

The Pentecostal Evangel

Weekly Voice of the Assemblies of God

June 15, 1952
Number 1988
Five cents

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

FATHER'S DAY

HEY, POP!

AW, GO ON TO SUNDAY
SCHOOL BY YOURSELF
... LE' ME ALONE!

COME ON, SON...
LET'S GO TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL

"PARENTS WHO DO NOT CARRY
OUT THEIR DUTY OF INSTRUCTION
BY EXAMPLE FAIL TO ASSUME
THEIR RESPONSIBILITY
AND SUCH FAILURE IS
DETRIMENTAL TO OUR
CHRISTIAN SOCIETY... THE PLAIN
AND SIMPLE MAXIMS OF THE
BIBLE CONTAIN THE ESSENTIAL
RULES WHICH SHOULD GOVERN
HUMAN CONDUCT."

— J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



JACK HAMM

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Methodists and Women Preachers

A proposal to give full clergy rights to women in the Methodist Church was rejected by the denomination's General Conference in San Francisco. Women now "supply" a few churches but hold lay status.

Methodist Ministers and Smoking

Candidates for the Methodist ministry are supposed to subscribe to a rule not to smoke. A move was made in the recent General Conference at San Francisco to abolish this rule, but a determined stand was made to maintain it.

TV Channels for Education

The Federal Communications Commission is reserving 242 television channels for schools, churches, and other educational organizations, but these must be operated on a non-commercial basis. Bob Jones University at Greenville, S. C., wants to open a station dedicated to spreading the gospel, but its application was denied because school officials wished to accept paid advertising to help the station pay its way.

Does America Need Revival?

"In our churches today, 5% of the reported members do not exist, 10% never attend church services, 40% never give to any cause, 50% never go to Sunday School, 60% never go to church on Sunday night, 70% never give to Missions, 75% never engage in any church activity, 80% never attend the prayer meeting, 90% never have family worship in the home, and 95% never win a soul to Jesus Christ!" So says Evangelist Mervin Rosell in "Revival, God's Plan for Today."

The Eighth Commandment

The fact that so many are breaking the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," indicates the great need there is of preaching Christ in America today. Theft of nearly every kind is worse than ever before, in city and country. The thieves are of youthful age. Auto thefts are most common. According to the latest report of the F.B.I., there are 4,864 thefts a day, or 200 an hour, or one every twenty seconds serious enough to come to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A tabulation of reports from 376 cities representing a third of the population of the U.S.A. showed that \$150,136,172 worth of property was stolen in 1951.

Five Favorite Subjects

An Episcopal minister in Minneapolis asked his people, "If you could hear only five sermons during the rest of your life, what five topics would you like to hear discussed?" The church members wrote out their preferences and here are the five favorite sermon subjects:

- (1) Immortality. Is there life after death? How can we be assured there is?
- (2) How can we keep faith in the face of adversity?
- (3) What can we do to secure and maintain world peace?
- (4) How can adults keep children from losing faith?
- (5) When all goes well with our lives, how can we keep from feeling self-sufficient and independent of God?

Bible Clubs for Teen-Agers

An incident in Great Falls, Montana, shows how greatly the teen-agers need some spiritual training. A high school student joined a Youth for Christ Bible Club and, in accord with an unwritten rule of the clubs, began carrying his Bible to school each day. After a couple of weeks a girl stopped him and asked, "Why do you always carry that dictionary back and forth with you to school every day?"

She didn't even know what a Bible looked like! To reach young people such as this, Youth for Christ has organized 1200 Bible Clubs in the high schools.



Youth For Christ leaders look over a graphic report of the increase in high-school Bible Clubs. The idea started in Kansas City in 1946 and spread to 33 states and four Canadian provinces. There are now 1,200 Bible Clubs and at least 350,000 members witnessing for Christ at high schools. They represent all evangelical denominations.

Left to right: Jack Hamilton, National Club Director; Don Lonie, high-school assembly specialist; and Robert A. Cook, President of Youth For Christ International.

Religious Day Schools

The movement to establish Protestant schools to save children from having to attend public schools is spreading. Enrollment has increased 61% in the past 15 years. There are now 186,000 Protestant pupils enrolled in 3,000 religious elementary schools. About half of these are Lutherans.

There are over three million Roman Catholic children enrolled in parochial elementary schools in the U.S.A. This enrollment represents an increase of 35% in the past 15 years.

Southern Baptists and Missions

During 1951 the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention had a total income of \$222,838,109 of which \$37,268,172 went to Missions. This means that for every five dollars given for the support of their local churches, the Southern Baptists gave a dollar to Missions. There are some Assemblies of God congregations who give this large a proportion of their offerings to Missions and even more, but there are many who give far less than this. If every Assembly would give 17% of its income to Missions we could expand our missionary work tremendously.

Sixteen Million Copies!

The American Bible Society broke all records in Scripture distribution last year. A total of 16,001,945 volumes were distributed, including 952,666 whole Bibles, 1,913,314 New Testaments, and 13,135,965 portions of the Bible. About half of the copies were distributed in the U.S.A.

The Scriptures were circulated in 88 languages in the U.S.A. and in 112 languages abroad.

In Japan the New Testament far outsells any other book. In China the door is closed but the Bible Society still operates in Hongkong from which point Chinese Scriptures are sent throughout the earth.

In Israel nearly 10,000 Scriptures in 25 different languages were distributed by the American Bible Society last year.

In California the Bible Society has established Scripture outlets through the depots of the Greyhound Bus Lines. More than 12,000 Gospels were taken from the plastic containers in 53 bus depots during 1951.

Priest Blesses Tobacco Seed

According to the United Press, sacks of Burley seed tobacco "were blessed" by a priest during a special church service at Maysville, Kentucky. Farmers of the community "carried the sacks down the aisles to the priest, who blessed each sack." This was such a travesty on the idea of what the purpose of the church should be that even the secular press took notice of it.

Glorying in the Cross Alone

Baccalaureate Sermon by G. Raymond Carlson
at Central Bible Institute

IT GIVES ME great pleasure to have this privilege of addressing the members of the 1952 graduating class and the friends who have gathered for this baccalaureate service.

Young people, a life of ministry lies before you, if Jesus tarries. Some of you will be evangelists, pastors, or missionaries. Others may specialize in such fields of ministry as Sunday School, child evangelism, and youth work. Whatever your field of service may be, I wish you success. I would remind you that success in the ministry is not measured by any outward sign, such as the popularity of your sermons and the size of the crowds at your meetings. It is measured by the number of lives which are altered for time and the number of souls which are saved for eternity.

I challenge you tonight to seek to have that success which will bring glory to God. There is no place for human attainment in the ministry. We thank God for all the ability He has given you, for your years of training, but until that ability and training is anointed by the Holy Spirit, and until it has become crucified and subservient to the hand of God, it is of very little or no avail.

Let me point you to the words of the apostle Paul, as recorded in Galatians 6:14—"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

If any man had cause to glory, Paul had. He could glory in his birth, in his education, in his Jewish religious zeal—and after his conversion he could glory in his missionary endeavors, in his apostolic authority, in his powerful ministry. But Paul refused to glory in any of these things. He determined that he would glory in the Cross alone.

The cross to the Jew was an offence, more perhaps than we can realize today; and to think that the Messiah should die upon the cross—what an offence! But Paul, the converted Jew, said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross." We, too, can glory in the cross tonight, and I trust that as you go out to work for God you will keep yourself in the shadow of the cross. Keep yourself near to the Christ of Calvary. Go forth to work in His grace and in His



G. Raymond Carlson
Minnesota District Superintendent

strength alone. God will lead you to glorious victory if you will take the way of the cross.

I remember reading a story about the Boxer uprising in China many years ago. A whole Chinese family, from grandfather on down to the little tots, was brought outside their compound. The Boxers took a sword and drew a cross on the ground. "Step on the cross and you will live," they said. The aged grandfather said, "No, I will not." The grandmother, the sons and daughters, and the grandchildren all shook their heads and refused to deny Christ. As a result, that whole family was wiped off this earth and promoted to glory. Ten thousand Christians and two hundred missionaries gave their lives in the Boxer rebellion, because of the cross of Christ. We challenge you with the message of the cross tonight.

Paul was wrapped up in the cross. It was dearer to him than fame or possessions or life itself. What was there in the cross of Christ that caused Christ so to glory? There were five things that I would like to point out to you.

I

First, I believe that Paul gloried in the Person of the cross. When he found the Lord on the Damascus Road, he

became enwrapped in Christ. He was wholly won to the Saviour. From that day there developed a bond that tied him to the Lord Jesus Christ. Writing to the Philippians he said, "For to me to live is Christ." Christ was everything to Paul. We are apt to become absorbed in our own crosses, but not the apostle Paul. He wasn't wrapped up in his sufferings for Christ. He was wrapped up in Christ's sufferings for him and a lost world. If you get wrapped up in the sufferings of Christ for a lost world, somehow those little things that bother you will fade away.

Years ago in London a missionary service was being conducted in Albert Hall. The invitation was given for those who would accept Christ as their Saviour and Lord. The evangelist said, "I not only ask you to give your hearts to Christ, but I ask you to give your lives to Him." Among the young people who responded to that invitation was Thomas Waring. God spoke to him and said, "I want you to go to Africa."

Thomas Waring went home and told his father he was called to Africa. His father was enraged. He said, "Never! Never! I've trained you to take over my business. If you want me to do something for Africa I'll send twelve men and will keep them in Africa. But never will you go out there and waste your life. Wouldn't it be far better for twelve to go?"

The young man thought maybe it would, so he said, "All right, Father." But he went to the Lord again. The Person of the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ, dealt with him and said, "No, I'm asking for you." So he went back to his father and said, "I'm going." He answered the call of God and went to Africa.

His father disinherited him. He went out with nothing. He spent fifty years in dark Africa, ministering to the black, benighted tribesmen. Then at the end of fifty years, when his hair was snowy white and he was trembling with age, he was taken very ill and he knew the end was near. As he lay upon his death bed he cried out, "God, if you will give me six more months I will go back to London to get someone else to come out." Back to Albert Hall he went and a great crowd gathered to hear the feeble

old missionary. He gave the invitation and eight young men volunteered to go to Africa. Thomas Waring and these eight recruits went back to Africa, and after a few short days of ministry the old veteran slipped home to be with the Lord, but eight young men were left behind to carry on. Thomas Waring gloried in the Person of the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ. He forgot everything of his own for he had become enraptured in Jesus. You fall in love with the Lord Jesus and your life and ministry will be poured out for others.

II

Paul also gloried in the power of the cross, and that was redemption. I'm so glad that Jesus called me to preach a gospel of power. We can say tonight, "Hallelujah for the cross! It shall never suffer loss." We need not come before men with the excellency of man's speech, and of wisdom, but we can come with the demonstration of the Spirit and power; for there is power in this gospel. This gospel is able to transform human lives. This gospel is able to reach down to the lowest and the least and it can reach up to the highest outside of Christ. It brings reality. It saves the soul; it heals the body; it satisfies the heart of man in every hour of need. I believe that Paul gloried in that fact as he went forth to preach. He gloried in the power of the cross. That is why he blazed the missionary trail throughout all of the then known world. He knew that the crucified and risen Christ was the power of God and the answer to the world's need.

III

Thirdly, I believe that Paul gloried in the promise of the cross. The cross promises us victory. The Lord Jesus Christ endured the cross, despising the shame. Why? For the joy that was set before Him. He is now seated at the right hand of God, having won the victory. I'm glad there is a promise of triumph in the cross. You may have to endure some battles before victory comes, but, bless God, if you will keep your hand in His nail-scarred hand the Lord will take you through.

