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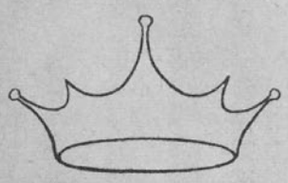
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ALL FOR JESUS

Sandals for the Journey

Wesley R. Steelberg

IF YOU were going on a trip, you would probably begin to pack and you would try to remember to take all manner of things that you might need, wouldn't you? Suppose I were there and I were to ask you, "Do you have sandals for the journey?" You might look at me with a smile and say, "Well, I thought about my toothbrush and many other things I'll need—but sandals for the journey, that's an odd suggestion."

People in our country usually don't wear sandals, it is true; but the folk in Bible times did. And since I'm thinking of *spiritual* footwear rather than literal shoes, I chose to call them sandals. We stand on the threshold of a new section of the road of life. The road may be very rough in spots. God looked ahead and saw the path would not be easy for His people, and so He gave them a very wonderful promise. He said: "Thy shoes will be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25). Isn't that a marvelous provision for our future?

The past is gone. If you have asked God to pardon your sins, He has done so and the record is clean, made white through Jesus' blood. But the future lies out there before you. What it will hold you are not permitted to know. But of this you can be sure—the path of a true disciple of Christ is never a matter of chance. God has the way all planned, and if you let Him lead you by His Word and by His Spirit you will not go astray. Christ's prayer for you is that you may surmount every obstacle and be victorious in every temptation. He intends that His followers should bear fruit, much fruit, and still more fruit.

Mere passive piety is scarcely better than none at all. The followers of Jesus must not shrink from the burdens and responsibilities He places upon them, for He has promised to give them strength from day to day. If we set out alone and unprepared we are going to find that the soles of our shoes are soon worn through. We may find that our feet are bleeding. We are going to be sitting down somewhere alongside the road of life wishing that somehow we had been fortified against the troubles that have come.

Along the journey there will be trials and temptations, and this must needs be: for the grapes must be pressed if the fruit of the vine is to be enjoyed. The gold must be tried in the furnace if it is to be purified. The bell must be beaten with sledges before it is hung in the tower. God's Word says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

> Yes, come what may, His choosing is the best,
> To go or stay!
> To fall asleep, or wait until He comes
> Some glorious day!
> To walk with Him in Eden, side by side,
> Or for His testimony to abide;
> Whatever be the suffering here, and pain,
> For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.
>
> —*Max I. Reich*

How wonderful it is to be fortified, to be forewarned of the perils of the journey and to be prepared to meet them. We never need be alone in the hour of temptation. We have God's Word to guide us, to check us lest we turn aside from the path, and to assure us in the hour of trial. The wrongdoer often makes the excuse, "I couldn't help it—the temptation was greater than I could bear." That is not true. The Bible tells us that God is faithful, and that He will not permit us to be tempted more than we are able to bear. It assures us that with every temptation He will provide a way of escape that we may be able to bear it (1 Cor. 10:13).

There is an old story about three Babylonish youths who were constantly endeavoring to find a way out of their problems. They were excusing themselves for having made so many mistakes, when suddenly they became aware that in their midst there were some young men about their age who were being subjected to very serious temptation. They observed these young men and found that even though their way of life conflicted with the edict of the king, and though the punishment for disobedience was to be cast into a fiery furnace, the young men remained true to their convictions. The Babylonish youths hung their heads in shame and said, "We will no longer say that we could not help it." The example of these God-fearing young men had shown that there is no excuse for yielding to temptation. So, friend, there is no excuse for you or me. If we fail it is because we refuse God's help. He is not far from every one of us, and He is especially near in the hour of temptation. He has provided the sandals we need.

There will be sorrows before us down the path. The year may hold greater sorrows for us than any of us can contemplate. Where shall we find comfort? It is but grim consolation indeed to say with Eliphaz, Job's comforter, "Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." There is a point where the proverb, "Misery loves company," ceases to avail and stoicism becomes a broken reed.

It is said that a Hindu mother, bereaved in the death of her only child, took the little boy in her arms and went to and fro among the "holy men" of India asking for something to restore his life. One of the sages said to her, "Pluck a handful of mustard from the garden of a home where sorrow never entered." Up and down the bereaved mother searched in vain. One home was mourning for a father, another for a child, but no home was found where sorrow had never entered. At length she returned to the sage and told her pitful tale. He said to her, "The dead are many, the living are few; go find thy comfort in tears." Such may be the best that a Christless world can offer, but Christ promises something better. There is a pair of sandals for the sorrow that faces you. "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."

As we set upon the journey that lies before us, may our feet be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. May we meet the duties, the difficulties, the disappointments of tomorrow with the glorious promise of our God ringing in our ears: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10). He has promised to comfort, sustain, undergird us with His presence through all the days to come, and He always keeps His promise.

This message was given by Brother Steelberg on "Revivaltime" at the beginning of the year. Little did he know that he would come to the end of his own earthly journey just six months later, but his message was peculiarly appropriate for this present hour.

"ALL FOR JESUS"

The Inspiring Story of a Wholly Consecrated Life

AT THE AGE of sixteen, Wesley R. Steelberg was known as "The Boy Preacher," and in those days he was noted as much for his singing as for his preaching. On a song book that he used in those days his name is written, "Wesley Rowland Steelberg," and underneath, in his own handwriting, are the words, "All for Jesus."

Those three words were the motto of his life. For thirty-four years he preached the gospel and in all those years he lived up to his motto. He lived for only fifty years, but he was "all for Jesus." The comparative brevity of his life was more than balanced by the constancy and intensity with which he served his Saviour. Christian service is measured not alone by what we give, but also by what we hold back. It can truthfully be said of our dear Brother Steelberg that he gave all that he had.

His Christian service began when he was very young. Born of godly Methodist parents in Denver, Colorado, he was converted at the age of eight. Of that childhood experience he said:

"One Sunday afternoon, at a children's meeting which was being conducted at the Pentecostal Assembly in Denver, I was deeply convicted that I needed to be saved. I hurried to the altar with a number of other children, and in a short time peace came into my heart. A wise mother dealing with the children around the altar encouraged me to praise the Lord for saving me, and then to ask the Lord to fill me with the Holy Spirit. The Lord graciously filled me with the Holy Spirit at that time. I was then between eight and nine years of age."

His father was what the Methodists called a "local preacher"; that is, a lay minister who frequently preached in the surrounding area. But through the miraculous healing of their young son Wesley, both father and mother came into the Pentecostal way. Wesley's little body was twisted into agonizing positions due to the progress of the dread diseases of brain fever and spinal meningitis, but God completely healed him in answer to prayer.

The family moved to California, where Wesley finished school at an early age. Then he worked at various trades from carpentering to serving as a mechanic on racing automobiles. All the while, however, he studied the Bible intensely in his spare time. Of this early period Brother Steelberg said:

"At the age of sixteen, having felt the call of God upon my life even when I was yet a schoolboy, I began to preach, first in the home assembly in Los Angeles, then branching out farther as other opportunities presented themselves. Finally in the year 1919, when I was seventeen years of age, a fellow minister took me with him on an evangelistic tour of the Northwest, during which time I alternated with this brother and another young man in preaching."

At this time he entered into one of the darkest periods of his life. His body was being racked with pneumonia, and the devil began to heap one defeat after another upon him. He was misunderstood, mistreated, and disillusioned. The enemy nearly succeeded in turning this promising youth from the path of Christian service.

This severe test came upon him while attending a camp meeting at Seattle, Wash. Of this grim struggle, he later wrote:

"It was at this time God met me in a way I had never known. Gently but firmly He dealt with me until I would make a complete consecration and be willing even to die, though it seemed the utter destruction of all my hopes and dreams. One night death seemed very near. I had yielded all, but longed for one thing—just to have someone write to Mother, telling her I had died in victory.

"Sinking fast, no one near, suddenly I heard a whisper, 'Will you get up and go over to the congregational tent and sing a song?' Startled, I thought it was possibly the result of delirium, but I could not dismiss it from my mind. Finally I attempted to sit up, but promptly fainted. Then began one of the most difficult struggles of faith I ever experienced.

"After many attempts to rise, much whispered prayer, and almost super-human effort, I was dressed. Swaying and staggering I endeavored to make my way to the big tent, stumbling over a guy rope, and attempting to crawl under the curtain. I was mistaken for a person who was trying to steal the musical instruments, and was pulled roughly to my feet by two



One of the last pictures of Brother Steelberg, taken with Mrs. Steelberg on board the "M.V. Ryndam," May 29, 1952.

of the brethren. Then they recognized me, and asked if I was ill. Ascertaining that I was, they led me to the platform, thinking I needed prayer.

"One of the brethren on the platform, knowing I had a ministry in song, immediately construed my presence near the platform to mean I was ready to sing, and announced that I would do so. I was scarcely able to whisper—how could I sing? But I determined to try.

"The pianist had played a few bars as an introduction, when suddenly, from somewhere within me there came a strength that was supernatural, and I sang with a voice that carried clear over Green Lake. From that moment I was well. Not another trace of pneumonia, though I was weak. It required several days to regain my strength, but God had wrought a miracle."

That same year (1919) Wesley R. Steelberg was ordained in the five-year-old General Council of the Assemblies of God. Afterward he returned his credentials to the Council when a rule was passed that no one could be ordained until he was twenty-one.

He was advertised as "The Boy Preacher" in Arizona and some other Western points. Later in 1919 he returned to Los Angeles and became assistant pastor of Victoria Hall, one of the early Pentecostal churches of the city. There he met Ruth Fisher, the future Mrs. Steelberg. Ruth was the daughter of Elmer Fisher, pastor of the Upper Room Mission where the Spirit was outpoured in a remarkable manner early in the century.

After their marriage Brother and Sister Steelberg launched into pioneer evangelistic work in Arizona. Those were still the days of the "wild west" and the young preacher's ministry was enriched by some exciting though trying experiences among gamblers, miners, and other rough men of this "frontier" area. Again and again attempts were made to destroy the meeting tent, but the Lord overshadowed Brother Steelberg and brought him through with a strengthened confidence in God's faithfulness.

