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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Population Shifts

Due to population shifts, it is expected that 36,000,000 people in the U.S., or nearly one-fourth of the population, will move from one city to another this year—an increase of about 20% over last year's record-breaking total. Many of these will be church members, faced with the problem of finding a new place of worship and service. Pastors can help by recommending a church to the outgoing members, and by making sure the incoming folk are given a warm welcome to the meetings.

Fortunes Given to Church

The newspapers told of a lumberman in Oregon who gave his ten-million-dollar lumber mill to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in January. He and his wife recognized that their prosperity had come from God, and felt they ought to pay Him back in this way.

A wealthy widow in Denver, who died in December, had the same feeling. Her estate, valued at some two million dollars, was willed to thirteen Bible and missionary organizations, including the American Bible Society and Moody Bible Institute.

Eating Pork in Israel

Two motions to ban the raising of pork in Israel were introduced in parliament at Jerusalem last month. Due to a meat shortage, the government of the Jewish State last November gave permission to butchers to sell pork to Jews. Orthodox rabbis held mass meetings in protest. They pronounced curses on all who raise pigs, and sevenfold curses on those "who raise pigs in the Holy Land of Israel." There are some thirty farms on which pigs are raised, despite the fact that Mosaic law forbids Jews to eat pork.

Russia's Break With Israel

In Jerusalem, the Russian Orthodox clergy were reported to be jubilant over Moscow's decision to sever diplomatic relations with Israel. The diplomatic break came after some Israeli citizens threw a bomb in the Russian legation building in Israel, in revenge for persecution of Jews in Russia. Government leaders in Israel apologized for the incident, but the Russian government, anxious to gain favor with the Arabs, rejected the apology and announced that diplomatic relations between the two nations must cease.

Monks in Israel, including many who fled from Russia after the Revolution, said they had been terrorized into following the Moscow church line by Soviet legation officials who now are being recalled. Observers believe that the head of the Russian Church in Israel will have a hard time preventing the rank and file of the clergy from breaking allegiance to the Moscow patriarchy.

Russia's Drive Against God

The current anti-Jewish campaign in Iron Curtain countries is part of the Communist drive against God, according to a "high official" of the Evangelical Church in Germany. "Communists know that Jews, regardless of whether or not they have severed their ties with the synagogue, worship God. But as soon as a man worships God, the totalitarian State is no longer the idol to which the individual subjects himself unconditionally."

Writing in *Der Tag*, West Berlin daily, the unidentified churchman said that "the persecution of the Jews is nothing else but a part of Communism's fight against all religious groups who venerate God as the Master over all peoples and States."

Something's Coming!

M. L. Ketcham, Assemblies of God Field Secretary for the Middle East, quotes an old Jewish Rabbi who guided him through Jerusalem as saying:

"Very few of the people coming into the land of Israel are orthodox Jews in the strict sense. Most of us have limited faith in our Scriptures. We are being brought back by blind impulse—just as the birds are drawn to the south in the winter. We feel that something tremendous is portending . . . and yet is far larger than the little country of Israel. Something is going to burst that is bigger than an atom bomb."

Had the Rabbi been reading the prophecy of Zephaniah 1:15, etc.?

Christians in Israel Increasing

There are 3,000 Christian Jews in Israel, according to the latest official report of the Israel government. Although this number is small when compared with the total population of 1,400,000 it should encourage us to pray more fervently, with the apostle Paul, "that all Israel shall be saved." It is reported that there are many secret believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah.

Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, returning from a recent visit to Israel, said he talked with many of the political and religious leaders of Israel. He found that some of the most influential men in Israel are secret believers and that others are most sympathetic. He visited Rabbi Daniel Zion, former Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria, who is now preaching in Jerusalem that Jesus is the Christ. Rabbi Zion told him of unprecedented opportunities for preaching the gospel to the people of Israel.

Dr. Gartenhaus reported that there is one settlement in Israel with approximately 100 Jewish Christian families. He said he found everywhere in Israel a keen interest in the Bible, especially the New Testament.

Televising the Gospel

The National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters has drawn up a Code which states, among other things, that "a charge for television time to churches and religious bodies is not recommended." Evangelicals have protested such a policy on the grounds that it would limit the preaching of the gospel on television. They feared that whatever free time is made available for religious telecasting would be divided between Protestants, Catholics, and Jews on a percentage basis, and that the amount evangelicals would get would be very small. They petitioned for the right to buy TV time in the same way that they buy radio time.

The Television Code and Review Board went into this matter in January and issued an official statement to the effect that local TV stations are entirely free to give or sell air time to churches or religious organizations at their own discretion. "There is no intent, either expressed or implied," it said, "to prohibit the sale of time for religious broadcasts if, in the judgment of the station management, such sale will contribute to the advancement of religious teachings in their community."

In the words of Paul, we can say, "A great door and effectual is open unto me"—the door of television, by which the masses can be reached for Christ. We must add, as did Paul, "and there are many adversaries." One adversary is the expense; it costs a great deal to send out a television program; but those who have pioneered in the field of gospel telecasting have found that the results in souls won to Christ through television make the investment well worth while.

Kidnaper Reads Bible and Surrenders

A Bible in an Oklahoma City hotel room led a taxicab driver to surrender to the police on charges of kidnaping and armed robbery.

Adolph Nourney Stroter committed two armed robberies and a kidnaping at Houston, Texas, on January 5, 1953. Three nights later he noticed a Gideon Bible in the Oklahoma City hotel room where he was staying. He read it, and his conscience began to bother him. He tried to pray. Then he decided to give himself up; so he caught a bus for Houston the next morning. He walked into a Houston police station, handed his revolver to an officer, and said, "I want to surrender. I'm Stroter."

Thank God for the power He has placed in His written Word—and for the Gideons who have placed copies in so many hotel rooms.

Beer and Soft Drinks

Beer sales in 1952 amounted to \$4,500,000,000. The 84,293,646-barrel volume was 1.3% above 1951. *The Survey Bulletin* states that in dollar volume, beer sales were about five times that of the entire soft-drink industry, the reasons being that beer is more expensive than soft drinks and that it is harder to stop with one glass.

MARRIAGE MISFITS

Ralph Hornby *

MARRIAGE IS the most solemn legal compact to be entered into this side of Heaven. Death alone dissolves its union.

Marriages are not all made in heaven. To a great extent we either make or break them with our own hands.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we
thrust
Amid the heartstrings of a friend!"

Happy marriages are neither accidental nor coincidental. They grow to fruition like the plant described by the Lord—first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. If honeymoon days are blissful, old age should crown the whole with surpassing affection. But remember, a happy marriage is not a volunteer growth.

Two marriages are before us: Nabal and Abigail, David and Michal. Read 1 Samuel 25 and 2 Samuel 6 as a background of information. We will take them one at a time.

1. NABAL

"The man was churlish" (1 Sam. 25:3).

Nabal had a great heritage. His ancestor was Caleb, a man mighty in faith, surviving with Joshua alone the wilderness wanderings. At eighty years Caleb desired a mountain full of giants as his homestead. But godliness does not run in the blood. Nabal, his descendant, was a churl.

Nabal was married to Abigail. Abigail means "joy of her father." She qualified to be the "joy of her husband," too. She was a remarkably beautiful woman. He had wealth, also. At today's prices, how many men would like to possess 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats? However, the Bible says he "was churlish and evil in his doings."

The Bible omits all reference to their married life. But quarrelsome, unhappy, misfit marriages in ancient Israel bore a photographic resemblance to the same type in America.

With consummate skill the writer pens

the picture of Nabal, ten days before his unanticipated death. David and his roving band had protected Nabal's great flocks over a lengthy period. After waiting long for a voluntary contribution, necessity drove David to ask for compensation.

Most courteously David's young men entreat Nabal. His crass, insolent taunt meets them. "Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants nowadays that break away every man from his master."

Empty-handed the young men report back to David. He is angered by Nabal's insults. "Gird ye on every man his sword," he cries, and four hundred men set out to fall on Nabal and exterminate him.

What ails Nabal?

The man was churlish.

Does your wife know this man? Do your children know this man? A kindergarten teacher wrote D-O-G on the blackboard and asked the class what the word meant. There was no answer. "What is it," said she, "that barks, and bites, and snarls around your house?" "Oh," volunteered one little boy, "you mean Daddy."

Nabal is a mirror in which we may see our own miserable dispositions. We belittle our Davids. We speak contemptuously of others out of our own contemptible hearts.

Rail at your wife and you will provoke a bitterness that will extinguish the flame of her love for you.

