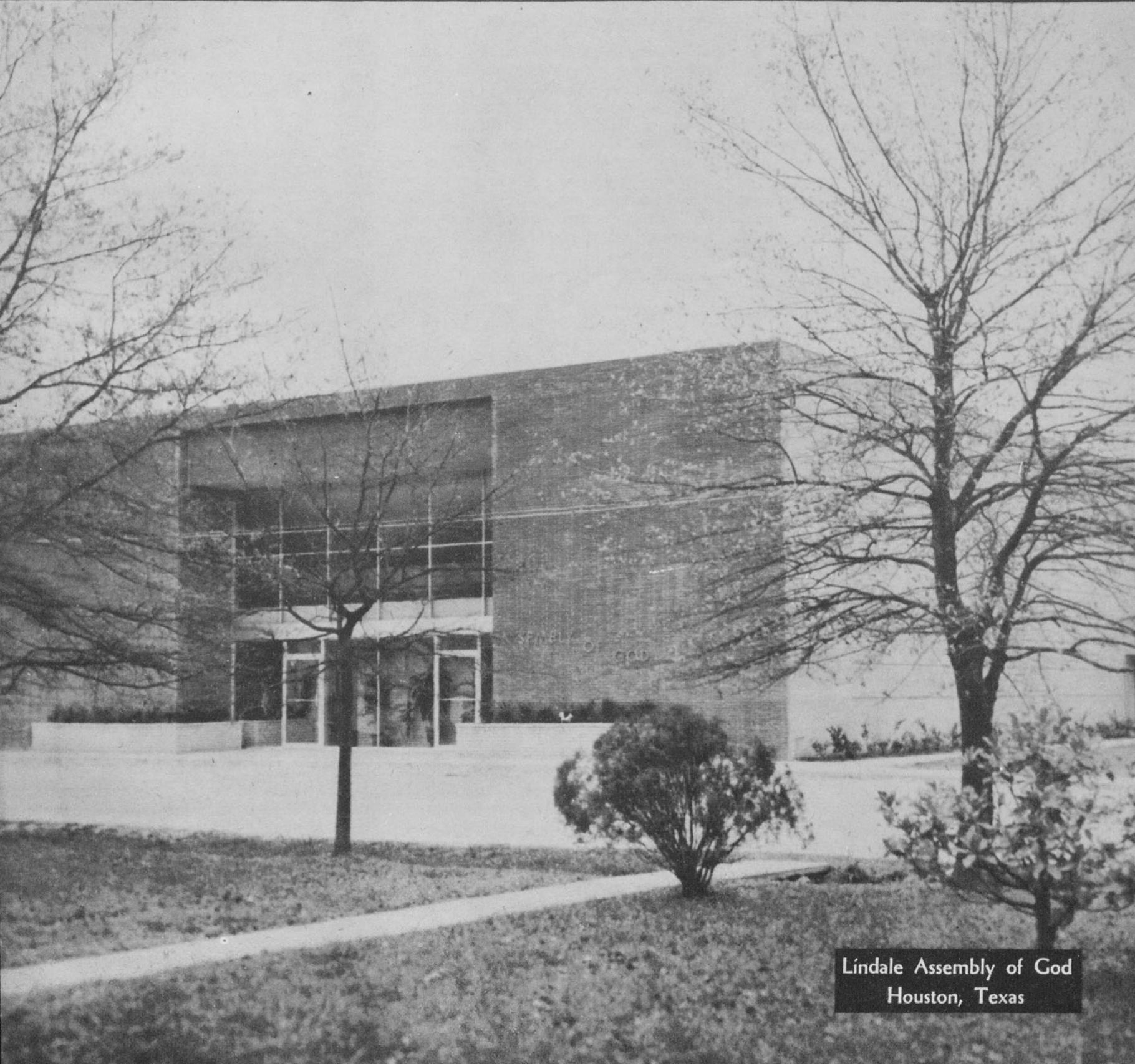


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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Former Boxer Now Preaching

Henry "Homicide" Armstrong, former world boxing champion, is now an evangelist, and he says he wants to preach in the boxing arenas where once he boxed his way to fistic fame. The colored ex-boxer is the only man ever to hold three world titles simultaneously. He says, "I hope to reduce the population of hell by thousands of souls."

The Exodus from Libya

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, some 30,480 Jews have emigrated from Libya in the past three and a half years, and only 900 Jews remain to be brought to Israel. Libya was recently made an independent state, whereupon it joined the Arab League. Israel agencies were speeding up the task of snatching out all the Jews before the doors to Jewish emigration slam shut.

Czech Nuns and Priests Oppressed

Some 750 Roman Catholic nuns have been moved from concentration camps in Slovakia to work in factories on the Bohemian frontier, the Vatican Radio says. The sisters are forced to work in overalls at textile mills, and are billeted far from towns or villages in order to prevent their attendance at religious services. A new jail in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, reportedly is being used chiefly for the imprisonment of priests.

Bicycles for East Germany

Many of the pastors and other religious workers in the Soviet Zone of Germany are said to be without any means of transportation. A movement has been started in Denmark to collect used bicycles and send them to East Germany so that these workers will not have to go about their duties on foot. Denmark is known as "the country of bicycles."

New Oil in the Near East

According to *King's Business*, vast new oil deposits have been discovered hidden beneath barren, volcanic Harran Plateau between Syria and Turkey. A noted French geologist has just brought word of the discovery back to Paris, and the French are talking excitedly of the change that an oil boom will bring in political and military thinking about the Middle East. Here is another link in the chain of current events that is leading to the culmination of the Bible prophecies.

A Lasting Tribute

A lady in Florida requested that when she died her friends should not buy flowers for her funeral but should give the money to the American Bible Society instead. At last report almost \$700 had been received.

Psychiatry to Be Shunned

"Preachers should stop trying to be psychologists or psychiatrists and start being ambassadors of Jesus Christ," says John S. Bonnell, Presbyterian pastor in New York City. Dr. Bonnell suggests that "there are men much better trained in that field than we can ever be," and that "the Christian pastor is competent to deal with real guilt and the delivery from such guilt through the transforming power of Christ."

Baptist Day of Prayer

Wednesday, March 26, was a day of prayer for Southern Baptists. In calling for this day of confession, repentance, and intercession, Dr. J. D. Grey, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, stressed the "appalling conditions" of the times.

"Political corruption, social immorality, civic unconsciousness, and spiritual indifference in America are causing doom to take our measure," he said. "The pallbearers that bore ancient Greece and Rome to their graves knock today at America's door. Only praying Christians can turn the tide."

Calling the Nation Back to God

The American Legion has launched a "Back to God" movement. The program calls for all Americans, including Legionnaires, to attend church regularly, to pray daily for divine guidance, and to promote religious training of the young.

The National Commander, Donald R. Wilson, is a Sunday School teacher. In commenting on the program, he said:

"The American Legion's 'Back to God' program will be a continuing program. It is one of the greatest causes to which the American Legion can dedicate itself. Every combat veteran knows the sustaining strength that lies in all-out faith in God. Our greatest ally amidst the dangers of this atomic age is God. Our greatest need is to get closer to God."

Charity Gambling Ruled Out

It is reported that churches, schools, and veterans' organizations will not receive permits for charity gambling in Oklahoma City, Okla. In ruling on the matter, the Charity Solicitations Commission of the city said: "These organizations should bear in mind that such lottery schemes cannot help but influence young people to believe that gambling is all right. If such schemes are to be tolerated in the schools and churches, how can anyone object to gambling?"

Britain's New Queen

Britain lost a beloved sovereign in the passing of King George VI. His personal piety and public example exerted a strong influence for good upon the lives of his subjects, and there is every indication that the new sovereign will follow in her father's footsteps.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed the hope that the reign of Elizabeth II "should be the occasion for a reformation of British manners and morals." Preaching in St. Paul's Cathedral at a national memorial service for the late King, he praised the new Queen in the following words:

"The Queen captures us all by her clear shining grace and goodness, by her youth and readiness for gallant service, by her patience, sincerity, and devotion." The Archbishop proposed that the new era should pursue the ideals of purity and virtue, Christian devotion and dauntless faith. Let us pray that it may be so.

The Royal Proclamation

Tradition is a good thing if it holds a nation to Christian fundamentals. It is interesting to read the Royal Proclamation of Great Britain which placed Elizabeth II on the throne, and to note some of the phrases used:

"Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God. . . ."

"Queen Elizabeth, defender of the Faith. . . ."

"Beseeching God, by whom kings and queens do reign. . . ."

"God save the Queen. . . ."

In the oath of allegiance, the Queen swears that she is "a faithful Protestant," and asserts: "I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant succession to the throne of my realm, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law."

Of her own accord the new Queen publicly asserted: "I pray that God will help me to discharge worthily this heavy task which has been laid upon me so early in my life."

Healing, a Part of the Christian Faith

Ernest S. Williams



E. S. Williams

IN JUDE we read, "Beloved, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Among the doctrines included in this faith once delivered was healing for our physical bodies. Now "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Some seeking healing have felt it necessary to work themselves into some physical feeling or manifestation in order that they might be healed. This is not necessarily correct. One may have no physical manifestation and yet possess faith, while another may have considerable emotional manifestation without being healed because trust was put in the feeling rather than in the Lord who heals.

It is faith in Christ that brings healing, not faith in manifestations. A good woman once said, "Even if I have no feelings I still have the Lord." Let us all remember that we have Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith," even though we do not enjoy special manifestations.

In the providence of God it was my pleasure some years ago to be pastor of a church in northern Ohio. The woman who was then the church secretary had been wonderfully healed. She was a school teacher. Being stricken with heart trouble, Bright's disease, and dropsy, she had reached a condition beyond the aid of medical skill. Her sister living at another city wrote to her urging that she trust the Lord for her healing. When this word reached her, this woman asked for her Bible and read carefully through each of the Gospels to see if there was any record of Jesus ever refusing to heal. When she had finished the reading, having found no record of His having turned any away, she asked where were those who prayed for the sick, since the elders of the church of which she was then a member did not do this.