The young couple took time out from their pioneer efforts to visit Los Angeles where their oldest child, Wesley P., was born. In the following years the family was enlarged to include three daughters: Juanita, Esther, and Marvel.

Soon after their first daughter arrived, the Steelbergs were called to the church at Stockton, Calif., where was born in the mind of Brother Steelberg the vision of a great Pentecostal youth movement. Under his leadership the *Pentecostal Ambassadors for Christ* were organized throughout the Northern California and Nevada District. The idea caught fire and similar youth groups began to develop in other parts of the country. In Southern California and some other districts the young people were organized under the name *Christ's Ambassadors.*

When the General Council convened at San Francisco the brethren decided to foster a national Pentecostal youth movement to be known as *Christ's Ambassadors.* For some time the Northern California-Nevada young people retained their original name, but later they merged with the national group. Remarkable progress was made in those early days. One of the highlights of the C. A. program was the mass conventions. As many as three thousand young people would gather in on chartered trains and other group means of transport, to enjoy the fellowship and spiritual inspiration of these conventions. Brother Steelberg piloted this youth organization in Northern California and Nevada from its infancy until he left California ten years later.

While pastoring in Stockton, Brother and Sister Steelberg both felt a call to missionary labor in Nicaragua, Central America. After receiving appointment from the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield they prepared to leave for the field. Their passports were obtained, belongings packed, passage booked, and everything made ready to leave, when revolution broke out in Nicaragua making it impossible for them to go.

For a year they left their belongings packed while they devoted themselves to pioneer gospel work. Many churches owe their birth to the Steelbergs' consecrated ministry. During this time an inner conflict raged within Brother Steelberg's heart. Of this conflict he had this to say:

"When it seemed the doors were closed to Nicaragua, we determined to go to some other country using the Spanish language, that we might at least learn the language and thus prepare ourselves for missionary service; but no matter which way we turned the doors were still closed. Our first reaction was one of bewilderment. Had we not heard the voice of the Lord? Were we mistaken in our missionary call? Could it be that in some way we had failed God so that we were rejected? Yet we found no condemnation in our hearts.

"We then sought the Lord earnestly that we might know the reason for these things, if it was His will to reveal it, feeling all the while that it must be only a delay for some purpose which He alone could foresee. After some time of heart-searching and tearful questioning we seemed to hear the Lord whisper: 'I have tested thee as Abraham to see if thou wert willing to offer thine Isaac, and inasmuch as thou hast withheld nothing, therefore thou hast pleased the Father. So be not dismayed."

Following an evangelistic campaign in Sacramento, Calif., Brother Steelberg was asked to become the pastor. After much prayer he felt God wanted them to settle in Sacramento, and thus began a fruitful ministry extending over a number of years. God blessed the Steelbergs' ministry so that from this church a number of young people went out into the ministry, some becoming outstanding ministers in our General Council fellowship. It was in Sacramento that the two youngest daughters of the Steelbergs (Esther and Marvel) were born.

Brother Steelberg's ministry in Sacramento continued to demonstrate those qualities that gradually brought him to national recognition as one of the movement's outstanding leaders. He displayed a rare combination of faithfulness to the old paths of the Pentecostal movement and aggressiveness to meet the challenge of the days in which he lived. His daring faith to push ahead and risk all for God was tempered by sincere humility and dependence on God.

While pastoring at Sacramento, he received a call to Highway Mission Tabernacle in Philedelphia, Pa., where Ernest S. Williams and Flem Van Meter had formerly served as pastors. God gave Brother Steelberg a rich and varied ministry in Philadelphia, including several years of influential radio ministry. During this period he was elected to serve as one of the nonresident Executive Presbyters of the General Council. Earlier he had served as a District Presbyter and a General Presbyter.

After pastoring for seven years in Philadelphia, Brother Steelberg was elected Superintendent of the Eastern

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"Revivaltime"—dear to the heart of Brother Steelberg

The Task Unfinished

Hart R. Armstrong

DEEP WITHIN the heart of our Brother Steelberg was a passion for spreading the gospel of Christ by radio —through REVIVALTIME, the world-wide radio broadcast of the Assemblies of God. God had given to him a ministry to millions of listeners throughout the world, and though he had not sought such a position, he treasured the opportunity of speaking as the revival preacher on the radio program which was carried each week by 86 stations in this country and abroad.

Few people realize the scope of this revival radio ministry, and unless one were informed concerning the response from people who hear REVIVALTIME, it would be easy to consider it as only a minor part of the life of our General Superintendent. The truth is that the radio ministry had in recent months become the larger part of the activity and interest of Brother Steelberg. It was a burden, a ministry, an open door of declaring the gospel, in the same way that a pastoral ministry fills the life of a sincere pastor. There were duties of his office, executive tasks which naturally fell to him, of course. He often must make trips into the field, and the burden of the whole organization was sincerely carried by this great man of God. But the task he most earnestly shouldered, the thing which filled his thoughts and colored his dreams was REVIVALTIME. How he loved to stand before the microphone and declare the Word of God, knowing that his voice was being recorded and would soon go out over REVIVALTIME releases throughout the world. How earnestly he would plead with souls to be reconciled to God. His was an evangelistic and personal ministry, for he could look beyond the cold microphone and could project himself to the listener in such a way that his appeal was almost irresistible.



Reading mail from his radio audience

The ministry God gave Wesley R. Steelberg on REVIVALTIME was winning souls every week. Hundreds of letters in ever-increasing volume began to pour into Springfield. Many testified to definite experiences of salvation while hearing REVIVALTIME. Others told of blessings which had lifted them above their trials. Over a thousand a month have been coming in from Great Britain alone as a result of the Radio Luxembourg releases of REVIVALTIME. The results of recent radio rallies in Britain amazed Brother and Sister Flower and Sister Steelberg, who carried on with these appointments when Brother Steelberg became ill and was unable to continue with the scheduled itinerary. In conservative old England, buildings were packed; Mrs. Steelberg, when introduced as the wife of REVIVALTIME's speaker, was greeted with shouts and applause. Various representatives from Springfield made it a habit of asking total strangers on the streets and in restaurants if they knew of REVIVALTIME, and very frequently received enthusiastic response: "Sure, we listen to REVIVALTIME," or, "We never miss it," or again, "That's my kind of a program!"

In recent months, REVIVALTIME has been amazing even its most earnest enthusiasts in the success and blessing it has attained. Unquestionably it is outstripping established gospel programs. Stations who have screened down their religious programs and gotten rid of some have turned right around and welcomed REVIVALTIME to their schedule. The Assemblies of God program is defintely taking its place as one of the important religious broadcasts of the world. During the past six months there has been a gradual, healthy increase in ever phase of its work—about 20 stations have been added, offerings and gifts have increased, mail is enlarging constantly, and best of all, more and more are writing to say they have been saved, healed, filled with the Holy Ghost, and blessed through the program. These facts make us to know that the blessing of God is upon REVIVALTIME and that this radio program is an instrument of power and potentiality



Standing at his radio pulpit

which God has placed in our hands with the possibility of sweeping multitudes into the kingdom of God in these days preceding Christ's return to earth.

In a very real sense, the consecration and ministry of Brother Steelberg is responsible under God for much of the forward moving of our radio program. He literally *gave his life* for REVIVALTIME, for it was his burning zeal and determination to go to England and carry through his plans to have the REVIVALTIME radio rallies throughout the British Isles that brought him to his untimely death. Brother Steelberg got out of a sick bed to make the trip to England. I sat beside him in the studio at Central Bible Institute and talked with him—my last time to see him—the Saturday before he left for England. He looked very weak and frail, but he was filled with enthusiasm and expectation for the days ahead. Tired? Yes, but somehow God would give him

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It was the expressed desire of the Steelberg family that money which might be spent on flowers and other gifts should be devoted instead to REVIVALTIME, in memory of Brother Steelberg, since the radio program was so near to his heart and so much a part of his life.

Accordingly, the Executive Presbyters have designated August 17 as the Sunday on which a special Memorial Offering might be received in all our assemblies which desire to honor the memory of our departed leader. We earnestly commend this plan to each minister and ask that the offerings be sent direct to the Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, designated "Steelberg Memorial Offering." They will be used exclusively for the extension of the full gospel message throughout the world by radio.

In Loving Remembrance

When news of Brother Steelberg's passing on July 8 reached Springfield, all of the Executive Presbyters were out of the city. A number were ministering in camp meetings or conferences in the U.S.A. or Canada; others were still engaged in meetings in Europe following the close of the World Conference.

From these widely-scattered points there began to come tributes to the memory of our departed leader. These are given below, and the place at which each writer received the news is shown beneath his message.

A Brother Beloved

by Gayle F. Lewis

For nearly seven years it was my happy privilege to be closely associated with our beloved Brother Steelberg in the work of the Lord. During those years we always found him kind, understanding, considerate of his brethren, and desirous of the will of God in all things. They were happy years, the memory of which we shall always cherish.

It was also my privilege to be with our brother when he departed from this life. We can truly say that he died as he lived—strong in faith, and deeply in love with his Saviour. His will was surrendered to God's will, and in one of his last hours he declared his willingness either to remain to serve God and the fellowship he so dearly loved or to depart and be with the Lord. God willed to take him to his reward. His gain is our loss, for he was a great preacher and a brother beloved in the Lord. He rests from his labors, but his works will follow him.

Cardiff, Wales

An Able Administrator

by R. M. Riggs

"They glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us." These words were written concerning our blessed Lord, than whom a greater cannot even be conceived; but they can also be written in a definite sense concerning our departed General Superintendent. As we mortals are prone to do, we appreciate our departed brother's greatness even more now that he is gone from us.

