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

COMPARATIVE POWERS



PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Unreached Young People

It is reported that among young Americans in the 13 to 23 age group, only six million are members of Protestant churches, while 20 million have no church or synagogue affiliation. The emphasis that is being placed on evangelism by our Christ's Ambassadors is the need of the hour.

Religious Education Helps

Judge J. H. Glasser of Enid, Okla. reports that the records of his office show a decline in juvenile delinquency during the four years that a released-time religious education program has been under way in the public schools of his county. There had been an increase of 150% in juvenile delinquency before the released-time program had been introduced, but when the school children began to learn something about God and the Bible the trend was reversed.

Withdrawing from Guatemala

The Salvation Army is withdrawing from Guatemala "because of economic and personnel reasons," according to an Army spokesman at the New York headquarters. The spokesman declined to confirm the press reports from Guatemala City to the effect that the Guatemalan government had ordered the organization to leave the country.

The press reports also said that Capt. Guillermo Pingarron, Salvation Army leader in Guatemala, after being denied permission to continue in residence there, had branded the government action as "directly the result of Communist influence and domination."

Holding God at a Distance

Professor Einstein is quoted in *Prophecy* as saying: "My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals Himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds. The presence of a superior reasoning power which is revealed in the incomprehensible universe forms my idea of God."

Thus does great intellect often hold God at a distance. Our Lord spoke of such when He said: "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. . . . No man knoweth the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him" (Matt. 11:25-27). Pity those who know God only as infinite reasoning power, rather than as the intimate Father who numbers the hairs of our heads and tenderly cares for each of His children.

Heathen Religions in U.S.A.

While the Christian churches are sending gospel missionaries to heathen lands, there are missionaries from those lands at work spreading their heathen religions in our own land. This is their privilege, for America is a land of religious freedom, but the situation is a challenge to the Church to be more diligent in reaching the heathen within our own borders.

G. P. Malalasekera, President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, made a lecture tour of American universities, and upon returning to Ceylon he reported that Buddhism is flourishing in the U.S.A. He said there were more than 200,000 Buddhists in North America, 96,000 of them in California.

Moslems, too, are increasing. There are estimated to be 32,600 of them in North America. Some 500 Moslems from 45 states and five Canadian provinces met in Toledo, Ohio, early in July for a Moslem Convention. They read from the Koran, and prostrated themselves toward Mecca. Abdallah Igram of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was re-elected president. One project of theirs is to pay for special identification tags for American Moslems in military service reading, "I am a Moslem. There is but one God, and Mohammed is his prophet."

Three Chaplains Held by Reds Now Reported to be Dead

Three Army chaplains, previously reported missing in action in Korea, now are known to have died while prisoners of the Communists, the Department of the Army reports. One of them (American Baptist) died of "injuries and starvation" in December 1950. The others (Disciples of Christ and Roman Catholic) died of "causes unknown." Information as to the fate of the three clergymen came from repatriated American prisoners of war.

A total of nine Army chaplains are now known to have died in Korea. Two others were killed in accidents while at the front, and another two are missing and feared dead.

A report that two American chaplains were killed by the Communists in reprisal for holding Christmas worship services in the prison compounds in 1950, has not been confirmed.

Universal Week of Prayer

The World's Evangelical Alliance is again sponsoring a Universal Week of Prayer, to begin Sunday, January 3, and continue through Sunday, January 10, 1954. A sample copy of the suggested program for these days of prayer may be obtained by writing to the World's Evangelical Alliance, 30 Bedford Place, London, W. C. 1, England.

Artificial Rain in Israel

A comprehensive plan to produce artificial rain in selected parts of Israel, especially in the Negev, is being carried out this summer. It is said that the success of the project might revolutionize the development of Israel's agriculture.

But is this the Lord's way of restoring the rainfall in the promised land? There was a time when He controlled the weather in order to speak to His people. He withheld the rain when His people sinned (Amos 4:7) and He promised to give them plenty of rain when they obeyed Him (Deuteronomy 11:13-15). Whether He has changed His plans and has given over the control of the weather to the hands of man is a matter for serious question.

Jerusalem, a "Burdensome Stone"

The Lord said He would "make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples" (Zech. 12:3) and that city is proving to be a painful problem for many nations today. The act of Israel in moving its Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem has touched off the trouble.

When Israel proclaimed her independence on May 14, 1948, they declared that Jerusalem would be the capital of the new State. But the government offices were set up temporarily in Tel Aviv, until suitable accommodations could be provided in Jerusalem. First the Supreme Court, then other branches of the Government, were transferred to Jerusalem. The last to move was the Foreign Office, on July 12, 1953.

Foreign Minister Sharett invited the diplomats representing the U. S., Britain, France, and other nations to move to Jerusalem. This they refused to do, contending that the U. N. in 1949 had recommended that Jerusalem be made an international city, and that they were not free to make any move that would acknowledge Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Of the 25 emissaries accredited to Israel, only one—the Netherlands minister—is now in Jerusalem, and he has lived there all along.

Secretary of State Dulles publicly charged that Israel had "embarrassed" the U. N. with an "inopportune" act. The Arabs, too, raised a loud objection. They said that if Israel was going to make Jerusalem its capital, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan would do the same. "From this day on, Jerusalem has become the second capital of Jordan," declared Premier Mulki. Henceforth Jordan's cabinet will split their session between Amman and Jerusalem, holding their meetings in the Old City.

The battle of Jerusalem is not yet over.

Situation Easing in Colombia

It is reported that the persecution of Protestants in Colombia has "practically come to a halt" since a new government, headed by Lieut. Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, took over in mid-June. But at least one new case of persecution was reported in the latter part of July.

Jesus, the Great Physician

A. H. Argue

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth (3 John 2).

IN THE ABOVE verse you will note the apostle's wish is for more than healing; it is for divine health. If you wish to secure divine health you should read Exodus 15:26 and Deuteronomy 28:1-10. Here you will see how necessary it is to diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord and to do that which is right in His sight.

Then if you read First Corinthians 6:13 you will note that your body must be fully given to God. First, "the body is . . . for the Lord"; then "the Lord for the body." Many, failing to discern this, fail to discern the Lord's body, and for this cause many are weak and sickly, and many sleep.

HEALING FOR SOUL AND BODY

All through the Scriptures, both in prophecy and in type, healing for the body is linked with healing for the soul. Isaiah prophetically saw this when he said: "He [Jesus] was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities . . . and with His stripes we are healed" (chap. 53:5).

In the evening, after Jesus had healed Peter's mother-in-law, the people brought the sick and "many that were possessed with devils" and He "cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias [Isaiah] the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:16, 17).

The Psalmist David was made to exclaim: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," and he names what those benefits are: first, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities," and second, "Who healeth all thy diseases." If we believe in the first benefit, why not the second?

The great Atonement not only covers all our sins, but also our sicknesses. Even in Old Testament times an atonement was made for sickness, for we read that when the children of Israel had murmured against Moses and Aaron, the Lord let the plague come in their midst, and the only way they could get deliverance was

for Aaron to make an atonement for them. When he made an atonement, the plague was stayed (Numbers 16:41-48).

ACTIVE FAITH

A lack of active faith often hinders the sick from being healed. Many have a passive faith. They are not opposed to healing, yet they do not act as though they expect the Lord to heal them. The woman with the issue of blood said within herself, "If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole" (Matt. 9:21). She made the effort and touched Him. He knew it and said to her, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

When Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, "Stretch forth thine hand," the man made the effort (active faith). In so doing he resisted Satan, and his hand was made whole (Matt. 12:13).

When the man who was sick with the palsy was let down through the roof, Jesus saw the active faith of the four who had brought him, and He pronounced a double cure upon the sick man. Not only did He say, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," but He added, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk" (Mark 2:1-12).

When blind Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was passing by, he cried, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Jesus heard him. He stood still and asked the

blind man what he wanted. Bartimaeus answered, "Lord, that I might receive my sight." That was enough. Jesus said, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole" (Mark 10:46-52).

THE WORD BELIEVED

When Jesus healed the nobleman's son, the nobleman first had heard of Jesus; secondly, he had gone to see; and thirdly, he had besought the Lord. When Jesus said, "Go thy way, thy son liveth," the nobleman believed the word, and from that hour his son began to get well (John 4:52).

No doubt, when Peter commanded the lame man at the Beautiful Gate in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to rise up and walk, the lame man had to resist Satan. But he made the effort, and soon he was leaping, and walking, and praising God. This caused a great stir, and Peter and John were cast into prison; but, praise God, about five thousand were made to believe the gospel (Acts 3:1-16; 4:3, 4).

