pronounced upon man because of sin, God promised a Saviour who would meet the demands of the law, and buy man back to God. When Jesus moved among men during His earthly ministry, He spoke of Himself as the "Bridegroom." And in many scriptures, the believers are spoken of as "The Bride." In the parable concerning His return, the Master said, "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Matthew 25:6). And in verse 10, we read, "And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut."

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest love story the world has ever heard. As a bride is won by the lover, so John says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." God in His love created man to love and serve Him. He did not compel service, but gave man a will by which he could serve by choice, and when man disobeyed and turned away, God provided through the death of His Son cleansing for man's sin and a renewal of the fellowship that sin had broken. Calvary, with all of its bloodshed and sorrow, offers pardon and cleansing only to the man who bows in obedience and says, "I WILL accept Christ as my Saviour."

"WITH THE MIND I SERVE THE LAW OF GOD"

When the Word says that a man is justified by faith, it means that in God's sight he becomes just as pure as Adam was before he sinned, but the great question is, "Is it possible for man to fall again?"

If it was man's will that took him away from God in the beginning, and if it is his will that brings him back to Calvary for pardon and cleansing, does man lose his will when he accepts Christ? If he does not, how important does his will figure in his continued walk with Christ? What did Paul mean in Romans 7:25, when he said, "So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God"?

The Word of God frequently likens our life on earth to a journey, and Jesus says in Matthew 7:13, 14, that there are only two roads and two destinations. Throughout the entire Scriptures, God offers His double challenge to man. First, to choose the right road, and second, to walk in it. Moses cried, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19). God not only challenges man to choose the right pathway, but also commands, "Walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16). Paul warns in Romans 11:22, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."

In Hebrews 2:6, 7, the question is asked, "What is man?" and the answer is given, "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels." Both Jude and Peter warned us that the angels which were once pure and blessed of God kept not their first estate and therefore were lost. Isaiah told us that Lucifer fell because he lifted his will against God (Isaiah 14:12-15). So Paul wrote in Hebrews 10:26, "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." We must repent or perish.

WAYWARD SONS

When a child is born physically into



this life, he becomes a son and remains such regardless of his conduct, but it must be remembered that in physical birth the natural child had nothing to do with his birth; whereas a man's own will has everything to do with his spiritual birth. If a man's volitional surrender makes him a child of God, then that will must remain yielded to God; otherwise, he becomes a wayward son.

In Luke 15, the Master spoke of a wayward son, who decided to leave his father's home. The father's love could not retain the boy in his house when he purposed to leave. And certainly, when the son took his journey into a far country, he was still a son, but an absent son, a wanderer.

The prodigal son did not return to his father until, by an act of will, that son turned his footsteps home and asked forgiveness. The father's reply was, "For this thy brother was DEAD, and is alive again" (Luke 15:32). Paul said in Ephesians 2:1, "And you hath he quickened, who were DEAD in trespasses and sins."

Sam Jones, the converted lawyer who became a great Methodist evangelist, said, "For every call to repentance, there are twenty warnings in the Bible against the dangers of backsliding." We read in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Peter wrote in 2 Peter 2:20, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again ENTANGLED therein, and OVERCOME, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning." In Luke 8:13, Jesus spoke of those who receive the word with joy which for a while believe and in time of temptation FALL AWAY. In Acts 1:25, we read, "Judas by transgression FELL, that he might go to his own place."

THE SURE FOUNDATION

In writing to Timothy, Paul said, "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Timothy 2:19).



Willard Cantelon

In Egypt, God marked His own with the blood. The safety of the believers in Egypt rested upon their meeting two conditions: first, to have the blood on the door; and second, to stay inside the door. It was not safe to place the mark of the blood upon the home and

then wander aimlessly at will, for God's command was, "And none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning" (Exodus 12:22).

When God gave Rahab a mark for her safety, again God gave a conditional promise. First, she must apply the scarlet cord; and then she must remain behind that mark of protection. It was not enough to merely hang the scarlet cord in its place, for God had commanded in Joshua 2:19, "And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head."

The scarlet cord and the blood of the passover are both types of redemption, even as Paul said, "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7). Paul declared that what happened to those in the Old Testament was for our learning and admonition, so when we see the plan of security clearly set forth in type and pictures, we readily understand the clarity of such scriptures as 1 John 1:7, "If we walk in the light . . . the blood cleanseth."

It did not require any effort or struggle for the Israelite to abide behind the mark of the blood in Egypt, but it did require obedience. The smallest child was just as secure as the strongest man so long as the condition of abiding was met. Their protection did not rest upon their ability to protect themselves, but rather on their obedience in keeping in the place where the blood afforded protection. Jesus said in John 15:6, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

EVERY PROMISE IS CONDITIONAL

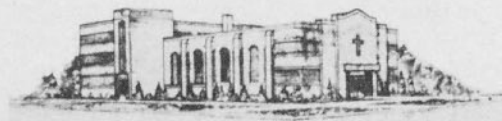
There are 32,000 promises in the Scriptures but every promise is conditional upon man's obedience. God

ON THE COVER PAGE

The new home of the Assembly of God in Aberdeen, South Dakota, was designed by the late P. T. Emmett, who was killed in a plane crash before the actual construction of the building began.

The building was erected during the ministry of Silas S. Rexroat, who gave up the pastorate in 1951 to become District Superintendent.

Services were held in the educational department in the rear for two years while work was being done in the main auditorium. The first service in the main auditorium was held in April, 1951, even though the building was not completed on the inside. The following week the District Council met in this church, and it was at this Council that



Assembly of God Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota, from the side.

Brother Rexroat was elected to serve as District Superintendent for South Dakota.

Theodore Murphy was called to be Pastor, and under the ministry of Brother Murphy and his wife the church is moving ahead. The congregation is grateful to God for the fine building He has given them. The main auditorium is 50 x 80 and contains a balcony, nursery, large platform and choir loft. The Christian Education department, forming a "T" at the rear, has three floors each 45 x 65. It contains Sunday School rooms, offices, and two smaller auditoriums.

says that if we do our part, He will perform His part of the promise.

I once heard a minister use as a text, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." And the speaker proceeded to state that if a person came for the cleansing of the Blood once, it mattered not how far he might wander, or how greatly he might sin, for the Blood still cleansed from all sin. The text that the minister used was Scripture, all right, but it was only part of a sentence. The first lesson in

grammar teaches that a sentence is a group of words expressing a complete thought, and to break the sentence is to break the thought. If we are to read the Bible with honesty, we must not break any sentence but take each complete thought as God has given it to us. To quote the entire sentence from which the minister had extracted words for a text, we read 1 John 1:6, 7, "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Here we find, as in every promise, that first there is a condition, "If we walk in the light," and then follow God's faithful promise, "The blood cleanseth."

Another example of a broken scripture and a half-truth that is frequently mentioned is in John 10:28. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." These are indeed wonderful words, but they are only a portion of a sentence which includes John 10:27, 28. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Here again is the condition, "They follow me," and then the promise, "I give unto them eternal life."

SAVING FAITH

The same Bible that declares, "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8), also says, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Hebrews 10:38). And again, "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23).

If God says a thing once, it is true. But if God repeats the same truth four times in one chapter, He certainly must be endeavoring to impress upon man's dull heart a vital truth. In James 2:14 we read, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" and in verse 17, the answer comes, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." In verses 19 and 20, James continues, "Thou believest that there is one God: thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man,

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Christ Will Come Again

Joseph Wilderman

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many, and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time, without sin unto salvation. Hebrews 9:28.

THE OBJECT of Christ's first coming into the world was to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself; and after a period of absence in heaven, where He now acts as our Mediator and High Priest, He will return again to this world.

Like Christian people the world over we believe that in order to be saved from our sins we must believe in His sacrifice (Romans 10:9-13). This is our common faith. The inspiration of the Bible, the fall of man, universal sin, the pre-existence of Christ, His virgin birth, His spotless life and vicarious suffering on our behalf are cardinal truths believed in by Christians in all generations. It is when we discuss the validity of personal experience, and future events such as the second coming of Jesus Christ, that differences arise. Those of us who believe in His second coming and rejoice in the hope that it gives us in these dark days, think it strange that it is not universally believed and proclaimed from every pulpit in the land.

But there are those who dislike the idea of the coming again of Christ; like Adam, who after the fall hid himself because he was naked, there are so-called preachers of the gospel who feel ill at ease when they hear of Christ's future return. Possibly it is a guilty conscience that makes the teaching unattractive to them. They reject the truth, but their rejection only serves to fulfill the inspired prophecies. Peter wrote: "First of all, you must understand this, that in the last days mockers will come with their mockeries, going where their passions lead and saying, Where is his promised coming? For ever since our forefathers fell asleep everything has remained as it was from the beginning of creation" (2 Peter 3:3, 4, Good-speed's Translation).