At all meetings of the Executive Presbytery our Brother Steelberg presided with a most gracious spirit and with tender consideration for all persons concerned. He was an able administrator who sought to effect constant improvement in policies and methods, and yet who carefully considered the opinions and feelings of all who hesitated to go along. He endeared himself to all who worked with him in executive matters.

Great as was our admiration for his administrative ability, his pulpit ministry, and especially his radio ministry, our greatest admiration for Brother Steelberg was for his personal life. Always gracious to the last degree, tender and kind to everyone in high or low estate, he bore the burdens of all and was loved by all who knew him. He was a man of the highest ideals, and was deeply conscientious. He was faithful unto death in all his convictions and he has won a crown of life.

We can visualize the Lord Himself meeting our brother as he entered heaven's gate and extending to him personally the welcome which he so richly deserves.

Silver Lake Bible Camp
Everett, Washington

A Good Soldier of Christ

by Bert Webb

Yesterday I stood in the dungeon room of the Mamertine Prison where the apostle Paul spent his last days, and I felt greatly moved. Today I learned of the homegoing of our dear Brother Steelberg, and at once thought how appropriate were the words of the great apostle as applied to our departed leader. Paul declared, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

None who knew this choice servant of the Lord could question his devotion to duty and to God, or his sincere concern for the work over which he had been made an overseer. His unassuming godliness was an inspiration to all who knew him. With the apostle of old he has received "a crown which fadeth not away."

I deeply regret my inability to change reservations and return by plane in time for the funeral. May the comforting presence of the Lord sustain and strengthen each one today.

Italy

A Devoted Husband and Father

by Fred Vogler

For many years I have been an admirer of Brother Steelberg. His consecration and devotion to God and the cause of Christ have been a source of great inspiration to me.

I first met him at the General Council meeting in San Francisco in 1931. At that time he was pastor of the church in Sacramento and he was also active in promoting the young people's work in Northern California. Some years later when he was pastor of Highway Mission Tabernacle in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, we became much better acquainted.

I looked upon him as one of the outstanding men in the promotion of missionary work. The cause of Missions was always dear to his heart. His vision for Missions was world-wide.

When, in the will of God, Brother Steelberg was elected to the office of Assistant General Superintendent, we wept together. I think they were tears of joy in working together in the promotion of our Father's business.

Brother Steelberg was a great family man; no husband or father ever was more devoted; but he always put God's work first, and was faithful to the responsibilities that the General Council placed upon him. To me he was a brother well beloved.

En route home from Alaska

A Thoughtful Counsellor

by J. R. Flower

It was the desire of Brother Steelberg that Mrs. Flower and I accompany them on the journey to England to attend the World Pentecostal Conference. Although not well, his personal concern and thoughtfulness for our comfort will never be forgotten. He was most considerate and kind. We sat at the same table on board ship and reverted to his cabin daily for a season of prayer and the reading of the Word together. Time and time again, when he was in distress, God heard prayer and gave relief. The seasons of fellowship at the Throne of Grace will long be remembered.

My duties as General Secretary threw me in close contact with Brother Steelberg constantly for nearly three years. I found it easy to work with him. He was a good executive who kept records and reports from the various departments with meticulous care. His counsel was always thoughtful and great harmony existed between all departmental heads under his administration.

His departure to be with Christ must have been in the will of God, for prayer

had been offered in his behalf constantly. The love and concern expressed by all churches in Britain was touching indeed. Prayer was offered for him repeatedly at the World Conference, but evidently it was not the will of God to spare him to us. We bow our heads to the will of God; nevertheless both personally and as a movement we have suffered great loss which cannot be measured now.

England

A Radio Pastor to Millions

by Wilfred A. Brown

The news of Brother Steelberg's passing was a personal shock to me. Throughout the years our fellowship and friendly comradeship have grown until I cherished him as one of my finest friends. With full admiration for his qualities of leadership I say that I regarded our departed leader most of all for his Christian life. Brother Steelberg was a Christian. He demonstrated this fact in every walk of life.

Any tribute to Brother Steelberg would be incomplete without referring to his ministry to the millions on Revivaltime. Others laid a foundation for this great work through their toil and tears. It was Brother Steelberg's lot to take over where they left off and to bring the radio program to a place where much fruit was realized and many of God's people blessed. One has only to read the thousands of letters from all over the world to realize that, when all the great company of Christians meet in heaven, multitudes who looked on Brother Steelberg as their radio pastor will come to him with gratitude for his messages of salvation and help in spiritual life. In one sense he was a reaper, but in a fuller sense he sowed and others will reap.

Assembly of God Camp
Hungry Horse, Montana

A Friend of Missions

by Noel Perkin

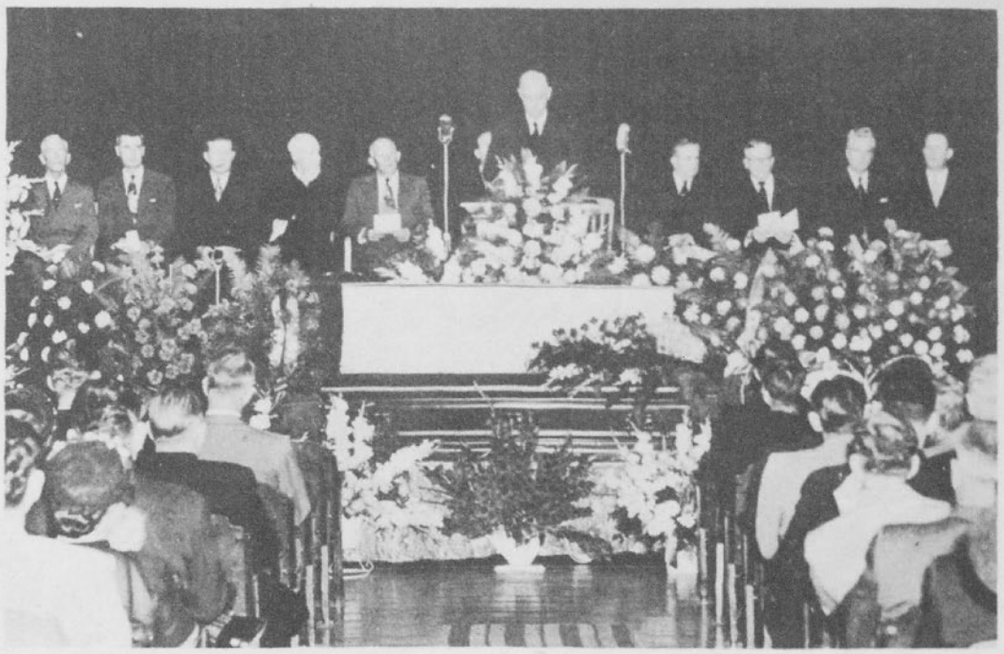
Our years of association with Brother Steelberg bring nothing but pleasant memories. We have known him as a pastor, a young people's leader, a district superintendent, an assistant general superintendent, and finally as our General Council leader. His intense interest in Missions, whatever the capacity in which he served, made him a staunch friend, a faithful helper, and a wise counsellor to our Foreign Missions Department.

In our pioneer efforts in missionary aviation he was a passenger on some of the earlier flights, and he did not hesitate to do the most menial work in cleaning the aircraft and assisting the crew.

My last close association with this dear brother, friend, and leader was in our visit to the Assemblies of God conference in Brazil. What happy times of fellowship and prayer we had as we traveled together and sought by consultation with each other and with our missionaries to determine the best ways and means of furthering God's work.

Just a little less than three days before his departure to be with Christ, Mrs. Perkin and I went into his room to say good-bye, as we were leaving for home very shortly. A beautiful smile came over his face as he greeted us. A few minutes later, after praying with him, we parted; but we are looking forward to seeing that same beautiful smile again when by God's grace we meet our brother in the Glory.

London, England



Ernest S. Williams paid a lengthy tribute to the life of Brother Steelberg during the funeral service, which was held on Wednesday morning, July 16, in the Central Bible Institute chapel.

Seated behind Brother Williams, and partly hidden from the camera, is Pastor Emil A. Balliet who had charge of the service. The nine pallbearers were also seated on the platform. Shown on the left are: J. Z. Kamerer, R. C. Cunningham, J. O. Harrell, W. I. Evans, and Fred Vogler. On the right are: G. F. Lewis, R. M. Riggs, Bartlett Peterson, and W. A. Brown.

A Beautiful Example

by W. I. Evans

Brother Steelberg's homegoing in the prime of manhood came to us as a shock from which recovery is most difficult. It seemed that his spiritual office as our beloved General Superintendent had only begun, and we had been inspired with hope of richest anointing in ministry and divinely crowned leadership in our cherished Assemblies of God fellowship.

God's blessing upon our brother's life and ministry was joyously recognized and deeply appreciated among us. His beloved family have our profoundest sympathy and earnest prayers for the sustaining grace that only the God of all comfort can give. His devoted fellow-executives will suffer great loss in the absence of the chief link in the inner circle of intimate fellowship. The nation-wide family of Assemblies of God members, together with missionaries in every clime and saints in every nation who knew and loved Brother Steelberg, bow in sorrow at his departure from us.

May the beautiful example of his unselfish devotoin to Christ move us in holy resolve to follow the Lord as he followed Him.

Northern California Camp
Santa Cruz, California

A Father to Many

by Bartlett Peterson

Three years ago, in His great wisdom, God saw fit to promote our beloved Brother Steelberg to the highest office in our movement. Now, in the midst of faithful service, God has again promoted him.

His administration was characterized by success achieved through fair dealing, humility, and an evident dependence upon God. Perhaps the most outstanding of all his fine qualities was the thorough manner in which he sought to please God in the lesser as well as greater tasks. His concern for the well-



Interment was at Greenlawn Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. Pastor Balliet read from the Scriptures and Brother Williams made the committal. Then the entire assembly sang that song of the Christians' blessed hope, "We shall all rise to meet Him, we shall all go to greet Him, in the morning when the dead in Christ shall rise." Sister Steelberg and every member of the family joined in the song of triumph.