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A small group of people was found. A request was sent to their elders that they should visit and pray for this woman, anointing her with oil in the name of the Lord as set forth in the Epistle of James. They responded, anointed her, and prayed for her according to the Scripture. There was no immediate result. This school teacher, confined to her wheel chair, unable to lie down for rest, stepped out on the promise of God without any evidence of feeling, and testified to all who called to see her that she was healed. Her friends left her with pitying sympathy, thinking her disease had now reached the acute stage, and that it was affecting her mind. They supposed it would be but a short while before she would be gone.

You may wonder why this woman claimed healing before it was manifest. This was in harmony with Scripture, for it says concerning Abraham, "Who counted the things that were not as though they were." Needless to say, after a day or so of such standing by faith the evidence was received in a full restoration to health. Others have had similar experiences.

When Jesus was here on earth ministering to the people, some were immediately healed, others were healed as they went, while others "began to amend from that hour." And at present some are instantly healed, while others feel

HEALED OF TUMOR—OPERATION CANCELLED

For many years I was ill and my suffering was almost unbearable. Three doctors diagnosed my trouble as tumor. A hospital room was reserved for me, and the day and time set for my operation. But God showed me that this was not His will, so instead of undergoing surgery I made arrangements to be taken to the Assembly of God in Fort Collins, Colo.

Brother and Sister Crews were the pastors at Fort Collins at that time, and the people gathered each morning for prayer. The pastor anointed me with oil according to the Word of God, and the people all prayed for my healing. Praise be to God, He healed me. The operation appointment at the hospital was canceled. I am enjoying good health today.—Mrs. Viola Hinman, 10760 W. 44th Ave., Wheatridge, Colo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Verne J. Crews, Denver, Colo.)

no immediate change and the healing comes without conscious suddenness. If we have faith rooted in Jesus and the promises of His Word, the quiet evidence in our hearts that we have done what the Scripture has commanded gives us assurance that He "healeth all our diseases." Psalm 103:3. He is the same "yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

The ministry of Jesus was full of healings. He opened blinded eyes, touched the lepers and made them whole, and gave deliverance to the lame and the halt. In Acts 10:38 we read "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him." Now I take it from this that the devil must be back of sickness. Since our Saviour came to "destroy the works of the devil," surely it must be within His plan to heal our physical diseases as well as to save our souls.

Jesus not only wrought miracles as a sign of His power; He also made provision through His atonement for the healing of our bodies. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." To prove that this healing is physical, and not spiritual, the Scripture says that He healed "all that were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matthew 8:17. That He healed them every one to fulfill that which was spoken in the atonement chapter of Esaias (Isaiah) shows that through His atonement He has made provision for our deliverance from sickness and disease as well as for our salvation from sin.

One prominent minister said that Jesus could not have healed as a part of the atonement because the atonement was not yet made when He walked the roads of Palestine. With as much reason one might say that He could not then have forgiven sins because He had not yet died, yet we know He did forgive sins. While it is true that He had not yet gone to the cross, it is equally true that the Man of the cross was there.

When we are sixty years old we can—
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Modern Miracles

E. C. W. Boulton

"MIRACLES INDEED!" cries the skeptic, with a contemptuous curl of the lip and shrug of the shoulder. "Common sense contradicts all such claims. Twentieth century intelligence repudiates any such contention. Besides, you are up against the whole weight of modern science which has once and for all disproved and disposed of miracles!

"Moreover, present-day theology has at last laid the ghost of superstitious faith, which may have satisfied our forefathers in the dark middle ages. Modern biblical criticism has burst the shackles of orthodox mental bondage, and brought the church into a place of breadth of vision hitherto unknown. We moderns have cast off the outworn clothes of credulity."

On the surface this all sounds perfectly reasonable—but the question is not quite so easily disposed of. We should like to ask how are these wonderful happenings, these present-day miracles of healing, to be accounted for? It must be admitted that the truthful testimony of men and women forms an argument far more formidable than a clever thesis on healing. We are not confronted with some abstract and abstruse philosophy of the miraculous. This is something too remarkable to be ignored, and far too tangible to be brushed aside. It is evident that some force is at work bringing life and health out of disease and death. There is some power in operation which challenges sickness in the human body. And mark you, this is no ephemeral work; many cases of healing have stood the test of years. In all fairness we ask what is that power, and from where does it come?

There is no mistaking the reality of the work wrought. Crooked and crippled limbs are not in the habit of yielding to mere emotion, be it ever so strong. Psychology cannot claim a dynamic sufficient to expel those deadly and deep-seated growths that were eating the very life of some people. Here we have a

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company of those who for years sought escape from pain, only too eager to grasp at anything that offered even temporary relief. Bruised, broken and blighted by disease, every possible means was applied in vain until at last grim despair had settled upon them like a pall of great darkness. It was to them that the glad, good news of life through the crucified and glorified Galilean came. Like light that penetrates the dungeon came the message of Divine

HEART TROUBLE VANISHES

My husband had a bad heart condition and high blood pressure for several years. About once a month he would have a heart attack and he suffered much.

We trusted God for his healing. Several ministers anointed him with oil and prayed. Some time during the summer of 1951 the Lord healed him, and he has not had a heart attack since. His blood pressure is normal.

On December 3, he underwent a physical examination for the army. The doctor told him he was in perfect condition, and said he could hardly believe that he had ever had high blood pressure.—Mrs. James Kennedy, Irwin, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joseph L. Pittman, Irwin, Pa.)

healing. Faith leaped up within them in response to the ministry of those chosen and anointed of God to proclaim the Full Gospel evangel in these last days. Personality must find expression in testimony, and this will lead to variety and difference in details, but in the final analysis each testimony will agree in the main particular. Each and all will tell you that healing was the result of contact with Christ.

We fail to understand the Christian mentality which deliberately and determinedly sets out to discredit and disprove the miraculous. Should it not rather be the earnest endeavor and prayer of Christian believers for a restoration of that supernatural power which cloth-

ed and crowned the witness of the early Church? Today the fellowship of God's people which admits of the miraculous in their ministry is treated with suspicion and criticism. Yet methinks if it was possible for one of those first-century saints to return to earth, it would be the absence of the supernatural which would cause astonishment rather than the reverse. We can conceive that such a visitant would be shocked at the deplorable paucity of miraculous power in the Church today. It is the Church without the supernatural in her midst which is an anomaly, and as Dr. Hanna says, "The disappearance of these gifts from the Church must be a far greater difficulty than their reappearance could possibly be."

Alas, Christians are continually attempting to set chronological bounds to the supernatural, but in spite of this God is breaking through here and there and revealing His unchangeable authority over sickness and disease.

Why should the Christian Church close its door to that which would give new impetus and inspiration to all its ministries? What folly for a Church to cut herself off from a revival that would fill her pews and fire her pulpit. It is time that we recognized that it is not in the arena of argument that this issue can be decided, but by the test of experience.

It is this disposition to discredit the supernatural that prevents that great miracle of Pentecost being repeated on a large scale in the life of the Church. It is an attitude that makes for spiritual poverty. Without Pentecost the Church ceases to function as a miraculous agency. It may be argued that miracles at best are but preparatory and introductory. But surely this is no argument for their exclusion. Let us ask, for what do they prepare, and to whom do they introduce? If miracles are preparatory to a life of consecrated service for Christ, then surely this in itself is sufficient justification for their presence in the life of God's people. If the manifestation of the supernatural power of the Holy Ghost is introductory to a life of union with Christ, then this is a result of inestimable worth both here and hereafter. It is not advanced that miracles are the foundation of our faith in Christ. It is our faith in Him that not only makes the miraculous possible but absolutely necessary. He is the Great

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How to Receive Divine Healing

A. B. Simpson

HOW CAN I receive divine healing? You cannot get it as you get a medical prescription or a surgical operation. You cannot buy it and you cannot borrow it. Anybody else cannot get it for you; you must get it straight from God—and the best part of it is not His healing, but the blessing it brings to you through knowing Him. Here are five short directions on, "How to get it."

GET RIGHT WITH GOD

You cannot get anything from God if your heart and life are wrong. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me," the psalmist said. The first promise of healing away back in Exodus 15:26 was conditioned upon the obedience of the people. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee." He does not demand that you shall be perfect, but that you shall be sincere in your desire to please Him, and walk in all the light He gives you. Any true-hearted Christian can do this by the grace of God.

Are you right with God? Are you so living that your heart does not condemn you, and that you can come to Him with humble confidence and claim His blessing as a loving, trusting and obedient child?

GET HOLD OF THE PROMISES

Faith comes from knowing God's will. You can only ask God for as much as He has authorized you to ask, and if you find from your Bible that He authorized you to ask for healing, you need have no trouble about the faith needed. The faith comes instinctively by knowing the truth and understanding your rights under the will of your Father.

Having got hold of the truth in general, take some particular promise and claim it by faith. It must be definite. You cannot take hold of a hundred cables, but you can take hold of one and grip it firmly until it brings you safely to the shore. Any one of God's promises is enough, for He has said, "All the promises of God are yea, and

in Him amen, unto the glory of God by us."

GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRIST

Divine healing, like every other blessing of the Gospel, is centered in our Lord Jesus Christ, and in order to receive it we must get in touch with Him. It is not like a parcel of goods delivered to you from a store in a package, once and for all; but it is like the live wire that supplies your house with light: the contact must be kept up or the light will fail. It is Christ who is our life, and we must know and receive Him before we can have any of His gifts. This is the trouble with many persons: they do not know Him, and it is true today as it was when He was on earth, "As many as touched Him were made perfectly whole."

GET COMMITTED

Now, it is one thing to be *willing* to take the Lord, to *intend* to take the Lord, to be *trying* to take the Lord for the blessing you need; but it is quite another thing to *take* the Lord and *count it done*; this is *COMMITTAL*. It is to drop your letter into the mail box, and not hold on to it by the corner. It is to let your letter go and leave the responsibility of its delivery with the

LARGE TUMOR DISAPPEARS

I suffered with my back for ten years, and as time went by I grew worse and worse. In October, 1951, I had several X rays and polygrams made. All showed a huge tumor covering both kidneys. I was put on narcotics and "hypos" to quell the terrible pain. The doctor said an operation was needed at once.

