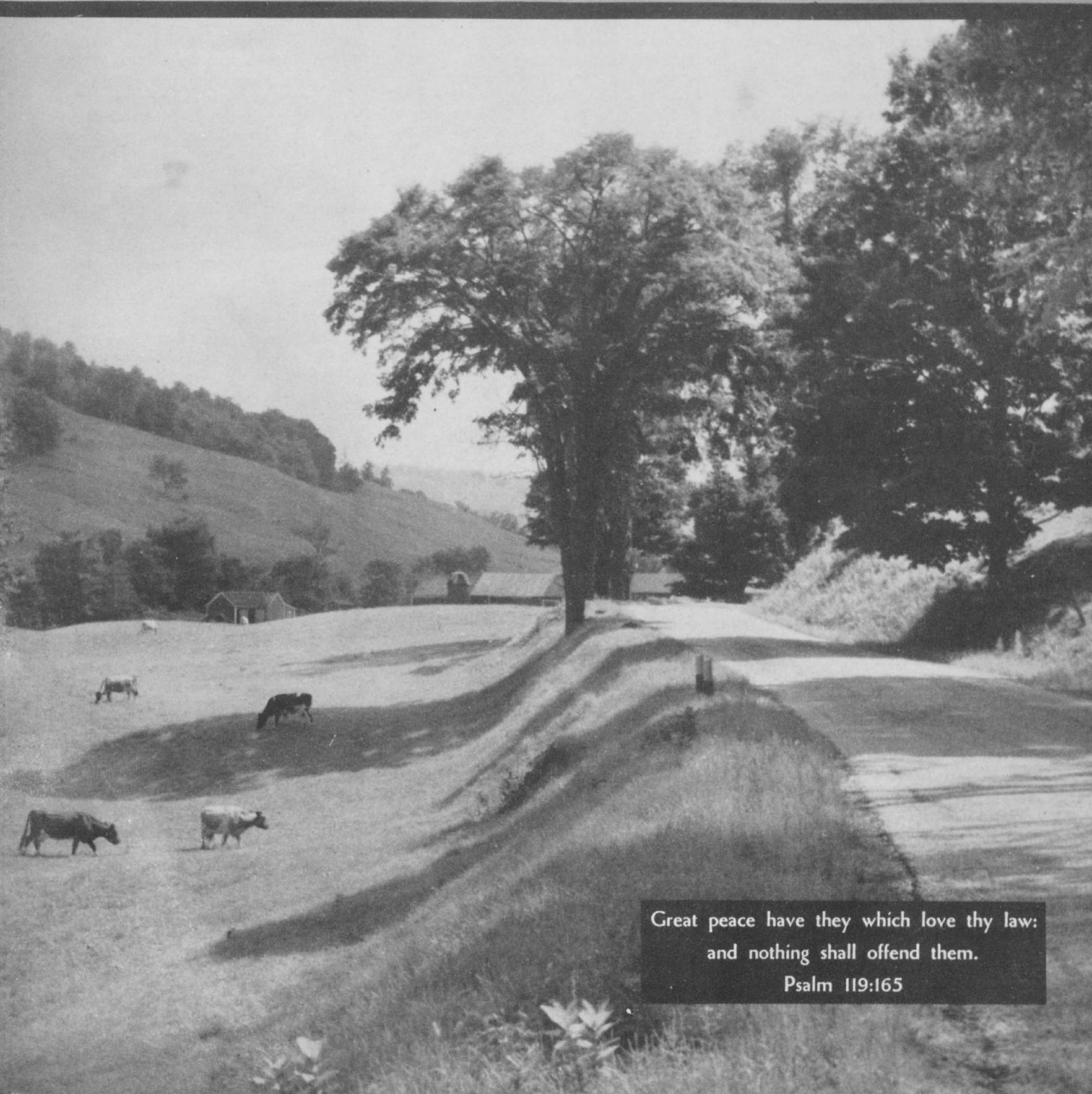


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



Great peace have they which love thy law:
and nothing shall offend them.
Psalm 119:165

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The Arsenal of Missions

The United States and Canada are the arsenal of gospel missionary work today. Last year (1951) there were 874 missionaries sent out by the Protestants of these two countries which now have more than 15,000 missionaries overseas, maintained by 86 mission boards at an estimated cost of \$37,000,000 a year.

Vatican Embassy Still an Issue

The Senate Appropriations Committee has removed from the State Department appropriations bill a House-approved "rider" which would have banned the use of funds for a diplomatic mission to the Vatican until it was approved by Congress. Efforts are being studied to return to "rider" to the bill.

It Has Happened Here

Herald of Holiness states: "The Catholic priest at Derby, Texas, working among Latin-American people there, got the young people to collect their Bibles and hymn books, and all that could be obtained were destroyed in a huge bonfire. Methodists are replacing the books and Bibles as fast as possible.

Secret Church in Siberia

From a Swedish source comes the report that there is a secret Christian Church among the deported Balts in Siberia. This Church is said to have no less than a million members. After the prisoners return to their camp after each day's work, they assemble for gospel meetings. A widely extended Bible class movement is said to have been established among them.

Even exile cannot destroy the Church as long as Christ is in the hearts of its members.

Bible Dolls

The wife of a Jewish rabbi in Philadelphia has conceived the idea of making Bible dolls. She has made a large number of Old Testament figures, such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, King David, Solomon, Esther, Isaiah; and the American Bible Society has called her collection "the greatest single tool for revitalization of religion contributed in recent times." Little girls much prefer to have dolls which look like real characters, rather than teddy bears or stuffed rabbits, and by using dolls which resemble Bible characters a parent can impress Bible stories upon their young minds.

Comic Books Curbed

A bill making it a misdemeanor to publish or sell "comic" books dealing with fictional crime, bloodshed, or lust that might incite minors to violence or immorality was approved recently by the New York State Assembly 141 to 4, reports the *New York Times*. The bill included a statement of legislative findings, stating that certain types of comic books were "a source of crime and a basic factor in impairing the ethical development of minors and a menace to the health, safety, and morals of the state."

Israel Citizenship Preferred

Three aged nuns of the Russian Orthodox church were expelled from their convent near Jerusalem for accepting citizenship in Israel. Israel's new nationality law provided that all persons residing in Israel on June 14, 1952, could automatically become citizens of Israel, if they wished, and the three nuns claimed this right.

They said that Soviet officials recently visited Russian Orthodox monasteries and convents in Israel and ordered members to retain their Russian nationality. Those who objected were threatened with expulsion, they said. The three elderly women refused to follow the Soviet instructions. They said they felt safer as Israelis than as Russians.

Church Gets Beer Permit

According to *Associated Press*, the Ohio State Liquor Department has issued a beer and wine permit to the St. John Cantius Catholic Church in Cleveland. It will allow the bar in the church recreation center to serve high-powered beer and wine by the drink. Department officials said they could not remember any church ever before obtaining a permanent permit.

The *Akron Beacon Journal* pointed out that the law which prohibits the licensing of a bar within 500 feet of a church does not stop a church from getting a license if it wants one. The editorial said, however: "If a stampede for liquor permits in churches follows the St. John Cantius precedent, it might be fair to give the proprietors of existing taverns the same protection as churches have enjoyed heretofore. An establishment that offered one-stop service in salvation and beer could be pretty tough competition for the ordinary neighborhood pub."

Egypt—Basest of Kingdoms

There are awesome prophecies in the Bible. For example: "It (Egypt) shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations" (Ezekiel 29:15).

A remarkable report came from the Rockefeller Foundation recently, no doubt given without thought or knowledge of this Biblical prophecy. The Rockefeller Foundation reported as follows:

"The darkest spot in the world today is Egypt. It is darkest from the standpoints of poverty, ignorance, human misery, disease, and high death rates."

By comparison with the majority of Egyptians, the people in India and China enjoy a relatively high standard of health, the Foundation workers found in the course of a two-year study made for the Egyptian government. Conditions which seem unbelievable in the twentieth century were found in the 4,000 villages where the majority of Egyptians live. Eighty-nine per cent of the villagers were suffering from trachoma, an eye disease which can destroy sight; 64% of the persons examined had intestinal worms.

"The International Red Cross could not find any other people so desperately in need of help."

Flies Still in Egypt

Two years ago Rockefeller Foundation workers got rid of nearly all the flies in two villages. The infant death rate immediately dropped to one-third of what it had been. But, sad to relate, flies soon developed an immunity to the poisons; and as the flies multiplied, the infant death rate returned to what it had been.

We are reminded of the plague of flies that God sent upon all the Egyptians in the time of Moses (Exodus 8:20-31). The wisest men of that day could not get rid of the flies, but repentance brought deliverance.

Worst of all is the sad condition of immorality and unbelief that prevails in Egypt. The country is largely Mohammedan. Let us pray for all gospel ministers and missionaries there, including those of the Assemblies of God.

Liquor Linked With Crime

A statistical survey of 200 new admissions to the Washington State Penitentiary shows that 94.5% of these convicts were drinkers, and 47.5% of them were under the influence of liquor when arrested. The 200 were asked where they learned to drink. The replies showed that 20% learned at home, 44% at parties and dances, and 11% in the armed services.