Nowhere does hypocrisy master us so much as at this point. Some men act like angels in church and live like devils at home. At church they are great on

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THE CHRISTIAN HOME

*Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.*

*Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early lisp His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.*

*Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word,
And live but for the skies.*

*Lord, let us in our homes agree,
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign.*

—Message



spiritual liberty and blessing, but at home—! Out in company they are most affable, agreeable, and entertaining. But at home they are silent, sullen, snapping at the children, incapable of an interesting conversation with their own family. Small wonder that the children, when they grow up, have little respect for the God of their father!

Honeymoon days soon pass with some men. Like Nabal, there passes also all their humility, gentleness, and affection. The wife lives on a desert island of silent loneliness.

Abigail had to say of her husband, "He is a son of Belial"—a son of the devil. Must our wives testify thus of us?

Abigail, as you well know, hastened out to meet the angry David with great gifts of food, and dissuaded him from wielding the sword of retribution.

Can you see her as she slowly returns home to Nabal, the churl? He lies in a drunken stupor, too stupid to listen to the day's events. Next morning his wife relates the story. His heart turns to stone and ten days later he died—partly of shock and fear, but mostly of humiliation, exploded pride and impotent rage. "The Lord smote Nabal, that he died."

Says Alexander Whyte: "Kick then the dog out of your heart. Hammer the stone out of your heart. . . . You will get back your bride and your own tender, hopeful, noble, manful heart. But the one, the only real and sure cure for all our New Testament Nabals is that supreme antidote and counter-poison to all churlishness, the cross of Christ. Whatever we start with, we always end with the cross of Christ. Try it, for it cures everything, and especially churlishness and all its bad effects. It cures churlishness in Nabal; and impatience and weariness and despair of life in Abigail; and anger and revenge in David. Come near to the Cross, both Nabal, and David, and Abigail, and look and hear."

2. MICHAL

"She despised him [David] in her heart."

This is the other side of the picture.

Ladies, how would you like to have had David as your husband? He never did anything half-heartedly. If he would play a harp, he must do it with all his skill and compose scores of songs. If he would be a king, he must conquer all the kingdoms round about. If he would worship the Lord, then he is a Pentecostal of the

AN ANGEL ESCORT

A True Story by Elizabeth Bowman

WE HAD gone to the church early in order to be sure of a seat, for the speaker was quite famous, and this special meeting had been widely advertised. The church was packed out some half an hour before time for the service to open.

One of the officers of the church suggested that we have a "testimony meeting" while waiting, and I shall always be thankful for his suggestion.

Among the first to speak was a lady just ahead of me, who looked like an efficient little business woman. She turned around facing us, and her face was so radiant, her voice was so earnest, that she immediately captured the attention of the restless audience.

She said: "I have had a wonderful experience this morning, and I wish to tell you about it. I dreamed last night that I was out in my garden looking up into the clear sky, sparkling with stars. Suddenly, in the distance I saw angels appear. They were white and glistening, and were flying two by two in perfect formation. They came nearer and nearer, not in a straight line, but in long graceful curves." She tried to show us how gracefully they moved as they came nearer.

"To my surprise, they passed slowly over the home of my dearest friend, who was a saintly and devoted Christian. The angel at the head of the procession took my friend tenderly in his arms, as if she were a child, and started back toward

the place from which the angelic band had appeared, the glittering procession following still in perfect formation.

"I was so overcome when I awoke, that I could hardly wait until morning, but as it was light I hurried across town to the home of my friend's daughter, where she was living at that time. I rang the door bell, and waited, trembling. The daughter came to the door and was evidently surprised to see me.

"How is your mother?" I asked, trying to speak casually.

"Oh, Mother is fine, or was last night when she went to bed; but, of course, she isn't up this early."

"May we go up to her room?"

"Oh, certainly; Mother will be pleased to see you."

"We went up to her room, and there she lay, cold in death, the peace of God on her lovely face. I put my arms around the daughter, and told her how I had seen her mother's glorious departure for her Heavenly Home with an escort sent from God."

I have forgotten the name of the great speaker who came and addressed the meeting, and I do not remember his message, but as long as I live I shall remember the thrilling story of the little woman who had seen her friend start for her Heavenly Home where the Lord Jesus, her glorious Redeemer, was waiting to receive her.

Pentecostals, sacrificing every six paces on the ascent to Jerusalem, singing and dancing before the Lord.

Michal appears on the greatest day in David's life. It's coming, its coming: "the ark is coming up the road." David's great heart is heated with worshipful emotion as the ark moves toward the Tabernacle. But Michal is entirely out of sympathy with him. Their hearts do not beat as one.

She met David at the door that evening. She said things David never forgot. It would have been better had she bitten out her tongue!

What ailed Michal? She made no serious attempt to enter into the interests

that consumed the heart of David. A wife's real success is in the success of her husband.

Michal had an obstinacy, inherited from Saul her father, which she took care to develop. She failed to overcome herself. Is there anything in us worse than stubbornness? Have we a greater enemy than our own self?

David was emotional and affectionate. It breathes through the psalms. It sparkles in his personality, and never more than on that day. Is a man any less a man because he has much heart in him?

Michal made herself cold and hard. She laughed belittlingly at David's warm

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heart. She throttled the affection he could have given her until it died. What a story might this have been if she had met David at the door differently.

There was war in Michal's heart. Her mouth spat out wild words. Many a martial grave is dug by a series of little digs. A woman with an uncontrolled temper should wear the badge of the wrecking crew.

There is a verse in the Bible that says, "Let the wife see that she reverence her husband." Man is responsible for the home. Its maintenance and supply devolves properly on him. Its future pros-

perity is in a large measure in his hands. It is enough to break a man's heart to be belittled by his wife, to have her talk derogatorily of him behind his back, to have his wife divulge the intimate secrets of their life, to have her nag him incessantly, to have her make odious comparisons of him with others. And worst of all, to be denied the warm affection which makes the battles and struggles of existence worth while.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another."
"Love never faileth."

It was not by accident the Holy Ghost put these characters in the Bible!



The Temptation

Violet Schoonmaker *

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil; and when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterwards an hungered. Matt. 4:1, 2.

HAVE YOU ever wondered what the forty days' temptation of our Lord could have been? The three temptations recorded in the Gospels came after the forty days had expired. Had we only Matthew's Gospel, we should suppose that the temptation did not begin until after the forty days were over. But Mark tells us that He was there in the wilderness "forty days tempted of the devil." Luke also writes that He "was led by the Spirit, being forty days tempted of the devil." It seems clear from these two statements that there was a forty days' temptation before the three temptations recorded in the Word.

What was the nature of that temptation and why is there complete silence regarding it? Was the temptation of such a personal nature or the sufferings of our Lord so intense that the Spirit of God drew a veil over it to hide it from the gaze of man? Gethsemane's suffering is recorded, at least in a measure. With trembling* and fear we look upon its agony and bloody sweat. But here is the struggle, not of a single hour or a single night, but of forty days and nights alone in the howling wilderness with the wild beasts.

Some may feel that since the precise nature and object of the forty days' temptation are not recorded, we should not pry into its meaning. They quote Deut. 29:29—"The secret things belong unto the

Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children."

It is not my intention to try to persuade you to accept my suggestions. I have come to love my Lord more, as a result of the study, and I merely offer these suggestions for your consideration. Others may feel that it was impossible for our Lord to be tempted in this way and that the very thought dishonors Him. I feel, however, that we do not emphasize the perfect humanity of Jesus as we should. The Bible says that He was "in all points tempted like as we are."

In Hebrews we read that our Lord "suffered being tempted" (Heb. 2:18). [The Greek word for "suffered" here is the same root word as used in Luke 22:15; Heb. 2:9; 1 Peter 5:1 and other passages for the agony, anguish, and physical suffering which Christ endured at Calvary.] Do we grasp the full meaning of these words? We sometimes think that our Lord had but to say, "Get thee hence, Satan," and the enemy was gone. There is no suffering implied in such a conflict, but it is written that our Lord "suffered being tempted" (Heb. 2:18). We believe He suffered as no other man ever suffered, and as no other man could suffer, for no man was ever so pure as He.

The intensity of His suffering is hinted in the forty days' fast. Paul neither ate nor drank for three days when he received the awful revelation of his sin in having persecuted the Christ and His church. We all know from experience that intense suffering of any nature destroys one's desire for food. It is written that "He was afterwards an hungered," implying that there was no hunger during the forty days. Is it not probable that our Lord's spirit was so absorbed in the dread con-

flict with the tempter that He sensed no hunger until it was past?

It seems that whatever the nature of the temptation had been, the tempter had utterly failed, for there is no further reference to it and the matter seems to have been dropped. The struggle over, the victory won, our Lord hungers. Grasping his opportunity, the enemy launches a fresh attack, his first words in opening the attack implying what the nature of the previous temptation may have been. "If thou art the Son of God . . ."