Once a brother pastor and I were visiting a hospital. After we had ministered to some ladies in one ward, my companion slipped over to another bed and began conversing with a patient who was very ill. I joined him shortly and he said, "This lady wants to give her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ." So we

"As the Father Hath Sent Me"

So send I you—to labor unrewarded,
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing,
So send I you—to toil for ME alone.

So send I you—to bind the bruised and broken,
O'er wand'ring souls to work, to weep, to wake,
To bear the burdens of a world aweary,
So send I you—to suffer for MY sake.

So send I you—to loneliness and longing,
With heart ahung'ring for the loved and known,
Forsaking home and kindred, friend and dear one,
So send I you—to know MY love alone.

So send I you—to leave your life's ambition,
To die to dear desire, self-will resign,
To labor long and love where men revile you,
So send I you—to lose your life in MINE.

So send I you—to hearts made hard by hatred,
To eyes made blind because they will not see,
To spend, tho' be it blood—to spend and spare not—
So send I you—to taste of CALVARY.

—Margaret Clarkson.

dealt with her from the Scriptures and we prayed with her. She accepted Christ as simply as a child. I wondered if she really met the Saviour because it all happened so quickly. Shame on us for our unbelief! She said, "Yes, I accept Christ as my Saviour," and that's all there was to it.

I went back to the hospital a day or so later, but she had been dismissed. I felt so badly because I hadn't learned her name. I wanted to know whether she really had been saved.

A few weeks later I received a telephone call. The lady said, "Pastor, can you come over to my house and minister to my mother?" I went to the home and she said, "My mother was in the hospital and you ministered to her. She would like to see you." She ushered me into the sick room, and there to my surprise I found the lady from the hospital ward. She was just a skeleton. I said, "Oh, I remember you. You are the lady

that took Christ as your Saviour that day." Her face brightened in a smile as much as her weakness permitted. I said, "You are happy in the Lord aren't you?" and there was a slight nodding of her head. I read the Scriptures to her. Then we prayed—and I'll never forget that hour. Suddenly she raised herself a bit and her face lit up with smiles and glory. She said, "There He is coming for me. The clouds are breaking. He is coming for me. Can't you see Him?" I couldn't see Him, but He took her home right there. Oh, Hallelujah! There is the promise of victory in the cross. Be faithful to the message of the cross and you will have the joy of bringing others to it. When Jesus died upon the cross and rose from the grave He conquered sin and Satan and hell and the grave and the old ceremonial law. Keep pressing on and this abundant victory will be made manifest through you.

IV

Then Paul gloried in the passion of the cross. It was the great outpouring of the love of God. Have you tasted of the passion of the love of God? Have you tasted of it in intercession? Have you tasted of it in soul winning? Paul gloried in that passion for the lost. It constrained him to pour out his own life for the souls of men.

Calvary is a great object lesson of the love of God. I believe that as God and the hosts of heaven looked down upon a fallen world, God said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" I can imagine that Gabriel and Michael and others of the angelic hosts offered themselves for the mission of redeeming men, but God had to shake His head and say, "No." But oh, the thrill when the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the King of Glory, stepped forward and said, "Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do Thy will, O Father." God sent His Son into this world, and His Son died upon the cross of Calvary. It was the outpouring of the love of God, the measure of the passion of Christ for the souls of men. I believe that passion is what motivated Paul as he went forth to preach Christ where He was not known.

In one of our northwestern states the Baptists were having a missionary convention, and one afternoon they were featuring their work among the American Indians. The speaker of the afternoon was a white missionary. Down

(Continued on page seven)

ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, EDITOR

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is published weekly by the Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri (J. O. Harrell, General Manager). Entered as second-class matter June 25, 1918, at the Post Office in Springfield, Mo., under Act of March 3, 1879. Accepted for mailing at special rate provided in Sec. 1103 of Oct. 3, 1917, authorized July 3, 1918.

Subscription rates: In U.S.A., \$1.00 for 8 months, \$1.50 for a year, \$3.00 for 2 years, \$5.00 for 4 years. Outside U.S.A., \$2.00 per year. Send cash with order. Single Copies: 5 cents each; 50 copies for \$1.50. In quarterly bundle orders, 4 or more weekly to one address, 3 cents per copy in U.S.A., 4 cents outside U.S.A. Printed in U.S.A.

Christ and His Men

J. O. Harrell

Father's Day is a good time to salute the newly organized Men's Fellowship of the Assemblies of God. The accompanying article is written by the General Manager of the Gospel Publishing House, J. O. Harrell, who is National Secretary of the Men's Fellowship.

TWO SCRIPTURES show very clearly the Lord's desire for fellowship. One is 1 John 1:7—"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have *fellowship one with another*, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The other is Revelation 3:20—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, *and will sup with him*, and he with Me."

Jesus loved, still loves everyone, as indicated in so many ways. When the children cried out in the temple, saying, "Hosanna to the son of David!" He welcomed their praise, though the chief priests and scribes could not understand. When mothers brought their boys and girls to Jesus He took them in His arms and blessed them, though His own disciples could not understand. Jesus loves the children.

He loves the fellowship of the women, also. His earnest effort to reach the woman of Samaria; His words of approval when Mary anointed His feet with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair; His obvious delight at being in her home at Bethany—these and other instances clearly indicate His desire for warm friendship. His chief concern on that memorable visit to Bethany was not for Martha's food but for Mary's fellowship. He wanted someone to whom He could talk, someone who would understand.

But, while Jesus loves the children and the women, how He loves the fellowship of His men. When He was on earth He chose twelve "that they might be with Him." He wanted to be close to them, to share their experiences, to eat with them. He took occasion many times to take them to a place apart from the crowds where He could be alone with them. He still has the same longing, as shown by the verse quoted above—"I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." The closest relationship is His desire.

Does He love the men more than He loves the women and children? No, that cannot be; and yet it is evident that He saw in the men a great potential. He had chosen the man to be the head of the house. He was planning to commit to the men the great task of evangelizing the world. Oh, how faithfully and

lovingly He worked at the business of teaching, training, testing, proving, developing, and preparing His men. How He confided in them. How He led them on and out. "Whom say ye that I am?" He asked one day, seeking to test them. Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," and upon this confession and revelation Jesus made the statement, "I will build My church." Thus He led His men to the point where He could assign responsibilities to them, a point which was reached only after much association, prayer, and teaching.

The first four chapters of Matthew are devoted to the story of how Christ was born, how He was introduced, and how He found His men and called them to follow Him.

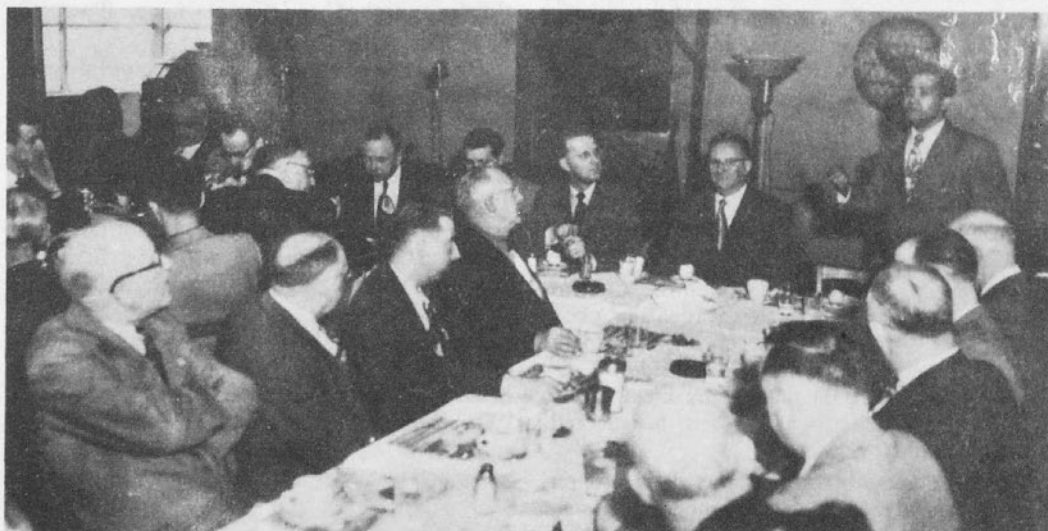
The fifth chapter begins by saying that He took His disciples up into the mountain, away from the multitudes, where they could be alone with Him. There He taught them how to be happy, how to live, how to love, how to give, how to grow, how to pray, how to build.

When they came down from the

mountain retreat the multitude was waiting, and so through chapters eight and nine there is ministry in great power. Chapter ten finds Him again calling His men for special teaching and training for special ministries. He promised them rewards for faithful service. Chapter eleven finds the men departing "to teach and to preach in their cities." And so it goes.

Surely there was some special value in these times of being alone with His men. Matthew 26 gives a beautiful account of one of these men's meetings. While they were eating supper He instituted the communion service (v. 26); they sang a hymn together (v. 30); they all testified (v. 35); and they all went out to pray together (v. 36; Luke 22:40). Wouldn't you love to sing a hymn with Jesus leading it? We cannot have that privilege until we get to Glory, but I think a Men's Fellowship meeting when the pastor meets with his men can be compared with that memorable meeting in Matthew 26.

Yes, Christ still yearns for fellowship with His men, and He is Himself



A TYPICAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Here Michael Rodriguez is giving his testimony at a men's dinner meeting in Tacoma, Washington. Mike was born in a Roman Catholic home and his ambition was to be a priest, but he attended a Protestant boarding school to get his high school education and there he came to know something of the grace of Christ. Later he was sent to a Catholic college in New Jersey but he could not get away from the Bible teaching he had received.

Last July, while in the service of Uncle Sam, Mike reached a crisis in his life. Weary of sin and longing for something that would satisfy, he wandered into the Servicemen's Christian Center in Tacoma and there he found Christ as his personal Saviour.

"I gave myself to God with all the sincerity of my heart," he said, "and as I knelt there very soon I noticed tears coming out of my eyes. Something was going on all through my body. It really felt good. I felt so happy, it was as if ten thousand pounds fell off my shoulders. I was born again—anyone could just look at my face and see that something wonderful had happened. I was a different Mike. My duties as a soldier have been lighter ever since. I am not alone, now, but someone is with me who gives me power to live a life of victory. That Someone is our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives me happiness and peace."

the center of all fellowship which they have with each other. And His men today are drawn to each other by His presence in their midst.

This drawing together of His men found official expression among the Assemblies of God at our last General Council where a resolution was presented calling for the formation of a Men's Fellowship. Some Assemblies have had their men organized for several years, with excellent results. It was felt that the encouragement of this coming together of the pastors and their men would provide the fellowship they desire and would also bring to life the abilities to assume leadership and responsibility now lying dormant in the laymen of our Assemblies.

Now, in keeping with this resolution (which was discussed and passed by the General Council, in full session) steps are being

taken to set this Men's Fellowship in motion. Every pastor of the Assemblies of God has been sent a suggested bylaw and plan of action by which a Men's Fellowship can be organized in his own local church. Application-for-membership cards are available by which men may join. The membership badge is a simple fishhook pin to be worn in the coat lapel. This badge provokes inquiry by those who see it and provides an opportunity to invite a friend to the men's meeting or to appeal to him to let Christ come into his heart.

When a local church organizes a Men's Fellowship group, an official Certificate of Membership is issued from the National Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, and the local group becomes entitled to representation at District Council and General Council meetings of the Men's Fellowship of the Assemblies of God.