The Error of Balaam

Ralph Hornby

THE BALAAM chapters of the Bible are startling in their revelations of a self-deceived heart. The artistry with which the inspired writer pens the retrogression of a soul is unsurpassed.

This man stands out in the select company of princes, prophets and priests; raised up outside the house of Israel that men might nowhere be left without a witness. He ranks with Melchizedek and Job as witnesses to the pagan lands where they lived. If you have any doubt as to Balaam's prophetic gift read his utterances. They will stir you with their beauty, imagery and truth. Balaam is a fit subject for another of Bunyan's Holy Wars, for he illustrates the grim conflict waged on the battleground of the soul. He was a prophet. The record of his life portrays the awful truth that a man may be an impostor and yet be a silver-tongued preacher, canvassing a large following and reaping rich material reward.

His ruin was encompassed in his attempt to please one of his wealthy parishioners, Balak. There is a moral here for preachers: *please God first!* There are greater goals than that of being an eloquent preacher. Moses could not preach at all by his own admission, and he was not exactly a failure. But the prophet Balaam—as you study him, you may be disconcerted to find that all his holiness and consecration was in his voice. The people are at times easily fooled. They judge humility, spirituality and character on the grounds of platform deportment; and in this they are easily deceived.

In numbers, chapters 22 to 24 we have several pictures of Balaam:

1. Our first picture of Balaam sees him on his knees praying, with Balak's first deputation outside the prayer-closet awaiting Balaam's answer to Balak's plea to "curse Israel." This is a commendable scene, the prophet seeking God's will. He gets his answer, makes his decision promptly and sends Balak's

officers away. If the prophet's history *could but end there!*

However, Balak is persuaded that every man has his price, so he decides on a second appeal and offers more gold braid and more money to Balaam.

2. The second picture of Balaam sees him on his knees again. This picture condemns him.

Did you know that to pray about a matter one time could be commendable and to pray about that same matter under certain circumstances a second time could condemn you? Did you know that prayer is most necessary, vital, blessed and glorious and yet under certain circumstances it can arouse the anger of the Lord?

Balaam spent a whole night in prayer—trying to persuade God to change His mind! Some of our praying is to the same end. We waste God's time, and our own. If Balaam had been honest he no sooner would have heard this second group's plea to "curse Israel" than he would have peremptorily dismissed them. But gold gleamed in his eye. "Let nothing hinder you," said



Ralph Hornby

Balak—neither God, nor man, nor honor, nor principle. Balaam ran greedily after the wages of unrighteousness for reward.

He will be remembered as the man who knew the will of God and tried to pray his way out of it. What a revelation to our self-deceived hearts it would be to sift our prayer-lives until nothing but real prayer remains.

3. The third picture of Balaam sees him riding the ass, following Balak. Balaam thinks he has God's permission to go. He cannot distinguish between his own stubborn determination and God's will. Superficial minds will say, "Why did God tell him to go?" The Creator does not shackle us to His chariot. In the garden the tempter said, "Ye shall be as gods." Here is a man exercising the prerogative of a god—to choose his own way irrespective of all. Think soberly on this picture of Balaam. You can do what you will to do.

This deceived man did not know his own heart. "Out of the heart" are the issues of life. There should be somewhere a "College of the Heart." That would be a school to attend! Are we yet able to recognize our own motives? After what do you lust more than anything else? Let me tell you something surprising—you can have it! (Israel) "lusted exceedingly in the wilderness. . . . He gave them their request; BUT sent leanness into their souls." Psalm 106:14, 15. Did you ever see a walking spiritual skeleton? That text presents a nation of them, people who got what they wanted most while their souls languished and shriveled. Balaam lusted for gold and he got it.

Oh, the hypocrisy of our hearts! When we are most deceived and deceiving we are capable of putting on the most spiritual front. Look at this man prophesying so beautifully, and simultaneously scheming how to get Balak's gold!

Balaam failed to interpret God's providences through which He often speaks. The ass tried three times that day to

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save him; once turning off into a field, then crowding against the wall to escape, crushing his foot, and finally lying down and refusing to carry him further against God. If Balaam had not been bereft of his senses he would have sensed God's leading in these circumstances. He would have thanked the ass for her help that day. There was but a step betwixt him and death. The maddened prophet wrathfully wishes for a sword to slay her, until the dumb beast rebukes him.

And here comes an angel into the story. Who would have called that an angel of the Lord were it not that the sacred writer so designates him? Is it like God's angels to oppose a man and yet push him on? "If it displeases thee," says this man on his way to ruin, "I will return"—IF—IF—IF. The angel had his sword unsheathed to slay him if he went another step, and then he almost helps him mount the ass and hurries him on to his ruin. Well, when you have deliberately fixed your course for hell against all God's pleadings, do not look for an earthquake to stop you.

If Balaam were alive today he would be traveling over the country advertising in his great campaigns three great sermons: (1) How I Saw An Angel; (2) How I Got a Mangled Foot; (3) A Talking Female Jackass. His love offerings would be staggering.

Have you had your foot crushed? Mine has been. Let us return unto the Lord. He will heal. Angel or no angel nothing is going to wave us on after Balak and his gold. Let us return home to the first love, the first works. Leave Balak's gold for others.

4. Our fourth picture of Balaam sees him out on the hills chasing around after Balak to find a vantage point from which to curse Israel. He is out to do the devil's dirty work, accusing God's people; looking for an opening to fleece and skin and tear the saints. Well, let us so live in our home, in our business, in our social life, and in the house of prayer that he can find no loophole for his fiery darts. See them over there on one of Baal's high places, peering down on Israel spread out below. Balaam opens his mouth to curse, and out flow strange words: "How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? . . . Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel?" Balak is very disgruntled with that back-firing curse.

The scene changes. Off they travel

to Pisgah—of all places! They know not that angels are in that place preparing it for Moses' view of Canaan from whence God Himself would bear the great man to his burial. Balaam opens his mouth to curse; and—hear it! Again the message is contradictory: "Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob. . . . Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion."

Balak almost has apoplexy. One more try. Over to the heights of Peor to view Israel from another angle. Balaam again opens his mouth to curse—and listen to what he says: "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel. . . . He shall eat up the nations his enemies. . . . Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee." The prophecies flow forth beautifully on Israel while Balak almost strangles with rage.

Suddenly the Spirit of God turns Balaam's eyes on Balak's people, and out pour judgments and the wrath of God. "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."

From whatever point the Spirit of God views the Lord's people, they look fine to the Lord. Hallelujah. If Balaam had climbed all the hills in the country looking for a fresh view of Israel, it would have but multiplied the blessings.

"Fear not, little flock. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

5. The fifth picture of Balaam sees him a corpse on a battlefield (Numbers 31:8). The man who prayed, "Let me die the death of the righteous, let my latter end be like his," dies a backslider, by the sword of judgment, after enticing God's people into adultery with Moab. His prayer was unanswered. His dead body speaks more eloquently to our own deceiving hearts than all his impassioned words. His greatest prophecy is uttered by his silent corpse, mutely predicting with inspired emphasis the ruin of all who run after the error of Balaam.

—*The Pentecostal Testimony.*

A philosopher sees less on his tiptoes than a Christian on his knees.

Jesus Christ Gave All

He gave his head to the crown of thorns.

He gave His back to the cruel lash.

He gave His cheeks to those who plucked out the hairs.

He gave his face to the rude, dirty human spittle.

He gave His shoulders to be draped with the robe of mock royalty.

He gave His clothes to His murderers.

He gave His mother to the apostle John.

He gave His hands and feet to be transfixed with nails to the accursed cross.

He gave His blood to this earth for the remission of sins.

He gave His body for the life of the world.

He gave His spirit to God.

Abandoned and desolate without God, friend and acquaintance far from Him, He gave Himself unto death. The sun withdrew, behind the black pall of mourning a cold cruel world shivered, nature itself refused to contribute anything—Jesus Christ "*gave everything.*"

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor"—He "*gave everything.*"

He loved me and "*gave Himself*"—"gave everything" for me.—William McCormick.

Forgive—as God Has Forgiven You

Forgiveness! I want that word to burn into your hearts. The only person who has ever lived from Adam until now who really knew how to forgive was Jesus of Nazareth. The world has produced some noble characters, and history has given us some human examples of the art of forgiveness, but none was ever perfect like the forgiveness of my Lord. We struggle to forgive. With Him it is spontaneous. Memory with us digs up the unhappy events and brings back to mind the cruelties or the wrongs of others, but in the mind of the eternal Christ there is no memory which would bring up the dismal past. He remembers our sins against us no more for ever. Deeper than the deepest sea are buried our iniquities and our transgressions. When God forgives, He forgets.—Charles S. Price.

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For Your Sakes

U. S. Grant

All things are for your sakes. 2 Cor. 4:15.

DID YOU ever meditate on what place God's children hold, both in His sight and in the world? These three words, "For your sakes," take on wonderful significance when we see them in the Bible.

