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



“As from the desert, lifeless, dry,  
The yucca lifts its head,  
So that glad Resurrection morn  
Christ rose from out the dead.”

TURNING FROM that open grave long years ago, Mary beheld her risen Lord although she actually knew Him not until He spoke her name. And think how many of us too have turned from some empty grave to find the Lord we sought looking upon us in tender mercy and gracious power. How we worship Him in new gladness one more Resurrection season! Sweet alleluiahs to His wonderful name—our Living Christ.

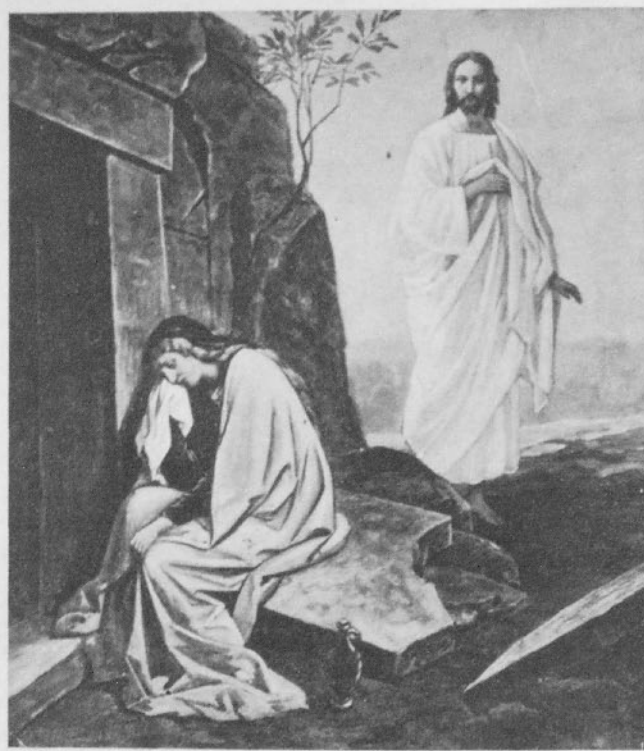
It was Ernest Renan, the witty skeptic, who once scoffingly said, "Christians live on the fragrance of an empty vase." But his scornful words convey a mighty message hidden from his own poor questioning mind. For that vacant tomb in Joseph's garden is but the empty vase which once held the Rose of Sharon, whose fragrance still fills the earth. And how truly we are living upon the holy fragrance of our wondrous Christ.

Yet it was needful that He go into that dark tomb, just as it was needful that He suffer all the shame and agony that went before that bitter hour. The seed was buried—and at awful cost. There was no other way. There had to be all the bitter cost of an occupied tomb before there could be an empty tomb with all the holy fragrance arising therefrom.

There is an ancient legend which tells how a monk in days long past found the crown of thorns that encircled the Saviour's brow. He laid it on the church altar one Good Friday, and he and his flock looked with reverent awe upon the dreadful relic, so rugged, so cruel with its awful blood-stains still evident.

Early Easter morning the monk came to the church to remove the thorn-crown which would be strangely out of harmony with the bright thoughts of Easter day. When he opened the door he found the chapel filled with a wondrous perfume. The early sunlight, shining through the eastern window, fell upon the altar. There the monk saw the crown of thorns still lying, but it had burst into roses of rarest loveliness and sweetest fragrance. Again the message of life out of death—and life of the richest fragrance. First the crown of agony; then the crown of unspeakable glory.

To us the empty sepulcher means a living Christ in the presence of the Father. "Alive forevermore"—victorious over all Satanic powers, having the keys of hell and death. This is our blessed risen Jesus, able to succor and strengthen, uphold and empower us for every hour of need. Behold Him—adore Him who ever liveth to make intercession for you.



## The Empty Sepulcher

Alice Reynolds Flower

Hath risen indeed! Behold and see  
The One who shed His blood for thee;  
And, having gazed upon His face,  
And caught His sweetness and His grace,  
Go tell a world of sinful men  
The Christ who died hath risen again.

Hath risen indeed! Hast thou not known?  
He still appears unto His own—  
The radiant, living, loving Lord,  
Fulfilling all His promised word.  
Christ lives within—oh, truth sublime!  
Praise God—'tis Easter all the time.

## IMMORTALITY

If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of a buried acorn, and make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave buried in the earth neglected the body of man, made in the image of his Creator? If He stoops to give the rosebush, whose withered blossoms float upon the summer breeze, the sweet promise of another summertime, will He refuse that word of hope and cheer to the sons of men when the frost of winter comes? If matter, mute and inanimate though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will man suffer annihilation, after he has paid a brief visit to this world like a royal guest, in the tenement of clay? No! I am just as sure that there is an

other life as I am that I live today.—William Jennings Bryan.

## GLORY FOR YOU!

Shakespeare could take a few sheets of paper, write one of his plays on them, and each sheet could become worth a hundred times more than its weight in gold. Leonardo da Vinci could select a bare plaster wall, paint his *Last Supper* on it, and produce a priceless masterpiece which would not be sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars. Michelangelo could find a block of discarded marble and carve it into his world-renowned statue of Moses which would command a fabulous price. But Christ can take our decayed, decomposed, buried bodies and resurrect them into the most magnificent masterpieces, the priceless treasures, the divine miracles that all believers will be in eternity; for here is the everlasting assurance: the God who "shall raise up us also by Jesus . . . shall present us with you." We, as the eternally ransomed, are to be presented to Christ. Believe it, cherish it, hold tight to it! Come doubt, come temptation, come persecution, come death itself, cling to this triumphant truth! You, the quiet, unimportant people who look to Jesus; you, the sick, sorrowing and soul-burdened; you, the bereaved and brokenhearted; you, the opposed and the oppressed; you, the wan and the weak; you especially, but all who die in the Lord, shall have these glories.—Walter A. Maier.

## Christ Is Risen

There is in the cry, "Christ is risen," the affirmation of His perfect victory, the declaration of the divine seal set upon that victory, and the proclamation of a sure anchorage for the faith of men. The living, risen Christ is the center of the Church's creed, the creator of her character, the inspiration of her conduct. His resurrection is the clearest note in her battle song. It is the sweetest music amid all her sorrows. It speaks of personal salvation. It promises the life that has no ending; it declares to bereaved souls that "them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him"; and therefore the light of His resurrection falls in radiant beauty upon the graves where rests the dust of the holy dead.—G. Campbell Morgan.

# Channels of Resurrection Power

Robert W. Cummings

THE APOSTLE prayed that the believers in Christ might know "the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe." What a challenging statement! How God yearns to release this power through us!

It is true that God chooses the weak but He uses them to overthrow the mighty. He chooses "worms" but if the worms will believe, God proposes to make them instruments to thresh mountains. May God stir us into a passion to know experimentally "the power of His resurrection!"

When the Son of God came into the world He offered to His Father a perfect faith and a body so utterly yielded to Him that for the first time in all the ages, God was able to pour through a human being the exceeding greatness of His power. For the first time men knew what God was like. They saw this glorious power manifested and they comprehended the purpose for which Christ employed it. They saw their fellows "full of leprosy" hastening to the Son of Man. Other sons of men were afraid to touch a leper, for the power they knew in their own bodies was not sufficient to counteract this dread disease and to drive it away. The power of this loathsome malady might be channeled from the plague-stricken creature into the healthy body! But Jesus knew the exceeding greatness of the power which is available to faith. He touched the leper and resurrection life flowed from the heart of a gracious God to utterly loose the grip of disease upon that body.

How perfectly Jesus became a conveyor of divine power! See Him and His little band of disciples nearing the city of Nain, conversing about the things which were so dear to them all! Suddenly they meet the funeral procession in which a weeping widow is taking the remains of her son to bury him forever out of her sight. That son had been the hope and comfort of her life but the overwhelming power of death had taken him away.

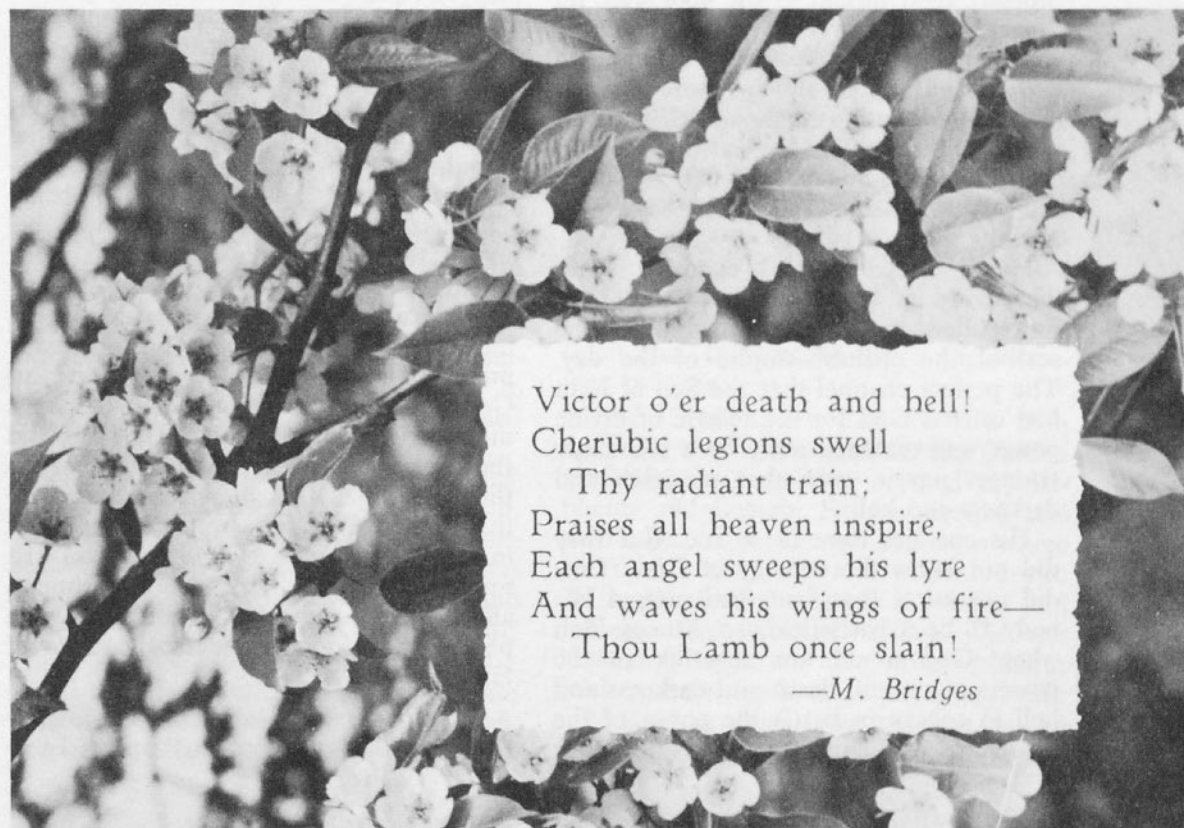
The Son knows what His Father longs to do; He knows that in His Father is exceeding greatness of power at the disposal of him who believes. Therefore,

He offers His perfectly yielded human body to the God of all grace, and He channels divine power—resurrection power—into a home where it is so desperately needed. God's power is available to halt death's cruel triumph. The heart of God is filled with compassion that flows straight into the Son's heart. And, speaking comfort to the widowed mother, He says simply, "Weep not." But He does not comfort with words alone. His lips convey a message of resurrection power to the young man's body, and the grip of death on the widow's son is broken, because the Son of God knew what was the exceeding greatness of divine power toward those who believe.