I was a Christian, and I wanted to trust God for healing, so I decided not to submit to an operation. One night in our own church God miraculously delivered me. I had lost considerable weight, and now after three months time I have gained it all back. I have never had one pain in my back since. After my healing I went back to the doctor and had more pictures taken and they showed that the tumor was gone.

I have been a living example in my community and among many friends who did not believe in Divine Healing. They know now that God's power is unlimited. Some of my closest friends and relatives have accepted Christ.—Ruth Kimble Green, 1019 Hillside Blvd., South San Francisco, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Carl E. Curtright, South San Francisco, Calif.)

postal authorities.

Most people are simply trying, but not trusting, and there is no more help in that than in the faint efforts of the poor little kitten of whom a countryman tells us, that had fallen into his well, and was in process of rescue. The farmer heard its pitiful cries and noticed that it had climbed out of the water and was hanging on a ledge in the brick work. He gently dropped a bucket down beneath it and tried to induce it to drop in, but the kitten simply reached out its little paws and then drew them back timorously. It cried and cried again in its helplessness and despair, but this was all in vain. The kitten could not be rescued until it let go the ledge and committed itself to the bucket. The struggle lasted a good while until at last, tired and ready to fall, it ventured; there was a little plunge, and the farmer knew by the added weight that the refugee was safely caught. Then it was a small matter to land his burden on solid ground.

Exactly so we hesitate and struggle until at last tired, we just let go and then it is easy for God to do anything for us. The prayer of faith is a transaction which you must settle at a definite moment and must ever after count it settled. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

GET UP AND GO TO WORK

Your prayers and even your faith will not bring results, until you act your faith and arise from your weakness and your fears. You must begin to go forward as if it were really done. Then God will meet you. As they went they were healed."

After long sickness and suffering, both mind and body are sunk in a habit of conscious helplessness, and the sense of helplessness holds us by a power that we must break. Only as we rise up and put forth the power of a believing will, and begin to act, will we find God meeting us with new strength and healing.

It is very much like the incident of the chained eagle that had long been accustomed to a little circle in the back yard. Here he was chained as a captive, and here for many years he had tramped his ceaseless round until a deep rut had been worn in the soil, covering the utmost limits of his chain.

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One day the owner resolved to set him free, and, unfastening the chain, he lifted the bird on his arm and pushed him out into space, thinking of course that he would fly. But the stupid old eagle just dropped into his tracks and began to walk around the old rut as he had done for years. The owner tried to push him out and make him understand that he was free. Only after a long delay did a light begin to rise in his dull eyes, and at length, as he stood upon the wall of the yard, and looked out upon the

sky and the sun, the memory of other days came over him. Shaking his wings with timorous caution, he ventured at last to rise. A moment later he realized that he was free; and with a wonder and delight, he struck out his mighty pinions as in years gone by and soared away to the sun. So, dear friends, you must take your blessing by active faith; and as you begin to use it, you will find every promise true.

NEXT WEEK: "How to Keep Your Healing."

"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

Andrew Murray

GOD SAID to the Israelites, "I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

How often we have read these words without daring to take them for ourselves and without expecting that the Lord would fulfil them to us. We have seen in them the promise that the people of God would be exempted from the diseases inflicted upon the Egyptians, but we have thought that this promise applied only to the Old Testament, and that we who live in New Testament times cannot expect to be kept from sickness or healed by the direct intervention of the Lord. And yet we were obliged to recognize the superiority of the New Covenant—and so we have come, in our ignorance, to allege that sickness often brings great blessings, and that God had done well to withdraw what He had formerly promised, and to exempt us from the promise, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

But in our day we see the Church awakening and acknowledging her mistake. She sees that it is under the New Covenant that the Lord Jesus acquired the title of Healer by all His miraculous healings. She is beginning to see that in charging His Church to preach the gospel to every creature, He has promised to be with her "always, even unto the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20), and that, as proof of His presence, His disciples should have the power to lay hands on the sick and be assured that the sick should be healed (Mark 16:15-18).

She sees, moreover, that in the days of the apostles the miraculous pouring out of the Holy Spirit was accompanied by miraculous healings, which were evident proof of the blessings brought about by the power from on high (Acts 3:16; 5:12; 9:40).

There is nothing in the Bible to make her believe that the promise made to Israel has been retracted, and she hears from the apostle James this new promise, "The prayer of faith shall save (or heal) the sick." James

5:14. She knows that at all times it has been unbelief which has limited (or restricted) the Holy One of Israel (Psalm 78:41), and she asks herself if it is not unbelief which prevents the manifestation of the power of God in these days.

Who can doubt it? It is not God or His Word which are to blame here; it is our unbelief which prevents the Lord from healing as in past times. Let our faith awake; let it recognize and adore in Christ the omnipotence of Him who says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." It is by the works of God that we can best understand what His Word tells us. The healings which are responding to the prayer of faith today confirm and illustrate the truth of His promise.

Let us see in the risen Jesus the Divine Healer, and let us receive Him as such. Now in order that I may recognize in Jesus my justification, my strength, and my wisdom, I must grasp by faith that He is really all

this to me. Similarly, when the Bible tells me that Jesus is the sovereign Healer, I must personally appropriate this truth and say, "Yes, Lord, it is Thou who art my Healer." And why may I hold Him as such? It is because He gives Himself to me and makes me "one plant with Him" (Rom. 6:5, French version) so that, inseparably united to Him, I possess His healing strength. It is because His love is pleased to load His beloved with His favors, and to communicate Himself with all His heart to all who desire Him.

Let us believe that He is ready to extend the treasure of His blessing contained in the name Jehovah-Raphah, "The Lord that healeth thee," to all who know Him and who trust in this divine name. This is the treatment for the sick indicated by the law of His kingdom. When I bring my sickness to the Lord, I do not depend on what I see, or what I feel, or what I think, but on what He says. Even when everything appears to be contrary to the expected healing, and even if my healing should not take place at the time or in the way that I had expected, and even when the symptoms seem only to be aggravated, my faith should cling immovably to this word which has gone out of the mouth of God, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

God is ever seeking to make us true believers. Healing and health are of little value if they do not glorify God, and do not serve to unite us more closely with Him. Thus in the matter of healing our faith must always be put to the test, and it may even be strengthened by waiting.

He who counts on the name of his God, and who can hear Jesus saying to him, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the glory of God?" (John 11:40) will have the joy of receiving from God Himself the healing of the body, and of seeing it take place in a manner worthy of God's power and in conformity with His promises.

When we read these words, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," let us not fear to answer eagerly, "Yes, Lord, Thou art the Lord that healeth me."

HEALED OF ARTHRITIS AFTER SUFFERING FOR THIRTY YEARS

On October 5, 1951, the Lord healed me of arthritis from which I had suffered for thirty years. I was listening to a sermon over the radio. A quiet voice seemed to say down in my heart, "The Lord will heal you." I answered, "Yes, Lord, I believe it." The voice came again and I answered the same way.

I began to praise God and to thank Him for the many friends who were praying for me. The power of God seemed to settle on my shoulders and go right down through my body, taking away all pain and suffering. It is so wonderful to be free from pain after suffering so many years. I will be 76 in May, and I am cooking and baking for my husband and myself, and also doing some sewing.—Mrs. Lewis Fair, R. R., Wilbur, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. A. Kincaid, Wilbur, Wash.)

CHILD'S SKULL FRACTURE HEALED

In May, 1951, my year-old grandson fell down a steep flight of steps in my home and fractured his skull in seven places. The brain specialist, Dr. H. T. Spencer, of Washington, D. C., called us into the office at the hospital and pointed out the seven fractures revealed in the X-ray pictures. The most serious one in the back of the skull showed a triangle shape piece of bone indented. To avoid pressure on the brain and future complications, he said he would have to operate and lift that piece of bone to its original position.

For over a week the child remained in the hospital awaiting that operation. Our church prayed with me day and night that God would intervene and spare him that serious operation.

He recovered so miraculously that Dr. Spencer decided, after taking the second set of X rays, that the operation would not be necessary. The child has developed normally with no after effects. In fact, he is the brightest mentally of my five grandchildren.—Lillian S. Middleton, Vienna, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor Clyde N. Lee, Vienna, Va.)

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HEALED

If God has healed you recently, will you not write out your testimony and let us publish it so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch? Make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

STOMACH ULCERS

In December, 1948, our ten-year-old son Johnny became violently ill. The doctor was treating him for the flu but he did not respond to the treatment. He was vomiting blood, so the doctor ordered him to the hospital where he was given an intravenous feeding and an X ray was taken. The X ray showed an ulcer at the lower end of the stomach. The physicians were amazed to find ulcers in one so young. He was put on baby food and thin cream diet. We were told it would be three years before he would outgrow it.

Seven months later Evangelist Clifton Erickson was conducting a meeting at the Assembly of God church. Johnny was very ill at this time. When he was particularly bad one day, the Lord laid it on my heart to take him to the meeting to be prayed for. All praise to Jesus, he was instantly healed!

In a few days we took Johnny back to the doctor for X rays. How amazed the doctor was when he reported to me there was no sign of an ulcer. Johnny has eaten everything the family has from the time he was healed (July 1949) until the present time (January 1952). He has not had one bad spell. Until he was healed he had at least one bad spell a week.

He is stronger now than he has ever been, and his nerves are more quiet than at any time in his life. All praise and honor be to our wonderful Lord.—Mrs. John Lehmkuhl, Route 1, Missoula, Mont.

(Endorsed by Pastor Eugene A. Born, Missoula, Mont.)

BABY AT POINT OF DEATH

On Sunday, December 23, we gathered for our afternoon service and the Spirit of the Lord moved upon the people as they sang. Suddenly a sister arose and said, "We have brought with us a lady who wants to get saved; and she has a baby in the hospital at the point of death. She desires your prayers."

At my invitation the lady came to the altar. The saints gathered around her and prayed, with the result that she was gloriously saved. We immediately prayed for the baby.

The mother said that she and others had visited the hospital at noon, only to find the baby in an oxygen tent in a dying condition. We felt that God had touched the child and we were moved to tell the mother that the next time she went to the hospital she would find the oxygen tent removed from the child.

