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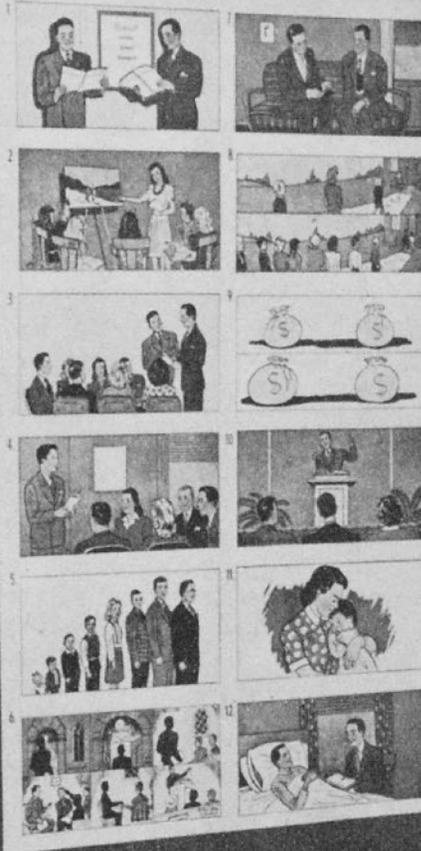
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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Let's Measure Our Sunday School

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Gallup Poll on New Bible

George Gallup announced the result of a poll of public opinion concerning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible at Christmas. Among Protestants only 32% favored the new Bible, it was found, while 24% disapproved, 17% had no opinion, and 27% had not heard about it.

Afraid to Speak

An Israeli who recently visited the Soviet Union reports that there is an urgent desire on the part of the Jews in Moscow to speak to visiting Jews, but they are afraid to do so. They fear to speak to any people from abroad, particularly to Jews, lest they suffer in the new wave of Jewish persecution which is being felt behind the Iron Curtain.

Liquor at the Korean Headquarters

It is reported that "the liquor bill for the diplomatic, civilian, and military colony of 2,000 in Seoul, Korea, is \$40,000 a month." This would work out at \$20 a month for each person in the colony, if all drank intoxicants. Authority for the report is John C. Caldwell, formerly director of the Voice of America in China, and Deputy Director, U. S. Information Service in Korea. If liquor is flowing this freely at the U. N. headquarters in Korea it bodes no good for the war effort.

Sober Senators

Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, has made the following statement:

"From long and close association with the members of the United States Senate, both on the hill and in constant contact with them at various outside official and social occasions, I can bear witness that most of the Senators do not belong to the silly, cocktail element which so often disgraces Capital affairs. Frequently, public officials imbibe so much at these events that one wonders how safe matters of momentous importance are in the hands of those who thus allow alcohol to unloose their tongues in indiscriminate, loquacious babbling.

"Often I observe Senators attending receptions preceding banquets and conventions who confine their liquid refreshment to orange juice or ginger ale. Sobriety is the rule, rather than the exception, with the 96 men who stand on pedestals of high office in what has often been called the greatest deliberative body in the world."

Reds Abolish "A. D." Use

The abbreviation "A. D." (meaning *Anno Domini*, Year of our Lord) has been abolished in Iron Curtain countries because of its Christian connotation, according to reports reaching London. When the Communist press refers to the fifth century since the birth of Christ, instead of using "A. D." it uses the phrase, "the fifth century of our era."

Store Tithes Its Sales

A suburban department store in Portland, Maine, is making cash contributions to seven churches equal to 10% of all its sales between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. every Saturday and Monday. Shoppers at Catir's, Inc., may designate which church should receive the tithe on their purchases. The Methodist manager initiated the plan to benefit his own church, but after experimenting he decided to extend it to six others in the vicinity.

"Saturation Evangelism" in Japan

The sixth annual World Congress on Evangelism will be held in Tokyo, beginning August 16. Youth leaders from all parts of the world will converge on Japan for the week-long Congress, which will be sponsored by Youth for Christ International. A campaign of "saturation evangelism" will coincide with the Congress. Fifty evangelistic campaigns will run simultaneously. A football stadium seating 50,000 people has been booked for the final mass meeting.

Record Budget for Bible Work

The 1953 budget for the American Bible Society will total \$3,166,000, the largest in its history, it was announced by Dr. Eric North, general secretary. The budget was voted by the Society's advisory council at its annual meeting in New York where 46 of the 51 major Protestant denominations which support the Society's work were represented. Bartlett Peterson represented the Assemblies of God at the meeting.

The Society, founded 136 years ago, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment. It also translates, distributes and encourages the use of Bibles. Increased distribution among armed forces of this country and United Nations' servicemen in Korea was the principal reason for the larger budget, Dr. North explained.

Seeks to Outlaw New Version

From Lansing, Mich. comes a report that Senator A. P. Decker of Deckerville intended to introduce a resolution in the state legislature to bar the sale of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible in Michigan. Senator Decker said that he objected to substitution of the words "young woman" in the new version for the more traditional word "virgin" in the King James Version.

The Senator would have about as much success in seeking passage of such a bill as the National Council of Churches would have if they tried to get Congress to officially recognize their new Bible as the authorized American version. It is not the Government's business to endorse one Bible and condemn another. The responsibility lies within the church. Thank God for a free country in which we are not compelled to accept the Jewish Bible, the Roman Catholic Bible, or any other particular version which does not satisfy us.

Reading Between the Lines

A letter from one of our foreign missionaries, received recently by our esteemed brother, J. Narver Gortner, reveals something of the sorrow that is being suffered behind the Iron Curtain these days. A paragraph from the missionary's letter is quoted for us by Brother Gortner, as follows:

"Last month I had a letter from Czechoslovakia from my sister—the first in four years—but the news was bad. She could not write much, but from what she wrote I learned that my only brother was in a forced labor camp in Germany—for two years now. His wife is home alone with six children. Three of my nieces sixteen years old are also away from home—one working by mines building a bridge—already there for a year. Another in textile mills, and another in a health camp as helper, away from parents, in squads of young people. Seven of my aunts and uncles died suddenly two years ago. She said I have no more relations left. She herself is a cripple and cannot work. How it happened she did not tell. She did not even mention the name of the Lord—I know she could not do it. How they need our prayers."

If we could read between the lines, surely there would be a tale of misery and heartache in this letter. Seven aunts and uncles dying suddenly two years ago—were they liquidated by the government? And the sister who was crippled—why could she not tell what had happened to her? It is surprising that the letter got past the censor. Surely God must have seen it through in order to move our hearts to pray for the poor oppressed people behind the Iron Curtain.

God-Forbidden Preaching

Donald Gee

Forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia (Acts 16:6).

A STARTLING passage indeed! We all can understand the Spirit of God forbidding us to do a wrong thing. But why forbid a right thing? And preaching the Word seems eminently right. In another place Paul charges Timothy to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). But that did not apply on this occasion. Not in Asia at that time. Moreover the divine restraint followed the missionary into Bithynia. There was no doubt about it; Paul found himself completely at a standstill.

Our Lord's greatest commission still stood—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The obedient missionary had no uncertainty about the general command he was called upon to obey. Accordingly, even after the Spirit's refusal in Asia he "assayed to go into Bithynia." Paul did not accept as final the stop in Asia, and certainly did not welcome it as an excuse to evade a dangerous and difficult duty. He continued to try and preach almost to the point of rebellion.

Some of the deeper mysteries of life for those who love God and love His service center around divine hindrances from doing what looks to be right. We recall David's generous impulse to build God a house, a project so worthy that even Nathan was at first swept off his feet with enthusiasm until God required him to go and veto the plan. In



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a more intimate sphere Paul seemed right enough superficially in asking for the removal of his "thorn in the flesh," and only after three attempts at prevailing prayer for deliverance was he willing to take "no" for an answer. The times when God says "no" to His choicest servants can safely be taken as containing some of the most important and precious lessons our souls are ever asked to learn. Few of us pass through life without some experience on this line that leaves us temporarily baffled, but finally enriched.

THE REALITY OF THE REFUSAL

It was so definite—"Forbidden of the Holy Ghost" . . . and "The Spirit suffered them not." There was no doubt about it. Paul understood quite clearly the divine nature of the rebuff. We are not told the precise way in which the Spirit conveyed His noncompliance with the apostle's plans, but the language is clear. Circumstances may have played a part; personal feelings may have entered in; doors might have seemed shut by human hands; but the ultimate Cause was the Holy Ghost. Whether He spoke by prophecy, or by a voice, or a vision, or a strong inward conviction, it at least was clear that it was none other than the Lord the Spirit.

There thus emerges again in this passage one of the central testimonies of the Pentecostal Revival, that the Holy Spirit waits to be very real indeed in Christian experience. The Book of Acts is eloquent on this point. The Holy Spirit is recorded as leading the Church quite definitely. His voice is heard and recognized unmistakably. There is nothing in the New Testament of the vagueness that now hangs like a mist over so much of our modern testimony concerning the Holy Ghost. The Pentecostal Baptism in the Spirit has more in it than an endowment of "power." It opens the door into a whole experience of the Spirit that is revolutionary in the direction of our lives. He comes to be "Lord."

THE SEQUEL TO THE REFUSAL

A little group of perplexed and baffled missionaries "came down to Troas." Behind them lay the forbidden uplands of Bithynia and the closed fields of Mysia, and in front of them stood the sea. What now?