It was for your sakes that Christ died. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). Isaiah said He was "wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." He did it for our sakes.

God's people have a moral influence in the world that the world does not appreciate. Many times others have been blessed because of their affiliation with the people of God. When Jacob would leave his uncle Laban after many years, Laban begged him to stay. It is true that Laban had not always treated Jacob properly. But Jacob was a chosen vessel of the Lord. Laban said, "I pray thee, if I have found favor in thine eyes, tarry; for I have found by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake." Laban had found favor in the sight of God for Jacob's sake.

When Joseph was sold into Egyptian slavery, he came to the house of an officer by the name of Potiphar. Joseph was made overseer in the house of Potiphar and was so trusted that the officer did not know how much he possessed. The record is, "From the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house and in the field."

According to Genesis 18, Abraham pleaded with God that He would not

destroy the cities of the plain. "Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city . . .?" God answered. "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare them for the righteous' sake." Christians are not in the majority in the earth today, but this old terrestrial ball is spared the judgments of God for one reason—the righteous' sake. When the righteous are gone, the judgments will be poured out as the Scriptures abundantly testify.

Jesus, speaking of the last days, and knowing the extreme evil thereof—per-



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An Old Proverb

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world." Thus the problem lies with the individual, and depends on whether or not Christ is in the heart.

haps He had in mind man's knowledge of the atomic bomb and his latent ability of international self-destruction—said, "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." There will be no annihilation by the atomic bomb or by any other means as long as God's people are down here.

As in the days of Methuselah, so it is now. The name "Methuselah" (according to Adam Clarke) means "when he dies it shall be sent forth." Enoch knew destruction would come to the people of the earth, but not until after his son Methuselah was dead. A simple study of Genesis, chapter five, will bear out the fact that the Flood came the very year that Methuselah died. The world of his day was spared the judgments of God for 969 years for his sake. Today the world is spared the judgments of God for the sake of the church. The church will not die, as did Methuselah, but will be caught up to meet her Lord. Then judgment "shall be sent forth."

In turn we are called upon to suffer "for His name's sake." When Paul was arrested on the Damascus road, he was told "how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." You will be called upon to do hard things, to go out of the way to make sacrifices. You would not do it for the mere pleasure of it. You might not do it even to please another. There is a higher calling; there is an impelling motive: Would you do it for Jesus' sake?

Suffering, a Stimulus

Holiness, not happiness, is the goal of life. So, when God molds a man, He puts weights on him, gives him burdens to lift, crosses to carry, hardships to endure, tribulations over which to triumph. All is a profound mystery, to be sure.

A little boy wanted to know why vitamins are always put in spinach and never in ice cream, where they should be. Don't ask me why, but for some strange reason our sweetest songs come out of our saddest thoughts; the Negro spirituals are the sad songs of a sad race, and they are the loveliest music in America!

Arnold Toynbee, the historian, traced it through history in his monumental study. In a chapter entitled "The Stimulus of Blows," he shows how every hardy civilization has come to birth in response to challenge: "The greater the challenge, the greater the stimulus." Without weights, even civilization cannot keep going.

A little boy was leading his sister up a mountain path. "Why," she complained, "it's not a path at all. It's all rocky and bumpy."

"Sure," he said, "the bumps are what you climb on."—From *Ride the Wild Horses*, by J. Wallace Hamilton (Revell).

The Need of Watching

G. Campbell Morgan was keenly alive to daily contacts and incidents that might be grist to his homiletic mill. In one of the most famous cherry orchards of southern British Columbia, Dr. Morgan stood amazed at the abundance and size of the fruit. "Well!" he said to the grower, "anyone can see that cherries are easily grown here."

"Dr. Morgan," said the fruit grower, "we are fighting for the life of those cherries 365 days in the year." The reply was turned to telling account in a later message on Christian watchfulness.—From *A Man of the Word* (Life of G. Campbell Morgan) by Jill Morgan (Revell)

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

Lesson for August 24

Ezra 3:1-13

In the first year of the reign of Cyrus, the Lord stirred the king's spirit to invite all the Jews within his kingdom to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the house of the Lord (Ezra 1:1-4). Tradition says that this resulted from his having been shown the Scripture passage of Isaiah 44:28 to 45:4 (probably shown by Daniel, who was highly regarded in the kingdom).

With the invitation came a revival of national morale—"Then rose up . . . all them whose spirit God had raised." God inspired the desire to return. Another movement of God is needed today, a visitation from heaven that will move the hearts of the people of God to fresh zeal and spiritual worship, with the result that many sinners will be brought to the Lord.

Not all of the Jews were willing to go. These who would not go were to provide the funds and equipment needed by those who would go. There are some who will never go all the way with God. May they at least help those who are willing to do so.

1. Worship of God Restored

We learn from Ezra 1:7-11 that Cyrus turned over to the Jewish remnant the sacred vessels which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple at the time of the captivity. In chapter 2 there is a record of the names of those who returned.

The first thing done was to build the altar of the God of Israel. No tabernacle or temple was there. The altar was set up in the open air, indicating to us that God is not confined to sheltered places. His worship, however, cannot be separated from sacrifices. For the Jews there was only one place where offerings could be made (Deut. 12:5-7). While the Jews were outside their homeland they had no place of sacrifice. Until the Jews regain their ancient temple site at Jerusalem they are now in the same position.

It was a great privilege to the Jews that again they might offer their sacrifices to God. Although without a house of worship, they had a place of worship. They established the morning and evening sacrifices, kept the feast of tabernacles, and renewed the various feast times and sacrificial oblations. We are more fortunate than they. Our sacrifice is our Lord Jesus Christ; the place where His atonement is accepted is in heaven. We may ever come to the throne of grace, through the blood of Jesus, whether we have a roof over our heads or not.

Our first duty and highest privilege is

worship. Many would put duty first. They would have erected the temple first—before beginning to worship. Many today are inclined to do the things that seem to need doing, then they will worship if time for worship is convenient. The Church has lost much through putting duty before worship. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

2. Foundation of the Temple Laid

After establishing worship, the returned exiles faced the next task: "the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid." If they had continued to worship and neglected to rebuild the temple, continuance of worship might not have been approved. In chapter 5:15 we note that Cyrus had decreed, "Let the house of God be builded in his place." We have emphasized the need of putting God and worship first. We are here shown that worship without works becomes dead. Where there is true worship there will also be true zeal, a holy pride in behalf of God's house, which will provide for Him simple but suitable surroundings for worship; but, more than this, there will be earnest service in extending His worship to the uttermost parts of the earth. A worship that is satisfied to carry on in unsightly surroundings, is sadly lacking in depth. One way to "adorn the gospel of Christ" is to provide a clean, neat house of worship.

Blessed with spiritual worship, the returning Jews gave money and service (vv. 7, 8) and set to work. As they worked the priests and the Levites played and sang. Thank God for the joy of the Lord that inspires voluntary songs of praise and worship from those who love him. "And when the builders laid the foundation . . . the priests . . . and the Levites . . . sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord." Then the people got blessed at their work—"And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid."

Mark you, the temple was not yet finished. There was much yet to be done. But enough was done to give the people cause for great joy. Grumblers in the church may point to certain deficiencies, and say, "Why not correct these before you shout?" If we waited for perfection before we shout, we might never shout. Let us thank God for what has been done, for divine blessing in the soul, and go to work to take care of those things which yet remain to be done. May God give each church a triumphant, rejoicing people, willing to

work, and save it from the grumblers who neither shout nor work.

3. Mingled Emotions

With the rejoicing there were also loud voices of weeping. Some of the oldest Jews could still remember the days prior to the captivity. These had seen the grandeur of the ancient temple of Solomon (v. 12). How inferior the foundation of this new temple appeared in comparison! As they looked back through memory, they possibly felt that the shouting now being heard was a poor substitute for the recorded solemn occasion when Solomon had dedicated the temple, when the glory of the Lord so filled the house that the priests were unable to minister. Their hearts were sad.