Had the conflict centered around the fact of our Lord's Divine Sonship and His consciousness of that fact? I believe so. One day, soon after my baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Spirit seemed to open to me something of the meaning of those awful days. Some time after that I was reading in the commentary of Jamieson, Faussett, and Brown and I found that they were of the same opinion. They wrote, "The tempter's whole object during the forty days evidently was to get Him to distrust the heavenly testimony borne to Him at His baptism as THE SON OF GOD—to persuade Him to regard it as a splendid illusion—and generally to dislodge from His breast the consciousness of His Sonship."

Just when the knowledge of His unique relationship to God came to our Lord, we do not know. At the age of twelve, He answered His mother's rebuke in a way which indicates that at that time He knew God to be His Father and that He had come into the world to do business for Him. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He may have grown up from a very early age with this consciousness. He must have early heard from His mother's lips the story of (Continued on page ten)

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PASTOR EDWARD TCHIE

"...and They Took the City"

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Africa Field Secretary

The following is a brief chapter from the great revival which is sweeping Ashanti in the Gold Coast, West Africa. There, Pastor Edward Tchie, once a Sergeant Major in the British Army, is now being mightily used of God to open assemblies in scores of towns in the Ashanti Forest.

I ARRIVED in the city of Kumasi on a Friday, where I was met by the resident missionary and Pastor Edward Tchie. Brother Tchie said, "I hope you are planning to stay over Sunday, as we are expecting to 'take a city' for God this very Sunday and we want you to come with us."

The city they had chosen was Akropong, just ten miles from the capital city of Kumasi. Akropong is the home of one of the great paramount chiefs of Ashanti. Brother Tchie said, "We have never held a service in Akropong, although we have visited the place on three different occasions. Now we have arranged with the Chief for a service in the market place on Sunday morning." A group of thirty of the most spiritual people in the Kumasi Church had been fasting and praying for three days and nights. They felt that the time had come to claim the city for God. Consequently, they were now "going up to take the city."

This was something new to me and I promised to be on hand for the unusual occasion. Pastor Tchie's method is to concentrate on the centers of population, cities occupied by paramount chiefs. He has found from experience that when God breaks through, granting signs and wonders to take place in these cities, it is then comparatively easy to enter the

smaller towns in the chieftainship with the gospel.

Brother Tchie left Kumasi with a few Spirit-filled workers that Friday evening. Upon reaching Akropong, they made the necessary preparations for the open-air service on Sunday, then spent the remaining time until Sunday morning in fasting and prayer.

Sunday morning came. The resident missionary and his family, another visiting missionary, and I, drove to Akropong. We had been asked to be there at 9:00 a.m. When we reached the market at 8:50 we found several hundred people singing and chanting choruses. Parked at one side of the market place were a dozen or more large trucks which had been used to transport the Christians from Kumasi and other villages to the scene of action. The trucks had been hired by Spirit-filled Christians from villages where congregations had already been established. At daybreak they had converged on Akropong. "Like a mighty army moves this church of Ashanti!" All these Christians were singing lustily, and of course a large crowd of people from the town had gathered to listen.

As we drove up Brother Tchie came to our car to tell us that we were ten minutes early and that he would prefer that we waited another ten minutes before joining the crowd. The former Sergeant Major is a great believer in punctuality and carries on his gospel work with military precision!

At nine o'clock sharp he beckoned us to occupy seats in the center of the crowd. Shortly after we were seated, the Paramount Chief of Akropong with his elders and a long retinue of servants marched into the center of the ring. As the Chief entered the circle, the singing ceased and all the people stood to their feet. The

Chief sat upon a throne-chair while attendants with large, colorful umbrellas stood around him swishing away the flies and mosquitoes and making him as comfortable as possible. Beside him sat the Queen Mother and a number of prominent members of his Cabinet. Pastor Tchie then addressed him in African fashion announcing that the service had officially begun.

Two or three songs were sung in the vernacular. Brother Tchie then stated that he wanted the Chief and his people to hear testimonies from men and women who had been delivered from sin and sickness. He would thus prove that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and that the miracles of the Bible were not just for people who lived two thousand years ago, or just for white people, but that this miraculous gospel is for the Ashanti people also. He would now ask some Ashanti men and women to testify to what God had done for them.

When he called for testimonies there was an immediate response. The first, as I recall, was a man who had previously been a witch doctor. He told how in performing the duties of his office he had been responsible for the death of a great many people. He had often been under the influence of demon power and had been tormented by evil spirits. Then Pastor Tchie and some Assemblies of God people had come to his town. At first he had opposed them, even tried to kill them by witchcraft, but he was powerless to injure them because of the Spirit of God in their lives. Convicted, he had confessed his sins and God had graciously delivered him from the power of Satan, healed his body, and filled him with the Holy Spirit. He told the Chief and his

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THESE ARE TYPICAL ASHANTI WOMEN. THE TALLER OF THE TWO (TO RIGHT OF PICTURE) WAS HOPELESSLY INSANE. SHE DWELT IN THE TOMBS LIKE THE GADARENE DEMONIAK OF OLD. PASTOR TCHIE AND HIS WORKERS, AFTER PRAYER AND FASTING, COMMANDED THE EVIL SPIRIT TO COME OUT OF HER, AND SHE WAS INSTANTLY HEALED

MISSIONARY News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Cobb sailed February 11 on the "M. V. GRANVILLE" for Lagos. They are returning to Nigeria, West Africa, for another term of service.

Recent word has been received from John Kolenda telling of his safe arrival in Stuttgart, Germany. He states that they have 28 splendid young students in the Bible School there.

Mrs. Melvin L. Hodges of El Salvador, Central America, returned to the States earlier than anticipated because of her father's death. Brother Hodges will remain in El Salvador until the end of February. After meetings in British Honduras with the Cliffords he will return to the States in March for regular furlough.

Gail Winters and Grace Lindholm send an interesting account of one phase of their work in Africa: "Little folk have been coming to our leper camp—not babies but pygmies! The Congo is the home of the pygmy. These little people of whom there are less than 20,000 are hunters and they live in the great Ituri forest. The government permits them to roam at will and to live where they please. They are very difficult to reach with the gospel so naturally we are pleased to have them come to us for help. Quite a number have come for treatment of yaws, and four have begun treatment for leprosy. At the beginning of 1952 we had 116 patients. Our number has increased to 166. Thank God for new opportunities to witness for Him."

The following cable has been received from Port Harcourt, Nigeria: "Robert Curtis born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L.

Cobb on February 12. Mother and son doing fine."

David Nyien of Malaya writes: "Our special meetings with Dr. Andrew Gih were very wonderful indeed. Our assembly hall was packed each night and God richly blessed. Over 400 people came to our Christmas Service. There was not even standing room available and some folk sat on the window sills. We were permitted to broadcast the service for a half hour. This is the very first time we have ever been on the air. The program director complimented us and said, 'We want you folk back again.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown have arrived safely in Egypt for another term of service.

Our Trip to the Orient

Part 3—Formosa

Evangelist Mark Buntain

OUR STAY in Hong Kong was all too short. Again we were on our way—this time our destination was Formosa. One of the outstanding proofs of God's guidance was the open door before us. Because we were British subjects, we were informed that we would encounter difficulty if we tried to enter Formosa. However, when we made application for our visas we discovered that the American manager for the airline was a Lutheran missionary's son from Calgary. Calgary is just a few miles from where Bob Taitinger, my companion, lives. The manager promised to work personally on our visas and within a week they were in our possession!

We were indeed privileged to visit this strategic spot which is now so prominent in the news. We were encouraged when we found that the gospel had been taught all along its shores and had reached even the head-hunters far into the hills. It is estimated that out of 150,000 of these aborigines, more than 30,000 have professed Christ as their Saviour.

While in Formosa we visited our missionaries, the Benintendis. The Assembly of God is worshipping in a small building in the heart of Taipei. From 5,000 to 6,000 people pass by this chapel every night. Since the building was too small for our meetings, the services were conducted outside. About 160 came forward for salvation. The Benintendis and others were praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Word has come since our arrival home that God has indeed visited them. Among those who were blessed was Dr. Chen Chang, a well-known physician. During the five-day revival, he himself received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

We made a trip to the Government Leper Colony. Soldiers stand guard with bayoneted rifles lest any patients should try to leave. There are about 500 patients. Out of this number more than 200 know the Lord as their personal Saviour. We saw suffering on every hand. One woman



MR. AND MRS. RALPH C. COBB
NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

has lain on a bed of bare boards for nineteen years. Both hands and feet are missing. She is totally blind. In another room a leper is lying on his boards with nothing but a brick for a pillow. This man is saved and says he will soon be in Father's house.

Early in July we began the last lap of our homeward journey, this time to visit Japan. We held tent meetings in Kobe and conducted services in the streets as well. We were especially privileged to speak at the first annual Youth Camp, which was organized by Arthur Chestnut. God surely rewarded his efforts. There were about 120 young Japanese present. They gathered four times a day to hear the Word of God. Many of them received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and it was a blessed time for all.