Shown seated, left to right, are: Mrs. Myrle Horton (sister to Mrs. Steelberg); Marvel Steelberg; her two sisters, Esther (Mrs. David Pearlman) and Juanita (Mrs. Lloyd N. Colbaugh); Mrs. Wesley R. Steelberg; her son, Wesley P. Steelberg; Mrs. Wesley P. Steelberg; and Mildred Steelberg (sister-in-law to Brother Steelberg). The four men standing behind the family are: Kenneth M. Haystead, Cameron Wilson, David Pearlman, and Lloyd N. Colbaugh.

being of others was constantly apparent. He was endowed with a gentle nature and a pleasant manner, yet he retained the ability to dispatch the functions of his office with necessary firmness.

In daily walk he was an example to all and a father to many who sought his advice. His vision for God's work was clear and his motives pure. Without compromise our brother presented the clear message of the Word. He gave himself unstintingly to his office and frequently expended his energy beyond the call of duty.

His courageous family and the Assemblies of God sustain a great loss. Humbly we bow before God and say with Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Magnolia Springs Camp
Hurley, Mississippi

"A Prince and a Great Man"

by D. P. Holloway

When word reached me of the untimely passing of our beloved Brother Steelberg, I could think of no more expressive words concerning him than those uttered by David upon hearing of the death of Abner—"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day."

In the kingdom of heaven we are given to know that true greatness is secured by conscientious obedience to the Divine commandments. Humility and self-abasing, self-sacrificing service to others constitute greatness that is substantial and eternal.

Those who were intimately acquainted with Brother Steelberg can testify that his life was lived for others and was sacrificed for his brethren. He was one of the most understanding and most easily approachable men I ever have known. He impressed me as one who placed the interests of God's kingdom above all other interests. Brother Steelberg was one who never forgot the 'lesser luminaries' while his own star shone brighter and brighter. Not only are such men invaluable while they live; their works and memory survive them as a perpetual treasure.

West Palm Beach, Florida

A Faithful Minister of Christ

by A. A. Wilson

I wish to pay tribute to Brother Steelberg, our late General Superintendent, whose homegoing was such a blow to our whole Movement; but words are inadequate to do justice to such a great man of God. His moral and spiritual value, not only to the organization he represented but to the whole world, was inestimable. His ministry in America and abroad and his world-wide radio ministry resulted in the salvation of so many souls, and the healing of so many sick bodies and broken hearts, that his loss is felt everywhere.

At the time I received the word of Brother Steelberg's death I was ministering in Braeside Camp, Paris, Ontario, Canada, where only a few years ago he was greatly used of the Lord. Upon the announcement of his homegoing everyone bowed in sorrow and many tears were shed. Truly he was a dear fellowservant, and a faithful minister of Christ. He was a man full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. He meant so much to all of us. May the Lord bless his precious wife and children, leading them on, sustaining them, and proving to them that "earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

Braeside Camp Meeting
Paris, Ontario, Canada

A Spiritual Leader

by Emil A. Balliet

As a church, we in Springfield's Central Assembly have suffered a real loss in the homegoing of our dear Bother Steelberg. He was more than General Superintendent to us, for he was a member of Central Assembly and the Chairman of our Board of Elders. His wise counsel and his example in spiritual worship and faithfulness will be sorely missed.

It was our privilege to make a pastoral call on Brother and Sister Steelberg just a few days before he went to be with the Lord. In company with two of our Assistant General Superintendents, G. F. Lewis and Bert Webb, we went to Brother Steelberg's bedside in Cardiff, Wales. We found him very weak in body, but strong in faith. As we knelt in prayer we could sense the wonderful presence of the Lord. Joy and heavenly peace filled our hearts. When we finished the season of prayer, all of us were too choked with emotion to utter a word. Brother Steelberg simply smiled and pointed heavenward. We all understood, and by the grace of God we purpose to meet him up there.

Mrs. Balliet and I have a deep sense of personal loss because of the friendship we have enjoyed with the Steelbergs down through the years. He was the founder and director of the Pentecostal Ambassadors for Christ in Northern California to which we belonged. He was Pastor in Bethel Temple, Sacramento, the year I was ordained. For all these years we have known him as a warm-hearted friend and a deeply spiritual, pace-setting leader for God.

En route home from Europe

The Memorial Service in Wales

W. RONALD JONES
Pastor, Elim Church, Caerphilly

On the afternoon of July 10th several hundreds of Pentecostal believers and some fifty Pentecostal ministers filed into the City Temple, Cardiff, to pay their last sincere respects to a great man of God, Wesley R. Steelberg.

The congregation was reminded (if any reminder was necessary) of the great work our brother had accomplished in the cause of Christ. Wesley R. Steelberg, God's great man of faith, courage, and love—General Superintendent of six thousand Pentecostal churches and preacher on the outstanding gospel radio program REVIVALTIME.

Pastor P. S. Brewster called on us to sing the Shepherd Psalm as we commenced this simple yet most sincere act of memorial. Brother Brewster then read portions of Scripture from Isaiah's prophecy and Paul's letter to Timothy, and how God's Word can meet us! "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Brother Brewster told us of our departed brother's desire to be in London for the great World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, but explained that while on the voyage his heart condition deteriorated so that when he arrived in Wales he very literally struggled to Cardiff, where he remained in great weakness until his home call. His life of prayer and devotion should serve as an inspiration to us all, said Brother Brewster.

Pastor Leonard Jenkins, executive member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, said of Brother Steelberg: "He was one whom we had all learned to love. . . . A prince has fallen."

The next to pay tribute to Brother Steelberg was Peter Hugh Dawson, President of the Apostolic Movement, who said that although he had never had the joy of meeting our departed brother he had been greatly impressed by the nobility of his features as he had gazed on the house in which our brother had lived. Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews, he declared, "Of this I am sure, our dear Brother Wesley Steelberg has received a good report of faith; he was undoubtedly a man of faith who, by his obedience of faith, led many to the faith."

Pastor Ken Matthews, Committee member of the Welsh Presbytery of the Elim Churches, said: "To the majority of us, until a few weeks ago, Wesley Steelberg was only a voice—*but what a voice!* There was power, love, and sincerity in it, and when we met him face to face he was just what we expected him to be. He swiftly endeared himself to us.

"To my mind," continued Brother Matthews, "the greatest tribute that can be paid to our brother's memory is that he was a man filled with love for Christ and for his brethren."

Early in the service we were led to the Throne of Grace by Evangelist James O. Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri, and Reuben Das of India. The organist was Mrs. Thomas of City Temple, and the service was conducted by Pastor P. S. Brewster, Vice-President of the Elim Movement.

The congregation sang, "There's a land that is fairer than day" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye we shall meet on that beautiful shore," after which Pastor Christian Nielson of Sweden closed the service in prayer.

One felt something of the great sense of unity among the children of God as each speaker expressed in tender tones the deep sympathy we all share with our dear Sister Steelberg and her family at this time of great loss.

As one left the service it was with the consciousness that a grand warrior had gone Home to his reward, and his selfless sacrifice should inspire us all to greater service for our Lord and Master. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

The Funeral Service

THE CHAPEL at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri, was nearly filled with the ministers and friends who gathered there on Wednesday morning, July 16, for the funeral of Brother Steelberg. Pastors, evangelists, and District officials from all parts of the nation were present to pay their last loving respects to our departed brother and to show their deep sympathy for the bereaved family.

Dr. C. M. Wortman, General Secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, was present to represent Brother Steelberg's many friends in Canada; and Dr. Harold Taylor was present on behalf of the National Association of Evangelicals.

As a prelude, Gwendoline Jones played a number of beautiful hymns on the organ. Then Emil A. Balliet, Pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, opened the service and introduced the first soloist, Paul Franklin of Lancaster, Pa., as one who was a co-worker with Brother Steelberg in the early days of his ministry. Brother Franklin sang, "Amen Jesus."

The congregation was led in prayer by W. I. Evans, who thanked God for loaning Brother Steelberg to us as a shepherd and



On the platform at City Temple, Cardiff, during the Memorial Service. The song leader is Pastor P. S. Brewster, in whose home Brother Steelberg spent the last days of his earthly life. The other ministers are, left to right: Hugh Dawson, Leonard Jenkins, and Ken Matthews.



Some of the ministers present at the Memorial Service in Cardiff, Wales, on Thursday afternoon, July 10. The young man nearest the camera is Evangelist James O. Johnson of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. Virtually all the ministers in the Cardiff area, representing three British Pentecostal movements, were present.

leader who spent himself so unselfishly on behalf of God's people.

A message was given by Ernest S. Williams, paying lengthy tribute to Brother Steelberg as a minister, as a father, and as a co-worker. Brother Williams read a number of Scripture verses, including Revelation 2:10 —"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." He said that as a minister Brother Steelberg was faithful to preach the Word. He especially commended his Christian spirit both as a father and as a co-worker. He said that when he was in the Steelberg home he was greatly impressed by the tenderness and love that was shown by the members of the family one toward another. He praised the courageous attitude of Mrs. Steelberg through the years. "We owe not to Brother Steelberg alone, but also to his faithful companion, a debt of gratitude," he said.

Tributes were given by four representative speakers. Fred Vogler spoke briefly on behalf of the Executive Presbyters. Bartlett Peterson spoke on behalf of Central Bible Institute. The Radio Department's tribute was given by Wilfred A. Brown. J. O. Harrell voiced the tribute of all the employees of the Gospel Publishing House who loved Brother Steelberg as a true friend and who appreciated the personal interest he showed in them—not as cogs in a machine but as people.

G. F. Lewis publicly acknowledged the presence of a number of distinguished guests and the receipt of many tributes from the following organizations, outside our own General Council fellowship: Filadelfia Churches of Scandinavia, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, National Association of Evangelicals, "Christian Life" Magazine, American Bible Society, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Open Bible Standard Churches, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Church of God of Mountain Assembly, International Pentecostal Assemblies, Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance (London), British Pentecostal Fellowship, the Assemblies of God in Italy, and the Far East Broadcasting Company. He said that the tributes that had come from our own Assemblies of God people, churches, district councils, and missionaries throughout the world were too numerous to mention but all were deeply appreciated.