That night the famous vision of the man of Macedonia revealed the way forward. It was to be over the sea and into Europe. The moment was fateful. History hung in the balance. But the hearts of the missionaries were free and exulting as they landed on the farther coast under a deep sense of understanding at last the leading of the Lord. The Philippian jail, the stocks, the inner prison, and the cruel beating with rods, could never take away their certainty

THE INVITATION

Had Jesus said, "Come unto Me,
Ye wise, ye good, ye pure, sin-free,"
I had not dared go unto Him—
His words had not been meant for me!

But Jesus said, "Come unto Me,
Sin-laden soul, I'll set you free."
He gave us then this priceless gem,
"My grace sufficient is for thee."
Heeding, I hastened unto Him;
His words, I knew, were meant for me.

—Mrs. Walter Wood

that they were in the will of God. And so they sang praises. All was well. They had obeyed the Holy Ghost.

The beautiful Christian assembly that sprang up in Philippi, to which Paul's later letter to it bears eloquent witness, was the firstfruits of their obedience. The opened heart of Lydia, the delivered soul of the slave-girl, the saved household of the jailer; and then the other churches that followed, all gave witness to the blessedness of yielding to the Spirit of God, even when He says "no" to some cherished program of our own. God had a "better thing" at that moment than either Asia, or Bithynia, or Mysia. And therefore let us believe God that He has some better thing in our own lives when we have been made the subjects of a divine refusal. We did well to offer ourselves as a missionary; we did well to attempt that pioneer effort in evangelism; but if God has shut the door we can abide in peace of mind. He plans a better thing.

THE LATER RECOMPENSE

Four years pass. Once again Paul is on the same old route, and in going "over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples" (Acts 18:23). But this time "having passed through the upper coasts" he comes to Ephesus (19:1). No voice of the Spirit of God forbids him on this occasion. The way is clear as he eagerly enters the thriving, bustling capital of the Roman Province of Asia. With perfect liberty of soul he searches out the few disciples and commences at once a ministry on clear-cut Pentecostal lines.

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" The challenge is to experience, not to theory. The preacher could afford to be definite about the Holy Ghost. His very presence in the city at that time, rather than four years previously, was all due to the same Spirit whose reception he was anxious to see enjoyed in Pentecostal fulness by these yet incomplete disciples. A preacher led by the Spirit can speak about the

Spirit. He possesses the authentic ring of assurance.

And after that—three wonderful years. "All Asia heard the word" (v. 10). From Ephesus the message spread in every direction. The evangelism was eminently successful and far-reaching. The seven churches of Asia (Rev. 1: 11), and probably many more, all came to birth. And not only in sweep but in depth it proved to be an altogether outstanding and unusual period in Paul's ministry. "God wrought special miracles by the hand of Paul" (v. 11). The apostle seemed to touch the zenith of his apostolic power during those three mighty years in Asia. It always is better to wait God's time.

WHAT WAS BEHIND IT ALL?

We can only suggest, but the suggestions can throw light on many things otherwise inexplicable in our own lives, especially the times when God has said a "no" to us.

a. *Was it Lydia's prayers?* Were the prayers of that company of women by the Macedonian river side so importunate that at last even an apostle's steps were deflected by the Holy Ghost so that they might have an immediate answer? We may not say. But many of us will never know until we get to heaven how, unconsciously to ourselves, our steps were directed in answer to the prayers of those we had never seen. It is a blessed thought that a praying businesswoman in Philippi influenced the steps of a great missionary hundreds of miles away.

b. *Was Asia ready for Paul?* We may not say, but we do know that God has times of visitation. It is all very well to talk about evangelistic and missionary strategy, and to plan our big campaigns with maps and statistics and endless committee meetings, but if the Holy Ghost is left out of it all it will end (as it often has done) with waste of money, time, and manpower with little accomplished to the glory of God. The Lord alone knows when individuals and communities are ripe for the Gospel. This does not absolve us from our responsibility to preach the Word "out of season," but it does mean that the maximum results are only obtainable when we are careful to work together with God.

c. *Was Paul ready for Asia?* God's servants, the choicest of them, are not always ready for a particular task. There are deep, divine preparations of heart

that only God can perform. If we "gate-crash" into some sphere of ministry before we are ready for it, however right it may appear in our eyes, we shall only reap frustration and disappointment. Whether this was so or not in the case of Paul we cannot say. To us it looks unlikely. But we are very sure that it can be true of most of us with our more limited ministries. I know an eminently successful pastor who had to wait for seven years before God's time came for him to enter a longed-for field of labor. Two or three times during that period the pastorate became vacant but he wisely refrained from pushing in until the door opened widely and willingly for him. Quite frankly he would not have been ready before.

d. *Our hearts revealed.* Nothing reveals our hearts more than our reaction to a thwarting of our own desires and planning. When God says "no" to us, and especially "no" to our generosity, or our courage, or our zeal, or our organizing ability, or our brilliant gifts, we are tested to the bottom. To take God's refusals submissively, even as David did when he went in and sat before the Lord after hearing the divine "no" to his project to build the temple, is a truly Christlike victory. It is the stamp of truest greatness. Our Lord seems never more sublime than when in Gethsemane He said, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt." We rightly love Him for that; we adore Him for that; our hearts tell us that it was His finest hour.

To obey when the Spirit of God forbids us, and to obey sweetly and instantly, is a mark of maturity and trustworthiness in the service of the Lord that we may well hold before us as a worthy goal. Such a victory in the human will opens up the maximum possibilities for a life of service here below, and they are possibilities fraught with untold blessing for multitudes. We can push past God's refusals—and miss His best.

Not Anxious

I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize the Lord is able to carry out His will, and His will is mine. It makes no matter where He places me, or how. That is rather for Him to consider than for me; for in the easiest positions He must give me His grace, and in the most difficult His grace is sufficient.—*J. Hudson Taylor.*

Never Need We Know Defeat

Dwight H. McLaughlin *

I DO NOT believe in defeat. In Joshua 1, verses 3 to 9, we have God's formula for victory and success. Look at it. Arise, go over, be strong and of good courage! Be very courageous! Read the book! Meditate on its words! Do what it says! "I will be with thee." "I will not fail thee." "Thou shalt have good success." Why should God say so much at one time to one man? God needs only a man who will co-operate with Him, and believe Him absolutely.



D. H. McLaughlin

A defeatist attitude is killing. Thousands are saying, "I can't," or "It can't be done," or, "I am afraid of what might happen; suppose it doesn't work out." They have so many negative thoughts about their work, about their problems, that they are half whipped before the battle begins. If you have a defeatist attitude you can't have a revival, enlarge your Sunday School, build a church, establish a congregation, run a bus, or conduct a radio program. Your defeatism will affect the whole church. It destroys faith. It promotes fear and pessimism. It nullifies and slanders all the great promises of the Bible for victory and success in God's kingdom.

A genuine faith in the promises of God breeds confidence and optimism. To firmly believe and to firmly assert positive faith is a sure way of getting the job done. Faith defies circumstances, and needs only the support of "Thus saith the Lord."

A prominent businessman had a habit of boldly asserting his faith in God every morning. He carried under the isinglass of his wallet these words, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." He confidently said, "I have lived a long time, and have

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faced many difficulties, but there is power in those words, actual power, and with them you can remove any obstacle."

God's little talk with Joshua hinted nothing of the obstacles that would have to be overcome, except to say, "Moses is dead." God knows no obstacles. With God nothing is hard. Jesus said, "Which is *easier* to say," not which is *harder* to say.

God's instructions to Joshua are His instructions to you. Arise, go over! Too often we sit in apathetic defeat. We brood in bewilderment. We get a feeling of frustration. God says to us, "Arise, go on, for I'm going along with you." He says, "Be strong." There is no excuse for weakness when He offers His strength. He says, "Be courageous." Why fear when He offers courage? Read the Law. Meditate on it. The Word has cleansing power.

A roadside billboard says, "A clean engine always delivers power." So will a clean life (that is free from fear, worry, and negatives) produce power, for the channel is free for the full flow of power from the Source. Then obey what the Book says. Read. Meditate. Do. So reads the divine formula for your success in God's kingdom.

Then comes God's soul-gripping, mind-refreshing, body-invigorating assurance. "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage. Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." We can know no defeat with a Bible which reads as this reads.

Gentleness

The Comforter is gentle, tender, and full of patience and love. How gentle are God's dealings even with sinners! How patient His forbearance! How tender His discipline with His own erring children! How He led Jacob, Joseph, David, Elijah, and all His ancient servants, until they could truly say, "Thy gentleness hath made me great."

The heart in which the Holy Spirit dwells will always be characterized by gentleness, lowliness, quietness, meekness, and forbearance. The rude, sarcastic spirit, the brusque manner, the sharp retort, the unkind cut—all these belong to the flesh, but they have nothing whatever in common with the gentle teaching of the Comforter.

The Holy Dove shrinks from the noisy, tumultuous, excited, and vindictive spirit, and finds His home in the breast of the peaceful soul. "The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness, meekness."
—A. B. Simpson.

Mr. Jones, Meet the Master

THE SETTING was one of unsurpassed scenic beauty, as the waters of blue Galilee reflected the sunlit, smiling sky above. Those tired, toiling fishermen were conscious only of the long, fruitless night through which they had passed. When the sun arose, crestfallen they had to confess, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and caught nothing." The Lord Jesus encouraged them, and at His word they once more lowered the net. This time the miracle happened; it was filled with fish.