After six months of visiting some of our fields in the Orient we turned our faces homeward. We still remember the hunger of the people for the gospel message, and more than ever before we are conscious of our own responsibility. In this crisis hour God is expecting each one of us to do our very best to win souls for Him.

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S
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JESUS FACES THE CROSS

Lesson for March 22

Matthew 20:17-28

In Matthew 20 Jesus gives the parable concerning workers in the vineyard. Some went to work at the beginning of the day, He said, referring probably to the apostolic Church; others were hired at the third hour and some at the eleventh hour; yet all the workers were given the same reward at the end of the day. The parable teaches that those who faithfully serve Christ at the end of the age will receive as much reward as those in the Early Church. No faithful service will go unrewarded, be it great or small, long or short.

Having taught this parable, Jesus began to disclose to His disciples that His ministry on earth was drawing to an end, and to forewarn them concerning the sufferings which were to be His.

1. JESUS PREPARES TO SUFFER

Jesus and the twelve disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. No doubt His heart was heavy, as He foresaw the sufferings which awaited Him there. He wished to share His burden with the disciples, so He led them away from the crowd and talked to them alone. How often do we get alone with Jesus so that He can unfold to us the secret depths of His heart? Are we too busy to spend time with Him? If we would know the inner heart of Jesus, we must wait before Him in quiet worship, prayer, study, and meditation.

This was not the first time that He had spoken to them concerning His impending suffering and death. In Matt. 16:21 He had said that He must go unto Jerusalem, "and suffer many things . . . and be killed, and be raised again the third day." In chapter 17:12, after the wonderful experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, He again said, "Likewise shall the Son of man suffer of them." But in Matt. 20:18, 19 He unfolded more in detail the things that lay before Him. Jesus was born to suffer; now He was facing the time when His physical and mental sufferings were to reach their climax.

The sufferings of Jesus were to include: (1) betrayal by Judas; (2) an unjust trial before the Jewish leaders; (3) mockings and scourgings by the Gentile soldiers; (4) crucifixion. But with it all He had the assurance that He would rise again the third day.

2. JESUS REBUKES CARNAL AMBITION

While Jesus was speaking of the tor-

ments of suffering that were to be His lot, the eyes of the disciples seemed closed to the meaning of it all. On an earlier occasion when Jesus had told of His coming sufferings, Peter had been sufficiently aroused to say, "Be it far from Thee, Lord; this shall not be unto Thee." But now carnal ambition completely blinded the disciples. Instead of entering into sympathy with Him and sharing His burden, they clamored for position. The mother of Zebedee's children came with her sons (v. 20). Here was a mother's ambition asserting itself.

When Mark records the incident, he says, "And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come to him" (Mark 10:35), so it seems the two brothers were ambitious as well as their mother. But ambition was not confined to the one family. All the disciples were touched with it—"For by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest" (Mark 9:34).

When the other disciples heard the mother requesting high positions for her sons, and knew that James and John were parties to the request, "they were moved with indignation against the two brethren" (Matt. 20:24). How blind can men become? The disciples would denounce the evidences of ambition in others while their own hearts were full of the same spirit. How carefully we should examine ourselves to be certain that we are innocent before we set about to condemn others. Here were a guilty ten denouncing a guilty two, the only difference being that the two were bold enough to express their desire. Self interest is man's greatest spiritual enemy. It is self that must be crucified. To put all selfish desires to death involves sacrifice, suffering, and perhaps a struggle, but Jesus said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matt. 16:24).

3. JESUS TEACHES TRUE SERVICE

James and John were confident in their own ability. When Jesus asked if they could drink the cup of suffering which He was to drink, they answered, "We are able." Little did they know the limits of their power. Their inability was shown when the test came and "all the disciples left Him and fled." Those who think they are the strongest sometimes prove to be the weakest when the testing comes.

Jesus knew the hearts of the disciples. He knew that the same ambition that was in

James and John was in the other disciples also. He therefore addressed all the disciples as He taught them the true Christian spirit. He said that the spirit of self-seeking was the spirit of the world. It is the carnal man who seeks to climb to higher positions. "The princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them," He said, "but it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister" (v. 26). "Minister" means servant. The greatest Christians are those who live to give, not to get; who seek to serve, not to be served. Jesus was able to draw a lesson from Himself. If James and John wished the highest positions, these were to be found in copying the Son of man who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (v. 28).

What a contrast there ought to be between the spirit of the Christian and the spirit of the world. God grant that the same spirit of humility, self-abasement, and service that was in Christ may be seen in our lives—not merely on Sunday but every day of the week.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus and the Children (lesson for Sunday, March 15). Lesson text: Matthew 19:1-6; 13-15.

"For ye shall not go forth with tumult, neither go by flight; for the Lord shall go forth in advance of you, and the God of Israel shall be He that brings up your rear." Isaiah 52:12, Septuagint Version.

GOING THE WRONG WAY



"... AND THEY TOOK THE CITY"

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people that what God had done for him, He was able to do for everyone in Akropong.

The next to testify was a woman who had been healed of an issue of blood. She had suffered from this loathsome disease for nine long years, and had spent all of her resources and that of her family seeking healing, but instead of getting better she steadily grew worse. She became paralyzed from her waist down and had to drag herself about. Then one day Pastor Tchie and his workers came to her town and told the wonderful story of Jesus and His power to heal the body as well as the soul. She was prayed for and God instantly healed her. Said she, "What He has done for me He can do for anyone." This woman testified that afterward the Lord had given her a lovely child. To an African no greater proof of her healing could be given.

A second man came forward, addressed the Chief, and told how God had delivered him from drunkenness. He had been so bound by the drink habit that he couldn't find his own home at night, and many a time slept beside the trail or in the jungle. He testified that the Lord had miraculously delivered him from the demon of drink and certain maladies. Now he was devoting his time to telling others about this wonderful Saviour.

Then a woman came to tell how God had delivered her from insanity. She had made her dwelling in the tombs like the maniac of Gadara, and no man could tame her. But the Lord Jesus sent Brother Tchie and his workers to the graveyard. They prayed and rebuked the unclean spirit, and God delivered her and restored her to her family and friends.

These testimonies were followed by a number of others (men and women alternating). All were forceful and convincing. The eyes of the Chief and all his people were fastened on those who testified.

Brother Tchie asked me to bring a short message which he interpreted in a most compelling manner. When the message was over he asked for all those who wanted to know the same Christ that these other people had found, to come forward. "God is no respecter of persons!" he cried. He said he was not calling for children but for adults to come. (I later learned that he does not count children, or even those in their teens, but only married people or those able to make a living.) In a short time more than forty people stepped out into the middle of the ring to accept Christ as their Saviour. Included among these was the Queen Mother who renounced her position in order to accept Christ. The Chief's brother came forward and many of the leading citizens in the town.

The Chief himself announced that he had never heard anything like this before. "As a Chief's son," he said, "I was sent away to school where I did hear about Christianity, but all that I knew about the

"Reaching the Unreached at Home"

This is the task of your National Home Missions Department. More than 225 Home Missionaries are working under appointment by the National Home Missions Department. Their ministry is to take the gospel to the lost who would not ordinarily be reached by our churches.

There are at present eight distinct fields in which home missionary work is being carried on. They are: New Works, Alaska, Jews, Deaf, Prisoners, Indians, Foreign Language Groups, and Industrial Chaplaincy.

If it were possible for you to see the stream of letters which pours daily into the National Home Missions office from the workers in these fields, it would surely stir you to praise, to pray, and to act.

The reports of souls saved and victories won would rejoice your heart. The wistful sentences which begin, "If we only had a building—" or, "If we had a means of transportation—" or, "I may have to leave the reservation and take a job for a while—" would stir your hearts to pray and give as never before.

We are doing all we can for our home missionaries with the funds available, but there is so much more which could be done if additional funds were forthcoming.

A number of our workers in these fields are in need of regular pledged financial support in order to be able to devote full time to their ministry. Perhaps there are churches or individuals who for some reason have overlooked the Home Mission field in their missionary giving. If you are one of this number and wish to begin contributing regularly and systematically to Home Missions, as well as to foreign, please write the National Home Missions Department. Indicate which of the eight Home Mission fields you would like to help if you have a preference. Perhaps you know of a worker who needs support. If not, the National Home Missions Department can suggest some worker who is in need of additional help at this time.

The time is short! Help us reach the unreached at home before Jesus comes. Address all correspondence to the National Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

Bible was that it was a historical book. I am happy to know that there are people in the world today who can demonstrate that Jesus Christ has the same power now as He had two thousand years ago. Unfortunately, I am unable to take a stand for Christ here and now for I am too closely related to the Ashanti Kingdom to extricate myself at once, but I urge all of my followers, who wish to do so, to become Christians."

