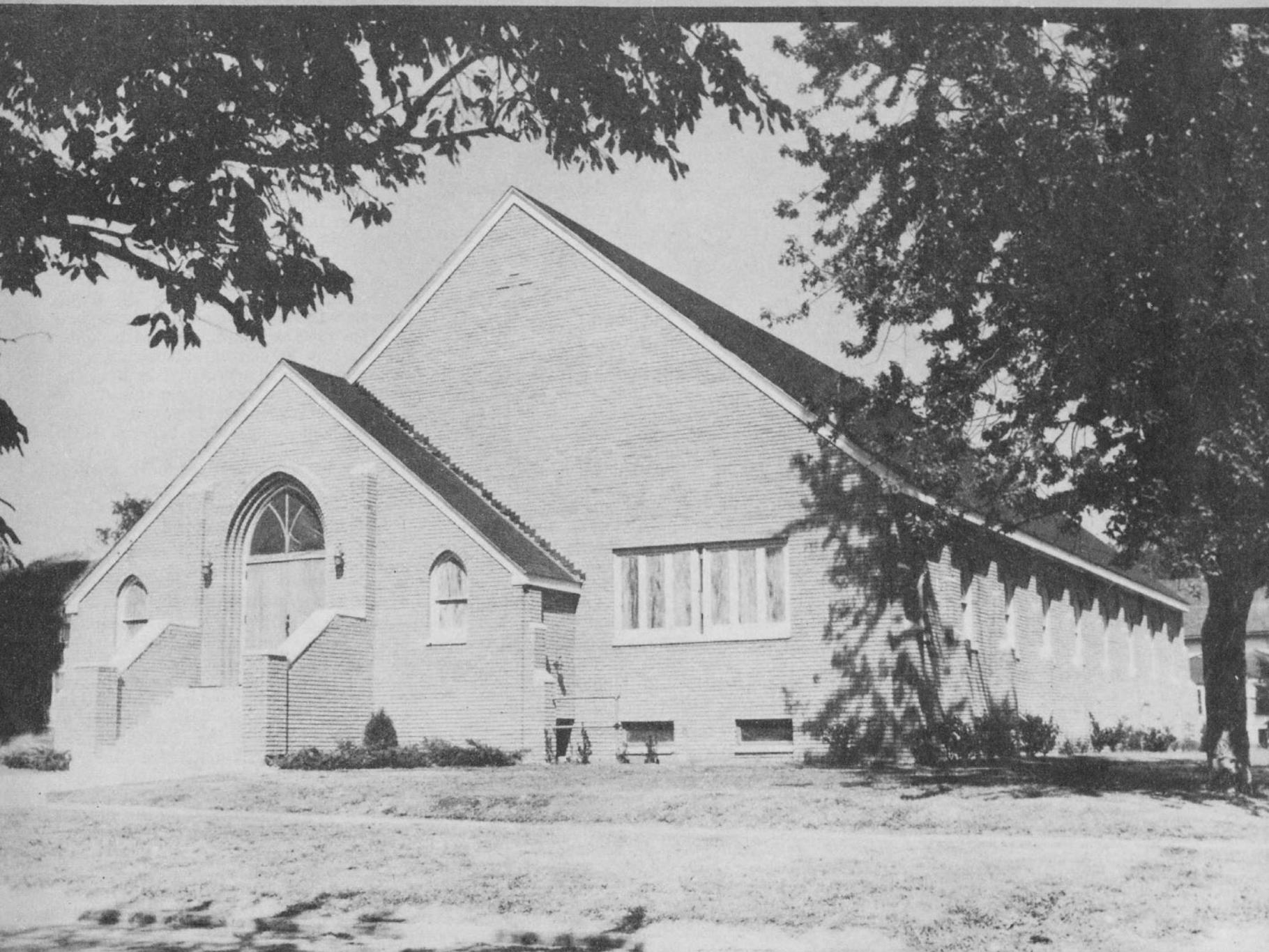


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



First Assembly of God, Ada, Oklahoma

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts:

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

—Psalm 84:1-4.

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Tracts Tied to Balloons

Ten thousand balloons, each bearing five gospel tracts in five languages, were wafted eastward beyond the Iron Curtain recently. The project was the work of an Evangelical Lutheran pastor and his congregation in Germany; it was financed by friends in America.

## What's Wrong With the Men?

A seminary in New Jersey reports that its studies show that men hold nearly three times as many church offices as the women, but the women do nearly twice as much church work as the men. Remember, men, that heavenly rewards are handed out for services performed, not for offices held.

## Pity These Children!

Time reports that, although India officially prohibited child marriages in 1929, the latest census figures published in New Delhi show that 14.5% of all Indian girls between 5 and 14 years old are married, and that 133,828 widows or divorcees in India are under 14. India needs the gospel of Christ as sorely today as ever.

## Communists Plot Against Luther

If Martin Luther were to return to life today he would have the Communist overlords, as well as the Roman Catholic bishops, to contend with.

Communist leaders, adept at rewriting history, have turned their talents to the field of religion and nominated a "hero" of their own as "the real leader of the Reformation," in Luther's place. He is Thomas Muenzer, German Anabaptist leader during the Peasant Revolt, and advocate of "Communist theocracy."

Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany, said that children in East German schools are being taught that Muenzer brought about the Reformation. "No Evangelical Christian will bother to debate this absurd claim," he asserted.

## German Prisoners Repatriated

A number of German prisoners of war, including several pastors, recently returned to Germany from the U.S.S.R. The pastors reported that up to 1949, the Russians permitted them to have religious services in the prison camps. Even in prison cells, they said, there was opportunity for devotions. But since 1949 no services were permitted.

"The realization that we had the prayers and help of those at home gave us strength to endure the years of imprisonment," said Pastor Martin Waltemath, who was returning home to Hagen after ten years' captivity. "Our remembrance goes out to those who are still held in Russian camps."

## Pentecost in Chile

A writer in the British magazine *Life of Faith* says: "The fastest-growing Evangelical work in South America is 'Pentecostal' in character. In Chile, for example, there are over fifty Pentecostal churches in the capital city alone. The movement has spread southward from Santiago, until there is hardly a town or village in southern Chile without its congregation of Pentecostals."

## A Thousand Unevangelized Tribes

The American Bible Society reports that, in spite of continuous efforts to translate the Scriptures into new tongues, there are still 1,000 languages into which no part of the Bible has been translated as yet.

Edwin J. Pudney of the Unevangelized Fields Mission lists the 1,000 tribes in the world without the gospel, as follows: 350 tribes in Africa, 300 in South America, 100 in India, 70 in Siberia, 60 in China, 60 in Indo-China, and 60 in the Philippines.

## To Visit European Shrines

A band of invalids from eleven states and Canada sailed from Hoboken, N. J., for an overseas pilgrimage. The afflicted men and women, some of them on stretchers, others huddled in wheel chairs, planned to visit Roman Catholic shrines in Rome, Italy and five other European countries in search of healing. It was the first undertaking of its kind from the United States.