The scene changes. The waters of Galilee are troubled in unprecedented fashion. All through the night those sturdy men of the sea fought against the tempest. Finally, exhausted, they were forced to cry out, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" To their infinite relief they quickly discovered that He did care; as He commanded the waters, "Peace, be still," both winds and waves subsided.

In Jerusalem, a ruler of the Jews went privately to Jesus by night, saying, "Master, we know that thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." And Jesus said to him, "Nicodemus, except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

These are ancient Bible records—spiritual lessons drawn from the laboratory of common human experience, and they are the germ of eternal truth. Hope, fear and futility are still with us. Is your life fruitless? The Master can fill your basket full to running over. Is your heart troubled? The Lord waits to speak peace to your soul. Are you wondering about life after death? Jesus Christ offers to you eternal life. Have you met Him?

Men in many walks of life *have* met the Master, laid down their burdens, and gone on their way rejoicing.

Said Whittier the poet: "My ground of hope for myself and for humanity is in that divine fullness of love which was manifested in the life, teaching, and sacrifice of Christ."

Said William Gladstone the statesman: "All that I think, all that I hope, all that I write, all that I live for, is based upon the divinity of Jesus Christ, the central joy of my poor, wayward life."

Said Hegel the philosopher: "Christ stands alone and unequal in the world's

history," while Immanuel Kant, when someone compared his name to Christ's, observed, "one of those names, before which the heavens bow, is sacred; the other is only that of a poor scholar endeavoring to explain to the best of his abilities the teachings of his Master."

Even the skeptics have paid their tributes. Pilate called Jesus "the man without a fault." Diderot, "the unsurpassed." Napoleon, "the Emperor of love." David Strauss, "the highest model of religion." John Stuart Mill called Him "the Guide of humanity." Renan, "the greatest among the sons of men." Francis Cobb, "the Regenerator of humanity." Robert Owen, "the irreproachable." Thomas Paine called Him "a virtuous and amiable man." Robert Ingersoll said, "For that name (Jesus) I have infinite respect and love."

Twice, once at the beginning and then near the end of the earthly ministry of Jesus, God the Father expressed His own approval, saying: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17; 17:5). Jesus lived a sinless life, as has no other man. He worked supernatural miracles, as has no other man. He spoke words of wisdom, surpassing those of any other man. He died a death as no other man, causing a tough Roman soldier at the cross to cry out, "Surely this was the Son of God."

Concerning Jesus Christ, the inspired Scriptures say:

He came to earth to be our Saviour (Luke 2:11; 19:10)

He became man's substitute on the Cross (Isaiah 53:5)

He bore our sins (1 Peter 2:24)

He became our mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)

The Scriptures further teach that Christ is:

The only Intercessor (Isaiah 59:16)

The only Remedy (John 3:14)

The only Nourishment (John 6:35)

The only Source of Truth (John 14:6)

The only Saviour (Acts 4:12)

The only Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)

There then remains only this question, Mr. Jones, the most important question in all the world: "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?"

Upon your answer to that question, and upon the submission of your life to Him, depends your peace for the present and your security for the future. For the day is coming when every man must give an account of himself to God.

Will you not then meet the Saviour here and now, as have so many others in every walk of life?

"What will you do with Jesus?"

Neutral you cannot be;

Some day your heart will be asking,

"What will He do with me?"

—by David J. Fant (courtesy American Tract Society, 21 W. 46th St., New York).

A Thousand Sermons a Day

Rex Jackson, Nigeria

A THOUSAND SERMONS a day! No human being can deliver a thousand sermons in one day. However, one printing press can perform this superhuman feat!

The advantage of delivering a sermon by way of a printing press is that it is more permanent—hence of greater value. From our printing press, sermons are sent all over the country to people of many different tribes, to towns and villages where we have no churches, even to other countries.

A missionary would have to travel thousands of miles, spend large sums of money and take months to deliver an equal number of sermons in person. The printed page is one answer to the problem of "speeding the Light" in these last days.

Here in Nigeria we have printed hundreds of thousands of tracts. Those printed in the native languages have been especially effective. In America tracts are not always fully appreciated. In Africa a tract will be carefully read and reread. We are constantly seeing results from tract evangelism. God's Word does not return to Him void.

In the past two years our Sunday Schools have made wonderful progress. Humanly speaking, much credit is due to the literature that God has enabled us to print and distribute. With our own press we have printed the lessons in simple English and in two of the most important native languages. Even though a charge of seven cents each is made

for the quarterlies (a considerable amount for our people to pay) the consensus of opinion is that these lessons are invaluable to the pastors and teachers and all to whom they minister.

One Sunday School which had averaged only 120 last year has established a new record of slightly over 300. The pastor is an exceptionally efficient Sunday School worker. Nevertheless, in other Sunday Schools as well there has been an encouraging increase in attendance. Many of our pastors testify to the tremendous help they have received from our Sunday School effort. They are convinced that the emphasis on this department of our work has resulted in marked growth in their congregations also.

We are "speeding the Light" as fast as our rather outmoded equipment will permit. All type must be set by hand, one letter at a time. Ten men are constantly engaged in this job of typesetting. As soon as several pages are set these must be printed immediately and the type released for setting the next pages.

One modern linotype or monotype would do the work of these ten men and do it more efficiently and rapidly. If we had such equipment we would be able to print literature in more languages. We would be enabled to send forth the message of salvation with greater speed and thus more tribes would be reached with the printed Word.

After the printing is completed the quarter-

lies and books are sold from our bookshop. This is also our tract distribution center where the pastors may come at any time to get tracts. We do not have a thorough system of distribution yet, but some day we would like to have a "Bookmobile"—in other words, a bookstore on wheels. In this way we could visit the many towns and villages where we do not have a church and where the gospel message has never yet been heard. Please pray that God may continue to bless our publications.

Hundreds Saved in Manila

Floyd M. Horst, Philippines

THE VALDEZ meetings are now history and we lift our hearts in praise and thanks to God for all that He has done in our midst. Our campaign was held from November 23 to December 7 and C. E. Valdez Jr. was our evangelist. Thousands of our Filipino people have been reached with the gospel message for the first time in their lives.

Although we had 6,000 free seats we could scarcely handle the crowds. God performed miracles in our midst. It was wonderful to see Him work in such a marvelous way after our fervent prayers and arduous efforts of the past two years.

The students were organized into groups of ushers and personal workers. We never could have conducted the meetings without their assistance.

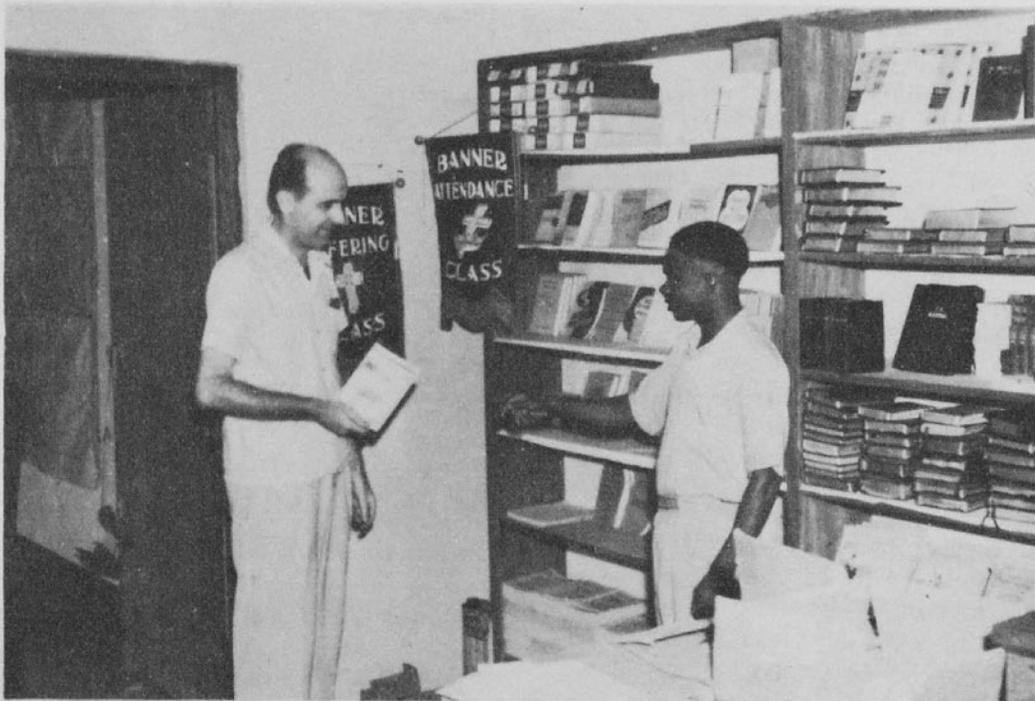
Everything went smoothly—the weather was ideal and the meeting place was comfortable and adequate. We are weary in body, but we are lifted up in our spirits when we think of all that has been accomplished. Truly, it is the largest meeting of its kind ever to be held in the Philippines—that is to say, the largest meeting wholly sponsored by one denomination only.

Later we held a baptismal service. It was an impressive sight when approximately 350 candidates were baptized. No doubt this is the largest Protestant baptismal service ever held in Manila.

BIBLES NEEDED!

English Bibles needed for students . . . NOW! ! ! Small, large, new or slightly used ones are acceptable. Bibles should be sent "Book Post" to Floyd Horst, Box 2483, Manila, Philippines.