When Jesus was on earth, He went about doing good, healing and delivering the people from the oppression of Satan (Acts 10:38). As a result, crowds sought Him. And so it is today: when we believe, and give God a chance by praying for the sick, the signs follow us as Jesus promised. The sick are healed, and many are converted.

HEALING—INSTANTANEOUS AND GRADUAL

There is a difference between miracles and healings (1 Cor. 12:9, 10). Some people forget this, and if an instantaneous miracle is not performed when prayer is offered for them, they cease to trust and begin to doubt God. Actually the source of the trouble may be smitten, and if they would not doubt, all their trouble would disappear in the course of a few days; and it could then be said of them as it was said of the nobleman's son, that they began to amend from that same hour.

Christ's promise in Mark 16:18 ("They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover") did not necessarily mean an instantaneous healing or miracle. It meant that the sick shall begin to get well,



"Daddy" Argue, a Pentecostal veteran, who will be 86 years old next month

as in the case of the nobleman's son. The same Greek word appears in both verses (John 4:52 and Mark 16:18). When a disease is smitten at the root and the trouble begins to dry up, there may be symptoms of the old trouble for a few days: but if we rest in the Lord and remind Him that He is our Healer, the trouble will move out. We can say, "Lord, Thou art my Healer," the first thing in the morning and throughout the day, praising and thanking Him with confidence—not begging—and in a new way Christ will become our life (Colossians 3:4).

OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD

James wrote: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working" (chap. 5:14-16, R.V.).

Healing does not always come the first time prayer is offered; and sometimes, instead of continuing to trust God, the sick person allows unbelief to enter his heart. Jesus prayed twice for the blind man at Bethsaida before full deliverance came (Mark 8:22-25). Elias (Elijah) was a man subject to the same passions as we, but he prayed seven times. He didn't give up, though no doubt he was tempted to be impatient and easily could have been discouraged. There was no sign of rain until he had prayed seven times; but, thank God, the rain did come.

Naaman objected when Elisha told him to dip in the Jordan River seven times. He was an officer of high rank in the Syrian army and he did not like to humble himself—like many today who are too proud to obey the Scriptures. Naaman had leprosy and he was willing to do almost anything else but dip in that muddy river. In fact, he had brought ten talents of silver (worth about \$19,400) besides six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of raiment, with which to pay for his healing; but Elisha refused these gifts. Not until Naaman humbled himself and became obedient (showing active faith) did he get deliverance.

Note how the Lord used even a little servant girl that had been led away captive by the Syrians, to give the message of healing to this great man (2 Kings 5). So it is today: God often uses some humble servant of His to bring the good news that Jesus is still healing the sick. Many are like Naaman: they want to have their own way, and of course they

do not get healed until they are willing to go God's way.

THE WORD IN ACTION

Note the different scriptural ways of praying for the sick: Direct prayer of faith (Mark 11:24). United prayer of faith (Matt. 18:18-20). Anointing with oil (James 5:14). Laying hands on the sick (Mark 16:18).

Jesus rebuked the fever (Luke 4:39). In the case of the one with a dumb and deaf spirit, He called it by name, saying, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him" (Mark 9:25). Some people say there are no demons, and that any such talk is only imaginary, but Jesus said there are—"In My name shall they cast out demons" (Mark 16:17, R.V.). Some even say that sickness is not real, but Jesus acknowledged the reality of sickness: "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," He said.

Whom are we to believe? Surely the Lord wants us to have faith in Him so that His promises shall be fulfilled in His people. It is His will that we be cleansed from all sin; that we be baptized with the Holy Spirit, as recorded at the beginning of this Church Age (Acts 2:4—Jews; Acts 10:44, 46—Gentiles; and Acts 19:6—under Paul's ministry); and that the gifts of the Spirit

(the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, diverse kinds of tongues, and interpretation) be manifested in our midst.

Divine Healing Secrets

Mary E. Gainsforth

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

WHEN WE have thus presented our body to the Lord, it is no longer ours; it belongs to Him. We must get out of the shadow of disease. Then God will take disease out of us. One of the effects of sickness is to cling to the consciousness of it. The mind, the sense, is so occupied with it, that we can lay hold upon nothing else. We live in our afflictions, we eat them, we dream them, talk about them, and our entire life is colored by them until they become more real than the Lord or the promise of His Word. We must get victory over this spiritual and mental condition. We must take God to deliver us from the shadow and consciousness of sickness. We must recognize it as handed over to Him, and then we must detach ourselves from it, rise out of it, ignore it, count it as if it were but something we have sloughed off as a serpent sheds its skin, or a tree drops its leaves, or as if it were an old corpse to be buried while we rise to a higher plane.

It is possible thus by faith to rise out of ourselves, to refuse to be our old self held down by the bonds and fetters of the flesh. "WOMAN, THOU ART LOOSED FROM THINE INFIRMITY," is God's message to the sufferer. She must count it as something which is no longer hers. She must repudiate it and cast it away. When we thus go out of our sickness, God will take sickness out of us. The spiritual victory will lead to the physical realization of deliverance. That which we have reckoned by faith will become real in fact. We enter into covenant with God, claiming the Christ life to be manifested in and through our mortal bodies (2 Cor. 10:2), looking forward to all known and unknown needs, claiming His strength for every passing moment.

Every morning let our first thought be a renewal of our covenant with God, taking our health and strength from Him, and quietly stepping out into His will. The



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Lord will preserve our going out and our coming in.

Keep your mind stayed on Him; keep the joy of the Lord in your heart. Refuse to have any care, fret or worry. All these are entering wedges of Satan. Live so close to Jesus that you hear His smallest whisper, and you will not always need

to run and get on your knees to have Him become real and to get in contact with the Source of life, for you will be living in the great Foundation of all life all the time. Just as a babe draws its nourishment from its mother, so we draw our very life from Him; and while we breathe in His life, just as we inhale the oxygen, He breathes into us His quickening power.

Holy Spirit Outpoured in Japan

Three Hundred Baptized With the Holy Spirit, Many Saved and Healed, in Evangelist Harvey McAlister's Recent Tour

BY RICHARD L. JOHNSTON AND LEONARD M. NIPPER

JAPAN has been blessed with a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At the annual convention in Tokyo in May, upwards of seventy Japanese received the Pentecostal baptism.

At the Christ's Ambassadors camp meeting one hundred Japanese young people were present. Twenty-four had not been filled with the Holy Spirit, and all of these were filled during the three days.

Many of our Japanese churches have experienced gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Well over three hundred have received the Spirit and have spoken in other tongues during the past three months while Evangelist Harvey McAlister has been ministering among us.

Yumiya Sensei ("Sensei" means teacher and is used as a title of respect, like "Mr." or "Pastor") is General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in

Japan, and President of Japan's Central Bible Institute in Tokyo. He writes:

"Japanese believers, seven hundred and more of them, are sitting upon rice straw matting under the big four-pole tent. The very air seems vibrating with expectancy. Brother Harvey McAlister, visiting Japan a second time, makes his way to the platform. A spontaneous shout of overflowing joy is heard from the audience, for our Japanese people have come to know and to love Brother McAlister.

"A number of young people were gloriously baptized with the Holy Spirit during that first night of the convention.

"An elderly minister, Mr. Horikawa, had come into the fellowship a year ago. His hair is silver white, a cause for much esteem in my country. His son, one of our Bible School students, had been filled with the Spirit, and the quality of life



Japanese eagerly crowd into a gospel tent to hear the missionary, Leonard Nipper, explain the way of salvation

From the English edition of "Nippon Times," Tokyo, Japan, May 25, 1953:

JAPAN'S SALVATION

To the Editor:

Where is Japan's salvation?

I asked in musing mood.

"Democracy," said America;

"Communism," said Russia;

"Magna Charta," said England;

"Liberty," said France,

Spoke my heart sadly,

"The answer is not here."

Then within my bosom,

Softly this I heard,

"Jesus Christ is the Saviour."

Y. Kurematsu

Numazu

manifest in this son had its influence on Mr. Horikawa so that he too longed to be filled with the Spirit. He sought God earnestly for a long time, seemingly in vain. He was frustrated, almost discouraged. But while listening to the simple instructions that were given to seekers for the Holy Spirit he realized he had many mistaken ideas. Gripped by a new inspiration of faith, he knelt before the Lord in childlike simplicity. On the last night of the convention, without a struggle, he came through into a beautiful experience, bursting forth in other tongues. His wife received the Spirit in the same meeting. They decided they should lead the members of their church into the experience. In one week all except three received the Spirit.