What a pity that these sufferers should go to visible shrines, rather than to the invisible Saviour, in search of healing. They cannot be healed by going to a place; they must go to a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, by means of believing prayer.

## Conquering the Desert

The Arabs of Jordan are playing a part in causing the wilderness to blossom as a rose. Bananas, vines, vegetables and trees now grow on land between the Jordan River and Jericho which, until recently, was completely desolate.

The Dead Sea once covered that land. When the waters evaporated they left a thin layer of salt which, experts said, forbade reclamation of that stretch.

But one man did not agree with the experts. Musa Alami, chairman of the Arab Development Society, thought those 5,000 acres of barren land, if irrigated, could help solve the problem of Palestine Arab refugees now living on Jordanian territory. Several thousand of them, he believed, could be established in that region.

Four years ago Alami asked U. N. expert advice toward rendering that land fertile. The experts analyzed the soil and came

out with a negative answer. Too salty, they said. Even if water were found, vegetation would not grow, they declared.

But Alami controlled 200,000 dinars (around \$560,000) donated by the Iraqi government to his Society and earmarked for refugee assistance. He sought to buy machinery in Britain and in the United States. He failed. But far from being discouraged he put several thousand men on the job, using primitive tools and wartime surplus equipment purchased on the spot.

One day he was rewarded—there was water under that barren soil. And it was sweet water. Today the land is irrigated by twenty wells. Motors and pumps irrigate hundreds of acres already.

Several refugee families have settled down on the reclaimed land, while the desert stretch gradually is becoming fertile.

## Church of England Names Commission to Study Healing

Due to the fact that a growing number of clergymen in the Church of England are ministering to the sick by laying their hands on them, in accordance with Mark 16:18, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have appointed a Commission to study the matter.

The announced purpose of the Commission will be to provide, "within two or three years, a report designed to guide the Church to clearer understanding of the subject and, particularly, to help the clergy in the exercise of the ministry of healing and encourage increasing understanding and co-operation between them and the medical profession."

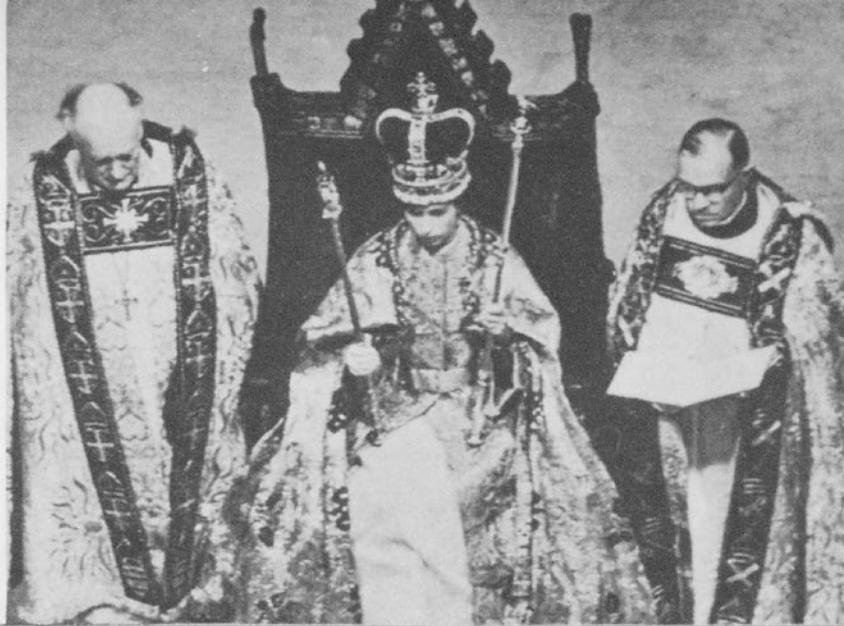
Some of England's foremost medical doctors are on the Commission, in addition to leading clergymen. They have been instructed "to consider the theological, medical, psychological and pastoral aspects" of Divine Healing.

## Making a Mockery of Hell

According to *The El Paso Times* (El Paso, Tex.), Shriners and their wives are being invited to join the International Sovereign Order of Devils, a new organization recently originated and launched by Mrs. Polly Pritchett, high priestess of the El Paso Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

Members will get a silver emblem of Satan with a pitchfork. The head officer of the organization is called "Cloven Hoof." The second and third officers are named "Fire Tender" and "Pitchfork Wielder."

Of course, it is all done in fun. If the members knew what the Bible really says about the Devil, surely they would not mock him. Satan may not have cloven hoofs and a pitchfork; nevertheless, he is a very real adversary of mankind who goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He comes to people in many a guise, tempting them to sin against God. The Bible clearly says that both the Devil and those who serve him are going to be thrown into a lake of eternal fire (Revelation 20:10, 15). It is foolish to make sport of such a serious matter—"fools make a mock of sin" (Proverbs 14:9).



# A Queen Is Crowned



Violet Schoonmaker

THOSE WHO were fortunate enough to be in London at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, or who saw the official film, "A Queen is Crowned," produced by the British, were doubtless impressed by the glory, splendor, and majesty of the scene. It reminded one of the great day when our Lord Jesus Christ will be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. All coronations of earthly potentates will pale into insignificance in comparison with this. And what singing there will be when the choirs of heaven and the voices of the redeemed of earth join together in the mighty anthem and everlasting song, "Crown Him Lord of All!"

Our hearts await that day in joyous expectancy. But there is another coronation portrayed in the Scriptures—the crowning of the queen, the Lamb's wife.

When we used to sing, "When the battle's over, we shall wear a crown," it did not appeal much to me. I felt I did not care to wear a crown. My greatest delight would be to fall at the feet of my Lord and worship Him. But one day recently I realized how ashamed the King would be if His queen wore no crown.

We read that He is to present her "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24). The forty-fifth Psalm describes her beauty as she stands by His side in the royal palaces. Her very clothing is of wrought gold, and she is all-glorious within. Will she wear no crown? Of course, she must wear a crown if her beauty is to be complete.

As I thought upon this, I realized that I was wrong in not desiring to wear a crown. Now I rejoice in the thought of a crown—a crown not for my own

glory but for the glory of my Bridegroom, the King of kings. Yes, let me have many crowns, that I may lay them at His feet!

Let us consider how unworthy we are, by nature, to be crowned. Hannah said, in that beautiful prayer recorded in First Samuel 2, "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory." Does this not describe what we are by nature? If we are to be crowned then, it must be because of His loving-kindness and tender mercies. And this is the very crown He places upon our heads (Psalm 103:4).

Because of His loving-kindness and tender mercies we have been born again, born into the royal family of heaven. Queen Elizabeth was not crowned because of any special worthiness of her own, although she undoubtedly is admirably fitted for her task; but she was crowned because of her birth. She was the first-born of the ruling king. By birth she inherited the throne of England. We have been born from above, born of a royal Father, born to reign. Oh, that we might remember this and not despise the training, the discipline, and the sufferings that will make us fit to reign with Him, for we read in 2 Timothy 2:12, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him."