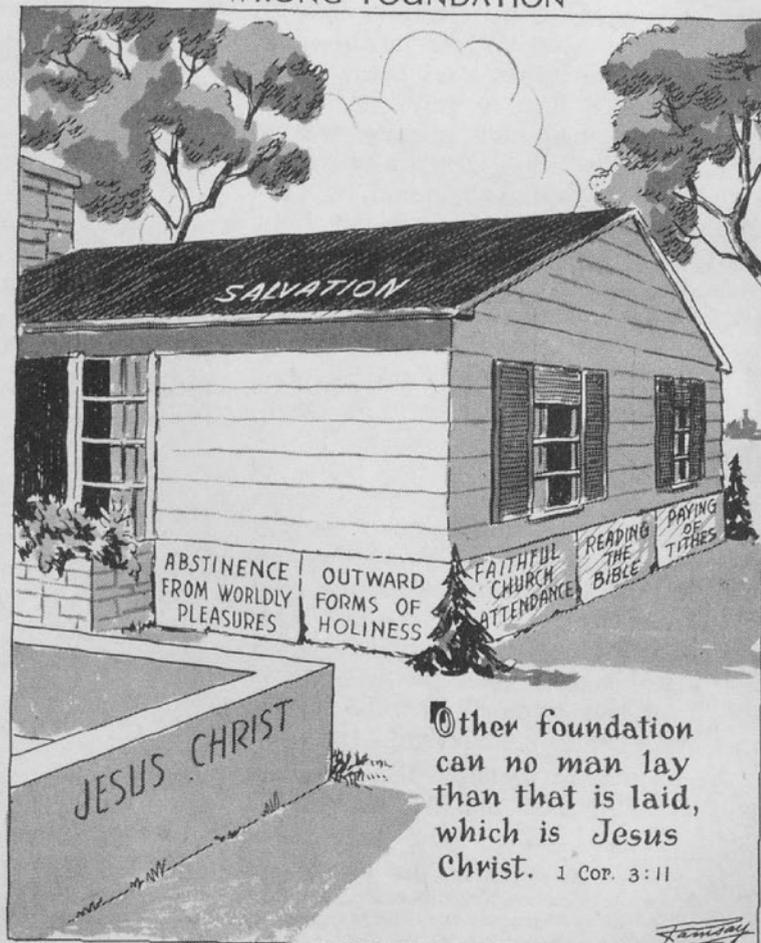
Some people today are always looking back. They think of former blessings. They say, "Things are different now." Perhaps they are, but perhaps much of the difference is within themselves. Whether present conditions be right or wrong, we cannot go back. We must serve God where we are in point of time. If the present falls short of our expectation, let us thank God for what He is doing. Faithful ones are building for God. Let us build with them. Let us not deprive ourselves of present blessing by depreciating the present work. Let us instead thank God for Jesus and seek to offer true spiritual worship to the Lord from our own hearts.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Esther's Victory (lesson for Sunday, August 17). Lesson text: Esther 8:1-8, 11; Psalm 37:5.

Happy hearts and pleasant faces scatter cheer in gloomy places.

WRONG FOUNDATION





Meet the "Overcomers," the 1952 graduating class at Northwest Bible College. Twenty-six students received the graduation diploma and eight received the Bachelor of Arts degree. Members of the faculty are seated across the front. In the center are C. E. Butterfield, President, and Eugene V. Bronson, Dean.

They Go Into All the World

"ALVIN PETERSON." The name was clearly heard in the large, well-filled auditorium. A young man walked up the steps and strode across the platform to receive his diploma. He was the nine hundredth graduate of the Northwest Bible College.

The president of the college, C. E. Butterfield, presented his diploma with congratulations; the dean, E. V. Bronson, shook his hand warmly. Another year of school had come to a close and this was the seventeenth commencement night of the Northwest Bible College. This young man would soon be on his way to a pioneer field of gospel service, giving his full time to the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alvin Peterson is just one of the hundreds who have left the portals of this school to go into all the world with the gospel. Former students and graduates of Northwest Bible College are scattered to the four corners of the earth. There are more than ninety who have gone to the foreign field, and hundreds in the homeland are proclaiming the message of Christ. Some have laid down their lives for the Lord; others have suffered great hardships for His name's sake. Victorious reports come from the various fields of labor of the blessing of the Lord upon their consecrated effort.

Truly the vision and sacrifice of the brethren who founded this school were not in vain.

Prior to the opening of the school, the need for such an institution had been felt throughout the Northwest District for some time. Much prayer was offered unto God by the brethren that a suitable location and faculty might be found. Pastor Henry H. Ness, Seattle, offered to the District both his services and the building facilities of the church he served. His offer was accepted, and Brother Ness became the first president of the school.

The Northwest Bible Institute opened in Seattle, Wash., on October 1, 1934. There were forty-eight students the first year. The approval of the Lord was upon the school from the beginning, and the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the student body in an unusual way.

It was because of the sacrifice of the teachers that the school was made possible

in those first few years of its existence. Many of them served with little or no salary. God rewarded their efforts and the school grew in numbers and influence each year. During 1951-52 there was an enrollment of 183.

In the fall of 1947 a fourth-year course was added to the Institute, and the school began operating on a collegiate level. Fourteen students were graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Education in the class of 1948.

In January, 1949, Brother Ness resigned and C. E. Butterfield, pastor of a church in Everett, Washington, was appointed president. Also, an executive committee was appointed, composed of the President, the District Superintendent, and four members of the Board of Directors, to aid in the administrative affairs of the school.

After Northwest Bible Institute had been operating on a collegiate level for two years, the Board of Directors voted in June, 1949, to change the name to Northwest Bible College.

It was at the Northwest District Convention in June, 1950 that the presbyters were authorized to conduct negotiations with the officials of neighboring districts, inviting them to share in the enlarging of the college into a regional Bible college. The Montana Dis-



The Northwest Bible College (shown above) is a theological school for the training of pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and Christian workers. It is operated under the supervision of the Northwest and Montana District Councils of the Assemblies of God.

trict accepted this invitation and was subsequently represented on the Board of Directors through its Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and one other ordained minister at the Northwest District Convention in April, 1952. Thus Northwest Bible College became a regional school, incorporated under a Board of Directors who are elected or appointed from the constituencies of the Northwest District Council and the Montana District Council of the Assemblies of God.

The College is located near beautiful Green Lake in the residential northeast section of Seattle. The quiet atmosphere and pleasant surroundings make it ideal from both the spiritual and the natural standpoint. Seattle's three lakes, forty-four parks, and other scenic centers, offer varied opportunities for wholesome recreation. Seattle, with half a million people, is a city of unusual beauty located on the shores of Puget Sound between the Olympic mountains on the west and the Cascades on the east. It is the Gateway to Alaska and the nearest United States port by sea or air to the Orient. The University of Washington and other prominent colleges are located in Seattle, where students may take special work in addition to that which is offered by the Bible College.

Northwest Bible College believes that it is possible to combine sound scholarship and vital Christian living. Some of the specific objectives of the college are:

To offer a thorough course of instruction in God's Word to all students.

To train students to become pastors and evangelists by giving them suitable courses of instruction and opportunity for actual ministry.

To foster missionary interest and to help missionary candidates prepare for their fields of calling.

Above all, to encourage all students to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to live consistent Christian lives, and to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Approximately fifty per cent of those who have graduated are in full-time service. Of this year's graduating classes, ninety per cent of the students planned to enter full-time ministry immediately.

The curriculum is based on the collegiate level. There are four major fields of study: Theology, Christian Education, Missions, and Music. A diploma is given for three years of work in any one of these fields, or a Bachelor of Arts degree for four years of work.

Northwest Bible College is endorsed by the Educational Department of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. It is affiliated with the Evangelical Teacher Training Association and offers that diploma. The Master Diploma of the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God.

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Their Children's Services End With Prayer Meetings

Esther B. Harvey, North India

EILEEN EDWARDS and I have been conducting Week-day Church School (Sunday School) for the children of Dhanbad, Bihar, India. On Friday we have School for the Anglo-Indian children and on Saturday School for the Indian children.

Until recently these services were the only services for children in Dhanbad. When the Catholic priest learned that some of the Catholic children were attending our classes he started a Catholic service. It seems, however, that the Catholic service has not been too popular among the youngsters as only catechisms are taught. The priest issued a bulletin concerning us, warning his people not to permit their children to attend our schools. He said, "They entice them by showing them pictures (flannelgraphs) which seem very innocent, but they always end up with a prayer meeting."

I think that to have a prayer meeting is a commendable way to end any service, don't you?

We designated Sunday, June 29, as children's day for the people we are reaching and featured our children of our Week-day Church Schools in services for that day—the Anglo-Indian children in the morning and the Indian children in the evening.

We do not have a church building. All our services are held in our rented dwelling. The sun was so bright we could not have the special service on the veranda so, except for a heavy bookcase, we took all the furniture out of the living room for the day. The overflow crowd was seated in my bedroom just off the living room. From there they were able to see the children. For the night meeting we used the veranda and the living room.

I wish that you could have seen and heard the children sing. There were some action songs which they like very much. Then Miss Edwards gave a flannelgraph lesson and young and old listened intently. The parents were as interested as the children. We followed the lesson with a message from the Word.

Some time ago the mother of one of the Catholic boys, upon discovering what her son had learned in our school, decided to come to church to see for herself what our teaching was all about. She came and was saved. It was a great transformation. Her husband is a drunkard and never has attended church, but he was present in our children's day morning service to hear the children and to see the School in action. He has promised to come again.

A teacher became interested in our regular meetings through her son who attends one of the children's classes. She and her husband are members of the Church of England. The teacher coaxed her husband to come to one of the children's day services with her. He enjoyed the message more than he does mes-

sages of his own church. The woman has asked to have a personal talk with us.

As our regular services we have two English and two Hindustani meetings each week in our home. God has blessed and given souls. We sometimes have as many as 100 persons in attendance so you can see that there are great possibilities here.

Dhanbad has a population of approximately 50,000. The city is located in an industrial center with a population of perhaps 100,000 in the surrounding area.