Those who came forward were asked to kneel on the ground. The Christians united in earnest prayer as Brother Tchie dealt with the seekers and we prayed for the sick. It was wonderful to hear the great volume of prayer that rose heavenward, and to see the faces of those former fetish worshipers light up with the joy of salvation.

About noon, Brother Tchie told us that we could feel free to return to Kumasi, but that he and his workers would stay in Akropong for another day or two to give more people a chance to accept the Lord.

We returned to Kumasi greatly impressed by what we had seen and heard. Pastor Edward Tchie and his workers had descended in power on Akropong and literally had "taken a city" for God.

On Tuesday morning Brother Tchie came to the Mission in Kumasi. He had eaten nothing since Friday and had had very little sleep since that time. "But," said he, "my meat and drink is to do the will of the One who sends me." He re-

ported that the people were continuing to renounce fetish worship and take their stand for God. One hundred sixty-six adults, besides many young people, had been definitely saved and were now praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit. There were a number of miraculous healings. A church building was to be started almost immediately.

"What provision has been made for the spiritual development of these new converts?" we inquired. He replied, "I appointed some of the prominent men of the town, who have been saved, such as the Chief's brother and the Postmaster, to gather the men together for worship each day and for times of waiting upon the Lord for the Baptism of the Spirit. I have also appointed prominent women, who have been saved, to assemble the women together for prayer and singing and for the reading of the Scriptures." Older Christians in nearby towns had also been assigned to Akropong to instruct the new converts. Pastor Tchie himself planned to make regular visits to the city.

Having been a soldier, he is now using his training to serve as a true soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church at Akropong is only one of nearly one hundred that have been opened in the Ashanti Forest in the past few years.

Remember this consecrated evangelist in your prayers. Let us cry to God for a continuance of this mighty awakening.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM MARKS W.M.C. MEETINGS AT FORT WORTH

The special services of the Women's Missionary Council, held at Fort Worth, Texas, February 17, were signally blessed with the presence of the Lord. The WMC meetings were held in conjunction with the Regional Sunday School Convention, including nine districts of the south-central area. The WMC services were held at the Northside Assembly of God (Jacob A. Filbert, pastor).

The day began with a radio broadcast at 9 a.m., followed by a conference with district officers. The large new auditorium was well filled at the ten o'clock service with WMC's from the nine districts and a good number of pastors who are interested in the women's work.

A stirring devotional service was led by Mrs. E. R. Foster, WMC President of the West Texas District. An interesting feature of the morning meeting was an impressive visual demonstration by Mrs. M. B. Netzel, Texas District WMC President, spotlighting the Women's Missionary Council as "The heart of the church with missions at heart." Fred Vogler, National Director of Home Missions and Benevolences, was present to thank the WMC's for their excellent work, especially in behalf of our children's homes in Alaska and the States, and our Retirement Home in Florida.

The work of the National WMC Department was presented by the National WMC Secretary; and district organization and operation was the subject of the message given by Martha McLean, Assistant National WMC Secretary. Over and over the Lord moved upon the congregation. The large auditorium rang with shouts and praises to God.

At two o'clock a beautiful devotional service was led by Mrs. J. B. Wolverton, WMC Secretary-Treasurer of the Kansas District. Suitable songs, a lighthouse with flashing light, and lighted candles carried out the theme of sending the light. The main feature of the afternoon was a "How-We-Did-It" panel with representatives of eight districts participating. Many in the large congregation took notes on the projects presented, to take back to their local assemblies.

A luncheon meeting was Wednesday's feature, with seventy leaders from the nine districts present. Impressive music, program and beautiful table decorations were prepared by Mrs. Paul Samuelson, Kansas District WMC President, and Mrs. J. B. Wolverton. Six women spoke briefly on the theme of O-T-H-E-R-S. O—Offering ourselves for service. T—To the regions beyond. H—Home front. E—Effectual in prayer. R—Responding to the needs. S—Serving as unto Christ. Several times the blessing of the Lord came upon the gathering in such a way that the group just wept and praised the Lord. The service came to a close with a prayer of

dedication as the women joined hands in new consecration to the work of the Lord.

MORE WMC RALLIES

Similar WMC sessions are being held at each of the Regional Sunday School Conventions. The next one will be at the First Assembly of God, Southeast 20th and Madison, Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, March 17, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All women attending the convention are urged to be present for these services, and pastors are given a special welcome. Watch the EVANGEL for announcement concerning meeting places in Cleveland, March 31; Mobile, April 28; and Minneapolis, May 20. Special WMC meetings will also be held during the General Council at Milwaukee in August.

ALICE E. LUCE HONORED

On her eightieth birthday, Miss Alice E. Luce, faithful minister of God among the Latin American people for many years, and ardent sponsor of the Women's Missionary Council, was honored at a luncheon by members of the Bethel Temple WMC in Los Angeles. Mrs. L. F. Turnbull, co-pastor of the church, sent in the report of the special occasion. Gifts were presented to the guest of honor, and various women spoke of what her life and ministry had meant to them.

Again at the WMC bi-monthly meeting of the Los Angeles area Miss Luce was honored and presented with many useful gifts. Mrs. Turnbull writes, "Miss Luce is still going strong in her ministry with the Latin American work, and is one of the keenest and wisest counselors the WMC has ever had. We thank God for her long and useful life."

—Edith Whipple,
National W.M.C. Secretary

THE TEMPTATION

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the annunciation, of the dream of Joseph, of Mary's visit to Elisabeth, of the wondering shepherds, the star, and of the prophecies of Simeon and Anna. Perhaps the mother and Son often sat together in the gloaming, after the busy day's work in the carpenter shop was over, and talked of all the things that Mary had "kept and pondered in her heart." She may have been the first to instill these thoughts in His mind. They had deepened as the years had passed. He had learned to read the Scriptures. God's Spirit had witnessed to His spirit that they testified of Him and that He was the One in whom all the prophecies would be fulfilled.

Now He has reached His manhood. He

is no longer a child at His mother's knee—no longer a carpenter, toiling away at His bench. His life's work—the work which His Father had given Him to do—challenges Him to action. God sees the need of the hour; and as a witness not only to John the Baptizer but also to our Lord Himself, He announces from heaven, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Yes, it was true. All that He had felt from His youth up was true. All that His mother had told Him was true. He was the Son of God, and all that was written in the Scriptures concerning God's Son would be fulfilled in Him. Not only the voice of His mother, not only the Voice of the Scriptures; not only the inner Voice, the Voice of God's Spirit within his heart, but another Voice—His Father's audible Voice from heaven—had declared it. Many times afterward, when everything in the natural seemed against Him and the contradiction of sinners seemed the greatest, our Lord may have looked back to this hour when He had heard His Father's audible Voice.

Had Satan heard the Voice? We do not know, but we believe that he knew our Lord had had the testimony borne to Him, and to destroy it was his first objective. Straight from that glorious scene by the river, Jesus went into the wilderness. It is written that the Spirit led Him there. Mark says He drove (literally, thrust out) Him there. Yes, and I wonder if the tempter did not begin his temptation right there on the river bank. Are not some of the most glorious heavenly revelations immediately followed by the most hideous attacks of the enemy? I can picture Jesus looking about Him into the faces of the multitude, gathered together to be baptized of John. It is doubtful that they had heard the voice. No one but John knew Him. Would He be able to convince them that He had come from God? He appeared to be just one of the needy throng—a mere man among men. Was He? Had He imagined the heavens opened? Had the Voice been the product of an overwrought brain? An illusion? Oh, He must get alone, away off somewhere in the wilderness.

Perhaps He little realizes that the Spirit is driving Him there. He finds that the devil is there in the wilderness too. He is there to check Him before He gets started on His life's work. He is there to make Him distrust the heavenly witness borne to Him. He would dislodge from His breast this faith in His Divine Sonship. He would urge upon Him the events of His previous history, and show Him how mistaken He has been and how vain-glorious is His confidence. Alone our Saviour wrestles with him. For forty days the conflict continues, the wild beasts no doubt adding to His solitude and aggravating the horrors of the scene.

The Bible Commentary puts it in some-

what this way—"Satan is speaking, 'Thou art the Son of God? Thou wast born in a manger, the oxen thy companions. Hurried off to Egypt in fear of Herod's wrath. Thou art the Son of God? A carpenter shop supplied thee with a home in a despised town of Galilee. Thou hast spent thirty years of thy life working with thy hands as a common laborer. Thou art the Son of God? Where is thy glory? Where thy might? Where is the proof of thy extraordinary belief? Thou art the Son of God? It seems a voice proclaimed it in thine ears at the Jordan. Be it so, but after that thy days of obscurity should have an end. Why art thou here, unattended, unhonored, unpitied, wandering among the craggy rocks and the wild beasts?'"