SOME INFALLIBLE PROOFS OF THE SECOND COMING

The past fulfillment of prophecies is a striking proof of the divine inspiration of our Bible, and a great confirmation of our faith in what is recorded con-

cerning future events. In the historical books of the Bible, from Genesis to Second Chronicles, it is said there are more than a hundred predictions recorded, together with their fulfillment.

Some of these predictions were uttered hundreds of years before the events took place: as instanced in the flood (Genesis 6:17 and 7:21-23), and in Josiah, one of the great revivalists of the Old Testament, who was named 350 years before his birth. (1 Kings 13:1-3 and 2 Kings 23:15-20.)

In studying the prophecies which speak of the first and second comings of Christ, care must be taken to distinguish between those which refer to His coming in weakness and in humiliation as the "Man of sorrows" to atone for sin, and the prophecies which speak of His glory as Lord and King. Compare Isaiah 7:14 with Zechariah 14. Some of these remarkable predictions which circle around the first advent, were given hundreds of years beforehand. The first promise of a Saviour and the nature of His birth are intimated in Genesis 3:15 (about 4004 B.C.) The Virgin Birth was prophesied 700 years beforehand. Psalm 22, which so graphically describes our Lord's humiliation and suffering, was written around 1058 B.C. All these prophecies were given by divine inspiration (2 Peter 1:21 and Luke 1:70) and the proof of their validity is that they have all been fulfilled to the very letter.

Surely then we cannot be accused of presumption when we believe that predictions regarding His second coming in glory and great power shall have the same precise and literal fulfillment as those which concerned His birth, humiliation and atonement. It is a source of great inner strength to realize that our Lord Himself said: "I will come again" (John 14:3). The above simple



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statement is supported by some 318 references in 260 chapters of the New Testament, and the declarations are made by Christ and His apostles. Here are a few which are so clear as to admit of no confusion of thought on the matter: 1 Corinthians 15:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; and 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:1; James 5:7-8; 2 Peter 1:16; 3:4; 1 John 2:28. Also Hebrews 9:28 states emphatically that He shall come the second time.

THE MANNER OF CHRIST'S COMING

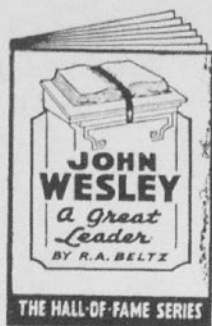
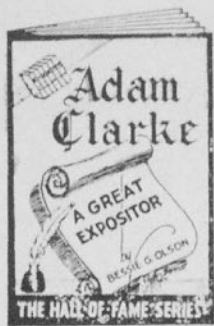
"This same Jesus shall so come in LIKE MANNER as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). There is nothing ambiguous about this statement. The same resurrected, glorified Saviour, last seen by His disciples, will return in exactly the same way as He departed from them. There is nothing secret or silent about it, except the *time* of His coming (Acts 1:7). It is an actual, visible, personal and sudden appearance in the clouds of heaven.

"And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds with power and glory" (Mark 13:26).

Like the lightning flash (Matthew 24:27), suddenly, unexpected, visibly (Revelations 1:7), "every eye shall see Him." It will be universally known. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, countless millions of Blood-washed saints shall be resurrected from their graves, and living saints on earth shall be changed as Christ descends from heaven at the last trump (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). "Caught up together to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," are the words spoken by old and young, and this prayer shall be answered.

THE BELIEVERS' ATTITUDE

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distinct decline in the preaching of this great message of hope. This greatest of all events should be one of joyous expectation. "We shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:3). Our attitude should be fixed with purpose and holy living. "And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him and His coming" (1 John 2:28). Vigilance and service are the great needs of the hour.

THE FAITHFUL BRIDE

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that faith without works is dead?" And to close the chapter, we read in verse 26, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

Paul declared in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity." He was not minimizing the importance of faith, but rather establishing the truth that is so greatly emphasized in the second chapter of James, and also in Galatians 5:6, "Faith worketh by love."

When love grows cold, faith ceases to operate. When the love of the heart grows cold, faith no longer is a work of the heart, but merely a mental attitude; and this accomplishes nothing, even as James said, "Thou believeth that there is one God . . . the devils also believe, and tremble." But saving faith is of the heart, and it operates by love. For "faith without works is dead," and "faith works by love."

THE UNFAITHFUL BRIDE

In Matthew 9:15, Jesus referred to Himself as the Bridegroom, and in many scriptures the believers are likened to the bride of Christ. As Paul spoke of the loyalty that must exist between husband and wife, he declared in Ephesians 5:32, "This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

As a true wife will keep her love and loyalty for her husband, so a true Christian will keep his love and loyalty for Christ. As the unfaithful wife will turn her love and attention toward others, so unfaithful Christians will turn their attention and affections to worldly things. To such James writes, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4).

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we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments" (1 John 2:3). Jesus said in John 15:14, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Again in Matthew 7:21, Jesus clearly stated, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

God's Word commands, "Keep yourselves in the love of God" (Jude 21). The Master warns, concerning the time of the end, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12). And when love cools to a lukewarm state, God says, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:16). The heavenly Bridegroom is coming for a bride who has kept herself upspotted from the world, and who loves the thought of His appearing.

THE FAITH OF A CHILD

One winter my daughter and her family lived with me, because my health was poor and my husband was away from home most of the time. My little granddaughter was very dear to me, and she taught me a very precious lesson.

I was awakened one morning in the very early hours by the little girl's constant coughing. She had caught cold and it had given her a very distressing cough.

I thought, "I will go to the kitchen and get something that will help her." But she heard my movements and came to the kitchen to see what was going on; and when I looked into her eyes I somehow felt a very strong urge to ask God to heal the cough.

So I said, "We are going to pray that God will take that cough away. He can do anything, you know." And she believed. I prayed as earnestly as I could, and she believed with that wonderful faith that only the children have; and after that she coughed only a very few times. I was very thankful. I knew that God had answered prayer.

As we sat at the dinner table that day, my little granddaughter leaned rather close to me to tell me something, and I said, "Don't get too close; you might give Granny your cold."

Very quickly she replied, "No, Granny, don't you remember? God healed me."

I was properly rebuked.—Zona Bays Marshall.

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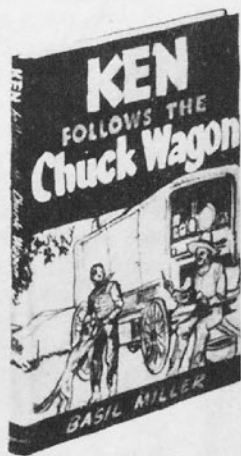
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Pentecost Comes to Bolivia

Mrs. Everett G. Hale, Bolivia

MISSIONARIES to Bolivia had a glorious reward for their labors and prayers early in February when the Spirit was outpoured at the Bible School in Cochabamba. Until then, nowhere among the assemblies in Bolivia had anyone received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The McColl-Gerard Trio was with us for meetings at the time. They had been in Lima, Peru, where they had conducted union services with ten Assembly of God churches co-operating. No doubt they came to Bolivia in divine order for their ministry filled a pressing need.

In the first wave of blessing ten of the students received the Holy Spirit. In succeeding services the Spirit was outpoured again and again, and though the nationals had never witnessed anyone receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, they acted exactly as do those in the States when the Spirit came upon them. Some moved upon by the Spirit danced, some were prostrated on the floor, and shouts of praise filled the auditorium.

The freedom of our services is hindered because the Bible School is conducted in a rented building. There are unsympathetic tenants overhead. Fortunately during the outpouring there was no unpleasant disturbance from above, only showers of blessings from heaven. An urgent need here is for property for our Bible School. It is estimated that close to \$15,000 will be required for this purpose.

The Trio sang in Spanish and their music was much appreciated by the nationals. Services also were conducted in Santa Cruz where Flora L. Shafer and Pearl M. Estep are stationed.

(Note: Miss Bernice Gerard was the national winner of the 1951 Subscription In-

crease Effort of *The Missionary Challenge*. The award of \$200 which Miss Gerard chose, was applied to the trip to Latin America. Henry C. Ball, Field Secretary for Latin America, and *The Missionary Challenge* worked with the McColl-Gerard Trio in arranging meetings on the field.)

Revival at School in Africa

Pierre Dupret, Upper Volta

FOR THREE YEARS we have been asking God for a revival at the French Christian School at Ouagadougou. This year, even from the beginning of the term, we have been able to sense a revival spirit among the students, but the last of December there was a great outpouring.