Several crowns are mentioned in Scripture which are to be given as rewards.

There is THE CROWN OF LIFE given to those who endure temptation because of love for their Lord (James 1:12). They

love Him because He first loved them, and this love constrains them to lay down their lives for others. We read in Revelation 2:10 that

this crown is to be given to those who are "faithful unto death."

There is THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (2 Tim. 4:8). Paul expected to wear this crown. Indeed, he wrote that it was all ready and waiting for him. Paul had labored for this crown (v. 7). He said that this crown was not for him alone but for "all them also that love His appearing. God Himself, the righteous Judge, will give this crown. He knows whether His servants truly love His appearing or not—whether they love it enough not only to look for it but to seek to hasten it as well (2 Peter 3:12).

Another crown Paul expected to wear was THE CROWN OF REJOICING (1 Thess. 2:19; Phil. 4:1). This crown of rejoicing was the souls that Paul had won. Will we receive this crown? God grant that we may! In Daniel 12:3 we read, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." This undoubtedly is the verse that led to the writing of the song, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?"

Peter wrote of A CROWN OF GLORY that fadeth not away (1 Peter 5:4). This crown will be given to the under-shepherds of the Church, who "feed the flock of God . . . taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." Oh, for more such shepherds today!

Yes, the queen, the bride of Christ, is

to be crowned in the day of His appearing. But it seems there is a possibility of her losing her crown though failure to hold fast the things she has received. Other hands would snatch it from her, perhaps because of her failure to appreciate its worth, and to hold it fast, and to remain faithful unto the end (Rev. 3:11).

Paul realized that he must strive for his crown by being temperate in all things, by so running that he might obtain, and by keeping his body in subjection (1 Cor. 9:24-27). Paul warned his disciple Timothy that no man will be crowned unless he endures hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He must avoid entangling himself with the affairs of this life, and he must strive lawfully (2 Tim. 2:3-5).

So let us run! So let us strive! However—

*"The bride eyes not her garments  
But her dear Bridegroom's face.  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace;  
Not on the crown He giveth  
But on His pierced hand.  
The LAMB is all the glory  
In Immanuel's land."*

#### ALL FOR GOOD

Bernard Gilpin was sentenced, under Queen Mary I, to die for his faith. During his imprisonment he repeated the text morning, noon, and night: "We know that all things work together for good for them that love God." On his way to execution he fell and broke his leg. He was ordered back to prison and, while he moaned in pain, the jailer twitted him with his text. "Ah," the good man replied, "but it's true all the same. It's all working together for good!" And surely enough it was. For, while he lay there, Mary died, Elizabeth ascended the throne, and Bernard Gilpin was set at liberty.—*F. W. Boreham.*

#### BIBLE SURVIVES FIRE

Fire broke out in the Robert E. Lee School in Norfolk, Va., a few weeks ago. It damaged or destroyed two-thirds of the building, including the school office. One book alone survived the inferno that wrecked the bookcase in the office—it was a copy of the Bible.

Firemen found the book as they were going through the ruins. The other books were burnt to a crisp, but the Bible was undamaged. The firefighters lost no time in spreading the news of their discovery, said the *Norfolk Ledger Dispatch*.

## 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.*

#### CANCER OF THE STOMACH

For several years I had suffered with stomach trouble. When I had a very serious attack in 1949, the doctor wanted me to have X rays taken, but I did not agree to this.

My condition improved somewhat after that, until September, 1950, when I had another bad spell. This time the doctor persuaded us to go to a clinic in Denver. Laboratory tests and X rays made on October 4, 1950, showed that I had a cancer in its worst stage. The cancer was as large as a hen egg, in the lower part of my stomach. The doctor told my husband to take me home to die, because there was nothing that they could do for me.

After going home I suffered terribly. But on January 19, 1951, I was anointed and prayed for (according to James 5:14), and I received my healing! It has been almost three years now and I have not had any effects of cancer, not even for one minute. I do praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power.—*Mrs. E. H. Smith, Box 1, Haxtun, Colo.*

*(Endorsed by Mrs. Elsie Fischer, Church Secretary-Treasurer, Assembly of God, Haxtun, Colo.)*

#### INJURED BACK

One Sunday morning in August, 1950, while I was getting ready for Sunday School I twisted my back in such a way that I could not move without terrible pain. My young sons tried to help me, but they could not, so they called their daddy who carried me to the sofa.

That afternoon Pastor Anthony Sorbo and his wife, with another couple, came to the house to pray for me, and we claimed the victory in Jesus' name. Later that day while attempting to get up I fell back on the sofa, causing me much pain. I still believed that I was healed, so I was up and around in time for church.

While at church I had another attack, but after special prayer I left claiming the victory.

The following Friday I was to go to a meeting 50 miles away. The night before I was in such pain that as I knelt to pray I told the Lord that He would have to undertake for me or I would not be able to go. As I lay in bed something moved along my spine to my hip, where it stopped. Every trace of pain left me that moment. However, I was left with my spine out of place from the fall on the sofa.

We continued to hold on to God and by November every trace of this was gone. During these weeks I continued to do my housework as usual, and I did not go to a doctor. It was only His healing power that had touched me so that three years from that time I am still healed. Truly Jesus is a wonderful help in time of need. He is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever.—*Mrs. William H. Shafer, R. D. 1, Pen Argyl, Pa.*

*(Endorsed by Pastor Anthony Sorbo, Bangor, Pa.)*

#### NEEDLE AND COTTON

"O Lord, Thou art the needle and I am the cotton." So prayed a converted native of the Belgian Congo one evening at a mission station. It seems a strange utterance to us, but it came from the African's heart.

He had visited the mission school that day and had observed, while watching the girls sewing, how the cotton thread always followed the needle.

"Follow Me," our Lord told His disciples. He would have us to be close to Him at all times, and so completely yielded to Him that we would follow Him as directly and dependently as the thread follows the needle.

—*The Pilgrim*

#### PERSONAL SALVATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Lord Eustace Percy, of England, wrote: "He who sets out to change individual lives may be an optimist; but he who sets out to change society without first changing the individual is a lunatic." How can one build a "golden age" with "brass" people? To build a "new" society we must through the preaching of the gospel make enough individuals "new creations" in Christ Jesus. The so-called "social gospel" without the conversion of the individual is "a spawn of hell."

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# There Is Deliverance For All!

THERE ARE three kinds of people who sing the chorus, "Jesus Breaks Every Fetter, and He Sets Me Free."

The first class of people do not know the Lord at all, and they do not understand what they are singing. Furthermore, they do not care, for they are "dead in trespasses and sins." May God help them!