What mighty works those disciples had seen! As they followed Jesus through Galilee, Samaria, and Judea they saw one who was such a perfect channel of divine power that the very life of heaven constantly surrounded them and they were like a bridal party for very joy. The disciples knew experimentally what is the exceeding greatness of the power of God to meet and drive out the mighty forces that were destroying human bodies, minds, and souls. They saw legions of

demons cast out of the oppressed! They saw lame men leap as a hart! They saw resurrection power touch blinded eyes and open them. They watched the hands of Jesus bring the exceeding greatness of that power to the sick, the maimed, the deaf, the paralyzed, and the dead. How beautiful were His feet upon the mountains of Judea as they brought the glad tidings of deliverance to the captives of sin, sickness and death! How mighty and authoritative, yet how gentle and gracious were the words that fell from His lips! Those words were channels of the exceedingly great power that cleansed the otherwise ineradicable stains of harlots and criminals. They brought release to demon-enchained epileptics. They lifted children from the very grave. They called Lazarus back from the grip of death and corruption.

Then the enemy struck. The hour of the powers of darkness fell upon the little flock as a lightning stroke. The disciples saw another power take captive those gracious hands and bind them. A strong and sinister force seized the body of their mighty Leader. No wonder they could not understand! But their eyes



Victor o'er death and hell!  
Cherubic legions swell  
Thy radiant train;  
Praises all heaven inspire,  
Each angel sweeps his lyre  
And waves his wings of fire—  
Thou Lamb once slain!

—M. Bridges

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were not deceiving them. They saw that evil power scourge Him, humiliate Him, crown Him with thorns, and condemn Him to die. The hands that had been channels of divine power were now nailed to the cross. The feet which had brought good tidings to the poor were no longer free to travel on their errands of mercy. A cruel spike fastened them to the tree. Those lovely lips were smitten and bruised, and even though they bravely spoke comfort to His earthly mother, and forgiveness and salvation to a thief in His last moments, they soon ceased to move.

Death closed in and engulfed Him. The body of Jesus was put away in a rock-walled tomb, and sealed with the seal of the greatest empire of the day. The perfect channel that the Son of Man had offered God for the release of divine power was snatched away by a seemingly stronger power, even that of death and darkness and hell.

His enemies thought so too. But they did not know the strategy of God. They did not know that Jesus had offered His body to be a battlefield, an Armageddon where God would lure together all the powers of sin and death and darkness and hell to engage in battle the power of the blood of the Lamb. Neither did they

notice that His last words were words of faith, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." He knew it was not wicked men who had brought Him to the Cross, but His Father.

Our enemy gathered his cohorts together, massed his legions with their principalities and powers, concentrated the forces of sin and evil, of death and hell, for one mighty onslaught against the body that was channeling divine power into the human race. Christ met their assault without resisting; He allowed Himself to become their victim. He was crucified in weakness, lowered into the grave, and descended into the prison house of darkness. But His enemy had admitted into his kingdom One who knew the exceeding greatness of God's power that the word of faith releases. That word had already been spoken many times, "After three days I shall rise again." His incorruptible blood, in which dwelt divine life and resurrection power, had become the blood of an everlasting covenant. Through shedding that precious blood He had triumphed over the incalculable grip of the sins of the world, of death, and of the devil. He put to shameful defeat the enemies that had come out to destroy Him. Our wonderful God wrought in such wisdom that the hosts of evil were themselves imprisoned in the body of the One whom they thought that they had taken prisoner!

Then the exceeding greatness of God's power wrought in that body to put to nought the power of death and to destroy him that had that power. God raised the body of His Son from the dead, and lifted Him high above all might and power and dominion, and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church.

This church is His new and present body, for when He was exalted to the right hand of the Majesty on High He received from the Father that same surpassing greatness of power and He poured it out upon His disciples. Thus He indicated that the exalted office of being channels of resurrection power was being bestowed upon the church, that they might transmit it to the uttermost parts of the earth. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Those believers presented their bodies to the Spirit of God and thus became channels of God's might so that the works that Jesus did they did also (and greater works than He they performed) because He had gone to the Father. Not only were the believers in the early church eye witnesses of His resurrection. They also knew experimentally the exceeding greatness of that divine power which is available to the word of faith.

No wonder God inspired Paul to pray that the saints at Ephesus might know

this power. He still longs to release it to meet the needs of all who are oppressed by the devil. But that power can only be liberated through us who believe. May God give to us "the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, that we may know experimentally what is the surpassing greatness of His power to usward who believe!" Then Christ will be able to send us, even as the Father sent Him, to bring the tremendous dynamic of God to meet and overcome the diabolically strong forces of sin and death and hell in all the dark places of the earth.

*"Channels only, blessed Master;  
But with all Thy wondrous power  
Flowing through us, Thou canst use us  
Every day and every hour."*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, that you present your bodies, members of the body of Christ, to God as living sacrifices to be channels of resurrection power.

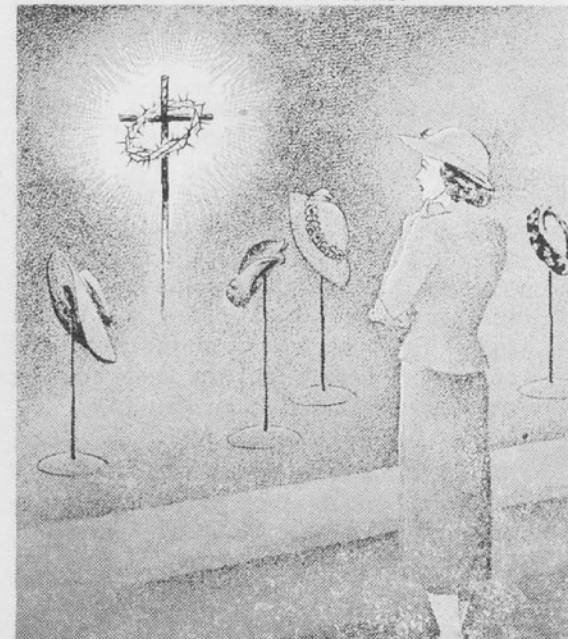
## THREE SUPREME BLESSINGS

An inquirer once asked a student what three things he most wanted, and he said, "Give me books, health and quiet." He asked a miser, and he cried, "Money, money, money." He asked a pauper, and he said faintly, "Bread, bread, bread." The drunkard called loudly for strong drink. He turned to the multitude around him, and he heard in a confused cry, "Wealth, fame, pleasure!"

Then he asked a poor man who had long been an earnest Christian. He replied that all his wants and wishes were met in Christ. He spoke seriously and explained: "I greatly desire three things: first, that I may be found IN Christ (Phil. 3:8-9); secondly, that I may be LIKE Christ (Phil. 3:10-11); and thirdly, that I may be WITH Christ (Phil. 1:23).

Dissatisfaction with ourselves is of no avail unless it leads to complete satisfaction with Christ.—C. H. Spurgeon.

EASTER HEADDRESS



# Spring Is Here!

SPRING IS HERE once more, and nature is full of glorious exhilaration and inspiration. Everything is pulsating with new life. Resurrection is in the very air. The whole countryside is radiant in the spring sunshine as it bathes the earth, making it resplendent with a beauty which comes from the hand of the great Master Artist Himself. Woods and fields are donning their garments of green. All creation is in festive mood. Nature is full of laughter. An infectious hilarity seems abroad these days. And there is that within the human heart which responds to all this lavish display of loveliness, filling the soul with joyous song.

Surveying all this riot of beauty, and remembering that a few weeks ago it was all so different, we are reminded of the miracle of transformation which God has wrought in the hearts of so many whose lives were once wrapped in the winter of estrangement from God. For them the touch of God has brought "the time of the singing of birds." Their night of separation from God has given place to the radiant morning of new birth. "Old things have passed away, and all things have become new." The fruitage of a new and wonderful life in God has appeared. Everywhere in nature the touch of the sun is hastening to fulfillment earth's latent glories. And in those lives which own the sovereignty of Christ the same wondrous things are taking place—such lives reveal the handiwork of the Lord, showing forth His praise.—E. C. W. Boulton, England.



## The ROD That BUDDDED!

Phil Johnson

A MISSIONARY was once preaching in the market-place in a village of North India. At the close of his message, a Mohammedan came up and said, "I have listened to your address with interest. But you must admit we have one thing in our religion that you do not. And it is better than anything you have."

"I shall be pleased to hear what it is," the missionary answered with a smile.

The Mohammedan proceeded, "When we go to our Holy City, we find a least a coffin. Hundreds of thousands make long, weary pilgrimages every year in order to gaze upon that coffin. But when you Christians go to your Holy City you cannot gaze upon a coffin. You find nothing there but an empty grave."

"You are quite right, replied the missionary, "and that is just the difference between our religion and yours. Mohammed is dead; he is in a coffin; he is but a memory. But Jesus Christ, whose kingdom is to include all nations and peoples, is not in His grave. No tomb could hold Him. He arose and is alive forevermore. We follow not a dead Christ, but a living and triumphant Christ."

Herein lies the superiority of Christianity. The founders of all false religions and philosophies are in their graves, but Jesus Christ proved Himself worthy of our worship and service by rising from the dead.

The story is typified in the Old Testament. In the seventeenth chapter of Numbers the people of Israel, moved with envy and unbelief, challenged the high-priesthood of Aaron; so God commanded each of the twelve tribes to send Moses a rod with their name written or carved upon it. Aaron's name was put upon the rod of Levi. These rods were all laid up in the tabernacle before the ark of the covenant, and the Lord promised that the rod of the man whom He had chosen as high priest would show signs of life and blossom.

"And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds" (Numbers 17:8). Thus the right of Aaron to the office of high priest was confirmed by a supernatural and significant sign.

The rod that budded is a very beautiful type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Like it, He was common in appearance. He possessed no beauty to be desired, but was described as a root out of dry ground (Isaiah 53:2). At last He was "laid up" in death like other men.