"Another Holiness pastor, with long years of experience in the ministry, was so moved upon by what he heard and saw that he asked if he and his church might be received into our fellowship. He has ten outstations. His field of labor is on Khushu Island, recently visited by the devastating flood. While Brother McAlister was in Kobe this Holiness pastor received his heart's desire. He was filled with the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fullness, while praying one morning with two other Japanese pastors. His two daughters received the Spirit at the Christ's Ambassadors camp meeting.

"In our new Tokyo Evangelistic Center we witnessed sixty-five decisions for Christ in five days, and more than thirty-five came through into the Pentecostal experience. All churches favored by our brother's ministry have been built up in the faith.

"Brother McAlister gave freely of his time and strength in churches of other denominations, creating much good will, and we are seeing evidence of a hunger for the Holy Spirit on the part of many in these other groups. It was my delightful experience to accompany him as interpreter one Sunday morning recently when he preached in the Presbyterian Church in Yokosuka, near the United



Harvey McAlister



Yumiama Sensei



Leonard Nipper



Richard Johnston

States Naval Base. The attendance was double the usual number. About forty, including many men in Navy uniform, answered the call to salvation. That Japanese Presbyterian pastor made a trip to Tokyo to express his gratitude, stating that he was going to have approximately twenty-five new members in his church from that one Sunday morning service.

"Words fail me in expressing my thanks to God for sending Brother McAlister to Japan in 1951 and again in 1953. We had been hearing how the Lord was working in the United States, saving and healing multitudes, and baptizing many in the Holy Spirit. Now, with our own eyes, we have seen the wonderful manifestations of God's power, and our hearts rejoice."

In the Mikage Church, Kobe, connected with our Children's Orphanage [under Richard L. Johnston's direction] God's power worked wonderfully, saving and healing. An outstanding case of healing was that of a young Japanese who had been color blind all of his life. He was unable to see green—it just appeared as dull gray—but when prayer was offered his vision immediately became normal. The sight of the green leaves of flowers in a vase simply thrilled him.

Another youth, whose future seemed so clouded because of a serious bone disease in his back, was fully healed. He decided to dedicate his life to spreading the gospel among his people.

An elderly lady afflicted with rheumatism, scarcely able to hobble along, was instantly delivered. Free from all pain, she walked home even though she had to climb a steep mountain.

In the Sunday morning service fifteen were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Japanese pastor, Kishibe Sensei, was deeply appreciative of Brother McAlister's rich ministry of the Word.

The remodeled Nishinada Church in Kobe [under Leonard M. Nipper's direction] became the scene of glorious victory. Seventy-eight accepted Christ as Saviour. Possibly the most outstanding feature was the healing of a number of deaf-mutes. We wish you could have shared the joy of watching the facial expressions of these dear people after prayer as Sister Nipper played on the

folding organ and the Japanese young people sang. (This had been decided upon as a test to see whether, after prayer, the deaf-mutes could hear.) One clamped his hands tightly over his ears to shut out the sounds. It was the first time those ears had heard and the sounds were causing him distress. Another, his teacher reported, spent the day after his healing just listening to musical recordings. A new musical world had come into his dull life.

The next night some of them returned, bringing other deaf-mutes for healing. Again the power of the Lord was present to heal. At a weekday afternoon meeting in the Nishinada Church, after listening to a message on "How to Receive the Holy Spirit," twelve received.

In Kōhama Church, Osaka, of which Kawasaki Sensei is pastor, the Holy Spirit fell upon the congregation in a Sunday afternoon service somewhat as it must have happened at Cornelius' house, as recorded in the tenth chapter of the Acts. Thirty-seven received the Spirit in that meeting. The pastor stated that he was going to have at least forty new members as a result of the three days of Brother McAlister's meetings. This church is self-supporting, self-governing, and has twenty branch churches, all of them in thriving condition.

Pastor Kawasaki raised up this work after the war, starting with only six members. He attributes the remarkable growth to a ministry confirmed by the healing of the sick and miracles wrought in the name of Christ. Twenty-seven patients of a tuberculosis sanitarium were healed through the ministry of this pastor and his workers. These twenty-seven patients were dismissed as fully cured, and they constituted the nucleus of his second largest church.

Uchimura Sensei, pastor of the Kyoto Church, took the lead in bringing together eight pastors and their congregations in a United Rally with emphasis on Christian Healing. The service was in his church and the building was packed to the street. Harmony and love permeated the atmosphere. It was heart-warming to see Japanese ministers of various denominations uniting in offering

prayers for the healing of the sufferers.

As the meeting drew to a close an aged Japanese minister of the Japan Evangelistic Band—a precious man with graying hair, a Christlike look on his face and a tenderness in his voice—clasped the evangelist's hands in his own and exclaimed: "I saw the Lord tonight. Put your hands on my head and pray that I may receive the Holy Spirit."

There was a six-day series of meetings in Kitakata, Fukushima Ken, with missionaries of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. On the third day a number of people already having received the Holy Spirit, Brother McAlister said to Sister Gillespy, one of the oldest active missionaries in Japan, and greatly esteemed by all: "Do you have faith to see ten more receive the Holy Spirit today?"

She replied, "No, I admit I do not have faith for that many. Six would be the limit. I do not feel there are more than six ready for the experience." But twelve received that day, twelve more the next day, and eighteen the next day. The Holy Spirit worked so wonderfully towards the end that many were being saved and filled with the Spirit in the same meeting.

A young Japanese carpenter working on a home for one of the Canadian missionaries, Don Kauffman, was clearly saved one night. Immediately he said: "I am coming tomorrow. I am going to knock off work for half a day, and receive the Holy Spirit." He did, and in ten minutes from the moment he knelt before the Lord there was heard from his lips heavenly utterances in an unknown tongue. Fifty-three received the Spirit in six days.

We accompanied Brother McAlister in a speaking engagement in the Free Methodist Church in Osaka, and there we met the young lady formerly blind, who attended the Holiness camp meeting in 1951. She had come at that time, two years before seeking recovery of her eyesight. She was totally blind, arriving on the grounds with white cane in hand and led by a lady companion. Brother McAlister, the guest speaker for the camp, had insisted that the Japanese pastors do all the praying for the sick during those camp-meeting days. After prayer the first night she could point out the different electric lights. After prayer the second night, she could count fingers correctly when fingers were held before her eyes. After the third prayer she was able to distinguish colors, and after the fourth prayer she could read the fine print in her Bible. She is now a student in the Free Methodist College. She reads all the textbooks without difficulty, and she has dedicated her life to carry the gospel to the blind people of Japan.

These meetings in which our blessed Lord has worked so wonderfully have

created in the hearts of us missionaries a fresh determination to give ourselves wholeheartedly to the great task of giving the full gospel, with signs following, to the nation of Japan. Where could be found a riper harvest field! But the laborers, comparatively speaking, are so few. Pray! Pray! Pray!

HEALED

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

A HOPELESS PARALYTIC

I had not walked for nearly four years, due to a paralytic condition caused by the dying of the nerves.

I went regularly to my physician until he told me there was nothing more to do—that it was only a losing battle. He advised me to settle all my business and enter the hospital where I could be cared for until death.

I followed his advice: I settled my business, made my funeral arrangements, and even picked out my lot in the cemetery; but before I entered the hospital Evangelist Daniel Mosier came to our town to conduct a meeting. Some of our friends persuaded my husband (he was a Baptist minister) to take me to the meetings. Although I did not believe in the Pentecostal way at all, I did allow

them to pray for me, and the Lord definitely touched me. He removed all pain from the upper part of my body. This was in February 1949. The specialist had said I would never be free from the pain in the upper part of my body, but the Lord delivered me from this pain. He also filled me with the Holy Spirit.

Then in August 1949 my pastor, Brother Garner, prayed for the healing of the lower part of my body. He kept saying, "Sister Hamlin, step over the altar." I could not lift my feet off the floor, but God saw the faith in my heart and suddenly He gave me a touch of resurrection power. I felt like the lame man who was healed at the temple gate. I jumped over the altar bench and ran all the way to the door and back again!

My husband was so moved by my healing that he gave up his former belief and accepted the Pentecostal teaching. The Lord graciously baptized him with the Holy Spirit.

