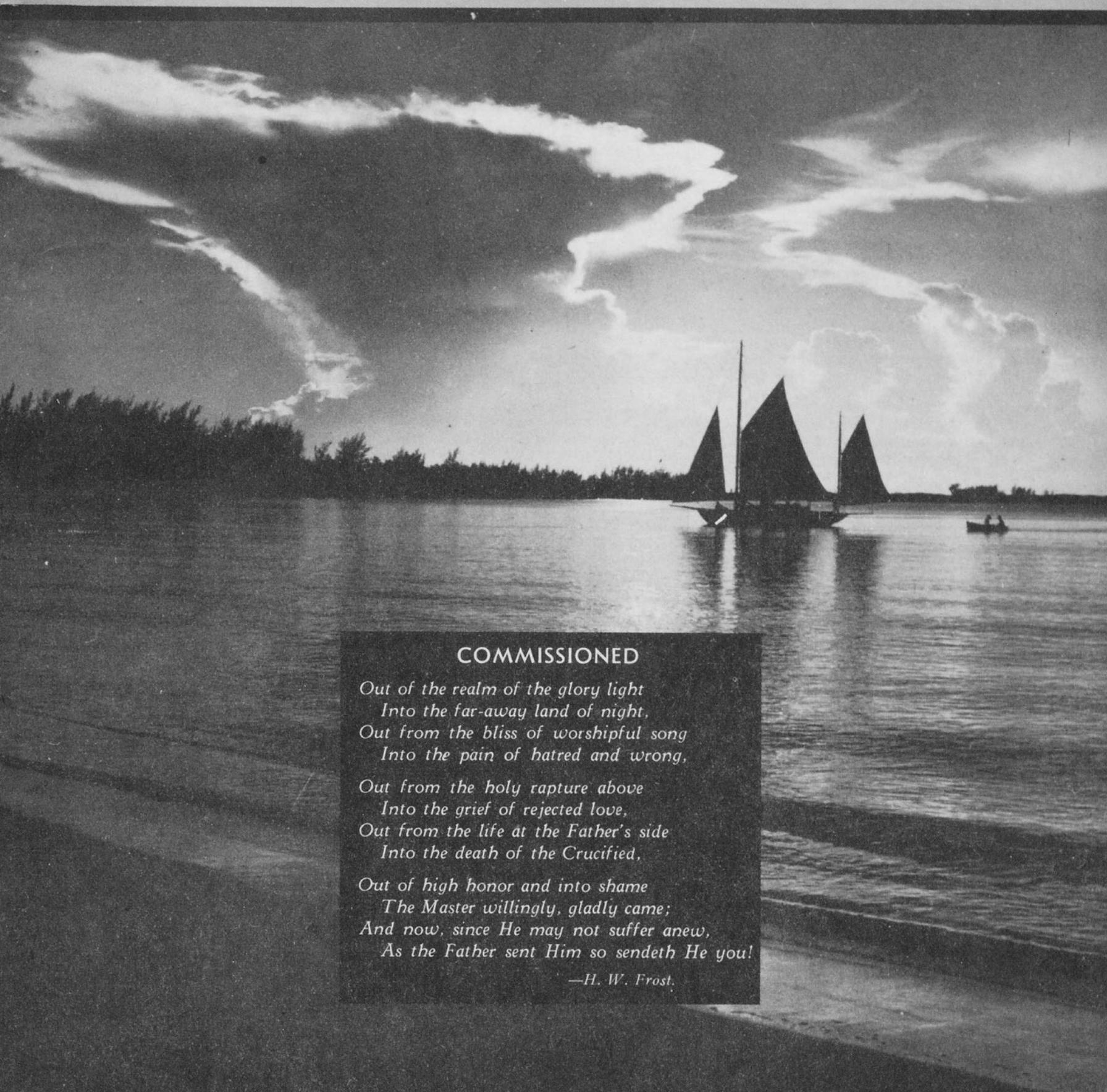


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*Out of the realm of the glory light  
Into the far-away land of night,  
Out from the bliss of worshipful song  
Into the pain of hatred and wrong,  
Out from the holy rapture above  
Into the grief of rejected love,  
Out from the life at the Father's side  
Into the death of the Crucified,  
Out of high honor and into shame  
The Master willingly, gladly came;  
And now, since He may not suffer anew,  
As the Father sent Him so sendeth He you!*

—H. W. Frost.

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## A Spiritual Revival Needed

The Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, has stated that the "need of the hour is for a spiritual revival, so that our people will demonstrate dramatically their righteous purpose, a purpose which will be universal in its appeal, peaceful in its methods, and intense in its dedication."

## Drink and Crime in Colorado

Governor Dan Thornton charged recently that a major portion of Colorado's 10,000 institution residents were there because of heavy drinking (*The California Liberator*, Feb. 1953). He said that apparently 75% to 80% of the convicts in the state penitentiary at Canon City are there because of drinking, and almost 90% of parolees returned to prison for violating parole attributed it to drinking.

## Where the Money Goes

The U. S. Department of Commerce reports that the average American puts four times as much in his personal savings as he gives away. He saves about 8 per cent of his income, but he gives away less than 2 per cent to all tax-exempt philanthropy, which includes educational and welfare causes as well as religious work.

The report states that during 1952 personal income amounted to 268½ billion dollars. This was an increase of 5½ per cent over 1951, but due to higher personal taxes the average American's disposable personal income was actually 4 per cent less than the previous year.

## President Eisenhower's Faith

President Eisenhower told a Masonic group that he read the Bible through twice before he was 18. He still keeps a red leather Bible at his bedside, and, judging by the spiritual content of his speeches, he reads it.

Stanley High, writing in *Reader's Digest*, quotes Dwight Eisenhower as saying:

"You can't explain free government in any other terms than religious. The Founding Fathers had to refer to the Creator in order to make their revolutionary experiment make sense; it was because 'all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights' that men could dare to be free. They wrote their religious faith into our founding documents, stamped their trust in God on the faces of their coins and currency, and put it boldly at the base of our institutions. . . .

"Our forefathers proved that only a people strong in godliness is a people strong enough to overcome tyranny. . . . Today, it is ours to prove that our own faith, perpetually renewed, is equal to the challenge of today's tyrants."

## Learning Hebrew in Israel

Thousands of Jews in Israel are studying the Hebrew language in courses conducted by Government institutions and various public organizations, but about 250,000 citizens still lack an elementary knowledge of Hebrew.

## Farmers Increasing in Israel

Israel now has 40,000 farming families and plans to increase this number to 200,000. In line with this program 46 new villages will be established this year, mainly in the south but some in Galilee and the Valley of Jezreel.

## Israel Gets Trans-Atlantic Liner

The Zim-Israel shipping line announces that the newly acquired passenger liner "Jerusalem" will make her maiden trans-Atlantic voyage under the Israel flag from New York to Haifa on May 22. The 15,000-ton vessel, formerly called "The Argentine," is Israel's first trans-Atlantic liner.

## Irrigation Doubled in Six Years

The area in Israel under irrigation has more than doubled since 1947, increasing from 52,500 acres to 125,000 acres. By 1960, it is expected there will be 375,000 acres irrigated which should make the country self-sufficient in farm produce. The Government has discovered sufficient water sources to irrigate from 500,000 to 625,000 acres.

## Jews From Yemen Happy

"Many immigrants have been disappointed," says *Priority*, referring to conditions in Israel. "They expected better conditions, but not so with the Yemenite Jews. To them the land of Israel must be 'heaven.' Many of them had never seen a car, a clock, never worn shoes, nor slept in a bed. Israel, clean and healthy, must be just wonderful to them. Their poverty can be seen, but there is light and joy in their eyes. For them the long exile is over; they are home at last."

## To Erect Memorial to Gandhi

A ten-million-dollar memorial to the late Mahatma Gandhi, Hindu nationalist leader of India, is to be erected in Washington. The Government has turned over six acres of land near Barnard Hills Park, one of the highest hills in the District of Columbia, as a site for the memorial. It will house the writings of Gandhi, a library, and an auditorium.

Is America's missionary program shifting into reverse gear? America has always been a missionary base from which gospel missionaries have been sent to the heathen. Now the heathen are coming over here, building temples and memorials in America and turning our land into a mission field for their false doctrines!

## "Voice" Quotes Isaiah on Stalin's Death

In a broadcast on the death of Premier Josef Stalin, the Voice of America quoted extensively from the 14th chapter of Isaiah. "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming. . . . They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?"

It is in this chapter that Isaiah assured his people that the Lord would give them rest from sorrow, fear, and the cruel bondage of the King of Babylon. The Bible portion was broadcast first to Israel in the original Hebrew.

## A Good Motto for the Mail

A bill to authorize use of the motto "In God We Trust" on postal cancellations has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Louis C. Rabaut (D-Mich.). The motto has appeared on practically all U. S. coins since 1862, but never on postage.

In appealing to the House for approval of his bill, Rep. Rabaut quoted the words of Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase when the motto was first authorized for coins: "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God or safe except in His defense."

"I feel," he said, "that this is an especially appropriate time to re-proclaim our adherence to this reverent, historic motto. It strikes at the philosophical roots of Communism, atheism, and materialism."

He pointed out that American mail bearing the motto would go all over the world and would bring "new hope to the oppressed people behind the Iron Curtain."

## Four Millions for Missions

During 1952 the amount of all Assemblies of God offerings for World Missions was \$4,070,082.51.

William Sakwitz of the Statistical Division of the Foreign Missions Department says:

"With all the figures in from the six departments now included in our World Missions program, we find that annual missionary giving, for the first time in the history of our movement, has exceeded the four-million-dollar mark.

"The latest estimated number of members in the Assemblies of God in the United States is 330,000. Dividing this figure into the total offerings gives a national average of \$12.33 per member for 1952. This means that each member gave an average of \$1.03 to Missions each month during last year.

"A breakdown of the World Missions total by departments follows."

	1951	1952
Foreign Missions	\$2,899,899.43	\$3,462,621.12
Speed-the-Light	175,614.29	201,875.03
Home Missions	144,677.61	166,889.34
Benevolences	No credit*	120,155.62
Radio	68,839.18	103,881.34
Servicemen	No credit*	14,660.06

TOTALS \$3,289,030.51 \$4,070,082.51

\*Offerings for Benevolences and Servicemen's work were not credited as World Missions offerings until 1952.

# The IMMUTABILITY of Jesus Christ

Bracy I. Greer \*

WHEN WE MENTION the word "immutability," instantly there comes to our minds the thought of something unchangeable, something that is known for its steadfast continuance, such as a huge rock.