It started with several meetings in which there was heart-searching and confession of sins. Our morning service lasted until 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 30. There were more confessions at that time and five received the Baptism. The service was dismissed but the students continued to pray until ten o'clock. Eight more received infillings.

For several evenings we gathered for evening service. The students continued to pray. Some could be heard crying to the Lord long into the night. Because of the intense hunger for the Pentecostal experience we found it necessary to have afternoon services. The shortest ones lasted four hours.

We marvel to see what the Lord is doing in our midst. Lives have been transformed. Eighty students, which includes all of the

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older students, have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The revival has given a new impetus to evangelistic efforts around Ouagadougou. Students have been going out to neighboring towns to preach. This past Sunday they came back with reports of ten persons at one place, five at another, and twenty at another accepting Christ. In our own services it is not unusual now to have messages in tongues, interpretations, and healings.

(Note: Pierre Dupret is in charge of the French Christian School at Ouagadougou.)

Hurricane Hits Suva

Leslie E. Bedell, Fiji

ABOUT 11 a.m. January 28 one of the worst hurricanes ever recorded in the South Pacific struck the Fiji Islands. At its peak the velocity of the hurricane at Suva, where we are stationed, was estimated conservatively at 150 miles an hour. A special burst of fury seemed to have been reserved for Suva. Many Fijian villages were flattened. Factories, shops and other commercial buildings, and even English-type residences were damaged or destroyed.

Our house received some damage. About one fourth of the roofing blew off. Four windows, with their frames, and the ceiling and wallboarding of one room were destroyed. Ceilings and wallboards of other rooms were damaged. Two doors were blown off and ruined. One corner of the house was shifted about two inches. Part of the foundation was destroyed by the uprooting of a large tree. Two porch railings gutters, and some filigree were blown off. Everything inside the house was water-soaked. Some articles were carried out of the house. Our refrigerator was toppled and it rolled over several times.

Had it not been for a young Indian man who was with us, the entire house might have gone. I could not have barricaded and held the lower portion of the house alone. Four doors that hinge on each other faced the fury of the blast. We had to brace our hands and shoulders against the doors and our bodies against the wall for more than an hour to hold them. A number of times when the doors buckled and strained at the hinges we thought we would not be able to hold them in place longer. Finally I was able to get a plank across them, which I braced against the opposite wall.

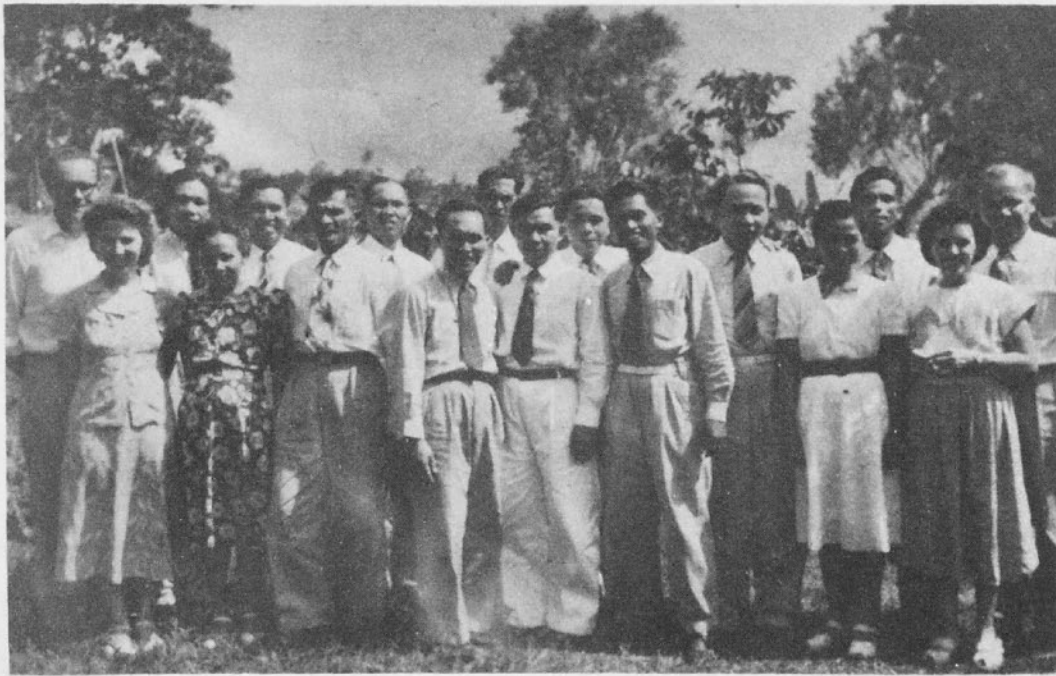
I ventured upstairs to see what could be done there, but one of the doors struck me on the head as it was blown off. I was knocked against the wall and forced to retreat downstairs. The door was blown on through the opposite wall where the windows had been.

We have patched the roof temporarily. We do not have money to do anything else.



ADA H. REITZ FAREWELL SERVICE

Crowd in attendance at a farewell service held for Ada H. Reitz in South Africa in November. Miss Reitz had to return home because of ill health. She spent close to twenty years on the field, doing a fine work. For the service John S. Richards erected a tent, knowing that the church would not hold the people. Notice the storm clouds. Rain fell soon after the picture was taken.



WORKERS' CONFERENCE ON SULAWESI

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Lanphear (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Carlblom (right) with national workers during a recent workers' conference on Sulawesi, Indonesia. Some of the nationals shown have not received the Baptism. It is requested that we remember their need in prayer.

Evangelistic Meetings Fruitful in Northern Sulawesi

Harold R. Carlblom, Indonesia

WE HAVE JUST had a three-day workers' conference in the Minahasa area of Northern Sulawesi (Celebes). Twelve men and two women were present. The convention was a time of seeking God together and of getting acquainted with each other. Some of the workers have not been filled with the Holy Spirit. We would appreciate your remembering them in prayer.

We have been engaged in evangelistic work with the Leonard E. Lanphears in various places in the Minahasa area. A *bangsal*, or temporary shelter, is erected for the meetings. The framework is made of bamboo and the roofing of palm leaves. Large crowds attend our meetings from the opening night. A number have been saved.

Guerrilla bands still prey upon the population in some parts of Indonesia. Except for the mountain regions, Minahasa is comparatively safe. We were somewhat surprised to learn that a bridge had been burned down behind us on our way home from one service. During the rest of the campaign we were forced to take a bad road through unpopulated mountain territory. We traveled through the mountains without mishap, but the last night of the campaign a bridge on that route was partially destroyed by the guerrillas some hours after we had passed over it. We praise God for His protection.

We are constructing a church building in Longoan at present. A small group of Christians have been won there as a result of our

evangelistic work. A real desire exists on their part to go forward with Christ.

Before long we hope to start on a combined church and Bible School in Tomohon. Of necessity these buildings are to be of cheap materials and of native style. We do not have funds to build better structures. A Bible School is essential for training of workers to help in the evangelization of these people.

The Christians we found when we came were in a worldly, backslidden state. All types of heathenism and witchcraft are to be found, even among professing Christians. During recent months there has been talk and fear of men who supposedly are kidnapping and sacrificing lives to place a human head under each pillar of new bridges under construction. The government, of course, opposes such practices.

BACK TO PENTECOST

If there is to be any hope of our working like the church of Pentecost we must have a new era in our missions. There must be a real restoration of the Pentecostal life and power in the church at home. . . . The Great Commission was given in connection with Pentecost, and its fulfillment was made directly dependent on it. The Pentecostal commission can only be carried out by a Pentecostal church, in Pentecostal power.—Dr. Andrew Murray.

MISSIONS ABROAD

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Johnson, missionaries to the Gold Coast, have arrived in the States. They returned by way of Sweden and spent some time there visiting relatives.

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Henry C. Ball, Field Secretary for Latin America, has arrived back in the States from a visit to the West Indies, Central America and Mexico. He left Springfield for the field on January 20.

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An extra communion set is needed for the church in Monrovia, Liberia. If some church has a surplus set and would like to supply the need it would be appreciated. The set should be sent to Mary E. Martin, Box 37, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. Mark "Gift Package," and pack carefully.

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E. Yngve Olson, missionary to Venezuela, has been ill for some time. A letter received from him on February 5 advised that he is feeling some better. He will not be able to do much work for several weeks yet.

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Lillian Trasher requests that no packages of any kind be sent to her for the Assiut Orphanage because of the high duty involved. The post office at Assiut, Egypt, has a number of packages now that she has had to refuse. As an example of how much duty is paid on even small packages, one shoe box of used Christmas cards was sent to her. She paid \$2.50 to claim the package. Some of the articles received have been very lovely and the thought behind them has been appreciated, but money is more useful. "Send money to the Foreign Missions Department for us," she says. "That way we can buy what is needed here."