Unfortunately the house where we live

and minister to the people is for sale. The owners were here yesterday to talk with us about buying the property. We must give our answer and make a down payment within the next few weeks if we are to keep the house. Others are interested in it. Some of the other religious organizations would be happy to see us lose the property because we are gaining a few of their members, but if we lose it there will be no other suitable place to go and these children and the adults who have become interested in the full gospel will be left without shepherds. We desire to buy and appeal to *Evangel* readers to help us with the purchase.

Note: This is an urgent need. We must not lose the growing work in Dhanbad. The Foreign Missions Department does not have funds at hand to buy the house. We solicit the aid of those who are able to help. Offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "Property in Dhanbad." If you can help and desire to help, please send your offering immediately.—Maynard L. Ketcham.

"Assignment Korea"

Fred D. Jarvis

In the August 3 issue of the "Evangel," in an article written by Howard C. Osgood, Field Secretary for the Far East, we gave information regarding Protestant work, particularly Pentecostal work, in South Korea. Here is an article concerning the war area of North Korea, furnished by a Christian war correspondent. Through the two accounts we are given a good picture of the entire situation in the war-torn country. The Lord willing the Assemblies of God will be sending missionaries to Korea in the near future. Let us begin now to pray for what will be to us a new mission field. Remember also to pray for the believers of Korea and for our boys in service.

I AM WRITING this from the press train at Munsan, Korea. The train never goes anywhere and the town does not exist. Munsan is famous around the world since it is from the train here that correspondents dispatch their daily news reports. I am told that Munsan once was a flourishing town of several thousand. Today not a house is standing. This is war.

I find it difficult as I sit here to put into words the great impression of urgency I feel as I realize that here at almost any hour the spark might be ignited which would plunge the entire world into a mighty holocaust of war.

A Reuters correspondent and I were driven the twenty-eight miles from Seoul by army jeep to the press train at Munsan. After refreshments in the mess hall we joined the convoy of seven other jeeps and were escorted to the neutral territory and the town of Panmunjom, about fifteen miles away. Shortly after our arrival three helicopters brought the United Nations delegates to the tents where the peace talks were held.

We went to the correspondents' tent where Air Force Brigadier General William P.

Nuckols, official United Nations spokesman, elaborated on the developments of the day. One of the things he revealed was that the Communists had claimed that the United Nations had violated their truce agreement and had dropped flares and shelled the safety zone around Kaesong. They were demanding an investigation.

The reporters competed with each other in an effort to join the investigation party. After a few words with General Nuckols I was fortunately chosen as one of the correspondents to accompany the group. Our jeeps joined the Communist jeeps in a convoy that took us through the city of Kaesong and beyond. The investigation proved inconclusive of the Communist charges. The trip, however, enabled me to see something of life in the Communist territory. I conversed with a number of the Communist photographers and drivers in Chinese. On the whole they were tight-lipped, especially when I told them of having been a missionary in China and when I witnessed to them about the Lord.

Another matter that held a high priority on my list of things to do in Korea was to interview Major General W. K. Harrison, newly appointed head of the allied delegation negotiating with the Communists for an armistice in Korea. I requested the Public Information Office to arrange an interview. A little later a call came, "Are you ready to go to the Base Camp?" We boarded his jeep and I was escorted by General Nuckols to General Harrison's tent in the famous *Apple Orchard* where the leaders make their headquarters.

I soon forgot that he was Deputy Commander of the Eighth Army and Senior United Nations Truce delegate and that his name is seen almost daily on the front pages of the newspapers of the world. The professional attitude of a reporter interviewing a general gave way to blessed spiritual fellow-

ship as we mingled our voices in prayer and talked about the things of God. He insisted, "There is nothing special or important about me. I am only a little bit of a man with a great God. Give Christ the pre-eminence instead of me."

The next day I visited the front lines in the western sector. Here a young marine was requested to escort me to the farthest outpost. Soon we passed a sign reading, "Helmets Must Be Worn Beyond This Point." Over those narrow ridges, hardly worthy of the name road, the jeep bounced along through *No Man's Land*.

Our effort to hold on relieved some of the tension which we felt in realizing, as the driver had said, "A thousand enemy eyes are staring at us." We went as far as the jeep could go and then walked the rest of the way to the ridge of the mountain. My escort warned me to stay on the narrow path. "This is enemy territory and mines are everywhere," he cautioned.

From the mountain summit we looked over to the next range which was infested with enemy troops. Here on this dangerous and lonely outpost, amidst the sounds and smoke of battle, I listened to my armed escort as he told me how three years before he had given his heart to the Lord and now witnesses to the marines even out here on the battle line.

"Yes," I thought to myself, "God has His men everywhere." May God bless "Deacon" or "Preacher" as the marines call him. May many more of our boys be living witnesses for Christ where men are dying.

On our way back we passed some marines in their trenches eating C-rations. The driver explained to me that this was the main line of resistance. We stopped and took pictures. They took me inside of the "bunker," a glorified foxhole or underground room, built of sand bags. They explained that this is where they make their home from forty to sixty days at a time, alternating on day and night duty, manning the machine gun and keeping

watch. Just a few days before a heavy battle raged near this spot.

I could not help but think of how many "soft" Christians there are at home who do not "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." *Oh that the Church would get on a war footing and wage an all-out aggressive campaign to carry the gospel to the farthest outposts of the world!*

The next day I interviewed some of the G.I.'s. One young man, won to the Lord eight days before, related how the Assistant Chaplain had gone out to the woods with him and talked to him about his soul and how they knelt as he opened his heart to the Saviour. Letters from Christian loved ones at home urging him to accept the Lord, coupled with the fact that the next day he was to go out to front-line duty, made him think seriously of the issues of life and death. This ought to encourage Christians at home to keep in close touch with the boys in service. Your letter may be the one to help bring some boy to a saving knowledge of Christ.

During these days in Korea the headline stories have been about the POW's (Prisoners of War) on Koje Island and what is being done to control them after their capture of General Dodds.

There is another side to the story than that which you have been reading. Not all of the Communist POW's are a rebellious lot. If you could have been with me last Sunday afternoon and seen a group of some 1,500 of them sitting on the hillside singing hymns, many of them carrying Bibles, your heart, too, would have thrilled at the sight.

Presbyterian missionaries Harry Hill and Otto DeCamp explained that they have three services for the POW's every Sunday besides daily prayer meetings and a Bible School. Hill feels that this is a unique opportunity and devotes five days a week to teaching more than 200 students in the Bible School there.

In recent weeks the POW's on Koje Island

have been divided up into a number of smaller groups in various localities. Formerly there were fourteen Bible institutes on Koje Island with an enrollment of 3,233 prisoners. More than 500,000 tracts, 150,000 Scripture portions, and 6,000 New Testaments have been distributed.

It is estimated that five per cent of the prisoners were Christians, many of them having been fervent Christians from North Korea. According to the *Stars and Stripes*, which devoted an entire page to "Koje-do's Men of Faith," during one week ninety-seven Protestant religious activities were attended by more than 83,000 prisoners. There were 1,271 of the prisoners who had taken and passed a Bible correspondence course.

Pray for the persecuted Christians in North Korea and the suffering Christians in the South. Pray for the men missionaries, separated from their families, who labor under the load of multiple responsibility. Pray for the tremendous need for gospel literature. Pray for our boys on the field of battle. Pray, as it pleases God, that this war may cease and that the battle behind the battle may be launched on a full scale; namely, the battle to evangelize, uplift, and rehabilitate *the Land of the Morning Calm*.

MISSIONS ABROAD

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Lula Bell Hough, on furlough from South China, sends a new address. It is 2220 East Fifth Street, Dayton 3, Ohio. In her letter Miss Hough advises that her mother, who had been ill for some time, has gone to be with the Lord. She passed away on June 2.

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Maurice F. Petersen sailed for France on July 10 to engage in language study for several months before returning to Upper Volta. His family, now staying at the missionary rest home at 2129 North Douglas in Springfield, will join him in Europe or French West Africa at the end of his study period.

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Mr. and Mrs. David E. Wakefield of the Togo-Dahomey, French West African field arrived in the States a few days ago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vivan I. Smith, missionaries to Upper Volta, are at home on furlough. They attended the London Conference en route to the United States.

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Ernest L. Friend, who has served as Assistant Field Secretary for Africa for the past two years during Field Secretary Henry B. Garlock's stay in Africa, has accepted a unanimous call to pastor the Pentecostal Assembly of God in Ontario, Oregon. He was to assume the responsibilities of the pastorate on July 27. The Oregon address is: P. O. Box 433, Ontario, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Friend formerly served as missionaries to Gold Coast, West Africa, pioneering our work in the port city of Tako-

CHRISTIAN LIFE Foreign Correspondent, Fred D. Jarvis, at Seoul.



INDIAN CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

Our Indian Church at Neah Bay, Washington, has been completely destroyed by fire. Elvin Strankamn, missionary-pastor, reports that nothing was salvaged of the building or equipment.