A great cliff rises up; a river glides at its base. This river is a symbol of mutability, changeableness, fickleness. An old man stands at the base of this huge rock, and looks up. He sees the same dents and streaks in it that were there when he was a child. The river rises and falls. In the course of years it may cut itself an entirely new bed. But the cliff stands immutable, unchanged and unchanging, in the face of passing time.

The trees root themselves in the clefts of the rock, bear their foliage, and drop their leaves in the fall. This reminds us of the rise and fall of human generations. But the rock is the same through the centuries. Is it not a type of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8)? Yes, Jesus rises like a majestic cliff, at the foot of which the stream of time rolls ever onward to its tryst with eternity. The old man looks up to Jesus



Bracy I. Greer

and knows Him to be the same lovely, faithful, dependable Saviour that he knew when he was a youth. The generations of men come and go; kingdoms rise and fall; but concerning Jesus the Scriptures say, "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they shall perish, but Thou remainest; and they shall all wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, Thy years shall not fail" (Heb. 1:10-12).

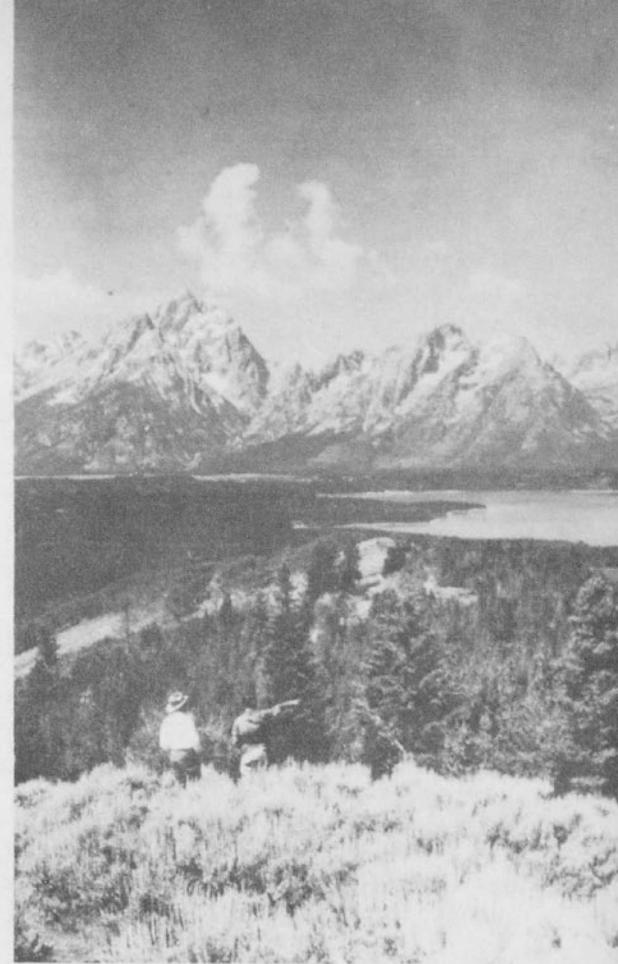
Many a boy has been called to cross the seven seas to fight for liberty. Ask any of them how they felt, after being tossed about for long months or years in the turmoil of war, when at last they put their feet again on solid American soil. That is just the satisfaction a Christian feels when, amidst all the changes of this turbulent life, he lifts his eyes to heaven and recalls the immutability of his Lord and Saviour.

## 1. HIS DISPOSITION IS THE SAME.

It is refreshing to know people whose disposition is always the same. Success never exalts them in pride, and adversity never defeats them. Most of us are subject to perpetual change. The bloom of manhood fades away into the frailties of old age. One day we are strong, the next day weak. One day resolved, the next day wavering. One hour constant, the next hour unstable as water. Our emotions rise and fall like the tide. Our disposition is as changeable as the weather. But with Christ there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Promises made by men may prove unreliable. One day, on the impulse of the moment, a man may make you a glowing promise that will brighten your entire life. The next day, in a different mood, he may break his promise and cause you bitter disappointment. But Jesus never changes. He never disappoints those who put their trust in Him. In all ages and to all people He has ever been the same.

Solomon spoke of Him as being "altogether lovely, the fairest among ten thousand." Isaiah called Him "Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace." To the sweet psalmist of Israel He was "fairer than the children of men." Centuries later the apostle Peter called Him the Son of the living God. Paul on the road to Damascus testified that His appearance outshone the noonday sun. John saw Him



Jackson Lake and Teton Mountains, Wyoming

on Patmos in His glory and said, "His countenance was as the sun shining in its strength."

## 2. HIS NATURE IS THE SAME.

All who have known Him in ages past have found Him to be the same tender, loving, merciful Christ. He has never changed. And in the age to come, when He returns to earth and His feet stand again on Mount Olivet, He will be the same. For the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." He who was the Man of Sorrows will be just as loving, as approachable, as gracious when He becomes King over all the earth. He will be the same Jesus, unspoiled by His glories and triumphs, unchanged by the years of time.

Jeremiah testified: "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee" (Jer. 31:3). Men of old experienced the love of God. Hezekiah who lived 710 years before the birth of Christ left this testimony—"Behold, for peace I have great bitterness: but Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back" (Isa. 38:17).

The apostle experienced this same divine love and said, "Herein is love,

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not that we loved God, but that He loved us." And another was moved to say: "He loved me and gave Himself for me." And He loves us just as much today. John's tribute of praise, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5), will be ours as well. The Revised Version reads, "Unto Him that loveth us," not "loved." His love is always in the present tense. It never wanes. Did you ever contemplate the love which Christ will manifest to you when He shall present you, without spot or blemish, before His Father's throne? Well, pause and remember that He loves you as much at this very hour as He will love you then; for He cannot change. His love is constant. May we reciprocate by giving our love to Him.

### 3. HIS POWER IS THE SAME.

There are those who would relegate His power to some past age. To them all miracles that He will ever do have already been done. But the needs of the human family have not diminished, and why should we expect God to diminish His working?

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." As long as Satan walks about the earth as a roaring lion seeking whom

he may devour, so long will the Lord Jesus continue to go about doing good, and healing all that are oppressed of the devil. He is our eternal Contemporary. The Christ that walked the Emmaus road still walks the American road. Do you have some great need that has brought you almost to the point of despair? Let me remind you that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever. His power is limitless. He stands ready to solve your problem.

### 4. HIS WORD IS THE SAME.

He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." The promises contained in His Word are just as valid today as ever. Therefore let us read them, believe them, and appropriate them for ourselves. They were written for all who will believe.

The warnings of the Scriptures are as applicable to us as the promises. It is still true today that the soul that sins must die; and God still demands that men must repent or perish.

The old gospel is the same. Paul wrote, "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me." Theology has nothing new in it except that which is false. The preaching of Paul must be the preaching of today, for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Martha said, "If Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died" (John 11:21). This put Christ's power in the past. Jesus tried to bring her faith into focus by saying, "Thy brother shall rise again." But Martha answered, "I know he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." This put Christ's power in the future. There are many who do as Martha did. They believe that God did things in the past, and that He will do things in the future, but they refuse to believe that He will perform the miracle now. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life." He brought His power into the present circumstances. He is the Christ of the eternal now. He, the unchanging Christ, is with us today—a very present help in trouble, a Friend that will never leave us nor forsake us.

O Lord, move us by Thy example to show kindness and do good. Grant us such patience and forbearance with all sufferers gracious or ungracious, grateful or ungrateful, that in our stumbling walk and scant measure they may yet discern a vestige of Thee, and give Thee the glory. Amen.—Christina Rossetti.

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor the child of God perfected without adversity.

## The Prayer of a Hungry Heart

O LORD, great is Thy faithfulness. How wonderful it is to know Thee. How glorious it will be when I awake in Thy likeness and see Thee face to face.

We know, O Lord, there shall not fail one word of all Thy good promises. Thou hast promised that if we delight ourselves in Thee, Thou wilt give us the desires of our heart. My desire, Lord, is to be like Thee. I long to be filled with all the fullness of God. I would be sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

I do not ask, dear Lord, that Thou shouldst do more for me than Thou hast done for others. Thou art our great Elijah, who hast been caught up into heaven; how I need a double portion of Thy Spirit that I may be Thy faithful witness. Hast Thou not said, "The works that I do shall ye do also, because I go to My Father"? Oh, send now the blessed Holy Spirit to Thy servant who loves and yearns to obey Thee.

Lord, I am weary of wandering in a wilderness. Even though I have partaken of Thee, the heavenly Manna, and have drunk the cool water of life that springs from Thee, the smitten Rock, I am not satisfied. My soul longs for the milk and honey of Canaan. Though there be giants in the land, they are but bread to those who trust in Thee. Drive out every enemy, O Lord, and enable me to possess my inheritance in the land of promise.

Change me, dear Lord, as Thou didst change Jacob—not in name only, but also in nature—that I may prevail with God and with men. My need is like that of Saul of Tarsus—that I might receive my sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Even though it cause me to suffer many things, if it be for Thy sake I am ready and willing.

Give me, O Lord, the necklace of Thy love, studded with the nine bright gifts of Thy Spirit, all clasped and bound together by the Holy Spirit Himself. I have no merit whereby to claim this gift, except my love for Thee. But even as the bridegroom lavishes gifts upon the one he loves, I wait for Thee to bestow on me the Heavenly Gift, my Beloved Lord. Amen.

—Ruth C. Marvel

# The Spiritual Gift of Faith

"To another faith by the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:9).

Donald Gee

IN SPITE of all our interest concerning spiritual gifts we seem to have devoted considerably less attention to the gift of Faith than the subject deserves. Its high place in the list as given by Paul, and the fundamental importance of faith as a principle, ought to move us to give the matter close attention. Surely this is a rich portion of our Pentecostal heritage.

## NOT "SAVING" FAITH

But first we must understand what the spiritual gift of Faith is NOT. It is not the saving faith referred to in Eph. 2:8. That truly is a gift from God, but it is not a special gift of the Spirit. Saving faith is the grace that comes to all who believe in Christ for their personal salvation, and it enables the Christian to have that knowledge of God that is the very spring of his life eternal.

## NOR EVEN PERSONAL FAITH

There is a principle of faith by which all must live if they wish to please God (Heb. 11:6). This can exist in a weak degree, and fluctuates even in truly spiritual people. For instance, the praying disciples in Acts 12:15 plainly had very little faith that Peter would be delivered, for they called Rhoda "mad" when she told them that the answer to their prayers was knocking at the door! Paul felt the need of his personal faith being strengthened "by the mutual faith both of you and me" (Rom. 1:12). Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" is read all too little these days, but in it he has for one of his characters a genuine pilgrim called "Little Faith," born in the town of Sincerity, who suffered grievous robbery on his journey, and had to struggle along with all his spending-money gone.