Real interest is being shown by pastors and men throughout the land, and this new men's organization is taking its place alongside the Women's Missionary Council and Christ's Ambassadors in our church.

We believe that Christ has set the pattern for every pastor: first, ministry to the multitudes; then time alone with His men. What it meant in the ministry of Christ it can mean in the ministry of our Assemblies today. The Men's Fellowship gives opportunity for the pastor to really know his men, to counsel with them, to inspire them, to pray with them, to confide in them, to enlist them in service.

Christ is calling for men. He seeks their fellowship, their confidence, their service. In the Men's Fellowship He will find them—and they will find Him.

Reinforcements Join the Ranks

A Throng of 751 Graduates from Central Bible Institute and Other Assemblies of God Bible Schools Joined the Ranks of Trained Pentecostal Workers This Year

FROM Central Bible Institute and ten other Assemblies of God schools last month 751 young men and young women stepped out into the whitened harvest field to help bring the golden sheaves to the feet of Christ. Colorful graduation exercises marked the climax of their years of Bible training.

The Commencement activities at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri, were typical of those at all of the Assemblies of God schools.

The activities began with a Student Recital and Recognition Service on Monday evening, May 19. Musical features and award presentations were intermingled throughout the program. Diplomas were awarded for missionary flight training. Certificates were given for the Assemblies of God Workers' Training course and the Evangelical Teacher Training course. Other awards were presented for orchestra work, student ministry, and essay writing.

On Tuesday evening the alumni of Central Bible Institute met with the graduating class at a dinner program. The retiring President of the Alumni Association, F. Wildon Colbaugh, presided at the annual business meeting. Loren Wooten was chosen to succeed him as Alumni President.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Wednesday night by G. Raymond Carlson, Superintendent of the Minnesota District. He exhorted the graduates to glory in the Cross alone. There was much to please the eye and the ear in the baccalaureate service—the beautiful platform decorations; the array of hundreds of young people in their best suits or dresses, or in caps and gowns; the superb music of the orchestra under the direction of Vernon McLellan; the rousing song by the entire student body, led by Elmer Bilton; the majestic notes of the organist, Bernice Kovacs. But far more important was that which thrilled the spirit—the blessed sense of God's presence in the service, and the

moving of the Holy Spirit upon the great congregation. Volumes of praise and prayer ascended to the Throne, and a message came in tongues and interpretation emphasizing the challenge of the harvest field and the need of laborers to go and reap for Christ while time remains.

The final event of Commencement week was the graduation service on Thursday evening. First, an orchestral prelude. Next, a long processional as more than two hundred school officials, instructors, and graduates slowly marched to the platform. Then the service began.

Two groups that rendered beautiful vocal music were the Treble A Cappella Choir, directed by Ruth Stewart, and the King's Choraliers, led by Erika Munger. The singing of the Revivaltime Choir was another treat. These students of Central Bible Institute are heard each week on the National Radio Broadcast of the Assemblies of God, and their ministry is bringing blessing to millions all around the world.

The class speakers were William Menzies of Dayton, Ohio, and Jimmy Brown of Mobile, Alabama. Brother Menzies spoke on, "The Treasure House of the Empty Tomb."



Bartlett Peterson, President of Central Bible Institute, and W. I. Evans, Dean.

Brother Brown's subject was, "Serving Our Generation." Seated on the platform behind the speakers were Brother Steelberg and several other members of the Executive Presbytery; and the smiles and "Amens" from these leaders of our Movement, as they listened to the class speakers, showed that they had no fears for the future of the Assemblies of God as long as our Bible school graduates are so sound in doctrine and so fervent in spirit.

Central Bible Institute has been the leading theological school of the Assemblies of God for thirty years. Growth is a sign of life, and the school has continued to grow in size and effectiveness ever since it began in the basement of the old Central Assembly church. It now occupies a thirty-two acre, oak-shaded campus on the edge of Springfield, the "Jerusalem" of the Assemblies of God.

Springfield, a city of 75,000 population, has been the headquarters of the Assemblies since 1918. Here the students have opportunity to meet the leaders of our Movement and to hear some of our best-known ministers and missionaries. The Foreign Missions Department, with its fingers reaching into fifty-seven foreign countries, is located here. So is the Sunday School Department, which produces the National Sunday School Convention which drew so many thousands to Springfield again last March. Here also are the editorial offices and printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House where the *Evangel* and our other church and Sunday School publications are produced.

The city itself has ten Assemblies, not including any of the churches located close to Springfield. There is every opportunity for students to absorb a Pentecostal atmosphere and to imbibe the spirit of our Movement and of its founding fathers.

Central Bible Institute offers a well-rounded curriculum on the collegiate level in five fields of study: Bible, Theology, Christian



Platform scene at Central Bible Institute commencement service immediately following the processional

Education, Missions, and Music. One may receive a diploma for three years of work in any one of these fields, or a baccalaureate degree for four years. The theology degree requires five years of study. Credits from these courses are accepted by a number of universities which offer graduate work in the field of Bible.

A total of 670 students were enrolled during the past year. On graduation night 104 students received the three-year diploma, 61 received the four-year Bachelor of Arts degree, and 15 received the Bachelor of Theology degree.

The rising educational standards of the secular world today have forced all our Bible schools to raise their educational standards, but our schools have done this without lowering their spiritual standards. At Central Bible Institute there are thirty-five men and women serving full time on the administration and staff and they are all Pentecostal. They include such men as Bartlett Peterson, W. I. Evans, Ernest S. Williams, Robert W. Cummings, Frank M. Boyd, Glenn A. Reed, and J. Robert Ashcroft. All of these godly men and women are consecrated to the task of training "Guardians of Our Heritage" that are thoroughly Pentecostal. Those who were present at the Commencement activities and felt the pulsating warmth of the Spirit Himself in the meetings can attest the fact that these men and women are succeeding in their task, and they can say, "Thank God for Pentecostal reinforcements in the Pentecostal ministry."

For further information about the school and what it offers, write to the Registrar, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

(A brochure describing all of the Assemblies of God schools and the courses they offer may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Educational Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.)

GOD'S CHOICE, MY CHOICE

"Fine day," said a man to a farmer.

"Bad for the potatoes," was the discontented reply.

Next day being wet, "Fine weather for the potatoes," said the man.

"Yes, but bad for the corn," said the farmer.

Many, like him, stay at Grumble Corner.

"It ain't no use to grumble and complain,

It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice;

When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,

Why, rain's my choice."

GLORYING IN THE CROSS ALONE

(Continued from page four)

before him in the center of the audience there were two hundred Indians. He said, "Friends, I have not always been one who loved the Indians. At one time I was a member of Custer's Army. I fought in a number of battles previous to the battle in which Custer and most of his men were eradicated. I remember that in my heart there rankled a hatred against the Redskins. We wanted to exterminate you. How we fought! But God got hold of my heart. Jesus Christ saved me and gave me a love for the Redskins, and I've been a missionary to you."

Back in the audience an old Indian warrior stood up and said, "Missionary, I was in those battles too. I fought against you, and in my heart there was hatred against the Palefaces. We wanted to scalp you. How we fought against you! But to me also came the love of Christ. Now I'm your brother."

The missionary said, "Friend, I want you to come up to the platform." The missionary and the Indian threw their arms around each other and the tears ran down their cheeks. They thanked God together for the love of God that Christ had brought them, a love that can turn bitter enemies into friends and brothers. Let that love be the dominating passion of your life.

V

Paul also gloried in the principle of the cross, the principle of self-sacrifice. What is the way of the world? Self-expression. The seeds have been sown in our public schools for a number of years, and it is the opposite of the spirit of the cross. Fallen human nature wants to assert itself, to be its own boss, to grasp selfishly for that which will suit its own ends. The principle of the cross is to give, to submit, to sacrifice self. That is the spirit we need, if we are to minister for God. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many. Young people, I plead with you to pour your life out in self-sacrifice to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was moved by an incident that occurred on the coast of China many years ago. A landlord who owned much land was out viewing his crops and looking at his granaries that stood on a bluff overlooking the valley below. As he was viewing his land he looked out to sea and noticed that a storm was sweeping in. The winds were blowing and the waves were rising. In the valley below were a number of peasants working in their

rice paddies, unaware of their danger. He realized that the water would soon sweep in and they would be drowned. He thought, "I must do something to help those poor people." To cry out wouldn't be enough; they wouldn't hear him. To run down there wouldn't help, for he couldn't reach them in time. What should he do?

He looked at his granaries, which were filled with rice. There was only one way to save the peasants. He must set fire to his granaries.

As the black smoke began curling heavenward, he rang the bell in the old heathen temple. The peasants, hearing the bell ringing, looked up from the valley below and saw the smoke rising. They knew it was a call for help. They rushed up the hillside and saw it was this wealthy landlord's granaries that were burning up. They became angry and said, "Oh, he just wants us to save his rice, but he has so much." He remonstrated and said, "No, look down there." They looked, and in the valley where they had been just a short while before, the waters were already lapping in. If they had remained there they would have been drowned. When that landlord died they placed a plaque in the heathen temple, bearing this inscription: "He gave his living to save our lives."

Young people, it will cost you something to win men for Christ. Paul gloried in the cross. He didn't glory because he had graduated at the feet of Gamaliel. He didn't glory because he had a great religious background. He didn't glory because he was a Hebrew of the Hebrews. He gloried only in the cross—the person of the cross, the power of the cross, the promise of the cross, the passion of the cross, and the principle of the cross. As you go to work after receiving recognition for the completion of your studies, I pray that you too will glory in the cross. May your desire be to spend and be spent for Jesus. Hear the challenge tonight. You must work! The day is short. Go forth and labor for the Christ of the cross.

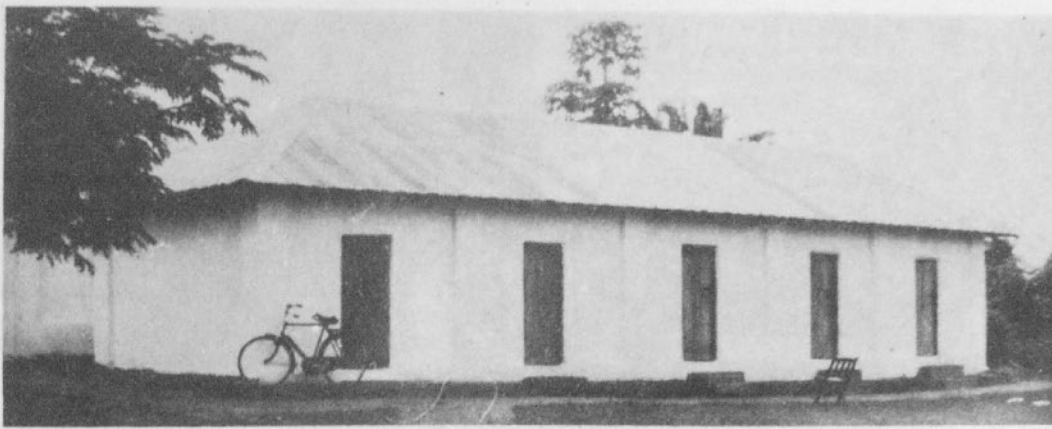
STUDY THE BIBLE AT HOME Nine Courses Now Available

<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Dispensational Studies</i>
<i>Life of Christ</i>	<i>Prophetic Light</i>
<i>Book of Revelation</i>	<i>Divine Healing</i>
<i>Pauline Epistles</i>	<i>Pentecostal Truth</i>
<i>Hebrews and the General Epistles</i>	

For information write to

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.



NIGERIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE DORMITORY

A new five-room dormitory, built from native funds, just completed for the Nigerian Bible Institute at Umuahia, Nigeria. A room in the back contains the new library of 600 volumes. Other volumes are needed. The student body has grown from fourteen to sixty-two during the past two years. Robert L. Cobb, principal, writes that financial help is required to build a new chapel. Offerings for the need should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department.

China's Fate Today May Be Our Fate Tomorrow

Written by a missionary who spent some time behind the Bamboo Curtain

TODAY in some sections of China one does not dare sigh. The anguish of the heart cannot be made audible or one is asked, "Why do you sigh? Aren't you happy? Don't you know that we all are one since we have been liberated by our new government?"

Doors of China have slammed shut against Christianity, and masses of hopeless and helpless people have been left imprisoned. In the depth of their hearts the believers cry for the prayers of other Christians who are free to pray and worship God.

You in free America cannot imagine what it is to live under the cloud of fear twenty-four hours a day. In China one never knows when some false charge will be made against him and he will be thrust into prison to be beaten and tormented. The people would not mind death. Death would be a release from the horrors and sufferings and privations. It is torture that is dreaded. The threat of possible imprisonment has gripped the heart of all China. Even those at the top are not secure.

The Communists did not at first make an open drive against the churches. The government was organized first and records were obtained. All churches were registered. A number of churches still are open. This is true of the city churches more than of country churches as the people can be controlled in the cities by police.

Real freedom of worship is unknown in China today although the constitution calls for freedom of worship and freedom to propagate one's faith. Some have claimed the rights and are being allowed to worship for the time, but gradually all privileges are stopped. A bold determination to worship the Lord Jesus Christ marks one in China. It means that he likely will be arrested, but the charge against him will not be that he is a Christian. Communists are too subtle and clever for that. He will be arrested on political charges and accused of being a re-

actionary. The only trial allowed is when the charge is made and the sentence pronounced.

There sometimes are mass trials when all the so-called Christians of the area are called in to accuse three or four pastors. The Christians are forced to attend the trial. Gripped in the horrible vise of fear, they dare not refuse. Only the most conscientious take a stand. When they do they immediately are marked as sympathizers. Communism is a satanic force, generated in the pit of hell. There is tremendous driving power behind it all.

Satanic power is sweeping over the university people. I attended large rallies of university groups. In numbers and enthusiasm the meetings corresponded to our Youth for Christ meetings. Rousing, peppy choruses, designed to catch hold of the heart of youth, were sung. They sang of the joy of going forth under the banner of Red China, and of the strength of the new regime. Then there were lectures on Marxism, Leninism and evolution. Students attend classes daily in which such principles are taught. Satan is having a revival in China and he is getting converts by the thousands.

Because the Chinese are, for the most part, a passive people there has been little resistance to Communism. There was gradual indoctrination at first. Moscow has been back of everything—guiding, undermining, pulling wires, giving orders, lending assistance where it has been needed and supervising government affairs. The Chinese are taught to hate *imperialistic America* and Christianity. Christianity is connected with America.

Russian Communistic plans for decimating the population have resulted not only in mass murders, but also in mass suicides. Persecution has been so intensified and living so difficult that frustrated people, feeling that life is futile and hopeless, end it all. According to reports reaching me, it is particularly true of the merchant class. They often

are accused of not paying their taxes. Stripped of everything they have and faced with fresh demands for something they do not have, they are forced to find a way out. Those who cannot pay the taxes face the prospects of prison, possible torture, privations and eventual death.

Professional people are in similar straits. Physicians, for instance, are expected to administer medicines and to perform surgery but if patients die they are blamed for killing them. Many professors have been taken out into the country, in the new land reform, to humiliate them.

Land has been taken away from landlords and distributed to farmers. The farmers are supposed to produce for the government. Many farmers despair because they cannot pay the exorbitant taxes imposed upon them. A missionary friend of another section told of farmers jumping in the river to escape the situation.

Because of the terrorism there is general submission to the government. "Yes" is on lips because of the fear that blankets mind and soul, but deep in the heart of the Chinese there is a cry for help. The cry is seen in the mute agony of the eyes that have looked upon sorrow, suffering and death.

The raging fires of persecution have melted down all denominational barriers. Blood-washed saints are one in Christ over there. There are many martyrs.

It is a crime to hold a street meeting. One young pastor who was innocent enough to follow God and to preach the Word regardless of circumstances was arrested for preaching on the street. "Don't you know that you are not allowed to preach on the street?" he was asked.

"No."

"Who told you that you could do so?"

"God told me that I should," he replied.

They hung him up by his thumb and left him in the torturous position for hours until he fainted. Just before he fainted he was praising God. Finally he was cut down and declared to be harmless because he was so ignorant he did not know any better than to go ahead and preach. "You must not preach any more," they warned him, as they did Peter and John in New Testament times. But he did not say that he would not, and according to the last account that I had he still was preaching.

Another pastor we knew also had been arrested for preaching, and was accused of being a reactionary. We wrote a letter to the authorities, informing them that he was a recognized evangelist of our fellowship, and asked them to release him since he knowingly had not offended the government. In prison the pastor overheard a telephone conversation in a room next to his cell. The officer was saying that it was undecided just what should be done with him, that they did not want to kill him, but on the other hand they did not want to release him. Soon afterward our letter arrived and it was a deciding factor. The pastor was released; however, he was placed under house arrest. His Bible was torn to shreds before his eyes. He was allowed to have only two visitors at a time and he could not pray with them, nor was he allowed to kneel in his own devotions. There was no guard over him, but in China there always are spies.

"Christianity has taken such a hold," Mao

Tse Tung has admitted, "that it never can be wiped out." But every attempt is being made to wipe it out. Religious publications have been suppressed along with the regular preaching of the Word. The religious publications that are left have become nothing more than propaganda bulletins for the government.

Chinese Christians are praying for another war though they know the death and suffering it would entail. They pray that way because they feel that it is the only way that they can be liberated from the tyrannical forces.

Communism has been spread throughout China. I do not believe that there is one person, even in remote sections, who has not heard of the new government and the new way of life. To me that is a challenge and a reproach. We missed out somewhere in

spreading the gospel. A godless religion has reached the overflowing population in a very short time. We did not succeed in doing this when the doors were wide open.

I would like to encourage those I know in China by writing to them, but I dare not communicate with them. It would endanger their lives. The only communication I can have is through prayer. I can pray that Christ will sustain with His presence, and help the Christians to feel my prayers for them. They look to us in America to uphold them in prayer. We must not fail them in their dark hour of need. I fear for our own nation if we do not meet this challenge from hell with prayer warfare. I have watched the phenomenal growth of Communism in China. Communism can take America. I see signs, ugly signs. There are organizations now that

the average American would not suspect. Seemingly harmless persons, and sometimes those with pleasant personalities, become affiliated with Communism.

The Communists have taken Luke 14:26 and perverted it for their own use. They say that a man must hate his father, mother, wife, children, brethren and sisters. The people are inoculated with the virus of hatred. They are made to accuse their loved ones and Christians are made to accuse the deacons, pastors and church members.

If we have lost our zeal and fervor for the cause of Christ, if we have lost the love of Christ which constrains us to love our brethren and to feel burdened for the lost, what can stop Communism from taking over here in America? It is time for us to seek the Lord.

Japanese Worship in Cemetery

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Nipper, Japan

ANCESTOR WORSHIP still has a strong hold on the people of Japan. Had you been with us this past week on a national holiday when we visited a cemetery near our house you would have seen proof of this.

We had heard much about ancestor worship in Japan and had visited the temples and shrines and had seen the people bow and pray before statues, but until we visited the cemetery on the occasion mentioned we really had not understood about the prayers to the spirits of the dead.

Early last Friday morning we heard the mumble of voices of Japanese making their way up the hill past our home. We thought it was a little out of the ordinary, yet knowing that the day was a holiday we decided that the people were on outings. An hour or so later we noticed that another road leading to the cemetery near our home was filled with people.

It seems that twice a year, on holidays of the spring and fall, the people visit the graves of their loved ones. When we saw the crowd we decided to visit the cemetery to see what was taking place.

As we entered the grounds we could see people everywhere carrying buckets of clear water. Dippers were in the buckets. Incense was burning by most of the tombstones. There also were rice cakes and cookies before some of the markers. Families gathered around some of the graves and were pulling weeds from them, putting flowers in vases, and washing tombstones.

We watched three women and two children kneel and pray at one grave.

At another grave an elderly man built a little fire to light a handful of incense which he put before five or six graves. He then rang a bell and prayed by each tombstone. The entire family seemed to be present and each member in turn repeated the ceremony. Even the children were told to "worship" before the tombstones.

We heard sticks being beaten together, and

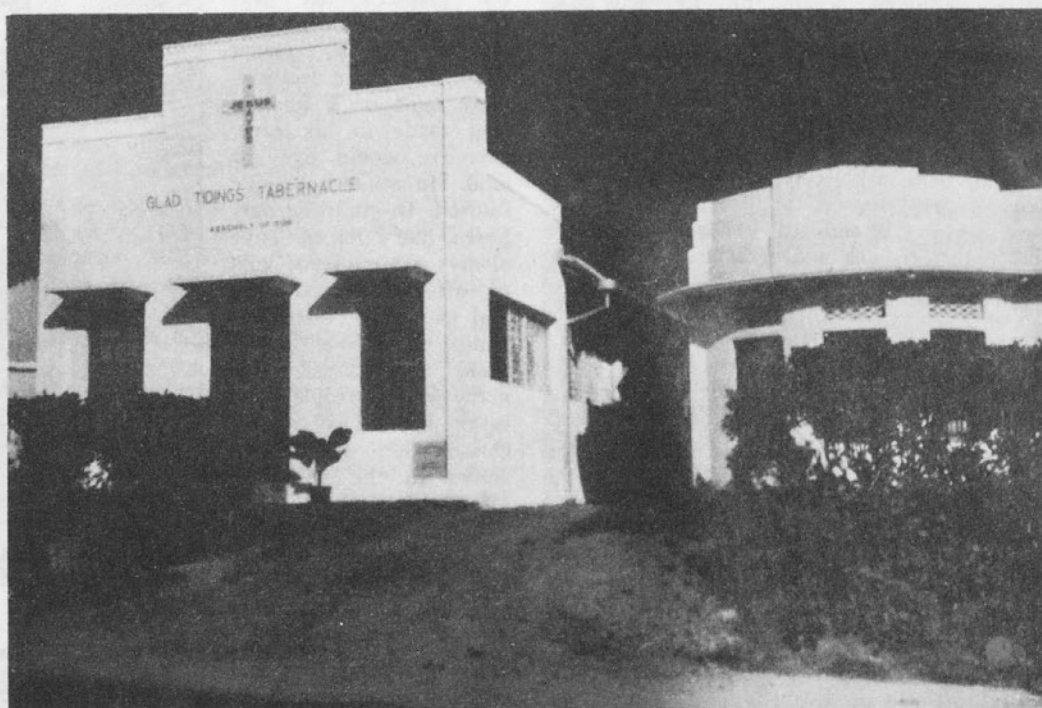
went to see what was happening. We found a priest standing before a large stone. Two men and three women were with him, evidently a mother, her two sons and the daughters-in-law. There were strings of beads on the wrists of members of the family and sticks were in their hands. They beat the sticks together and chanted prayers. How dark and depressing it all seemed to us. When we left the family group the ceremony still was in progress.