I am indebted to Brother and Sister Garner, who were my pastors at that time, for all their patience, longsuffering and faithfulness. They instructed me in the Word and built up my faith so that I could receive my healing and retain it. I am so happy that the Lord is able not only to save my soul but also to fill me with His blessed Spirit and to heal my paralytic body. Never once since He healed me have I taken a dose of medicine or even consulted a doctor. Jesus Christ is my Physician.—Mrs. J. L. Hamlin, Box 3, Bourbon, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor O. E. Garner of Sullivan, Mo. who states that Sister Hamlin was healed while he was pastor in Bourbon and that she is now engaged in evangelistic work.)

ANEMIA, GLANDULAR TROUBLE AND OTHER AFFLICTIONS

In the summer of 1942 I became quite ill. I suffered from lack of appetite and nervousness. I went to the doctor and he found that I had secondary anemia, low blood pressure, and a general run-down condition. He gave me many liver shots and much medicine, but I gained no permanent relief.

I continued to seek help from doctors and in September 1948 I submitted to a major operation. I remained under a doctor's care for some time after this. He told me that, in addition to my other troubles, I was suffering from a glandular condition all over my body which medical science was unable to help.

I returned to a chiropractor and took many treatments. He added a gall bladder condition to my long list of ailments.

While I was in the hospital the Lord began to talk to my heart. He reminded me of the happier days I had known in years gone by. I had been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit when I was sixteen, but had grown cold and was somewhat backslidden when I was sick. In my time of need I turned back to the Lord. He restored the joy of His salvation in my heart. Then through the encouragement of my stepmother and by reading THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL I began to have faith that the Lord could heal me.

In October 1951 Brother Bird Campbell held a meeting at the First Assembly of God, in Terre Haute, Indiana. I attended the meetings. They anointed me with oil (James 5:14) and prayed for my healing. God answered prayer, for
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Sabry, Anwar, Shahatta and Maximous

LILLIAN TRASHER'S BOYS AT WORK FOR CHRIST

Florence Christie and Karlene Burt, Egypt

Sabry, Anwar, Shahatta and Maximous are four young men raised from early childhood by Lillian Trasher, the well-known "Nile Mother." They have come to work with us in the Egyptian villages surrounding Tahta.

After graduation from school these young men were further trained at the orphanage in a special Bible course designed to equip them for village work. Two of them are in charge of village schools and two travel with the lantern machine, presenting the gospel message. This is the first time in their young lives that they are away from home "trying their wings," so to speak.

SABRY is only seventeen years of age—the youngest of the four. He indeed is cause for our great rejoicing, for recently he has come through a major test which the Lord permitted.

You see, we opened the school in the middle of the year, causing some children to commute to another village. This gave reason for complaint from one of the distant school masters. We tried to settle the matter in Christian love and avoid legal proceedings, but the opposing party

took opportunity to kill our efforts. Sabry, our young orphan, was cursed and brutally stoned. Finally he was ordered before the police court.

Soon we ourselves were faced with a long list of charges. Among them was the opening of a school without a government permit. Of course, we prayerfully stated our case and trusted the Lord for favor. The court decision was that, if a village not having a school was able to bear the expense of opening same, progress should be encouraged and the village should be allowed to have its own school. The permit, however, could only be obtained after the school had proved a success.

Sabry is greatly loved by the villagers. His progress has been great considering that he found them without desks or benches or even mats upon which to work. He sacrificed from his own meager wages and gave liberally. This caused the people to contribute of their own means, and mats were purchased for the school. The school and its young schoolmaster are now firmly established in the Lord.

ANWAR's case is just a little different.

His village is a new endeavor for the Lord and he is enjoying success from the very beginning. He has encountered no obstacles whatever; in fact, several villages are co-operating.

Six months ago the village presented us with a piece of land and requested that we build a church, as the people had no place to worship. First the missionaries and workers visited the village. After a number of visits, revival fires started to burn and about one third of the village people were saved. We visited every home in the village with the gospel, and were encouraged with their offerings for the new building. The Assemblies of God churches in Cairo responded with one hundred pounds (about three hundred dollars) of which this particular building was to receive a third. (As it happened, we were building in three villages at the same time, with the financial help of American friends as well.)

The village had no school, and even before the plastering of the new church was completed the people asked us for a school. They wanted a building for the children in the daytime and for the men at night. We sent Anwar from the orphanage. The children are commuting from two neighboring villages and the enrollment is gratifying. Today, as we write, the building is being painted and near completion. We look forward to the early dedication of the church school. God has done great things here, for which we are glad.

The other two boys, SHAHATTA and MAXIMOUS, are traveling lantern-projectionists. They use a kerosene machine which projects Bible pictures. The remarkable thing about this project is that just as the need became evident to us, the money for such a venture was provided by faithful friends at home. But more than this, before the villages opened and the money was available, the boys had already started training for this work. God has led them all the way. Pray for these faithful young servants of Christ in Egypt.

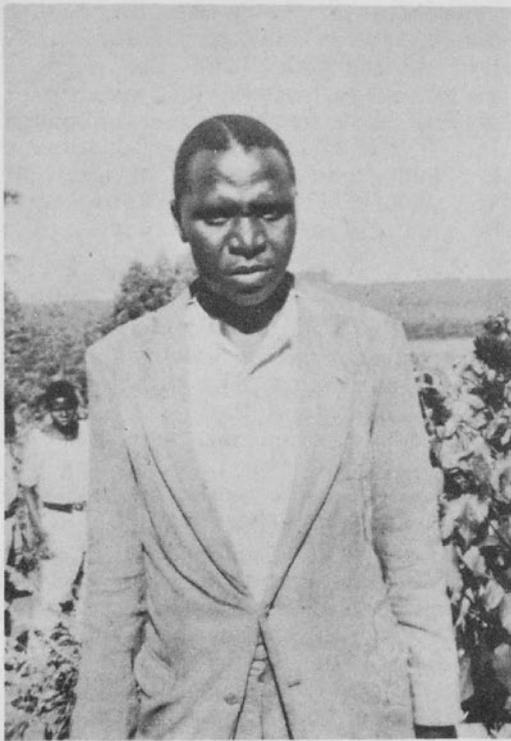
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Pastor Mhlaba, White River, Transvaal

ONE TRACT SAVES EIGHT

Merlin I. Lund, South Africa

A short time ago we contacted pastor Mhlaba and together visited a family at their kraal, to confirm a remarkable story we had heard. Joy filled our hearts as these people told us what God had done for them through the distribution of a gospel tract.

We shall never forget the prayer meeting that followed as we knelt together and gave thanks to God for His wonder-working power. Here is their story:

A native evangelist named Stephen Mhlaba, one of many tract distributors in the gospel work, met a man named John Nonyane to whom he gave one of our gospel papers written in the Zulu language. It was titled "Ivangeli Lensindeso" (Gospel of Salvation). John immediately hurried to his kraal and gathered his family around him to read the piece of paper. The truth of God's Word presented in this simple tract brought deep conviction to every one of their hearts. As a result John Nonyane, his wife, three sons and three daughters believed the gospel, repented, and gave their hearts to the Lord.

All this because a faithful African evangelist scattered the Seed in a gospel tract.

How great is the challenge before us! The door of opportunity is yet open throughout Africa. We thank God for those who are eager to carry His message into the mining compounds, hospitals, prisons, schools and also the highways and byways. We have sent Brother Mhlaba many thousands of Nyanja tracts and still he keeps asking for more. African Christian teachers are organizing groups of workers, and are distributing tracts

throughout Nyasaland from village to village. A very wide area of Nyasaland has been covered with the Word of God through the efforts of these faithful African workers.

Through the extension of our printing facilities at the Emmanuel Press, we are now able to supply the ever-increasing demand for gospel literature in more languages and over a wider area. There is a great burden on our hearts; the need is so great and we have only begun to scratch the surface. Pray that we may be enabled to further this all-important ministry throughout the dark corners of Africa. We have proved the promise of God, "My Word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please."

"Rupaidiha" Reaches the Nepalese

Anna Tomaseck, North India

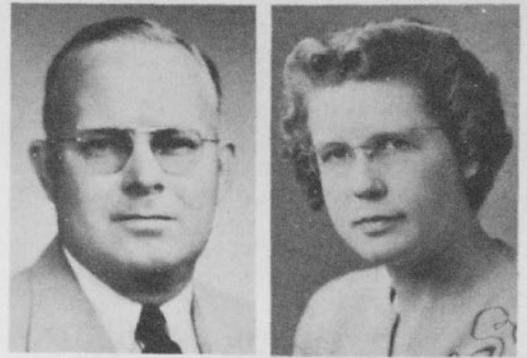
The twenty-first of June was a day to which I had looked forward with keen anticipation. It was the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of the Nursery. On that day some of the children were to confess openly that they were on the Lord's side; that Jesus had come into their hearts.