Kenneth M. Haystead, Assistant Superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District, was introduced as one who had been like a son to Brother Steelberg. He sang one of our departed brother's favorite songs, "The Helmsman."

Brother Balliet brought a message full of comfort and inspiration. He read from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. "We sorrow not, even as others who have no hope," he said, "because our sorrow is brightened by the grace of God." He spoke of Brother Steelberg's personal faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and said that as surely as Christ arose from the dead, those who die in Christ shall rise one day and then there will be a glorious reunion in the sky. In closing he quoted the words of David, "Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." He urged us all to be ready for that day when our home call shall come.

The obituary was read by Ralph M. Riggs. Then the congregation sang that blessed song of triumph, "Death Hath No Terrors for the Blood-Bought One."

A very long line of cars followed the mortal remains to Greenlawn Cemetery where interment was made. There were nine active pallbearers. The following were named as honorary pallbearers: Bert Webb, J. Roswell Flower, Noel Perkin, A. A. Wilson, D. P. Holloway, and all the General Presbyters and Ministers of the General Council, Assemblies of God.

"ALL FOR JESUS"

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District, comprising the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Shortly after this the district was divided, New York-New Jersey becoming a separate district, and only Pennsylvania and Delaware remaining as the Eastern District. Brother Steelberg remained head of the New York-New Jersey District.

The Steelbergs were just getting nicely settled after this change when once again they were asked to accept yet larger responsibilities at our national headquarters. This call came in 1945. Brother Steelberg was one of the speakers at the General Council that met in Springfield that year He chose as his subject, "Choose Ye: Synthetic or Supernatural." He stated that the Pentecostal Movement was being forced to make a choice between lapsing back into formalism, or turning to psychic methods, or consecrating to such an extent that the supernatural manifestation of God's Spirit would be perpetuated among us. It was a timely message and the congregation was mightily moved to prayer, ministers and laymen alike.

At this time Brother Steelberg was elected to serve as one of the four Assistant General Superintendents, and his family moved to Springfield. Due to his wide background of youth work he was given charge of the Christ's Ambassadors Department and for four years he rendered notable service as National C. A. Director.

Upon the retirement of our General Superintendent, Ernest S. Williams, in 1949, Brother Steelberg was chosen to be our General Council leader. In this capacity, as in every other position he had filled, he gave himself unsparingly to the task of promoting God's kingdom and serving God's people, always lived up to his motto. "All for Jesus." In fact, he worked beyond his natural strength. Often he was weak in body as he journeyed to various parts of the country to address a convention, or to preach at a camp meeting, or to dedicate a new church building, but he never complained. A strong sense of duty pushed him onward until his heart could stand no more.

In March of this year he suffered a severe attack which confined him to his home for many weeks. He would not rest long, however. Whenever he felt a little ease he would be up and on his feet. He took the burden of his radio ministry very seriously and recorded sermons for REVIVALTIME when probably he ought to have been flat on his back giving his heart a chance to recover.

Brother Steelberg had a conviction that he should act his faith and that God would meet him as he went ahead. It was with this conviction that he sailed for Europe. He arrived at Cardiff, Wales in a state of exhaustion, but he was determined to keep his appointments to speak. Accordingly, with great effort he arose from his bed and went to a Ministers' Meeting in Cardiff on Saturday morning, June 7th. Brother Flower was present, and he describes the meetings of that day as follows:

"There must have been fifty ministers present at that South Wales sectional fellowship meeting. Both Brother Steelberg and I spoke to the ministers, and Sister Steelberg interviewed a number concerning REVIVALTIME. Mrs. Flower and I and Mrs. Steelberg stayed with the ministers all afternoon while Brother Steelberg was at the home of Pastor P. S. Brewster resting for the night meeting.

"The night service was the first of the scheduled REVIVALTIME Rallies. Brother Steelberg got up and came with the conviction that it was his duty and that God would surely meet him. He spoke for about forty minutes—an excellent message—but we could see he labored all the time. As soon as he could be excused he was taken home while the rest of us tarried to meet the people. That night's effort was the final one, and he was not to leave his bed until his demise a month later."

Brother Steelberg sacrificed his life on the altar of duty. He was a soldier of the Cross who never learned to retreat. He fought to the end and gave the last full measure of devotion to the cause of Christ. It can be truthfully said that he was "All for Jesus."

THE TASK UNFINISHED

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strength. Sick? Yes, but somehow he must go and meet the listeners of REVIVALTIME. And so he went that next week and gave his life for his Lord, on the altar of service and duty, for the sake of REVIVALTIME, the love of his heart.

Now he has laid the task in our hands. REVIVALTIME has been brought to its present height of victory and opportunity through the blessing of God and by the efforts of Brother Steelberg and others who have toiled sacrificially to make it go. Are we to terminate its ministry? Shall we shrug away its challenge? Or shall we take up the unfinished task which Wesley R. Steelberg has laid in our hands? Let us close up ranks to fill the gap which he has left, and determine to go on with REVIVALTIME with renewed energy and courage.

There is no place for retreat with REVIVALTIME. The corn of wheat which must fall into the ground and die that it may bring forth much fruit, in the person of our Brother Steelberg, has given its all and now awaits the harvest which we can have if we will determine to carry on in the place he has left. Already in the hearts of many there has spontaneously arisen a desire to rally to REVIVALTIME with their money and their support. In memory of Brother Steelberg, many hundreds of dollars have been given or pledged to REVIVALTIME. One department in the Gospel Publishing House gave $47.00; three others teamed together and are raising $100.00 as a memorial to Brother

Steelberg. Another $100.00 is coming from the Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God, while a Springfield church is expecting to give $500.00 or more as a memorial.

It has been suggested that many other assemblies might like to take up a special Memorial Offering for this radio work.* We know that it would delight the heart of Brother Steelberg, were he yet here among us. For the task of REVIVALTIME is only begun, and if Jesus tarries it will yet penetrate to every part of the globe. This is God's work, and He is moving on our hearts to carry it forward. May we respond!

HEALED

If God has healed you recently, will you kindly write out your testimony so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch? Make it as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

RHEUMATISM

In April I had rheumatism in my right hip. It became so bad that one Friday night I could hardly make it home from church. On Saturday and Sunday I could only get around with the help of crutches.

On Sunday afternoon my pastor and wife and two ladies from the church came to see me. I asked them to pray for me. As they prayed the Lord came down and touched my body, and I began to walk back and forth across the room. That night I walked to church. I have not had a recurrence of rheumatism. Praise His wonderful name!—Mrs. Fannie Millikin, Sallisaw, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor D. C. Callahan, Sallisaw, Okla.)

SEVERE PAIN AND NUMBNESS

For two years I had pains in my back which became severe. My legs began to get numb. I could not sleep or stay in bed, and I spent most of my time walking the streets day and night. After a time I began to lose control of my legs.

I went to a number of doctors but my condition became worse. I was advised to see a specialist and he sent me immediately to the hospital for X rays. They put my legs in traction with seven-pound weights on them.

After 28 days of this treatment I was allowed to get up, but I could not bend over or move my legs freely.

About this time I heard of many people who were being healed by prayer at the Gospel Tabernacle. Since I was of Catholic faith I hesitated about going there, but I decided to give the Lord a chance to heal me. Brother Beck and the people prayed for me, and I was instantly healed. The numbness and stiffness left my body. Within a week I was able to run and ride a bicycle. Soon I went back to work.

But after a month I began to get worse again. I went back to the doctor. He told me I would have to have an operation on my back although he did not know what was wrong. Instead I went to the veteran's hospital in Wood, Wis. I spent about a month there and was examined by some of the best doctors in the country. They could not find the cause of my trouble nor could they help me.

I returned to my home in Green Bay on a Friday, and the next day Brother and Sister Beck came to pray for me. I knew that Brother Beck and his congregation prayed for me all the time I was in the hospital.

On Monday I returned to my work completely healed. Within two weeks I was again running my machine at the paper mill. Every 20 minutes I have to put a new roll, weighing from 300 to 400 pounds, on the machine. I would not be able to do this heavy lifting if I were not healed.

Over a year has gone by and I have not lost one day of work. I praise the Lord for my healing, and for the way my faith has grown, and for the wonderful blessings I and my family have received.—Harold G. Byrnes, 307 Laws St., Green Bay, Wis.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. A. Beck, Green Bay, Wis.)

RARE DISEASE

For several years I had weak spells from time to time. Finally my condition became so serious I was unable to be out of bed. After consulting a physician I was informed that my condition was the exact opposite of diabetes. My body contained so much natural insulin that it would be impossible to obtain the amount of sugar I needed. The doctor gave me no hope of recovery.

Last November, during a revival meeting, I felt impressed to have my pastor and the evangelist pray for me. I obeyed the leading of the Holy Spirit and was instantly healed.—Mrs. Casey Humphrey, R.F.D. #2, Hale, Mich.

(Pastor Leon Barker of Hale, Mich., says that Sister Humphrey leads a perfectly normal life now with no signs of her former sickness, and that she has been filled with the Holy Ghost since her healing.)

GRANULATED EYE LIDS

One Sunday in March, 1951, during a revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. McCleery, I went to the altar to receive the Baptism. While I was praying the Lord said to me, "Marie, if you will trust me I will heal your eyes." I had worn glasses for two years and the doctor told me two or three months before that I had granulated eye lids. I took my glasses off and handed them to someone near me. The Lord not only healed my eyes but He filled me with the Holy Ghost at the same time.—Mrs. Marie Strong, Route 1, Owasso, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor A. T. Logue, R. R. 3, Box 97, Tulsa, Okla.)