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews describes the shining company of great heroes of faith, but the thing to remember is that they are quoted as EXAMPLES for us all to follow. The inference, and indeed the emphatic exhortation is that we can, if we will, lay aside every weight and run equally victoriously the same race. There was nothing unique in their faith except its degree. It was not different in character from the faith we all are called upon to exercise continually if we aspire to please God.

## BUT—A SPECIAL FAITH

But when we turn to the spiritual gift



*"Oh, not for wealth, nor fame, nor power,  
Nor love, nor truest friend,  
Would I forego the sacred hour  
Which o'er God's Word I spend.  
I steal it from the hours of sleep,  
If leisure be not given,  
For only thus my soul can keep  
In touch with God and heaven."*

of Faith (1 Cor. 12:9) we are immediately confronted with the statement that it is NOT given to all. "To one" this, to one that, to "another" faith. The clause means, "To a man of another kind" (see the same use of the word in 1 Cor. 15:40). One very comforting and enlightening revelation that emerges here is that our spiritual gifts fit the "kind" of personality we possess. The Master bestows various talents among His servants in accordance with their varying ability (Matt. 25:15). The fact that our spiritual gifts for service tend to run along the line of our own personality often makes their supernatural quality more difficult to detect, but actually this intertwining of God and man in the operations of the Spirit is one of the most lovely aspects of inspiration. The Holy Spirit does no violence to my true self when He deigns to use me; but rather He takes me as I am, sanctified in Christ Jesus, and floods me with His power. Men and women of

strong faith, such as those mentioned in Hebrews 11, are the type most likely to have the gift of Faith as a supernatural operation of the Holy Ghost.

## a. A "Manifestation" of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7)

All the "gifts" are also "manifestations" of the Spirit. They are the shining forth of the indwelling Spirit of God by His sovereign energy. They do not, therefore, involve or imply great effort on the part of the particular member of the body of Christ thus used. It would be distinctly helpful to some zealous people if they understood that true Pentecostal power requires no nervous strain as its natural accompaniment. Manifestations of the Spirit require a personal fulness of the Holy Ghost and a ready obedience of His leading. They reveal a Power beyond the natural. They show forth the glory of God, not the glory of man. They are most humbling when they are most mighty. The spiritual gift of Faith manifests great power, not great effort. Stephen was a man "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 6:5, 8) and "full of faith and power," but the whole story breathes a calm and confidence noticeable in every line.

## b. The "Faith of God" (Mark 11:22, margin)

Because we are contemplating a manifestation of the Spirit of God it follows that this excellency of power is Divine. That is to say, the spiritual gift of Faith is really the faith of God Himself operating through a God-filled and God-dominated man.

It is helpful to notice the marginal rendering of Mark 11:22—not "have faith in God," but "have the faith of God." In Young's Literal it is simply, "Have faith of God." It is a speck of Divine faith, perhaps like the proverbial mustard seed, that operates in the spiritual gift of Faith. It is the Faith of God. It is that one of His attributes whereby God Himself believes that it shall be done. God's faith is necessarily in Himself and in the power of His Own creative word. He speaks—it is.

If the spiritual gifts of the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge manifest, as we believe they do, the wisdom

(Continued on page nine)

# "Introduction to LIFE!"

A Gospel Broadcast over Radio Ceylon (100,000 watts)

Harold Kohl

"INTRODUCTION TO LIFE" is a thirty-minute broadcast sponsored by the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God. It was first begun in December 1951 by Derrick Hillary (now on furlough) and is produced by the Radio Staff of the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle.

This broadcast presents Christ to untold millions. Its guaranteed coverage includes India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon. However, letters from listeners have been received from many other countries including Old City-Jerusalem (Hashimite Jordan Kingdom), Egypt, Africa, England, Denmark and Sweden.

The letters we have received indicate that God is blessing the gospel message as it finds its way into the hearts and homes of countless needy souls. Several have written to ask how to be saved. A backslider writes his thanks for fresh inspiration to follow the Lord. An elderly man desires to be found in the company of the Redeemed. An earnest couple seek a personal interview so that they may find the peace of God.

From India—"Kindly put my son on your prayer list. Also please teach my family and me how to accept Jesus as our personal Saviour and thus put my mind at ease."

"I have spent 30 years in the medical service but have done no service for the Lord. . . . I completely lost sight of my eternal home and the need for spending an eternity there with the Lord Jesus. . . . I drifted along my own way. . . . I now accept the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour and by His grace have my name written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

"I have been listening to your broadcasts for the last seven months and they are a great spiritual help to me."

"I happened to listen in to your program last Monday on Radio Ceylon and I was much interested in it. I request you to kindly send me some literature. I may tell you that I am a Hindu . . .

anyway I was much impressed by your program and I would like very much to learn more about the subject."

"I am a soldier of my country and since one month I am listening to your program. I am praising the Lord how wonderfully His word is preached throughout the world. I have been listening to your programs on Monday nights. I have found the songs and sermons to be highly inspiring and I pray God that He should bless you in all the sacred duties you are engaged in, in these last days of the world."

From Iraq (Persia)—"Just a word of thanks for your reviving messages which are broadcast over Radio Ceylon. They are really a great help. . . . Every Monday we look forward to your messages. Your literature will be greatly appreciated."

From Ethiopia—"I am an Indian working here. I have no hesitation to say that a wonderful and first-class program is yours which will touch the hearts and minds of people and will cause conversion in the lives of many. . . . Never stop your broadcasts till Jesus comes. I will advertise your program in my own way so that you will get a listening audience here."

From Ceylon—"I am a young student. I unexpectedly turned in on Radio Ceylon as if I was compelled to. . . . After listening to your program I felt that such type of program would certainly bring spiritual inspiration and blessings. . . . That is why I have firmly decided to tune in every Monday. . . . Please continue to send me free copies of your radio log regularly so that I may reach to God by studying thoroughly His own Scriptures."

From Norway—"In spite of the long way from Norway to Ceylon I tune in to the program very well. I am thankful to God that such programs as yours are being sent to the dark and dying world."

This weekly broadcast in word and song is beamed over the East's most powerful station each Monday evening at 9:30 Indian Standard Time. Although this project is only seventeen months old, yet through our programs we have made some excellent and worthwhile contacts and God has blessed our efforts as we have endeavored to cast the living bread upon the waters.

Our average monthly budget is only \$400 and yet how far-reaching a ministry it is! We invite you to share in this most practical Missions project by your prayers and gifts. Designate your offerings to "Introduction to Life—Ceylon" and send them to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.



The photos at left, reading from top to bottom, are as follows:

1. The quartette heard on "Introduction to life" broadcast over Radio Ceylon. Left to right: Carl Graves, Elphege Fernando, Ralph Elmore, William Allegacoon.
2. The speaker and director of the broadcast, Harold Kohl.
3. Choral group, led by Carl Graves.
4. The radio pianist, Mrs. Beatrice Kohl.
5. Vocal trio—William Allegacoon, Mrs. Billie Elmore, Ralph Elmore.

# MISSIONARY News Notes



Word has been received of the safe arrival of Evelyn Hatchett in Singapore. Miss Hatchett was first stationed in South China and later in the Philippines. She will be living temporarily with Sarah Johnston. Her address is: P. O. Box 927, Singapore, Malaya.

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Philip Edward Greenaway was born March 15. The Greenaways are home on furlough from Dahomey, French West Africa.

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The Grossnickles in the Bahamas, British West Indies, write gratefully of their Speed-the-Light equipment: "We must tell you of our fire-red gospel truck. It takes about 30 believers to the fellowship meetings and to new stations where we have street meetings. Through the week it labors diligently hauling rock, sand, cement and lumber to build houses for worship."

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Juanita Marie arrived March 3 in Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz.

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On March 28, Inez Kreiss, Mary Katherine Bush and Alta Hodge sailed on the M.S. SILVER STAR for India. Miss Kreiss is returning to her former field in North India. Miss Bush and Miss Hodge are new recruits for South India.

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Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Shortes announce the birth of Sherry Jan on March 11, in Guatemala, Central America.

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Esther Olson of Purulia, North India, sends the following interesting news item: "The Door of Hope lived up to its name once again when little Urmilla recently came to live with us. Her father brought her from a village thirty miles from here.

"Last November we went to this village for a week of meetings. In the mornings we had flannelgraph lessons on salvation and in the evenings we showed a series of pictures on the life of Christ.

"The father of Urmilla, a Hindu, had been attending our meetings and had been



Mrs. H. B. Garlock among the Basutos. The woman seated in front is a chieftainess and represents the second largest chieftainship in Basutoland, South Africa.

impressed. The man's wife had left him, and having no one to care for the child he decided to bring her to us. He said he wanted his little girl to learn about Christ and the Christian religion. Pray for Urmilla and her father that they might come to know and love the Saviour. Remember also the fifty other children that have been entrusted to our care.

"The day Urmilla arrived, two men came from another village three miles away. They informed us that in the evening many folk would be coming through their village from Swaraswati puja (worship of the goddess of learning). They asked if we would please come and hold a service for them and show our pictures on the life of Christ.

"We were delighted to have this opportunity to witness for Him. We took the older girls along to sing. The young man who does the daily buying for the orphanage led the service. As he showed the pictures he gave a good, clear message explaining the way of salvation. Afterward seven men purchased Gospel portions that they might read for themselves concerning Christ.

"Pray for this village that has shown such interest in the gospel. Pray too for the many weary pilgrims who are still groping in heathen darkness."

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## Basutoland Tidings

Hilda Olsen and Margaret Anderson,  
South Africa

NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES to sow the precious seed of the Word have been ours. Hearts have been touched and many have responded to the gospel message. We regularly visit three jails, a hospital, a hotel and a leper settlement. It is impossible to contact all the villages.

On Thaba Chitja, a mountain about four miles from us, lives a blind woman. Her children are regular attendants at our Sunday School and one day they asked us to come to their village. On our very first visit the mother, Evalina, accepted the Lord. Later her husband also accepted Him and now every time we go to this place a good crowd comes to hear the gospel. They would like to have an evangelist in their midst so they could have services more frequently.

Just a couple of weeks ago we had our second anniversary here. Ever since our arrival we have been carting water in kerosene tins. We had tried over and over again to locate a boring machine to drill for water but were disappointed every time.