"A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks; a tongue through which Christ speaks; a hand through which Christ helps; a heart through which Christ loves."



BOOKSHOP IN NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

After the printing is finished the quarterlies and books of various kinds are sold from the bookshop. Here too is our tract distribution center, where the pastors may come at any time to get gospel tracts. Some day our missionaries hope to have a "Bookmobile"—a bookshop on wheels. They would thus be enabled to reach many towns and villages where we have no churches and where the gospel message has not yet been heard.

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Part 2—Hong Kong

Evangelist Mark Buntain

IN JUST two hours our plane was scheduled to leave for Hong Kong, so at 3:30 a.m. we were already up and attending to last-minute details. The Bible School boys helped load our suitcases and musical instruments into the "Speed-the-Light" Chevrolet. We were chauffeured to the airport where again we had to unwind considerable red tape (always incident to foreign travel).

The big silver-and-blue plane stood glistening in the morning sun as we said goodbye to the friends we had learned to love and appreciate. The long passenger list was evidence that the plane would be crowded—a mixed group of Chinese, Filipinos, Americans and Canadians. The huge propellers began to spin and we were off again—to Hong Kong.

The hours rolled on. When we finally approached the coastline of China, our hearts thrilled with excitement and anticipation. Often I had wondered if ever I would be privileged to bring the gospel message to the Orient. The eventful day had actually arrived! Being British subjects helped us to pass quickly the immigration authorities; being an American resident had aided me also in entering the Philippines.

Harland Park was on hand at Hong Kong to meet us with his "Speed-the-Light" Austin car. Arrangements had been made for us to stay in the Lutheran Missionary Home. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that we were to share a room with James Vigna, who had just escaped from Red China.

We arrived in time to participate in the activities connected with the closing of the Bible School year at the Ecclesia Bible Institute. James Baker (now in Formosa) and the 70 Chinese students had all been praying for revival. We held morning sessions as well as night meetings. God graciously met us as we tarried in His presence. Fifteen of these splendid young students received the Baptism. Day after day they testified to the glorious experiences they were having. Surely it was a heavenly visitation.

I wish it were possible to give an accurate description of existing conditions in the great city of Hong Kong—the gateway between Red China and the West. The hardships and privations under which the poor people exist is indescribable. The streets are thronged with one and one-half million residents and another half million refugees from Red China. We had to be extra cautious lest we trample on the homeless ones whose beds were the bare sidewalks.

In the morning it is a fairly common sight to see a pile of rice bowls stacked next to a wall and a bunch of dirty newspapers beside them. This is some family's home. The parents are doubtless working, trying to eke out an existence. The children are very likely roaming the streets begging for money.

Our next meetings were held in Kowloon, which is on the mainland across the bay



Gustave Kinderman
Europe



Cledith Cox
Nigeria, W. Africa



Frances Ivy
North India



Winifred Currie
Belgian Congo

from Hong Kong. Brother and Sister Park are pressing the Lord's battle there. Miss Annie Bailie ministers a few miles farther on at Ven Lung. The first Sunday morning of the special meetings we had a glorious visitation from heaven. Oh, how those Chinese could sing, and how they could pray! They were grateful for the healings that took place; yet the cry of their hearts was that their spiritual needs might be supplied. They all prayed earnestly and God did not disappoint them. We had a real "camp meeting revival" and 75 Chinese received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Over 130 came forward to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Surely the little colony of Hong Kong, with its teeming population, presents a terrific challenge to us today. Down through the years, as our missionaries and national Christians have ministered there, the sunlight of salvation has been pouring into the hearts of the people. Today as you walk amid the throngs that fill the streets and crowded roads, your heart is gripped with the realization that the twilight is at hand and it may soon be "night" in the Orient.



Lorene Thompson
North India



Irene Crane
Nigeria, W. Africa

Lorene Thompson and Frances Ivy sailed from Seattle the early part of January on the "S. S. Hoegh Silverspray" for Calcutta. They are to be stationed in North India.

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John Kolenda sailed January 15 for Germany. Mrs. Kolenda will remain in California. Brother Kolenda's address is: Gerokstrasse 4 (14a), Stuttgart, Germany.

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John S. Richards has a new address: 11 Durham Street, Kensington, Johannesburg, Transvaal, S. Africa.

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From the Paul E. Finkenbinders in San Salvador comes this encouraging word: "We have been in a wonderful revival at our school here in Santa Ana. During the three months that school has been in session we have been praying for revival. We set apart seven days for prayer. God met our hungry hearts and twelve of the students received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were marvelous manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit and all were greatly blessed. The spirit of revival spread to a church which is pastored by one of our teachers. There 17 received the Baptism."

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Glenna Lillibridge from East Pakistan writes: "Nolini, one of our converts, took his wife and went back to his village. He has been doing good work. Besides conducting religious services he is teaching some to read. Real interest has been awakened. His mother, brother and sister who were saved a year ago are growing spiritually. The older brother is now desirous of becoming a Christian. We hear of eight other families in that village who want to become Christians. Thank God for those who take their stand for Christ in a Hindu village in spite of persecution and trials."

MISSIONARY News Notes



Cledith Cox and Irene Crane sailed from Canada early in January for another term of service in Nigeria, West Africa.

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Winifred Currie has arrived in Belgium. After a short term of study there she will proceed to the Belgian Congo, her former field of service.

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Gustave Kinderman sailed early in January for Europe where he will be engaged in relief work. Mrs. Kinderman accompanied him. Their address is: P. O. Box 120, Basel 1, Switzerland.

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Harold Kohl from Colombo, Ceylon sends the following news: "Howard Carter of London was with us at the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle for a week in December. God was present in a marvelous way as Brother Carter expounded the Scriptures to us in his own inimitable style. Three of our folk received the Baptism. One young English lad from the R.A.F. was converted.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Lesson for February 22

Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23

Matthew 13 is a chapter of parables. Jesus said that parables were mysteries—"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" (v. 11). A mystery in Scripture is truth hidden from the natural mind and revealed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus saw the darkness of the people's minds and hearts, and their unwillingness to accept the truth; therefore He spoke to them in parables (v. 13). God's revelation is reserved for those who love truth and are desirous of walking in the light of truth. To such Jesus said, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17). "Blessed are your eyes, for they see" (Matt. 13:16).

The parables of Matthew 13 are said to describe the results of the presence of the gospel in the world during the present Church age. That being so, there are spiritual qualities of the kingdom that are being manifest in the present age.

1. The Parables of The Sower

a. The Seed. It would be quite correct to say that the seed is the Word of God. Jesus said it was "the word of the kingdom." One has said it is "the evangelic seed, the mind of Christ, or His religion in its native purity and simplicity." The seed is "the gospel of your salvation," "the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (1 Thess. 2:13). To those who believe and obey the gospel, it becomes the savor of life unto life. To those who reject, it is the savor of death unto death. The apostle recognized himself to be such a savor because the message which he brought was not the word of man but "the word of God" (2 Cor. 2:15-17).

John the Baptist was sowing the right seed when he said, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus followed with a similar message. The message went into the entire known world during the time of the apostles, and wherever it went it brought forth the fruit of righteousness in those who believed (Col. 1:6).

b. The Soil. If the seed is God's message, the soil is the human heart. Four kinds of soil are mentioned in our lesson: hard ground, stony ground, thorny ground, and good ground. I like a comment which I recently read which suggested how the Jews, Greeks, and Romans had prepared the human soil for the gospel. The writer said that Jewish thought concerning God and divine requirements had spread throughout the Gentile world through the Jewish dispersion, awakening in the Gentiles a sense of moral responsibility. Then when the time had come for the going forth of the gospel, Greek thought was helpful in that,

on the whole, its philosophy had brought the people only to a hopeless skepticism and made them dissatisfied. Roman culture had done the same by sinking the people into a veneration of the Emperor which was a poor substitute for real religion. Into such soil and at such a time the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ was brought.

But this is not what Jesus had in mind when He spoke concerning the soil. To Him the soil was the individual heart of man.

2. The Parable Explained

a. Seed by the Wayside. With some, the Word of God is like seed that falls by the wayside. It finds no place in their hearts because they are hardened and unresponsive. We know how quickly the birds will sweep down on grain that is spilled on the ground; so Satan is ever seeking to steal from man the gospel that is meant for the saving of his soul. It is pitiful to see how unconcerned some people are in spite of the many opportunities they have to hear the message of the Lord. Where the adversary can do so, he will divert men's minds from the truth by causing their thoughts to wander, or else to keep them preoccupied with trifling things of time. If the wayside hearer knew what he is missing by permitting Satan to steal the truth from him, surely he would turn from indifference to serve the living God.

b. Seed on Stony Ground. This is the person who is quick to hear, and ready to respond, but shallow in character and appreciation. He accepts the message when it is presented, and starts on the way to heaven. He may even shout above many another, when touched with salvation, but where is he in the days that follow? Having no root in himself (that is, no qualities of endurance) he is offended, or stumbled, when trials come, and he goes back into the world. Demas well illustrates this kind of Christian. When Paul wrote to the Colossians he said, "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you" (Col. 4:14). Even after Paul had been taken prisoner to Rome, he could write, "There salute thee . . . Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellow laborers" (Philemon 23, 24). But two years later, in his last epistle to Timothy, he had to write, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10). How beautifully Demas started out. How sadly he proved, when the tests came, to be stony ground. The seed had sprung up lusciously but became withered before it could reach maturity.

c. Seed Among Thorns. These are persons of character. Were it not for the love of the world, they might have brought forth much fruit. They

gave themselves to God in full devotion for a time, but gradually let the world into their hearts—worldly cares, the deceitfulness of riches (and, if we may borrow from the account as given by Luke, "the pleasures of this life"). I fear our people are in more danger of being in this class than in any other class. People of quality, who might be much for God, having ambition and ability, may allow the world with its glitter, its glamour, and its gain to sap their spiritual life away. They may still go to church with the marks of the world upon them, but the loving devotion, the fire of their early victories is gone. They have a certain pleasure when others get happy in the Lord, but their own lives have become spiritually barren. They live honestly, but their souls have lost communion with God. Their spiritual life has been sapped away by things of this present world. Are we among this number? God help us to examine ourselves.