Have you noticed that every command of the Lord is accompanied with a promise of blessing? If He says, "Come unto Me," He also says, "I will give you rest." If it is, "Go ye into all the world," it is followed by, "Lo, I am with you."—T. C. Horton.



Dorothy C. Haskin

THE LAW OF KINDNESS

Grace thought the tray was such a lovely gift. That is, until Ann saw it. Ann could have said, "I'm glad Tom gave you something pretty." But instead she said, "I have one just like it. It didn't cost very much."

The fact that the gift Grace had thought so lovely was inexpensive, spoiled it for her. Ann robbed her friend of pleasure.

All too many times we needlessly hurt one another by a thoughtless word. Ruth's husband earned a small salary, and when a dress was given to her she was delighted. But Marie made a remark to the effect that it was not very becoming. That hurt, especially as Ruth had to wear the dress. She could not buy another. Marie soon forgot what she said, but Ruth remembered it every time she wore the dress to church.

The woman who is thoughtless enough to make unkind remarks builds a wall between herself and her friends, gradually losing them. This is because, as said Pythagoras, five centuries before Christ, "A wound from the tongue is worse than a wound from a sword; for the latter affects only the body, the former the spirit."

We are inclined to excuse ourselves by saying that it is more natural for some to be kind than for others, but actually, kindliness is governed by a law. When the Bible speaks of the worthy woman, it says, "In her tongue is the *law of kindness*" (Proverbs 31:26).

We have to train ourselves to obey a law. Obedience does not come naturally. Remember when you learned to drive, how carefully you memorized the traffic laws, how ardently you practiced them, and how slowly you drove until you knew them.

Some drivers never do take the time to learn to obey the traffic laws. They are ever causing trouble on the road. Others train themselves, and it is a pleasure to ride with them. The same is true of the law of kindness. You can ignore it and go recklessly down the road of life, or you can train yourself to be kind.

"I wonder how Vera got her kind disposition," said Eva. "She never seems to say anything that hurts anyone."

"I think she does it by watching," explained Mabel. "She told me that she once had a terrible habit of saying sharp things, thinking they sounded clever. One day she hurt someone deeply, and decided she must overcome her bad habit.

"After that, every night when she prayed, she asked the Lord to remind her of the unkind things she had said, and confessed them. Gradually, she said unkind things less and less, until now she has a reputation of being kind."

***Editor's Note: See special announcement on page 5 regarding Memorial Offering on Sunday, August 17.**

God's Increase in Africa

Mrs. Henry B. Garlock

IN FIRST Corinthians 3:6 we read, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

It has been our joy and privilege these past two years to see some of the God-given increase which has followed the labors of our missionaries in Africa. The seed-sowing and watering were done in spite of numerous difficulties—strange languages; peculiar customs; unfriendly climate; faulty, limited communications; primitive transportation facilities, if any at all; unfamiliar living conditions; and often the militant opposition of other religious groups, both civilized and pagan. But God gave the increase.

Our first efforts were put forth in Liberia. A party of eight missionaries started in with the seed-sowing. Tropical fevers took their toll and the party dwindled, but the planting continued. New recruits filled up the vacancies made by death, and the seed and young plants were watered. Fruit appeared, some a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty. After some time the work expanded to other tribes. One could see the fruitage here, the watering there, and the seed-sowing yonder. Today the Assemblies of God mission rejoices in the increase God has given. Native churches are springing up in the villages. They are supporting their own pastors. Native evangelists, both men and women, are trekking along bush trails from village to village, dispensing the gospel seed for the first time to some hearts, cultivating what has already been sown in others, and reaping the labors of those who went before them. More than 100 native preachers are carrying on the gospel work: A Bible School is training the native ministry, and a large leper colony is ministering to the needs of those sorely afflicted with that dread disease.

A short time ago Walter J. Kornelsen flew me in a small plane over the dense bush from Newaka to Feloka. We flew right over the site of the old Gropaka mission station. As I looked down on that lonely little hill where I had done my first missionary work, it was with mingled emotions that I thought of the vast changes that have come over the country in the past thirty years. Then Gropaka was a most primitive heathen village, dominated by all the fears and superstitions of witchcraft and fetishism. Now, without a resident missionary, there is a vital Christian community with a native pastor over the local church from which the gospel is proclaimed several times a week. Gone is the foul grove where the dead were thrown to be devoured by the wild beasts of the jungle; gone are the large fetish houses that once formed the very gateways to the town.

Now there is a respectable cemetery where even the non-Christians bury their dead. Now one freely may enter and leave the town without having to acknowledge, symbolically at least, the power of the fetishes. This is not meant to imply that the town is wholly Christian, but it testifies that God has performed miracles in that land. Demons have been cast out, lepers have been cleansed, blind eyes have been opened, the dead have been raised, and the poor have had the gospel preached to them.

In the coastal cities of Liberia evangelistic centers have been opened and the seed is being scattered. Some of it at least will fall in good ground. We confidently await the increase.

Within the memory of many of us is the opening of the Upper Volta Colony with all the trials that accompanied the missionaries in that project—the long, long overland trek from Dakar, the bitter Catholic opposition, the sudden deaths and all the attending heartaches. But the missionaries worked faithfully and God has blessed. Today churches are springing up in scores of bush villages. A Bible School is training a native ministry to meet the demands of an ever-increasing constituency. The story of almost every individual convert is an amazing story of the grace of God. Souls have been delivered from actual demon possession, insanity, and all kinds of bondages of evil which hold so many Africans in their power. The work long since has leaped the boundaries of the Mossi tribe, and many of the neighboring tribes are showing the increase that God gives when His consecrated followers render faithful service.

We have a large French Christian Day School in Ouagadougou. Not long ago a revival broke out in the school. Classes turned spontaneously into prayer meetings and a large







Top: Field Secretary and Mrs. Henry B. Garlock at Monrovia, Liberia, in July of last year, preparing to board the TAURUS for Gold Coast. A Speed-the-Light vehicle, used by Brother and Sister D. L. Hasch, is in the background.

Lower Left: A Mossi Christian, Niamey, and her son Daniel. The husband and father, Kwiliga, recently went to be with the Lord. His death was a great loss to the field.

Right: Four leaders of the Nigerian Assemblies of God (Pastors Asonya, Woko, Anyim and Godwin) assembled at Umuahia for the Nigerian District Council in October, 1951. Photos furnished by the Garlocks.

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number of the children received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The ministers' institutes; the district fellowship meetings; the short-term Bible Schools, held locally; the full-time Bible School—all these are contributing to the evangelization of Upper Volta in an ever-expanding program. Much of the spiritual increase can be attributed to the labors of the missionaries in the sphere of language work—the translation of the Scriptures, and the production of literature in the native tongue including courses of study for the schools. When the Scriptures in the native language were put into the hands of the people, the seed was being sown in a very literal sense.

In the fall of 1931 the first Assemblies of God missionaries opened a work in the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast. Two graves in Yendi testify to the spirit of sacrifice that was made to sow the seed in that hitherto unevangelized province. After a year a station was opened in Tamale, and in a short while the amazing opportunity was presented for reaching the literate employees of the government. The planting of the Word among the group has produced a very fruitful harvest.

We had no Bible School so we sent to Central Bible Institute in America for courses that the converts might be grounded in the Word. A class of six young men studied the same courses given our Bible students in the States. We held tarrying meetings from time to time and one of the young men received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in our home. Today God is using him in a remarkable way. As the six students were employed by the government, one by one they were transferred to other points in the colony, but the classes were continued by correspondence. Wherever these men went they carried the Pentecostal message with them.

As other missionaries came to Gold Coast, other stations were opened and the seed was scattered far and wide. And what an increase God has given! In the Ashanti area alone the Assemblies of God have spread out over an area of approximately 34,000 square miles. There are close to 7,000 converts, more than eighty preaching points and well over forty churches, but only nine native pastors. J. Burdette Wiles is doing his best to conduct some Bible training classes for workers, along with his already heavy load of supervising all the work in Ashanti, as well as undertaking the erection of a large church in the city of Kumasi. Reinforcements sorely are needed for the Ashanti area. We want to keep pace with God and conserve the precious increase He is giving.

In the northeast corner of the Gold Coast, in the area around Bawku, a revival has broken out. Our missionaries there and the native workers are reaping a harvest after years of prayerful labor. Remote villages are calling for workers to shepherd the new converts.

Years ago an old Konkomba chief heard the gospel and yielded his heart and life to Jesus. He told us just recently that he remembers vividly the first sermons he heard and the effect they had on him and his people. Today the saintly old man, returned to his own country from a sojourn of years in the midst of another tribe, enjoys the respect and homage of his people as he daily witnesses to them by word and example. God has heard and answered his heart's earnest petition—there is a mission station in his own town. Two consecrated nurses are ministering to the sick and afflicted bodies of his tribespeople, and to their spiritual needs as well.

This is not the whole story of the Gold Coast or Ivory Coast or Liberia but just little glimpses to help us see that while one sows and another waters, it is God who gives the increase.

Then there is the work in Togo and Dahomey. For years our pioneer missionaries struggled against all kinds of difficulties: a lack of funds, a lack of personnel, unreceptive tribes, unwritten languages, transportation problems, misunderstandings, frustrations on every hand, etc. But they plodded on, working slavishly to establish the work and to overcome some of the almost insurmountable difficulties. Reinforcements finally came, and now there is a harvest. Today there are eight stations. A Bible School is training workers. From a most difficult tribe that stood aloof and simply ignored the missionaries have come a number seeking God. Chiefs have pleaded for Protestant workers to be sent to them. At one of the newest stations God's Spirit already is working in revival power.

In the Congo, after what seemed to be a spiritual drought of years, the missionaries are seeing a spiritual harvest. There has not been a revival on a large scale, but the native ministry is beginning to take hold of the burden and there is a quickening of spiritual life. Slowly but steadily the Lord is adding to the church daily such as should be saved. In the school for the training of native workers, and in the leper colony, as well as in the regular work, the missionaries are forging forward, rejoicing in every evidence of increase.