Imagine our excitement one day when the District Commissioners came to tell us a boring machine was available. There was a lot of speculating on the part of the government people as to whether we would find water on our site or not. They had just recently sunk five holes elsewhere without success! But we had prayed a great deal and were not at all surprised when a good supply was found in the first hole drilled. That was our special anniversary gift! We are now waiting for the windmill and should soon have all the water we need. What a difference it will make to the mission station!

The Basutos too are very happy about the water, because there will be a large dam for their own use. May the "rivers of living water" also flow abundantly from our station to thirsty souls throughout needy Basutoland!



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# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## FIRST CHURCH OFFICERS

Lesson for May 10

Acts 6:1-8

When we speak of "first church officers" we mean the first ones to be humanly selected. Before this time Jesus had many disciples, which means followers or learners. From among them He chose twelve whom He named apostles (Luke 6:13). Later He chose seventy others also and sent them forth (Luke 10:1). These had been chosen directly by Christ. At Pentecost the offices which Jesus had ordained and the persons chosen to fill these offices were recognized by the church (Acts 1:26 and 2:14). After the Holy Spirit was given, the disciples "continued in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship" (Acts 2:42). Some have said that the Church at Pentecost was entirely under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. True, it was infilled and inspired by the Spirit; but at the same time it was under the guidance of men whom Jesus had chosen to be overseers.

### 1. NEGLECT AND DISCONTENT

a. *Carnality in the Early Church.* To be carnal is to please the flesh, to follow our self-life. It is the plane of the natural. The Church began at Pentecost with great glory, and for a short time it continued in perfect unity of the Spirit. Under the thrilling blessing of the outpoured Spirit, such love was manifest among the disciples that they gladly disposed of what they had, laying down the sums at the apostles' feet so that equal distribution might be made to all on a basis of need (Acts 4:34, 35). But it was not long until favoritism was shown in the distribution. The Jews of Palestine were preferred above the Grecian Jews (Acts 6:1). Thus the human element became manifest in the early Church.

When God instituted in type what Pentecost was to mean—the establishing of the Church—He ordained that the two loaves, representing Jew and Gentile (Lev. 23:17), should be baked with leaven (yeast). This showed that, although the Church was to be divinely endowed and graciously blessed, it was not to be without elements that might lead to corruption. Let all believers realize that, although spiritual, we are all as yet human. May we have patience and love one for another.

b. *Unity Endangered.* When those believers who came from outside Palestine saw that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution, they began to murmur. How soon this trouble

arose after the day of Pentecost we are not told, but it appears to have begun almost immediately. Those who were being neglected evidently had come to Jerusalem to keep the Jewish feast; but upon hearing of Jesus they had embraced the gospel and they had not yet returned to their homes. Perhaps they were tarrying in Jerusalem longer than they had planned, in order to learn as much as possible about this new doctrine, and they were taking advantage of the provision that had been made to feed and keep the new converts.

There was a murmuring of the Grecians (Grecian Jews) against the Hebrews (those living in the land). Murmuring is defined as "low, muttered complaint; grumbling." Perhaps it was not expressed publicly but there were private expressions of discontent from those who saw the widows neglected, and that was enough to mar the unity of the Spirit. Many murmur in order to obtain sympathy, who would never rise up in open rebellion. But let no one think that such grumbling is harmless. It can be ruinous. Where there is discontent, believers ought to do all in their power to get it out of the way.

### 2. NEEDED ORGANIZATION CREATED

a. *Putting First Things First.* The people recognized the official position of the apostles. Leadership was the apostles' responsibility; therefore the complaint came to them, and they accepted the responsibility. At the same time they saw that their apostolic calling must have priority over business matters. "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables," they said. Satan would have delighted to see the apostles encumbered with care for the material welfare of the church, with the possibility of becoming embroiled in the trouble which was brewing. May each church learn to keep its minister as free as possible from the burden of the material prosperity of the church. Let him give himself to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.

b. *Choosing Seven Deacons.* The apostles were not so spiritual as to ignore material need. They said to the believers, "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." They were to look after material matters, but this was to be a service for God, and so they must be spiritually qualified. It is generally believed that these seven were the first deacons. Or-

ganization in the Christian Church grew gradually, as needs arose, and not arbitrarily.

### 3. BLESSING AND INCREASE

Had some people been in the apostles' place they would have said, "We have no time to consider material matters; we must live only for the spiritual." By such a course the divine purpose of the church might have been thwarted. The murmur of discontent would have developed into open hostility. True spirituality may lift a person's heart into the clouds, but it never takes his feet off the earth. As long as we live on earth we must face material realities as well as enjoy spiritual blessings.

The seven deacons assumed responsibility for the daily ministration while the apostles continued in prayer and the ministry of the Word (v. 4). The favor of God was upon the arrangement, for "the Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly" (v. 7). The deacons did not become unspiritual because of their business. One of them was Stephen and we read that "Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people" (v. 8).

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

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### GOOD DEACONS





## Lest we forget

This is the first in a series of four articles, written by or about some of our elderly Assemblies of God ministers who are now receiving Old Age Assistance. Only twice each year does the Department of Benevolences ask for an offering from our churches for the support of our elderly ministers. The spring date for this offering to be received is Sunday, May 31.

"I began my full-time ministry as a young Methodist circuit rider on the Western plains fifty-three years ago. My first circuit consisted of five preaching places—most of them in log cabins owned by the ranchers, for church buildings were scarce, and even school buildings were few and far between in that country in those days.

"My salary the first year was 108 dollars. On my second circuit I received a little more; a little over 300 dollars, I believe. You see, I did not enter the ministry for what I thought I could get out of it, but rather for what I hoped I could put into it. All down through the years it has brought us endless joy to freely give our time and strength and money for the work of the Lord, and to help win souls for Jesus.

"Forty-six years ago I learned that God was baptizing people with the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost. For more than a year previous to this I had been praying over and over again, 'Lord, make me as holy as a pardoned sinner can be made, and fill me as full of Thyself as Thou art willing to fill me.' My heart was now open for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

"The first night I really tarried, I received the Comforter in Pentecostal power, but soon I discovered that this was just the beginning of a long series of infillings which have continued to this day. Oh, the marvel of it all! How I wish I could tell what walking with the Comforter for well-nigh half a century has meant to me.

"The way has not always been easy. During the first years I ministered to small groups of Pentecostal believers who gathered in homes, mission halls, or on street corners. Later our camp-meeting ministry began, and then for thirty-five years it was my privilege to preach and teach at many of our great camps extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, from the sunny south into the far north, and also in conventions and conferences.

"In one of these first conventions I preached several times. The people said they enjoyed my preaching and expressed the hope that I might return some day, but they neglected to give me anything for my services.

"That left my wife and our new son at home, with only fifty cents to carry on with until I could send them something. I did so wish the saints had remembered

to give me even a small offering, but the Lord assured me He would care for my little family and so my heart was comforted.

"Often we received very little above our traveling expenses; still we were so happy to be preaching the full gospel and helping to establish what has since become our great Pentecostal movement.

"The first Assembly we pastored, our salary (we received only what was handed to us) amounted to seven dollars some months, and we got as high as nine dollars occasionally. One month it dropped to nothing. However, the Lord never failed us; in ways that were sometimes miraculous He provided for us.

"I think our greatest joy down through the years has been that of helping many young people to reach the mission field. Some forty or more have gone from the various Assemblies we have pastored, or have gone out because we raised the funds for their transportation and support. Sometimes it meant that my good wife and I gave most of what we had to assist in this great undertaking.

"Helping to pioneer our movement has made heavy demands, not only upon the physical life, but also upon all funds which have passed through our hands, so it has not been easy to provide for the days which are now upon us. However, both my dear wife and I feel that we would do it all over again if we could.

"I think if our younger brethren in the ministry only knew what a comfort and help it is to us older men to receive some support each month from our head office, they would receive great joy out of urging upon their people the need of supporting the Old Age Assistance fund which makes such help possible.

"We older ministers can no longer lead God's warrior souls to battle but we can still pray and so we may still be of some

value to our movement. Don't let the old soldiers fade away entirely. God bless our great fellowship the world around."  
REMEMBER—MAY 31.

## THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF FAITH

(Continued from page five)

and the knowledge of God, then equally the gift of Faith manifests the faith of God. It is the realm of the miraculous, though not necessarily the spectacular. It is a pity that so many people confuse the two, and seem blind to the supernatural in any gift of the Spirit unless it is openly unusual and remarkable or showy. The childishness of the Corinthians was seen in these precise matters. The spiritual gift of Faith is often hidden, but not the less mighty and miraculous.

c. *For the Will of God* (Romans 8:26)

A truth we need constantly to relearn is that we cannot "use" God, or the gifts of the Spirit, for our own purposes. "Once I tried to use Him, now He uses me," as A. B. Simpson put it.

How many times have we plunged ourselves into perplexity because we have struggled with our own faith, even our united faith, to bring to pass that which all the time was our own will? We have failed, and wondered why. We sincerely felt that we were believing the promises of God. Of one thing we can be sure—the spiritual gift of Faith will not work in us to fulfil our own purposes. It operates only to accomplish the purpose of God.

When we send one of our own children on some errand to make a purchase for us we give them the money they will need. In like manner our heavenly Father stands ready, by His Spirit to give us whatever faith we need for His business. "Who goeth a warfare at his own charges?"

Rightly to know the will of God almost invariably demands time spent waiting before Him. So true it is that "we know not what we should pray for as we ought." Only as the heat of our own desires, even some of our religious desires, is calmed by waiting upon God do we come into that place of quiet rest of spirit where intercession, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is made according to the will of God. When that happens we may find ourselves moved to ask for things that look positively absurd to the natural mind, and even to natural faith. It is just there that the spiritual gift of Faith most gloriously comes into action. A Divine calm floods the soul with quiet certainty. We even may begin to laugh with a holy laughter at the apparent impossibility of the thing we find ourselves asking for, but it is a laughter of assurance and not of unbelief. We know it shall

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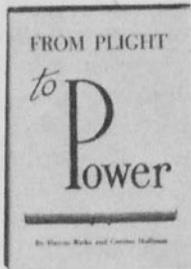


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## From PLIGHT to POWER

By Marcus Rieke  
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The six chapters of FROM PLIGHT TO POWER recognize these problems and predicaments and seek to analyze the frustration, delay of peace, insecurity, conflict of philosophy, moral bankruptcy and uncertain goals facing today's youth. An attempt is made to help youth become articulate in understanding their plights and finding in God's Word the answer to their predicaments.

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be done. Something of this Faith must have filled the soul of Elijah when he soaked the sacrifice with water on Carmel but KNEW the Fire would fall. Too often our screaming prayers are reminiscent of Baal rather than the servant of Jehovah.