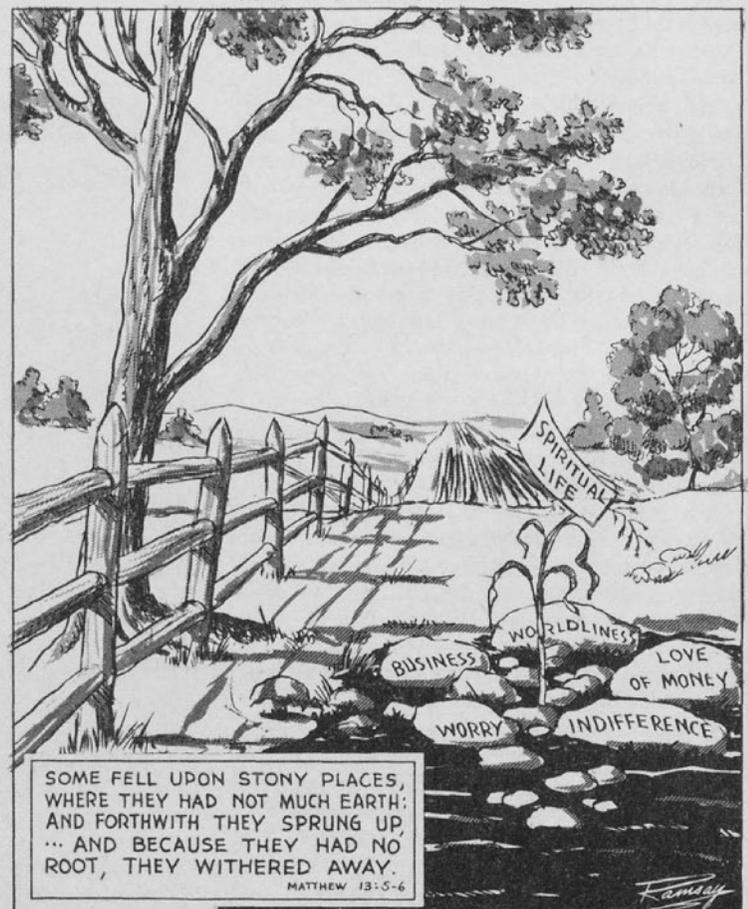
d. The Good Soil. This represents the faithful, plodding ones, those who meant business when they came to the Lord, and who continue faithful until life shall end. It is they who bring forth fruit that is pleasing to God: some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus Performs Miracles (lesson for Sunday, February 15). Lesson text: Matthew 8:14-17; 23-32.

Faith is a source of power, a principle of action; men of faith have always been men of action. Where there is belief there must be something to believe.—Dr. Graham Scroggie.

NOT MUCH CHANCE



Why Sunday School Conventions?

J. O. Savell

SUNDAY SCHOOL conventions have become so much a part of our thinking and planning during the past ten or twelve years, that it may seem absurd to attempt to set forth the "why" of their existence.

There may have been instances during these years when convention efforts were regarded by some as purely an experiment; but if they were, that idea has long since been abandoned. Our entire fellowship, ministers and laymen alike, have come to recognize the moral and spiritual potentialities of the Sunday School, and to them the Sunday School convention has become a "must." It is my candid opinion that Sunday School conventions (sectional, district, regional, and national) are here to stay.

Following is a brief summary of how our Sunday School conventions have grown. This information is found in a booklet entitled, "Survey of Services and Supplies Available to Assemblies of God Sunday Schools." It will show you the place conventions have come to occupy in our fellowship.

Ten national Sunday School conventions have been sponsored by the National Sunday School Department since 1940. All of them have convened in Springfield, Missouri. No other activity has done more to bring the Sunday School vision and information to our people. In fact, these conventions have meant much in influencing various denominations to see the possibilities through Sunday School emphasis.

In May, 1940, the first National Sunday School Convention met in the library of the old Gospel Publishing House building. It was indeed a small beginning. Speakers and subjects included "Sunday School Work in the Oklahoma District," "Sunday School Work in the Kansas District," "Sunday School Work in the Arkansas District," "Working with Young People," and "Working with Adolescents."

Thirty District Sunday School Representatives gathered in March, 1942, for the second national convention. Theme of the convention was "Sunday School in Action." A number of editorial writers spoke on problems of mutual concern.

By February, 1945, interest in Sunday School conventions had so increased that not only did regularly appointed District Sunday School Representatives attend the third national but many Sunday School evangelists, Bible school students, children's workers, and pastors and superintendents gathered. The convention opened with a keynote message, "Christian Leadership," by E. S. Williams, then our General Superintendent. Main thought of the convention was that although the worker needs to study and become skilled in Sunday School methods, he must have the anointing of the Holy

Spirit upon his life and work. This has been the attitude held by speakers and planners of all our conventions, and perhaps points to one of the reasons for the Lord's special blessing.

The first national convention to feature departmental conferences was the one which met in February, 1946. Theme of the convention was "Progress in Building Sunday Schools." The fifth convention, held in February, 1947, packed the Central Assembly auditorium, and it was considered to be a great milestone in Assemblies of God Sunday School history. So many were the favorable comments that immediately the dates were set for the sixth and the cry was made, "Be One of Five Thousand!" There were sixty-five Sunday School superintendents present at the fifth convention, the largest such delegation to attend up to that time.

The convention had outgrown Central Assembly. The sixth convention was taken to Springfield's Shrine Mosque over the protests of some who felt that the Assemblies of God should never expect to fill such a large auditorium for a Sunday School convention. But again the Lord honored the courage of our leaders. Many were heard to say, "This is the biggest thing I ever attended!" "This exceeds my greatest ex-



J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, is shown (left) with Paul Copeland, Director of the National Sunday School Department. Both of these men will be night speakers at the six Regional Sunday School Conventions, the first of which opens in Fort Worth on February 17.

pectations." Men were found weeping—strong men touched by the mighty power of God. In the convention they found themselves—found how little they knew, how little they had been doing. Now with faith heightened, vision broadened, and consecration deepened, men were saying, "What can I do?"

So large had the convention now become that it was necessary to secure not only the Shrine Mosque but additional buildings for conferences. The seventh, eighth and ninth conventions attracted thousands upon thousands of Sunday School enthusiasts. Assemblies of God Sunday School work has been established as a leader in the field, and the growth has been termed phenomenal.

The Tenth National (First International) Sunday School Convention broke all known attendance records for Sunday School conventions. Over ten thousand delegates crowded into three large auditoriums for the conventions when three evening services were held simultaneously. Representatives from every state of the union and several foreign countries, including members of over thirty different denominations, attended the sessions.

At the Tenth Convention delegates unanimously approved a plan to hold the national Sunday School convention every other year, rather than every year as had been done consecutively since 1946. In this alternate year of 1953 six Regional Sunday School Conventions will be held. Theme of the conventions is "Sunday Schools—Advance!" Sub-themes are: Advance in Spirituality; Advance in Evangelism; Advance in Growth.

Convention places and dates are:

Fort Worth, Texas	February 17-19
Fresno, California	March 3-5
Portland, Oregon	March 17-19
Cleveland, Ohio	March 31-April 2
Mobile, Alabama	April 28-30
Minneapolis, Minnesota	May 20-22

Evening speakers will be Victor Trimmer, J. O. Savell, Paul Copeland. Morning speakers, Billie Davis and George H. Davis, plus a round-table discussion by the Convention Team, which is made up of fifteen National Sunday School Department specialists. This Team not only will speak but also will conduct sixteen afternoon departmental workshops and handcraft demonstrations. Fourteen exhibits and a Gospel Publishing House bookstore will also be featured at each convention.

If, as Jesus stated, "Wisdom is justified of all her children" (Luke 7:35), then the children (results) of the Sunday School Conventions should be offered as justification number one for its existence. A mere glance at the statistical analysis of our National Sunday School Department will convince even the most skeptical that the phenomenal growth of the local Assembly of God Sunday School work could not have been accomplished in so short a period of time without the impetus given through the well-planned programs presented at the National Sunday School Conventions.

Ideas for growth and expansion, as well as the means necessary to improve and increase the efficiency of the Sunday School worker, have been carried back and put into operation in the local Assemblies by the thousands of delegates who have had the opportunity to attend these great gatherings.

A Day At Pinellas Park

Edith Whipple, National WMC Secretary

TO THE AVERAGE person the thought of living in an "old folk's home" is something to be postponed until every other resource has been exhausted. Not so at Pinellas Park, our beautiful home in Florida for retired ministers and missionaries.