The work in Nigeria is experiencing steady, definite growth. There is a strong corps of native workers, well organized, well

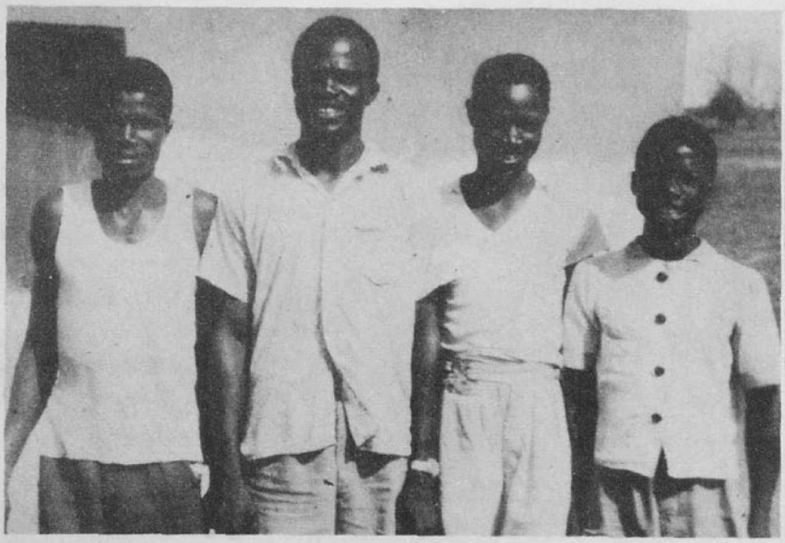
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Left: **The assisting staff of our Mother and Child Welfare Clinic among the Konkombas in Northern Territories of the Gold Coast.**

Right: **John Nwosu, a former student of our Nigerian Bible Institute, and Brother Garlock. John was a patient in the Methodist Mission Leprosy Settlement at Uzuakoli until September, 1951. His Christian ministry had been so acceptable among fellow patients that after his dismissal he was invited to return to live in a "clean" area to serve as Settlement evangelist.**

Top: **Eva Davison and Annie Maud Symonds, our two English nurses now in charge of the Saboba Clinic, with two of their charges. The nurses relieved Ruby A. Johnson and Ozella D. Reid.**





SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

ESTHER'S VICTORY

Lesson for August 17

Esther 8:1-8, 11; Psalm 37:5

The name of the Lord does not appear in the Book of Esther. Because of this, for some time it was questioned whether or not it should have a place in the inspired canon. The Book does, however, set forth in a remarkable manner what is called *the providences of God*. We may define providence as God's guiding, protecting, overruling, and otherwise looking after the affairs of the world and the needs of His children in ways that man may not realize. It is God's unobserved care. God's direct guidance is the influence and impression of the Spirit on heart and mind in compliance with the Word of God, but lives devoted to God are more fully guided by providences than by direct leadings.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." "Even the hairs of your head are all numbered." God has a purpose for the life of every one of His children and is making all things work together for good to the accomplishing of that purpose (Rom. 8:28, 29). Let him who loves the Lord trust and be not afraid. Job said, "But he knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). He believed in God, he trusted His providences. Some of God's dealings for the moment seemed bitter, but Job knew that in the end they yielded "the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11).

1. Haman's Plot Against Mordecai

Haman had plotted for the ruin of all the Jews in the kingdom, but this meant little to him if he could not execute his personal hate toward the man who had provoked him. Having gotten the king to sign the decree for the destruction of the Jews (ch. 3:12-15), through advice of friends, he "let a gallows be made" (ch. 5:14) on which he planned to hang Mordecai.

To Haman everything was going his way. The queen had honored him by inviting him with the king to a private banquet. When was such a rare privilege ever granted one lower than the king? She went so far as to invite them for another such visit on the following day (5:8). How this elated Haman. But when he came to the king's gate there was Mordecai who "stood not up, nor moved for him" (v. 9). This filled Haman with anger—"nevertheless Haman refrained himself." He felt so certain that things were going his way, that he could look with contempt on the action of Mordecai. Little did the poor conceited man realize that Esther's invitations were planned for his ruin, and not because of desire to honor him.

2. The King's Elevation of Mordecai

While Haman was revelling in his pride, God was providentially working. It was undoubtedly His providence that Esther had come into place in the kingdom. It was a further providence that she had found much favor with the king and that he held out the golden scepter to her when she sought an interview with him. His consenting to the banquet and the invitation to Haman was another evidence of the divine overruling. The book is filled with evidences of divine concern and intervention.

One of the outstanding divine providences was the inability of the king to sleep, and his calling for the book of records, therein to find written that Mordecai had been a means of preserving his life from treachery in the past, and that no honor had been shown him for this kindly deed (ch. 6:1-3). Another providence, becoming evident just before a fatal moment, was the purpose of the king at this late hour to honor Mordecai for his faithfulness. As the king thought on this subject, Haman came in ready "to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him" (ch. 6:4). Just in the nick of time, without man knowing it, God stepped in.

Before Haman could get his mouth open to make his request, the king said, "What shall be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor?" (v. 6). Naturally Haman would think that man would be he. Was he not already set "above all the princes that were with him," and had not Esther the queen invited him for the second day in a row to dine with her and the king? His proud heart now swelled almost to the bursting point. There was no hesitation in his answer. "Let the apparel of the king clothe him; let the crown royal be set upon his head; let him ride the king's horse; and let one of the king's most noble princes herald, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor" (vv. 8, 9).

Alas! how great was the crushing of Haman's heart when he learned that he was to be the herald, while Mordecai was the man to whom the honors were to be shown. Returning to his home, suffering internal death through humiliation, he received the disastrous premonition that, having begun to fall before Mordecai, the gallows which he had built would be used for his own doom. His awkward conduct which followed (ch. 7:7) climaxed the wrath of the king. Thus suddenly the Scripture was fulfilled, "When pride cometh, then cometh shame" (Prov. 11:2). "Pride goeth before destruction" (Prov. 16:18).

3. The Queen's Plea and Haman's Death

Throughout the record Esther stands forth as a genteel woman, humble, courteous, and adroit. In no place in the account do we find her making a misstep. The respect which she had shown Mordecai in youth she showed when she was queen. This same respect she showed for the person and position of her husband. But she was willing to risk her life in the interest of her people. Too many in her position would have forgotten their suffering and poverty. It is despicable when personal prosperity causes one to feel superior to those related to him and ashamed of those who may not be so fortunate.

Esther, in devotion to her people, revealed to the king who she was—one of that nation against whom Haman had gotten the royal death warrant. "And Esther besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman . . . against the Jews." We feel like saying that here was another providence. What Haman had done (ch. 7:8) had so stirred the king that he readily assented. Thus God "makes even the wrath of man to praise Him." Given the privilege of fighting to save themselves, the Jews resisted and God gave them the victory.

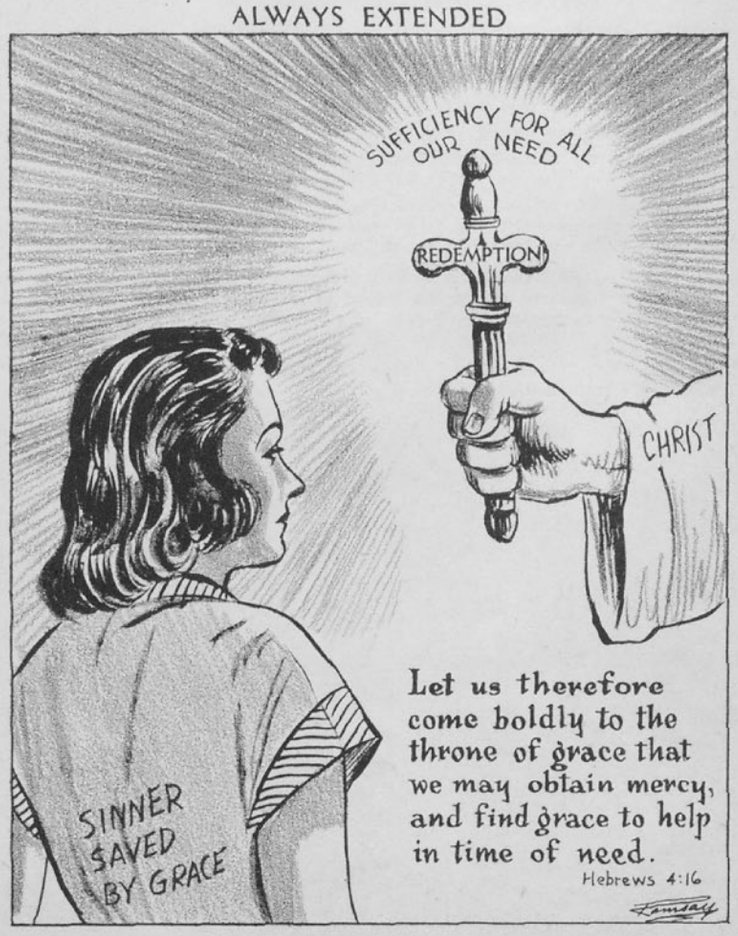
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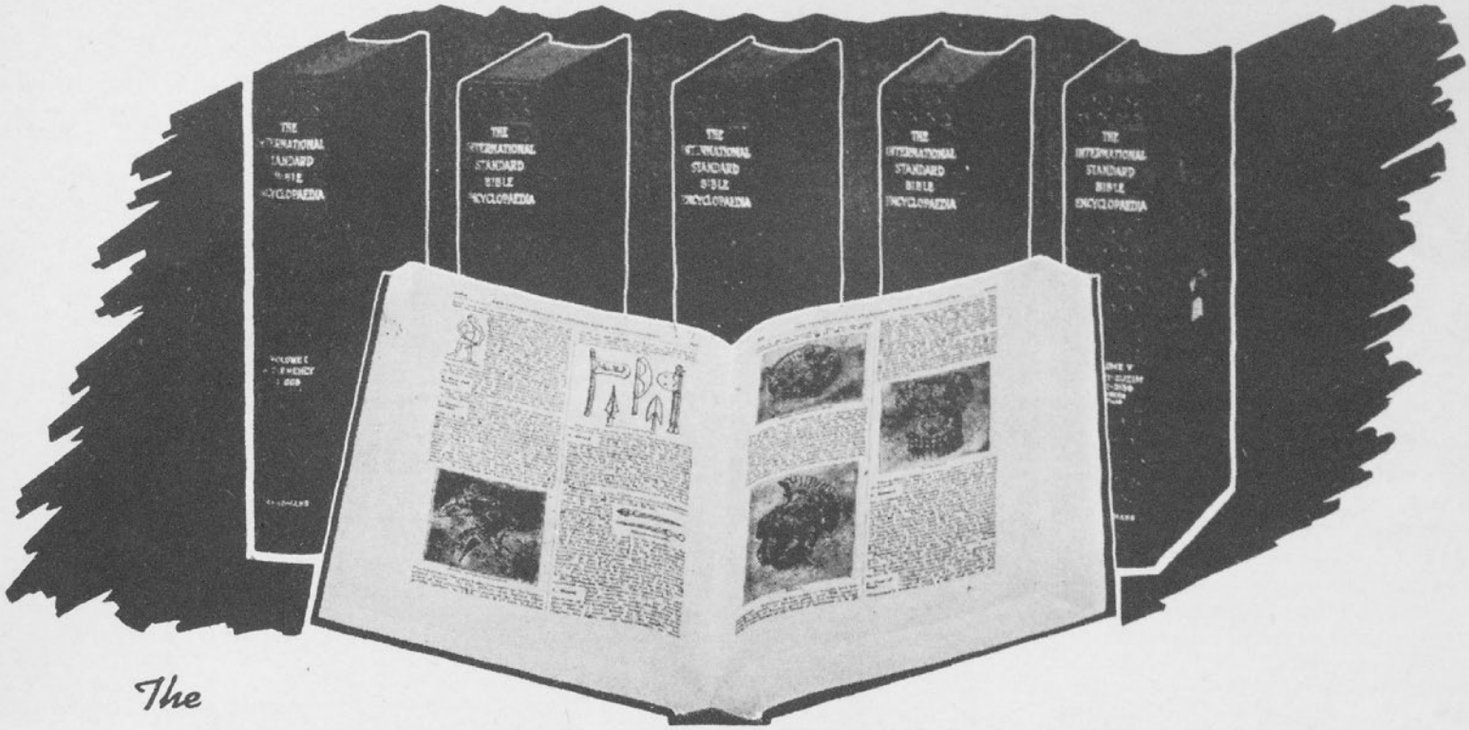
Haman's Wicked Plan (lesson for Sunday, August 10). Lesson text: Esther 3:5-15.