Oh, the terror, the horror, the mental agony, the spiritual anguish, the physical torment! No words of human language could describe it. The human mind could not comprehend it. Therefore the Holy Spirit makes no attempt to record it. Does not His very silence, however, like

"The Victories won by prayer,
By prayer must still be held.
The foe retreats—but only when
By prayer he is compelled.
Their fortress standeth sure,
Unconquered they abide,
Who plead the precious saving blood
Of Christ, the crucified."

the rest in a bar of music, only emphasize and add to the impressiveness of the scene? Do you wonder He was not hungry? He was fighting it through not only for Himself but for all who would believe on Him. Not only for time but for eternity. And He conquered—conquered doubtless as He did in the subsequent temptations—by the naked Word of God. The tempter had been able to create doubt in the heart of the first Adam, but he had utterly failed to do so in the case of the last Adam.

The struggle over, our Lord feels the pangs of hunger. The enemy now launches a fresh attack, making the new indisputable claim of our Lord to be the Son of God the basis of his attack. "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Surely it is not befitting the Son of God to starve for the necessities of life. At the bidding of the Son of God stones shall be turned into loaves."

It is a temptation to demonstrate His Sonship, to use the authority of His Divinity independent of His Father's Word. We must keep in mind how strongly this temptation appeared to our Lord because of His intense hunger. Stones were lying about on the ground.

They looked somewhat like bread. He wanted bread. Surely there would be no sin in this?

The thought may have come to Him in a seemingly simple way at first. The devil is usually pictured as coming to our Lord with horns and hoofs but I do not believe he came in any such fashion. He comes to us as "an angel of light." After the thought, desire came. If there was no desire to do the things the enemy suggested, there was no temptation in them and our Lord did not "suffer being tempted." I believe He wanted to turn those stones into bread, but He loved something else more than bread, and that was the Word of His Father—"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Again the enemy is confounded and put to shame. He must try something else. The Lord may be willing to suffer hunger, but if He is to get the people to believe on Him He must do one thing: He must show Himself to them. He must do something to attract their attention, something spectacular. So the devil begins his temptation in the same way. "If thou art the Son of God, the sooner the people come to believe on thee the better. If thou art determined not to be disputed out of thy Sonship, if thou dost persist in believing the witness borne to thee at the river Jordan, what art thou doing here? Get thee up to the temple where the throngs are. Get up on the pinnacle of the temple where they can all see thee, and cast thyself down in their midst. It is written, 'He shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.'" Having felt the power of God's Word in the former temptation, Satan was now trying the effect of it from his own mouth. Bishop Hall once said, "What is this I see? Satan himself with a Bible under his arm and a text in his mouth?" But the word spoken by the tempter falls flat, and our Lord again tells him to the ground with another "It is written."

Satan rises again and this time he casts off his cloak. No longer does He refer to our Lord's claim to Divine Sonship. No longer does he quote Scripture, because he can find none to back up his blasphemous claim. No longer does he present his temptation under the pretense of solicitation for our Lord's welfare. Instead he presents himself as God's rival in his claim to the worship of man—"If thou wilt fall down and worship me."

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their Creator. Satan offers our Lord all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them if He will fall down and worship him.

Did our Lord covet these kingdoms and their glory? They were His by right, created by Him and for Him. An enemy had usurped them, and was now claiming them as his own. Our Lord does not dispute his claim, for they had been delivered to him by Adam. But now He loved them! He had come into the world to win them back to Himself. However, He knew the winning must be by the way of the cross. The price would be bloody sweat, cruel thorns, scourging, Gethsemane and Calvary. Here was a chance to get them by a single act of worship. Would He do it? He "suffered being tempted." Then with one word of command, He laid hold upon His authority as the Son of God and bade the tempter depart.

Why did our Lord not do this at the very beginning of those forty days? Was it not that He might become a merciful High Priest who could be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Heb. 4:15)? Was it not that He might be "in all points tempted as we are"? Was it not that, having "suffered being tempted," He would be "able to succor them that are tempted" (Heb. 2:18)? We might enumerate many reasons for His temptation, but one reason we feel is pre-eminently important. Our Lord at the very beginning of His ministry must establish His Divine Sonship, and Satan must be made to acknowledge His Divine authority. "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God?" cried the demons as they met Him. In Luke 4:41 we read, "And devils [demons] also came out of many crying out and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God." They knew Him but never have they ceased their efforts to destroy this faith in the heart of man—the Rock upon which the church is built. In clerical robes, Satan is coming into our pulpits today denying the Deity of our Lord, but the Rock still stands secure and "the gates of hell" shall never prevail against it.

We praise God for the story of our Lord's temptation and suffering. We praise God that He did not fail but believed right through to the end of those forty terrible days. He "returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" and the fame of Him went out through all the region round about.

Then He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up. His townspeople gathered to hear Him, and He opened the book and read, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach

the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18, 19).

And He closed the book and said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." At the command of the Lord, the enemy had departed from Him for a season. He dared not approach Him personally at this time, but he stirred up His hearers in the synagogue to lay hold upon Him and thrust Him out of the city that he might destroy Him. "But He passing through the midst of them went His way."

Moment by moment, step by step, the enemy followed Him throughout His three years' ministry, finally nailing Him to a cross and burying Him in a grave. But our Lord arose—a Victor forevermore. Never more will He be tempted, but we His children shall be. We shall be tempted in much the same way He was, for our tempter is the same. But we need not be ignorant of his devices or of the way of victory. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37). And how great was that love!

*"Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe
 Only His great eternal love made my Saviour go."*

As we gaze upon that suffering love, our hearts cry out,

*"Were the whole realm of nature mine
 That were a present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine
 Demands my soul, my life, my all."*

NEWS

FIRST REGIONAL CONVENTION DRAWS CAPACITY CROWDS

(Photos on back page)

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—The first of six Assemblies of God Regional Sunday School Conventions to be conducted this spring has received widespread attention and acceptance in the South. The convention met here in the Will Rogers Auditorium February 17 to 19.

Workers from other denominations as well as Assemblies of God Sunday school leaders and pastors crowded their way into the sessions. Some 3500 delegates were seated or standing in the packed auditorium. Registration reached a total of 3203.

Twenty-one states were represented: Indiana, Utah, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Colorado, New Mexico, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Georgia, Wisconsin, Oregon, Wyoming, Florida, Mississippi, California, Iowa, New York, and Texas.

Delegates who traveled the greatest distance to the convention were Pastor and Mrs. Guy M. Heath and Guy Jr., 8, from Salt Lake City, Utah, 1300 miles away.

Chaplain (Captain) Walter Tashnick of the 27th Fighter Escort Wing flew in to Bergstrom Airbase, Austin, Texas just prior to the convention, returning from Northern Japan where the 27th Wing had just completed a four-month tour of duty. Tashnick is a Sunday School enthusiast. Two years ago he began a Sunday school for children

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of airmen and officers at the Bergstrom Airbase. At present the Sunday school has an average attendance of about 200.

Thursday morning of the convention, Carl Olivebring, baritone, of Stockholm, Sweden, sang. Brother Olivebring has been on a tour of United States churches since last August.

All pastors, superintendents, and teachers from Gold Crown Sunday schools, who attended the convention, were awarded white ribbons with a gold crown on them.

Billie Davis, Associate Editor of Our Sunday School Counsellor, served as consultant for a Sunday School Problem Clinic in the exhibition room. There were fifteen exhibits and a Gospel Publishing House bookstore. The West Texas District erected a booth displaying information on West Texas Sunday schools. Southwestern Bible Institute displayed their literature, also. The other thirteen exhibits were designed and built at Springfield, Mo. Twelve of them centered around the National Sunday School Standard. The other booth was designed to explain the scope of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Eight afternoon conferences were conducted on Wednesday and eight on Thursday. Conferences were located in the North Side Assembly, Boulevard Assembly, Bethel Temple, Rosen Heights Assembly, Hilton Hotel, and the Will Rogers Auditorium.

Each evening at 6 p.m. a handcrafts demonstration was given in the exhibition room. On Tuesday evening Billie Davis showed how to make V.B.S. handcrafts. On Wednesday evening a representative from the Tandy Leathercrafts Supply aided E. C. Aldridge with a demonstration on leathercrafts. On the final evening, Charles W. Denton gave a demonstration on shellcraft.

As a climax to the convention a hardwood plaque trophy covered with a bronze plate was awarded to the church with the largest delegation in relation to miles traveled to the convention. H. M. Sheats, pastor of the Assembly of God in Lubbock, Texas, received the award. Lubbock is located in the West Texas District where Edith Little is Sunday School Director.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings a closed breakfast seminar was conducted in the Hilton Hotel. Over 100 District officials, Sunday School representatives, members of the Convention Team from Springfield, and their wives attended these breakfast sessions.