I was not disappointed, for when the time came two of our children and the daughter of our evangelist followed the Lord in the waters of baptism.

John was the first child to enter our Nursery years ago. His parents died when he was two years old, and he was sent here for our care. His father was a Nepali and his mother an Indian Christian. John finished in our Mission Boys' School at Nawabgunj this summer, and this fall he will go to a Nepali Bible School.

Barkat is our oldest girl. Her parents

John, Miss Tomaseck and Barkat



Mr. and Mrs. A. Hargrave, Brazil

were Nepali Buddhists—the mother died in a hospital and they sent the child to our Nursery. The father entered Tibet to become a monk, and we have not heard of him since.

We are situated on the border of Nepal and have been keenly interested in that land for a long time. Nepal has been closed to the foreigner until recently. We held the baptismal service in a pond that lies on the border between the two countries. It was a perfect day and the mountains of Nepal were so clear, as though beckoning the people to come and hear the old, old story of the Saviour of mankind. The blessing of the Lord rested upon that first baptismal service, as John and Barkat, the first-fruits from Nepal, witnessed openly to their faith in Christ.

We covet your earnest prayers for Nepal and for these young people. It is significant that their last name is Nur, which means "Heavenly Light." What greater reward could I ask than that each of these young people may become a light in this dark land? I have carried them on my heart night and day with the one thought that they would be everything that their name implies—heavenly light.

Sometimes the way is hard and there are doubts and questionings, but I am encouraged by the way the Lord has dealt with our first two converts—John and Barkat. I am further encouraged to trust Him for other souls from Nepal and the surrounding country.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolever and family arrived in the States during July from India.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shields announce the birth of Phillip William on July 29. The Shieldses hope to sail for the Philippine Islands shortly.

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The Einar G. Peterson family arrived in the States for furlough on July 31 from Cuba.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Hargrave and family sailed for Brazil from New Orleans on August 6.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM

Lesson for September 13

Genesis 19:15-24

The land in and around Sodom evidently was bituminous in character. The Bible says, "And the vale of Siddim was full of slime pits" (Gen. 14:10). This "slime" is generally believed to have been bitumen, a material used for mortar at the building of the city and tower of Babel (Gen. 11:3). Bitumen, according to Webster, was "originally mineral pitch, or asphalt; now any number of inflammable substances, including hard, brittle asphalts, semi-solid tars, petroleum, and naphthas."

The land being bituminous in character, such worthy exponents as Dr. Adam Clarke suggest that God may have used a lightning storm of such character as would set the inflammable land on fire. Some have thought it possible that God brought about a volcano, which is certainly within reason. In his comments concerning the Dead Sea, on which it is believed Sodom and Gomorrah stood, Dr. Clarke says there are still cast up from time to time bituminous materials, indicating that minor eruptions must still take place, somewhat as the geysers from time to time bring forth their heated waters.

Notice that the destruction was not limited to the cities. When God rained brimstone and fire out of heaven, He "overthrew those cities, and all the plain" (chap. 19:24-25). No doubt "the vale of Siddim" was included in the destruction.

1. LOT IS WARNED TO LEAVE SODOM

a. *The Angels Visit Lot.* "There came two angels to Sodom at even." These were thought by Lot to be men and, according to Oriental hospitality, when Lot saw them "he rose up to meet them" and invited them to his home.

Since Lot "sat in the gate of Sodom" at this time, it is believed he had become a magistrate. This seems confirmed by the words of the wicked men who would attack the angels. "And they said... this one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge" (Gen. 19:9). God help any good man who can content himself to be a judge in such a corrupt city as Sodom! While Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom, Abraham was pleading with the Lord that the city, for Lot's sake, might be spared (chap. 18:23-33). The unworldly man could intercede with God; the worldly man had lost his prayer life. Let nothing

come between us and prayer. Communion with God is the believer's greatest blessing.

b. *The Angels Urge Lot to Leave.* While it was still night the angels told Lot that the city would be destroyed and advised that he warn his daughters and sons-in-law. But Lot, through his worldliness of spirit, evidently had lost his influence with his children. "He seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law" (v. 14). They paid no attention to his warnings. As for his daughters, the account seems to infer that they had sunk to a low moral standard (vv. 8, 36), a testimony to the demoralizing effects their living in Sodom had on them.

Warned during the night to prepare to leave, Lot "lingered" (v. 16). How reluctant he was to leave the doomed city! When once the world is given a place in the heart of a Christian, he finds it very difficult to dedicate himself again to a full separation. It had been easier for Lot to leave Ur of the Chaldees, perhaps, than to leave the gay life of Sodom!

2. LOT ESCAPES TO ZOAR

a. *Lot Obtains Mercy.* As Lot lingered, the angels took him and his wife and daughters by the hand, "the Lord being merciful to him," and led them out of the wicked city. Lot was not awake to the seriousness of the hour. Let this be a warning to many who intellectually believe that the Lord is coming again, but who, because of worldly desires, think it cannot be soon. May we be awakened afresh to the fact that the world in which we live is doomed to destruction.

b. *Lot Seeks a Compromise.* Somewhere in the vicinity of the doomed cities was a little city called Zoar. Instead of fleeing to the mountains as the angel first commanded, Lot pleaded for a continuance of his city life. How he had learned to love it. If he could not enjoy the great metropolis, at least he longed for a little comfort. Zoar was nearby, and it was such a little city—could he not live there? How many half-hearted Christians there are. Their question is not how far they can keep from the world in appearance and association, but how near to the world they can abide and yet avoid the judgment that will come upon the world.

c. *Lot's Request Is Granted.* When the angels saw Lot's heart was set on living in Zoar, they granted him permission. The Lord

spared Zoar for Lot's sake. But Lot did not stay there. When he saw the destruction of the cities, and the judgment meted out on his wife, he "went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountains" (v. 30). It took a great deal to make Lot understand the terror of the Lord. We wonder what may have to happen to some before they will wake up!

3. LOT'S WIFE DISOBEYS AND IS DESTROYED

a. *Lot's Wife Is Warned.* Although Lot's wife got out of Sodom, Sodom did not get out of her. The angels had said, "Look not behind thee" (v. 17). This is good instruction for those who give their hearts to the Lord. When they cut loose from the world, let them turn their backs completely upon it.

b. *Lot's Wife Disobeys.* Did she perish just because she turned to look at the burning city? The record says concerning Abraham, "And he looked toward Sodom... and lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace" (v. 28), yet Abraham was not destroyed. The difference was in the manner of looking. Two different Hebrew verbs for "look" are used here. In Abraham's case "looked" means "gazed." In the case of Lot's wife, "looked" means "regarded with pleasure, favor, or care." Her body was out of Sodom, but her heart was still there.

c. *Lot's Wife Becomes a Pillar of Salt.* I saw mummies of those who had perished when Vesuvius poured forth destruction on the inhabitants of Pompeii. They had

TWO VISITORS



been turned to stone through the belching forth of the volcanic ash. It must have been very similar with the wife of Lot. Her backward gaze was clear proof that if she could have turned back to her old life she would have done so, and that as far as will and choice were concerned she had turned back already. Her fate was to share the judgment of the wicked city. She became a pillar of salt, "a monument of an unbelieving soul."

Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32). If we live not until the end of the age, judgment nevertheless is certain. May we make our calling and our election sure.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

God's Promise to Abraham (Lesson for Sunday, September 6) Genesis 15:1-7, 18; 21:9-13.

HEALED

(Continued from page seven)

I gradually became better, and now I am completely healed. I have not been to a doctor nor have I taken any medication since that time. To Jesus be all the praise.

I had worn glasses for almost sixteen years. When Brother Willard Cantelon held a meeting at our church in January 1952 I felt led to ask him to pray for my eyes. The Lord graciously answered prayer and I have not needed glasses since. Praise be unto our wonderful Lord and Saviour.—Mrs. Martha Hunt, Route 2, Farmersburg, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastor D. Leroy Sanders, Terre Haute, Ind.)