Evidently the beating of sticks and the ringing of bells was for the purpose of calling the departed spirits. We have asked different ones, "To whom do they pray, and why?" As far as we have been able to determine the people believe that when a person dies the spirit of the person goes either to a good place or a bad place. Their word for the good place is not the same as our word for heaven; however, they have in mind

a place of rest and joy. Twice each year, on the holidays mentioned, they believe that the spirit returns to the grave. Prayer is offered that the departed spirit may find its way to the good abode.

The people do not seem to worry about living a good life here on earth, nor do they seem to seek forgiveness for their sins. Apparently they are satisfied with the thought that their relatives will pray for their spirits after they die. According to the belief, if relatives do not pray for the spirit of the dead one, the spirit of that one is lost and cannot find the route to the good dwelling place.

It is so difficult for those interested in Christianity here to determine to worship only the true and living God. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit to bring assurance that redemption through the blood of Christ is what is needed for eternal life with Christ.



NEW CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AT KANDY, CEYLON

A new church and parsonage constructed under the direction of missionaries Kathryn G. Long and Palma A. Ramsborg at Kandy, Ceylon. The Buddhist Temple of the Tooth is located at Kandy, so it is an important pilgrimage center. Students of the Colombo Bible Institute helped establish the church by conducting evangelistic meetings.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

DANIEL'S DECISION (Temperance Lesson)

Lesson for June 22

Daniel 1:8-21

Daniel was one of four Jewish young men who were captured by Nebuchadnezzar during the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah.

Pharaoh-necho of Egypt had conquered King Jehoahaz (2 Kings 23:33) and appointed Jehoiakim ruler in his place, subject to Egypt (v. 34). The Babylonian forces under Nebuchadnezzar overcame the forces of Egypt; thus Jehoiakim became subject to Babylon instead of Egypt (2 Kings 24:1). At that time Nebuchadnezzar took the vessels of the house of God (v. 2), and children "of the king's seed, and of the princes" (v. 3). This indicates that Daniel was most likely a descendant of King David, a youth of royal blood, possibly related to King Josiah.

In Jeremiah 25 we have a prophetic lamentation in which the prophet foretells the seventy years of captivity that lay before the Jews (v. 11). Daniel was taken into Babylon with the first contingent of captives. The full force of the destruction of Jerusalem and the final captivity came in the ninth year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, when Zedekiah was king in Judah (2 Kings 25). God fulfilled His predictions of judgment when the cup of iniquity became full (Leviticus 26).

1. Daniel's Temperance Maintained

We must remember that Daniel was now only a slave boy. Daniel 1:6 would indicate that among these young captives there were youths from other conquered countries besides Judah, for it reads, "Now among these were the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah." These are the Hebrew names of these four young men.

The names are thought to mean—Daniel, "God is my Judge"; Hananiah, "He to whom the Lord is gracious"; Mishael, "He who comes from God"; Azariah, "The Lord is my Helper."

Perhaps you think there is not much in a name, but there is. A good name works favorably on the mind of him who bears it. Names of persons given in the Bible are names which signify character. To have names such as these four young Hebrews had was an asset to them. Each name spoke of a relationship with God.

The prince of the eunuchs changed their names to those of heathen gods. Daniel was changed to Belteshazzar meaning, "The treasure of Bel." Hananiah was changed to Shadrach, "The inspiration of the sun," or, "Let God, the author of evil, preserve us." Mishael was changed to Meshach, signifying, "He who belongs to the goddess Shak." Azariah he changed to Abed-nego, "The servant of Nego."

Thus their surroundings, and even their names, became such as would tend to influence them away from God; but with it all they stood firm in their faith.

Refusing to eat the king's meat would seem foolish to a person of carnal mind. It took spiritual sense to cause these young men to appreciate spiritual values above those things which might please the natural man. We are told that there were two reasons why a faithful Jew would refuse the royal menu: (a) on it was meat which had been forbidden the Jews in the law of Moses; (b) often it included portions which had been offered to idols.

2. Daniel's Temperance Tested

Daniel and his companions were not discourteous in their decision to refuse to eat the king's fare. They were gentle, courteous, and considerate. They made no demands and were not quarrelsome. They simply requested that they might have water and vegetables (legumes) instead. This became a test for him that was over them, as well as for them. What would happen to him should they become lean or sickly? They quieted his anxiety by requesting that the test cover only ten days; then, were they less favorable in appearance after this period, he might deal otherwise with them. Does this not indicate that proving God is a reasonable thing? Great extremes in religion are often either the mistakes of human nature, or the imposition of influences which are not of God. If we prove God in a proper manner we may expect that He will prove Himself, sustaining us in our godly decision.

Every young person ought to arrive at a definite decision concerning the will of God for him. Many decisions will be necessary as time goes on. Daniel's life was filled with decisions, decisions which meant crises. But these decisions were built on a foundation made in his early life. He would live for God. He would not defile himself. In youth he purposed, like Paul, to "have always a conscience void of offense toward God and man." He then continued to "live in all good conscience." Too many young people have never arrived at a full consecration of themselves to the will and Word of God.

3. Daniel's Temperance Triumphs

It took real grace for Daniel to take his stand before his supervisor, and probably before a number of captive youth from nations other than Israel. Can you not picture others laughing or jeering at the queer Jewish boys as they ate their

"pulse" while the others were enjoying the king's meat and wine? Daniel's companions stood with him. What a power is fellowship with others who are equally consecrated. We have great praise for Daniel's courage but we must not forget the help his three brethren were to him.

The test worked. When the ten days were finished these Jewish boys outstripped all others in fairness of countenance and fatness of flesh (v. 15). The position which they had taken convinced Melzar, their supervisor, and he "took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink." They had stood the test; they now had favor with man as well as with God.

We must take our stand before an unbelieving world though it is not easy. If we fail in the test, people will lose confidence in us. If we continue faithful, those who might have jeered at our stand will admire us and will be influenced by our example. All men know what a Christian ought to be. They are waiting to see the principles of Christ lived out in us. If we take our stand for right in the beginning, our lot will be easier. It is he who vacillates who finds it hard and who is apt to be defeated. May God put the Daniel spirit in us all!

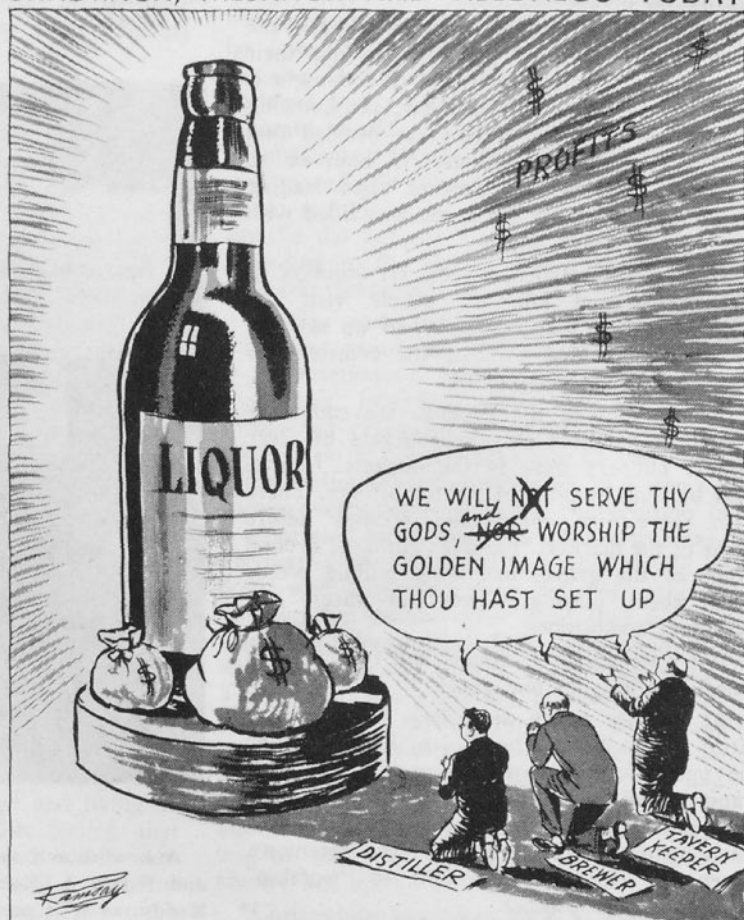
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Downfall of Judah (lesson for Sunday, June 15). Lesson text: 2 Kings 25:1-12.

One deserves small credit for being able to start something. The man who can stay with it is the best man.

Don't let all your steam go out in whistle—you will need it to pull the load over a steep hill.

SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO TODAY



ITALY'S HUNGRY CHILDREN—How eagerly they grasp for a gift of bread! How desperately they need the Bread of Life which our Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade is providing!

Fifty Million in a "Boot"

Paul Copeland

THE MAP of Europe shows a "boot" extending down into the Mediterranean Sea. That "boot" is Italy and fifty million people live in it.

Brother Lewis and I have just concluded a series of Sunday School conventions which took us the full length of that boot, from top to toe. In fact, we moved from northern Italy all the way down into Sicily. While we would not presume to pose as specialists of that country, yet we have felt the pulse of a situation that ought to command the concern of every Christian in America.

Italy needs the Book of books. That has been the primary purpose of our Sunday School meetings here. Since many of you have had a part in providing gospel literature for Italy through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, we thought you would like to know something of the outcome of our survey, and that is the purpose of this article.

As we made our way down the "boot," frequently our faces were bathed with tears as we saw the heavy burdens carried by the children and by the aged. We beheld expensive marble, and in some quarters we observed the massing of great riches, but touching and surrounding luxury and extravagance there was poverty and misery. Often we saw little children devouring crusts of bread with such expression as to tell us they did not have sufficient food. We gave them bread, and one exclaimed, "You mean I can really have it?" We hope through stronger Sunday Schools the children and the older ones too may be given the Bread that satisfies the soul.

Hundreds of fountains along the roads provide water for the thirsty, but how few are the fountains providing the Water of Life! There are numerous shrines to "saints." The Catholic church claims 90% of the inhabitants of Italy as her members, and although this figure may be exaggerated it is evident she does hold control over multitudes. How we pray that these people may be led to bow before the Saviour, rather than before some humanly created "saint."

Never have I seen so many gates and arches. Some of them have historical significance, speaking of some great victory. But these gates and arches only serve to remind us of Him who is the only door to victory. There are hundreds of landmarks, and stones everywhere which mark the ruins of ages past. Oh, that the fifty million could know Him who is the Rock of Ages.

We conducted Sunday School meetings

under the shadow of Mt. Etna and Mt. Vesuvius. We saw the smoke ascending from the crater of Mt. Etna. We did not hear any rumblings from the volcanos that have brought fame to those two mountains, but we did behold great throngs of humanity meeting for political demonstrations. We could hear the rumblings of dissatisfaction. We did not visit Italy to discuss political matters, and we have not done so, but it can be said that at least two great forces are at work—namely, Catholicism and Communism. We have seen the so-called "Christian Crusade" symbol, and have also noticed the Hammer and Sickle drawn or painted upon walls for hundreds of miles.

Scars of war are common. Pill boxes and crumbled buildings recall the horrible nightmare of the war that raged a few years ago. As we entered one city, a native quickly told us that had it not been for God all would have been killed. The lines upon his face told a story of sorrow and trouble.