Funds are needed for the building of a new church and for replacing valuable equipment. Please designate your offerings for the Neah Bay Church, and send to National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

radi. They returned to the States in December 1948 and have remained in the homeland to finish educating their children. Their work with the Foreign Missions Department has been greatly appreciated.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Vassar arrived in New York on July 3 on the Italian ship, *CONTE BIANCOMANO*. Their return had been hastened a few days because of the serious illness of Brother Vassar's sister. The Vassars were stationed at Junnar, Poona, India. They can be reached at Box 1062, Graham, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. James W. Nicholson of the Cuban field are on furlough in the States.

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The new address of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Lehmann is: P. O. Box 43, Tamale, N. T., Gold Coast, West Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Wilson, stationed this past term at Natitingou, Dahomey, French West Africa, arrived in New Orleans a few days ago.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Perrault have found permanent quarters in France, and send their new address. It is % Mme. G. Ebert, Les Garoins de Vif, Isere, France.

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Send all foreign missionary offerings to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

THEY GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

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God is also offered. It is approved by the Department of Justice (Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization), the Headquarters of the Selective Service System, and as an educational institution for education or training of veterans.

One of the advantages of the school's location in this metropolitan area is the opportunity for part-time work that is afforded to students who wish to assist themselves financially through school.

Another advantage in the location is the almost unlimited possibilities for practical gospel service in churches, missions, and institutions where doors stand wide open. This

year seventy-six different places of ministry were visited by the school's gospel teams who filled a total of 245 assignments.

The blessing of the Lord has been upon Northwest Bible College in a marked way from its inception. The leaders of the school have pointed the way to a high spiritual standard, and have encouraged the students in a life of prayer and consecration to God. Applications are still being received for enrollment in the Fall Semester. For a free catalog or information write to the Registrar, Northwest Bible College, E. 69th and 8th Ave. N.E., Seattle 5, Wash.

(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 Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.)

MISSIONS AT HOME

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CHARLIE LEE'S TESTIMONY

I stood among the circular mounds and scattered cedar logs, a small Indian boy in crude Navajo garb, and looked across a small canyon. I shouted into the vast emptiness and heard the echo shouting back. Wonderingly I cried, "Who is talking to me; who dares to mock Yel Ha Yah?" So began my long search for knowledge—not for knowledge alone, but for an understanding of life itself. I wondered what it meant, what was its purpose, and what would happen when this life is over.

Among the Lukachukai Mountains, near the famous "Shiprock" landmark of the northwest corner of New Mexico, dwelt a few scattered Navajo families, including my own, who made their living herding sheep. Here I spent my boyhood days. Never, it seemed, were my many questions to be answered. My wise old grandfather tried to draw from the resources of his own years of experience to bring some measure of satisfaction to my inquisitive mind, but still the searching went on.



Charlie Lee

At the age of seven, I left my little desert home to go to school and there I began to learn the white man's language and his ways. It was all new and challenging; no mention was made of the many Navajo gods I had heard about from my grandfather. My teachers spoke only of one true God—the God of the Bible. They taught me that God wanted to be worshiped and no other gods were to be worshiped.

I learned the white man's language, and it was not long until I was able to read,

write, and speak the strange new language and to take on many of the white man's ways. During the summer months I went back to my home and my people, and there again I came into contact with the Navajo religion. But I had accepted the white man's ways and learned to respect his God. I dared not disobey His commandment, so therefore I did not partake of the medicine-man's worship.

During my high school days I became aware of the seriousness of life; the responsibilities that presented themselves; the opportunities for gain, prosperity, and a life of ease through my art work. But at the same time I became increasingly aware of the physical and spiritual conditions among my own people, the Navajos. Through my contact with the white man's world and his standard of living, I learned that my people were living far below it. They were acquainted with poverty, sickness of every kind, and worst of all, a low moral standard.

In the days of old, the people listened to the medicine man. They respected what he taught concerning spiritual things and upheld the moral standard, but now he was no longer respected because they were thought to be old fashioned and not up to date on what the white man taught. What the white man taught was not always within the confines of the school or mission station, but in towns on the outskirts of the Navajo reservations. Many white men merely took advantage of the Indians' ignorance, leading them into every type of sin and degradation.

The thoughts of my people's needs were constantly upon my heart, and I longed to be able to help them. What could I do? I was only acquainted intellectually with the white man's God. I had no power or zeal within because as yet I did not know the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The needs I saw were not only temporal but spiritual as well.

During the summer vacation after I graduated from high school, I visited an Apache Indian friend in San Carlos, Arizona, and it was there that I first came into contact with the Assemblies of God people. For the first time in my life I saw a group of Indians worshiping God with enthusiasm and sincerity. They not only testified to the saving grace of God, salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, but also emphasized the infilling of the Holy Spirit. After going to these services for some time I began to question my own life in relation to God. I knew I was a sinner. But to me this salvation which I heard about was more than a thing just for me. I began to reason this way: I want to help my people; lift them out of their ignorance and darkness. The best thing I can offer them is the story of Jesus because it is of eternal value.

I was more concerned with their needs than my own. I felt that I had been chosen as an instrument through which God could reveal His salvation to them. When I finally gave myself to Christ, I was not only saying "Yes" to Him as my Saviour, but as the Saviour of my people. I compared a life of ease and fame in the field of art with a life of hardship and suffering, and in my own simple way I told the Lord I was willing

to go as an instrument in His hands to bring salvation to my needy people.

Soon the light of the truth concerning the baptism in the Holy Spirit came to my heart. I sought until I received this glorious infilling. Then I desired to learn more of the Word of God. I inquired as to where or how I could best learn in order to be able to go out and teach my people. Bible School was the answer! I enrolled in Central Bible Institute in the fall of 1948.

Now, having graduated from CBI, my eyes are turned toward the whitened harvest field of the Navajo Indians in Southwestern United States. You can have a part in this missionary work if you will pray as I go forth that God may use me in bringing many more Navajo souls to the Saviour.

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Charles Lee is one of our appointed Indian workers, and desires to minister to his own people near "Shiprock" landmark where he lived as a child. Designated offerings for this fine young Navajo's ministry will be forwarded to him. Please address your offerings to National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

FEAR NOT THE FUTURE

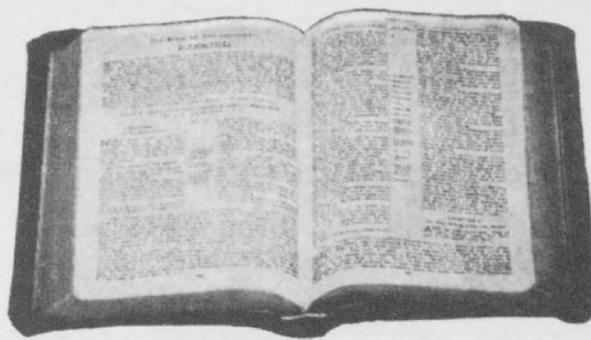
I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.

SOME ONE has said very pertinently, "There was no rudder to Noah's ark." It was hardly necessary. He had obeyed God and now was shut in, with God only to steer his ark; for he was on God's errand. The man who could endure what he endured for more than a century, while preaching the Word amidst a hostile people, did not have any fear. The fulfillment of the prophecy regarding the deluge must have confirmed a faith already strong.

It is a delightful experience when we really believe that God is steering our little barque over life's tempestuous sea. Only supreme and absolute abandonment to the will of God will give perfect rest of soul. It is this that enlarges the soul. Fenelon says: "If there be anything that is capable of setting the soul in a large place it is ABSOLUTE ABANDONMENT TO GOD. It diffuses in the soul a peace that flows like a river and the righteousness which is as the waves of the sea" (Isaiah 48:18). If there be anything that can render the soul calm, dissipate its scruples and dispel its fears, sweeten its sufferings by the anointing of love, impart strength to all its actions, and spread abroad the joy of the Holy Ghost, it is this simple and childlike repose in the arms of God.

God could give to Abraham, because he had made such a wide opening in his life. God can give only into an open hand. This hand was opened wide. This door swung clear back. God had a free swing and He used it. He could and He did. He always does.

Let this be our rule: "Give all He asks; then take all He gives." And the cup will be spilling joyously over the brim. "Beware of every hesitation to abandon to God."—*S. D. Gordon.*



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Our Pinellas Park Home is located in a part of Florida to which thousands of tourists come every year in order to escape the inclement winters of less favored sections. St. Petersburg, the "Sunshine City," is adjacent to Pinellas Park, and very few indeed are the days when the sun is not seen. In the winter season there is occasionally a brief spell of chilly weather when a bit of extra heat is needed. For our comfort, a two unit heating system was installed. These units are thermostat-controlled, so that an even temperature can be maintained in every room and apartment of the building.

There is a beautiful lawn, and among the shade trees are palm, mulberry, orange, banana, and other trees and shrubs which grow only under tropical or semi-tropical conditions. These add greatly to the beauty and value of the Home.