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Lawrence Perrault, having been marvelously healed of a poisoning while in Cuba, has now returned to the States and is engaged in deputational work.

During the revival which swept throughout Cuba last year, Mr. and Mrs. Perrault were asked to help in special meetings at Sanctus Spiritus. Crowds up to 20,000 persons were attending the meetings when the Mayor ordered the preachers to leave town. They moved to a nearby town, but opposition arose here. Mr. Perrault was terribly poisoned; his face was disfigured by huge blisters. For a time they despaired of his life, but the Lord laid His healing hand upon him.

Going back into Sanctus Spiritus the Perraults began services in a rented building. Now it was much more difficult to develop the church, but God has blessed and a congregation has been won to the Lord and is continuing to grow.

As Mr. and Mrs. Perrault are hoping to go to France this summer, they will be visiting churches in the States only during the next four months.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE HOLY SPIRIT—OUR HELPER

Lesson for March 23

John 16:7-15; Galatians 5:16-23

When God gave the commandments at Sinai they were His demand of righteousness in His people. When the Spirit came at Pentecost it was His provision for that righteousness to be realized. The law did not have power to give life, therefore "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20). The Spirit has come to impart Divine life "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:4).

When Jesus was bringing His earthly ministry to a close, He spoke to the disciples at length concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit and the results of that coming.

1. Promises of the Spirit

In John 14:15, 16 Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." This indicates that only those who are saved may expect to receive the Comforter. The condition of receiving is to love Jesus. Later in our study we shall learn that the Spirit is the One who convicts of sin and brings men to Christ. He also is the regenerator of the soul and the witness to our sonship when we are saved. Yet there is a relationship which Jesus emphasized that comes only to believers. He is "the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive" (John 14:17).

When the Spirit comes He brings a revelation of our Lord Jesus and of the great work which Christ has done in the redemption of man—"He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). "He shall testify of me" (John 15:26). This revelation of our Lord Jesus, and this witness to Him, we now have in the New Testament. When the Spirit comes to us He comes as the Spirit of illumination, manifesting in our lives the things which are revealed in the Word. As He guides us into the truths of the Word we shall not go astray.

2. Work of the Spirit

The work of the Spirit is so vast that we can but touch upon it in this lesson. It begins, as far as man's salvation is concerned, in convicting him and leading him to Christ. It will continue as long as we live, correcting, helping, assuring, and completing our Christian faith and character "until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

The Holy Spirit has ever been in the world. We find Him in the days of earth's

early chaos as He "moved upon the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:2). But His great New Testament work is being fulfilled since Jesus returned to the Father—"It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you," Jesus said (John 16:7). Before the Spirit would come, Jesus must give His life a ransom, be accepted by the Father, and return to the glory which He had with the Father before the world was (John 17:5). Having purchased everlasting righteousness for those who believe, the Spirit is now come to make that righteousness real in the lives of those who believe in Jesus.

3. The World and the Spirit

"And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). Having spoken these words, Jesus unfolded their meaning. The Spirit would come to convict of sin, because men believed not on Him. The world is full of sin. The greatest of all sins is rejection of Christ. Through His sacrificial death all sins can be forgiven. He took the place in judgment for every sinner. The one sin that cannot be forgiven, and that will damn men in the judgment, is rejection of Jesus as the sinner's Saviour. He who dies rejecting the Saviour is lost forever.

When the Spirit was come, He would convict the world of righteousness. The resurrection of Jesus and His return to the Father is witness to the righteous judgment of God on sin. The iniquity of the whole world was laid upon Jesus and He bore it "in his own body on the tree." His return to the Father testified to the righteousness of God in accepting the work which Christ has done, and in pardoning all who will trust in Him, "That He might be just (true to His holiness and law) and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). To understand this righteousness of which Jesus spoke, a careful study of Romans 3 sheds much light.

4. Satan and the Spirit

"The prince of this world is judged." Satan might well accuse man before Jesus came, because of man's fall and sinfulness. He still accuses the people of God and will continue to do so until he is finally overthrown (Rev. 12:7-12; 30:1-3). But he has lost the power of his accusation through Christ who saves us. Man may have failed, but not Jesus. In every temptation He was more than conqueror. Having overcome, He gave Himself in our behalf. We are accepted in the Beloved (Eph. 1:6). The cross of Christ was the judgment of Satan.

In one of the apocryphal books something as follows is recorded. Satan is seen coming to the

angel of the place of death, telling him to get ready to receive Jesus since Satan has planned His death. To this the angel of the place of death replies, "All that thou hast gained through the forbidden tree, thou hast lost through the wood of the cross. Satan is judged and doomed. When we are accused we can overcome "by the blood of the Lamb," and by the word of our "testimony," our confession that our Lord Jesus is our personal Saviour.

5. The Fruit of the Spirit

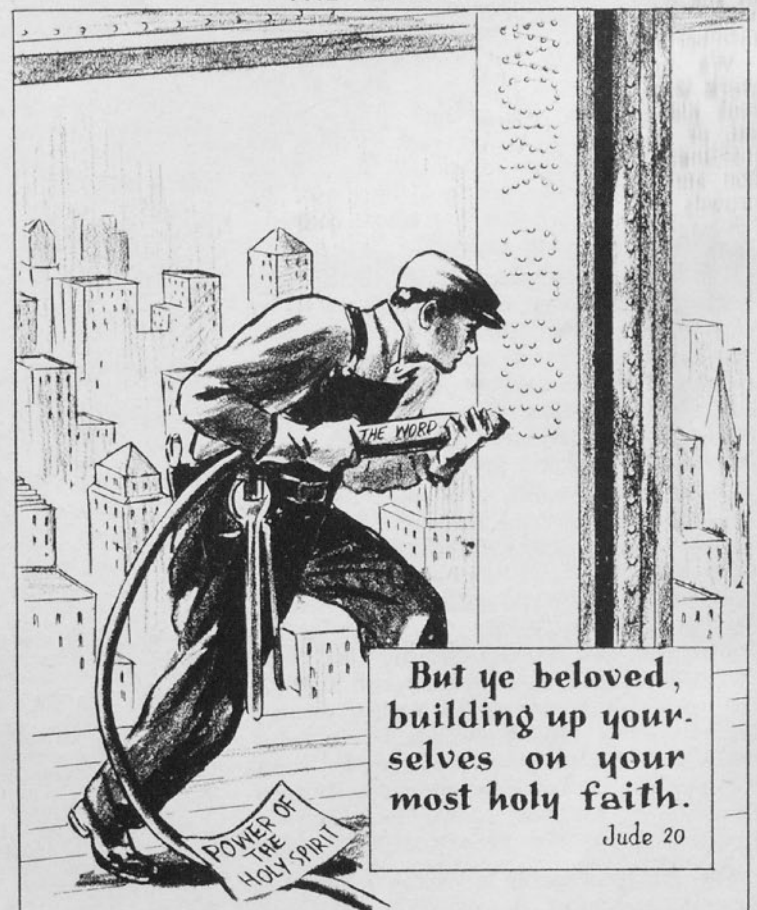
In Galatians 5, two ways of life are set before the Christian believer. The one is the living of natural lives, bringing forth the works of the flesh. "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (v. 21). The Christian who walks not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, lives a different life. He keeps his body under control. The things of the flesh are kept in crucifixion. The Spirit is sought and with His presence there comes the fruit of the Spirit. They who live after the Spirit live free from condemnation, for against the fruit of the Spirit "there is no law." "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh" (v. 16).

The Galatian believers had been turned to one side—"Ye did run well; who did hinder you?" They had begun in the Spirit, now they were turned from dependence on Him. If we trust in self we shall fail. We need to keep drawing on the Holy Spirit continuously.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Social Responsibility (Lesson for Sunday, March 16). Lesson text: Luke 10:25-37.

THE RIVETER



MISSIONS AT HOME

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"A GREAT DOOR . . . IS OPENED"

An interesting letter came to our Home Missions office recently from one of our readers. In it our sister expressed appreciation for the information given in this column as to the progress and specific needs of our various Home Mission fields. We believe that many others of our readers feel the same way.

Because the challenge of Alaska is so tremendous and not just one "great door and effectual is opened" to us but many doors, we thought you might like to know about some of them.

THE DOOR AT VALDEZ

Brother and Sister Richard Teeter report God's blessings upon their work at Valdez. The Teeters have been at Valdez for three years now, and in that time have seen their original church building completely packed out. A growing Sunday School and limitless opportunities made a Sunday School annex an absolute necessity. They went into the building program believing God for the finances. Brother Teeter worked for the contractor in order to lessen the expense.