The second class of people sing the chorus victoriously. They know experimentally that Jesus DOES break every fetter of sin, doubt, fear, and bondage of every kind. The hand of Satan is cut off from their lives. They know that Jesus has set them gloriously free to live for Him in purity of heart, without fear or despair. These people have discovered the tactics of the enemy of their souls, and they know how to resist him. Their eyes have been opened to every evil weapon that Satan has forged against them, and they have marched out to meet and defeat it with "the Sword of the Spirit," the Word of the living God. Their sins, sorrows, fears, and bondages have fallen before them, stricken by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ their Lord.

Then there is a third class of people who sing the chorus. They love the Lord, and they sing oh, so wistfully and so longingly; but they haven't yet discovered how it is that Jesus breaks every bondage of sin and weakness in their lives. The tempter still habitually overcomes them. Tormenting thoughts keep plaguing them. Suggestions of doubt, impurity, and selfishness keep coming to their minds. Feelings of jealousy, hatred, and fear keep rising within them.

Such Christians often grieve and despair. They say in their hearts, "O wretched man that I am. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

They sing, "Would You Be Free From Your Burden of Sin? There's Power in the Blood," and while they are singing they are wondering if it is really true. They are wishing it were true in their experience; they long for the power of Christ's Blood to prevail over the enemy of their souls.

It is to this class of people that this message is written—those who want to live a victorious life in Christ, free from habitual sin and bondage, who have tried and tried, but have utterly failed.

To you we would say, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool." You have

discovered that "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). You have discovered that your heart is desperately sick—"The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores" (Isaiah 1:5, 6).

But, burdened friend, do not be discouraged, for the same verse that tells us, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool," also tells us, "but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered." The same chapter that tells us, "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint," also tells us: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." After that terrible question, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" comes the triumphant answer, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 7:24, 25).

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved" is the glorious message of deliverance we would bring to you, for the Lord Jesus Christ by His Spirit is in the business today of delivering His people from their bondage and sins.

In 1 John 1:9 we read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The best way to get a good aim at a target is to put it out where you can see it plainly, where you can get close to it, and face it squarely. Then, hitting the bull's eye is simple. But so many people cannot bring themselves to confess their sins to God and to themselves. John 3:20, 21 reveals their condition—"Neither cometh to the light, lest their deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest." People who are overcomers and are now valiant soldiers in God have humbled themselves to look at their own sins. They have let the Holy Spirit search their hearts. They have sought out the enemy that shot cruel darts into their lives. They have called sin by its right name, and have brought the evil thing out to the light. They have been willing to admit, "Yes, I have a jealous spirit; I have an uncontrollable temper; I have impure thoughts; I have a love for money; I have pride, etc." Here is the great be-



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ginning of victory! With the confession of the evil, sin and bondage are brought out into the light where they can be plainly seen; the foe is cornered; and now—it is but a short distance to victory, to the final death blow to the enemy (though many defeated, woeful Christians stop at this strategic point). The great Commander now shouts, "Fire! Fire! Fire!"

The General in our army has provided every one of us with a powerful gun—the Bible. The shells are Bible verses, empowered by the Spirit through faith and prayer. First of all, if you have a sinful bondage or habit and you have confessed (Continued on page eleven)

# Exalting His Word

C. C. Burnett\*

ON TWO occasions early in The Acts of the Apostles, Peter called attention to the mighty power of the name of Christ. In Acts 3:16 he declared, "His name through faith in his name hath made this man strong." And in Acts 4:12 he testified, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The truth of these utterances has made a terrific impact upon the full gospel people through the years. The name of Jesus has brought light and life to us all.

Without any desire to lessen the import of these references to His name, let us consider another great truth. The inspired writer in Psalm 138:2 declared, "Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Such a truth, when fully comprehended, gives us an understanding of the tremendous value God places on His Word! If the name of Jesus is the only means whereby men can be saved, and yet God places His Word even above that name—surely there is nothing in all the world so important as the Word of God. Certainly God must smile on any effort to promote its distribution and



C. C. Burnett

use among the peoples of the world.

Since 1816 the American Bible Society has been endeavoring to do just that, both in America and in lands across the sea. In these past 137 years it has joined hands with Christian leaders of all denominations to pave a road, as it were, with the Word of God—a road which would reach many times around the world. In many related fields the Society has proved itself indispensable to the promotion of Christianity.

The work of translating the Bible into the languages of the people continues with increasing effectiveness. In the last half-century some portion of the Bible has been appearing in a new language about once every month. Secretary Eugene Nida works with missionaries of all churches, including the Assemblies of God, in this monumental task. The most recent account shows that the complete Bible is now printed in 197 tongues; the New Testament, in 257 more; a Gospel or part of a Book, in an additional 690—making a total of 1,144 languages into which the Word of God has been translated, in whole or in part.

In 1951 the Society published a total of 12,334,262 volumes of the Word. The year 1952 showed a light decrease to 11,613,980—the entire decrease being in foreign-language Scriptures.

The goal of the Society, however, is not merely the publication of these Scriptures, but rather their distribution to those

who need the Bible. This distribution has been accomplished by the consecrated labors of colporteurs and missionaries everywhere in the world. In some lands—such as Colombia, Venezuela, and other South American countries—this has been accomplished only at great personal sacrifice, or even death, to the distributor.

In this country a total distribution last year of 7,822,644 volumes indicates the continued hunger for the Bread of Life. The splendid response to the World-wide Bible Reading program from Thanksgiving to Christmas is gratifying to every heart. An analysis of requests for help in this field shows that 13,124,281 bookmarks were supplied to churches during this period last year.

The Bible is being produced in Braille or phonograph records for the blind. Testaments are being distributed among the men in the Armed Forces. Illustrated Gospels are being given to those in hospitals and other institutions, and are being placed in bus depots, railroad stations, and airports. All of these facts illustrate the continued life-giving ministry of the American Bible Society.

But how are the Assemblies of God related to the Society? The relationship between the two bodies, though not organic, has always been one of closest fellowship. Whereas the Assemblies of God have supported it with their prayers and finance, the Society has endeavored always to assist our Assemblies workers in every way possible.

Our own missionaries working with Dr. Nida have given the Moré Testament to the mission field of West Africa. The Bible Society helped tremendously in publishing this Testament for us. Assemblies of God missionaries in almost every mission field depend upon the Society for the Scriptures they use in reaching the

\*In addition to his ministry as an Assemblies of God pastor in Cincinnati, Ohio, Brother Burnett is a Field Secretary of the American Bible Society.

LEFT: C. Camargo, Quechua Indian of Peru, reading Spanish Bible.

RIGHT: Men in Liberia reading the Scriptures in their own tongue.



natives. These Scriptures, furnished at cost or less, are placed in the hands of our missionaries as rapidly as they are needed. In the recent report of the Society, special attention has been called to the great work of distribution by Assemblies of God people in Cuba, Chile, and other South American countries. In El Salvador we lead the way in distribution of the Word of God.