Gloomy rooms? Beggarly equipment? Atmosphere of pauperism? Pitiful people? Not a trace of it at Pinellas Park, for this home is no ordinary "institution," and the residents bear little semblance to "old folks." Here we are entertaining guests of distinction—world travelers, builders of mission stations and churches, and ministers of the Word of God to the salvation of souls! Neither has their vision dimmed nor their zeal abated for the work of the Lord.

Here they came now. The eight o'clock bell has just called them to breakfast, and as they take their places at the three large tables, greetings are cheery and concern for each other is sincere and courteous. "Good morning. Did you rest well last night? This is a beautiful day the Lord has given us, isn't it?"

Breakfast is served pleasantly by consecrated workers. Sister A—takes tea instead of coffee, and Brother B—likes his toast browner than the others. Sister C—'s eggs must be done to a turn, while Brother D—'s diet calls for grape juice.

Listening to the gist of conversation around the tables, one is considerably enlightened, for the morning paper has already been digested, and radio broadcasts were assimilated last night, ranging from national affairs and Israel's new president, to headlines in the religious world and the progress of some noted evangelist's impact upon a neighboring city. Nothing has escaped their notice and interest, even though their birthdays have passed seventy, and some have reached the upper eighties.

Breakfast finished (interesting discussions are never finished) the big family joins in morning devotions, including the reading of the Word of God and prayer. Each expresses concern for someone in need—a missionary in African suffering from fever, adverse conditions in India, a sick grandchild, or a neighborhood soul in the valley of decision. One seems to be lifted into the very presence of God when these elderly prayer warriors lift their voices in praise and intercession, and one feels confident that prayer is answered around the world that day.

Forenoon at Pinellas Park is a busy time for everyone. The workers hustle through the morning's duties, clearing away breakfast and moving quickly into the preparation of dinner, hanging out long lines of laundry, tidying rooms and cleaning halls. Even the guests are occupied—a bit of mending or writing in their rooms, reading under the mulberry tree in the side yard, or just enjoying Florida's delightful weather on the front porch.

Delicious aromas entice everyone back to the tables at twelve o'clock, when lunch is served. Some appetites are capricious; some diets are prescribed, and all are carefully observed when meals are prepared, and the resulting variety of food turns out to be a feast for one of sturdy appetite.

One missionary brings to the table a letter she has received from her son in India, and all are keenly interested. Another has mail from Mexico, reporting encouraging developments in the work in answer to their prayers. Still another has spent her morning sitting out by the sidewalk, speaking to passersby about the Lord and handing them tracts, especially to the school children.

After lunch the first item on the agenda for the most of the guests is a nap, followed by letter writing, reading, entertaining a visitor, or an occasional trip to the city. For the workers it is more cleaning, ironing, and attending to numerous service and delivery trucks—the vegetable truck, for instance, from which the matron carefully selects fresh fruits and vegetables; the milk man, who stocks the refrigerator with an abundance of fresh dairy products; and the one who keeps the deep freeze well supplied with ice cream.

Five o'clock brings everyone back to the tables for a light but tasty supper, and more happy conversation concerning the day's activities. There's never a dull moment!

Probably the most delightful time of day is 6:30 p.m. when the guests and workers gather around the piano in the living room for evening devotions. One hurries in a little late, explaining that she has been visiting in the neighborhood homes, witnessing for the Lord. Hymn books are passed around, and how these people love to sing.

First we sing Sister E—'s choice, and then Brother F— calls for his. This is one service that isn't pushed through with an eye on the clock, for we have nothing else to do. We have come together to sing and worship at the sunset hour.

"Now who has a favorite passage of Scripture for us tonight?" our matron asks, and someone makes a suggestion. Around the room we read the chapter verse by verse, and then comes a period of comment, several contributing some bit of blessing he or she has found in this or that verse. Or the Lord may lead one to launch out on a rich exposition of the entire passage. Then we go to prayer. There's no hurry, for the time is early; no one has to hasten home, for we are at home, and the time of waiting in the presence of the Lord is precious.

When we finally arise, good-nights are said and each retires to his or her room. Later a tap comes on the door, and a worker enters with a tray filled with light refreshments—something different for each one according to special needs or choice. The comfort of each guest is paramount, and each one's welfare is assured before the workers retire for the night.

Two of the guests celebrated birthdays during my visit to the home. "Come to my room this afternoon," one invited me. "I want you to see what I received from the Women's Missionary Council." She showed me several nice gifts, and she had her birthday cards hanging across a long string stretched from wall to wall.

The other one also wanted me to come to her room to see her gifts and cards. "They are all from our dear Women's Missionary Council ladies," she explained with deep emotion. "They are my best friends, and yet I have never met them."

THEY STILL ENJOY CHRISTMAS

"What would you like for Christmas?" I asked each one while visiting at the home. One showed me a pair of decrepit house shoes. One wanted a new dress—"Something suitable for going out in my ministry of personal work," she explained. Another



wanted a warm lounging robe. Most of them needed sleeping garments and underwear, or a white shirt for Sunday wear (for they love to attend services in the nearby assemblies). With the aid of a candid tape measure we checked sizes, and even drew on paper an outline of the house shoes which were destined for retirement.

Several told me their most urgent need was a carpet for their room. Holes in the old rugs created a hazard for unsteady steps.

Returning to my improvised office upstairs, I breathed a prayer that not one resident in the home would be disappointed on Christmas day, and then sent their Christmas lists to the WMC's in their home districts. WMC's in other districts were contacted for offerings with which to buy 9 x 12 rugs. Then we eagerly awaited the outcome.

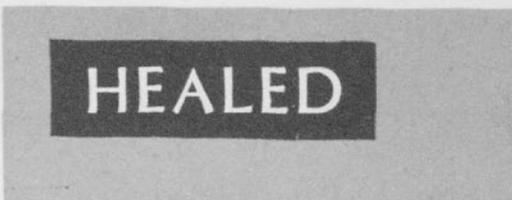
Shortly after Christmas, back in the Springfield office, we received the wonderful news from our matron, Mrs. Carl Holifield. "All the lists were completely filled, with one or two minor exceptions. The clothing was all nice and new—very pretty, and we had enough money to buy five room-size rugs! In addition some groups sent beautiful crocheted pieces, linens and quilts. I don't know what more the WMC's could have done to make us happier. Everything was wonderful! We had two steak dinners. We also received three turkeys, four home-baked cakes, about a dozen fruit cakes, a crate of apples, jams, jellies, dried fruits and other food, some of which is still in our deep freeze. One church gave us a much-needed new cart for transporting dishes from kitchen to dining room.

"We had a beautiful Christmas tree and a precious service in the parlor, giving thanks to God for all who had a part in making our Christmas a happy occasion. Our hearts were made to rejoice just in knowing that so many friends were thinking of us at Christmas time. There aren't words to describe the blessing which we of Pinellas Park Home have received from the Women's Missionary Council groups and all our other friends. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done."

Blessedness of Prayer

The privilege of prayer to me is one of my most cherished possessions, because faith and experience alike convince me that God Himself sees and answers, and His answers I never venture to criticize. It is only my part to ask. It is entirely His to give or withhold, as He knows is best. If it were otherwise, I would not dare to pray at all. In the quiet of home, in the heart of life and strife, in the face of death, the privilege of speech with God is inestimable.

I value it more because it calls for nothing that "the wayfaring man, though a fool," cannot give—that is, the simplest expression to his simplest desire. When I can neither see, nor hear, nor speak, still I can pray so that God can hear. When I finally pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I expect to pass through it in conversation with Him.—*Doctor Grenfell.*



If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

MAJOR OPERATION UNNECESSARY

For about five years I suffered with a pain in my left side. It finally got so severe that I had to do something about it. I went to a doctor for an examination. He told me that my left ovary was twice the size of the right one, that I had three small tumors on my uterus, and that the uterus was tipped. He told me that I needed an operation for the removal of my left ovary, the uterus, and also my appendix.



Mrs. White

I tried to get someone to take care of my two children while I would be in the hospital, but I could not find any one. Then I got a letter from my mother telling me to hold on to God's promises for He was able to heal me.

A few days later I received a letter from my sister-in-law containing an anointed handkerchief (Acts 19:5). When I opened the letter and took out the handkerchief the Lord did the work. My left side had pained me day and night, but since God healed me I have had no more trouble.

About six weeks after I was healed, I went back to the doctor. He gave me a thorough check-up. He told me that I did not need an operation, as my left ovary was back to normal size, the tumors were gone, and my uterus was back in place. The doctor asked me what happened, and I told him how God healed me.

That was in October, 1951, and I have had good health ever since. Not a day passes that I do not thank Jesus for healing me.—Mrs. Eleene White, Route 1, Box 366, Orting, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor James McGahey, Puyallup, Wash.)

PAINFUL CYST

For several years I suffered from a pilonidal cyst which gave me great pain. My doctor told me I must have an operation and was preparing to get me a room at the hospital.

On September 5, 1951, I attended a revival at the Assembly of God. Evangelist Stanley MacPherson preached a wonderful sermon on faith and healing. I had him to anoint me with oil (James 5:14) and prayed for my healing. The Lord instantly healed me that night, and the healing still holds good. I give God the glory for the wonderful way He answered prayer.—Jean Seigman, 102 Grove Dr., Ashtabula, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Evangelist R. J. Ferguson, Canton, Ohio, former pastor at Ashtabula, Ohio.)