All the great religions of the world have a creed centered in a man. Taoism, one of the religions of China, was found-

ed in the sixth century B. C. by the philosopher and sage Lao-tse. He wrote his teachings in a little book called *Tao Te Ching*. Then he died. Mohammed came and began a religion which now numbers 315,000,000 adherents. But in A. D. 632 Mohammed died. A young man called *Gautama Buddha* began to teach a new religion, and a large part of the human race became his followers. The Buddha passed away at the age of eighty. *Confucianism* was begun after the death of Confucius by some of his disciples who had his *Five Classics* to guide them.

But Jesus was more than a philosopher or teacher. He claimed to be the Promised One, the Anointed One, the very Son of God. He taught a life of righteousness which could only be attained by having a change of heart. He taught that He was to die for the sins of all mankind that they might be pardoned, cleansed and justified, and that He would send the Holy Spirit to dwell within them that they might live a life victorious over sin.

And He died. His followers saw Him taken by the motley mob in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was accused of blasphemy and treason; He was beaten, and then taken out and nailed to a cross where He died a shameful and painful death. A secret admirer begged His body and laid it away in a new tomb. He was "laid up" with all the other religious leaders of the world in the sleep of death.

When the enemies of Jesus had asked for a sign of His claims and authority,



## A Picture of C. A. Day, 1953

LOOK is the watchword for C. A.'s in 1953. C. A. Day sets the pace for a forward-looking year of evangelistic activity. The new C. A. program with its long-range evangelism objective has just been announced. Activities for each quarter of the new C. A. year have been planned:

- LOOK into the Word
- LOOK for opportunities of Christian service
- LOOK unto the field
- LOOK into your life

Every effort is being made to increase the effectiveness of youth's service to Christ and His church.

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The leadership of the National C. A. Department has played an important part in the development of our Assemblies of God youth work. Its many services on national, district, and local levels—to C. A.'s in military service, in college, on the mission field, and at home—are largely financed by offerings which local churches give on C. A. Day. Do your part.

### April 26

IS NATIONAL C. A. DAY

He had answered, "I will give you no sign but that of the prophet Jonah. As Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:39, 40). Just as Aaron's right to be high priest rested upon the budding of his rod, so Christ staked His title to divinity upon the fact of His resurrection.

It is related by Matthew that when the chief priests and Pharisees came to Pilate asking that the sepulcher of Jesus might be made sure "lest His disciples should come by night and steal Him away," the governor answered, "Go, make it as sure as you can." So "they went and made it sure, rolling a great stone before it, and sealing the stone, and setting a watch."

The hours ticked by; the days and nights wore on; the sentinels paced back and forth. Suddenly, at God's appointed moment, the earth began to tremble beneath their feet. Mountains were rent; rocks left their ancient cohesions and went rumbling into the valley below. A blinding flash from heaven, and the guards fell as dead men. Two angels came gliding from the heavens and rolled the stone away. The Triumphant One came forth wiping the grave mold from His brow. The Rod of God had budded! Thus Christ was "declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). He is the only One to be loved, adored and worshiped as God!

## MISSIONS AT HOME

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### NEWS FROM OUR FRONTIERS

#### ALASKA

Brother and Sister Larry Haynes of Tulsa, Oklahoma, have gone to Petersburg, Alaska, to take the place of the Charles Hirschys who are returning to the States. . . . Josiah Winklepleck, worker at the Birchwood Children's Home near Wasilla, Alaska, narrowly escaped serious injury when his jeep overturned on an icy road. . . . The wrecking of the jeep leaves that Children's Home without any transportation facilities.

Tremendous needs have presented themselves in the last few weeks and months in Alaska. Special prayer that God will provide these needs will be greatly appreciated, both by the missionaries and by the National Home Missions Department.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE GROUPS

The ninth foreign branch was wel-

comed into the Assemblies of God in January. A. N. Giannopoulos is superintendent of the new Greek Branch, known as the Hellenic Protogonos Apostolic Ecclesia. There are twelve churches in the Branch, and they publish a paper known as the "Pentecostal Voice."

#### PRISON DIVISION

Arvid Ohmell, National Prison Representative, recently visited several churches and prisons in Arkansas. . . . More than 160 prisoners have been or are at present enrolled in our Correspondence School. Some have completed several courses. . . . THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is being sent into nearly 125 federal and state penal institutions. . . . 240 EVANGELS go into Sing Sing every week. . . . One prison guard sends from his salary over \$500 yearly for EVANGEL subscriptions to go into penal institutions.

#### NEW WORKS

1953 promises to be a great year in the opening of new Assemblies of God works. . . . Watch for the May issue of the *Missionary Challenge* which will carry a feature story of William and Elsie Riddle, a young CBI couple who followed the leading of the Lord to enter pioneer work in New York State. . . . Alabama has been opening churches on the Mother Church plan. . . . Is your CHURCH A MOTHER CHURCH?

#### JEWISH DIVISION

The Board of our Hebrew Mission in Chicago met recently. . . . Brother and Sister Charles Apton have joined the staff of the Chicago Hebrew Mission and are endeavoring to point their fellow Hebrews to Christ. . . . The Meyer Tan Ditters report several Jewish people saved in their ministry on the West Coast.

#### DEAF DIVISION

A seminar for Assemblies of God workers among the deaf will be held at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, April 10-12. Students of the sign language class at CBI, as well as those from other Bible Schools, are expected to attend. . . . The sign language is being taught in four of our Bible Schools this year, with around 150 students enrolled. . . . Croft Pentz, teacher of the sign language at South Central Bible College and worker with the deaf of Little Rock, Arkansas, is now working among the colored deaf there, as well as the white. He is ministering to the deaf in the largest Negro church in Little Rock, a Baptist church with 2100 members. He soon will start teaching the sign language to members of the hearing church.

#### INDIAN DIVISION

Wm. F. Olson and family have left the work at Whiteriver, Arizona, to enter evangelistic work among the Indians for a time. . . . Brother and Sister Ted Johnson are taking their place at Whiteriver, to work among the Apaches. . . . The new church at Bylas, Arizona, also on the Apache reservation, is almost completed. Brother and Sister Stellrecht have worked hard to build the church and have had good help from a number of friends. Souls are being saved at Bylas.

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Boys and Girls Reach Goal

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade had a goal of \$5,000 for BGMC Day in February. The boys and girls exceeded their goal by giving a total of \$5,171.29 for their project of supplying literature for foreign lands.

## A Year Without a Lynching

The United States went through 1952 without a death from mob violence, Tuskegee Institute reports. This was the nation's first lynchless year ever recorded. There was a gradual decline in lynch killings for the last decade, but Tuskegee records show at least one mob death every year from 1951 back to 1882, when this Negro school started keeping its file.

## Man's Life Span Lengthened

It is reported that man's life span has increased by a little more than four years in the last ten-year period. Cancer deaths declined from 123.5 per 100,000 in 1951 to 122.5 in 1952, while tuberculosis deaths were down 25 per cent. But there has been no change in the death rate: earthly life is sure to end for 100 per cent of the people, sooner or later, so instead of giving all our attention to the prolonging of this life we ought to prepare for the life to come.

## Andrew Jackson's Christian Faith

It is said that the seventh President of the United States, in whose memory the politicians have their annual Jackson Day dinners, was a man with intense hatred in his heart. He hated the British; he hated the Indians; and he hated his political enemies. But after leaving the White House, Andrew Jackson came under deep conviction of sin. He spent a night pacing the floor of his bedroom. There was an intense struggle which ended only when he yielded himself to Christ.

From that time on, Andrew Jackson was a changed man. He forgave his enemies, united with the church, established a family altar, spent hours reading the Bible, and interested himself in warning others and seeking to lead them to the truth. He wrote the following as his own epitaph:

"I have prepared an humble depository for my mortal body beside that wherein lies my beloved wife, where, without any pomp or parade, I have requested, when my God calls me to sleep with my fathers, to be laid; for both of us there to remain until the last trumpet sounds to call the dead to judgment, when we, I hope, shall rise together, clothed with that heavenly body promised to all who believe in our glorious Redeemer who died for us that we might live, and by whose atonement I hope for a blessed immortality."

## They Hid It in Their Hearts

The Chinese Christians, fearful that some day their precious Bibles might be taken away from them, hid the Word away in the most secure place possible—in their hearts. They memorized whole chapters of Scripture. In one district, a missionary said he knew of 200 people who had memorized the entire new Testament. What strength and peace it must give them in the fiery trials they must endure under a Communist government!

## Prayers Prepared for Mealtime

It is reported that, as part of its "Back to God" movement, the Indiana department of the American Legion plans to put a card containing five prayers for mealtime on every hotel, restaurant, and luncheon table in the State of Indiana. The custom of giving thanks at mealtime certainly is a good one, and perhaps printed prayers are better than none—but the first prayer that many Americans need to offer is, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The Bible says that the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is His delight (Proverbs 15:8).

## Highway Robbers Get Rich Loot

Highway robbers, once the fear and dread of stage coach drivers, have become a serious menace to today's truck drivers in America. Last year they stole truck cargoes estimated to be worth \$75,000,000 which was two and a half times as much as in 1945. For ten years the amount of loot has steadily increased. The Cargo Protection Bureau of New York says that, unless the trend is reversed, such thefts may aggregate \$90,000,000 in 1953.

It is time the preachers cried out against sin and warned the American people that they cannot steal or break other laws of God without suffering an eternal penalty.

### SUSTAINED - - - SATISFIED

Drawing today from the wells of salvation  
Life more abundant, the joy of the Lord;  
Each passing moment I'm filled with His  
goodness,  
Sustained by the pow'r of the Incarnate  
Word.

Drinking tomorrow from springs everlasting  
Grace without measure, truth that makes  
free.  
By faith now I taste of its limitless  
blessing;  
The earnest is mine for the promise I  
see.

Dwelling forever by rivers of pleasure—  
Life's own fruition eternity's hour—  
The springs that on earth in my longing  
I tasted  
Fulfill my soul's hope—immortality's power.  
—Rachel R. Van Meter

## Millions Go Up in Smoke

Probably no habit is more wasteful than smoking tobacco. Writing in *This Week*, Tom Henry says: "Smokers paid more than four billion dollars for cigarettes in 1952. The per-capita use of tobacco by Americans fifteen years old and over is the highest on record. Cigarette consumption is ten per day per person, more than twice as much as in the late thirties." Many men and women who started the habit merely to conform with popular custom now wish they could quit it. We have good news for them—they CAN quit it if they will seek God's help.

## One Side of Coffin Left Open

It is said that when the Jews of Israel buried their first President, Chaim Weizmann, last year they left one side of his coffin open so that his body might lie in contact with Israel's soil. Dr. Weizmann had spent his long life in the struggle to obtain a national homeland for his people and this was their way of acknowledging his love for the land of Israel. Some have compared Weizmann to Israel's patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But Weizmann was a political leader: his passion was for the nation and for the life that now is. The patriarchs were spiritual men, whose passion was for the life that is to come. "By faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country . . . for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:9, 10). No earthly land can satisfy the heart cry of God's true children, but only God Himself.