The Bible Society has supplied, without cost, copies of the Bible for distribution by our Home Mission workers among the American Indians, the Eskimos in Alaska, and prisoners in penal institutions. It stands ready to give assistance to any Home Mission work when duly certified by our district Home Missions Board. Many times, such assistance has been given in the form of grants of Scripture for distribution.

Established churches, too, can secure Bibles or Gospel portions at cost, thus enabling our people to sow down their communities with the precious seed of God's Word at a very low cost.

Braille Bibles and phonograph records can be secured for blind people at a fraction of their actual cost.

For the pastor, the Society has a great amount of helpful, free literature on the promotion and use of the Bible in his services and in the community. The World-Wide Bible Reading material which has been furnished free of charge to so many of our churches is but one example of this.

And so the record continues—the American Bible Society and the Assemblies of God join hands to place before a hungry world that Book which God exalts above His name!

In view of all this, and because the Society is deserving of our support, the Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies

of God have set aside Universal Bible Sunday, December 13, as Bible Offering Day for all our Assemblies. An offering from each church or Sunday School regardless of size, will aid the Bible Society in further helping the Assemblies of God in the great program of world evangelization.

Offerings from our churches during 1953 have been decidedly less than those of previous years. Let us do our best to

help at this time. Your offering should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, clearly designated for the American Bible Society. It will be credited to your church as a missionary offering, and then forwarded to the Society. Remember that in so co-operating we are doing our part in giving to mankind the Word of God which He has exalted "above all His name."

## One Testament Wins a Thousand Souls

E. Yngve Olson

"Something has happened! Why are there no more dances or liquor parties?" inquired the anxious governor of the south plains state of Apure, Venezuela. The governor was accustomed to leave the capital for a week-end spree out in the country. But this time he was startled to find that there was no spree.

"Aristedes Diaz, the head cattle-man of this region, has become an *evangelico*, sir. So now there is no drinking or dancing anymore," explained a half-breed Indian.

"I'll soon change that," boasted the governor.

The disgruntled governor began looking for the culprit who had ended his week-end's pleasure. When he had found Diaz, he ordered him hauled off to jail in a truck filled with pigs. There in the jail Diaz languished for days, *incommunicado*—no one was allowed to visit him.

A colporteur from Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, had sold Diaz a New Testament. After listening to a few words of testimony and explanation, he had begun

to read it; and soon, without even hearing a gospel sermon, he had given his heart to the Lord. Immediately his life had been transformed, and he had had a great influence upon his community. Even the dances and drinking parties were stopped.

Now Diaz was suffering his first persecution for the gospel. He was brought before the judge. A Roman Catholic priest who was present sought by every means to make him recant his faith.

Finally, Diaz was permitted to speak. Pointing his finger at the priest, he retorted, "You have lied to me all my life, but now I have found the truth. Even if you keep me in jail the rest of my life, I will never give up my faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

Realizing that they could not change his decision, they released him. He immediately began to testify to all who would listen.

To this day, there is not a single Protestant missionary in that state of  
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LEFT: Dr. Eugene Nida, translation secretary of the American Bible Society, with three members of the committee working on the

revision of the Japanese Bible. RIGHT: One of the many Bible Society colporteurs interests a man in Lebanon in the Word of God.



# THEY NEVER HAD HEARD IT BEFORE!

Earl Downey, Congo Belge

THE DAY was hot and sultry and we were glad when the two cars were packed, ready for the trip into primitive bush country seventy miles to the north. One car was filled with provisions and camping equipment; the other was for the native evangelists, their wives and children. We purposely started at noon in order to arrive at our first stop around three o'clock.

On arrival at the first village we commenced a service in the small crude village chapel. It was a typically native building with a grass roof supported by crooked poles under which were rows of rough benches. The native evangelist emerged from a small hut in the rear to greet us, gesturing toward a similar little mud house in which we were to spend the night. In a few moments about twenty children had gathered; these children were being taught daily by our evangelist. From small groups of children such as these we get students for our mission station schools.

Just before dark, the drums sounded the first call to service. As night set in, the second drum sounded through the village bringing people from all directions: old men with walking sticks, young men in groups of two and three, women with babies on their backs, and little children. Following a very lively song service in which the natives participated with fervor, I preached the gospel. At the close of the service three men came forward and we were happy to lead them into a definite experience of salvation.

Following the service we were greeted by the chief of that territory who is very tolerant towards the gospel. (This tolerance on the part of many chieftains is a definite milestone of progress here.)

On Sunday morning the air was a bit brisk but we had an excellent crowd. Harry Downey gave the gospel message and two more souls were brought to the Lord. One of these men had once known the Lord and showed a desire to find the fellowship he had lost in Christ. . . .

After an early lunch we packed the cars again and started out over mud trails, rocky inclines, and treacherous bridges to another outstation far removed from civilization. As soon as we arrived we entered the little chapel for a service. Our evangelist in that locality had been trying to get permission from the chieftain to build another more suitable chapel, but because of fear of Roman Catholic pressure the chieftain had not granted permission.

We spent several days in that section holding services morning and evening. The response was good. The chief and the judge each sent one of their boys to our mission school. One of them is a very promising boy who is making real

strides for the Lord. We are hoping that God will use him as an instrument to open up that territory for God.

From this village we journeyed back into jungle country where the natives have seen few white people. This leg of the journey was long and tedious. In many places we had to follow the native foot trails, at a speed of about ten miles per hour—and once the car broke down! We crossed bridges that could not stand the combined weight of car and people; therefore, we had to cross on foot and wait for the cars.

We arrived at the next village at sundown and found a dilapidated mud house waiting for us. The Roman catechist informed us that our efforts would be fruitless; the natives were in their gardens and he said they never would



Earl Downey showing the equipment used on Safari

climb the high hill to the village for services of any kind. But we had been praying, and the Lord was with us. Early the next morning we had them beat the biggest drum; then we waited a while. One native appeared, so we started the service with one native besides our party of eighteen. We played our musical instruments and sang hymns, and before long a second lone person came over the ridge of the hill. Then another and another came, until all around on two sides of the pavilion men had gathered and sat on the rocky hillside. An excellent crowd had assembled, much to the chagrin of the catechist.

After lunch we divided into three groups. I took two evangelists with me and went in one direction; Harry Downey took another worker and started in the second direction; and my wife took several women and went in another direction. (Personally I think that this is the most rewarding part of missionary work . . . dealing with small groups of people and individuals in their own environment.) The three parties ministered to groups of people working in their gardens, and families in their mud huts, as well as

natives along the jungle trails. When we arrived home in the evening it was interesting for each to hear the others' experiences, and it was very gratifying as we recounted how many of the people had been touched when they heard the gospel for the very first time.

One aged man especially was simply amazed to hear the message of God's love. He turned quickly from us to talk with the younger men standing among the cluster of people. He told them excitedly that this wonderful news of salvation was coming to him for the first time; and although he felt he was too old and wasted to receive it, yet he urged the younger men not to pass it up, but take advantage of such a wonderful opportunity. . . .