Now that we've told you a little of the lovely surroundings, we'd like you to meet some of the guests. Sister Julia Richardson ranks as senior guest among us, having passed the 86th milestone of her pilgrimage. She has a very interesting story to tell of the forty-two years she devoted to missionary work in Africa. Her husband died and was buried in the Belgian Congo in 1914. She first went to Africa in 1897, and has been here in the homeland since 1939. She says that she greatly appreciates the shelter of this lovely haven in these closing days of her busy and eventful life. We often hear her remark that, while the outward man seems to be perishing, the inward man is being renewed from day to day. Her heart is still in the work in Africa, but she has a



Beautiful Pinellas Park Home is a haven provided and maintained through the thoughtfulness of our constituency as a place where our retired ministers and missionaries may find rest, loving care, and precious fellowship in the sunset years after a fruitful life of service for the Master.

deep-seated interest in all missionaries and in missions everywhere. She has a zeal, also, for soul winning right here in Pinellas Park, and her influence upon this community gives promise of definite results in eternity.

Three veteran missionaries who gave many years of service to India are here with us. They remind us daily of the needs of India and the importance of prayer on behalf of the millions of that benighted land. Their names are familiar to large numbers of our constituency: Sister Violet Schoonmaker, Sister Agnes Beckdahl, and Sister Bessie Gager. Sisters Schoonmaker and Beckdahl are both widows whose husbands laid down their lives in India where their bodies await the dawn of the resurrection morning.

Sisters Beckdahl and Gager have been particularly active, since coming here, in personal work and tract distribution, as God has given them enabling strength. They find great joy in keeping busy for the Master, and in His service are using all the strength God gives them. Sister Beckdahl's only son is in India, carrying on the work that was so dear to his father and mother. Sister Schoon-

maker has several children who are following in the footsteps of their parents, and their names are listed among those who are rendering active service in India.

Sister Gager gave thirty-one years to missionary effort, and has been ambitious to return to India ever since she came home for her last furlough. Advancing age has made it inadvisable for her to do so, but she expects to go back someday. She frequently says that her heart is still there and that God has never told her that her call has been canceled or that her work in India is over. She is looking forward, not only to the coming of the Lord, but to the millennium which is to follow. She frequently says that she believes that the Lord will then permit her to return to India and announce to the people who are dear to her heart that the Christ she used to tell them about has come and that He is reigning in Jerusalem.

I asked Sister Gager if she had anything to say about the Home here, and she replied, "Tell the people that I know I am in the will of the Lord here, and I am just as happy in this Home as it is possible for me to be any-



Guests in the Home enjoy wholesome food, attractively served in the spacious dining room. Conversation at the table often concerns the various fields of labor represented by these veteran ministers and missionaries.



Sister Bessie Gager (on steps), whose heart still burns with a passion for the lost, often goes out into the community around the Home to do personal work. She takes Evangels and tracts to leave with those she contacts.



Workers and guests in the Home gather each evening in the parlor for devotions. Precious fellowship is enjoyed in singing hymns and reading the Scriptures together, after which prayer is offered up for workers and friends around the world.



Pictured above are the guests and workers at Pinellas Park Home. Front row, left to right: Bessie Gager of India, Anna Sanders of Old Mexico, Julia Richardson of Africa, Agnes Beckdahl of India, Mrs. Harry Landis, Brother Harry Landis, Mrs. J. N. Gortner, Brother J. N. Gortner.

Back row, left to right: Mrs. Hurst, daytime worker; Mrs. Stewart, daytime worker; Mary Bullock, cook; Mrs. Carl Holifield, matron; Carl Holifield, superintendent; Mrs. J. R. Evans, visitor; Aldree Watkins, nurse.

Two guests of the Home were not present when the picture was taken. Sister Clara Kennedy (left insert) was ill and confined to her room. Sister Violet Schoonmaker (right insert) was away.

where outside of India."

Sister Anna Sanders, who also is numbered among our honored guests, has given thirty years of service to the work in Cuba and in Mexico, where her ministry among the Spanish-speaking people was signally blessed by God. She still has an unabated interest in the people of Yucatan, and prays much for the work there. She keeps in touch with the national workers through correspondence, and is greatly delighted when she receives a letter that contains good news concerning the progress of the work.

Advancing age has taken its toll of bodily strength, and several times it looked as if Sister Sanders was about to slip away from us. But she is still here, and her faith in God, her earnest prayers, and her upward look continue to be an inspiration to us all.

All our missionaries who are here with us have a deep appreciation of this haven of rest. Sister Schoonmaker has very frequently told us what a blessing the Home has been to her, and that she is delighted with the accommodations and the spirit that is in evidence.

Our Pinellas Park Home is a haven for our Assemblies of God ministers and missionaries who have reached retirement age, having devoted years of service to the work of the Lord in the mission field or here in the homeland, and who want a place where they can be well cared for and enjoy the sweet fellowship with others of like mind and similar faith.

We covet the prayers of our entire constituency and shall appreciate the co-operation of all to the end that the Home may be just what God would have it to be until our Lord shall come—and, as one recently said in one of our evening services, we shall then

leave the premises without a single occupant, every guest and every worker going up to meet Jesus in the air.

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Pinellas Park Home has been provided for our retired ministers and missionaries through the forethought and vision of our whole constituency. It must be maintained in the same way.

If you have not sent an offering recently toward the cost of maintaining the Home, why not do it today? Just designate your offering for Pinellas Park Home, and send it to the Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

SWELLED HEADS, SHRIVELLED HEARTS

It is very fashionable nowadays for this age to give vent to long-suppressed resentment and rebellion by ridiculing the religious lives of its elders. One would think, to read some of this muckraking, that all deacons and preachers were Pharisees. It would seem that any generation that has made as big a mess of things as has this one would be too red in the face to sling mud at its forebears. Back of some of it may be a nostalgia and a suspicion that perhaps our elders really had something which our pride will not let us stoop to find. Then, of course, we have heard everything, read everything, experienced everything—except those secrets which are hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes. Even a knowledge of the good may keep us from knowing the best. Knowing too much, we do not know enough.—From *Hearts Afire!* by Vance Havner (Revell).

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"Beggars Can't Be Choosers"

J. Oswald Smith

A banker and a business man sat opposite each other in the manager's office. The business man, leaning forward, was talking most earnestly, when suddenly the other interrupted him.

"Ridiculous! Absurd! Foolishness!" And the proud banker curled his lip in scorn.

"But why?" inquired the one to whom he had spoken.

"Why? Do you, a thinking man, ask why? Such nonsense!" And he laughed in derision.

"Yes, sir," responded the other. "I ask you—Why?"

The face of the banker took on a scowl, and there was anger in his voice as he answered.

"Why? Do you mean to tell me that the death of Jesus Christ in my place on the cross is going to satisfy God? Away with such theories! If I am to be saved, I must accomplish it by my own efforts." And he stamped his foot with passion.

"Ah! I see," replied the other. "Now I know what is the trouble. You think you have a right to manufacture a way of your own, and so you reject and spurn the plan God has provided."

"What do you mean by that?" questioned the banker, with a mystified expression on his face.

"Now, listen! Suppose a man should come to you and say, 'Mr. Banker, I am in great need, and I want you to loan me some money.' Tell me, who would have the right to make the terms and conditions upon which the money was to be

loaned—you as banker and owner, or the man in need?"

"Why, I would, of course. He would have to meet my conditions before he could get the money," replied the banker.

"Exactly. And that, sir, is your position. You are the poor, helpless sinner, lost and undone, and God is the great Banker. You are coming to Him for mercy and pardon. Will you tell me who has the right to make the terms and lay down the conditions upon which you may receive His salvation, remembering now that you are the man in need, and God the Banker?"

"Ah! I never saw it that way before," responded the banker. Why, of course, I am not in a position to dictate terms. God has that right, and He alone."

"And yet you have been manufacturing a scheme of your own, forgetting that paupers do not dictate; they accept. And all the time God, the great Banker, has been offering you salvation according to His plan. Will you now abandon yours and accept His? Are you ready to meet God on His own terms?"

"God helping me, I will," replied the now humbled banker, as the new light broke upon his soul.

WHY WE SHOULD NOT PRAY TO MARY

1. Because God's Word teaches that the saints are at rest. Mary would have no rest if she heard all who appeal to her.

2. Because Mary failed every time she attempted to plead with Christ on earth. See Luke 2:48, 49; Mark 3:31, 33; John 2:3, 4.

3. Because Mary would have to possess all the attributes of God to hear and answer the millions of prayers that are addressed to her. She would have to be omnipresent to hear them all, and omniscient to have wisdom to answer them all, and omnipotent to have power to fulfill the answers, and nowhere do the Scriptures teach that she has these attributes.—by G. R. McFaul.

My Code of Ethics

Principles Involved in Ministerial Relations

1 Corinthians 6:7, 8

1. It is wrong for me to take that which belongs to another man.

2. To weaken another man to strengthen myself would not advance the Kingdom but would be a net loss because of damaged unity.

3. My brother's strength is my strength.

4. It is better for me to suffer wrong than to inflict it; God is a fair arbiter and will mete out justice in the end.

5. It pays me to be generous and unselfish and to assist others even at my own expense and loss. God and people appreciate and will repay.