A wire received from Brother Teeter in January stated that fifteen hundred dollars was urgently needed at once to furnish the completed annex and accommodate the Sunday School attendance. We felt we must do something in this emergency and sent the money in advance, trusting that when we could inform our EVANGEL friends of the need they would respond.

A DOOR NEAR KETCHIKAN

Brother and Sister James Reb, pastors at Ketchikan, report a door opened at Ward's Cove. Concerning this great opportunity Brother Reb writes:

"We feel definitely led to pioneer a new work at Ward's Cove, about eight miles north of Ketchikan. There are already enough people out there to warrant a new church, and the influx of workers for the new \$40,000,000 pulp mill has not yet begun. We are on the lookout for a good building site and would like to pay for it before making plans for a building. I believe we can put up a neat log structure for about \$4,000. This would include living quarters. In order to do justice to this new venture we would want to put all our time on it."

The truth is that the Rebs not only will give their time to this new work, but as they have done before, they will continue to give also their strength, their means, even their very lives that the Gospel may go forth in this new field.

But they cannot do it unassisted. They need our financial help to make this pioneer work a successful venture for God.

THE DOOR AT ANCHORAGE

Brother and Sister Claude Rossignol and



Assemblies of God Chapel at Valdez, Alaska

their people at Anchorage have been worshipping in a basement church, built several years ago. During these years, God has given the Anchorage church a splendid missionary vision. Other doors in Alaska have been kept open because of the spirit of giving among the Anchorage Christians.

But the Anchorage church needs now to get the superstructure built over the basement church.

Brother Rossignol is in the States at present in the interest of this project. That this missionary has the work at heart may be seen from the fact that he has traded his car for a truck in order to haul logs for lumber to be used in the proposed building.

FROM DOOR TO DOOR

Brother Homer Rugwell is our Alaska Evangelist. The Lord has given him a gracious ministry in the various centers throughout Alaska. Souls have been saved and workers and converts alike encouraged through our brother's faithful ministry.

Recently it became imperative for Brother Rugwell to purchase a new car for use in carrying on his evangelistic ministry in Alaska. This necessitates his presence in the States until the car is paid for. He is carrying on a ministry here at the present time, visiting various churches in the interest of Alaska. However, Brother Rugwell wants to return to Alaska to continue his ministry there just as soon as possible.

A SWINGING DOOR

That is what you might call the "door" at Homer, Alaska. Homer is a strategically located community, destined to grow and become increasingly important in agriculture and industry. A young couple willingly sacrificed to step into that open door. Property was acquired, partly through the offerings of the Anchorage Church. A Sunday School was established. Then circumstances made it imperative for the Thomasons to return to the States.

At present, the door swings. Whether it will swing wide open or will silently close, will

depend upon your response to this need. Additional finances are necessary in order to keep open this newly entered door.

The work is at a critical stage. It needs help now. Workers must have some support, and there is building to be done. We have workers ready to go into Homer. What shall we do? You can help us keep this door open by your offerings, or it will swing silently shut. Which shall it be?

LET'S KEEP THEM OPEN!

We want to! The 76 missionary workers in Alaska want to! Surely the Lord Jesus wants these doors kept open to the Gospel!

If YOU want them to remain open, then let us know by sending a special offering designated for any one of the above needs, or simply for the "Alaska Fund." Kindly address your letter to Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

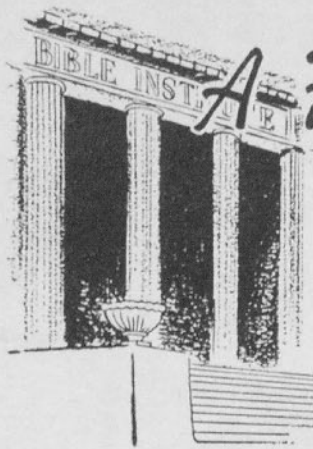
A BAPTIST MINISTER'S TESTIMONY

For thirty years or more I was afflicted with rheumatism in my knees, ankles, and shoulders. At times I suffered so that I could not work. Many times my limbs would draw up under me. I was treated by different doctors, but only received temporary relief.

In April, 1951, Evangelist W. V. Grant came to Dallas. I attended his meeting and requested prayer for my healing. I was completely healed and I have had no symptoms of rheumatism since.

I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost that same night. I am a Baptist minister, and I have been happier than ever since God healed me and filled me with His Spirit.—R. D. Starnes, 819 Delaware St., Dallas, Texas.

(Pastor H. C. Noah of Dallas, Texas, says: "I have known Brother Starnes for some time and I know this testimony to be genuine.")



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A Milwaukee high-school boy, according to *Time* (February 18, 1952), shot to death his mother, an eleven-year-old brother and his six-year-old sister. The shooting occurred when his mother questioned him about staying out late in the evenings. After the tragedy he callously took the family car and attended a school basketball game with one of his friends.

What are the explanations of such a tragedy? There must be some answers. One answer is that we are living in perilous times. "Men shall be . . . disobedient to parents . . . without natural affection. . . ." How morality has fallen! There are other causes for such barbarism.

Youth itself has an answer. *Time* (November 5) reported youths as saying, "When your generation feels smug and sly about this . . . generation, just remember YOU RAISED US!" It is time to ask ourselves the question, On what have these young people been raised?

Edmund Burke wisely said, "Tell me what are the prevailing sentiments that occupy the minds of your young men, and I will tell you what is to be the character of the next generation."

You cannot sow weed seed and reap grain. Comic books, de-moraled literature, Bibleless homes and classrooms are among the causes of social delinquency.

You and I come into the picture here. The home and the church have the high privilege of putting Christian literature in the hands of youth. In so doing we will influence the rising generation toward godly living.

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Here are some definite things that can be done:

(1) Every parent can make it his responsibility to have the C. A. HERALD in the home.

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(5) Subscribe for unsaved neighbors and friends.

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NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

About five years ago I had a nervous breakdown. I had gone to Armagh, Pa. to take care of my father and mother. I should have laid my work down at the feet of Jesus, but I did not know just how to do it.

After my parents died I was broken in health and in spirit. My heart seemed like a brick in my breast. I asked Christians to pray for me. I tried to present my cause before the Lord, but the thought came to me that God had forsaken me forever. I was in a dangerous state of mind. There seemed to be a great emptiness in my heart where the Lord had so wonderfully manifested His presence in years gone by.

After more than five years of sorrow and suffering, I was reading my Bible, and I came across this verse of Scripture, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. I said, "Lord, by your help I will search for you with all my heart." At the first of April, 1951, I made a covenant with the Lord to fast each morning, sacrificing my breakfast, if He would apply His Blood to my heart and life. Since that time the Word has been my breakfast.

Then my pastor, G. C. Hayes (Christian and Missionary Alliance), handed me this poem by Ralph S. Cushman which has been a great blessing to me:

"I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
With a glory in my breast.

"All day long His presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
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"Other ships were blown and battered,
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When I, too, had loosed the moorings
With the Presence left behind.

"So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way—
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day."

I pledged myself to seek the Lord with all my heart, and got up early for Bible study and prayer each day. I also read my Bible and prayed the last thing at night. Now the Holy Spirit is real in my life. He sent His Word and healed my broken body, and now I am well and strong. Praise His name forever!—Huldah Louise Johnston, 723 North St. N. E., Massillon, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor G. C. Hayes, C. and M. A. Church, and Pastor V. L. Wells, Assembly of God, of Massillon, Ohio.)

VIEWS

—READERS WRITE

"Jet Fighter With a Face"

On page 2 of The Pentecostal Evangel dated February 10, 1952, I read an article entitled, "Jet Fighter With a Face." You state that the T-33 jet fighter was pictured on the front cover of "Mechanix Illustrated" of the February issue. I have a copy of this magazine but it only pictures a model locomotive with a man and a woman accompanying it.

I also have a magazine entitled "Nation's Business," and the February issue has pictured on its front cover a jet fighter. When the picture is inverted you can distinguish eyes, nose, mouth, etc.—Paul R. Laury, Bridgeton, N. J.

(Ed. Note: It was the "Mechanix Illustrated" issue of February 1951 which had the jet fighter on its cover and which carried a story entitled "Jet Fighter With a Face." Those who do not have 1951 copies of that magazine may want to examine the cover picture of "Nation's Business" for February 1952.)

"The Healer of Mental Sickness"

The article by Robert W. Cummings in the January 27th issue, entitled, "The Healer of Mental Sickness," is the finest thing I have read on the subject. My Sunday School Superintendent also said the same thing. Do you think this could be placed in tract form? I know many precious people who need this message.