At the close of the service the mother said to my wife, "Would you and your husband go with us to the hospital and pray again for my baby?" She gladly consented, and a few minutes later we were on our way. As

we drove to the hospital we prayed, "Father, confirm Thy Word with signs following."

Upon arriving at the hospital we found the child up in bed, jumping around and begging to go home. No longer was it in an oxygen tent. God had answered the prayers of His people. The mother came to church that evening and gave a wonderful testimony of our Lord's saving and healing power. The next day the baby was released from the General Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio, so that the parents were able to have it home with them for Christmas. On Wednesday evening, December 26, the mother was back at church and this time the baby was with her. Thanks be to our loving Master who said, "Every one that asketh receiveth."—Pastor James Everett Carr, Fairfax Full Gospel Assembly, Fairfax, Ohio.

TUBERCULOSIS OF BOTH LUNGS

On April 8, 1949, I was admitted to the Leeds Tuberculosis Sanatorium with a bad case of tuberculosis in both lungs. At this time I was not a Christian so I did not know how to reach out and touch God in prayer. My sister who was taking care of my little girl belonged to Bethel Tabernacle (Assembly of God) in Kansas City, Mo., and she had the church pray for me. The pastor visited me in the sanatorium, and my sister and two of the women from the Home Department visited me regularly. They prayed for me and brought the EVANGEL for me to read.

After I had been there about four months and saw the awfulness of tuberculosis, I really began to get down to business with God. I told myself that either I must serve God and give up the things of the world, or else be in the hospital for an indefinite time or even die young. I made up my mind that I would serve God the rest of my life if He would only give me back my health.

I prayed that way for some time and then one day I opened the EVANGEL and there was the answer to my prayer. It stood out in big letters, "I WILL RESTORE HEALTH UNTO THEE." Jer. 30:17. I prayed much and read everything I could on Divine Healing.

After I was in the hospital about six months a matter came up that required my signature. I finally was permitted to go home long enough to attend to it personally. The doctor instructed me to be back that night and again reminded me of the seriousness of my case. At that time I was a strict bed patient.

In spite of all the warnings, I did not go back that night but remained at home in order to attend church the next morning. At the close of the meeting I broke down and began to cry. Some of the ladies sitting near me took me up to the front, as I had requested prayer. I knelt down at the altar and immediately I was prostrated by the power of God. I lay on the floor for two and a half hours praising God. I was gloriously saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed.

After this experience with the Lord I felt definitely checked against going back to the hospital or taking any more of the treatments which I had been receiving. After I did not return to the sanatorium the nurse from the health department visited me and urged me to go to the City Hospital for a check-up. One day I felt led of the Lord to go and let them X ray my lungs. The

proofs showed absolutely no signs of tuberculosis.

That was over three years ago and I am still enjoying health and serving God. I work hard every day through the week to support myself and my daughter. I can never thank God enough for all He has done for me.—Mrs. Minnie Bias, Kansas City, Mo.

(Grace J. Clow, Pastor, Bethel Tabernacle, 4233 Independence Ave., Kansas City, Mo., writes, "Sister Bias has lived a consistent Christian life. She is a loyal member and teaches in the Sunday School. She is in the best of health and shows no signs of ever having had tuberculosis.")

BLIND IN ONE EYE

I had worn glasses from the time I was 12 years old and now I am 58. Without my glasses I could not see to read, write, or sew. In the summer of 1950 I felt that God was going to heal my eyes. One Sunday while I was in church, God spoke to me again concerning my eyes. I took off my glasses and was overjoyed to find that I could read my Bible without them, though dimly at first.

At the close of the service I had the pastor and the saints pray for me. I testified that I would not wear glasses any more as I believed God had healed me. Right then my test began. Satan did not want God to be glorified through my healing.

Soon afterward my eyes became so bad I had to be in bed in a dark room. The pain was terrible. Several times my pastor and the saints came and prayed for me, but I did not receive complete deliverance.

After a month of intense suffering day and night, my children said I must go to an eye specialist. I went to one in Portland, Oregon, and had my eyes treated every day. The doctor said one eye was too far gone to save, but he would try to save the other one. After a week he said he was not doing me any good and advised me to go to our family physician. I went to our doctor and he told me I was bordering on pernicious anemia. The doctor did not help me. I had gone blind in one eye and I was getting worse.

Then I decided I was not going to the doctors any more, but would trust only in God. I asked my pastor and the saints to come once more and pray for me. From that time I began to get better. Sight was restored to the blind eye. Today I do not wear glasses, and I can see to read, write, and sew. God also healed all my other ailments. Praise His wonderful name.—Mrs. Fred Askew, Route 1, Box 137, Beaver Creek, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. C. Dodson, Rainier, Oreg.)

MODERN MIRACLES

(Continued from page four)

Fount of supernatural energy, and from Him all through the centuries has flowed that life-giving efficacy.

We rejoice that the coming of the King is thus being heralded by these glorious foretokens; we may well expect the eastern horizon at any moment to burst into a blaze of advent glory, and our ears to catch the call of command to meet the Lord in the air. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

California Pastors Enthusiastic Over Missionary Meetings

"IN JANUARY our church was blessed with the greatest missionary convention I have ever attended."—E. Gene Martin, pastor First Assembly of God Church, 590 Fir Street, San Diego.

"We enjoyed what was by far the finest annual convention we have ever had. It was PENTECOST right out of the Book of Acts."—C. Morse Ward, pastor Full Gospel Tabernacle, Seventeenth and O Streets, Bakersfield.

"Everyone seems to agree that the convention was one of the greatest things that ever came our way."—T. C. Cunningham, pastor Faith Tabernacle, 2147 Purdue Avenue, West Los Angeles.

Such comments continue to come in from pastors concerned regarding a series of six missionary conventions held in Southern California during January.

Besides the churches mentioned, these also were hosts to the missionary speakers of the convention series: Assembly of God, 418 North Second Street, Covina (R. L. Davis, pastor); Assembly of God, 11455 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood (E. J. Robison, pastor); and First Assembly of God, 683 Mountain View Avenue, San Bernardino (L. H. Hauff, pastor). All the pastors have been equally vocal.

An offering goal of \$25,000 had been set by the six churches, but more than \$45,000 was received—nearly double the amount. (See March 2 *Evangel* for tabulation by church.)

J. Paul Bruton, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Kensinger, Daniel C. Marocco, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Cobb, R. B. Cavaness, John L. Franklin, Lula Bell Hough, and Alta M. Washburn (American Indian worker) were the missionary speakers.

Brother Hauff reports spiritual blessing as a result of the meetings: "After the Sun-

day morning convention service, more than a dozen young people stayed at the altar until the afternoon meeting, dedicating their lives to God's service. This was the greatest week of services our church has ever seen. It was a time of real spiritual blessing to all who attended. We desire to make this an annual meeting." He mentioned also that his church had just come through a building program, "but that the Lord moved upon all to give with great liberality."

John L. Franklin, missionary to Guatemala, is the originator of an illuminated map of the world which was used in the conventions to inspire giving. He presents a few highlights of the giving, some of which also have been mentioned by the pastors:

"In all of these conventions the Holy Spirit moved upon the people to give. In Covina the Spirit of the Lord was most precious. One man there offered to sell his house trailer (valued at \$1,900) and to give half of the amount. In North Hollywood the pastor gave a week's salary and several members followed his example.

"The pastor in San Diego gave two weeks' salary. Two servicemen in the congregation gave \$100 each, a man gave \$1,200, and a woman \$1,000.

"At Bakersfield \$3,000 came in from one man. Money was handed in that had been saved for emergencies. That was also true at San Bernardino. A man in San Bernardino presented \$100 he had saved in case of some emergency, and a woman give \$1,000 saying she had saved it for buying a home. T. C. Cunningham's daughter of West Los Angeles brought \$85 she had saved toward Bible School.

"It was interesting to note that after this generous giving for missions each pastor remarked that his Sunday tithes and offerings

were larger than during the previous weeks, even months in one or two instances. After more than \$13,000 had been given for missions at Bakersfield a man came up with \$1,000 in back tithes to pay into the church treasury."

Another successful series of conventions was going on in Southern California about the same time, four churches, located in Bellflower, Wilmington, Long Beach and West Compton, participating. Names of the pastors, the missionary speakers and the amounts given also can be found in the March 2 *Evangel*.

Obstacles in El Salvador

HENRY C. BALL

Field Secretary for Latin America

SATURDAY, February 8, accompanied by Sterling W. Stewart, one of our missionaries here in El Salvador, and some nationals, I went to Las Vinas, near the El Salvador-Guatemala border for a fellowship meeting. I wish that you could have gone with us if for no other reason than to see what Speed-the-Light vehicles sometimes must endure. A Chevrolet Station Wagon was used on the trip.

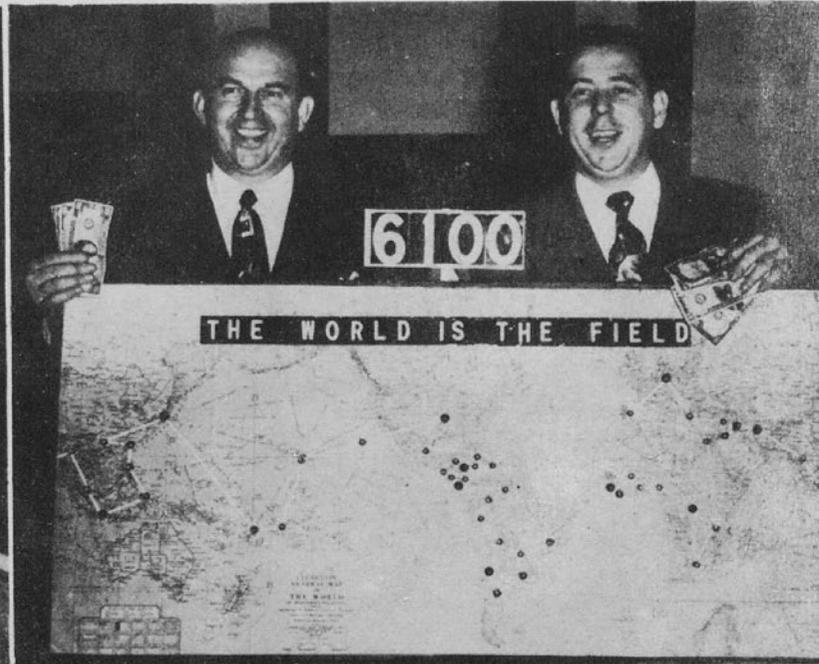
We drove for some time on the Pan American highway, then turned to our left on a road that would have been difficult even for an oxcart. We were ascending nearly all the way. The car seemed to groan as we made our way over rocks and boulders, twisting and turning.