## Library Charged With Favoritism

Protestants in Chicago were alarmed on Sunday, February 22, to see a display of 21 pro-Catholic books and five Catholic magazines monopolizing the window of the Northtown Branch of the Chicago Public Library. While some of the books were only mildly pro-Catholic, the large majority were rabidly so. Examples: *Bishop Sheil and the C.Y.O.*, *The Cardinal*, *The Voyage to Lourds*, *The World's Great Catholic Literature*, and *The Vatican and Its Role in World Affairs*.

Bernard Kruse, Regional Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, was notified. He took a photograph of the display; then he investigated further and found a similar situation at the Auburn Park branch. All 21 books in the religious display were pro-Catholic.

He wrote a letter to the Chicago Public Library strongly protesting this favoritism. He pointed out that, according to the Library Bill of Rights adopted by the American Library Association, public libraries are expected to be totally impartial toward all books or other reading matter of sound factual authority. They must not discriminate on the grounds of race, nationality, politics, or doctrinal views. All publishers have equal right to shelf space and availability in the public libraries, in order that citizens may have free access to ideas and full freedom of expression in the best American tradition.

# Evangelizing in Bible Lands

## A SURVEY OF OUR NEAR EAST MISSION FIELD

George H. Carmichael, Field Secretary for the Near East

(Continued from last week)

Syria is a Moslem stronghold. Persecution of a Moslem who confesses Christ is severe. Often he must leave his home and change his name to avoid reprisals against his person or his family.

### IRAQ

To the east lies old Mesopotamia, now known as Iraq. It has a population of 3,500,000. The state religion is Islam. Until recently there was also a large Jewish population, descendants of the Jews taken captive to Babylon, but these have now been airlifted to Israel.

Many Old Testament events took place in Iraq. Abraham came from Ur. Jonah preached in Nineveh. Belshazzar saw the handwriting on the wall of the palace in Babylon. Here Daniel was cast into the den of lions. Ezekiel was born in Iraq and his grave is in Kifil.

There is a small group of Pentecostal believers in Bagdad. How they appreciate visits from ministering brethren! When I visited Bagdad two years ago, I found that this group had moved from their previous address. I inquired for the new location from a man who chanced to know them, though not by the name I used. Suddenly, he remembered. "Oh," he said, "do you mean the people that do this?" and he clapped his hands. By this token I knew that these were the people for whom I was looking!

There are a few groups of believers in the villages along the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers but there are scores of villages without a gospel witness.

### IRAN

East of Iraq is Iran, formerly known as Persia. It is also one of the Bible lands. Assyrian is the official language but Kurdish and Turkish are also spoken.

I was unable to visit Iran on my latest trip, but did so three years ago.

In 1909 a group of Assyrians in the United States returned to the Rezaiah region of Iran bringing with them the Pentecostal message. Through their ministry hundreds were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Soon there were large congregations. Then in 1917 came great persecution. Many were martyred, others moved to Iraq, and the revival ceased. A few years later the work revived when Assyrian refugees returned to the land. Today the work is prospering, in spite of trying conditions and political unrest.

Toma Nasir is Superintendent of the Iranian work. Twelve other workers are engaged in gospel ministry there. A church was dedicated in Hamadan in November, 1951. The city of Hamadan is the setting for the Book of Esther. Our church is located only a short distance from her tomb and that of her cousin, Mordecai. A new church was dedicated in Rezaiah in May 1952. Church buildings are urgently needed in Kermanshah and Teheran. The believers are very poor. They give sacrificially to support their pastors, but need financial assistance for the construction of church buildings.

### THE JORDAN KINGDOM

The Hashimite Jordan Kingdom (Trans Jordan) was known during Bible times under various names—Moab, Gilead, Bashan, Perea and the Decapolis. In 1949 the late King Abdullah annexed 4,000 square miles of Palestine. Thus the Hashimite Jordan Kingdom now comprises 37,000 square miles.

This year the hills of Jordan were exceptionally beautiful. Due to the plentiful rainfall, there were wild flowers every-



Building recently purchased in Port Said, Egypt, for our new Bible School.

where. The red anemones, thought to be the "lilies of the field" mentioned by Christ, were unusually abundant.

In the Jordan Kingdom, many customs remain the same as in Bible times. If Abraham were to return to any of the hundreds of Bedouin tents he would feel quite at home, so little has the tent dweller's mode of living changed in 4,000 years! People in long, flowing garments seem to step right out of the Bible. We hear Christian tourists exclaim, "There goes Balaam on his donkey." "Doesn't that man look like Elijah the prophet?" "That shepherd boy playing his flute reminds one of David."

The Old City of Jerusalem is under Arab control and is part of the Jordan Kingdom. No city has had so much written about it. To the Moslems it is almost as sacred as Mecca. Their Mosque of Omar stands on the site where Solomon's and Herod's temples once stood.

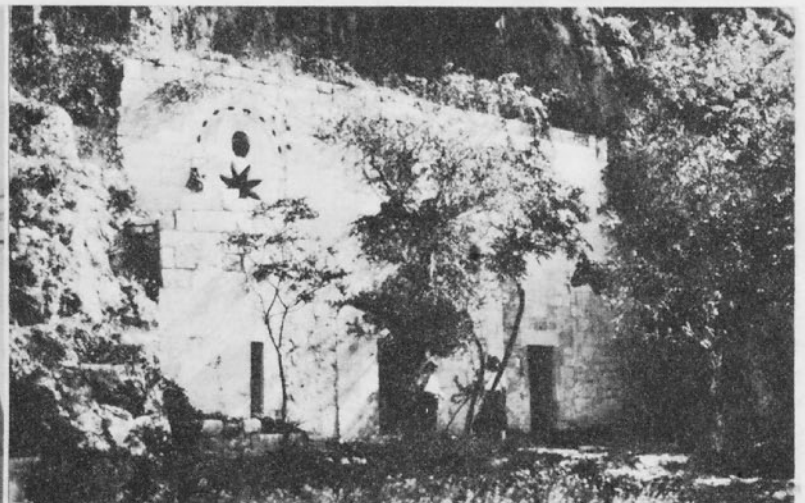
To the Jew, of course, Jerusalem is the City of cities. The Old City is surrounded by ancient gray walls. Since the partition of Palestine it has been entirely separate from the New City in Israel territory. At present no Jew is permitted within the Old City. For the Christian, Jerusalem has many sacred memories. Within its environs are numerous places associated with the earthly life of Christ.

God has richly blessed our work in the Jordan Kingdom during this past year. Many have accepted Christ. Some were soldiers of the Arab Legion and others

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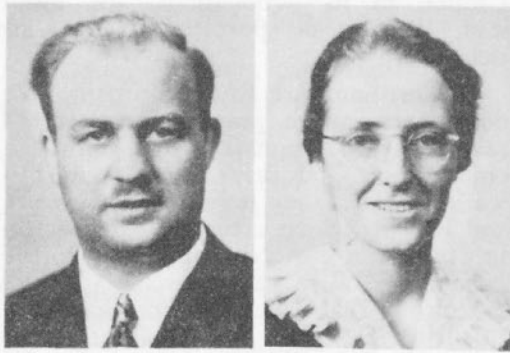


Mabel Dean and some of her workers—Minia, Egypt



First century church building at Antioch, Turkey





Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Bergstrom  
Brazil, S. America



Mr. and Mrs. James King  
Liberia, W. Africa



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson  
North India

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Bergstrom sailed March 6 for another term of service in Brazil.

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Mr. and Mrs. James King and family sailed February 27 on the "African Glen" for Liberia, West Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Olsen sailed from Seattle February 13 on the "M. V. China Mail" for the Philippines.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson sailed from Seattle March 7 on the "M. S. Wonosari" for Calcutta, India. The Johnsons were formerly in China.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ervin E. Shaffer and family sailed March 8 for Durban, S. Africa.

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Emma Decker writes the following interesting account of her work: "I have spent the last six weeks in North Germany ministering in several assemblies. In Gluckstadt we held meetings twice a week for the young people. Each evening 16 to 20 young men and women gathered to hear the Word of God. Some were college students whose 'higher learning' had filled their minds with doubts and questions. The Bible studies we had together proved to be a real blessing and many of their doubts were cleared away. In another place the Lord graciously saved a young girl who was in great need. The Lord enabled us to organize a Sunday evening young people's meeting in this place. Praise God, we hear that the meetings are going on regularly.

"We have 30 fine young men in our Bible School—all longing to enter the Lord's work. Pray that God will open doors of service for them."

### WEDDING BELLS IN LIBERIA

Thelma Roark, daughter of Mr. C. G. Roark of Oklahoma, became the bride of Lee Roy Ward on January 11, 1953. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ward of Texas. The ceremony took place on Sunday evening at eight o'clock in the Newaka Chapel.

Before her marriage Miss Roark served as a teacher in our school at Feloka. Mr. Ward is stationed at the Leper Colony in New Hope Town and now both of them will be engaged in the work at the Leper Colony.

### A "BUSH" TROPHY

Russell L. Schirman, Africa

TWO WEEKS AGO a man walked into our station from his home far out in the bush. When he arrived he said he wanted to give himself to God. Our native pastor wondered just what had led the man to give up his heathen practices and to accept the Lord as his Saviour. In reply to his query the man said, "Don't you remember when your missionary accompanied by two or three workers came to my town and held a service one day?"

Then we remembered! Weeks ago we were making a preaching trip in the jeep. We followed the main road, stopping here and there to hold services. After a time the Lord led us to follow a bush trail to a small village where they were having a market. These small villages often have only one market day a week and the people come from miles around, so we had a large audience.

At the close of the meeting the men said to one another, "We have heard something good today." However, no one was bold enough to step forward and accept Christ. Still the seed was sown!

For weeks, our visitor said, he had been unable to eat or sleep properly because of the urge he felt in his soul to accept the gift of salvation which had been so freely offered. We rejoiced together that the seed had fallen on good ground and that another soul had been rescued from heathen darkness.

Many times as we hold such meetings—standing under the burning African sun with the perspiration streaming down our faces—we wonder if it is really worth the effort. But we see again and again that every effort we put forth is rewarding. Thank God for this trophy snatched from the African bush!

## BOYS AND GIRLS!

This is it. Find a copy of the March issue of the **MISSIONARY CHALLENGE** and read all about the **SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST** in which you can easily win valuable prizes!