### THE GIFT IS IN THE "BODY"

No gifts of the Spirit operate alone; they are likened to various members of a physical body (1 Cor. 12:11-12). There is a high and holy fellowship one with another in an operation of the gifts of the Spirit that keeps us mutually dependent, and necessitates love for them to work according to the will of God. Thus the word of wisdom or the word of knowledge may be used by the Spirit to reveal some hitherto undreamed-of possibility (1 Cor. 2:9); or a revelation by the gift of prophecy may show an urgent need; or discerning of spirits may uncover a grave danger. In a fully functioning Pentecostally gifted church the gift of Faith will then set in motion those mighty spiritual forces and processes that "move mountains" and give a creative word.

It is not without significance that in the list in 1 Cor. 12:8-10 the gift of Faith comes between the words of wisdom and knowledge on the one hand, and the gifts of healing and working of miracles on the other. Its position can correct some of our faulty ideas. There is a tremendous desire for a manifestation of the "sign-gifts" in Pentecostal evangelism, but how much is it understood that they do not stand alone? They need liberating by other Spirit-filled believers exercising the gift of Faith. There seems a clear indication of this principle of interaction between the gifts in Acts 3:16, where Peter performed the "notable miracle" of healing the lame man. It was "the faith which is by Him" that gave the man the perfect soundness before them all. On that occasion Peter apparently possessed first of all a God-given faith that opened the way for an act of power. But the whole Church with "one accord" (Acts 4:24) was behind Peter and John, and the signs and wonders wrought by the apostles were not independent of the Church as a whole.

The spiritual gift of Faith opens up rich possibilities for a hidden ministry that actually is at the source of those public ministries that catch the imagination of the crowds. A day is coming when each man shall receive his own reward, and what surprises there will be! "The first shall be last, and the last first," as far as popular estimation is concerned. But no servant can do more than wholly yield himself to the Lord as a living sacrifice. After that the gifts are according to the grace that is given to us. Our part is to be diligent and faithful. High on the

list of manifestations of Pentecostal power stands the gift of Faith. Let us covet it earnestly, along with the love by which alone it can achieve its fullest purpose to the glory of God.



New Assemblies of God churches are going up all over the nation, and 1953 promises to be a great year in this field. Our District Home Missions Representatives are reporting increasing interest in building new Assemblies in cities and towns where there are none as yet. Our final goal (An Assembly in Every Town) can be reached only as our established churches continue to accept the challenge of evangelism, and to act accordingly.

Listed below are the 41 new works reported since our last listing. The names of the pastors are in parentheses.

ARKANSAS—Bradley (Billy R. Bray); Eldorado, North Highland Assembly (Mr. and Mrs. T. Murphy Smith).

LOUISIANA—Arabia (W. S. Ramby); Baton Rouge, Calvary Assembly (Ira Bryce); Coushatta (C. A. Antley); Shreveport, Jewella, (R. C. Ayers); Monticello (Warren Davenport); Rayville (W. C. Mixon); Rocky Branch (Ralph Mahoney).

NEW ENGLAND—Danielson, Conn.; Laconia, N. H.; Willimantic, Conn.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY—Boonville, N. Y. (Allen E. Mitchell); Elmont, N. Y. (G. D. Morriello); Endicott, N. Y. (Robert Bressette); Gilbert Mills, N. Y. (Mrs. Dorothy Gory); Johnsonburg, N. J. (Ernest Edwards); Salamanca, N. Y. (Lloyd Reese); Sodus Center, N. Y. (Bernard Bullock).

OHIO—Waverly (Robert Garrison.)

OKLAHOMA—Byron (Mary E. Ward); East Tulsa (Cecil F. Pierce); Enid, South Side (Lloyd Wells); Flute Springs (J. F. Ready); Hitchita (Marie Swope); Kittyville, near Noble (T. L. Rogers); Moffett (Garland W. Russell); Okesa (Tommy Estes); Versaw Gardens, Oklahoma City (Lucille Kercheval); Wes Ten, Oklahoma City (Mrs. Mentie Lee Turner); Oswalt (Rose Zella Ceiner); Perkins (W. F. Gilchrist); Plainview (Roy P. Williams); Skelly School, near Westville (A. L. Wafford); Sperry (Margaret Lancaster); Twin Oaks, near Tahlequah (Alva F. Hill); Union Grove, near Muskogee (A. W. Thomason); White Church, near Tulsa (R. R. Rader).

SOUTHERN MISSOURI—Camden-ton, re-opened (Curtis Dean); Springfield—Eastland Assembly (Keith Smith.)

# Convention Series Accelerates W. M. C. Work

A great national WMC convention in six parts is being realized this spring through special meetings being held in connection with the Regional Sunday School Conventions. Four such WMC conventions have already added their impetus to WMC work, and the fifth (at Mobile) will have been added by the time this issue of the EVANGEL reaches you, with the North Central Regional yet to come.

Crowds of 500 to 800 have come together in each convention for conference regarding better ways to help the missionaries and to assist in carrying forward the great missionary program of the Assemblies of God. Outstanding in each convention was the presence of the Lord and the spirit of worship and consecration which settled down over the congregation. At each service Council-ers were taking notes and jotting down ideas as various lines of WMC work were spotlighted. Numbers of missionaries and pastors were present to add their testimonies to the good work of WMC groups, and to take back with them new missionary zeal.

## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL—FRESNO

The convention of the Women's Missionary Council groups of the southwest section was held in California at the Fresno Gospel Tabernacle March 3. A "How-to-do-it" feature was presented by Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, showing in detail how certain necessary supplies for the missionaries can be made by the women of our churches. Missionaries need visual aid materials for teaching, flannelgraph background scenery, Sunday School awards, greeting cards, Christmas gifts for orphanage children, and the sundry furnishings for their mission stations. Her demonstration was most helpful. Mrs. R. P. Murray spoke on organizing missionary clubs among teen-age girls.

Our Wisconsin District WMC President, Mrs. E. A. Beck, visited the Fresno convention, and

told how to make beautiful and useful articles for the missionaries from old materials no longer usable in their worn-out condition. The work of the national WMC office at Springfield was presented by Martha McLean, Assistant National WMC Secretary.

The next day about eighty-five attended a noon luncheon meeting, when an impressive missionary skit, prepared and presented by women of the San Diego Section, again brought out the opportunities for the women of our churches to find their place in missionary work.

## NORTHWEST REGIONAL—PORTLAND

Two weeks later the WMC's of the Northwest section of the country met in the beautiful new auditorium of the First Assembly of God in Portland, Oregon. Under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Walton, Oregon District WMC President, and through the use of impressive visual aid, leaders of the Oregon WMC's presented a most comprehensive six-point program: (1) Practical work (sewing, canning of food, etc.); (2) mission study; (3) literature for missionary use; (4) visitation and personal soul winning; (5) financing WMC projects; and (6) intercessory prayer. The national scope of WMC work was presented by the National WMC Secretary.

Theme for the afternoon service, "The Word of God Multiplied," was presented by the women of the Northwest District, under the leadership of Mrs. Vernon Skaggs, District President, bringing out that as the efforts of the missionaries are reinforced by the work of the Women's Missionary Councils, sending forth of the Word of God is multiplied. The David Pecks were present to relate the incident of their homecoming from Africa, when they found that Calvary Temple in Seattle had prepared a lovely home for their use while on furlough, and had also anticipated other needs such as furnishings, food and clothing.

At a round table three WMC leaders and three missionaries discussed the importance of: (1) Intercessory prayer; (2) saving a missionary's time by sewing and making necessary supplies; and (3) putting certain necessary materials into the hands of the missionaries, such as visual-aid materials, record players with recordings in the language of the land, rhythm band instruments for new villages, first aid kits, bandages, etc. The National Secretary spoke on the seven-point goal of the Women's Missionary Council.

The following day two hundred WMC members, missionaries and interested pastors gathered for a luncheon meeting, with Mrs. Leonard Lanphear as the main speaker. Theme of her mes-

sage was the Women's Missionary Council as seen through the eyes of an "adopted" missionary family. Other missionaries testified briefly to benefits they had received from the women's groups. The thirteen children in our new Assemblies of God Children's Home at Valdez, Alaska, were adopted by various groups, and several items were pledged for the furnishing of Childers Lodge at Landour, North India.

## TEN DISTRICTS MEET AT CLEVELAND

On March 31 WMC's from the ten districts of the northeast area met in Cleveland, Ohio. The morning devotional service was led by Mrs. Roy Wead, Indiana WMC President. The National Secretary spoke on the National WMC Department as a co-ordinator for the needs of the missionaries and the work the women can do. Much of the furnishings needed at this time for Childers Lodge was pledged. Mrs. E. A. Beck presented an attractive display of "nice things made from the nothings"—beautiful afghans made from used yard, rugs made of petal-shaped pieces cut from old overcoats, loom-woven rugs from old nylon hose, warm jackets and sweaters for children made from reclaimed materials, and numerous other useful articles needed by the missionaries.

In the afternoon Mrs. Beck gave much helpful information in her message on WMC organization and operation in the district. A "How-we-did-it" feature was presented with each district having opportunity to tell of one missionary project which they had carried through to successful completion.

At noon the next day eighty women and a few men gathered for a luncheon meeting to enjoy rich fellowship, good music and a spiritual program.

## ARKANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

One week later the National WMC Secretary and Assistant were at North Little Rock, Arkansas, in the First Assembly of God for the Fourth Annual District WMC Convention. About eight hundred WMC members and pastors from all over the district packed the auditorium. The Lord was present to bless throughout the three services of the day. Local churches served the entire crowd picnic style on the church lawn both noon and evening.

The District Superintendent, G. W. Harcastle, welcomed the convention, and commended the WMC for excellent work done in his district. The National WMC Secretary spoke in the morning on "Why Have WMC?" One hundred dollars was pledged by the Arkansas women for a large



LEFT: Leaders and speakers at WMC Regional Convention in Portland. District Presidents in the front row are: Mrs. C. H. Jackson, Montana; Mrs. E. W. Anderson, Northern California; Mrs. F. J. Walton, Oregon; Edith Whipple, National WMC Secretary; Mrs. V. W. Skaggs, Northwest; and Mrs. C. G. Shaklee, Southern Idaho. Others in the picture are Sectional Directors and missionaries.