Some of us met opposition in our travels. The Roman Catholics have power over the natives here, instilling fear into their hearts; therefore, the missionary has to introduce very mundane, homey subjects before he can preach the straight gospel message. Each morning our services grew as we saw those whom we had contacted coming over the ridge of the hill to hear more about Jesus the Saviour.

After ten days of ministering in that place we were forced to return; some pressing business had to be dealt with. We bade the people farewell, and made our way back over the rough jungle trails.

Our provisions were lighter, but so were our hearts. We had a God-given blessing of peace and satisfaction because those who sat in heathen darkness had seen a great light.

## Pentecostal Outpouring in Venezuela

W. Carlyle Stepp

The Pentecostal message had never been preached in the "Oriente," the eastern part of Venezuela, until last February. It was our privilege then to conduct campaigns and Bible studies in Bolivar City resulting in a small group of fifty people seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Five months later we visited them again, and learned that the Lord had poured out His Spirit baptizing thirty-one of them according to Acts 2:4. There are now over sixty in the group affiliated with the Assemblies of God in Venezuela. This church rejoices in the fact that it was raised up by the Lord Himself.

The greatest need at present is a place of worship. This is a great problem, since the rapid growth of the city has sent rent and property prices soaring skyward. The believers are meeting in the crowded living room of a private home.

We believe God wants a strong Pentecostal church in Bolivar City, since this will be the center for the Pentecostal work in the entire eastern half of the country. The people of this congregation have a heart and mind to erect a church as soon as possible, and have asked us to cooperate with them. This we wish to do. Although we are due to leave for furlough, the need is so great that we have

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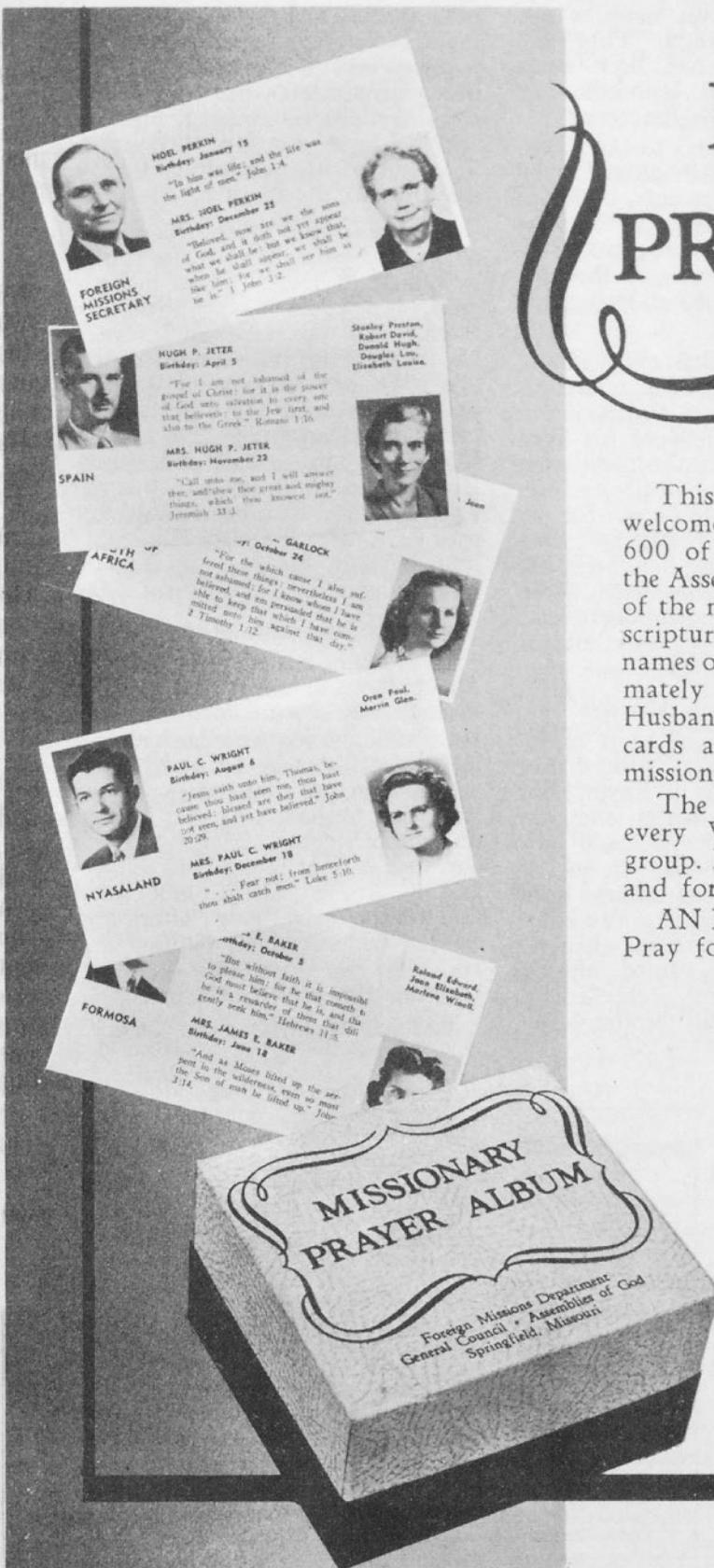
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decided to defer the furlough until later, in order to establish this new Pentecostal work. A new church building must be erected immediately; therefore, funds are urgently needed now! At least we must erect the walls and roof so that these dear people may have a place in which to worship, and win others for Christ.

We repeat: this will be the first Pentecostal station in all the eastern part of Venezuela. It extends five hundred miles from Caracas, the nearest Pentecostal church.

Bolivar City is the sixth largest city in Venezuela, located in the very heart of the eastern half of the country. Recently the U. S. Steel Company of America discovered what is claimed to be one of the world's richest deposits of iron ore in the far eastern territory of the republic. Already great investments have been made to make Venezuela a "little Pittsburgh." Two cities have been built on the plains, a railroad laid, a river dredged, seaport facilities arranged for—all of this near Bolivar City on the

great Orinoco River. We are working in the midst of countless thousands of people who have never once heard the saving gospel of Christ.

We trust that the Lord will lay this dire need upon faithful friends who will pray for this work. Those who feel a burden from the Lord to assist in this urgent need, may send special offerings to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., designated: "For Bolivar City, Venezuela, church building."

# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN

Lesson for December 6, 1953

Genesis 45:1-9

Joseph is a fitting type of our Lord Jesus in many ways. (1) There was the spirituality of his youth, disclosed by his dreams. The spirituality of Jesus is shown in His conversation with the leaders in the temple. (2) Joseph was the favorite son of Jacob. Jesus is God's only begotten Son. (3) Joseph was despised by his brethren, partly because of who he was, and partly because of the revelation which he conveyed to them. Jesus was rejected because He claimed to be the Son of God, and because of the message of repentance which He brought. (4) Joseph was sold for twenty pieces of silver. Jesus was sold for thirty. (5) The sufferings of Joseph well represent the sufferings of Christ. Such sufferings were testings of his character. In them he sinned not; so Christ was without sin. (6) During the time when Joseph was rejected by his brethren, he took a Gentile wife. Christ is now calling His bride out of every nation. (7) On the second trip of his brethren to Egypt to buy bread, Joseph was made known unto them. The Jews who rejected Jesus, will bow before Him when He comes again.

### 1. JUDAH PLEADS FOR HIS BROTHER

a. *Judah, a Responsible Brother.* When the sons of Jacob were going to return to Egypt for grain, Jacob was reluctant to permit Benjamin to accompany them. So Judah assumed responsibility for his brother. "I will be surety for him... if I bring him not unto thee, ... let me bear the blame forever" (ch. 43:9). This action of Judah on behalf of Benjamin is a beautiful illustration of what our Lord Jesus has done for us—"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament" (Heb. 7:22). Christ is surety for us, the guarantee of redemption in our behalf before the Father. He has taken our place in condemnation, that we might have His righteousness bestowed upon us.

b. *Judah, an Affectionate Brother.* Joseph commanded his steward to put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack with the grain. When the brothers were gone out of the city, he sent his steward after them to accuse them of stealing the silver cup. Joseph said, "The man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant" (ch. 44:17).

They knew not what to say when Joseph's cup was found in Benjamin's sack. They were filled with embarrassment and confusion. All evidence indicated that

theft had taken place, yet none of the brothers accused Benjamin. They felt certain that a mistake had been made and that Benjamin was innocent. Yet how could they prove his innocence?

When Joseph threatened to hold Benjamin as his servant, Judah offered, "Behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found." Even if he could not save Benjamin from this heartless ruler, he thought, he and his brothers would at least share his fate.

c. *Judah, a Dutiful Son.* We admire the spirit of Judah, but his offer was rejected by Joseph. Then Judah began his majestic plea in behalf of his aged father (ch. 44:18-34). If the great man in Egypt would not relent in his decision for Benjamin's sake, would he not for the sake of Benjamin's aged father—taking Judah in Benjamin's place? The heart-felt pleadings of Judah are considered to be among the most tender, affectionate, and artless ever recorded. Every word flowed from the depths of his heart.

### 2. JOSEPH MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

a. *Joseph's Emotion.* The heart of Joseph had yearned over his brethren ever since he first saw them in Egypt. But in order to bring his father and the household to Egypt where he could look after them, he had assumed an air of severity, holding Simeon as hostage until they should return (ch. 42:24). We know that his heart was tender even when he seemed severe, for "he turned himself about from them, and wept" (ch. 42:24). But when he saw all his brothers and heard the humble pleadings of his brother Judah, he could hide his emotions from his brothers no longer. Putting everyone else from him, "he wept aloud." Then he revealed his identity to them: "I am Joseph."

b. *Joseph's Kindness.* How ashamed the brothers must have felt when Joseph made himself known to them! Their hearts must have pricked them as they remembered their evil doings toward him! Now he was next in authority to Pharaoh himself. Would he take revenge upon them for their cruelty? Some would have done so, had they been in Joseph's place. They would have been so bitter that they would not forgive their own brothers. May all who read these lines cultivate a tender spirit of forgiveness.

The brethren stood in awe in the presence

of Joseph, for they knew they were in his hands. They sensed their guilt as memory became awakened. It was within his power to deal with them as he chose. But they needed comfort and assurance, and this he readily gave: "Be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither."

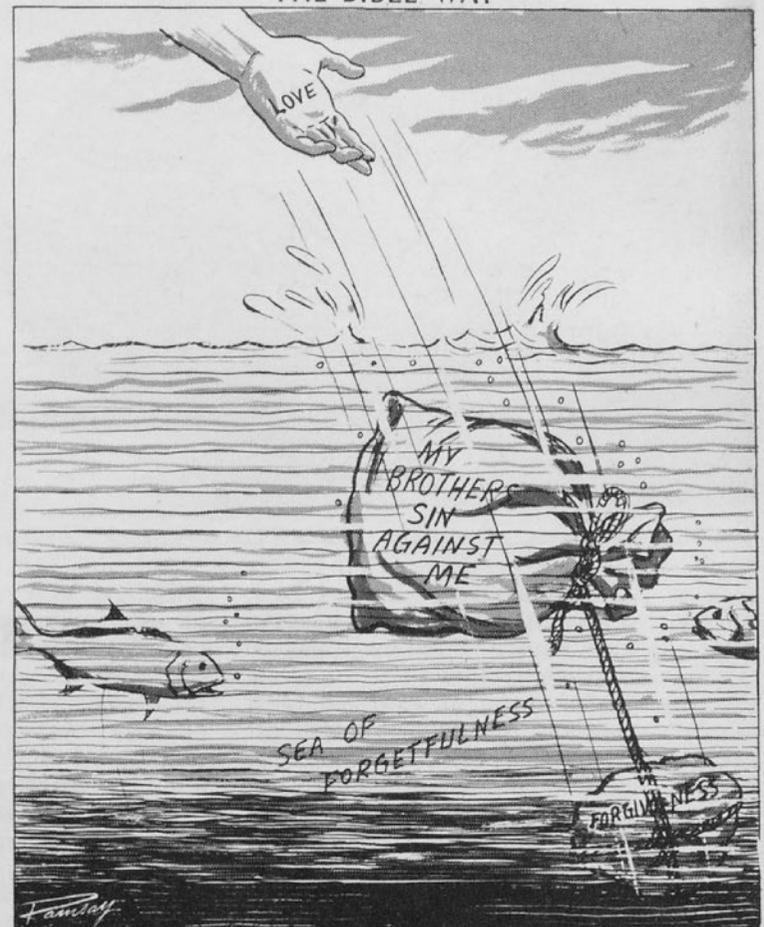
c. *A Beautiful Type.* The spirit shown by Joseph is the same as the spirit shown by our Lord Jesus. When dying on the cross He could say, "Father, forgive them." To the repentant sinner, who has caused Him the sorrows of death, He says, "Be not grieved, all that has happened to Me has been for your good." Christ holds no grudge. He loves us even though we may reject and spurn Him; He saves us when we let Him have His way. Making Himself known to those who have offended Him, He says, "I am Jesus, your brother; I love you and desire your fellowship." Wonderful Jesus!