On one grade of approximately thirty-five degrees we hit such loose soil there was no traction for the tires. Three of us had to get out and stand on the end-gate. With the added weight on the rear wheels we slowly made our way to the summit, but the wire on the left side of the gate broke during the climb, leaving only the right wire to support us. We wondered how soon it would break also, spilling us on the dusty, rocky trail.

The fellowship meeting was held at a brush arbor on top of a steep hill. To at-



Fred Rivitt, missionary treasurer of the First Assembly of God Church in San Diego, and E. Gene Martin, the pastor, rejoicing over a \$1,000 check given during their missionary convention.



"Hallelujah!" the men are shouting. They are L. H. Hauff, pastor of First Assembly in San Bernardino, and William Mabery, treasurer. The missionary offering total is shown on the map.

tend, some of the saints had walked as much as thirty miles. Close to one hundred persons were present.

It was my happy privilege to minister to the gathering the night of February 8. We had brought a small light plant for the services. It furnished light from five bulbs. Some of the congregation sat on rough, backless bamboo seats; others stood. There were those who were poorly dressed—even barefoot—but everyone was so eager! The people sang and prayed with great earnestness. One woman gave her heart to Christ that night.

The meetings were to continue so the people remained after the service. The men slept in the tabernacle arbor. Women slept in another large arbor that had been erected for them. A few small arbors had been built. There were no beds; the people slept on the ground.

We went back to Santa Ana that night. The trip back was not difficult since it was down grade. The following day I spoke at our large church in Santa Ana. Brother Stewart returned to Las Vinas for the remainder of the fellowship meeting. He brought back the report that the Sunday service at Las Vinas lasted ten hours. What hunger there is for the Word of God!

On Tuesday night, February 11, I spoke at our hall in El Salvador's capital city, San Salvador. Over a period of years I have ministered a number of times at the hall. Even several years ago the building was filled to capacity for meetings. It makes one's heart ache to see the thousands without Christ, all around the hall in San Salvador, who gladly would attend our services if only there were room. Friends, for lack of an evangelistic center hundreds in San Salvador will be lost eternally.

The people in this Republic are friendly and hungry for the gospel, but nobody knows if that will be the case a year from now. Can't we do something about the needs, and especially just now for the need in San Salvador? Surely there are those who could lend money for the erection of an evangelistic center. Won't you write to me at the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield, Missouri, telling me what you can do, or won't you send offerings?



Ralph C. Cobb, missionary to Nigeria, dressed as an emir during convention at R. L. Davis' church in Covina.



T. C. Cunningham commends his congregation in West Los Angeles on their giving. Missionaries shown are Katie Wise and J. Paul Bruton.



C. Morse Ward, Bakersfield pastor, addressing the convention audience. The last three nights of the convention in his church there was standing room only.



The Sunday morning missionary offering alone during the convention in North Hollywood totaled \$5,018. The people are shown filing by the basket. E. J. Robison is pastor.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE CRUCIFIXION

Lesson for April 6

Luke 23:33-46

Our chapter begins with the words, "And the whole multitude of them arose, and led Him unto Pilate." It is probable that this multitude consisted of the priests, members of their official families, and persons who had been bribed to testify against Jesus, since His trial before the Jewish leaders had been at night. It was daybreak, and the common people were in their homes. That the "multitude" did not consist of the common people is indicated by the fact that "the common people heard Him gladly."

Two classes of accusation were brought against Jesus. In the first, the accusers pretended to be much concerned in the maintenance of the Roman Government, which in reality they hated. They accused Jesus of forbidding people to give tribute to Caesar, and claiming that He was king. When Pilate exonerated Jesus by saying, "I find no fault in this man," the Jews then changed their attack, saying, "He stirreth up the people" (v. 5). If they could not get Pilate to act through one charge, they would trump up another. Those who wish to injure other people can always find an excuse for their actions even though such actions be wrong.

1. The Crucifixion of Jesus

We shall not dwell on the physical sufferings that accompanied crucifixion, torments beyond description. It has been said, "The Jews crucified Jesus." It is true that they were the instigators of His crucifixion, willing rather to have the guilty Barabbas free in their midst than to have Jesus released (v. 18). However, the crucifixion itself was the work of the Roman soldiers at the decision of Pilate (vs. 24; Matt. 27:27-35). Thus both Jews and Gentiles united in the death of our Lord.

The whole world, Jew and Gentile, was lost and guilty. Jesus in His death bore the penalty of sin for all. Whether the sinner be Jew or Gentile, by taking Christ as his substitute any sinner may be free. We would think that they who crucified Jesus put themselves beyond the pale of hope. This would be true unless they turned to Him as their Redeemer that they might be saved, but let us think of the experience of the apostle Paul. Had Paul been present at the crucifixion of Jesus he gladly would have shared in effecting it, for, before his conversion, he was Christ's bitter enemy. But when he turned to Jesus, taking Him as his personal Saviour, all was changed. The guilt he had incurred in his deeds of violence against "this way" was removed, and he was freely pardoned. Let it be known that every rejector of Christ may be saved if he will take Jesus as his

Saviour and will reject Him no longer.

2. The Prayer From the Cross

As Jesus hung upon the cross He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (v. 34). What beauty of spirit! What condescension! What meekness! He had come that He might redeem. He was being rejected and reviled because of the blindness of human hearts. No spirit of revenge did Jesus show, no desire that He might be cleared from false accusations. "Being reviled, He reviled not again." Before the eyes of the world He suffered and died as if He were a criminal. As long as God approved, all was well. His walk had testified to His character. He could now commit the result of men's lies into the hand of God. I would that we were able to do this. How careful we are to vindicate ourselves, to guard our reputation, to concern ourselves over what men will think of us. How readily we jump to our own defense if anything derogatory is spoken against us. It is natural to do this. It is Christlike not to.

3. The Two Thieves

Two thieves were crucified with Jesus. Anguished in spirit by his suffering, the one thief railed, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." How well he expressed the spirit of many. If we are in war, they rail, "If God be God why does He not stop this war?" They blame everyone but themselves. This thief's "prayer" was not answered.

How different was the spirit of the other malefactor. He would quiet the spirit of the railer, reminding him that he deserved his punishment (v. 41). "We receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss." Beautiful tribute to the purity of Jesus, and beautiful testimony to faith in Him!

Then this second malefactor said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (v. 42). His faith took Jesus as Messiah. While the many rejected Jesus, he believed in Him and in His coming kingdom. This was great faith. With Jesus the King hanging on the cross, the hope of a coming kingdom appeared dim. Yet the dying thief believed. Oh, that God would quicken our faith, so that in the testing times of disappointment or pain we might still believe in our Redeemer.

The answer of Jesus to the humble faith of the dying thief was immediate—"Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." One thief went to eternal destruction, the other to be forever with the Lord, all the result of the attitude of their hearts.

4. The Rent Veil

Jesus cried, "Father,

into thy hands I commend my spirit," and "the veil of the temple was rent in the midst" (v. 45). The rending of the veil was the testimony of God to the purpose of Christ's crucifixion. Rejected and set at naught by the world, Jesus in His sacrificial death was approved of God. What a testimony it must have been to the Jewish priests when they returned to the temple to find the thick veil ripped asunder. That veil had separated the holy from the most holy in the temple for centuries. It signified that man must remain at a distance from God, the high priest alone being permitted to pass beyond the veil, and that only once in the year. Leviticus 16.

Through Christ, the perfect Sacrifice, every believer now may come into the very presence of God. See Heb. 9:1-15, 24-28; 10:19-22. Note the exhortation and promise—"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . through the veil, that is to say, his flesh . . . let us draw near . . . in full assurance of faith." Though once afar off, we are now made nigh through the blood of Christ.

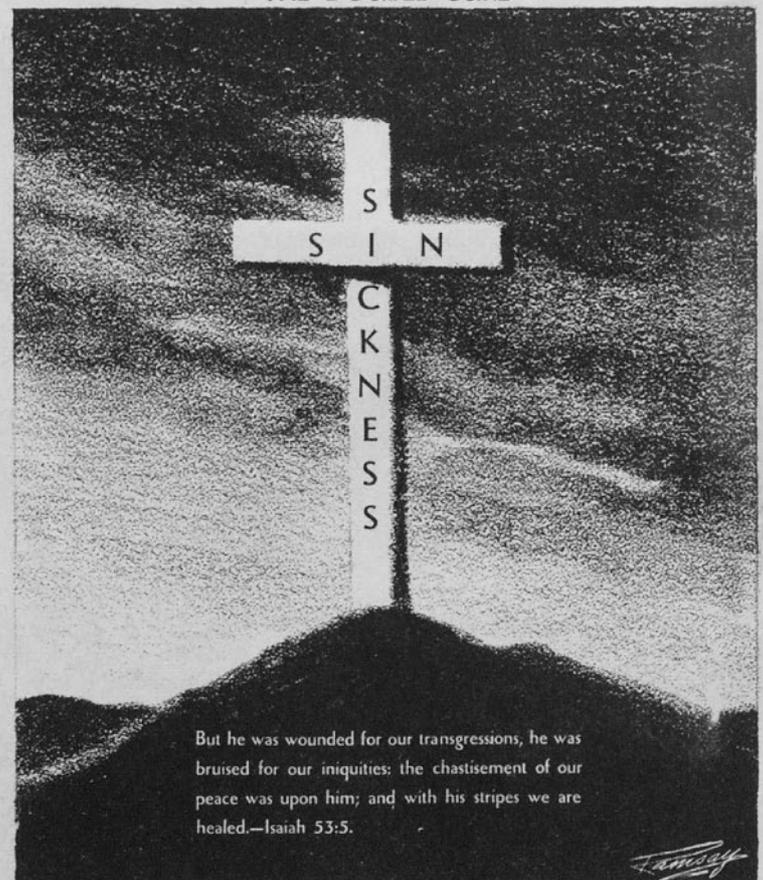
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Test of Discipleship (lesson for Sunday, March 30). Lesson text: Mark 12:28-34; John 13:34, 35; 15:10-14.