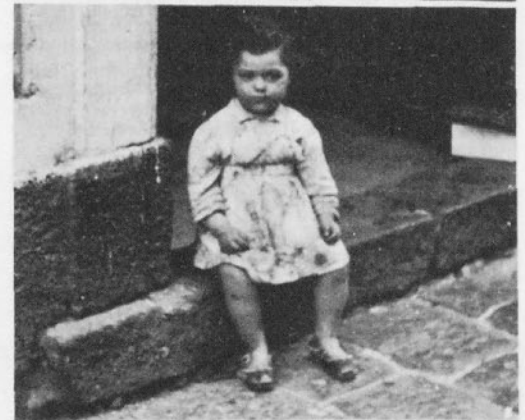
But God is working in Italy! The Lord is using Brother U. N. Goriotti, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Italy, Brother Anthony Piraino, secretary of the Italian Assemblies in America, and Brother Robert Bracco, pastor of our church in Rome. To these leaders can be added many brethren who are like strong salt to retard decay. Over two hundred groups of Pentecostal believers exist in the "boot" in spite of the resistance from some authorities. Some have been placed in jail for preaching the gospel. Threatenings have been many. Injunctions have been issued to stop the Full Gospel message. But where the enemy has worked most, the Pentecostal light still shines brightly.

It was a thrill to look upon the motto at the front of the auditorium in our church at Palermo, Sicily. It reads, "Gesù Salva," meaning, "Jesus Saves!" When one understands what this church has suffered he especially appreciates that motto as it shines like a tiny beacon in the midst of darkness.

You too would have wept if you could have heard the Sunday School children at Bari, Italy, sing, "Building up the temple of the Lord!" If you could have seen that strangely shaped auditorium, some 15 feet wide and 160 feet long, you would have thought the song most appropriate. Out of very humble means the people have sacrificed to begin a building fund.

We heard these Pentecostal Italian people sing, "Trust and Obey," and agreed that song too had special significance here. Some have trusted amid circumstances we have never known in America. Many have obeyed God when to do so was to defy the established order.

There were some surprises as we observed the needs for more Sunday Schools. In one



Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and Paul Copeland, National Sunday School Director, are visiting a number of countries in Europe in the interest of Sunday School promotion and literature distribution.

ANNOUNCING A NEW FEATURE!

Beginning with the July issue of the *Missionary Challenge*, the work of National Home Missions will be featured in a two-page spread each month.

The National Home Missions Department plans to utilize these pages to acquaint our constituency with the victories as well as the needs of our Home Missions workers.

The July issue of the *Missionary Challenge* will carry the names of our 175 Home Missionaries now under appointment by the National Home Missions Department. Watch for it!

place we met a Sunday School superintendent who has divided the Sunday School into four classes. He told us he had never read a book on American Sunday Schools. He had not been taught verbally. He said the Lord simply impressed him with the thought that people should be divided into various age groups in order to be taught properly.

In another place we heard the testimony of an Italian pastor who now has eight classes. This progress has come out of tremendous effort, due to opposition from conservative elements. As he heard us tell of our Sunday Schools, and as he beheld the pictures of adult classes in our Sunday Schools, he rejoiced. He said the time had now come to have Sunday School for adults also.

In Naples we found two alert sisters, both public school teachers, who are beginning to develop their own visual aid. This is quite significant when we recall the believers' opposition here to any picture of the cross or of Jesus. This opposition comes from many problems arising from their deliverance from Catholicism; they fear any tendency back toward Catholicism.

There is a great need here for Sunday School literature. The Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God in the United States, working with our own Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, is providing funds for meeting this need. This is a very important year, for on January 1, 1952, the first of our quarterlies translated from English into Italian was introduced. It is for adults. On July 1, 1952, a children's quarterly translated into the Italian language will be ready.

One of the questions constantly raised in our conferences in Italy was, "How can we train our teachers?" We have told them of our Workers Training Courses. The pastors are eager to start a vigorous training program. We had conventions at Rome, Naples, Bari, Catania, and Palermo and at each place we saw scores of fine young people who are eager to work for God. If we can but furnish helps to train these young people, undoubtedly the Sunday Schools will enjoy a great growth in a relatively short time throughout Italy.

We want you to pray that God will help our Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade so that we can translate the manual, "Successful Sunday School Teaching," soon. We hope too that it will be possible to translate more quarterlies.

Yes, a struggle is going on for these fifty

million in "the boot." Forces of darkness would try to prevail. But God says it is time for His Book to prevail. The eagerness of the pastors and laymen who have gathered at our Sunday School conventions would substantiate this. You and I must pray for the Pentecostal people in Italy. As the Lord provides we must assist them in the translating and printing of literature, including training manuals, and in other ways essential to the development of a strong Bible-based teaching program. Italy must have the Book of books!



OUR GOAL—600 NEW IN '52!

Under the above heading we plan to list from time to time new Assemblies which have been opened since January 1, 1952. If a new work in your locality or district is not listed, it is because we have not yet received the information.

APPALACHIAN—Bristol (second church).

INDIANA—East Glenn, Edinburg, Hebron, Sullivan, Union City.

LOUISIANA—Crowley, Haynesville, Lake Providence, Thibodaux, Wisner.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY—Cohoes, N. Y., Fulton, N. Y., Narrowsburg, N. Y., Oneida, N. Y., Warsaw, N. Y., Englewood, N. J.

NORTH CAROLINA—Mount Airy, Penderlea (near Willard), Thomasville, Wilmington.

OREGON—Brookings, Malin.

SOUTH CAROLINA—(near) Gaffney, Greenville (Welcome Assembly), Hartsville, New Ellington, Sumter.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Salem, Webster.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Encino, Garfield, Lennox, Los Alamitos, North Van Nuys, Pedley, Redondo Beach, Thousand Oaks, Tulare, Venice.

WEST FLORIDA—Apalachicola, East Milton, Gretna, Madison, Millers Ferry, Warrington.

WEST TEXAS—Abernathy, Claud, Higgins, Needmore Community, Odessa (south side), Whiteface.

We believe God for 600 new Assemblies in 1952. We would like to list all new Assem-

blies so please write us about your new work. Just address your card or letter to National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

THEY STARTED IN A GARAGE!

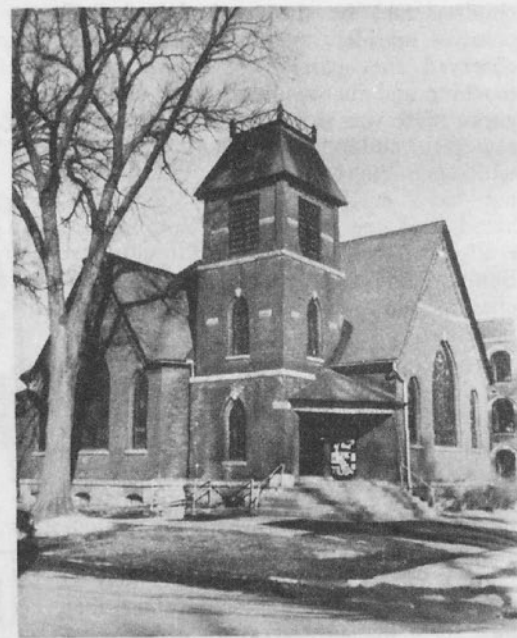
On July 1, 1951, just thirty days after graduating from Southern California Bible College, Brother and Sister Roy Spece opened their home and garage for services in Lakewood, California. This is a new community, which, when completed, will consist of over 17,000 homes and a population of around 60,000.

Their first Sunday School was attended by 20 persons, and now, ten months later, they are averaging 60 in Sunday School. They can seat 70 persons comfortably in the little garage-chapel, which is attractively finished in knotty pine. Already they are crowded for space in the Sunday School.

Brother Spece writes: "God has richly blessed us—spiritually, numerically, and financially! One person responded to the altar call the very first service when the pastor spoke on the 'New Birth.' This alone thrilled our souls and inspired us to go on.

"At present we have the only full gospel church in the immediate area and the opportunity for gospel work here is unexcelled. We covet the prayers of God's people everywhere, and trust that He shall direct Assemblies of God and other full gospel families already residing here to assist in the purchase of a property site and the erection of a church building."

We praise God for this pioneer effort in



A NEW ASSEMBLY IN GRINNELL, IOWA

A little over a year ago the Glad Tidings Assembly of God was started in Grinnell, Iowa, under the leadership of Brother T. W. Stark. In a short time they were able to purchase the First Baptist Church, shown above, complete with Sunday School equipment, etc. The auditorium will seat 400.

The group has grown in Sunday School attendance from 34 on the first Sunday to an average of 73 for March. The building, completely remodeled and redecorated, was dedicated on March 17.

A Men's Fellowship has been organized and is reaching men of the community outside the church. God's blessings are evidently upon this new effort, and there is every indication that a strong work will be built for God in the city of Grinnell.

Lakewood, California, and believe with the Speces that God will give them a church building very soon.

We would like to hear from other pioneer workers, giving their experiences in opening new fields. Just address your letter to the National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

NEWS

GROWTH SEEN IN NORTH CAROLINA

DUNN, N. C.—The eighth annual District Council of the North Carolina District convened at the Glad Tidings Church during the week of April 20. Reports revealed the District is growing steadily and developing with stability. R. M. Riggs was the guest speaker and his messages were both timely and helpful.

The three executive officers, Andrew Stirling, B. H. Conant, and R. O. Brown, were returned to office on the nominating ballot.—Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

MINISTERS' MEETING FEATURED AT DISTRICT COUNCIL SESSION

LUBBOCK, TEX.—A special feature of the West Texas District Council was the daily meeting for ministers and their wives, beginning at 9 a.m. Wilfred A. Brown, guest speaker for the convention, spoke at these morning meetings. He also addressed the convention each night.

The convention was held in the First Assembly in Lubbock. It opened with a C. A. rally and closed with an ordination service at which eight were set apart for the ministry.

All officers of the District were returned to office.

BUILDING LOST BY FIRE

HOLTVILLE, CALIF.—The home of the Assembly of God church in Holtville burned to the ground on Saturday night, May 17. Both the Sunday School annex and the main auditorium were a total loss.

According to the pastor, Minor Higgins, the loss amounted to about \$20,000 and the insurance coverage amounted to about \$8,000. The congregation had only recently made improvements in the church, including new seats, new piano, new platform, and interior decoration. A number of musical instruments were lost, and the pastor's library also.

The church immediately laid plans to rebuild as soon as the lots could be cleared. In the meantime, Sunday meetings are being held in the Legion Hall.

ELMER GREEN ELECTED IN GEORGIA DISTRICT

THOMASTON, GA.—There were 164 qualified voters registered here for the 19th annual District Council, May 6 to 8. It was the largest registration of qualified voters in the history of the Georgia District. H. F. Freeman was host pastor.

Lester Sumrall was the main speaker at the convention. His ministry was said to be a great blessing.

A new District Superintendent was elected. R. C. "Keetah" Jones had announced two months earlier that he was going to resign. He said he would be in evangelistic ministry for a year and could be reached at 1516 14th Street, Wichita Falls, Tex. Elmer Green, who had served as Secretary-Treasurer of the District for five years, was chosen to succeed him.

Grover Langston resigned as Assistant Superintendent and Ernest Pruett was elected to that office. George Klarman of Waycross was named Secretary-Treasurer. The Council voted to make this a full-time office and to establish District headquarters in Atlanta.

A highlight of the convention was the report

that the Georgia assemblies had registered a total increase of nearly \$10,000 in missionary offerings during the past year. During the Council meeting the W. M. C. had a penny march and \$1,275.03 was poured into a big wash tub. Last year the W. M. C. sponsored the erection of a new brick church in Richland. Their project for this year will be the church in Warner Robins.

Brother Jones reported that 18 new works were started in the past year. He pointed out that during the past seven years the number of assemblies in Georgia has doubled, which means that on the average a new church was established every two months.