I enjoy the Evangel very much and have about the last eleven years on file. I especially enjoy seeing the beautiful pictures of our assemblies. I would like to see the circulation of the Evangel go up to 200,000. I believe if more local assemblies would order large bundles the publication would surpass that goal.—Talmadge F. McNabb, Pastor, Warrior, Alabama.

Oscar's Homegoing in Korea

After reading Mrs. Frierson's letter of how God answered prayer during her son's time in the service of Uncle Sam (see Evangel of Dec. 16, 1951) I feel that God wants me to give my testimony also of how wonderful He is to mothers who have lost sons in combat.

My son Oscar was killed in action in Korea on Aug. 9, 1950. We gave him to God at an early age. He was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at seventeen years of age. My husband and I both prayed on our knees every night for Oscar. When he was about to cross the Pacific he called me by telephone. I told him to be ready to meet God, and he said he would.

On Aug. 9, 1950 (the day he was killed) I was resting on my bed at the noon hour and I heard my son speak in an audible voice. I saw him sitting before an officer. He was smiling and I was impressed with the fact that his clothes were so clean. He said, "I can go home now." I arose at once and told my daughter. A friend came in and I told her.

From that day until three weeks later, when I received a telegram saying that he had been killed, I didn't have any desire to pray for my son. I told my friends I was happy about him down in my soul. I felt that he was safe (he was safe in the arms of Jesus).

A young man who was in the same battle with my son wrote to me, and he said: "I ran to Oscar when he fell, and he said, 'I can go home now,' and those were the last words he spoke."

God does hear and answer prayer. The Lord is good. Some day He will tell me why He took my boy home and spared other mothers' sons to return; but this I know—He does all things well.—Mrs. Oscar B. Swindall Sr., Crosbyton, Texas.

"How Much Do You Owe to God?"

I must tell you how much help the last Evangel (January 6th) gave me. It opened my eyes, especially those words, "How Much Do You Owe to God?" Yes, I owe Him my all, and now I can see why I have been sick so much. For nine years I have lived a sad and lonely life, sick most of the time, but at last my eyes are open. I thought I was too poor to give to the Lord. I guess that is why we are so poor. I will serve my Lord Jesus always from now on.—Signed by a reader in Maine.

"Manna"—"What Is It?"

I have just finished reading an article entitled, "Manna—What Is It?" in your Dec. 16, 1951 issue. Many years ago I cut an article from the Evangel relative to the falling of "Manna" on a Natal farm in South Africa. It was published in the issue of May 14, 1932. I think it would be good to send some of the "skeptics" at the Smithsonian Institute a copy of this article.—May Tye, Dallas, Texas.

(Ed. Note: The article appeared first in the "Sunday Times" of Johannesburg and it was dated March 12, 1932. It stated that one morning, on a farm owned by Theunis Botha, an area of approximately three acres was found to be covered with a white substance that looked like a snowdrift. The people gathered it up and ate it with great relish. Its color, appearance, and taste fitted the Biblical description of Manna perfectly.)

NEWS

WITH CHRIST

MRS. MAY A. PATTERSON of Portland, Oreg. went to be with the Lord the last week in January, 1952 at the age of 61. Sister Patterson was ordained in the General Council in 1949. She was pastor in Oceanside, Calif. for a number of years.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS ARE GROWING
THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA**

The Sunday School work of the Assemblies of God is expanding rapidly throughout Latin America. Our missionaries are emphasizing the importance of this teaching ministry, and the pastors and leaders in the various Spanish-speaking lands are becoming enthusiastic boosters of the Sunday School.



A. Adele Flower

Miss Adele Flower will tell the story of the Latin-American Sunday School work at the Sunday School Convention which will be held March 25 to 28 in Springfield, Missouri. This Tenth National Convention will be our First International Sunday School Convention. The Sunday School work in many lands will be represented and Miss Flower, representing Latin America, will be one of the morning speakers. Miss Flower is director of the Sunday School work in sixteen Latin-American countries. She has traveled extensively in Mexico, Central America, and South America. When she is not on the foreign field she makes her headquarters in the Spanish Publications Department of the Foreign Missions offices at Springfield, Missouri.

and engages in Spanish editorial work. Her father, J. R. Flower, is General Secretary of the Assemblies of God.

S. C. B. C. CHOIR WINS ACCLAIM FOR PRESENTATION OF "MESSIAH"

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—The week preceding Christmas was a particularly busy one for students at Southern California Bible College here. Not only was it examination time but also the week when the school gave four presentations of Handel's "Messiah." The Bible College has drawn new interest and attention from the California Southland the past year through its music department.



Gaylord Atwell

Over 5,500 people from the area attended their recent musical productions. It was the first year the 150-voice choir had sung. The famous oratorio was given with a candlelight processional and Christmas tableaux in a Yuletide production conceded to be "one of the most outstanding choral presentations in the State."

Soloists secured for the performances included: Eilene Hummel, soprano, a former student of S.C.B.C. (Eilene Hoffman); Chrystel Clark, contralto from Long Beach; Norman Nelson, nationally known tenor; and Joseph Eubanks, Negro baritone from the San Francisco Bay area. Wesley Meng took the tenor solos and Gertrude Atwell the soprano solos for one presentation.

Southern California Bible College, now in its second year at Costa Mesa, is the fulfillment of a vision and of perseverance. The school was organized in 1920, met the requirements for a college in 1939, and has steadily grown to a position of Christian leadership in the educational field. It is now on its third site, having outgrown two previous campuses.

Many students have found that in the field of music there is real opportunity to serve the Lord. Thus it was that 150 students joined the oratorio choir to give "The Messiah." When the choir was organized by Gaylord Atwell last fall, each student member took upon himself a responsibility for its success. Prayer meetings were held. In practice sessions the Spirit of God moved in such a way that several ended in extended prayer meetings. The Lord anointed the 150 voices to sing the Scriptures in inspired music.

It is nothing new to see God's blessing resting upon Brother Atwell's choirs. For many years he was musical director of Glad Tidings Temple and Bible Institute at San Francisco. His choirs drew capacity crowds and were often featured on national broadcasts. The music department of Southern California Bible College was given a real injection of enthusiasm this year when he joined the staff. He teaches music courses full time at the college and works with the choral groups. In addition to the 150-voice oratorio choir, a 40-voice a cappella choir has been organized which sings weekly throughout the California Southland.

Before the first presentation of "The Messiah" at the First Assembly of God in Long Beach, Pastor Emma Taylor reports she was forced to turn away hundreds by telephone and letters who wanted seats in the 1,100-seat auditorium to hear the choir. The crowds filled the large Oceanside Arena at a Youth for Christ meeting to hear the students sing. The third presentation was given at Costa Mesa, home of the college, where an account of it was printed on the front page of *The Globe Herald*. The *Balboa Press* gave reports, in addition to several Los Angeles dailies. The last performance within the week was given at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium where nearly 2,500 reserve seats were filled. Radio KFOX broadcasted one hour of the music throughout the area.

The choir is now preparing the oratorio, "Holy City," by Gaul, to be given this spring, and "Elijah," by Mendelssohn, to be given later in the year.—by John Wright, student at S. C. B. C.

HUNDREDS ACCEPT CHRIST AS GOD'S HEALING POWER IS SEEN

HAZLETON, PA. Jan. 19—Hazleton and the Lower Anthracite region of Pennsylvania will never be quite the same. Evangelist T. L. Osborn has been here in a month of glorious, victorious revival.

In this stronghold of Roman Catholicism this man of God stepped out in faith and pitched his big 120x270 foot tent with the support of only a few small churches mostly in the pioneer stage. In the very first service our eyes beheld a scene unprecedented in this region—45 souls streaming down the aisles to receive Christ as Saviour.

Healings throughout the campaign were numerous and positive. In our visitation work since the campaign, the workers report that most who were prayed for received definite help that still stands. Men, women, and children were healed of almost every known ailment. Discarded were crutches, trusses, braces, wheelchairs, and many eyeglasses.

Notable were the lady who pushed out her own wheelchair; the woman who walked to her car and entered it after not having walked without assistance in seven years; the young lady whose leg lengthened to normal; the two deaf mute couples who heard and spoke; the mass healing prayers in which many were healed simultaneously by the method Brother Osborn followed in his great meetings in the Caribbean area. In the first such mass prayer, nine out of ten who were deaf in one ear received hearing instantly, and all nine were able to hear a watch tick in the ear that was deaf. About a week later the one not instantly healed, an elderly woman, reported that her hearing also had returned.

Remarkable, too, were the conversions. Hundreds walked down the "sawdust trail" in a territory which is acknowledged to be one of the most difficult in the country.