For contest purposes, we divide the U.S.A. into East, Central and West zones. All prizes will be won by some boy or girl in each zone. **Be a prize winner!**

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Other prizes (there are more than 30 in all!) include 8mm movie camera, portable record player, 5-tube table-model radio, shock-proof wrist watch, camera with flash attachment, pen and pencil set, Bibles and sacred record albums. **SPECIAL: Every contestant who secures 100 subscriptions gets his regular expenses paid at his district Boys' or Girls' Camp.** So everybody can win. Hurry! Send your name and address right away to the Contest Manager, **MISSIONARY CHALLENGE**, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. We will send you entrance application blank, contest rules, detailed information about prizes, etc. Any boy or girl, aged 8 to 12 inclusive, may enter. **Hurry! WORK FOR THE LORD AND MISSIONS. Win a prize, too!**

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# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## THE FIRST APOSTOLIC MIRACLE

### Lesson for April 12

Acts 3:1-11

Peter and John were on their way to the temple for the time of afternoon prayer when they met the lame man.

It was customary with the Jews to have two seasons of public prayer daily—one at nine in the morning, spoken of as the third hour (Acts 2:15), and one at three in the afternoon, called the ninth hour. At these times of prayer the "morning and evening sacrifices" were offered (Ex. 29:43). These morning and evening burnt-offerings were to be offered continually, for God had promised, "I will meet you, to speak there unto you" (v. 42). When Moses went out to the tabernacle for his devotions, the glory of God descended "and the Lord talked with Moses" (Ex. 33:9). David recognized the time of the evening burnt-offering and the worship that was associated with it; he said, "Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141:2).

Jewish worship may have become largely a formality at this time; but even so, formal prayer is better than no prayer. Peter and John, although filled with the Holy Spirit, honored the hour of prayer by going to the Temple with others. If others were formal, they were spiritual; if others went away empty, they went away filled; if others made no contribution to spiritual power and fellowship, they gave what they had. Let us beware of withdrawing from the means of grace which are shared by others. If God has blessed any people with more light than others enjoy, let them display that blessing in zealous faithfulness and spiritual fervor.

#### 1. A NEEDED LIFE

a. *The Lame Man's Helplessness.* A beggar, who had never walked, sat helplessly looking for such offerings of kindness as might be given to him by those who entered the Temple. The man was entirely unattached to the Christian Church and without any ability to recompense those who might help him. It was he whose need God saw, and for whose benefit the Spirit inspired faith in the hearts of the apostles. If signs and wonders are to be performed, they will come in the path of worship, devotion, and obedience. As Eliezer said, "I being in the way, the Lord led me" (Gen. 24:27).

b. *The Miracle of Healing.* In every

miracle there is a spiritual lesson. The impotent man may well say to us that, while we go in and out of the house of the Lord, enjoying fellowship with God and with one another, there are the impotent outside—the spiritually halt, lame, withered. What value is there in our religion unless it enables us to help them? May our devotions, private and public, be of such nature as to bring the needed blessing to those around us, who are without God and without hope, helpless in themselves unless aided by God.

#### 2. A COMMAND OF FAITH

a. *Lack of Material Possessions.* When Peter and John faced the lame man, they said, "Silver and gold have I none." Although they were apostles, and the believers had pooled all their resources and apparently had laid them at the apostles' feet (see Acts 2:44, 45; 4:35) they avoided being made custodians of the disciples' money. Here is a lesson for all who hold spiritual offices in the church. Those who minister in spiritual things should let others take care of material things.

b. *Abundance of Spiritual Wealth.* Peter and John were free from covetousness; they were walking in the Spirit; their hearts were communing with God. They were in a fit condition for the Spirit to use. A holy boldness of faith rose up within Peter and he said, "Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee." He had that which gold could not buy, that which was of greater value to the lame man than all the wealth of earth. He had faith in Jesus of Nazareth, and he said that faith was much more precious than gold that perisheth (1 Peter 1:7). Out of this spiritual wealth he was able to give blessing and life, both physical and spiritual. The lame man rose up and walked, then went with them into the temple "walking, and leaping, and praising God." Through the physical miracle there was also a spiritual miracle—the man praised God. Such is ever the purpose of Christ. Physical healings are of little value unless they lead to consecration of life.

#### 3. A BESTOWAL OF BENEFITS

a. *Christians May Be Poor Materially.* When Jesus began His ministry He announced that he had come "to preach the gospel to the poor," and to bind up the broken-hearted. In the divine plan the poor hold a large place—"Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith?" To the struggling

Church in its persecutions, the Spirit said, "I know thy poverty, but thou art rich."

b. *Christians Are Rich Spiritually.* We do not encourage poverty for poverty's sake; but we emphasize that, although children of God may be short in this world's goods, they have spiritual wealth and blessing which exceeds all that earthly wealth can buy. Not all can say to the lame man, "Rise up and walk," but all can give of that which the Lord has given to them. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We are commanded to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We all may fulfill this command by means of our love, our prayers, and our sacrificial giving.

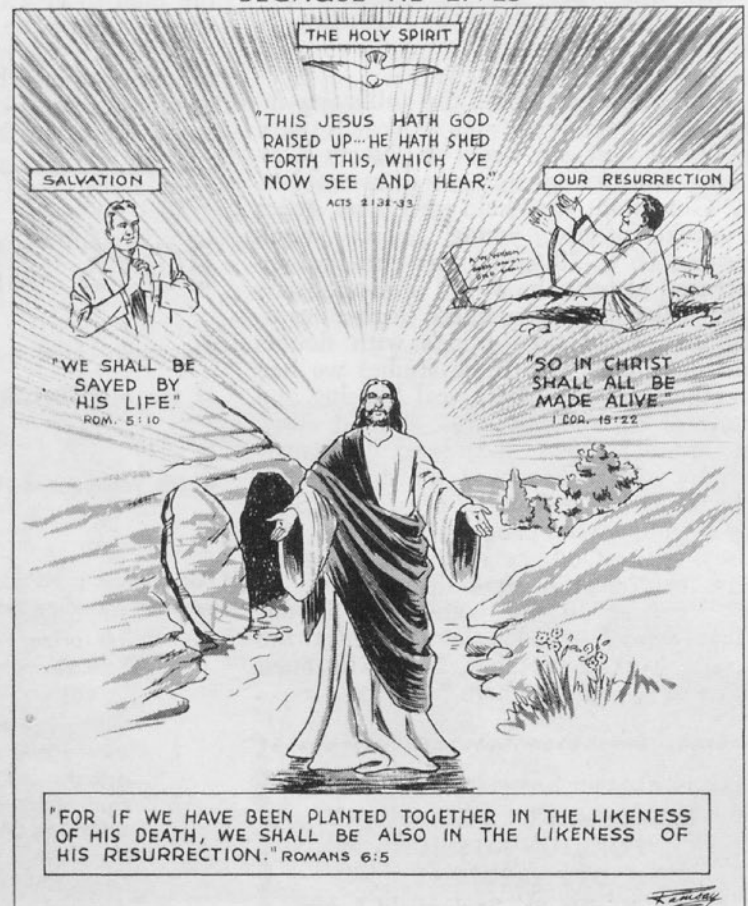
c. *Christians Should Share.* Again we would emphasize that the blessings received in the house of prayer should be shared with the poor, the sick, the sin-blinded lives outside the church. Let none say he can do nothing for God. We are all members of the body of Christ; each has a place to fill. As we walk in the Spirit and co-operate one with another the Lord will work through us to will and to do of His good pleasure; and as He does so, a confirmation of His Word will be seen in the bodies and souls of men.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The First Day of the Church (lesson for Sunday, April 5). Lesson text: Acts 2:1-8, 14-18, 21.

"The seed dies into a new life, and so does man."

#### BECAUSE HE LIVES



## EVANGELIZING IN BIBLE LANDS

(Continued from page eight)

were refugees. Services are held each week in several villages under the direction of our national workers. Last summer two baptismal services were held in the Jordan River. In October a church was started in Jericho. Through this new work we hope to reach many of the refugees in the Jordan Valley.

Acts 8:1—"At that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad"—was repeated at the time of the Arab-Jewish war in 1947-1948. At that time our Arab believers in Jerusalem had to flee to nearby Arab countries. This dispersion also became a means of spreading the gospel, for the believers have witnessed wherever they have gone. Some of them are now in Jordan Kingdom. Others are in Lebanon and Syria.

### EGYPT

Egypt is the land of the Pharaohs. Pyramids and royal tombs bear witness to an ancient civilization of high order. In sharp contrast is the poverty and illiteracy found today in villages along the Nile.

Ninety percent of the population is Moslem. The remaining ten percent is made up mostly of Copts, descendants of the original Egyptians. There are more Protestant churches in the Nile Valley than in any other area of the Near East. Most of their converts, however, are from the Coptic church. Moslems may wish to accept the Christian faith but they rarely do. As in other Moslem lands, religious freedom in Egypt means—"It is easy to become a Moslem but most difficult for a Moslem to become a Christian."

Egypt, nevertheless, is the most encouraging Assemblies of God mission field in the Near East. Copious revival showers have come to the Nile Valley this past year. Various visiting ministers have been a blessing to the missionaries and national believers. In November 1952 Evangelist Arne Vick visited Egypt. He spent several weeks conducting meetings in the various towns and villages.

Our mission work in Egypt began during the first decade of the century. Today there are 40 ordained Egyptian ministers and many lay workers, all zealous for God.

We have eight missionaries in Egypt. Joseph Brown, Superintendent of the field, has had a fruitful ministry in the villages along the Nile. Florence Christie and Karlene Burt have ministered in the Tahta area of Upper Egypt for the past five years. They are reaching many villages. Eight of these villages now have their own churches, built with Egyptian funds. Children's services have been the means of opening many homes to the gospel. Mable Dean's work in Minia has also enjoyed revival blessings. Large crowds have attended services in Minia and surrounding villages. Scores have been saved.

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### SAUDI ARABIA

We cannot enter Saudi Arabia for it is closed to missionaries. But we ask you to pray that the Moslem curtain enclosing this land will soon open so that its 8,000,000 inhabitants may have a chance to hear the gospel. Mecca, where Mohammed was born, and Medina, where he died, are both sacred cities to the Moslems. Each year, thousands of Moslems from all over the world make the pilgrimage to Mecca.

A few missionary doctors have gained entrance into Arabia for short periods, but no missionary is permitted to reside there. Riyadh is one of the few capital cities of the world without even one Christian church.

### ISRAEL

Israel was established as a state on May 15, 1948. Since that time nearly 800,000 Jews have immigrated to Israel, coming from approximately 60 countries. The Jewish population in Israel is now 1,500,000. The progress the little state has made in absorbing this large number of people is indeed a miracle. Life in Israel is still austere. Prices are high, food is rationed and housing is a problem. Yet there is willing sacrifice, for are they not building a homeland?