The next Regional Convention will begin Tuesday night, March 17, in Portland, Oregon.

SPIRIT OUTPOURED AT E.B.I.

GREEN LANE, PA. Feb. 12—In the past weeks the Lord has graciously sent us an outpouring of His Spirit here at Eastern Bible Institute. It began during Herbert B. Kelchner's ministry. His heart-searching messages on the theme, "Living Your Christian Life Now in the Light of Eternity," plowed the hearts of the students and created a longing for more of God and His righteousness.

One evening at the close of his preaching many students stood to confess their need of fresh cleansing and to express their desire to consecrate their all to God. These confessions continued until nearly midnight, when the glory of the Lord broke upon the student body. Weeping and strong crying could be heard in the midst of rejoicing. Some were crying for spiritual deliverance; others were rejoicing in the release which had come to their souls. Some 25 or 30 were still in the chapel at 2:30 a.m.

The deep heart-searching of the Holy Spirit continued through several days of the following week. During that period many others found deliverance

in the Lord. On Thursday the blessing of the Lord fell with great refreshing upon all and a fervent spirit of worship prevailed similar to the revival of two years ago.

This visitation from the Lord continued until late into the next week. A number were healed and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire atmosphere of the school has changed. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Psalm 107:8)!

The student enrollment has increased this second semester. We now have 190 students.—Milton T. Wells, President, Eastern Bible Institute.

MARK PINSON WITH CHRIST

Another Pentecostal pioneer has been called to his heavenly reward. He was Mark M. Pinson, who passed away on February 10, 1953, at his home in Oildale, California, after suffering a severe heart attack. If he had lived until April 3, he would have been eighty years of age, for he was born on April 3, 1873. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Hitchcock Pinson.

Brother Pinson was a minister in the Holiness Movement until the year 1907, when he was awakened to the truth of Pentecost under the ministry of G. B. Cashwell. After receiving his personal baptism in the Holy Spirit at Memphis, Tenn., in March, 1907, he became active in the Pentecostal ministry in the southeastern states.

He was the originator of the periodical *Word and Witness*, which was published at Nashville, Tenn. until 1913 at which time it was combined with *The Apostolic Faith* and turned over to Pastor E. N. Bell of Malvern, Ark.

Brother Pinson joined in issuing the original call for a General Council of the Assemblies of God, and he delivered the keynote message at Hot Springs, Ark., taking his text from the 15th chapter of Acts, which was set forth as a pattern for the General Council which was then in its first session.

A forceful character, Brother Pinson was a successful evangelist, a zealot for truth and righteousness. For a time he ministered among the Latin Americans on the Mexican border. Due to physical infirmities he was inactive in the ministry for the closing years of his life. He will be remembered as one of the zealous pioneers of the Pentecostal Movement and as a charter member of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

—J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

YORK, PA.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Anthony De Marco of Philadelphia, Pa. Nine were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Our people were encouraged during this two-week meeting, and the last week the church was almost filled. We enjoyed Brother DeMarco's singing.—Paul W. Baughman, Pastor, Full Gospel Church.

WOLF POINT, MONT.—Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Baxter were with us for three weeks. Souls were saved nearly every night and a general spirit of revival was manifest. The Sunday School broke all previous attendance records.—Currell Muirhead, Pastor.

GRINNELL, IOWA.—The church was greatly benefited by the Spirit-anointed ministry of Evangelist A. E. Sawings of Milwaukee, Wis. He was with us for four weeks. Ten were saved and twelve received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Others were refilled and several healed. His messages on faith were a real blessing to the assembly.—Donald E. Skiles, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—We have just concluded a wonderful one-week meeting with Evangelist Carl Haas of Springfield, Mo. Each night the auditorium was filled. A goodly number were saved or reclaimed. Some were filled with the Holy Spirit and others refilled. Thank God for this fine meeting.—Edgar Newby, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—On February 8 we closed a meeting with Evangelist J. B. (Billy) McIntosh of Nashville, Tenn. A goodly number were saved and some were filled with the Holy Ghost. Large crowds attended the meeting, and the people were blessed as Brother McIntosh ministered the Word of God. Many said that he helped them to see the need of the Pentecostal experience. On the closing Sunday we broke the Sunday School attendance record with 357 present.—J. C. Hunnicutt, Pastor.

LYNWOOD, CALIF.—Evangelists Gladys Norwood and Marie Carlquist of Colorado were with us for six weeks. A number were saved, several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and some were healed. The ministry of these evangelists was a blessing to our assembly. The Sunday School attendance increased and the church was benefited in every way.—J. E. Austell, Pastor.

CHANNELVIEW, TEX.—The teachers and officers of the Sunday School recently completed a Workers' Training Course on the book, "Even So Come." The pastor's wife, Mrs. S. D. Salyer, was the instructor. Each one received a blessing and were encouraged by the study of the second coming of the Lord. Twenty-eight received certificates.—Mrs. Dorothy Bonin, S. S. Secretary.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—On February 1 we concluded a refreshing and profitable meeting with Evangelists Cham and Jerry Livingston of Tulsa, Okla. God poured out His Spirit in old-fashioned Pentecostal power. Many souls were saved and ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We thank God for this visitation.—William Totman, Pastor, Lighthouse Tabernacle.

FRANKSTON, TEX.—The blessings of the Lord rested upon the meeting with Mrs. Z. F. Dillingham of Corpus Christi, Tex. Several were saved, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and healed.

A few weeks ago our District Superintendent, M. B. Netzel, ministered in two services. People from other denominations were present. Since Brother Netzel's visit several have been saved and new consecrations made.—H. M. Wisenbaker, Pastor.

LINCOLN PARK, MICH.—In January the Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio were with us. This was one of the best meetings we have had. Eighty-five came to the altar for salvation or to be reclaimed, and four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were 358 visitors who had not been to the church before. The Sunday School record was broken twice during the meeting, and since the close of the meeting we have broken the record again. The attendance was very good in spite of some bad weather. We thank God for His blessing in our midst.—Seth Balmer, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

BROWNSVILLE, TEX.—The Lord gave us a blessed meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Max H. Inman of Council Bluffs, Iowa. We had more new people at this meeting than any other, yet we had no advertising except the personal testimony of the church members to their friends and neighbors. Twenty-one came for salvation, and many of these are faithfully attending the church. Four young people received the Baptism. Brother Inman stirred the Christians to personal soul-winning. He also kept the missionary vision before the people.—Alfred H. Roeber, Pastor.

PLYMOUTH, IND.—Evangelist J. Haskell Wooldridge of Jacksonville Fla. was with us for three weeks. God blessed in the services and souls were saved, believers filled with the Spirit, and sick bodies healed. One entire family came to the Lord, and over 150 new visitors attended the meetings.

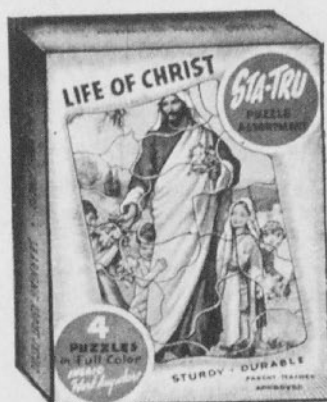
Before the regular service each evening, Brother Wooldridge taught a Workers' Training Course. Forty received training certificates. The entire church was encouraged and the Sunday School was built up. We invited Brother Wooldridge to return for another meeting.—William Van Winkle, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

WOODVILLE, TEX.—Our assembly was abundantly blessed during a meeting with Evangelist David L. Johnson of Wharton, Tex. Several were saved or filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Johnson encouraged the sick and afflicted to believe the scripture, "With His stripes we are healed," and each night people were healed. In one service a woman was healed of total deafness in one ear while she was singing in the choir. She does not remember ever hearing out of that ear before. That was three months ago and she is still healed.

We recently closed a meeting with Evangelist F. D. Davis, former Superintendent of Texas District. We are still receiving great benefit from this meeting. Our people were stirred by Brother Davis' message on the second coming of the Lord.—Virgil L. Perryman, Pastor, First Assembly of God.



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MIAMI, FLA.—Calvary Fundamental Church (Miami's newest Assembly of God) reports victory. Over the Christmas and New Year season Evangelist and Mrs. Stewart Robinson of Springfield, Mo., were with us for our first revival. The county officials refused us permission to erect a tent on the church property. Our only alternative was to have a drive-in church. The Miami Herald featured our drive-in services in two issues of the paper.