"BEST COUNCIL IN HISTORY" FOR NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

NEPTUNE, N. J.—Many who attended the ninth annual Council of the New York-New Jersey District stated that it was the best in the District's history. It met here May 5 to 8, with a record attendance.

The theme of the convention, "Feeding the Flame," was thoroughly emphasized by the C. A., Home Missions, W. M. C., Sunday School, and other departments.

Thomas R. Brubaker, District Superintendent, was returned to office by an overwhelming vote. Other officers are: Joseph Flower, Assistant Superintendent; Richard J. Bergstrom, Secretary-Treasurer; John Kellner and Allan A. Swift, General Presbyters; Phillip Barnard, C. A. President and S. S. Director; Mrs. Thomas R. Brubaker, W. M. C. President; and Miss Reba Norcross, Assistant W. M. C. President.

All District Presbyters were re-elected with the exception of Frank Peckham who was replaced by Gordon Bender.

The convention closed with an ordination sermon by Allan A. Swift and three were ordained to the ministry. Radio Station WJLK of Asbury Park donated thirty minutes of air time to broadcast a program of gospel music and singing. Much favorable comment was heard concerning the broadcast.

FULL-TIME SEC'Y-TREASURER ELECTED IN MICHIGAN

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—The eighth annual District Council of the Assemblies of God, meeting here, voted to elect a full-time Secretary-Treasurer. Donald G. Foote, who had served as Secretary-Treasurer for four years while pastoring in Ypsilanti, withdrew his name, and Malachi R. Cook was elected to this full-time office. The District Presbyters were authorized to establish a permanent headquarters office.

Bond Bowman stated that his pastoral responsibilities and the limitations of his health would not permit him to accept re-election to the office of Assistant Superintendent. Parvin C. Lee was elected to take his place.

All the sectional Presbyters were elected on the first ballot.

The convention met in the new Woodmere Gardens Tabernacle in Grand Rapids. Pastor and Mrs. Harvey Krist and their congregation had just completed this new building and it was dedicated during the Council meeting.

Charles W. H. Scott, District Superintendent, reported that nine new churches had been started in the past year. Ten new church buildings had been dedicated and nine more were under construction.

The Council adopted a resolution to encourage the organizing of Men's Fellowship groups in all the local Assemblies.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

FRISCO, TEX.—Souls were saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit in a meeting with Evangelist J. R. Kneegs of Greenville, Tex. This was one of the greatest meetings we have had.—M. L. Milton, Pastor.

LYNCHBURG, VA.—Evangelist Wallace P. Odum was with us recently in a meeting in our pioneer work here. The Lord blessed in a gracious way and souls were saved.—Levi S. Beiler, Pastor.

CUBA, MO.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelists Margie and Opal Cordry. Five were saved and twelve were filled with the Holy Spirit. This is a new work.—M. E. Sooter, Pastor.

FARMINGTON, ME.—We enjoyed a two-week meeting with Evangelist C. C. Garrett of Miami, Fla. The church was strengthened and encouraged to press on to greater victory. The saints were stirred to seek a closer walk with God.—Anthony J. DeMarco, Pastor.

OBERLIN, KANS.—On April 20 we closed a successful meeting with Evangelist Ralph Hillegas. There were four conversions and several who had become indifferent received a real touch from God in their souls. We broke our Sunday School attendance record with 140 present the week before Easter.—H. M. Hollis, Pastor.

ATLANTA, TEX.—We accepted the pastorate here last June and the Lord has been blessing the work. Recently we had two of the best meetings we have ever had. We broke the Sunday School attendance record and seven people united with the church. The opposition here is great, but the Lord is greater, and we are praying that God will make our church a soul-saving center in this city.—Pastor and Mrs. A. W. Waller.

TIPTON, OKLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. O. W. Newman of Imperial, Tex., were with us for three weeks. Fourteen were saved, 20 united with the church, and 21 were baptized in water. A new Sunday School attendance record of 203 was made. We are going to build more Sunday School rooms.—Pastor and Mrs. Fred Carrington.

WOOD RIVER, ILL.—Over 100 people who had never been in our church before attended the meeting conducted by the Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio. The interest was very good from the first night. Night after night God came down in such power that the evangelist could not minister the Word. A total of 42 souls came to Christ and a number testified to definite healings in their bodies. We invited the Vanderploegs to return for a meeting.—M. M. Brewer, Pastor.

TRANQUILITY, CALIF.—God visited our little town in a revival with Evangelist Park Reed of Canton, Okla. About 40 were saved and 20 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School attendance record was broken.

A young man, who was in a car accident and had broken his back, was healed instantly. The doctors did not give him much hope of ever being well again.

Brother Reed's messages on prophecy stirred and edified the saints.—Charles and May Miller, Pastors.

ENID, OKLA.—We thank God for the fine revival He gave us under the able ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit. Brother McCutchen preached the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. A number testified to definite healing. The Sunday School attendance record of several years' standing was broken.

Since coming to pastor this church four years ago, God has blessed us in many ways. We have built and paid for a lovely buff brick parsonage. We plan to build a new church in the near future.—Edgar Newby, Pastor, Enid Gospel Tabernacle.

CORVALLIS, OREG.—Evangelist Wilbur Henry and party were with us in a meeting in the American Legion Hall. The Lord gave us wonderful results even though the people in general were opposed to the ministry of healing.

A young boy's hearing was restored to normal. He had been wearing a hearing aid, but after prayer he could hear the purring of his kitten. His mother testified that he could hear the radio with the volume set at normal, whereas formerly he had to turn the radio on so loud that he would almost drive her out of the house.

A lady had the sense of smell restored after being afflicted for 28 years. Others were healed of rheumatism and diabetes.

A man was healed of heart trouble. His condition was so serious that the doctors forbade him to walk over two blocks. After he left the platform he ran around the inside of the building. Later he walked a half mile. About a week later he was chopping wood. We visited him at his home and found he had just chopped half a cord.—Hilton T. Park, Pastor.

Make a Note of this...

GRAY & ADAMS'

Bible Commentary

IS NOW AVAILABLE ON TIME PAYMENT PLAN

Unique in its field...

"The GRAY AND ADAMS COMMENTARY of the Bible is unique in its field. Its word-by-word treatment of the text is tremendously helpful to all those who wish to make a semi-exhaustive study of God's Word. The anecdotes which are furnished as supplementary material contribute color to the comments which are not generally found in a purely analytical examination. The preface to each book grants the Bible student a most comprehensive introduction to the book he is exploring. It offers to scholar and to minister a commentary which merits high esteem and practical usefulness."

—Wesley R. Steelberg
General Superintendent
Assemblies of God

Devotional, Practical, Explanatory, Illustrative
Complete, Unabridged Edition; Fully Indexed
Ideal for Preachers, Teachers, Christian Workers

This is a complete, popular commentary of expository notes, usable sermon outlines and effective illustrations which should be in the library of every preacher, Sunday School teacher and Christian worker. The volumes in this outstanding set contain thousands of usable, helpful illustrations and thousands of helpful outlines. It is a complete, unabridged fully indexed edition. Devotional, practical, explanatory, illustrative.

Included in each volume are the prefaces to each book of the Bible as well as a synopsis of each book. Completely indexed according to subject, as well as index of outlines, anecdotes and illustrations. Explanatory comments and experiences from a great host of outstanding Bible teachers and preachers are also included. Beautifully bound in tan cloth and stamped in brown and gold.

Individual Volumes

3 EV 913	Volume I, GENESIS TO II KINGS, (1008 pages)	\$4.95
3 EV 914	Volume II, CHRONICLES TO PROVERBS, (972 pages)	4.95
3 EV 915	Volume III, ECCLESIASTES TO MALACHI, (928 pages)	4.95
3 EV 916	Volume IV, MATTHEW TO ACTS, (760 pages)	4.95
3 EV 917	Volume V, ROMANS TO REVELATION (772 pages)	4.95

Also Available in Sets

3 EV 911	THE OLD TESTAMENT, 3 Volumes complete	\$14.85
3 EV 912	THE NEW TESTAMENT, 2 Volumes complete	9.90
3 EV 910	THE BIBLE, 5 Volumes, complete set	23.95



TIME PAYMENT PLAN

Just a small down payment and a few dollars each month will buy this Gray and Adams Bible Commentary.

Down Payment	Monthly Payment	Months to pay
\$3.95	\$2.00	10 months

When ordering the Above Items Please add 5% for Handling and Postage.

We No Longer Mail Orders C.O.D.—
Please Remit by Money Order or Check.

ORDER BY NUMBER AND TITLE

GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

+ + +

Springfield 1, Missouri

MILTON-FREEWATER, OREG., May 13—We are entering the seventh week of revival with Evangelist G. W. Hocker. Souls are being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit almost every night. Some nights four or five come through to a wonderful Pentecostal experience. We have a radio broadcast, "Time of Reviving," over station KTEL, Walla Walla, Wash., Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5.—B. M. Shelton, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—On April 27 we closed a profitable three-week meeting with Evangelists Bob and Deion Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. Brother Sheran's preaching was accompanied with deep conviction and many were saved. His messages on the second coming of Christ stirred the Christians to examine their lives in the light of this great event.

Brother and Sister Sheran emphasized the importance of witnessing for Christ. The young people were challenged to consecrate their all to the Lord and work for Him while there is time. The Sunday School attendance showed an increase during the meeting.—Lawrence D. Krause, Associate Pastor, Gospel Gleaners Assembly.

TOWANDA, PA.—Last November we accepted the pastorate here, and at that time the people were worshipping in a store building. A few months later a more suitable building was purchased and renovated, and the blessing of God has been upon all departments of the church. The Sunday School reached a high point of 83.

In April we had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace of Portland, Me. Five were filled with the Holy Spirit, several came forward for salvation, backsliders were reclaimed, and a number testified to healing. We now find that we must enlarge our place of worship.—Russell D. Welsch, Pastor.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—The four Vibbert brothers (Jack, a Methodist baptized with the Holy Ghost, Ted, Buck, and our pastor, Hansel P. Vibbert) were with us in a four-week meeting. As many as fifteen were saved in one night. God met us in an old-time way and a number of people from other churches received the Pentecostal experience. The Sunday School reached a new high of 600.

A Presbyterian lady entered the healing line and God healed her of a heart ailment. She fell under the power of God, and while prostrated she received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Her daughter was filled with the Spirit the next night.—Louise Martin, Church Secretary.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—The meeting with Evangelist W. V. Grant in March probably created a wider interest than any other four-week meeting in the history of Oakland Revival Tabernacle. People came from many surrounding cities and received deliverance for soul and body. The prayer room, which adequately accommodates over 250, was crowded to capacity, and many remained until after midnight.

From the opening to the closing service, people were saved and filled with the Spirit. No count was taken. Some estimated that 300 were baptized.

One night 57 testified to receiving healing while sitting in the congregation. The closing night 120 stood up as a testimony that they had received healing. One man left his back brace at the church. A man who was blind in one eye and had only 5 per cent vision in the other eye, professed Christ as his Saviour. After prayer he left his white cane at the church. One week later he read coarse print before the audience.

A revival spirit prevails in the church. To our knowledge every week in the last seven years there have been souls seeking salvation at the Tabernacle.—Cecil J. Lowry, Pastor.

EL DORADO, KANS.—Two weeks before Christmas a Baptist man came to me and said that we needed a new church and that he would give \$500 for the building fund if the church would raise \$1,000. That Wednesday night he and his wife came to our church and I told the people what he had said. We raised \$710 that night, and this Baptist man gave the first hundred dollars. When I gave the altar call he and his wife came and were saved. By the next Wednesday night we had raised \$1,500 for the building fund. (This man and his wife have also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.)