The Jew is God's time clock in prophecy. His return to Israel should cause Christians to realize that their redemption is drawing nigh; that the time for work is short.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster from England have been working in Jerusalem since 1947. Dorothy Whitner and Victorine Check, formerly our missionaries among the Jews of Calcutta, India, have gone to Jerusalem to engage in missionary work. Most of their ministry will consist of personal work, for inquirers come to the missionaries, as Nicodemus came to Jesus of old, to ask questions. Large crowds do not attend gospel services, but the number who openly confess Jesus as their Messiah is increasing. The Jew who accepts Jesus often becomes the object of bitter hatred and social ostracism.

One very encouraging aspect of our

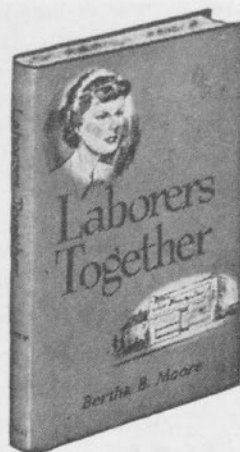
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gether there are 315,000,000 Moslems in the world. If all were to pass a given point at the rate of one every second, it would take ten years. Comprising one-seventh of the earth's population, they are a challenge to the Church that cannot be overlooked. Only fervent, believing prayer can make inroads into the ranks of Mohammedanism.

Another problem in the Near East is the age-long controversy between the seed of Isaac and Ishmael. There is an armistice, but it is an uneasy one. There are frequent shooting incidents at the borders, reminding the populace that another full-scale war is not only possible but probable. Efforts of the United Nations to bring about a better understanding have been of little avail.

Over 500,000 Arab refugees, who fled from their homes in the Arab-Jewish war of 1948, constitute another serious problem in the Near East. Multiplied thousands are still living in refugee camps. These are a fertile field in which the seed of Communism is being sown. The presence of so many refugees lends a spirit of impermanence to the whole social structure.

Though the Greek Orthodox church claims direct descent from the early Christian church its spiritual life has been lost in superstition and ritual. The paintings and stained glass windows in their churches may portray the Living Christ, yet they do not know Him as the Liv-

work in Israel has been the demand for Old and New Testaments. There is a bookroom in connection with our mission station in Jerusalem. It has a large Hebrew Bible in the window and its pages are turned regularly by the attendant. Many Jews stop to read. God's Word will not return to Him void; it will prosper in the purpose for which He sends it out.

## OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES

In the Near East there are open doors. However, we are confronted with many problems. The whole area is seething with religious, economic and political unrest. Strategically it is a pivot on which world issues swing. Palestine often has been, and will yet be, the battleground for opposing forces meeting in bloody conflict.

Mohammedanism presents one of the greatest and most difficult challenges to Christian missions. Ninety-two percent of the Near East population is Moslem. Foremost in the personal, economic and political life of the Moslem is religion. Allah's name is breathed into the ear of the new-born infant. It is on the lips of the dying. Five times each day, from thousands of minarets comes the call to prayer. And pray to Allah the Moslem must and will, with his face turned toward Mecca.

The late Dr. Zwemer said, "Though Moslems seem to be entirely unaffected by Christian Missions, we must minister and love, and let the results come as God sends them." Dr. Zwemer often said that Moslems were the forgotten people of the missionary world. Alto-

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The hope for real progress in missionary work in the Bible lands is to encourage the nationals to become missionaries to their own people. What has already been accomplished is a mere beginning. The real task lies ahead. We need trained workers. A Bible School is imperative. Property has recently been purchased for this purpose in Port Said, Egypt. Young men from all of the Arabic-speaking countries will be trained in this school.

From these Bible lands the challenge comes to us. Out of these same countries our salvation originally came. What immeasurable gratitude we owe them. We have received the glorious gospel, while many of these lands are still in darkness. How generously will you give that they may hear? How earnestly will you pray that God's Word will find entrance into their hearts?

## NEWS

### WELL-KNOWN POET PASSES ON

F. M. Lehman, well-known writer of sacred songs, went to his heavenly home on Feb. 20, 1953, at the age of 84. Brother Lehman was a member of Trinity Full Gospel Church (Assemblies of God) in Pasadena, Calif.

During his long life he served God as a pastor and as an author; a number of his articles appeared in *The Pentecostal Evangel*. However, he was best known for his gospel songs. His first song was written while he was a pastor at Kingsley, Iowa, in 1898. Since then he has written and published hundreds of hymns.

"No Disappointment in Heaven" was written in Chicago in 1914, while suffering financial reverses. Its tender strains have wafted hope to millions.

"The Love of God" was written in Pasadena in 1917. It ranks among the most popular sacred songs ever written and has been translated into eighteen different languages.

One of Brother Lehman's grandsons has sent us the following:

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by F. M. Lehman

Here love's strands are rudely broken,  
And fond hopes all shattered lie;  
Childhood's rosy bow of promise  
Hides behind a clouded sky.

There unfolded life's reverses—  
Things we could not understand;  
We shall see 'twas best to trust Him  
When we reach that better land.

Here the oft-time cry of sorrow  
Mingles with the sob of pain;  
And the carefree song of childhood  
Changes to a sad refrain.

There no grief shall thrum its minor  
Through the orchestra of bliss;  
And no sob will mar our pleasure  
In a fairer world than this.

Here are many disappointments,  
Furrowed cheeks and silver hair;  
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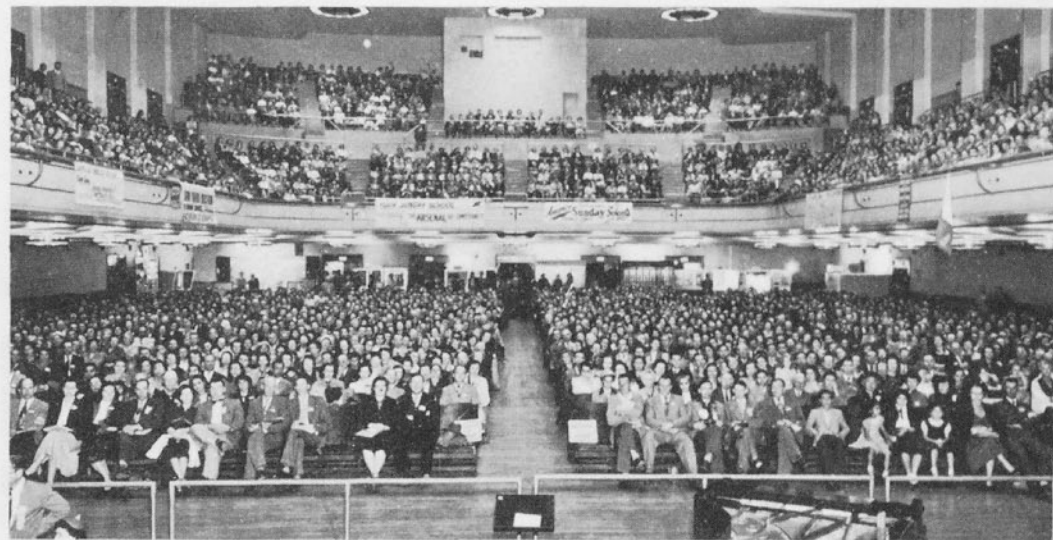
### 2106 REGISTER AT REGIONAL CONVENTION IN FRESNO

Highlights of the Southwest Regional Sunday School convention which met March 3-5 in the Memorial Auditorium at Fresno, California, were the conferences and workshops, declared scores of convention delegates. Conventioneers crowded their way into a total of twenty-four conferences, including the eight repeat conferences conducted the second night of the convention.

Almost all of the available seating space was taken for the conferences except the ones held in the main auditorium. Especially popular were Administration, Workers' Training, Enlargement, Adult, and Vacation Bible School conferences.

A pleasant surprise for delegates was the fact that Gayle F. Lewis, General Superintendent of our fellowship, was able to attend the convention. Brother Lewis gave a response to a welcome by Floyd Hawkins, City Chairman. Brother Lewis noted that the Sunday School has a unique place to fill in the work of the church and in the community. He said:

"We feel that the Sunday School serves a two-fold purpose. First, it contributes to the church. The great majority of church members come in



This picture was taken Wednesday night during the Southwest Regional Sunday School Convention at Fresno, California. Three thousand gathered here in the Memorial Auditorium to learn how to advance their Sunday School work.

to the church through the Sunday School. Second, it contributes to the nation in stemming the tide of juvenile delinquency.

"According to a recent release from the National Security Agency in Washington, there were one million juvenile delinquents handled by the police last year. Furthermore, the Agency estimates that at the present rate of increase by 1960 this number will double, and they will be handling two million instead of one. The Government is appealing to every agency in America to do what it can to stem the tide. We feel that one major answer to this problem is the Sunday School, because statistics prove that Sunday School children do not become delinquents. Only 20% of the six million listed criminals in the United States ever went to Sunday School."

The church delegation trophy, awarded for the greatest number of miles traveled, was won by the First Assembly of God of San Diego, California. Gene Martin is pastor, and O. W. Marshall is Sunday School superintendent.

Registration totaled 2106. Approximately 25 Sectional Sunday School Representatives and Directors were at the breakfast seminars.

The Fresno gathering was the second of six regional Sunday School Conventions for 1953. Two others have been held since: the Northwest Convention in Portland, Oreg., March 17-19; and the Northeast Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, March 31-April 2. The Southeast Convention in Mobile, Ala., will begin Tuesday night, April 28. The North-Central Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. will begin Wednesday night, May 20.

## DISTRICT C. A. PRESIDENTS MEET IN SPRINGFIELD

Evangelism keynoted the 1953 National Conference of District C. A. Presidents held in Springfield, Missouri, February 24-27. A total of 54 district C. A. presidents and sectional leaders attended the annual meeting for indoctrination and planning. A city-wide "Youth Call" rally opened the sessions, with District C. A. President Dean Duncan, of Southern California, speaking.

The rally was evangelistic, in keeping with the spirit of the sessions which followed.

Since approximately half of the district presidents were newly elected to their posts this past year, many of the business sessions considered mechanics and policies of C. A. work. The

evangelism emphasis prevailed, however, from the communion service at the beginning, with General Superintendent Gayle F. Lewis speaking, through the final Speed-the-Light banquet. J. Philip Hogan, representative of the Foreign Missions Department, was the banquet speaker.

Plans for National C. A. Day were previewed for the 36 presidents, and the new long-range C. A. program was presented. A new C. A. year was announced, beginning with the spring quarter. Hereafter, C. A. Day will be the "kickoff" for the year's C. A. activities. Each quarter will have its own emphasis, and evangelism will be the long-range objective. The watchword for C. A. Day this year is LOOK.

The presidents were enthusiastic in their praise of the conference. "It was wonderful!" said one new president. "I didn't realize what a big job our headquarters folk are doing!" The conference is one of the contributions which the National C. A. Department makes toward the district and local C. A. program.

## AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

**FOSTORIA, OHIO**—The meeting with Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio, benefited our people. There is evidence of greater devotion to God and deeper spirituality. Some were saved and healed.—Joseph Ferrante, Pastor.