DISLOCATED KNEE

My left knee popped out of place and it was so painful and swollen that I could not stand on it. I had a neighbor call my pastor, S. K. Biffle. He anointed me with oil and prayed, and the knee went back into place. That afternoon I did a big ironing and went to church that night. I did not have to stop my work, and I have not had any more trouble with my knee.—Mrs. Ada C. Cly, 1710 Glover, Joplin, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor S. K. Biffle, Joplin, Mo.)

PAIN IN SIDE AND ATHLETE'S FOOT

I suffered with my side about three months. I went to two doctors but they could not help me. I wrote to J. W. McMasters of Iuka, Mississippi to pray for my healing. He wrote me a letter giving me Scriptures to show that Christ bore our sins and sicknesses, and that by His stripes we are healed (Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17; 1 Peter 2:24).

He told me to believe and obey, and said that if I would lay the letter on my body God would heal me. When I laid the letter on my body, God healed me and I have had no more trouble with my side. This happened in March, 1952.

About twelve years ago I had a bad case of athlete's foot. My flesh looked as if it were coming off the bones. My toenails came off, and flesh from the bottom of my foot came off. I suffered very much with it.

I went to Meridian, Miss. and had Brother McMasters pray for me. God healed the foot, and I have never had any more trouble.—Mrs. Sallie L. Yarbrough, Route 2, Heidelberg, Miss.

(Endorsed by J. W. McMasters, Iuka, Miss.)

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REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE BOYS' DORMITORY AT JUNEAU CHILDREN'S HOME BURNED TONIGHT (JANUARY 14, 1953). IT WAS A TOTAL LOSS INCLUDING EVERYTHING INSIDE, ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS LOST, INCLUDING EVERYTHING GEORGE DOWNS POSSESSED, THERE WAS NO ONE HURT, ALL THE CHILDREN TAKEN OUT SAFELY. DETAILS FOLLOWING BY LETTER.

A few days after the above wire was received by the National Home Missions Department, the following letter came from Mrs. Helen Johnson, matron of the Home, bringing details of the fire:

"By this time you have the wire, telling you that the boys' dormitory burned to the ground. George (Downs) had checked the furnace about 7:30, and had found everything going all right, and had gone on to prayer meeting. About 8:30, Tim came up to tell me that the dorm was full of smoke. So he and I took the fire extinguisher down, but it had gotten too far; and though I emptied the extinguisher, it did no good. I couldn't see the length of the dorm for smoke. I did get all the boys out. (Seven out of the ten were sleeping there. The other three had gone to prayer meeting.) They ran up to the main building in their pajamas, some with no shoes.

"Then I got a wet cloth over my mouth and tried pouring water around the furnace; but that did no good, for I could hear the fire crackling along the length of the floor, so I got out. I called the fire department, then ran back to count the boys again—in fact, I was still counting them when I went to bed and tried to sleep at 3:30 a.m.

"As soon as the fire got headway, the lights all went off, so we had no pump to force the water anywhere. But the Power Company sent a crew out, and they got our lights on again, and cut off all power on the lines going to the dormitory so there would be no live wires hanging loose.

"The smoke was thick when I went down the first time, and I could only get the children out. We couldn't save anything. I asked my husband to see if he couldn't possibly get into George Downs' room and save his new suit, but, though he smashed in two windows hoping to clear the smoke out enough so he could enter, he just couldn't get in. Then when George got here we found that he had worn an old suit to church, so he lost all of his clothes, including his two good suits. Everything went!

"The Red Cross loaned us ten beds, and

a housing project loaned us ten mattresses and some sheets and pillows. They also bought the boys some warm jackets and a few clothes, so we have enough to get along on for the present. Oh, yes, the boys have new shoes and galoshes. We cleared out part of the laundry and made double bunks there, and the boys have their clothes in boxes. We can't use the beds and mattresses for long—they must be returned to their owners—so we will need to buy five double metal bunks with mattresses.

"We will also need a new supply of twin-bed size sheets, at least ten matching bedspreads, and (if possible) some wool blankets. We lost our good blankets in the fire. As for clothing, we need new pajamas, jeans, sox, and corduroys for the boys. A new supply of bath towels and washcloths will be a necessity too.

"William lost his new Con trumpet, and George his new Olds trombone, and Ralph and Tim lost their new skis—all Christmas presents! Tim was crying and he told some one, 'Toys don't matter much now, but that was the only home I had!' I assured him that he would always have a home as long as we had one, and that we would begin building a new dorm soon. I don't know, but I believe it shall be done! The need is urgent; we can't keep all the boys cooped up in one corner of the laundry very long.

"It was hard to see the work of years go up in flames, for every inch of that dorm was gotten through prayer and hard work. I could only stand and weep as it burned.

Folks came and offered help if any were needed, but to tell you the truth I could only half see them. I was sick from breathing or swallowing smoke, and I am still not feeling well. I have done something to my left side and can hardly walk at times, so please remember me in prayer.

"No one was hurt, though, and all the children are safe. We have much to praise God for, in that He spared the boys from harm. It is a wonder they weren't overcome with all the smoke that was in the dorm. Tim, bless his heart, came up for me in time!"

Damage to the building and its contents is estimated at \$20,000 and the building was insured for about one-fourth its present replacement value. We are sure that many of our EVANGEL readers will want to help toward the rebuilding and refurnishing of the boys' dormitory at the Juneau Children's Home.

If you are sending offerings, please designate them for Boys' Dormitory, Juneau Children's Home, and send them direct to the National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

All packages should be sent directly to the Juneau Children's Home, Box 2033, Juneau, Alaska. Please do not send any packages to the National Home Missions Department.

Few things are more pathetic than the sight of one who has become so busy with the Lord's work that he has neglected the Lord Himself.—Dr. J. B. Chapman.



BUILDING IN JUNEAU, ALASKA, DESTROYED BY FIRE

This is how the boys' dormitory, recently destroyed by fire, at Juneau Children's Home appeared three years ago. After the above picture was taken a number of improvements were made on the building.

According to the *Daily Alaska Empire*, a Juneau newspaper, "Heroes of the tragedy were little Timmy Wallis, 10 (see inset), and Mrs. Lyle Johnson, matron of the Home. Timmy, present in the dormitory with six other boys, was alarmed when he saw smoke coming from the grate in the floor. There is an inter-communication system between the dormitory and the main house, but Timmy didn't want to frighten the other boys by using it. So he ran to the house and notified Mrs. Johnson. . . ."

The newspaper account related that later, as Mrs. Johnson was attempting to call the fire department, Timmy tried to "enter the furnace room underneath the dormitory, to turn off the oil in the furnace, but a solid wall of flame prevented him from reaching the valve."

QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY FRANK M. BOYD

If you have questions concerning the Scriptures, send them to Questions Department, The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Be sure to give your name and address, so that Brother Boyd may answer your question by letter if not in this column.

What is the meaning of the text, "For His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God"? 1 John 3:9.

It is not implied that the word "cannot" in this verse means the impossibility or inability to sin, for as long as man is a free moral agent he "can" exercise his will wrongfully and disobey the commandment of God. The sense of "cannot" seems to be that he "will have no disposition to sin," because in the New Birth the "seed" of the divine nature is implanted, bringing about a new relationship to God and a desire to please Him and to refrain from anything that grieves Him.

Please explain the expression, "He led captivity captive." Eph. 4:8.

The context here (vv. 8-10) indicates that what Jesus did is related to what happened when He died and His spirit "descended into the lower parts of the earth," or "hades," the place of departed spirits (cf. Ezek. 31:14, 16, 18). This was part of His redemptive work that "He might fill all things." Revelation 1:18 speaks of the triumphant, glorified Christ as having "the keys of hades (literal meaning) and of death," indicating His authority over that region.

His triumph over death involved the deliverance of the souls of the righteous from hades, a temporary place of detention and waiting, transferring them to "paradise" above (cf. 2 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 1:23). The expression, "led captivity captive," is rendered in a number of versions as follows: "He led a host of captives."

Do the Scriptures teach capital punishment?

Yes, we believe they do. The covenant which God made with Noah and his sons was a perpetual one, an unconditional one, and a racial one, as attested by the fact that its provisions have been evident in the earth ever since. The "bow in the cloud" is a perpetual witness to its lasting nature.

The sin demanding capital punishment, or death, is premeditated murder. This is the import of the commandment in Exodus 21, "Thou shalt not kill" ("do no murder"—cf. Matt. 19:18). Manslaughter is not included in this command, for in Old Testament days God provided the cities of refuge for such (Ex. 21:13).

One argument used against capital punishment is that since Christ's atonement God is now dealing with all men in grace. But this is not so. God is dealing in grace with believers in His Son, but not with the world of unbelievers. The place and authority of the magistrate in governmental economy even now in this Church Age is clearly revealed in Romans 13:1-7. The sword which the ruler "beareth not in vain" is not a mere symbol

of his office, dangling in its scabbard at his girdle, but symbolic of his authority to legally take the life of the transgressor, if his crime demands that punishment.

Let us shed our tears for the man suddenly cut off by the murderer, and for his sorrowing relatives, rather than wasting them upon the heartless murderer who is given time to repent before he pays for his crime with his life.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

HOLLIS, OKLA.—Recently we had a four-week meeting with Evangelist David C. Chesney of Clovis, N. Mex. Twenty were saved or reclaimed, 16 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 were refilled. The church was encouraged and uplifted.