GOD'S STANDING CHALLENGE

The power of prayer has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let the whole church answer God's standing challenge: "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."—J. Hudson Taylor.

THE DOUBLE CURE



But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.—Isaiah 53:5.

Some "Weightier Matters"

Walter H. Beuttler

THE PURPOSE of writing along these lines is to call attention to some "weightier matters" in view of the enthusiasm over present-day mass meetings and healing campaigns. That God is moving by His Spirit with fresh manifestations of the supernatural, particularly in the healing of the sick, is blessedly evident. Thank God for the many miracles of deliverance that have been wrought. But this fresh emphasis on divine healing does call for consideration of some other things, particularly for those who have lost all sense of balance and relative values, thinking that signs and wonders are the very acme of Christian achievement. Such a view is far from the truth.

The marginal reading of 2 Tim. 2:15 in the Revised Version is very suggestive. Paul admonishes Timothy to be "holding a straight course in the word of truth." This is nautical language and suggests a pilot at the wheel, holding the ship to its prescribed course regardless of winds and currents. On the one hand we must not follow a course of mere theological intellectualism to the exclusion of the supernatural. On the other hand we must not veer off the "straight course" and go in the direction of the sensational and ecstatic to the exclusion of a sound grasp and balance in the word of truth. In other words, we must hold a "straight course" by watching our emphases.

That "all scripture is given by inspiration of God" is commonly accepted among us. However, there is a very important element belonging to inspiration which is frequently overlooked; namely, the element of emphasis. The inspiration of the Scriptures by the Holy Ghost not only guarantees to us the accuracy of the original writings, but also the relative importance of the truths set forth therein. Emphasis of the doctrines of Scripture is as much inspired as the doctrines themselves, and is therefore authoritative. All Scripture is equally inspired and therefore equally true, but the things taught in these equally true scriptures are not equally important. Recognition of and obedience to this element in inspiration is absolutely essential to "holding a straight course in the word of truth."

In the kingdom of God there are some things which are greater than others: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three, but the *greatest* of these is charity" (1 Cor. 13:13). In the kingdom of God there are some things which are better than others: "Behold, to obey is *better* than sacrifice" (1 Sam. 15:22). In the kingdom of God there are some things that are weightier than others: "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the *weightier* matters of the law" (Matt. 23:23).

Such varying degrees of emphasis are as

authoritative as the text itself, and must remain inviolate in interpretation and in practice if error is to be avoided.

SANCTIFICATION IS RELATIVELY MORE IMPORTANT THAN DIVINE HEALING.

This premise is based upon the teaching of Jesus that the soul is worth more than the body. "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee, for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell" (Matt. 5:29-30). Indeed we do need our eyes and hands, but Christ is speaking of relative values in the light of eternity. Healing is to the sufferer a very necessary and important thing. Divine healing is assuredly God's provision for the ills of the human body. But sanctification is still more important, for the soul and its ills are more important than the body. We may enter eternal life maimed, but "without holiness, no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

This point is dramatically set forth in 1 Corinthians 5 where the body of the one in question is deliberately given over to Satan "that the spirit might be saved." James admonishes the believer, "Confess your *faults* (lit., *sins*) one to another . . . that ye may be healed" (Jas. 4:16). Here the sanctification of the soul takes priority over the healing of the body. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world" (1 Cor. 11:30-32). Some of the Corinthian believers were obviously sick as a result of God's chastisement for eating and drinking the Lord's supper in an unworthy manner. In this instance again a state of health is shown to be subordinate to a state of sanctification. The word of the Lord offers us both healing and sanctification, but we speak of relative values for the sake of scriptural balance.

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT ARE RELATIVELY MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (1 Cor. 13:2). This is no attempt to minimize the value of the gifts of the Spirit which God has indeed set in the church (1 Cor. 12:28), and concerning which many should show a greater interest. "Desire spiritual gifts" is the apostle's injunction (1 Cor. 14:1). But there is again a growing tendency in some quarters to popularize the gifts to the neglect of the fruit. It is so easy to forget that "by their FRUITS ye

shall know them" (Matt. 7:28), not by their gifts. "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" (Matt. 7:21). What God does *by* us is important; what God does *for* us is more important. There are those who will claim acceptance with God on the basis of the works they performed in the name of Jesus who will hear the Lord say, "I never knew you" (Matt. 7:22). These are wonderful works wrought by the power of God, yet the workers will be rejected by God in spite of their gifts. This sobering statement is only made to call fresh attention to the great necessity of the fruit of Christian character. The thing which really counts in the last analysis is *not what we do, but what we are.*

GOD DOES NOT INTEND EVERY ONE TO HAVE A MINISTRY OF HEALING.

Bold and irresponsible declarations are being made that everyone ought to be out performing miracles and forming healing lines. It is true that any believer may pray for someone in physical need and obtain deliverance through the prayer of faith. But it is not true that all should be evangelists or workers of miracles any more than that all should be apostles, prophets or teachers. "Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" (1 Cor. 12:29-30). These are questions requiring a negative answer. The implied answer to all is an emphatic "no." There is need for intellectual sobriety here. "Think soberly," admonishes Paul when writing to the saints at Rome along those very same lines. "All members have not the same office . . . Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us . . ." (Rom. 12:3-8).

We must not forget that the Epistles are as much inspired by the Holy Ghost as the Gospels. Ministry gifts are variously distributed among the various members of the body of Christ. "The body is not one member, but many. . . . If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body" (1 Cor. 12:14-20). How easy it is to be carried away with the spectacular! All ministries, whatever their nature, whether spectacular or inconspicuous, are complementary to each other and equally necessary in their place. "The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the foot, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary" (1 Cor. 12:21-22).

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD IS ESSENTIALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN SIGNS AND WONDERS.

To think otherwise is a serious fallacy that can lead to grave consequences. People are apt to associate power with miracles of healing, and to divorce it entirely from the ministry of the Word. Of Jesus it is written that "his word was with power." There are many consecrated servants of God today who, though not performing miracles, preach

ATTENTION, PRIMARY TEACHERS

The Primary Picture Rolls now have printing on both sides of the pages. The change was made at the beginning of 1952, the purpose being to conserve scarce material.

We draw this to your attention because a few Primary Teachers, not expecting to find pictures on both sides of the pages, complained last quarter that half of the pictures were missing.

None of the helps have been omitted from the Picture Rolls. The pages simply are being printed on both sides, from now on, in order to conserve scarce and expensive material. Formerly they were printed on one side only. We are sorry if the change caused any confusion.

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and teach with power. When signs and wonders are extolled to the point where the Word of God is held inferior, there is error. 1 Corinthians 14 is potent proof that even the gifts of the Spirit are subordinate to the written Word. Of John the Baptist it is written that he came in the spirit and power of Elias (Luke 1:17), yet he performed no miracles (John 10:41). What then did he do with this power? The answer is simple. He used it to preach the Word in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord.

Notwithstanding the fact that John performed no miracle, Jesus rated him as greater than any of the prophets that preceded him, including the miracle-working Elijah. The people did not thus evaluate him, but Jesus with true perspective and correct sense of values did. Thank God for all the miracles of healing, and may He grant still more; but let us take a close look at 1 Cor. 12:28—"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Paul definitely uses order of precedence. After having listed the first three ministries he proceeds with an "after that" and a "then." "After that miracles, then gifts of healings." In Paul's view the teaching of the Word of God takes priority over miracles and healings. He does not deny ministries of miracles, and of healings, and gifts of the Holy Ghost—in fact, he affirms them—but he places the ministry of the Word ahead in relative importance.

That distortions and dislocations of truth as well as misunderstandings should occur in the rising tide of healing campaigns which we witness today is to be expected. But alarm need only be felt if with this emphasis we do not maintain a doctrinal equilibrium. In this connection it is well to remember that in the kingdom of God there are "weightier matters" and that these are not necessarily the most spectacular.

Religion that fails to mellow the heart, making one more tender and kind, patient and forbearing with others, is not that of Christ.

ON THE COVER PAGE

Pastor James McKeehan and the congregation of the Lindale Assembly of God moved into this fine new building three months ago. It is located on Caplin Street at Helmers in Houston, Texas, and is joined to a two-story Christian Education building that was erected in 1946.

The new auditorium, so modern in design, is a solid mass of masonry 70 by 80 feet in size and 30 feet high. The glass front, which is 28 feet wide and 22 feet high, gives light to the entire building. There are no other windows. The doors are solid glass so they, too, admit the light. There is a balcony that will seat 300 and it is illuminated by the light that streams in the glass front.

The front walls are finished in Roman brick; the other walls in regular brick. The flower boxes across the front are Austin limestone. On the inside, the auditorium is ceiled with acustitone. The floor is a green Kintile with aisles laid of cork that absorbs the sound of footsteps. There is a solid cork floor also in the pastor's study so that it can be used as a soundproof studio for broadcasting. The church broadcasts every day over KLEE at 6:45 and on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The building is air conditioned. The same system which provides cool air in summer provides warm air in winter. Both the air conditioning system and the sound system are concealed, as are the lights. The color scheme throughout is soft, restful and beautiful.

The new auditorium is a far cry from the original home of the Lindale Assembly. When the church began twenty years ago the meetings were held in a log building. Brother McKeehan founded the church and he has remained as pastor ever since, except for a period of eighteen months when he served as Sunday School Director for the Texas District. During February there was an average attendance of 268 in Sunday School. Stanley Michael is assistant pastor and director of music.