There was a continuous presence of the Holy Spirit in the big tent, so that sinners were convicted of their sins and saved, and sick bodies were healed even when no service was in progress. Brother Osborn's ministry in the Word of God was outstanding, profound enough to satisfy the most advanced Bible student, yet so simple as to be easily understood even by the hundreds who had never heard a gospel message before.

Many ministers of other than full gospel churches attended, numbers of whom expressed approval, and some gave active co-operation. The Evangelical United Brethren minister has started conducting divine healing meetings in his church each Sunday night, and the city is actually revival-minded for the first time since about 1910, when Evangelist Stough conducted meetings here. All co-operating churches benefited both spiritually and numerically, and the revival fires continue to burn. As a result of the revival, we expect to see two new full gospel churches brought into existence, one in a town ninety miles distant.

It seems difficult to realize all this has come to pass in so short a time, yet this is God's way. Has He not said, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain" (Zech. 10:1); "call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3)? Once again He has done "exceeding abundantly" above all we asked or thought.—by Wm. A. Caldwell, Pastor, Faith Assembly of God, Hazleton, Pa.

(Brother Caldwell adds: "Have withheld the report a reasonable time so that the permanency of the healings could be established.")

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

EARTH, TEX.—We had a wonderful two-week meeting with Evangelist David Chesney of Clovis, New Mexico. Eighteen were born into the kingdom of God, five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and several received definite healing. Out of this revival was born a Christ's Ambassadors band, the first in our church.—Robin Byars, Pastor.

CHARITON, IOWA.—We concluded a three-week meeting on January 27 with Evangelist G. R. McGhgy of Clarinda, Iowa. The first week a Workers' Training Course was given and 27 received certificates. The last two weeks were evangelistic, and souls were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was benefited by this meeting.—Merlin N. Steen, Pastor.

McALESTER, OKLA.—In January Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Davis of Stockton, California, were with us for three weeks. There were 13 saved and 15 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School reached an all-time record of 346. Every department of the church was blessed.—L. H. Arnold, Pastor, First Assembly.

FORT MORGAN, COLO.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Otis Runyon. Twelve were saved, two received the Holy Ghost, and many were refilled. Many received definite healing. We broke our last year's attendance record with 89 in Sunday School.—William Mitchell, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle Assembly.

TALCO, TEX.—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. M. C. Allen of Winsboro, Tex. Nearly every night of the two-week meeting people were saved or filled with the Spirit. The Lord wonderfully used Brother and Sister Allen and anointed their messages. The Sunday School reached an all-time record of 122.—C. I. Myers, Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—We had a good Sectional Sunday School Conference with Raymond White, National S. S. Representative. Those who attended received benefit. Brother White's unique manner of presenting different Sunday School ideas and his congenial way of handling Sunday School problems helped everyone. We were thrilled by his message, "Winning Masses Into Sunday School."—Charles H. Miller, Sectional S. S. Director.

MEDFORD, OREG.—We had a successful meeting with the Cantelon Evangelistic Party (Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Cantelon, Misses Nadine Grice and Myrtle Hansen). Souls were saved in every service, over 60 coming to the altar in four weeks. The attendance was over 400 each night, and two Sunday nights we moved to the Junior High School Auditorium and the attendance was over 600. We thank the Lord for this meeting as it stirred this city.—J. S. Manchester, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We had a two-week meeting prior to the Christmas holidays with Evangelist A. DePompa. There were a number at the altar for salvation. One young lady was reclaimed and refilled with the Holy Spirit and another young lady was filled with the Holy Spirit. This was one of the best meetings we had had since we built our new church two and a half years ago. The highest attendance in Sunday School was 162. Our church was greatly benefited by this meeting.—Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly.

RODEO, CALIF.—We had a successful three-week meeting with Evangelist Johnnie Smith of Modesto, Calif. Several were saved and a number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The last night of the meeting two were saved, and five followed the Lord in water baptism. The first Sunday following the meeting we had a most glorious communion service. Two came into the church, and one prayed through to victory that night. We are praising God for His blessings.—L. E. Crunclenton, Pastor, Bethel Tabernacle.

ST. PAUL, VA.—Feb. 4—Evangelist Bill Lee of Toccoa, Ga. is conducting a meeting for us and God is pouring out His Spirit in a marvelous way. We have lost count of the number saved, filled with the Spirit, or healed. Our church is packed out each night. Signs and wonders are being done as Brother Lee expels demon spirits in the name of Jesus. We praise God for this awakening that has stirred our city and the surrounding countryside.

We are beginning a new church building this week in order to accommodate our rapidly growing Sunday School.—Jethro E. Lindsey, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—Evangelists Kenneth E. Hagin and T. C. Burkett were with us for three weeks. Between 50 and 75 people were saved or filled with the Holy Ghost. Many outstanding healings were witnessed. People were healed of stomach ulcers, arthritis, neuritis, asthma, and influenza. Tumors and growths disappeared, and deaf ears were opened.

Brother Hagin and Brother Burkett were teachers of faith, and this teaching will live on in the hearts of the people. The revival has had a lasting effect, and the church is continuing to grow.—J. E. Inlow, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

KINGSPORT, TENN.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Bill Lee of Toccoa, Ga. which was unusually successful. Several were saved and a goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ten new members were added to the church soon after the meeting closed.

Three new classes have been added to our Sunday School in the last few months. We now have ten classes and two more will be organized as soon as we have rooms ready for them. Work is progressing on a number of class rooms in the basement.—H. E. Waddle, Pastor, First Assembly.

CASA, ARK.—Last November we had a 3½ week meeting under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Dora Lane. The presence and power of God was in every service. Eighteen were saved and 22 filled with the Holy Ghost. There were a number of outstanding healings. One man was healed of arthritis in his legs. He took the bandages off his knee, and leaped and danced for joy.

A child four years old, with a cold and sore throat, came for prayer. She was instantly healed. The Holy Spirit fell on her and she spoke clearly in an unknown language for 20 minutes. A number of children were saved and filled with the Spirit in this meeting.

Since the meeting closed some have been saved or filled with the Holy Spirit every week except two. Our Sunday School has doubled and we plan to build Sunday School rooms.—Bee Young, Pastor.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Just before Christmas, following a week of intensive prayer, we enjoyed a gracious revival with Evangelist and Mrs. John Wilkerson of West Palm Beach, Fla. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit. We set an all-time record in Sunday School attendance.

On January 20, following two weeks of earnest prayer, we began a meeting with Evangelist Earla McKinley and co-worker Mrs. Lois McWilliams of Kansas City, Mo. From the opening service God began to move most graciously. Between 40 and 50 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, many were saved, and others refilled. The revival reached into many other churches, and some closed their week-night services to co-operate with us. It was indeed a visitation from God.—O. R. Keener, Pastor, Highway Tabernacle.

SHERMAN, TEX.—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. J. R. Goodwin of Gladewater, Texas. One night a precious sister, 81 years old, received the Holy Ghost. From that night there was increasing liberty and many who had sought the baptism of the Holy Ghost for years received. There was not a single night during the four weeks that some one was not saved, baptized with the Holy Ghost, refilled, or healed.

During the third week of the meeting a lady from Southmayd heard the daily radio program and came to the meeting for healing of a head injury which she had suffered in an automobile accident. The pain in her head was so terrible that she was unable to rest nights. While she was standing in the healing line the power of God came upon her; she began speaking in other tongues and was instantly healed. She had never seen anyone receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit before. She asked us to pray for her aged father who was sick with heart trouble and unable to leave his bed.

One week later the entire family, including the aged father, was in the meeting. The father became ill during the service and we could see his condition was serious. When he came for prayer we asked if he was saved. He replied, "That is what I came for." He was saved and healed. He testified later that it was the first time in years that he had had a good night's sleep. The last night of the meeting he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—O. W. Keyes, Pastor, Calvary First Assembly of God.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y.—The first part of December Brother and Sister Keller were with us helping us to start cottage prayer meetings throughout the town. This was in preparation for a campaign with Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. God moved in such a way that we had all the prayer meetings in the church instead! Three were saved, several were healed, and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We knew the revival had begun before the evangelist arrived!

Brother Robie came January 6, and God met us from the very first service. There were only three or four nights during the three-week meeting that souls were not saved. Brother Robie's messages to the unsaved were straightforward, and in terms that all could understand. When the unsaved came to the altar, he helped them to have faith to believe God saved them from all sin. At least 30 were saved, and 12 backsliders came back to God. In the last service the former mayor was saved.

Brother Robie's first concern was that people should be saved. He felt that if they were soundly converted, it would be a simple matter for them to be healed. This was proved over and over.

The second Sunday of the campaign Brother Robie gave the invitation for sinners before he preached. Many found Christ and five were baptized with the Holy Ghost. One lady who had to go home early received the fullness of the Spirit while walking three blocks to her home.