RIGHT: WMC leaders who took part in the Regional Convention at Cleveland—Edith Whipple; Mrs. Kempthorn, pianist; Mrs. Roy Wead, Indiana President; Mrs. A. F. Thornton, Michigan Sec'y-Treas.; Mrs. E. A. Beck, Wisconsin President; Lulu Belle Hough, Ohio President; Mrs. George Flower, representing New England District; Mrs. Leo Starner, Eastern District Sec'y; Mrs. C. W. H. Scott, Michigan President; Mrs. T. R. Brubaker, New York—New Jersey President; Mrs. Frances Bonham, representing the Indiana District; and Mrs. S. W. Brewer, Kentucky President.

food mixer for Childers Lodge, practically completing the outfit needed for this missionary home in India. Sectional Directors reported in the afternoon meeting on projects and progress of the work in the fourteen sections of the Arkansas District. Especially pungent is their slogan—"We can if I will."

In the evening service the District WMC President, Kathleen Briggs, presented the J. W. Tucker missionary family for "adoption" and several WMC groups responded, pledging to assist them with their outfit when they return to the Congo, to clothe their three children, and remember them with gifts from time to time while on the field. A stirring missionary message was given by Martha McLean.

—Edith Whipple  
National WMC Secretary

## TWO RECORDS BROKEN AT NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Two records were broken at the Northeast Regional Sunday School Convention, which met here March 30 through April 2 in the Hollenden Hotel and Public Auditorium Music Hall.

First, a greater percentage of the delegates attending the convention registered. Delegates came from eighteen states and three foreign countries. Registration reached 2,481.

Second, the offering received the final night set a new record, not only for the Regional Conventions but for all the Sunday School conventions of the Assemblies of God in years past.

Four officers, seven teachers, and six prospective workers made up the delegation which won the attendance trophy. The group of 17 Sunday School enthusiasts represented the Grace Pentecostal Church (Melvin P. Smith, pastor) in Atlantic City, N. J.



P. G. Barnard

T. F. Zimmerman

Around 50 delegates from the German Branch of the Assemblies of God (with their Superintendent, Carl W. Loenser) attended. There were two representatives from the National Headquarters of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada: James Montgomery, Sunday School Director, and A. G. Richards, manager of the Full Gospel Publishing House.

City Chairman T. F. Zimmerman and Regional Chairman P. G. Barnard were exceptionally effective in organizing and promoting the convention among the churches of the northeast region and in the city of Cleveland. Brother Zimmerman pastored The Pentecostal Church in Cleveland. Brother Barnard for the past two years has been Sunday School Director for the New York—New Jersey District of the Assemblies of God. Recently he resigned that office to become pastor of the Assembly in Salem, N. J.

## CATHOLIC MISSION BECOMES A PENTECOSTAL MISSION

YBOR CITY, FLORIDA—Yes, the former Catholics are coming to Christ. Hallelujah!

I am now preaching in a Catholic church, but not for the Catholics. It is in Ybor City, a suburb of Tampa. The great Miracle Worker threw this opportunity into my lap, though I was all unworthy, and I am thrilled.

Last year the Foreign Missions Committee asked us if we would go to Honduras. We prayed, and the still small Voice said, "Wait, your work in Tampa is not finished yet." It was hard to tell the Committee our decision. It was hard on our pride. It was also hard on our faith, for in refusing to go to Honduras we were automatically taking ourselves off the Foreign Missions list and we knew the little church in Tampa could not support us.

At the same time invitations came to us to pastor well established churches. These tempted us but each time the still small Voice said, "Wait patiently and you will have a new ministry which will be greater than you have ever had." Already that has begun.

When my cousin was elected to the Presidency of the United States I decided I would attend the Inauguration. I obtained reservations and was planning to leave for Washington the morning of January 14, but on Sunday, January 11, a member of our church asked me if I would go with her to pray for a Catholic priest, Peter Boto, the following Wednesday—the very day I was to leave for the Inauguration! I felt a constraining Hand so I canceled the trip. Though I did not know it, I was to witness a greater event than the Inauguration in the scale of eternal values.

That night of January 14 became a memorable date. "Father Boto," as he is known in Tampa, lost his title that night. He became "Brother Boto" as he prayed through and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The following Sunday I brought the first evangelical message in that Catholic church with all the images still standing. But the images did not hinder me any. I preached on the text, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," and, "He whom the Son sets free is free indeed."

Even though we had witnessed a wonderful work of grace in our brother, we knew it would take a still greater work of grace to enable him to clean out all the idols. We did not urge him. We let the Holy Spirit speak, which He did. Just eight days later Brother Boto said, "Brother Epler, we must take out the idols, candlesticks,

everything today." So I phoned a number of ministers, asking them to help, and together we carried these things out, shouting the praises of the Lord.

On Sunday afternoon, January 25, our District Superintendent Howard S. Bush dedicated the church for the preaching of the full gospel. Oh, what a great time it was as people wept, laughed, and marvelled at the great miracle God had done.

Brother Boto is a happy man and is growing daily in the Lord. But he is in the fires of persecution and desperately needs your prayers. A few days after his conversion there came a long-distance call from the Archbishop in New York warning him to give up this fanaticism and return to the Old Catholic Church, threatening him if he failed to do so. The "Mother" of his local church rabidly denounced him when she and other members left him. He has made an unusual consecration. Pray that God will enable Brother Boto to stand true and to win many others to Christ.—by Paul Epler.

## AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Twenty-three were saved and 169 attended our church for the first time during a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg. They were with us for three weeks. A spirit of revival is in the church.—Marjorie Daniel, Church Secretary. (Ira Stanphill is pastor.)

SNOOK, TEX.—We had a successful Workers' Training Course with Wayland Woodall, Sectional Sunday School Representative. We studied the book, "Seeing the Story of the Bible." Interest was good. Several churches were represented and a total of 25 certificates were issued. There is greater zeal for Sunday School work in this area.—J. H. Sartor, Pastor.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—The Lord blessed during a two-week meeting with Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick of Tulsa, Okla. Twenty-two were saved, five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and several testified to definite healing. The attendance was good and several nights we had to bring in extra chairs. We praise the Lord for the Pentecostal atmosphere that prevailed throughout the meeting.—W. S. Chandler, Church Secretary, First Assembly of God. (W. J. Cox is pastor.)

STAYTON, OREG.—Evangelist Joe Yates from Arkansas was with us for two weeks. Eight were saved, six filled with the Holy Ghost, six reclaimed, and many refilled with the Spirit.

Since last Christmas there has been a spirit of revival in our midst and over 20 have been saved. During January, Evangelist G. W. Hocker was with us and God gave us a good meeting.

One Sunday night a few weeks ago, an entire family (Dad, Mother, and four children) came to the altar and were saved. Two of the girls are in high school. We praise the Lord for this wonderful moving of the Spirit.—P. C. Walcher, Pastor.

HAWTHORNE, CALIF.—Since coming to pastor the Assembly of God here in June, 1952, we have seen a steady and consistent growth in our Sunday School and church attendance. The record S. S. attendance is 111.

The C.A.'s bought a bus and the Yellow Taxicab Co. in our city has offered to bring anyone to the Sunday morning services free of charge. We are gladly taking advantage of this offer.

On January 10 we purchased a theater building. The auditorium seats about 300 and there is a four-room apartment above which we use for additional Sunday School rooms.

During our recent meeting with Evangelist Hazen C. MacDonald, a former Baptist pastor of Boston, Mass., 11 accepted the Lord as their Saviour and two were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The morning Bible studies and prayer meetings were a great blessing to us. Many made deeper consecrations to the Lord. Only eternity will tell of the results of the visitation work done in conjunction with this meeting. Brother MacDonald's ministry was of great benefit to the new converts, and to the more established saints as well.—J. A. Ireland, Pastor.

# Special PROGRAMS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL THROUGH THE YEAR

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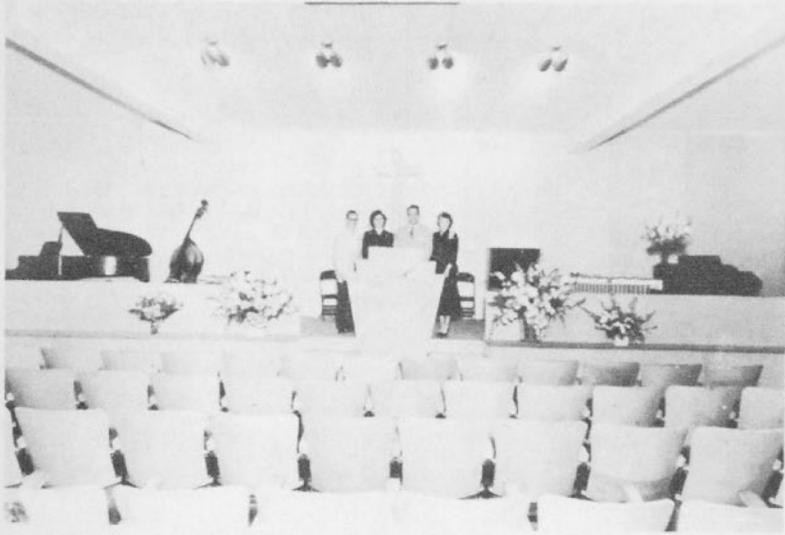
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**THE ESKELIN FAMILY** at the pulpit of Victory Temple, New Orleans' newest Assembly of God. The auditorium seats 450. They began with 72 in Sunday School and the attendance now runs about 135.



**DISTRICT OFFICIALS** at the dedication last December. Left to right: E. G. Eskelin, pastor; L. C. Ashbrook, District Superintendent; L. D. Wells, General Presbyter; Phil Johnson, Sectional Presbyter.

There were only two Assemblies of God churches within the city limits of New Orleans, a great city of 700,000 people; and Gayle Jackson, who had held tent meetings there and had seen hundreds of souls come to Christ, felt called of God to establish another Assembly in that city. He launched a new work but before long he resigned, and the church invited E. G. Eskelin to be the pastor. Brother Eskelin had held meetings in New Orleans two years previously. The city had been on his heart ever since; and so, after much prayer, he accepted the call.

First they met in a rented hall. Then they moved to the Metarie High School Auditorium and immediately they began raising money for a new church building. They found a building 60 by 90 in an excellent location (Harlem Blvd. and Metarie Rd.) which they were able to purchase, together with the adjoining lots. It has two stories, with an auditorium and four Sunday School rooms on the main floor. Upstairs there are seven rooms for the pastor's family and three rooms for visiting evangelists.