Ignatius said, and he had his choice, "I would rather be a martyr than a monarch."

One martyr, overwhelmed with the vision, exclaimed, "So much wages for so little work!"

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GOD'S INCREASE IN AFRICA

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trained and on fire for God. An entire new province has been opened to the Pentecostal message. During a recent revival in the Umuahia church forty received the Baptism. This has stirred the native pastors and the Bible students.

Space forbids our telling of Nyasaland, and Rhodesia, and South Africa, but in all these fields our missionaries are reaping a spiritual harvest.

The story of missions in Africa is a thrilling romance, but to write that story a terrific price has been paid in suffering, privation, loneliness, disease, death, agonizing intercession, toil, tears and the everlasting, unceasing battle against the powers of darkness. This may be the price one pays to plant and water, but He who paid the uttermost —He who sweat great drops of blood in intercession, He who bore the penalty for our sin, He who loved us enough to give Himself for us—is the One who gives the increase. And when we see Him transform a savage into a saint; a demon-possessed pagan into a temple of the Holy Ghost; a cringing fear-ridden native into a champion of divine truth; and unlearned small boy into a fearless witness; a trembling, fearful, dull-eyed slave to Satan into a radiant, rejoicing, dancing follower of the Son of God, we are humbly grateful for the divinely-given privilege of being workers together with Him.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARK.—We accepted the pastorate here recently and the Lord has been blessing the work. Evangelist Guy Beason of Magazine, Ark. was with us in a meeting. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Jesse Fowler, Pastor.

COPEVILLE, TEX.—Evangelist J. R. Kneggs of Greenville, Tex. was with us for two weeks. The attendance was excellent. The presence of the Lord was there each evening. Three were saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit.—Gene Young, Pastor.

COLFAX, WASH.—In March we had a meeting with Evangelist Peggy Bolam; and in May, Evangelists Gladys Norwood and Marie Carlquist were with us. The Lord richly blessed the ministry of the Word, and our Assembly was greatly refreshed. Brother and Sister H. W. Crowder from Tacoma, Wash. are our new pastors.—H. J. Mader, Church Reporter.

FERRIDAY, LA.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist Harlen J. Pate of Pineland, Tex. About 20 come forward for salvation. The people of our church were stirred by Brother Pate's messages. A number of people attended our church for the first time. The revival spirit is still in the church.—J. M. Parker, Pastor.

REIDSVILLE, N. C.—Jim Anderson, District C. A. President, was with us in a meeting. Fifteen were saved and 14 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The entire church was stirred. The Sunday School reached a high attendance of 110. We are expecting greater things from the Lord.—W. R. Pierce, Pastor.

ROCK SOUND, ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS —We had good meetings with J. Foy Johnson, C. A. President of the South Florida District. Brother Johnson gave up a contemplated trip to the World Conference in London to be with us, so we feel that the Lord was doubly good to us. We covered the island in its entirety, preaching in the moonlight and by old-fashioned coal oil lanterns. Many came to the altar and Christians were stirred by this young man's preaching.—L. L. Grossnickle.

BECKLEY, W. VA.—We had a profitable city-wide "Crusade for Christ" with Evangelists Paul and Lucille Cantelon of Seattle, Wash. From night to night hundreds of people packed out the Junior High School Auditorium and a goodly number came forward to surrender their lives to Christ. Brother Cantelon's evangelistic messages as well as his ability as an artist proved to be a real blessing. An oil painting was presented each evening to the one bringing the most visitors. As a result of this meeting hundreds of new people are now acquainted with our Assembly.

We are now in the midst of a building program to provide adequate facilities for our growing Sunday School.—Tommy Waldron, Pastor.

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Memorial Day, May 30, will long be remembered by the members of the Trinity Assembly of God. On this day the fulfillment of a dream for many years took place as the new church was dedicated. Guest speakers were W. T. Gaston, District Superintendent, and Kenneth Haystead, Assistant District Superintendent.

The new church became a reality because of the people's faithfulness and willingness to work and sacrifice. The building is constructed of cement blocks and stucco and seats over 200. It has a full basement containing Sunday School rooms and a C. A. auditorium. The beautiful color combination of green walls, off-tone green trim, natural birch woodwork, and rose colored opera chairs give an inviting appearance. The building was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, and at present has an indebtedness of only $5,000. During the last two years the Sunday School has grown from an average attendance of 50 to an average of 135 and it is still growing.

Much of the credit for the present building must be given to the former pastor, John F. Green, who purchased the original site and started construction of the basement.—Thomas G. Sutton, 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.

MONROE, LA.—Tent meeting, July 27—Aug. 24; Evangelist W. V. Grant. Sponsored by Assemblies of God churches.—by L. O. Waldon, Pastor.

BANGOR, ME.—Union meeting at Brewer Municipal Auditorium, Aug. 14—31; Evangelist Clifton O. Erickson. Full gospel churches cooperating.—by C. A. Crabtree, Pastor.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—Camp meeting at Union Grove Camp Grounds, 5 miles north of Cumberland on route 220, Aug. 3—17; Evangelist John W. Sullivan. Service each night except Mondays and Saturdays.—by Frank J. Fratto, Pastor.

OCALA, FLA.—Aug. 10—; Evangelist Myrtle Snair Norton, Tampa, Fla.—by Charles S. Brown, Pastor.

SCOTTDALE, PA.—Aug. 3—17; Evangelist Eva V. Hagans, Stoystown, Pa. (David Wilkerson is Pastor.)

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Homecoming at Full Gospel Tabernacle, Aug. 23 and 24.—by Vernon K. McLellan, Assistant Pastor.

AUGUSTA, ILL.—Aug. 3—; Evangelists Edith Grafner and Dorothy White, Dellroy, Ohio.—by Paul V. Brewer, Pastor.

TORONTO, CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Aug. 5—24; Evangelist Oral A. Hart, Salinas, Calif.—by H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Tent meeting, Aug. 10—; Evangelist O. F. Capers, Waco, Tex.—by R. N. Andrews, Pastor, Humble Road Assembly.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—Assembly of God, Aug. 10—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Earle L. Cleveland, Seattle, Wash. (Melvin Hanson is Pastor.)

DANVILLE, OHIO—Bethel Assembly of God, Aug. 17—; Harry Call Evangelistic Party, Spencer, Ind.—by William R. Eccles, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, MO.—Tent meeting, Sexton Rd. and Banks Ave., Aug. 3—24; Evangelist and Mrs. O. K. Stephenson, Opelika, Ala.—by Charles A. Parker, Pastor.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 3—; Evangelist and Mrs. Herschel Murphy, Lubbock, Tex.—by M. E. Parlotz, Pastor.

TAYLORVILLE, ILL.—City Park Assembly, Aug. 17—31 or longer; Evangelists Helen Earley and Marjorie McCulloch, Pittsfield, Ill.—by Arthur S. McClain, Pastor.

PAW PAW, MICH.—"Crusade for Christ," Aug. 3—17; Evangelist Othel Nall. Aug. 19—31; Evangelist George Tomko, Cairnbrook, Pa. (not Arnold Kolenda as previously announced). —by Paul W. Klinger, Pastor.

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