The Lord richly blessed the ministry of Brother Robinson. On Christmas night, one of our young converts went to meet his Lord. In the service that night seven adults stepped out of their automobiles and walked out under the stars to kneel at the altar. One of that number, an elderly woman, has gone to meet her Lord. From the two-week meeting, we gained eight new families and made many more contacts in this area. We have begun work on our Fellowship Hall and expect to be worshipping in the building soon.—Loine C. Honderick, 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.

BEAVER CITY, NEBR.—Mar. 11-25 or longer; Evangelist Bobby Ray.—by J. C. Garrett, Pastor.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Brentwood Assembly of God, Mar. 15—; Sherratt Evangelistic Party, Oakland, Calif. (O. L. Thomas is Pastor.)

FOND DU LAC, WIS.—Mar. 22—Apr. 5; Ivor H. Hugh, Welsh Evangelist. (O. W. Apple is Pastor.)

CARBONDALE, PA.—Assembly of God, Mar. 31—Apr. 12; Evangelist Robert A. Wallace, Portland, Me.—by A. R. Hontz, Pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—22; Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley R. Hurst Sr. (W. V. Stahlecker is Pastor.)

ELYRIA, OHIO—Elyria Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 8—22; Evangelist C. S. Tubby of Canada.—by Boston W. Turner, Pastor.

BUCKEYE, ARIZ.—Assembly of God, Mar. 17—20; Children's Revival, Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (L. H. Gundlach is Pastor.)

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Calvary Assembly, Mar. 24—; Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. (H. P. Vibert is Pastor.)

MONROE, LA.—Central Assembly of God, Mar. 24—Apr. 12; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by G. E. Chambers, Pastor.

TORONTO, CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Mar. 8—Apr. 5; Evangelist Milton Perry, New York City.—by H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 10—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper, Findlay, Ohio, (W. A. Morken is Pastor.)

COLUSA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—; The Evangelaires.—by R. A. Wilson Jr., Pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—Calvary Full Gospel Assembly, Mar. 22—Apr. 5; Evangelists Stanley and Ethel MacPherson. (Marcus T. Gaston is Pastor.)

MADISON, TENN.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 18—Apr. 8; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by C. E. Garner, Pastor.

CHANGE OF LOCATION for tent meeting at Bradenton, Fla.—U. S. 41, south of city limits toward Sarasota. Meeting continuing until Apr. 5.—by James E. Miller, Evangelist.

MIAMI, FLA.—Central Assembly of God, Mar. 15—29; Evangelist Wayne Conklin of Texas.—by R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

ATCO, N. J.—Atco Pentecostal Assembly, Mar. 17-29; Evangelist Eve Hagans, Stoystown, Pa.—by William A. Burnell, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—North Side Assembly of God, Mar. 8—; Evangelist Jimmy Brown, Mobile, Ala.—by G. A. Green, Pastor.

SPOKANE, WASH.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 15—Apr. 5; McColl-Gerard Trio. (R. J. Carlson is Pastor.)

ELKTON, MD.—Glad Tidings Church, Mar. 8-22; Evangelist Mildred Kimel, Alexandria, Va.—by Conrad J. Schaefer, Pastor.

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 8—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb, Dallas, Tex.—by Ben Hardin, Pastor.

TAYLORSVILLE, KY.—Glad Tidings Assembly, Mar. 22—; Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (George P. Sutherland is Pastor.)

MACOMB, ILL.—Assembly of God, Mar. 3-22; Evangelists Delbert and Beatrice Bucher, Springfield, Mo. (F. Herbert Toliver is Pastor.)

SEYMOUR, TEX.—Feb. 25—; Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (Lloyd McIntosh is Pastor.)

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Mar. 17—Apr. 5; Sheneman Evangelistic Team, Oxford, Nebr.—by H. W. Thiemann, Pastor.

GREAT BEND, KANS.—Assembly of God, Mar. 18—Apr. 5; Evangelists Earl and Romona Kelley, Corydon, Iowa.—J. O. Rosenberg, Pastor.

HASTINGS, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Mar. 22—Apr. 5; Evangelist B. H. Armes, Hot Springs, Ark.—by H. W. Lebsack, Pastor.

TORRINGTON, WYO.—Mar. 15—; Evangelists Gaylord Kindschy, Denver, Colo. and Tom Gillam, Joplin, Mo. (H. R. Kennedy is Pastor.)

CORRECTION—Meeting in Ainsworth, Nebr, with Evangelist Harry Walker (announced to begin Mar. 15) has been postponed to Apr. 12.—by J. M. Peck, Pastor.

METROPOLITAN DETROIT WORKERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE—Berea Tabernacle, 4th and Forest Sts., Detroit, Mich., Mar. 16-21; James Montgomery, guest teacher. Course of study, "Ye Shall be Witnesses."—by Charles W. H. Scott, District Superintendent.

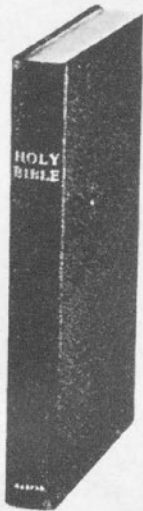
SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT COUNCIL—Payette, Idaho, Mar. 31—Apr. 2. Speaker: J. E. Neely, Representative for "Revivaltime." For reservations write Pastor Robert E. Cull, 425 N. 7th Ave., Payette, Idaho.—by Homer B. Walkup, District Secretary.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL S. S. CONVENTION—Municipal Auditorium, Portland, Ore., Mar. 17-19. First service Tuesday evening. Evening speakers: J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent; Paul Copeland, Director of National S. S. Department; and William E. Kirschke, pastor Assembly of God, Tacoma, Wash. Visual demonstrations; 16 afternoon conferences; 14 exhibits. Theme: Sunday Schools Advance! in Spirituality, Evangelism, and Growth. Morning speakers: Harold W. Jeffries, pastor of Foursquare Church, Portland, Ore.; Billie Davis, Associate Editor of Our Sunday School Counsellor; and Victor Trimmer, Assistant Director of National S. S. Department. Regional Chairman, Robert W. Pirtle; City Chairman, N. D. Davidson. For room reservations write Roy Blakeley, 2026 N. Willis Boulevard, Portland, Ore.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW SERVICE CENTER—The Golden Gate Center for Service Personnel, 94 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco 2, Calif. was dedicated by Superintendent W. T. Gaston. Pastor L. R. Keys of San Francisco offered the dedicatory prayer. The directors are Victor A. and Mrs. Sanderson.

NOTICE—Vera Spencer, 1510 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo., for a number of years Associate Pastor at Bethel Temple in St. Louis, has resigned to re-enter the evangelistic field. She has had varied experience in radio, choir, VBS, and week-day religious education work.



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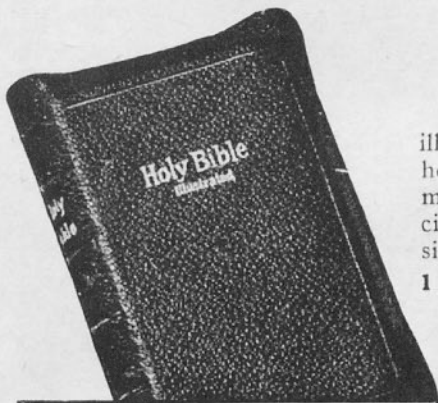
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CONVENTION PICTURES

These pictures were taken at Fort Worth, Texas, during the South-Central Regional Sunday School Convention last month.

1. The Will Rogers Auditorium was packed, night after night.

2. The delegates divided up for conferences during the afternoons. This photograph was taken at the North Side Assembly of God in Fort Worth during the Vacation Bible School conference, with Mrs. Billie Davis, Associate Editor of OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNSELLOR, in charge.

3. Winner of the attendance award for having the largest delegation at the convention in relation to the miles traveled was the First Assembly of God in Lubbock, Texas. Here the pastor, H. M. Sheats, shows the trophy to Edith Little, West Texas District Sunday School Director.

4. One of the booths in the exhibition room depicted the work of the various departments of the General Council. Attendants are Hart Armstrong, Editor of Church School Publications, and Gwen Jones, Editor of the C. A. HERALD.

5. Seven District Sunday School Directors are seen chatting. Left to right, they are: J. E. Allen, Louisiana; Earl Vanzant, New Mexico; D. B. Ballard, Arkansas; W. A. McCann, Texas; Edith Little, West Texas; L. B. Keener, Oklahoma; and Wm. W. Brandt, Rocky Mountain.

6. The photographer caught some of the men unloading the big van which carried most of the props and materials to the convention. Left to right, they are: A. E. Stephens, Fort Worth; R. H. Flippin, Fort Worth; George Woodin, Springfield, Mo.; T. F. Schultz, Fort Worth; and truck driver George Ramey, Springfield. After the convention the truck had to be packed again to journey to the West Coast for the Regional Sunday School Conventions at Fresno, Calif., and Portland, Oreg.