A number testified to definite healing. One lady who had a stiff knee for eight years was instantly healed. Her husband also, who was hard of hearing for forty years, was instantly healed. Two men with visible cancers on their noses were healed. Others were healed of various afflictions.—J. E. Burkhalter, Pastor.

SLATON, TEX.—Last October Evangelist and Mrs. Lloyd Conditt of Fort Worth, Tex. were with us for a meeting. We broke our Sunday School record with 170 present. The church was helped by this two-week meeting.

In November we had a joint revival with the Church of God in the City Hall. Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie of Turlock, Calif. was with us for seven nights. The Lord met us in every service. Several were healed, and the town was stirred.

We also had a meeting with Evangelist Donnal Martin of Arlington, Tex. Around 25 were saved, 12 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled. There were a number of outstanding healings. The meeting continued for three weeks.—Clarence Glaze, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

DE LEON, TEX.—Evangelist David Nunn was with us in one of the best meetings we have had in many years. His ministry was a great blessing to the church. Many were set free from bodily afflictions. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. We baptized 14 in water the last day of the meeting. Quite a number have united with the church recently.

Before this meeting, the church was purchasing some property near by. One Sunday morning Brother Nunn said God spoke to him that 20 people present wanted to give \$100 each on this property. Twenty people came forward with cash just as Brother Nunn had said. Altogether \$2,680.00 was received in cash. We plan to erect a tabernacle on this property for summer revivals.

I am serving the church for the fourth year. Last July, I began preaching that every member should be filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost. God has done wonderful things in our midst ever since. Old differences are forgotten and the people are working in unity. God is blessing in our regular services.—E. E. Pendergrass, Pastor.

FRUITLAND, WASH.—God blessed us during a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Jene Wagner of Wilbur, Washington. Many took a stand for the Lord, and many were healed.

Holy Ghost conviction stirred the hearts of the people. Some did not wait for the evening meeting, but came to the preacher's home to find the way of salvation. It was not the good music, or the good singing, or the program that brought the people; it was the Holy Spirit that worked and moved in our midst. We did not have a large number in attendance, but we learned that if one sinner is in the meeting and our preaching does not stir that one soul, then we need to do more praying. Much praying and fasting was done before the meeting and also during the meeting. One entire family accepted the Lord the last night of the meeting.—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Torgerson, Pastors.



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LOWELL, ARIZ.—God met with us in a gracious way during a five-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. David Schmidt of Burbank, Calif. A number were saved and 25 baptized with the Holy Spirit.

We came here about 15 months ago to pastor this work and to build a new church. The church building is almost complete. We thank God for the mighty outpouring of His Spirit.—Gertrude V. Jones, Pastor.

YONCALLA, OREG.—A year and a half ago we came here to pastor the church. It is surely as Paul said, that one plants, another waters, but God gives the increase. God has blessed here in a mighty way. Souls have been saved, bodies healed, and believers baptized with the Spirit. New Year's Eve we had a watch-night service and foot washing. The Lord surely blessed us.—Harold E. Beaty, Pastor.

DICKINSON, N. Dak.—Evangelist and Mrs G. O. Baker of Tulsa Oklahoma, were with us for six weeks, and the Lord met with us in a wonderful way. The church was encouraged and many were healed. A lady was healed of curvature of the spine, another of a serious headache that she had had for a number of years, and one of an internal trouble. A man who had a bad shoulder for years was healed. Others were healed of various afflictions.—Reuben W. Will, Pastor, Wayside Chapel.

OLIVEHURST, CALIF.—The blessing of the Lord was with us in an unusual way during a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney of Chillicothe, Mo. Souls were saved and believers filled with the Spirit. The church was encouraged and benefited.

The closing Sunday of the meeting we broke the Sunday School record with an attendance of 186. Our present facilities were taxed to the limit to accommodate the crowds. We are praying that God will give us a larger building.—Searl Stover, Pastor.

PARMA, OHIO—Recently we had two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Lyman Jollay of Flint, Mich. God graciously blessed in this meeting, and a new hunger was created in our hearts for Christ and holiness. Brother Jollay's messages were timely, self-humbling, and Christ-exalting. They called God's people back to Calvary and the upper-room experience.—John G. Wharton, Pastor.

VERNON, B. C., CANADA—The McColl-Gerard Trio was with us for a short meeting. God blessed in the meetings, and the last three nights we moved to the Legion Hall to accommodate the crowds. We were sorry the Trio could not be with us longer, but these services proved to be a wonderful beginning for the meetings which followed with Evangelist H. J. Ketner of Delhi, Calif.

Brother Ketner has a Holy Ghost ministry, and signs followed the preaching of the Word. It would be impossible to describe what God did for the many who attended the services. God brought us into a deeper appreciation of our Pentecostal heritage—the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Over 20 were baptized with the Holy Spirit, including many chronic seekers. Around 10 were refilled with the Spirit, and many others were led into the liberty of the Holy Ghost.

One lady said, "Friends talked me out of my experience, but I am glad God led me back. I know now, more than ever before, that it is real. Hallelujah!"

On Christmas Day another lady remarked, "This is the happiest Christmas since I was saved over 20 years ago." This lady and her husband came into our services during this meeting and were filled with the Holy Spirit.

A dear old Scandinavian lady was gloriously filled. She could not speak English for hours. A young lad was filled with the Spirit in his bed at home.

The end is not yet; praise the Lord! After the meeting ended two more were filled with the Spirit and two teen-agers found Jesus Christ as their Saviour. To God be all the glory.—Einar A. Domeij, Pastor.

WOODLAKE, CALIF.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist Wayne Feezall of Terra Bella, Calif. Over 20 came forward for salvation and several received the infilling of the Spirit. The meeting was preceded with two weeks of prayer and we were richly repaid by the results.—J. D. Rensink, Pastor.

WINTER GARDEN, FLA.—We recently closed a two-week meeting with evangelists William B. and Edith E. McKay. God's mighty power was present to save, reclaim, baptize with the Holy Spirit, and heal the sick and afflicted. One outstanding healing was that of a man who had a spinal affliction for five years and was unable to sit down. After Brother McKay prayed for this man, he went directly to a seat and sat down. In the closing service a large crowd came forward to accept Christ. We are looking forward to the time when the McKays will come back with their gospel tent.—John B. Bauldree, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—We have pastored here for nearly six years and the Lord has wonderfully blessed us. We have had a number of good evangelists and ministers who have had a part in the growth of the church, as many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit during the meetings. The people have had a hunger for God and we have had some marvelous healings in our regular services.

We encouraged the people to give more for missions and we suggested to the official board to set aside five per cent of all the tithes and offerings for Missions. The Lord blessed us when we did this, so we decided to give a tenth of all the tithes and offerings to Missions. Still we increased in every way, so we decided to give 15 percent to Missions, and we have continued to prosper.

Recently we installed air-conditioning and remodeled the outside of the church. We have spent thirty to forty thousand dollars in buying more property and building Sunday School rooms and in remodeling. The Sunday School attendance has doubled.

We have resigned the pastorate to enter the evangelistic field, and February 1 was our last Sunday. Our headquarters will be here in Port Arthur.—J. E. and Mrs. Inlow, Box 878, Port Arthur, Tex.

COMING MEETINGS

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 20 days before that date.

FOSSTON, MINN.—Feb. 17—Mar. 1; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh. (W. A. Espeseth is Pastor.)

CHINOOK, MONT.—Assembly of God, Feb. 17—; Evangelist Harry Walker.—by R. O. Shamp, Pastor.

CLOVIS, N. MEX.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 22—; Evangelist E. R. Winter, Texarkana, Tex.—by Roy H. Stewart, Pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 15—Mar. 1; Evangelist W. M. Stevens.—by V. Ernest Shores, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Oakland Revival Tabernacle, Missionary Rally, Feb. 13—16; Paul Pipkin, speaker.—by Cecil J. Lowry, Pastor.

CANOGA PARK, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Feb. 8—; Evangelists R. H. and Louise Bishop, Denver, Colo. (J. E. Manus is Pastor.)

MARIANNA, ARK.—Assembly of God, Feb. 22—Mar. 8; Evangelist and Mrs. M. A. Groff, Pampa, Tex.—by J. C. Nichols, Pastor.

MANHATTAN, KANS.—Assembly of God, Feb. 15—Mar. 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald McDaniel, Baxter Springs, Kans.—by Fred J. Greve, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Mission Tabernacle, Feb. 5—; Jewish Evangelistic Campaign with Monty Garfield of California.—by Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor.

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DOTHAN, ALA.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 23—Mar. 8; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by Max McNab, Pastor.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—First Christian Assembly of God, dedication revival, Mar. 3—15; Evangelist and Mrs. Willard J. Canteion, Naselle, Wash.—by C. C. Burnett, Pastor.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Church of the Four Fold Gospel, during month of March; Evangelist and Mrs. Jay B. Oaks, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by E. A. Manley, Pastor.

LYONS, N. Y.—Full Gospel Assembly, Feb. 24—Mar. 8 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert V. McIntosh, Shrewsbury, Pa.—by Werner M. Johnson, Pastor.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF.—Firestone Assembly of God, dedication of new church, Mar. 1, 2:30 p.m.; F. C. Woodworth, speaker. (O. D. Butterfield is pastor.)—by Naomi R. Newman, Secretary.

WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.—Dedication of Assembly of God, Chestnut and S. Second Sts., Feb. 15, 2:30 p.m.; A. Newton Chase, Eastern District Superintendent, speaker.—by George Hatchner, Pastor.

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