6. My sheep are Christ's sheep.

7. God will supply my needs.

8. My shortcomings probably exceed my brother's.

9. My dignity and my rights are small considerations in comparison with eternal issues.

10. Peace, love, confidence, and unity are worth infinitely more than dollars and my personal rights.

11. I recognize that there is great need for laborers and new churches.

12. I must advance God's cause and keep it above reproach at any cost.

TO SEE HOW YOU LIVE

Some years ago we heard a missionary tell a story out of his experience and, if memory serves us, it went something like this.

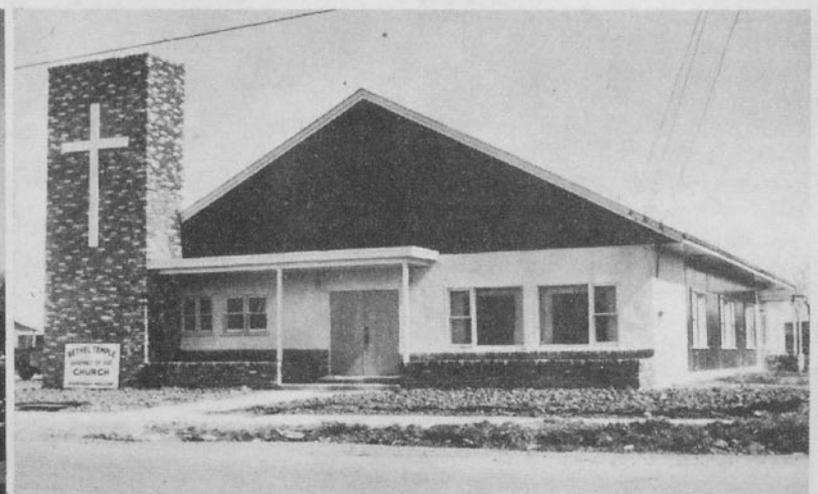
This missionary followed a man who had been laid aside in illness and had left the mission. He and his family moved into a house, far in the interior, that had been occupied by his predecessor. The new family had not been there many hours when there was a knock at the door. When he answered the



ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN WETUMKA, OKLAHOMA

When C. A. Rich went to Wetumka to be pastor, he found a fine congregation of people and a need for a better building. He began to pray and encourage the people to "arise and build." One Sunday morning the windows of heaven were opened and before the service was over the people had voted to erect a new church. Several hundreds of dollars were raised in a few minutes.

Construction was begun, and money came in from unexpected sources. As a result, the indebtedness on the new church is less than \$6,000. The auditorium is 40 by 74 feet in size, and the Sunday School annex is 32 by 50 feet. The church has a five-room parsonage near by. God is blessing the church in every department.



BETHEL TEMPLE IN MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA

The new church in Marysville, California, was dedicated March 10 when the Capital Section fellowship meeting was held there. An overflow crowd, about 550 in all, was present for the occasion. R. J. Thurmond, District Sec.-Treas., spoke in the afternoon. W. T. Gaston, District Superintendent, preached at night.

Constructed of stucco, redwood and brick, the new building is 46 by 80 feet, and the auditorium will seat 300. Pastor W. E. Hubbard and the men of the church did all the work except the interior plastering. The remaining indebtedness is less than \$6,000. Souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Sunday School has grown to more than a hundred, since the church moved into the new building.

summons, he was greeted by another family, a family of natives—father, mother, and three children.

"Are you the new 'Jesus-man'?" asked the head of the native family.

"I am," was the reply.

"Well, then," said the native, "we have come to live with you."

The missionary was rather nonplused. While he stammered some excuse or other the native father continued to speak.

"You see," he said, "we heard about Jesus from the 'Jesus-man' who has gone. But we did not have the invitation to live with him. So now we come to live with you for a long time. Ye want to see how a 'Jesus-man' lives and then perhaps we will ourselves trust in this Jesus you preach."

Here was a challenge indeed! If some unbeliever, perhaps a seeking soul, were to come and live within your home or mine, would he find there that which would draw him to the Lord Jesus? It is a question that requires a heart-searching and honest answer.—*The Pilgrim.*

There is one international problem, and that is to get the gospel to every man, woman, and child in every nation.—Wm. E. Gladstone, three times Prime Minister of Great Britain.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

LOMPOC, CALIF.—Evangelist Leslie Eldridge was with us for three weeks and we had a very fine meeting. A number were saved and healed. Brother Eldridge's messages were also beneficial to the church.—Bob Turner, Pastor.

LONDON, ARK.—We witnessed the moving of God's Spirit in a meeting (June 22—July 13) with Evangelist Mike Martin of Covina, Calif. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit. Several received healing for their bodies.—A. C. Rye, Pastor, Flat Rock Assembly.

SIoux CITY, IOWA—Evangelist A. S. Teuber came to the First Assembly of God last March for a meeting. We had been praying that God would send us a visitation of His salvation and healing power. God began to bless in the very first service. Deaf ears were opened, many were healed of arthritis and internal disorders, and three testified publicly of being delivered of tumors. Many came for salvation and a goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The revival spirit is continuing in our church. New people are coming out to the services and many have taken a definite stand for the Pentecostal message. The Sunday School and all departments of the church were benefited. The young people have established a Sunday evening prayer meeting just before the evening service. It is wonderful to see them intercede for lost souls.—A. M. Alber, Pastor.

KINGSTON, N. Y.—We had very good attendance during the meeting conducted by Evangelist L. C. Robie. A number came to the altar for salvation and many were healed.

A man who was under the doctors care for heart trouble was healed. He was unable to do any strenuous work, but now he is able to do the yard work and other tasks around the house.

A man who had a double hernia and had worn a truss about 12 years was healed in answer to prayer. He no longer needs the truss.

An elderly lady was healed. She had been unable to walk without a cane for the last five years. Recently she walked five blocks to church alone and unaided.

A man who had diabetes and had been on a strict diet for several years was healed. He no longer takes insulin and eats anything he pleases. He has been pronounced cured by his doctor.

We thank the Lord for the wonderful things He has done.—Robert Vinson, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

GLENDALe, CALIF.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. The theme for the meeting was "The Second Coming of Christ." God blessed this message to all of our hearts. Several took their stand for the Lord and a number of backsliders were restored. The personal testimony of the Sherans was a blessing to us.—Arthur Slater, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

HOUSTON, TEX.—We deeply appreciated the ministry of Evangelist Dorothy Hanson of Tyler, Tex. Approximately 20 came to the altar for salvation, five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and several were healed. As a result of this meeting our church and Sunday School is progressing. R. N. Andrews is pastor.—Jean Waller, Sunday School Secretary, Humble Road Assembly.

CLEAR RIDGE, PA.—The Cromwell Church near Hustontown, Pa. is a new work operating under the Assemblies of God. We have just finished a two-week VBS. The children were very interested in every phase of the school. We were encouraged with the number present and with the enthusiasm of the children. The highest attendance was 42. Out of this group we anticipate starting a Junior work and also a night will be set apart for the Christ's Ambassador work.—Mrs. Edwin Esaman, Secretary.

WEBB CITY, MO.—The First Assembly of God enjoyed times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord in a 3½-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Moses Copeland of Holton, Kans. Brother Copeland, a native of Ireland, has an interesting and much needed Bible message to the church. His preaching is distinctly Pentecostal and without compromise. He ministered a week and a half to the church. Souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost and the sick were healed.

The last two weeks of the meeting was conducted by Sister Copeland in an outdoor meeting on the lot adjoining the church. She has a very forceful message which appeals to the unsaved as well as to the saints. The attendance was very good and many parked their cars near by and listened to the service. It was wonderful to see people get out of their cars and come to the altar for salvation. The Assembly was greatly edified by the meeting.

We also had meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Vibbert and with Evangelists Ira Harris and Thelma Denney of Shawnee, Okla. Several were saved and a number baptized in these meetings.—Albert D. Pyle, 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.

CHARLEROI, PA.—Aug. 19—31; Evangelist Eva V. Hagans, Stoystown, Pa. (Jack Ferguson is Pastor.)

STORM LAKE, IOWA—Tent Meeting, Aug. 20—Sept. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass. (Vernon Huffey is Pastor.)

OREGON DISTRICT S. S. TOUR—Sept. 1—21; Victor Trimmer, National S. S. Representative, speaker. (Robert Pirtle is District S. S. Director.)

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT S. S. TOUR—Sept. 2—19; C. W. Denton, National S. S. Representative, speaker. (L. B. Keener is District S. S. Director.)

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL—District Camp Grounds, 5 miles south of Alexandria, La., Aug. 18—21; Jesse Smith, Sikeston, Mo., guest speaker.—by L. C. Ashbrook, District Secretary.

CORNING, N. Y.—Aug. 24—; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. (Norman Love is Pastor.)

SILSBEE, TEX.—Homecoming at First Assembly of God, Aug. 17. Services all day. Former pastors and members urged to attend.—by Roy B. Quillin, Pastor.

CARTHAGE, MO.—Civic Center Auditorium, 127 East 6th St., Aug. 19—23; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (Clifford C. Truitt is Pastor.)

WYNONA, OKLA.—Aug. 17—31; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by R. E. Lister, Pastor.

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