At a later service a lady brought her neighbor to the meeting. When the neighbor went to the altar for salvation, this lady was so overjoyed she received the baptism of the Holy Spirit while sitting in the back of the church. The neighbor lady also received the Baptism, and was healed at her home after she had retired for the night.

People were healed in the congregation as their faith was built up by the preaching of the Word. Some were healed as they made their way to the prayer line. A sixteen-year-old boy was healed. A year ago he nearly lost his thumb in a buzz saw, and the first joint remained stiff. In answer to prayer God made a new joint and the youth now has full use of his thumb.

A lady who has been blind in her right eye since she was nine years old was instantly healed. Others were healed of cancers, fibroid tumor, eczema, and other afflictions.

One night prayer was offered for a lady who was suffering from an incurable bowel disorder. She had only six or eight months to live. She had undergone eight operations in the last four years. The next night she returned and testified that she was completely free from pain, and that she had eaten old-fashioned goulash for the first time in years. She brought her husband, two sisters, and two nieces to church with her, and all were saved that night.

Brother Robie gave the people who had been saved or healed careful instruction how to retain the blessing that God had given them. Many expressed deep gratitude for this. I know that the results will be more lasting because of this instruction from the Word.—Frank M. Reynolds, 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.

CRESAPTOWN, MD.—Mar. 18—30; Evangelist Eva V. Hagans. (Ira Moore is Pastor.)

KINGFISHER, OKLA.—Mar. 9—; Evangelists Dave and Gloria Laughlin. (J. L. Standridge is Pastor.)

WESTERVILLE, NEBR.—Mar. 2—; Evangelists Norman and Norma Correll, Alliance, Nebr. (Howard Dixon is Pastor.)

DUNCAN, OKLA.—First Assembly, 801 N. 5th, Mar. 18—Apr. 1; Evangelist Lee Krupnick.—by Haskell Rogers, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, Mar. 2—; Evangelist Paul Cook, Atlanta, Ga.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

ANGLETON, TEX.—Central Assembly, Mar. 16—30; Evangelist Clyde C. Goree, Madisonville, Tex.—by Lester P. Summers, Pastor.

PENNSVILLE, N. J.—Assembly of God, 76 Dolbow Ave., Mar. 11—23; Evangelist and Mrs. C. C. Garrett, Miami, Fla.—by Samuel Weidler, Pastor.

LAKEPORT, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly, Mar. 9—23; Evangelist and Mrs. Earle L. Cleveland, Seattle, Wash. (S. S. Webster is Pastor.)

DALLAS, TEX.—Forest Lane Assembly, 2522 Forest Lane, Mar. 30—Apr. 13 or longer; Evangelist Maxwell Cloud, Clewiston, Fla.—by William F. Hayes, Pastor.

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Mar. 16—30; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens, Fullerton, Calif. Children's meetings in afternoon. (E. William Anderson is Pastor.)

INDIANA DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONVENTION and Annual Business Meeting of WMC—First Assembly, Terre Haute, Mar. 18—19, Paul Bruton, Cledith Cox, and other missionaries speaking.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent, and Mrs. Roy H. Wead, District WMC President.

POTOMAC DISTRICT PRAYER CONVENTION—Glad Tidings Church, Colonial at Spottswood St., Norfolk, Va., Mar. 31—Apr. 3. Speakers, John W. Sullivan, Middletown, Ohio; Ralph M. Jeffrey, Hagerstown, Md. First service Mon. 7:30 p.m.—by E. O. Dickerson, District Secretary.



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Convention time!

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

MORE THAN 6,000 DECISIONS RECORDED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18 (Special)—The Greater Washington Evangelistic Crusade with Evangelist Billy Graham ended here yesterday. The National Guard Armory saw the largest throng ever to crowd into the vast building. Twice during the service the doors were closed and locked, and then the restrictions waived by officers on duty. The crowd was there despite a last-minute change in plans when inclement weather forced the meeting to move from its originally scheduled site at the base of the Washington Monument back to the Armory.

The nightly average attendance was near 10,000 by the close of the campaign. This was significant in the light of existing handicaps. For ten days regulations held the seating capacity to 5,300 persons; and the Armory was located well out of the center of the city, away from close bus and street car connections.

But the most significant fact was the tremendous response to the gospel message. The recorded decisions in the Armory meetings stood at 6,244 (a nightly average of 195 decisions for Christ).

The Crusade had far-reaching effects throughout official Washington. Scores of opportunities were available for team members to appear at important meetings in Congress, the Senate, Government agencies and before luncheon groups. Billy Graham was invited to open the U. S. Senate with prayer, and did so, confessing the failures of the people of America, denouncing "moral termites" and declaring, "We have been a sinful people. We have rejected the supernaturalistic concept of God and His law, and we have wandered away from God." The evangelist prayed for moral courage for the members of the Senate, and asked God to help them to remember that the individual must be changed before society and the world can be changed.

An outstanding feature of the Crusade were the noon-time chapel talks in the Pentagon, the great headquarters building of the national defense department. The auditorium was filled to capacity, more persons standing than were seated, and additional hundreds filled the corridors in every direction, listening to the service over loud-speakers. After one week of meeting at the Pentagon, another week was scheduled and it was named "Billy Graham Week." Arrangements were made for him to speak in the great center court of the Pentagon where crowds of several thousand could be accommodated.

Graham stayed away from politics in his revival messages, though he did mention "mink coats" and "influence." He also declared he could be elected President of the United States were he to run on a Bible platform—but this was merely to illustrate the fact that the people of America believe in the Bible. Though Billy Graham has visited the President in times past and seemed to be on good terms with him, a source close to the evangelist said he was turned down when he sought a personal appointment with President Truman. The President did not attend any of the meetings.

Many political leaders did attend the evangelistic services, however, and some notables served as ushers or sat on the platform. On Armed Services night the three Chiefs of Chaplains from the Army, Navy, and Air Corps were seated on the platform. These military leaders, together with other government officials, voiced warm admiration for the effect of the Crusade in Washington.

One Sunday afternoon a great rally was held outdoors on Capitol hill on the famous steps where presidential inaugurations are held. In spite of the fact that it was raining less than

twenty minutes before the time to start the meeting, a crowd estimated as high as 40,000 persons gathered to hear the evangelist. The crowd was larger by several thousand than recent presidential inaugurations.

Billy Graham told the huge crowd that the basic cause of our troubles is that God has been forgotten. "I believe," he said, "that we would immediately see things take a turn for the better in world affairs if a day of prayer were proclaimed." He asked Congress to request the President of the United States to "set aside a week-day in which the normal pursuits of the American people would be forgotten, and it would be declared a day of confession of sin, humiliation, repentance, and turning to God."

He added, however, that if our leadership and our generation refuses to turn to God, then "I predict nothing but defeat and judgment." (A resolution to request the President to proclaim a week-day as a national day of humiliation, repentance, and prayer, was introduced in Congress the following day.)

The evangelist said that during the darkest days of the War Between the States, President Lincoln called for such a day of confession of sin and of prayer, and "soon afterward the tide turned and the scourge of war ended with the nation united again."

He lashed out at the "moral termites eating at the inside of our country today and the barbarians beating at the gates without." Then he proposed a five-point program for world

peace, telling the huge crowd that the adoption of such a program was sure to bring peace and the blessing of God to this nation and the world. The points included:

1. We must maintain strong military power for defense at any cost.
2. We must continue to expose crime and irregularities in government wherever they may be found, and enact strong legislation to deal with them.
3. We must maintain our economic stability for security.
4. We must continue confidence in each other; race with race; creed with creed; color with color; remembering that we are all Americans and that America is a nation that has made every man a king.
5. We must have a moral and spiritual regeneration. To produce this, we must meet God's demands, and God demands repentance of sins, individual faith in Christ, a national humility, and united prayer.

Following the message, Army Chief-of-Chaplains Major General Roy H. Parker led the throng in a united prayer for peace.

After a brief period of rest during which the Graham team will be producing radio and television programs, the next meetings will include a Sunday afternoon rally at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 20; a mass rally on the steps of the Texas State Capitol in Austin on April 27; with the next city-wide campaign beginning in Houston, Texas, on May 4.

● What is it?

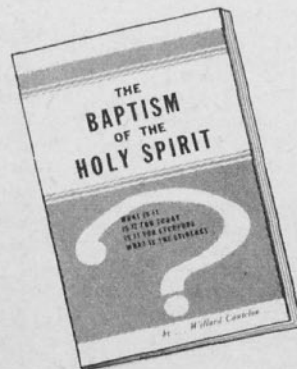
● Is it for everyone?

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