HEALING, A PART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

(Continued from page three)

not expect the vigor we had when we were twenty, for we have not yet received the redemption of our bodies. Our bodies are yet mortal, and subject to decay; natural wear and tear are experienced. We may liken it to an automobile. A car bought some years ago is not a new car as it once was. If it refuses to run farther, this may be corrected by putting new parts where worn parts were, but that does not make it a new car. It is similar with us. The Lord heals us where we need healing that we may continue our work until our course here is finished. These things we say for the benefit of those who are suffering, to encourage them to trust the Lord to make them whole.

Because Jesus heals it does not mean that we should yet claim the redemption of our bodies in the sense that they will be redeemed when Christ returns and mortality is swallowed up in life. Neither does it mean, as some enthusiastic but untaught persons have supposed, that we need not feel weariness or fatigue any more. We must be careful not to exceed the Scriptures. Jesus the perfect Man became weary, and we are not better than He. Those of the early church died

and we need not think ourselves superior to them. What we do claim is that through faith in Christ our human machine can be put into repair when its various parts break down, or foreign substances hinder its proper operation.

For those who deny healing in the atonement we would like to ask, "What have any of us received from God that has not come through the atonement?" Healing is a part of "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints" (margin). There is only one reason why more are not healed—the unbelief of the Church. Were there more of the spirit that animated the early church, there would be more results. Healing did not end with the closing of the earthly ministry of Christ. It became the practice of the Church. One of the earnest prayers of the early disciples was this: "Grant unto Thy servants that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done in the name of Thy holy child Jesus." Acts 4:30.

It is one thing for the Church to embrace the doctrine of Divine Healing; it is another thing to stand in faith when one is tested. The writer was stricken at one time. Fear entered his heart. Then the Lord said, "You have preached healing; have you done so merely as a theory or as a fact in life?" He felt his ministry was in the balance, and that unless he could overcome his faint-hearted-

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WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

ness and trust the Lord he could no longer proclaim in confidence the promises of God. Well does he remember the crisis hour as he walked the floor and cried, "Lord, You calmed the waves of troubled Galilee for your disciples' sakes; will you not calm the raging waves of fear that now dash over my soul?" Friends, it was as real as salvation when the Lord took possession. Immediately there was a great inward calm. How wonderful was the rest that came. For several days there was no evidence of a difference in the affliction, but the battle had been fought. Fear was gone; rest had taken its place. It will cost the Church something to practice God's Word. It is a great undertaking to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints," but let us remember that "whosoever believeth in Him shall not be confounded. As we honor God He will honor us and fulfill His word. "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

NEWS

CROWDS ATTEND UNION MEETING

INDEPENDENCE, KANS.—On February 13 we began a meeting with Evangelist Velmer Gardner. Judgment-day conviction seized the hearts of the people and hundreds responded to the altar call.

Brother Gardner emphasized in this meeting that Bible days are here again, and we were made to realize this as we witnessed the many healings. A little child with a large tumor was instantly healed. The mother took the child into a side room and found that the tumor was gone.

A large tumor instantly vanished from a lady's arm. Many deaf people were healed, including some whose ear drums were gone. The lame walked again, and cancers and growths disappeared.

The crowds that gathered nightly in Memorial Hall constituted the largest religious gathering in this city since the Billy Sunday revival. The meeting was sponsored by the Pentecostal Holiness, Church of God, Independent Churches, and Assemblies of God. We appreciate the way Brother Gardner worked with all these churches. He encouraged the people to faithfully support their church in finances and to pray for their spiritual leaders.—H. C. Humphrey, Chairman (Pastor of First Assembly).

N.A.E. CONVENTION

The tenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, April 15-18. The theme of the convention—"By My Spirit"—will be carried through all of the addresses and will guide the discussion in the various work groups.

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak on "The Holy Spirit in Revival." Charles W. Denton of the Assemblies of God will speak on "The Holy Spirit and the Children." Other speakers will include Robert Cook, President of Youth for Christ; Kenneth S. Keys, Florida layman; Harold J. Ockenga, Boston pastor; J. Paul Taylor, Bishop of the Free Methodist Church; Frank Birch, Foreign Missions Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; Roy S. Hollomon of the Kansas United Dry Forces; R. L. Decker, Executive Director of the N. A. E.; and Frederick C. Fowler, President.

For further information, write the headquarters office of the National Association of Evangelicals, 542 South Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Illinois.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

SYRACUSE, KANS.—We closed a meeting February 17 with Evangelist R. L. Kinslow. Thirteen knelt at the altar for salvation, two were filled with the Holy Ghost, and several received healing.—Mrs. A. M. Tidball, Pastor.

HARRISBURG, ARK.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelists Miriam Hooks and Pauline Sawyer of McGhee, Ark. There were 17 saved and 9 were baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Ernest A. Sharpe, Pastor.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—We have just closed a successful meeting with Evangelist F. C. Drake of Troup, Tex. A number sought the Lord for salvation and several were healed of various diseases and afflictions.—J. C. Burks, Pastor, East Pine Street Assembly.

McKINNEY, TEX.—We had a profitable meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Ira Stanphill. Several were gloriously saved and three were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Brother Stanphill's inspiring singing and anointed preaching edified the church.—Earl J. Rogers, Pastor.

CAROLINA, W. VA.—We had a four-week meeting with Evangelist Harvey Stocker of Philadelphia, Pa. Several came to Christ for salvation, and some testified to healing. New people attended the meeting, and the church was revived.—Olan Knotts, Pastor.

AUGUSTA, KANS.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Lula Ware of Long Beach, Calif. Thirteen were saved, seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many were healed. The effects of this meeting will reach into the future.—Woodrow Hill, Pastor.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—We had a meeting with L. D. Staton, pastor of the First Assembly in Greer, S. C. Several were saved, some were filled with the Holy Ghost, and some were healed. This is a new work and people are showing a hunger for the full gospel message.—C. M. Smith, Pastor.

BROOKFIELD, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Hall were with us for a meeting. The church was greatly encouraged by the anointed ministry of Brother Hall. The people prayed at the altar until midnight nearly every night. Twenty came to the altar for salvation, 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number of others were reclaimed or refilled. Several testified to healing.—Johnie Meeks, Pastor.

KANE, PA.—Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio, was with us for two weeks. Several were saved, some were reclaimed and a number testified to definite healing. Nine followed the Lord in water baptism. One lady who, according to the doctors, was full of cancer, was marvelously healed and attended the meetings regularly. The manifest presence of God in the meetings was the direct result of constant prayer which was emphasized by the evangelist. Arthur E. Hardt, Pastor.

MARSHALL, TEX.—On February 10 we closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist F. C. Drake. Some came to the altar every night for salvation and a number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were some outstanding healings. Mr. Wilson, who had not been able to walk for five years without someone's help, was prayed for and instantly healed. He is still walking.

The last two months we averaged 97 in Sunday School. This is a crowd in our small building. We hope to secure another location soon and build a new church.—F. E. Kennedy, Pastor.

SAVANNA, OKLA.—Evangelist Calvin Patterson was with us for three weeks. This was Brother Patterson's fourth meeting here. There were 24 saved and 27 filled with the Holy Ghost. The attendance was so large we had to secure a larger building. Night after night God confirmed His Word with signs following. People were healed of arthritis, neuritis, sinus, high blood pressure, ulcers and stomach trouble. A boy whose eyes were crossed for 4½ years was instantly healed. Two ladies were healed of skin cancers. A lady who had a growth in her nose and was unable to breathe out of that nostril for nine years was instantly healed. We praise God for this visitation of His power.—T. S. Howell, Pastor.



READY

The whole preparation for life of many young people leads them only to a life of sin. The tragedy of this waste of youth outweighs even the senseless slaughter of war. Saddest of all are the back-slidden young people from Christian homes. Thank God for the C.A.'s in our churches who stand in sharp contrast. Ready, yes, but for a life of victory and service.

National C. A. Day is set aside as a tribute to these young people. This year's theme, "READY," is both a question and an answer. When ministers all over the country make the challenge, "Ready?" a great host will respond in consecration, "Ready!"

C. A. Day not only pays tribute to youth—an offering is taken in all our churches for our National C. A. Department. For nine years the department has been not only ready, but eager, to do all it could for our young people. Besides an active program for C. A. groups, our servicemen and college C.A.'s are served faithfully.

The department desires to do **more** for youth—to help reclaim the backslidden and to bring Christ to young people in sin. The sad truth is that it is a financial struggle to maintain the present program. The "READY?" challenge comes to you as Christian parents, teachers, pastors, and friends of our youth.

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DALLAS, TEX.—Maplewood Assembly, Apr. 2—; Evangelist Warren Litzman.—by Ray Soper, Pastor.

TRENTON, MO.—Mar. 30—Apr. 13 or longer; Evangelists Gordon and Wandafaye Jaus.—by Earl W. Kelly, Pastor.

GLASSPORT, PA.—Mar. 30—Apr. 13; Evangelists J. Lee and Myrtle Gorman. (Howard Sproull is Pastor.)

ARNETTSVILLE, W. VA.—Mar. 25—; Evangelist Harvey Stocker, Philadelphia, Pa.—by P. A. Wells, Pastor.

SIDNEY, MONT.—Assembly of God, Mar. 26—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie R. Harris, Loveland, Colo. (Eric H. Seaberg is Pastor.)

EAST SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly, 38th and Wightman, Mar. 30—; Evangelist Verbal Eskew, St. Louis, Mo.—by A. K. Moore, Pastor.

MALVERN, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 30—Apr. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by David Pearce, Pastor.

DEL RIO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Marlin Maddoux, Beaumont, Tex. (W. D. Stafford is Pastor.)

BUTTE, MONT.—Assembly of God, 230 S. Montana St., Apr. 1—20; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif.—by Elmer M. Trygg, Pastor.

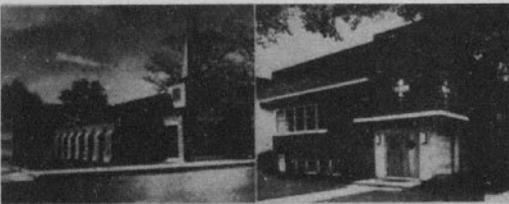
KANSAS CITY, MO.—Swope Park Assembly, 5445 Cleveland, Mar. 30—; Evangelists Glen and Katie McClure, Nampa, Idaho.—by J. L. O'Dell, Pastor.