SICKLY BABY

Ever since our baby was born in March, 1952, he had not been well nor had he gained as he should. In February 1953 he had a severe attack of flu and it settled in his right ear. We finally had to have it lanced. The baby specialist gave me some iron medicine to give him three times a day. Still little Danny did not gain and he was so fussy. Though he was over a year old he had never stood on his legs and could not pull himself up.

I asked my pastor, Brother Reedy, to pray for him one Sunday evening. He anointed him with oil (James 5:14) and laid his hands on him and prayed. That night Danny went to sleep and had his first good night of sleep since he had been sick. The next morning I laid aside all his medicine and stepped out on faith. God met me more than halfway.

My baby is now fifteen months old and is perfectly normal and healthy. His legs are strong and he walks everywhere. I go about with a song of praise in my heart because Jesus was so kind and merciful to my baby.

Danny had only been able to say two words, "Mamma" and "Daddy," but a few days ago, after I finished praying, he spoke his third word, "Jesus," his great and wonderful Healer.—Mrs. James E. Taylor, Route 2, Holton, Kansas.

(Endorsed by Pastor Eugene E. Reedy, Holton, Kansas.)

"Thy Faith Hath Made Thee Whole"

Evangelist Ira A. Fahnestock, Tulsa, Okla.

"And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that virtue had gone out of Him, turned Him about in the press and said, WHO TOUCHED MY CLOTHES?" Mark 5:30.

THIS IS AN astonishing question when you think of the circumstances accompanying it. Christ was moving slowly through a milling crowd of people. He stopped as He sensed a touch. Who was it touched Him? Only a poor, suffering woman, nameless to us now, caused Christ to utter the question in our text.

The incident took place in a city street, very narrow and packed with a crowd of

excited crowd is jostle and push with all the noise and confusion of a great marketplace. I have been in such a marketplace in Old Mexico, and was then made to think of this very incident. The hot and excited crowd is jostling and chattering. On either side of the



I. A. Fahnestock

arcade there are mysterious shadows into which gaily robed men disappear. The crowds are caught in the infection of curiosity, for, walking along in their midst, wedged in the tightly packed procession, is a Man, possibly tall and slim and straight. He is wearing the robe of the Rabbi or teacher. His hands are brown, and He has dark, lovely eyes, full of understanding and tender sympathy. It is His face that will hold your gaze, and will haunt you, long after the sun has gone down and the cool purple night, studded with silent stars, stills every noise in the city. This one who talks like a king is named Jesus. They called Him "the Nazarene" or "the Galilean." He called Himself "the Son of man," or the Good Shepherd—the Good Shepherd who carried the little lambs in His bosom.

At the request of one Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, He is on a mission of mercy to restore the health of a little girl. The crowd is following Him in order to see the child made whole, if it can be done. Opinion is divided. There is argument and excited discussion everywhere. Some are saying that He can do it; some are doubtful; some are saying that He is bound to fail.

But in this great crowd there is a woman who believes in Him. Grooved

lines of suffering have marred her beauty, and now her lips are drawn by a spasm of agony. Her face is streaked, her body is racked with suffering.

Who is she? Well, some say her name is Martha, and some say Veronica. Tradition gives her various names, but the Bible does not tell us who she was. She is typical of countless cases of endless pain and suffering. For twelve years she had suffered, and twelve years is a long time. She has gone to many physicians, and is no better, but rather worse. She is typical of human despair, not only physical, but spiritual despair as well.

Her condition was hopeless. For her the world could offer no healing. She was looking everywhere for peace of mind, for hope and comfort, for an end to suffering, but found none of these. She represents the multitude, whatever their wants, their fears, their problems and pains. For her there was no relief through human aid. But she had heard of the Man of Galilee and of His wonderful works. She had heard the lepers, and those that had been blind, talk about Him. The eyes of the halt and the lame filled with tears as they spoke His name. She had heard what He had done for others.

"Surely," she thought, "He could bring deliverance to my poor suffering body." As she stood in agony, thinking how wonderful it would be just to be free from pain, it seemed that nothing but death could bring this about. But at this moment there came the assurance that if she could but touch Him, she would be healed. And so she pushes toward the front of the crowd.

Faith is rising, as she ponders, "If I can only touch Him, yes, only touch the hem of His garment, I will be healed and set free from my pain." With tears flowing, she ventures in faith. "To touch Him, yes, just to touch Him. I do not think He will harm me. They say He is so kind and gentle, so full of sympathy. It would be enough just to touch the border of His robe. I must touch Him. I must get some of that healing power."

He is moving slowly her way. The crowd parts to let Him pass, and she finds herself directly in His path. Now she can almost reach Him. Faith is taking hold. He slows down just a little; she is reaching for Him. Can she touch Him? Yes, she makes the contact. With the tip of her finger she touches His robe. It is enough, as with a trembling finger

she touches Him in faith! Like an electric shock there surges back the glow of health and vitality into the shrunken veins and panting lungs, the withered muscles, the bloodless flesh.

Recognizing the one magnetic touch of faith, amid the pressure of the crowd, Jesus stopped and asked that startling question, "Who TOUCHED Me?" Impatiently the disciples asked: "How should we know? There are hundreds of people here, pushing all about Thee. Look at the great crowd—and yet Thou dost ask, 'Who touched Me?'" But He looked around and His searching glance fell at last on the face of the woman who had touched Him. His gaze held hers. Some-

thing passed between them, and she told her story while His eyes were fixed upon her. He gave her confidence and promised all that she desired. Her fear disappeared at the sympathetic tones of His voice. "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. Go in peace and be healed of thy plague."

It is a matter of history. The woman touched Him in faith, in desperate believing faith, and Jesus stopped! The touch of an obscure woman in a crowd halted the Lord. So can we, if we only touch Him and make Him aware of our problems, our pain, our need. Oh, you say, "That's impossible. God is not interested in me. What does He care what happens to me, one tiny individual in all His creation?" Well, there is the record, and you have it in black and white. Jesus, stopped by the touch of a sick woman, turned about—He who has conquered death; He who defeated Satan on the cross; He who on that triumphant resurrection day walked out of the tomb.

He must have looked toward Calvary and said, "O DEATH, where is thy sting?" He must have looked toward the tomb and exclaimed, "O GRAVE, where is thy victory?" Yes, death has been conquered, Satan has been defeated, and Christ reigns in triumph. He who rose

from the dead and walked among His followers for forty days; He whom all the legions of hell cannot stop; He who is King of kings, stopped just because a sick woman touched the hem of His garment.

Friends, we need to touch Him. Oh, how much we need to touch Him! Most of us are thronging Him just like the crowd of that day. It is so easy to be in the crowd and yet never touch Him. A great many people in the churches, and perhaps outside the churches are thronging Jesus, seeking Him, coming close to Him, but never actually touching Him.

Coming close to Him is not enough. Thronging Him will not save you, coming near to Jesus will not bring healing to your sick body. You must reach out and touch Him. You must make the point of contact. When the contact is made the current begins to flow. As a switch is turned on and the light shines out to lighten the dark places, so the touch of faith brings His light and power into our lives. But if we are out of reach, we are simply lost in the crowd, separated from the Master.

There are some startling promises recorded in the Bible if we will only believe them. He gives us grace to do things impossible to the natural man—to harbor no grudges, to forgive those who hurt



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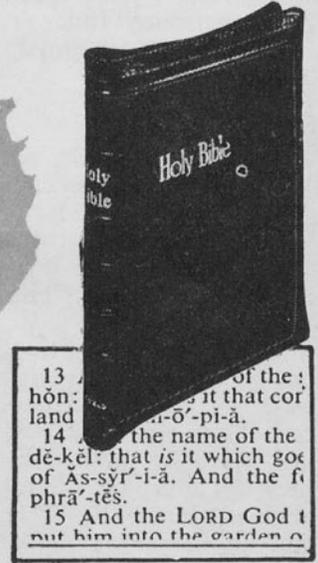
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Perhaps I may make some suggestions. First of all, give God a chance. Believe that for every problem He has a solution. Keep calm, for tension blocks the power and flow of thought. Your brain cannot operate efficiently under stress. Go about your daily task with a calm spirit. Perfect trust brings perfect peace. Don't try to force an answer to your daily problems. Keep your mind clear and relaxed so that the solution will open up and become clear.

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

THOMASTON, GA.—We had a successful two-week meeting with Evangelist Don Carroll of Columbus, Ga. Twenty-one professed salvation and 11 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—H. F. Freeman, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

JASPER, ARK.—Evangelist Elsie Boze and Rosamond Gross of Indiana were with us for two weeks. The blessing of God rested upon us every night. Children's services were conducted each evening by Sister Gross, and several children confessed Christ as their Saviour.—Otties F. Deal, Pastor.