Dedication week was a time of great blessing. The speakers from night

to night were L. C. Ashbrook, D. V. Williams, E. L. Tanner, Ray Eskelin, Haskell Rogers, and Gayle Jackson. Many souls were saved that week and others have been saved every week since. Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg of Toledo, Ohio, were at Victory Temple for two weeks. Over 300 new people came to the church and 50 came forward to accept the Lord. Later the Fox Party of Canada were there for five days and many more were saved at that time. Over 50 wrote out their testimonies of healing. In the "Holy Ghost anointing service" on Friday night 26 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The musical abilities of the Eskelin Family have given them an effective ministry on radio and television. Their thirty-minute "Hymn Time" broadcast on Radio Station WDSU each Saturday night (10 to 10:30) is receiving as much mail as any program on the station. They have free time on the local Television Station and find that their telecasts draw more visitors to their services than anything else does—from ten to thirty visitors every week. The Television program also brings them invitations to appear at public schools and in churches of various faiths in outlying communities.

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—Hundreds of people attended the meetings with Evangelist F. C. Drake of Newton, Tex. God manifested Himself in a miraculous manner. A great number were saved, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and healed of various afflictions. Every department of the church was blessed and we lacked only two of breaking the all-time Sunday School attendance record.—L. R. McLamore, Pastor, Kashmere Gardens Assembly of God.

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—We have had a wonderful meeting at the Magnolia Park Assembly of God. Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Willis of Fort Worth, Tex. were with us for six nights. The power of God rested upon their ministry in song and in preaching. The last night, while they were singing a special song, the altar was filled with those who wanted to seek the Lord. They continued in prayer for two hours.

The meeting continued for six more nights with local pastors in charge together with their members and choirs. God placed His approval on the services and a wonderful spirit of fellowship prevailed. Many were saved, several baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many refilled.—E. M. Yeats, Pastor.

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—For two glorious weeks in February we enjoyed an old-fashioned meeting with the Loren Fox Party. We appreciated the Spirit-anointed playing, singing, and preaching, and also the music and ringing testimonies of Joe and Gerry Pontrello and their little daughter, Elaine. Night after night the power of God was mightily manifested. The altar was filled with sinners seeking salvation, believers seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit, "lukewarm" Christians seeking a closer walk with God, and the sick and afflicted seeking healing from the Great Physician.

Many were wonderfully saved, a large number received the Baptism, and scores were marvelously healed. Our people together with hundreds of visitors from other churches will long feel the impact of this meeting.—Raymond T. Richey, Pastor, Evangelistic Temple.

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BETHANY, MO.—The Lord gave us a wonderful four-week meeting with Evangelist Gilford Gibson of Marshall, Mo. Eight were saved and six filled with the Holy Spirit—Julia McDonald, Pastor.

HOPE, ARK.—The blessing of the Lord rested on a meeting with Evangelist J. Billy McIntosh of Nashville, Tenn. Much was accomplished for the Lord. We thank God for the Scriptural preaching. Souls were saved, and many were drawn to a deeper consecration.—O. M. Montgomery, Pastor.

BRYAN, TEX.—Our vision has been broadened and our zeal increased as workers of our Sunday School accepted the challenge received from the study of the book, "A Successful Sunday School." Wayland Woodall, Sunday School Representative of the Austin Section, conducted the course. Twenty-three received certificates.—R. L. Tulinson, Pastor.

SEYMOUR, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge were with us during March. Twenty-two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and equally as many were saved. There were a number of healings. Folk from other churches attended the meeting and were healed. We praise the Lord for this wonderful revival.—Mrs. J. N. Thorn, Church Secretary. (Lloyd McIntosh is pastor.)

LAKE CITY, ARK.—We enjoyed nine nights of prophetic study and evangelism with David Burris, former Arkansas District Superintendent. Other Assembly churches co-operated each night.—A. C. Thompson, Pastor.

PERRY, ARK.—We closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Dorat Lane of Fort Smith, Ark. on March 15. There were six saved, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and some were marvelously healed. Many attended the meeting who had not been to church in years. The church has been greatly uplifted.—Bee Young, Pastor, Opollo Assembly of God.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEX.—Evangelist H. C. Cockrell and daughter Elizabeth were with us for three weeks, and the Lord gave us a glorious meeting. Twenty were saved and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. A number were healed. A five-year-old boy, who had had bronchitis all his life and was unable to sleep through a whole night, was healed. A man was healed of injuries he received in a fall, and another person was healed of heart trouble.—M. H. Jaynes, Pastor.

SEMINOLE, OKLA.—God moved in a mighty way during the meeting with the Grafner-White Party of Dellroy, Ohio. Thirty-four found Christ as their personal Saviour. The instrumental music and singing were a blessing. The anointed preaching of Sister Dorothy White brought deep conviction to the unsaved and the Christians made new consecrations to God.—Cagle Graves, Pastor.

REYDON, OKLA.—On March 8 we closed a three-week meeting with Evangelist Ronnie C. Coffey of Roosevelt, Okla. His messages were filled with power. Four were saved and seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Our church was greatly encouraged in the Lord. Ten have been saved since Christmas. To God be all the praise.—Mrs. Inez Coffey, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—A number were saved and some filled with the Spirit in a recent meeting with Evangelist S. Harland Petersen of Mitchell, S. Dak. God met with us in a wonderful way from night to night. The entire church was stirred by this meeting and the Sunday School showed a fine increase. We appreciated the Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Petersen and the fine singing.

The church is going forward and a number have been saved in our regular meetings. We are looking forward to greater things from the Lord.—Harlin Hines, Pastor, Calvary Full Gospel Church.

RICHMOND, IND.—Evangelist Velmer Gardner has conducted two meetings at the First Assembly of God in the last two years. God saved several families in the first meeting and they are now solid members of our church. The Lord performed many miracles of healing. One lady was healed of cancer of the blood stream.

Brother Gardner could only be with us for one week this last meeting. The attendance increased every night and we were conscious of the Spirit of God moving in the service. Many were healed—one of an inward growth, two of deafness, and one of tuberculosis.—H. W. Duncan, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANS.—The Lord was very gracious during the past year in giving us a series of campaigns with a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit in each case. The meetings were conducted by Evangelist Harold and Margaret Pearson, Evangelist and Mrs. Paul C. Lowenberg, Evangelist Willie C. Conrad, and Evangelists Smith and Rogers. Many were converted and a goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. There are testimonies of those who were healed by the power of God. Thirty-three followed the Lord in water baptism.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor, Assembly of God, 610 Lime St.

Near VELPEN, IND.—God has been blessing the Cup Creek Assembly of God which is a country church. There has been a growth in the Sunday School and also in church attendance. The last six months the Sunday School averaged 55.

In January Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Strode of Springfield, Ill. were with us. Their ministry brought spiritual help and refreshing to the church.

The Lord has been saving souls in our regular services and a goodly number have been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

On March 13 our Presbyter, Hansel P. Vibbert of Evansville, Ind., was with us and received the church into the fellowship of the Assembly of God. There are 26 names on the charter roll. We appreciate all the friends and ministers who have helped us in this new work.—John D. Dearing, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—For the past three years we have pastored the North Tenth Street Assembly. We are thankful to God that we have had a little part in getting this new work established. The Lord has helped us to clear the church of nearly \$3,000 indebtedness, and to build Sunday School rooms in the basement and seal the church auditorium. We praise God for the faithful ones of the Assembly who made all this possible.

For many years the Lord has been the Great Physician of our family. Our baby who was deformed was healed and our ten-year-old son was healed when he was given up to die.

For six years we have felt that God wanted us to carry the news to others and to inspire them to have faith in God for bodily healing. We now feel led to leave the church here, and to enter evangelistic work. We are now open for calls.—Ted Stephens, 1001 N. 14th, Enid, Okla. (after June 1, % John Hocker, Comanche, Okla.).

HOUSTON, TEX.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Melvin McKnight. Twelve came forward for salvation, and a number were re-filled with the Spirit. We broke the Sunday School attendance record with 161 present.—Mrs. Larry DeHart, Church Reporter, Humble Road Assembly. (R. N. Andrews is Pastor.)

WEST MONROE, LA.—From March 1 through 29 Evangelist Henry E. Brannoch of Phoenix, Ariz. was with us. Twenty-nine accepted Christ as their Saviour and ten received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Almost every night new people attended the meeting. Many sick were healed and many were delivered from the tobacco habit.—Troy S. Tisdale, Pastor.

NEVADA, IOWA.—The Lord's blessing has been upon us here. Three times this spring we have set a new record in Sunday School attendance, with an all-time high of 210 Easter. Several have been saved in the regular services, and we are trusting that the Lord will continue to bless our church.—William L. Willis, Pastor, Christian Tabernacle Assembly.

HENRYETTA, OKLA.—The Lord gave us a gracious meeting with Evangelist Phil Ritter and the "Gospel Notes" of Yakima, Wash. Eighteen were saved or reclaimed, ten received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several were healed. One outstanding healing was that of an elderly lady who had palsy all her life. She was healed instantly and now has no sign of this affliction whatever. There is a blessed spirit of unity in the church.—Oscar H. Bolen, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

GARDENA, Calif.—We are in our fourth year of pastoring here and the work has gradually built up. We have held a high standard against worldly trends and some of our people felt it wise to sell their T. V. sets.

Some of the evangelists the Lord sent to help us are: E. W. White, Harry Stemme, Dave Phillips, Larry Cronk, Don Merrill, and Ronald Priuzing. Recently I felt led to preach a short revival in the church. Crowds were excellent and the presence of God was in the meetings.

A number of improvements have been made on the church property, and at present plans are under way to stucco the church.—L. H. Sheets, Pastor, First Assembly.

PUEBLO, COLO.—We recently had a glorious meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. R. Van Kemp of Russellville, Ark. The Kemps are old-fashioned revivalists and there was a spirit of praise and worship in the services such as we have not seen in a long time. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Spirit, and several testified to bodily healing.

Mrs. Kemp is keenly interested in the young, and the "Youth Rallies," which she conducted each evening before the regular services, brought blessing and added zeal to that department. The Sunday School Conferences three nights a week, in which Brother Kemp used visual equipment, were greatly enjoyed by our Sunday School staff.—Richard D. Emerson, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—We thank the Lord for the faithful ministry of our Pastor, Lloyd Shoemaker. His enthusiasm and untiring efforts for the cause of Christ have meant much to us. Brother Shoemaker came to us from the West Central District in December, 1951, succeeding Paul B. Pyland who is now pastoring in Zion, Ill.