ELK CITY, OKLA.—First Assembly, Apr. 6—; Evangelist Joe Calabrese and Co-worker Oran Duncan, Kansas City, Mo. (J. S. Murrell is Pastor.)

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—First Pentecostal Church, 457 Hampton Ave., Mar. 23—Apr. 13 or longer; Evangelist Joe DuBose.—by Paul E. Bills, Pastor.

WAYNOKA, OKLA.—Assembly of God, 300 S. Missouri, meeting in progress; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by E. L. Surratt, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ME.—West End Gospel Tabernacle, 1090 Congress St., Apr. 1—14; Evangelists Robert and Lillian (Overstreet) Watters.—by Anthony Pagano, Pastor.



CORRECTION

By mistake, the legends for these two pictures were reversed in last week's Evangel. The picture at the left shows the First Assembly of God Church in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The one at the right shows Calvary Temple (Assembly of God) in Harvey, Illinois. We regret the error.

HUDSON FALLS, N. Y.—Gospel Lighthouse, North and LaCrosse Sts., Mar. 25—Apr. 6 or longer; Evangelist Rudy Cerullo, Philadelphia, Pa.—by Robert A. Canterbury, Pastor.

WORLD CONFERENCE of Pentecostal Churches, Westminster Central Hall, London, England, June 27—July 6. For accommodations write E. J. Phillips, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S. W. 4, England. For other information write David J. du Plessis, P. O. Box 342, Glenbrook, Conn., U.S.A.

HORNELL, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Apr. 13—; Evangelist L. C. Robie, Union Springs, N. Y. (Ira Elliot is Pastor.)

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Faith Tabernacle, Mar. 30—Apr. 11; Evangelist Howard Rusthoi, Los Angeles, Calif. Sunday services in Masonic Temple.—by R. D. E. Smith, Pastor.

ALTON, N. Y.—Apr. 6—; Evangelist Russell Harvey, Clarksburg, W. Va.—by Stanton Virts, Pastor.

HANNIBAL, MO.—First Assembly, Mar. 30—Apr. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. William Andrews.—by Glenn Renick, Pastor.

MINOT, N. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 30—Apr. 13; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. (Raymond R. Wiley is Pastor.)

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—City of Lakes Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 23—; Evangelist R. William Miller.—by Wilson A. Katter, Pastor.

DODGE CITY, KANS.—Mar. 30—Apr. 13 or longer; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by G. A. Gaddis, Pastor.

TYRONE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Apr. 8—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew G. Basell.—by Harold E. Crosby, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Central Assembly, Campbell and Calhoun, Mar. 30—Apr. 13; Eskelin Family, Detroit, Mich. (Emil A. Balliet is Pastor.)

FREDERICK, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist E. L. Saxelid, Modesto, Calif.—by C. M. Rhodes, Pastor.

JEANNETTE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Apr. 1—20; Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick.—by Kenneth D. Baker, Pastor.

GIRARD, OHIO—Summit Pentecostal Mission, W. Liberty St. Exit, Mar. 31—Apr. 13; Evangelist Melvin Plank, Marion, Ind.—by Oscar McWhirt, Pastor.

PHILLIPSBURG, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 23—Apr. 6 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. David Wellard, Auburn, N. Y.—by H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—Gospel Tabernacle, 312 E. Cherokee St., Mar. 30—; Evangelist and Mrs. B. M. McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Edgar Newby is Pastor.)

HORSESHOE BEND, IDAHO—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Evelyn Molander, Brooks, Oreg.—by Donald L. Craig, Pastor.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—Two-day Sectional Bible Conference, First Assembly, 14th and Main St., Apr. 7—8; G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, main speaker. Fay Hutchinson is host pastor.—by W. H. Richardson, Sectional Presbyterian.

DENISON, TEX.—Apr. 6—20; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Savell, first week; Evangelist Danny Hope and co-worker Joey Bochenek, second week.—by E. A. Manley, Pastor.

JOLIET, ILL.—Dedication of new church, Joliet Full Gospel Church (auditorium seats 450), 725 N. Raynor Ave., Friday, Apr. 18. W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, speaking at 2:30 p.m.; Wesley R. Steelberg at 7:30 p.m.—by Allan G. Snider, Pastor.

ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION, Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District—Gospel Tabernacle, 300 Crooks St., Green Bay, Wis., Apr. 14—16; A. M. Alber, guest speaker. Annual Sunday School Convention, Apr. 17.—by L. E. Curtis, District Secretary.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—Workers' Training Course, Central Assembly, Apr. 14—18; D. B. Ballard, District S. S. Director, teacher. Three churches co-operating (Central Assembly, First Assembly, and North Side Assembly).—by H. L. Bayless, Pastor, Central Assembly.

BEARDEN, ARK.—Hopeville Assembly, 43rd Anniversary and Homecoming, Mar. 30. Special invitation to former pastors and members.—Harvey L. Buckley, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Carbondale Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Culpepper, Garvey, Calif.—by Robert G. Helvey, Pastor.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Church of the Open Bible, 19th and Crocker, Des Moines, Iowa, Apr. 14—17; C. C. Burnett, Springfield, Mo., main speaker. Credentials committee to meet Monday, 2:30 p.m. (Glenn Renick is District Superintendent.)

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Nebr., Apr. 15—17; J. O. Savell, Superintendent of Texas District, main speaker.—by Lester W. Dickinson, District Superintendent, 1704 W. Division, Grand Island, Nebr.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—First Annual Missionary Convention, Calvary Temple, Normal and Blaine, Apr. 18—20. Speakers; Daniel Marocco, India; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Devine, Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hale, Liberia, West Africa; Hilda Wagenknecht, India; Lula Belle Hough, China. Three services Sunday.—by Floyd McWhinney, Pastor.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—First Missionary Convention, Assembly of God, 5th and Fairmount Blvd., Apr. 13—15. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hale, Liberia, West Africa; Lula Bell Hough, South China; Daniel Marocco, India; and Everett Devine, Chile. Three services Sunday.—by Carl A. Goad, Pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Bethel Pentecostal Church, 3rd and Washington Sts., Chambersburg, Pa., Apr. 15—16. Speakers, Edgar W. Bethany and Obie L. Harrup. For accommodations write host pastor, Alfred D. Boyd, 248 Glen St., Chambersburg, Pa.—by Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NEW MEXICO DISTRICT—First Assembly of God, Roswell, N. Mex., Apr. 8—10; J. O. Savell, Superintendent of Texas District, guest speaker. Paul W. Savage is host pastor. Pre-convention rally Monday night; J. Paul Joyner, District C. A. President, in charge.—by H. M. Fulfer, District Superintendent.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS—Two days and one night (first service 10:30 a.m.) unless otherwise stated: Tyler Section, Apr. 8—9, First Assembly, Tyler.

Lufkin Section, Apr. 10—11, First Assembly, Lufkin.

Greenville Section, Apr. 22—23, two nights and one day, first service 7:30 p.m., Greenville.

Fort Worth Section, Apr. 24—25, First Assembly, Fort Worth.

San Angelo Section, Apr. 29—30, two nights and one day, first service 7:30 p.m., Brownwood.

Wichita Falls Section, May 1—2, Olney.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—Will be open for calls after May 15 to testify and explain Jewish religious customs. My wife (the former Jeanette Fox) is converted Jewess. I was Jewish refugee from Nazi captivity.—Charles Apton, 3404 East 72nd St., Kansas City, Mo.

RADIO PROGRAM—"The Old Fashioned Gospel of Truth," station XEG, Voice of North America, 1050 kc., 9:45 to 10 each night.—by Evangelist W. L. Miles, Box 6408, Kansas City, Mo.

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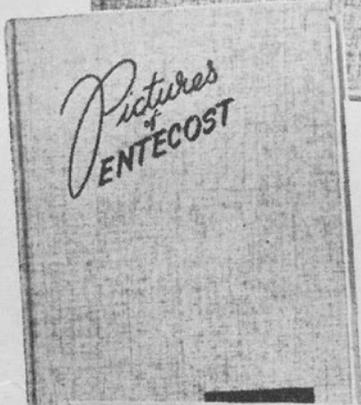
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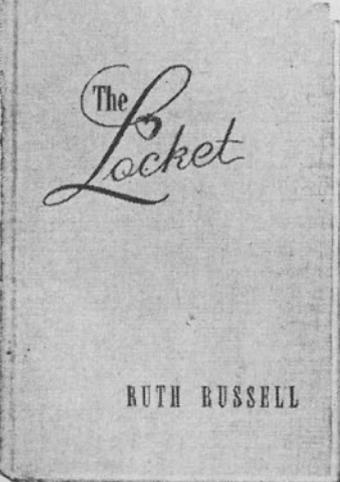
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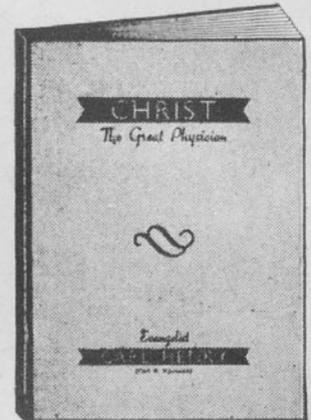
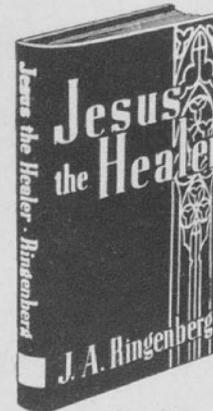
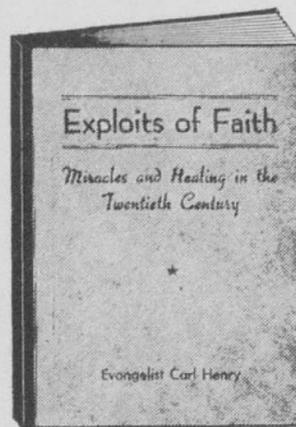
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