DOROTHY, W. VA.—On August 2 we closed a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon J. Frank of Eaton, Ohio. There were several saved or reclaimed and quite a number filled with the Holy Spirit. Some testified that they were healed of diseases and afflictions of years standing. The revival fires are still burning in our church.—J. E. Winstead, Pastor.

MILAN, MO.—The interest and attendance were good during a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. R. O. Jeffries of Lacona, Iowa. Several new people attended the meeting and many new contacts were made. Three were saved, one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and four were baptized in water. The saints were refreshed and several were refilled with the Spirit.—Jeremiah Wilcox, Pastor.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.—The Lord gave us a blessed meeting with Evangelist Laurell Akers and co-worker Donald Young of Tomball, Tex. The attendance was very good. There is a wonderful spirit of co-operation among the Assemblies here, and a number of the pastors and members from the neighboring churches attended the meeting.—Nelson Woodcock, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CYPRESS, TEX.—For the past 18 months we have pastored the Assembly of God here. Souls have been saved and there have been a number of outstanding healings. The Lord has enabled us to build a beautiful six-room parsonage valued at \$10,000. The present indebtedness is around \$800.

We have resigned the church to enter evangelistic work. Our address is Route 1, Box 90B, Cypress, Tex.—L. S. Pilkenton.

HOUSTON, TEX.—We enjoyed a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Magnolia Park Assembly of God. The last four nights of the meeting the Spirit of God came like a mighty wind. Twenty-five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and a number saved. Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Willis of Fort Worth, Tex. were with us, and God used them in singing and preaching the full gospel.—E. M. Yeats, Pastor.

TERRELL, TEX.—The First Assembly of God just closed a successful meeting with Evangelist A. H. Barton of Wright City, Okla. The power of the Lord was there each night. Three were saved, several backsliders returned to the Lord, and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. A number testified that they received bodily healing. One man was healed of a double hernia. A twelve-year-old boy told how God had healed him of eye trouble while he was praying at the altar. We are praising the Lord for all He has done.—Gene Young, Pastor.

RISCO, MO.—On August 2 we closed a three-week meeting with Evangelists Robert Woodruff and Junior Wells. The Lord met with us every night and souls were saved. The town was stirred and people from other churches sought God for a deeper experience. Many believed in the Pentecostal experience after seeing the manifestations of the Spirit. Forty-five were saved and eight filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance increased from 142 the first Sunday to 243 before the meeting closed.—W. M. Nuckles, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—The Velmer Gardner meeting drew excellent crowds from the Alton-Woodrivers area. The closing night of the campaign the crowds overflowed the seating capacity. We appreciated the preaching of the gospel for deliverance of body, soul, and spirit. On different occasions the prayer tent overflowed and could not hold the many who came to be saved. Conviction rested heavily upon the entire congregation night after night.

There was a beautiful harmony among the co-operating pastors and the evangelist. The budget was reached before the meeting was closed, and we received a good offering for home missions and also one for a home missions worker.—J. C. Kofahl (Pastor, Edwards Street Assembly, Alton), Secretary of Alton-Woodrivers Assembly of God Ministerial Association.

MUNFORD, TENN.—We praise God for the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Four months ago we accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly here. A prayer group was formed and we urged the people to seek the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to prepare their hearts for revival.

We have just concluded a meeting with Evangelist Jack Starbuck of Miami, Fla. (assisted by Charles and Margie Eldon, also of Miami). The meeting was planned for two weeks, but the blessing of God was so wonderful that the meeting continued for five weeks. Over 70 were baptized with the Holy Spirit or refilled. Many were saved, reclaimed, and healed.

In June we started a new addition to our Sunday School at an estimated cost of \$1,100. We dedicated this new addition August 2 with Ralph M. Riggs bringing the dedicatory message. We have installed a new Hammond organ.—E. F. Pritchard, Pastor.

LAKEWOOD, CALIF.—God has blessed our pioneer effort here in Lakewood, which is considered to be America's fastest growing community. In 1948 the population was only 15,000 and at the present time it exceeds 100,000. For over two years our congregation has been meeting regularly in the home, garage, and back yard of the pastor.

Although God has blessed us spiritually and numerically, we are still without a church site and building. There is not one full gospel church building in this growing city. There are no vacant buildings or store rooms for rent, and temporary structures are strictly forbidden. The congregation has worked hard and prayed earnestly, and the building fund is approaching \$2,000.

It was noted at the first anniversary service that the Sunday School attendance had grown in exact proportion to the population increase—an increase of 600%. F. C. Woodworth, District Superintendent, was guest speaker at this service and 70 additional chairs were set up in the driveway, adjoining the garage-chapel, to accommodate the 140 persons present.—Roy G. Spece, Pastor.

EUNICE, N. MEX.—The blessing of the Lord fell like "rain" upon us during the meeting with Evangelist P. A. Henegar of Hobbs, N. Mex. Each night the power of God was manifested in some outstanding way. People were saved, numbers were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many were healed.

Our Sunday School superintendent had burned his eyes from the flash of an arc welding machine. The pain was so acute that he had to sit with his hands over his eyes. Suddenly the Spirit of God came over him like a mighty wave and his eyes were instantly healed as he sat in his seat. Others were healed later while sitting in the meeting, so great was the power of God.

Mrs. Henegar, the evangelist's wife, received a great deliverance. She had been ill for a long time with a severe heart trouble. She was very weak in body and was unable to rest at night because of her heart. Her fingers were stiff and sore, and her hands trembled and shook when she tried to use them. She was too sick to attend any of the services the first week. On the second Sunday night she came for prayer. She said she had not been able to draw two easy breaths all the twenty miles they drove from Hobbs. God instantly reached out His hand to her. She went home and slept all night like a baby. The shaking stopped; the stiff fingers were straightened, and the soreness disappeared. She attended every service from that night until the close of the meeting. Brother Henegar said that neither of them thought she could live longer than two months in the condition she was in. We give God all the praise for this mighty deliverance.—J. D. Birge, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Sept. 6-20 or longer; Evangelist Hazen C. MacDonald.—by Max Johnson, Pastor.

DANVILLE, ILL.—Assembly of God, Sept. 9—27; The Sunshine Party, Covington, Ky.—by James E. Hyllberg, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Wittich Memorial Church, Sept. 2—13; Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild.—by Gordon P. Swartz, Pastor.

ENDICOTT, VA.—Assembly of God, Sept. 5—19; Evangelist W. L. Bates, Waxahachie, Tex.—by Ottis and Mrs. Denton, Pastors.

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 6—; Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. (U. S. Grant is Pastor.)

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Pentecostal Church, Sept. 13—27; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (Jacob Heinrich is Pastor.)

OSHAWA, ONT., CANADA—Sept. 13—; Evangelist and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Trenton, Mo. (R. A. Bombay is Pastor.)

HANNIBAL, MO.—Sept. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. James A. Call. (Glenn Renick is Pastor.)

ENOLA, PA.—Assembly of God, Sept. 13—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Douglas.—by Guy Watts, Pastor.

TEXARKANA, ARK.—Central Assembly of God, Sept. 9—27; Evangelist Don Carroll, Columbus, Ga. (A. C. McGaugh is Pastor.)

MONROE, MICH.—Assembly of God, Sept. 13—27; Evangelists Matthew L. and Ruth D. Thompson, Durant, Fla.—by J. Renton Hunter, Pastor.

HANSEN, IDAHO—Sept. 8—20; Don and Bertie Bibler, Musical Evangelists of Fresno, Calif. (M. J. Morehouse is Pastor.)