Along with a great increase in church attendance the Sunday School average for the year has increased from 50 to 140. God has given us a new building which was dedicated March 9, 1953. T. E. Gannon, Superintendent of West Central District, brought a soul-stirring message from God's Word, and W. R. Williamson, Superintendent of Illinois, preached the dedicatory message in the evening. The building was packed and some were turned away. Some 40 ministers gathered for this occasion.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Lord met us in a gracious way in a meeting with Evangelist John Smith of Houston, Texas. Brother Smith's messages stirred the Christians and caused them to measure their lives with the Word of God. Several were saved. One lady was filled with the Holy Spirit and healed of cancer of the kidneys. The doctors had told this woman that nothing could be done for her except give her something to ease the pain. She got out of bed to come to the meeting. While she was at the altar the power of God came on her and she was filled with the Holy Spirit and healed.—Melvin P. Smith, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND—Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Struck of Brantford, Ont., Canada were with us in February. Quite a number were saved and several were baptized with the Holy Spirit. When Brother and Sister Struck told their life stories the tabernacle was packed and many turned away.

We have started a province-wide radio program called, "The Old, Old story," which is proving a great blessing to both Catholics and Protestants.—Harold J. Snelgrove, Pastor, Elim Tabernacle.

LANCASTER, PA.—We concluded a meeting on March 8 with Evangelist Starland W. Thomas of Englewood, Colo. The interest was good and we had the largest week-night attendance in years. People came for many miles to attend the meeting but most of the 35 who were saved and of those who were healed were from the immediate vicinity of Lancaster. Many gave testimonies of deliverances and miraculous healings.

Our Sunday School average for January placed us second in the Eastern District. The all-time high financial report and the strong missionary vision are encouraging. Our radio broadcast each Sunday over station WLAN continues to reach thousands in this area with the full gospel message.—P. B. Franklin, Pastor, First Pentecostal Church.

## 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.

FRANKFORT, IND.—May 3-17; Evangelist Jimmy Brown.—by James Morgan, Pastor.

McKINNEY, TEX.—Assembly of God, May 4-15; Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Willis, Fort Worth, Tex. (Earl J. Rogers is Pastor.)

SONORA, CALIF.—Apr. 26—; Evangelist Dewey Heath, Pampa, Tex.—by E. L. Cole, Pastor.

NEWCASTLE, WYO.—Apr. 26—; Evangelist Verla Spencer of Minnesota.—by W. Neil McDaniel, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 26—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb.—by Gene Martin, Pastor.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Calvary Assembly of God, May 1—; Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson.—by H. P. Vibbert, Pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Alzona Assembly, May 3-24; Evangelist R. E. Henke, Chowchilla, Calif.—by C. E. Leib, Pastor.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Apr. 20—; Evangelist Dave and Gwen Wilkerson. (Ralph Creider is Pastor.)

OSCEOLA, ARK.—Assembly of God, May 3-17; Evangelist James O. Johnson, St. Louis Mo. (E. Joe Wilmoth is Pastor.)

MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 26—; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. (Chester and Helen Jenkins are Pastors.)

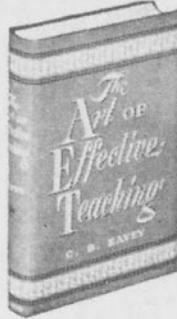
WICHITA FALLS, TEX.—First Assembly of God, May 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Van Kemp, Russellville, Ark. (Phinis A. Lewis is Pastor.)

STERLING, COLO.—Assembly of God, May 10-24; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens, Fullerton, Calif. (H. M. Gibbons is Pastor.)

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Calvary Assembly of God, May 5-17; Evangelist A. Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (Joseph and John Wannemacher are Pastors.)

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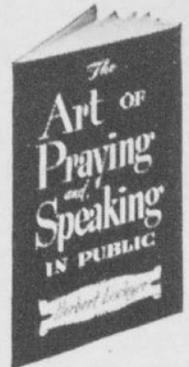
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FORT MADISON, IOWA—May 3-17; Evangelist Joe Johnson, Jamestown, N. Dak.—by Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

KERBY, OREG.—Assembly of God, May 5-17; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (M. Homer Thompson is Pastor.)

CROWELL, TEX.—Assembly of God, Apr. 26—; Evangelist James Harmon.—by M. F. Hankins, Pastor.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.—First Assembly of God, May 12-24; Evangelist Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill.—by C. R. Inman, Pastor.

SANTA MARIA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, May 3—; Evangelist James L. Isaacs, Los Angeles, Calif. (J. W. Dollins is Pastor.)

LAWRENCE, KANS.—Tent meeting, May 3—; Evangelist A. S. Teuber and party.—by J. J. Krimmer, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—First Assembly of God, May 3-17 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Lovick, Norfolk, Va.—by Clyde C. Goree, Pastor.

AURORA, COLO.—May 10-24 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. H. S. Phillips, Brewton, Ala.—by C. L. Walker, Pastor.

WINDBER, PA.—Pentecotal Assembly of God, May 5-24; Evangelist C. M. Smitley, Springfield, Mo.—by Alfred Coletti, Pastor.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Fostepco Heights Assembly of God, May 10—; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by P. C. Loftin, Pastor.

CLIO, MICH.—Bethel Chapel, April 28—May 10; Evangelist and Mrs. A. F. DiMusto, Detroit, Mich.—by Mrs. Lela A. Fairbanks, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Lighthouse Tabernacle, May 10-31; Evangelist Clifford F. Ward, Visalia, Calif. (William and Denzil Totman are Pastors.)

PAMPA, TEX.—Bethel Assembly of God, May 3-17 or longer; Evangelist William T. Holcombe, Arkadelphia, Ark.—by O. E. Eldridge, Pastor.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 26—May 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Lyman A. Jollay, Flint, Mich.—by Waldo E. Risner, Pastor.

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Dirego Park Assembly of God, May 3-31 or longer; Evangelist Fred H. Brand, St. Louis, Mo.—by J. L. Whittaker, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.—Missionary Convention, First Assembly of God, May 1-3; John Hurston from West Africa, and David Scott from Peru, guest speakers.—by Erling Saxelid, Pastor.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, Griffin, Ga., May 5-7; J. O. Savell, guest speaker. For reservations write District Superintendent, Ernest P. Pruett, Box 423, Griffin, Ga.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL—5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo., May 4-7; F. C. Woodworth, Superintendent of Southern California District, speaker.—by Russell G. Fulford, District Superintendent.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—Union tent meeting, May 8-29; Evangelist W. V. Grant. Co-operating Pastors: Ira M. Bryce, Calvary Assembly; Lloyd R. Logan, First Assembly; and James V. Courtney Jr., Central Assembly.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT SPRING S. S. CONVENTIONS—May 5, Bassett; May 6, Thedford; May 7, Alliance; May 8, North Platte; May 10 and 11, Hastings; May 12, Lincoln; May 13, Pender. Guest speakers: Ernest and Clynelle Aldridge, S. S. evangelists. (Mrs. Wayne Hall is S. S. Director.)

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 46th Anniversary Convention, May 3-17; James E. Hamill, Evangelist. Services Sunday 11 a.m., 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. and each night except Monday at 7:45 p.m. Afternoon services Tuesday through Friday at 3 p.m. with Martha Moenich, Bible teacher. Radio broadcast, "Glad Tidings Hour," station WMGM, Sunday 9:30 a.m.—by M. E. Brown, Pastor.

**NEW ADDRESSES**

- Othell Nall, 1708 S. Porter Ave., Kirksville, Mo. "Pastoring Central Assembly."  
 Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, 415 Wood St., Fort Collins, Colo. "Have new tent, 1,000 seats, fully equipped."  
 James H. Black, 817 E. 8th St., Topeka, Kans. "Re-entering evangelistic field."  
 Ralph and Celia Lottridge, 1100 Height St., Bakersfield, Calif. "Pastoring Faith Tabernacle."  
 Pastor Ottie L. Tucker, 111 West First, Medicine Lodge, Kans.  
 B. S. Moore, 536-16th St., San Bernardino, Calif.  
 S. James Colburn, 1503 Fourth Ave., Dodge City, Kans. "Re-entering evangelistic field."  
 P. G. Barnard, 278 Grand St., Salem, N. J. "Resigned as C. A. President and S. S. Director of New York-New Jersey District to accept pastorate of Salem Pentecostal Church."  
 Pastor and Mrs. Stanley V. Michael, Box 47, Donna, Tex.  
 Pastor Fred L. Ridener, Box 1244, Memphis, Tex.  
 D. Harold and Esther Burger, Box 693, Galt, Calif. "Pastoring Bethel Temple."  
 Mary K. Murphy, Eglon, W. Va. "Pastoring Horseshoe Run Church."  
 Pastor James A. West, 502½ "F" St., La Porte, Ind.  
 Paul L. Ferguson, 15506 Covello St., Van Nuys, Calif. "Pastoring Assembly of God, Victory Blvd. at Tyrone."  
 Elmer W. Lindale, 645 S. Broad St., Elizabeth 2, N. J. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."  
 Dale Harmon, 403 E. 9th., Vinton, Iowa.  
 Judge B. Lindsey, 111 S. Grandview Ave., Covina, Calif.  
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 Bill Devereaux, 1120 Coronado Terrace, Los Angeles 26, Calif. "Entering evangelistic field."

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- L. G. Jordan, 314 E. 69th Shreveport, La. W. G., McCluskey, Box 144, Belknap, Ill.  
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 Mary K. Fillon, 2951 S. O'Dell St. Stockton 6, Calif.

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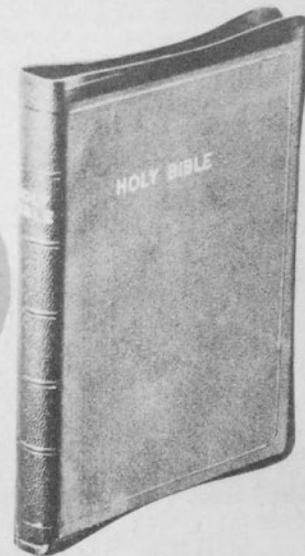
**GENERAL COUNCIL**

**MILWAUKEE, WIS.**—The biennial session of the General Council of the Assemblies of God will begin Wednesday night, August 26, with a great C. A. Rally, continuing until the following Tuesday or Wednesday. All meetings will be in the Milwaukee Auditorium. For accommodations write the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, David M. Carlson, 2320 E. Park Place, Milwaukee 11, Wis., enclosing stamped envelope for reply.

**WITH CHRIST**

- ROBERT F. YEADON**, 42, of Havana, Cuba (formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind.) went to be with the Lord March 30, 1953. Brother Yeadon transferred to the Assemblies of God in 1951.  
**JOHN E. ROGERS**, 64, of Knoxville, Tenn. went to his eternal reward recently. Brother Rogers was ordained in 1921.  
**HARRY L. CLEVELAND**, 75, of Kirkland, Wash. went home to be with Jesus March 24, 1953. Brother Cleveland was ordained in 1935.  
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