**BONHAM, TEX.**—We closed a two-week meeting March 8 with Evangelist and Mrs. Howard Strange. The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested in every service. Souls were saved and blessed.—Frank M. Jones, Pastor.

**CEMENT, OKLA.**—Twenty-three were saved and several were baptized with the Holy Ghost in a meeting with Evangelist Jimmie Phillips. The church was blessed and strengthened under his anointed ministry.—J. L. Standridge, Pastor.

**MIAMI, FLA.**—We had a wonderful meeting during January and February with Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Don Carlos. Souls were saved and believers received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Don Carlos' beautiful chalk drawings helped to attract the outsiders. The Sunday School increased, new members were added to the church, and the church was blessed and strengthened.—Orville C. Smith, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

**FLORENCE, ALA.**—We recently had a meeting with Evangelist Robert Webb of Trinity, Texas. Several came forward for salvation, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and one was refilled.—Ernie Camery, Pastor.

**TERRAL, OKLA.**—Evangelist L. L. Ammons of Dallas, Tex. was with us. Six were saved, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the church was gloriously blessed. All of the saints were stirred by Brother Ammons' Spirit-anointed ministry.—Paul Everett, Pastor.

**REEDS, MO.**—We enjoyed a glorious three-week meeting with Evangelists Paul and Leona Daugherty of Carthage, Mo. Fifteen were saved or reclaimed, and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to healing by the power of God. The church was blessed through their ministry.—T. E. Martin.

**PITTSBURG, CALIF.**—For ten nights Evangelist Lawrence Wood was with us. The power of God was present in each service. The attendance was excellent. Richard E. Jeffrey from the Arizona District was with us for two nights, and we had wonderful services.—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor.

**JOPLIN, MO.**—The blessing of God rested upon the three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. O. Hobson of Madisonville, Ky. An outstanding feature was the good altar services. People sought God for more of His power and for the fullness of His Spirit.—A. L. Todd, Pastor, Faith Assembly of God.

**TOLEDO, WASH.**—We concluded a successful meeting with Evangelist Phil Wayman of Everett, Wash. Several were saved, others filled with the Spirit, healed, or delivered from evil habits. Brother Wayman's ministry stirred our entire church and the revival spirit still continues. We are planning to build a new church.—Wesley Hansen, Pastor.

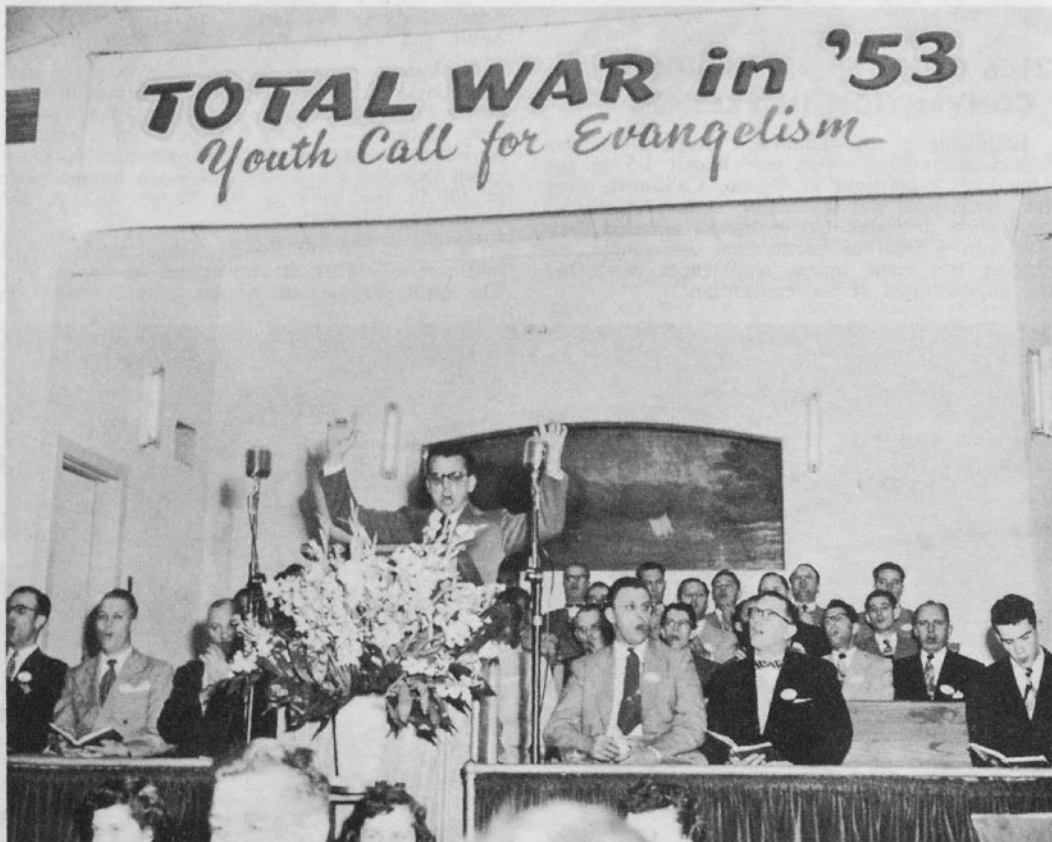
**MT. HOOD, OREG.**—We had a meeting with Evangelist Oren Duncan of Delta, Colo. His ministry and musical numbers were a great blessing to the church. Ten were saved. The Sunday School increased and the last Sunday of the meeting the attendance was 183. We have purchased some ground and we plan to build a new church.—Earl Hollis, Pastor.

**SENATH, MO.**—We enjoyed a time of refreshing from the Lord during a two-and-a-half-week meeting with Evangelist Norma Cooper of Durban, South Africa. Thirteen were saved, five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and a number testified to definite healing for their bodies. The Sunday School reached the highest attendance which we have had in the last two years. Sister Cooper also spoke in the high school and in another church. Her address in the States is 3848 Marietta, Normandy, St. Louis, Mo.—C. R. Hampton, Pastor.

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—The last few months the Lord has blessed us in many ways. We had a very good meeting with Evangelist D. M. Rice. He was with us for three weeks and the people were wonderfully helped and encouraged to go deeper with the Lord. Then Evangelist F. D. Davis, former Superintendent of the Texas District, was with us for two weeks. God's blessings came down night after night. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Work was done that we will never forget.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor, Sun-nyland Assembly of God.

**SAN MARCOS, TEX.**—The Harvester Choir from Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas, under the direction of E. Lesley Stubbs, was with us on February 20. Thirteen local people who have never been to our church before and a number of out-of-town visitors attended the service. The Spirit-anointed singing and radiant countenances of these young people greatly impressed the visitors.

Brother Stubbs blended into the concert our four fundamental doctrines; then he brought a short message which stirred the congregation. Two gave their hearts to the Lord. The consecration and sincerity of these young people, as well as their talent, are commendable—Eulma Lee Cunningham and Tommy Ruth Zarnow, Co-Pastors.



Herman W. Fry, Potomac District C. A. President, is shown leading a congregational song at the city-wide "Youth Call" rally at Springfield, Mo., last month. He had loud support from the other youth leaders seated on the platform. The rally marked the opening of the annual conference of youth leaders which lasted four days.

**HEDLEY, TEX.**—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist David Chesney of Clovis, N. Mex. Fifteen were saved and eight received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One of those who received the Baptism is a school teacher. Several who were hard of hearing were healed and others were delivered from various afflictions. This is a young church and the churches near by co-operated with us.—T. E. Gibson, Pastor.

**ANTHONY, N. MEX.**—In June, 1949, we accepted the pastorate of the church here. Under the ministry of A. N. Burns, our predecessor, a three-bedroom parsonage was completed, and three lots were purchased for a new church. We sold the old church property. The new church is completed and it was dedicated on October 30, 1952. The property is valued at \$30,000. Last February we resigned the church and on March 1 we accepted the pastorate of the East Austin Assembly of God in Austin, Tex. Leo Walker of Fort Worth, Texas, was called to pastor the church in Anthony.—J. Paul Joyner, Pastor.

**WICHITA, KANS.**—The Douglas Avenue Assembly of God was dedicated December 8. R. Rexroat spoke in the morning, Everette Ewing brought the afternoon message, and our Kansas District Superintendent, V. G. Greisen, preached the dedicatory message in the evening. Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick were with us for the first revival in our new church, Dec. 30 through Jan. 11. The auditorium and overflow room were filled from night to night. The Sunday School record was broken during the meetings. Many were saved and 12 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We are looking forward to the return of Brother and Sister Krupnick for another meeting.—C. W. Shumway, Pastor.

Near **TULSA, OKLA.**—In May, 1951, I began to pastor the Alsuma Community Church. There was only one family attending and one other adult. The first Sunday in February we had 67 in Sunday School and the record attendance is 75.

Last summer we had an old-fashioned brush arbor meeting with Evangelist Fred Gray. We also had a meeting with Brother and Sister Cleidis Pontious. Five were saved and four baptized in water. We recently had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Don Stevenson. Four were saved and a number sought the Lord for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Three are ready for water baptism. The church was greatly encouraged and blessed.—A. E. Ayers, Pastor.

**FORT STOCKTON, TEX.**—The Lord in His infinite grace met with us in a wonderful way in a recent meeting. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the church was greatly built up in faith and in numbers. The testimonies of the new converts and the ones filled with the Spirit showed that a deep work of the Spirit had been done in their hearts.

John W. Sifton of Houston, Tex. was the evangelist and his messages from the Word were deep and rich. Night after night the Spirit unfolded marvelous truths from the Word. Fourteen were baptized in water at the close of the meeting. We purchased the Baptist church and it is now free of debt. We can take care of 300 in Sunday School and we are trusting the Lord that we will soon fill it to capacity.—Joe A. Bradley, Pastor.

**FRESNO, CALIF.**—We witnessed one of the greatest outpourings of the Holy Spirit which we have had in twenty-five years when Evangelist W. V. Grant was with us for five weeks. So great was the interest that the crowds taxed the capacity of the largest buildings in Fresno. Sunday evenings we moved first to the Civic Auditorium, and then to Memorial Auditorium which seats three thousand.

Hundreds were converted and scores returned to the church to testify of being delivered of growths, tumors, cancer, ulcers, tuberculosis, dislocated hips, broken bones, goiters, arthritis, and deafness. In every service six to twenty-five were filled with the Holy Spirit. Around 400 were baptized with the Holy Spirit during the meeting.

The closing day of the meeting, 70 adults joined the church, and since then many more have signified their intention of joining at the first opportunity. We are made to rejoice over and over when we see what God has done for our church and community.—Claude Weaver, Pastor, Calvary Tabernacle.