TORONTO, CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Sept. 6—27 or longer; Evangelist Fred H. Brand, St. Louis, Mo.—by H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

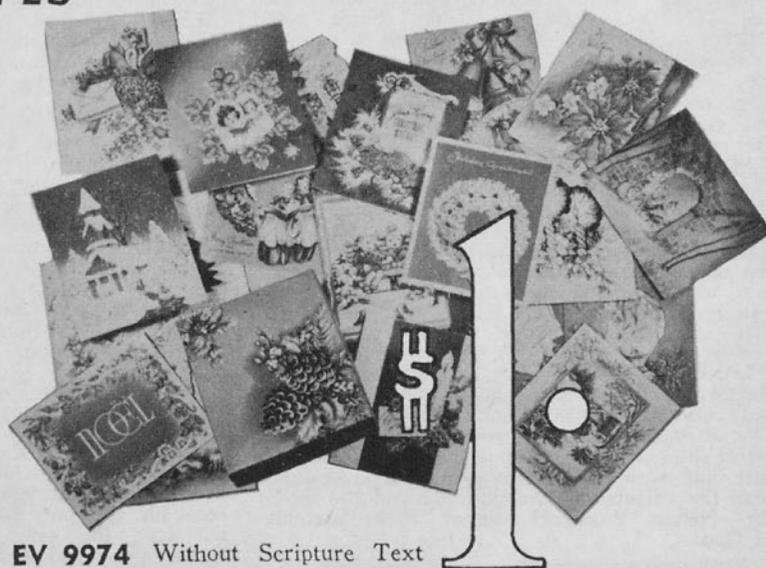
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MOBILE, ALA.—Sept. 6—20 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, Whitney, Nebr. (E. L. Black is Pastor.)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Stone Church, Sept. 13—27; Evangelists Smith and Rogers.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

RICHMOND, IND.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 8—20; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif. (H. W. Duncan is Pastor.)

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—Revival Center Tabernacle, Sept. 13—Oct. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. John Kellner.—by Albert R. Fisher, Pastor.

ELLINGTON, MO.—Sept. 5, two weeks or longer; Evangelists J. T. Davis, Bullard, Tex. and J. F. Cannon, Bunker, Mo.—by Mrs. Neil Johnson, Secretary.

TIPP CITY, OHIO—Bethel Tabernacle, Sept. 2—20; Evangelist Fred J. Numrick, Springfield, Ill.—by E. P. Cooper, Pastor.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Calvary Assembly of God, Sept. 6—20 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Leader, Chicago, Ill.—by W. Howard Roberson, Pastor.

ELKHART, IND.—Bethel Assembly of God, Sept. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg, Toledo, Ohio.—by Leonard R. Nowell, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, Sept. 13—27; Evangelists Gordon Lindsay and Alton Hayes. Evening services during second week to be held in Memorial Auditorium, downtown Fresno.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

MIDLAND, MICH.—High School Auditorium, Sept. 8—20; Evangelist and Mrs. T. L. Osborn, Tulsa, Okla. Co-sponsored by various churches in Central Michigan.—by R. W. Richendrer, Pastor, Midland, Mich.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Fellowship meeting and dedication of new church at 2745 Campbell, Sept. 7. Morning service 10:30, C. A. Rally 2:30 p.m., dedication at 7:45 p.m. (K. H. Lawson, District Superintendent, speaker).—by Leonard Carpenter, Pastor.

TOLEDO, OHIO—Dedication revival, Calvary Assembly of God, Sept. 13—20; Evangelist Burt Evans. Dedication Sept. 13; Pastor speaking at 10:45; James Van Meter, District Superintendent, speaking at 2:30; Burt Evans speaking at 7:30.—by Edwin P. Anderson, Pastor.

VICTORIA, B. C., CANADA—General Executive Council meeting of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada will be held in Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Sept. 18—21. Walter E. McAlister, General Superintendent, will speak on Trans-Canada radio network of CBC Sunday, Sept. 20, 11:30—12 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.—C. M. Wortman, General Sec'y-Treas.

WACO, TEX.—Thirteenth Anniversary meeting, 18th and Pine Assembly of God, Sept. 13—; Evangelist Kenneth Hagin, Garland, Tex. and Evangelist and Mrs. Larry Kneel, singers. Dedication of new church addition, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. Dinner on grounds at noon. Neighboring churches invited.—by Hardie G. Weathers, Pastor.

OREGON SECTIONAL S. S. CONVENTIONS—George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, main speaker. Sept. 14, Baker; Sept. 15, Hermiston; Sept. 16, The Dalles; Sept. 17, Seaside; Sept. 18, Portland, First Assembly; Sept. 21, Eugene; Sept. 22, Coquille; Sept. 23, Grants Pass; Sept. 24, Dallas; Sept. 25, McMinnville.—by Robert W. Pirtle, State S. S. Director.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Bethel Temple, Homecoming and 50th Wedding Anniversary in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Henry Hoar, Sept. 9—11. Reception, Sept. 12, 2 p.m. at Northside Y.M.C.A. Ralph M. Riggs, Assistant General Superintendent, main speaker on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Ministers who have gone out from Bethel Temple speaking at other services.—by Robert Palmer, Assistant Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS—Services each day at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Lawrence Olson from Brazil, main speaker. Sept. 15, Monte Vista, Colo.; Sept. 16, Canon City, Colo.; Sept. 17, Lamar, Colo.; Sept. 18, Fleming, Colo.; Sept. 21, Greeley, Colo.; Sept. 22, Englewood, Colo.; Sept. 23, Meeker, Colo.; Sept. 24, Grand Junction, Colo.; Sept. 25, Durango, Colo.; Sept. 28, Ogden, Utah.—by Russell G. Fulford, District Superintendent.

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NEWCASTLE, TEX.—Assembly of God, Sept. 6—; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Santa Barbara, Calif. (J. R. Cleeton is Pastor.)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Calvary Tabernacle, Aug. 30—; Mathan Musical Evangelists, Kansas City, Mo. (Loren Doss is Pastor.)

ATLANTA, GA.—Washington Ave. Assembly of God, Sept. 6—20; Evangelist Dave Wilkerson. (Jimmie Mayo is Pastor.)

MARINETTE, WIS.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Sept. 6—18; Evangelist Morris Hayes, Kenova, W. Va.—by James T. Hamann, Pastor.

IRWIN, PA.—Assembly of God, Sept. 13—27; Evangelist Carl C. Haas, Springfield, Mo. (Joseph Pittman is Pastor.)

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Lakeside Assembly of God, Sept. 4—13; Evangelist Morris Cerullo of New York.—by David M. Carlson, Pastor.

LONGVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (D. E. Ferguson is Pastor.)

NAPA, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 13—Oct. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. R. E. Henke, Chowchilla, Calif.—by William R. Hance, Pastor.

MILAN, TENN.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 23—Oct. 4; Evangelist Robert Northrup, Nashville, Tenn.—by Gerald A. Fletcher, Pastor.

BENTON HARBOR, MICH.—Bethel Assembly of God, Sept. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass. (Arnold Q. Hashman is Pastor.)

DELTA, COLO.—Assembly of God, Sept. 6—13; Children's Revival with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens of California. (H. R. Parish is Pastor.)

BETTENDORF, IOWA—Bettendorf Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 20—Oct. 4 or longer; Evangelist William Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by L. A. Messick, Pastor.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—Tent meeting, 4300 block on Florida St., Sept. 6—; Evangelist David Nunn.—by James V. Courtney Jr., Pastor, Central Assembly of God.

WILKES BARRE, PA.—Sectional C. A. Rally, Parrish Street M. E. Church, Labor Day, Sept. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Rudolph Cerullo, speakers.—by David Laquitano, Sectional C. A. Leader.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Faith Tabernacle, Sept. 13—27; Evangelist E. G. McKnight, Mobile, Ala.—by L. C. Brighurst, Secretary. (P. J. Paramore is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Berea Tabernacle, 40th Anniversary and Homecoming, Sept. 13—20. Former pastors and friends invited.—by Theodore E. Ness, Pastor.

ANNUAL CONVENTION, Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, will be held in the Armory at Charlotte, N. C., October 27—29. For information write the Secretary, C. M. Wortman, 50 Euston Ave., Toronto 6, Canada.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPEED-THE-LIGHT RALLIES—Sept. 14—28; Robert Fierro, speaker. Also missionary team and S.C.B.C. Swordsmen Quartet. Sept. 14, North Los Angeles; Sept. 15, Central Coast, Sept. 16, Mojave; Sept. 17, San Bernardino; Sept. 18, Orange Coast; Sept. 20, Imperial Valley; Sept. 21, South Los Angeles; Sept. 22, South San Joaquin; Sept. 23, Central San Joaquin; Sept. 24, North Coast; Sept. 25, North San Joaquin; and Sept. 28, San Diego.—by Dean Duncan, District C. A. President.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NAME CHANGED—The church in Delano, Calif. known as Full Gospel Church or Full Gospel Assembly, has changed its name to Assembly of God.—Lloyd J. Cagle, Pastor.

MEETING CANCELLED—Meeting with Evangelist William Devereaux in Bethel Assembly of God, Akron, Ohio, announced to begin Sept. 8, has been cancelled.—by Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor.

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