FELT FOR VBS HANDWORK

Here is the felt you will be needing in your VBS handwork projects. It is made from fast-dyed wool and cotton. You may choose from the assorted colors of beige, black, blue, green, red, white, and yellow.

When Ordering, please state choice of color.

19 EV 8044	Size 36x36 inches	95c per sq. yard
19 EV 8045	Size 36x18 inches	50c per 1/2 yard
19 EV 8046	Size 36x 9 inches	35c per 1/4 yard

When Ordering the Above Item Please Add 5% for Handling and Postage.

We No Longer Mail Orders C.O.D.—Please Remit by Money Order or Check.

ORDER BY NUMBER AND TITLE

Gospel Publishing House

Springfield 1, Mo.

We had been praying for a Holy Ghost revival and we had 11 saved just before our seven-week meeting began with Evangelist Lulu M. Ware from California. Thirty-six more came to the altar for salvation in this meeting and 22 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many testified to definite healing, some were delivered from bad habits, and 19 members came into the church. The last Sunday of the meeting we had 190 in Sunday School.

Over 200 attended the outdoor water baptismal service. Fifteen followed the Lord in baptism. In harmony with Acts 19:19 we had a burning of books and several other articles unbecoming to holiness.—L. J. Hollis, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ME.—In a twelve-night meeting with Evangelists Robert and Lillian (Overstreet) Watters, nine received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a great many received "a new touch of fire in their souls." Over 40 came to the altar for salvation. Backsliders who had been away from God as long as 25 years were gloriously reclaimed. Many members of denominational churches came to the meetings and were convinced of the power of God.

Whole families have been brought together through the salvation of loved ones. A son in one family, employed as a painter for the church, was saved shortly before the meeting began, as was his father. During the meeting this young man was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and his brother was converted and also baptized with the Holy Spirit.

In two instances fathers and sons who had been at enmity were beautifully reunited by receiving salvation.

One man was healed of a punctured ear drum which had been draining every three days.

We give all the glory to the Lord for answering the prayers of His people in granting us this wonderful moving of His Spirit. The evangelists have a fearless, powerful, Christ-centered ministry. Brother Watters is a good pianist, accordionist, and singer.—Anthony Pagano, Pastor, West End Gospel Tabernacle.

ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.—We began a meeting with Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie on March 7 which was scheduled for three nights. By the end of the three nights so much had been accomplished that we continued for three weeks. Many people were attracted to the services because of the definite healings that took place.

During the early part of the meeting a deaf man received his hearing, thus convincing many that the days of miracles are not over.

A lady was healed of inward goiter and gall bladder trouble. Others were healed of stomach ulcers, anemia, heart trouble, nervous disorders, foot trouble, bad eyes, partial deafness, hemorrhoids, and other afflictions.

The revival grew to such proportions that it was a topic of conversation in shops, cafes, coal mines, etc. People from other churches came for prayer. A Mormon lady, deaf in both ears and wearing a hearing aid, was enabled to hear instantly, and answered questions as Brother Ogilvie stood behind her. A lady from the Christian church, and a man newly converted, each received sight in a blind eye.

There was such a move of the Holy Spirit that several testified to being drawn to the services by direct promptings from the Lord.

Several entire families were saved, and around 35 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Heavy conviction rested on the congregation night after night and scores of people made their way to the prayer room for salvation.

The church has been strengthened and blessed in every respect. We plan to have Brother and Sister Ogilvie return for another meeting when our new church is completed.—R. G. McAllister, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

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

HARVEY, ILL.—Calvary Temple, June 12—; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. (W. J. Sawyers is Pastor.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Central Assembly, June 15—29; Evangelist K. L. Claycomb.—by B. H. Conant, Pastor.

VIRGINIA, ILL.—Tent meeting, June 8—22 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Starling, Tulsa, Okla.—by Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Pastors.

GLENDAL, CALIF.—Bethel Chapel, June 22—July 13; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif. (Arthur Slater is Pastor.)

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—June 22—; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call, Trenton, Mo. (Everette Ewing is Pastor.)

PEARSON, GA.—Assembly of God, June 25—; Evangelist and Mrs. B. M. McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (H. L. Galloway is Pastor.)

KERMAN, CALIF.—Assembly of God, June 16—; VBS, Mrs. Agnes Stokes, Morro Bay, Calif., instructor.—by J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

WORLAND, WYO.—June 15—July 6; Evangelist Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (Walter Ventling is Pastor.)

HELENA, MONT.—Assembly of God, June 17—29; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif.—by Edwin Jorstad, Pastor.

BELL GARDENS, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, June 2—; Evangelist Walter E. Larson.—by R. M. Hargis, Pastor.

VERONA, ONT., CANADA—Verona Pentecostal Church, June 18—29; Evangelists Ernest and Virginia Berquist. (T. E. Richardson is Pastor.)

ELECTRA, TEX.—Tent meeting, E. Harrison and Illinois Sts., June 4—22; Musical Vanderploegs, Toledo, Ohio.—by G. W. Risner, Jr., Pastor, First Assembly.

DETROIT LAKES, MINN.—Assemblies of God Church, May 25—; Evangelist Gerald Fischer with the "Musical Fischers of Men," Grenora, N. Dak.—by K. M. Freiheit, Pastor.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, 1412 Richland St., Columbia, S. C., June 23—27; Wilfred A. Brown, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. Accommodations furnished for ministers and delegates.—by J. C. Hunnicutt, District Secretary and Host Pastor.

Captivating . . .

CHRISTIAN FICTION

HERTFORD, N. C.—Assembly of God, Homecoming to commemorate 25th anniversary of church, June 15. Special speakers and singers.—by Alvin W. Price, Pastor.

MICHIGAN BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS—Fa-Ho-Lo Camp, Grass Lake, Mich. George and Billie Davis of Springfield, Mo., speakers. Boys' Camp, July 5—11; Girls' Camp, July 12—18.

MALVERN, ARK.—Union tent meeting (2,000 seats), north on Highway 270 just outside city limits, June 14—; Evangelist W. V. Grant and party. Sponsored by Assemblies of God churches. For information write C. J. Hartwick, 711 N. Hill St., Malvern, Ark.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.—Union meeting, Bloomsburg Air Port, June 8—July 6 or longer; Evangelist Richard Vinyard. Sponsored by churches in Bloomsburg, Berwick, Shickshinney, Hazleton, Danville, Ashland, Shamokin, Milton, Muncy, and Williamsport.—by Kenneth C. Clark, Chairman.

OPEN FOR CALLS

EVANGELISTIC

I. L. Walker, Box 726, Stratford, Tex.

PASTORAL OR EVANGELISTIC

E. L. Black, 121 Court St., Vermillion, S. Dak., % Carl Bauman.

F. E. Conrad, Box 244, Fairfax, Okla.

James B. Daniel, Hagarville, Ark.

E. A. Fowler, 614 West Panola, Carthage, Tex.

H. V. Foley, Box 25, Sumner, Mo.

PASTORAL

A. A. Bradley, 641 Walnut, Memphis, Tenn.

NEW ADDRESSES

Ernest Morgan, 445 Parkway Ave., Trenton 8, N. J. "Pastoring First Assembly."

E. R. Winter, 1925 W. Ninth St., Texarkana, Tex. "Pastoring Rose Hill Assembly."

Pastor D. M. Crouse, Conrad, Iowa.

Norris N. Wright, Box 8, San Jon, N. Mex.

Pastor Fred D. Drake, 416 Bower St., Linden, N. J.

Frank D. Oertel, Bronson, Iowa.

J. P. Mason, 520 Gunter, Fayetteville, Ark.

Pastor and Mrs. Walter Smith, Box 636, Guerneville, Calif.

Pastor S. R. Cox, Box 182, Independence, Iowa.

Pastor Ted A. Masters, 454 Stimson Ave., Pismo Beach, Calif.

Pastor Fred J. Greve, Box 771, Manhattan, Kans.

Evangelist Dewey J. Cole, 1409A Penrose, St. Louis, Mo.

Pastor R. E. Lister, Box 483, Wynona, Okla.

William D. Brooks, 438 Bisteria Lane, Biloxi, Miss. "Pastoring First Assembly."

Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Box 5539, Metro. Sta., Los Angeles 55, Calif.

Roy B. Quillin, Box 203, Silsbee, Tex. "Pastoring First Assembly."

Kenzy Savage, Box F, Ysleta, Tex. "After two years spent mainly in evangelistic work, we are returning to work in the Latin-American Bible Institute."

John R. Vest, 218 S. Madison St., Webb City, Mo. "Have resigned church in Greenfield, Mo."

Glenn D. Stafford, 815 Ave. "N", Lubbock, Tex. "Pastoring Central Assembly."

Evangelist E. G. Eskelin, 1912 Dallas, Royal Oak, Mich.

R. C. "Keetah" Jones, 1516 14th St., Wichita Falls, Tex.

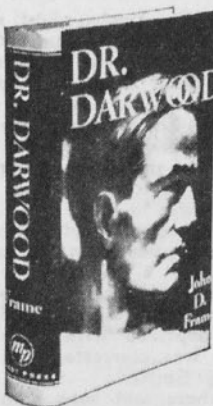
INVITATION—Pastor Harold J. Snelgrove invites any Assemblies of God minister or missionary traveling by plane via Gander, Newfoundland, to stop off for one or more services at St. John's, which is one hour flying time from Gander. Brother Snelgrove's address is 147 Casey Street, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.



A TRUMPET IN ZION By Carrie E. Gruhn

Tanya is released from concentration camp and joins her "Isaac" in the venture of re-building Israel. The plot follows the events described in Revelation, with the Antichrist, Tribulation and the Second Coming of Christ. Although fictional, it presents a picture of those "left" and is conducive to serious thinking in these times.

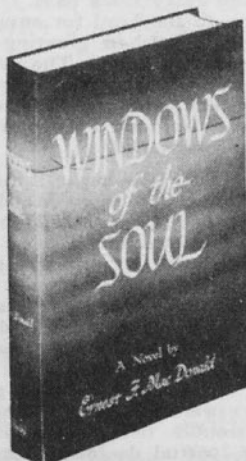
3 EV 2764 \$3.00



CONTRARY WINDS By Edith Snyder Pedersen

Melody's search for happiness is a tale that will thrill your heart. Contrary, indeed, were the winds that buffeted Melody about the peopled wilderness that is New York City. To those who desire escape from a tedious routine, this Christian romance will prove a fascinating vehicle on which to travel toward excitement and adventure.

3 EV 1306 \$2.00



DR. DARWOOD By John D. Frame

This Christian fiction tells how a brilliant young surgeon through dissatisfaction with success and his contacts with Christian medical men, comes groping at last to the Saviour. After serving as a Red Cross worker in the war, he sinks out of sight in the slums of a large city. The account of his experiences and spiritual problems make a gripping and unforgettable story.

3 EV 1388 \$3.00

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL By Ernest F. MacDonald

To Marilou Sherman, the intent young librarian at Windsor City's public library, books were windows of the soul, and through them a diversity of ideas and influences never failed to pass. Consecration and surrender to God led Marilou into paths of thrilling adventure. This is a novel of romance, stressing the need for Christian love to those in confusion.

3 EV 2887 \$2.50

When Ordering the Above Items Please Add 5% for Handling and Postage.

We No Longer Mail Orders C.O.D.—Please Remit by Money Order or Check.

ORDER BY NUMBER AND TITLE

Gospel Publishing House

Springfield 1, Missouri