**FLINT, MICH.**—In November we enjoyed the rich ministry of Evangelist Lyman Jolley. The church was greatly benefited.

The church was also blessed by the ministry of Tom Johnstone of Akron, Ohio, and Evangelist George Tomko of Pennsylvania. During the meeting with Brother Tomko a number of young people were soundly converted and six were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Lord has blessed us the past eight years with many outstanding healings, including cases of cancer, growths, and leukemia.

Recently Evangelists Norman and Mary Pearl were with us for a children's revival. Our nightly attendance was around 200. Each night numbers of children came to the altar to give their hearts to Christ.

The Sunday School has had a steady increase and is now running over 200. Praise God for His goodness to us. We are challenged by a growing community, and our people have a vision for a greater Assembly of God church in this part of the harvest field.—Arnold Q. Hashman, Pastor, Bethel Tabernacle.

**PANAMA CITY, FLA.**—In February, Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick of Tulsa Okla. conducted an outstanding meeting here in which entire families turned to God. A number of drunkards and unsaved husbands, for whom their wives and the church had been praying were gloriously saved. Some of the Sunday School children were saved and they testified to their parents who did not attend the church. A number of them came to the revival and were saved. Between 100 and 118 were saved, and approximately 30 were filled with the Holy Ghost. More visitors attended this meeting than any we have had in the past four years. The Sunday School average 935 during the meeting.

During the past six months we have enjoyed a continuous revival spirit. Last September Evangelist H. S. Phillips of Brewton, Ala. was with us, and God gave us a successful revival. Also a goodly number have been saved and several filled with the Holy Spirit in the regular services. About 225 have been saved and approxi-

mately 50 have been filled with the Holy Ghost since the middle of August.

The Sunday School increased from 694 average attendance for August to 935 for February. You may ask, "What is the secret?" The answer is, "God and man working together." Recently the church voted unanimously to construct an additional Sunday School annex 36 x 44, three stories high, which will care for three complete departments consisting of 24 classes. It will also include a young people's auditorium. This will give us 11 complete departments in our Sunday School consisting of at least 100 classes. They also voted to install a baptistry and completely remodel and refinish the outside of the church.—J. B. Davis, Pastor, Millville Assembly of God.

### 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.

**RACINE, WIS.**—Assembly of God, Apr. 7-19; Evangelist Al Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (W. E. Wood is Pastor.)

**ELLENSBURG, WASH.**—Apr. 5—; Evangelists Mark and Huldah Buntain, Edmonton, Canada.—by B. P. Birkeland, Pastor.

**FRESNO, CALIF.**—Glad Tidings Church, Apr. 7-26; Evangelist Thomas Ming Sr., Highland, Calif.—by John R. Duncan, Pastor.

**CLARKSDALE, MISS.**—Tent meeting on highway 49, Apr. 10-26; Velmer Gardner and Party. (John Thompson is Pastor.)

**LINCOLN, NEBR.**—Assembly of God, Apr. 12—May 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass. (S. K. Biffle Jr. is Pastor.)

**BRINKLEY, ARK.**—Assembly of God, Apr. 7-26; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by Charles L. Clay, Pastor.

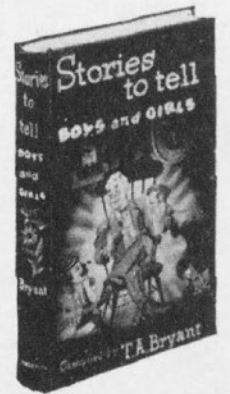
**WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 31—Apr. 12 or longer; Evangelist George Butrin, Canton, Ohio.—by George Hatchner, Pastor.

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BROWNING, ILL.—Apr. 14—; Evangelist Luther Tasker, Adams, Ill. (O. Knell is Pastor.)

DRY FORK, W. VA.—Zion Christian Assembly, Apr. 12—; Evangelist Pete Saleskey.—by C. W. Trenum Jr., Pastor.

STAMFORD, TEX.—Mar. 22—; Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (Zearl Amburn is Pastor.)

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Bethany Pentecostal Church, Apr. 12-26; Evangelist Robert and Lillian Watters.—by A. D. Skymmer, Pastor.

SULLIVAN, MO.—Mar. 24—; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call, Trenton, Mo. (Otis Virgin is Pastor.)

NEWARK, N. J.—Bethel Pentecostal Church, Apr. 5-19; Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Don Carlos.—by F. D. Eide, Pastor.

WHEATFIELD, IND.—Assembly of God, Mar. 25—; Evangelist Gail Copple, Trenton, Mo. (John Washler is Pastor.)

AUGUSTA, GA.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 22—; Evangelist Max Cloud, Clewiston, Fla. (Joseph Westbury is Pastor.)

SPENCER, IOWA—Assembly of God, Apr. 8-19; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by Loren Holman, Pastor.

LINDEN, N. J.—Linden Assembly of God, Apr. 5-19; Evangelist Alfred Coletti, Windber, Pa.—by Fred D. Drake, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Trinity Assembly of God, Apr. 5—; Evangelist Charlotte Rodgers, Portland, Oreg.—by A. H. Clattenburg, Pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Temple, Apr. 12-26; Evangelist and Mrs. F. R. Davidson.—by Leland R. Keys, Pastor.

HANCOCK, MD.—Full Gospel Church, Apr. 5-19 or longer; Evangelist Eve Hagans, Stoystown, Pa.—by W. C. Blewitt, Pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Sunnyslope Assembly of God, Apr. 5—; Evangelists James and Maurine Isaacs, Los Angeles, Calif. (Delbert Gribbling is Pastor.)

TACOMA, WASH.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 5—; Evangelist Arne Vick, North Hollywood, Calif.—by William E. Kirschke, Pastor.

SANFORD, ME.—Sanford Full Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 29—Apr. 12; Evangelist Charles Smith Richmond, Va.—by M. Q. Spencer, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 5-19 or longer; Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson, Houston, Tex.—by Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor.

CALHOUN, LA.—Beulah Assembly of God, Apr. 5—; Evangelist Elizabeth DeGreef and co-worker Arlene Cooper, Newton, Iowa.—by Paul McNeece, Pastor.

MIAMI, ARIZ.—Assembly of God, Apr. 7-12; Children's revival and Workers' Training Course with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens, Fullerton Calif. (W. K. Blount is Pastor.)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Lake View Gospel Church, 45th Anniversary and Missionary Convention, Apr. 19-26; John Wright Follette, main speaker. Fellowship meeting, Monday, Apr. 20.—by Arthur R. Hauge, Pastor.

WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION—Assembly of God, Fond du Lac, Wis., Apr. 13-16; J. O. Savell, speaker. For reservations write O. W. Apple, 77 E. 3rd., Fond du Lac, Wis.—by Lyle E. Curtis, District Secretary.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Apr. 7-9; Bartlett Peterson, speaker. C. A. Rally, Monday night, Apr. 6. For room reservations write Pastor Paul W. Harrington, 1120 N. 2nd St., Albuquerque, N. Mex., or H. Paul Holdridge, District Superintendent, Box 4003, Albuquerque.

DALY CITY, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Apr. 5-19; Evangelists Bob and Ruth Ferguson, Canton, Ohio. (James Adkins is Pastor.)

WILLMAR, MINN.—Willmar Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 5-19; Evangelist Herschel Murphy of Texas.—by Ralph W. Hillegas, Pastor.

CHARLESTON, MO.—Assembly of God, Mar. 24-Apr. 12; Evangelists Delbert and Beatrice Bucher, Springfield, Mo. (L. C. Ramsey is Pastor.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE—New England Bible Institute, Framingham, Mass., Apr. 10 and 11. Afternoon speakers: Edith Denton and C. P. Lindberg. Evening speaker, Charles W. Denton, National S. S. Representative.

INDIANA, PA.—First Assembly of God, dedication of new church, Apr. 5; A. Newton Chase, District Superintendent, speaker. (Richard J. Barrius is pastor.)—by Earl Gardner, Church Secretary.

OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Christian Assembly, 220 William H. Taft Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio, Apr. 6-9; Gayle F. Lewis, General Superintendent, guest speaker. For reservations write Pastor C. C. Burnett at church address. James W. Van Meter is District Superintendent.—by T. E. Hartshorn, District Secretary.

AUSTIN, TEX.—South Austin Assembly of God, Apr. 5—; Evangelist Otis Runyon, Loveland, Colo.—by R. L. Bennett, Pastor.

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 5-19; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. (H. H. Price is Pastor.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO—Annual Convention, National Association of Evangelicals, Apr. 14-17. Day sessions at Hotel Sheraton-Gibson. Night meetings at Taft Auditorium nearby.

#### RADIO PROGRAMS

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—“Echoes from Calvary,” station KGB, Saturdays 10:30 to 11 p.m. Sponsored by La Mesa Gospel Tabernacle.—Gene Forrest, Pastor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—“The Christ's Ambassadors Hour,” station KHBC, Sundays 2:30 p.m.—T. A. McDonough, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—“Songs of Praise and Words of Life,” station KFSA, 950 kc., Sundays 9 to 9:30 a.m. Also “Bethel Echoes,” Sundays 10 to 10:30 p.m.—Floyd L. Garver, Pastor.

TROY, ALA.—“Gospel Tidings Time,” station WTBF, 1490 kc., Sundays 8:45 a.m. Conducted by Evangelist Dallas D. Bryant, Brundidge, Ala.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—“The Assembly of God Hour,” station WXOK, Sundays 8:30 to 9 a.m.—James Courtney Jr., Pastor, Central Assembly.

DINUBA, CALIF.—“Full Gospel Fellowship Hour,” station KRDU, 1240 kc., Sundays 1 to 2 p.m.—Claude Weaver, Pastor, Calvary Tabernacle.

GADSDEN, ALA.—“Back to the Bible,” station WETO, 930 kc., Sundays 3:30 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Assembly of God, Alabama City.—Melvin Freeman, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—“Revival Broadcast,” station KWBW, 1450 kc., Monday through Friday at 11 a.m.—J. L. Boulware, Pastor.

MEDFORD, WIS.—Christ's Ambassadors of Athens and Milan, Wis., station WIGM, 1490 kc., Sundays 8 to 8:30 a.m.—S. S. Congelliere, Pastor, Athens, Wis.

FARGO, N. DAK.—“The Gospel in Song,” station KFGO, 790 kc., daily at 11:45 a.m. and Sundays, 1:30 p.m.—Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

CARLISLE, PA.—“The Gospel Voice,” station WHYL, 1380 kc., Sundays 9:15 a.m. Also NANTICOKE, PA., station WHWL, 730 kc., Sundays 8:30 a.m. and RED LION, PA., station WGCB, 1440 kc., Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.—Evangelist J. B. Woolums, R. D. 2, Carlisle, Pa.

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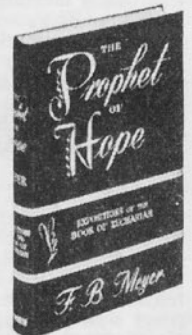


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