### 3. JOSEPH SEES GOD'S PURPOSE

a. *"He knoweth the Way That I Take."* The purpose of much that Joseph passed through was obscure to him at the time. He could not see why he had been sold into Egypt, or why he had been thrown into prison without cause, or why he had been neglected by the butler whom he had befriended. Many of our experiences we cannot understand while we are passing through them. Some we do not understand even long afterwards. But we can commit them to God and trust Him, for we have the assurance, "He knoweth the way that I take."

b. *"God Meant It Unto Good."* When

### THE BIBLE WAY



Joseph was promoted in Egypt, he began to understand the reason for his trials. The sorrows through which he had passed were steps in preparation for what he was to be. Preparing him for his mission in life. Joseph saw the full light concerning these experiences, when he made himself known to his brethren: "God did send me before you to preserve life." God intended these hardships to fit Joseph for the tremendous task of providing food for his brethren, and for the world. "God meant it unto good."

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Joseph, Ruler in Egypt (lesson for Sunday, November 29). Lesson text: Genesis 41:38-44, 47, 48, 56, 57.

## This Week's Cover

When the First Assembly of God in Ada, Oklahoma, announced that they were going to erect a large new church building, many people were skeptical. They doubted whether the congregation could do it. But God has enabled the Assembly to erect a buff brick building 46 by 96 feet in size, with a full basement.

The woodwork, furniture and exposed trusses in the auditorium are finished in natural colors of fir, pine and oak. The walls are a soft green color, making it very beautiful. Pastor's study, church office, nursery, large prayer rooms, and rest rooms are all on the main floor. The basement has fifteen class rooms and a large C. A. chapel.

The Women's Missionary Council purchased a new grand piano and presented it to the church for the opening day. The property, valued at \$60,000, carries a debt of only \$16,000.

It was in 1935 that Haskell Rogers organized the Assembly of God in Ada. For many years the people worshiped at 7th and Hope Streets. While B. L. Greene was pastor they built a parsonage next to the church.

Then in 1940 they called Floyd L. Poag to be Pastor. He was followed in 1945 by Woodrow Clay, who had an anointed ministry. In 1947 they invited Brother Poag to return, and it was under his leadership that they voted to build a new church in a more central location. Although there were no funds for the project, the church passed the resolution unanimously. The location, 14th and Constant, was also selected without a dissenting vote. There was marvellous unity throughout the entire undertaking.

God has greatly blessed this Assembly, not only with a beautiful house of worship but also with a steady growth and a deepening spiritual life.

The pastor, Brother Poag, recently resigned to assume new duties as Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma District Council.

## There Is Deliverance For All!

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it to yourself and God, the Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9). You must believe now that He has forgiven you, for it is declared in His Word. You must simply accept the fact that Jesus does not now hold that thing against you. He does not condemn you. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

You may say, "But I don't feel any different, and I have prayed and tried so many times. God hasn't released me nor cleansed me..." That is a wicked thought of unbelief, rising from the fallen nature! Stop doubting! Forget your feelings. Begin to believe God! Be careful and reverent, for the Lord Jesus by His Spirit is standing near you to give you deliverance, and the need of your heart will be met shortly if you will be open, attentive, submissive to His voice. It is true that you are in desperate need of healing for your heart and soul (or body) and God knows it; He is trying to bring you to the place where you will be able to receive and to eat of His Word of life. Before Jesus fed the hungry multitude He commanded, "Make the men sit down." The Lord cannot help you as long as you persist in unbelief, struggling against sin and bondage in the weakness of the flesh, rather than waiting on God. You are letting your own wicked desperate thoughts dominate you when you say, "I am in bondage—God is not helping me." What you ought to say at this point is, "I am in bondage, but I believe God is here, and He will help me if I trust Him." Do not hurry away. "Be still, and know that I am God," the Word says.

Burdened friend, if you cannot get quiet in your heart and soul, if you cannot lay aside your thoughts (your discouragement and despair), then just kneel before the Lord and place your head on Jesus' knees; let Him place His gentle hand on your head, and hear Him say, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Hear Him say, "I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you an heart of flesh: that ye may keep mine ordinances" (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

Be still before the Lord, very still, and let Him thus speak to your heart, for "the entrance of His Word giveth light" (and life). What did Jesus say He would do if you would confess your

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sin? He said that He would forgive you. If you have taken this first step, you are forgiven! Stop now and praise Him that He has received you and that He has not cast you away. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Now that we have received the first part of 1 John 1:9, which is forgiveness, we are ready to receive the second part of the verse, "and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." That means deliverance from the power of sin. If you have followed the truth of this article, it may be that your sinful bondages are already broken, for living faith and love cannot but spring up in the heart of one who believes that Jesus has forgiven all his sins. Forgiveness and cleansing are closely aligned. If you are able to accept His forgiveness by faith, you are able to accept deliverance from all bondage. There is a place of melting and breaking before God, where the power of the flesh and of the devil are broken in a life, and it comes through earnest insistent desire to be freed from sinful bondages; through prayer; and through believing God's Word.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," Jesus said. The truth is that Jesus has borne that bondage that is troubling you, and you need not bear it. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." The Lord Jesus is waiting to write this truth on your heart.

As you worship at the pierced feet of the Saviour who has so graciously poured out His life blood for you; as you kneel at the cross, believing that He has forgiven you, and praise Him for it, surely your tears will begin to flow, the hard spirit will be broken, and the fetters will snap. Do not be satisfied until you do break before the Lord. The Holy Spirit can bring conviction to your heart until you do weep for your sins, and are grieved in spirit that your sins caused the suffering and death of the blessed Saviour.

When this Holy Ghost conviction has gripped your heart, Psalm 51 will be a blessing and a help to you. With the Psalmist you will cry out, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Then the Lord will draw near to you and answer, oh, so sweetly, "I will. Be thou clean. Thy faith hath saved thee." The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart He will not despise.

Now you are a forgiven, cleansed child of God. Satan has no power over you. He is a defeated foe. You have only to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made you free.

No doubt Satan will tempt you again, but you must not let him bluff you. You have God's promise, "Sin shall not have dominion over you." God has placed

within your spirit a strong tower of defense. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous runneth into it, and is safe." When you see the tempter coming, you can turn your back on sin, and you can quickly hide in Jesus. You can "resist the devil, and he will flee from you." You can rejoice because "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation" (2 Pet. 2:7, 9). "Yea, He shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand" (Rom. 14:4).

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:17, 18).

*"He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the vilest clean;  
His blood avails for me."*

—H. B.

Midnight is the exact moment when two days meet. And at midnight the cry went forth, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." The moment of the descending Christ and ascending saints meeting in the sky is the moment when the day of grace dies and the day of judgment is born.—Triumphs of Faith.

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## One Testament Wins a Thousand Souls

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Just think! All this began because one New Testament was brought by a faithful colporteur to Aristedes Diaz, whose heart was ready soil for its life-giving message. Truly, "the Word of God is quick [alive] and powerful."

### EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

You must be filled with the Spirit. A great many people are afraid to be filled with the Spirit of God—afraid of being called fanatics. You are not good for anything until the world considers you a fanatic. Fox said that every Quaker should shake the country for ten miles around. What does the Scripture say? "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight." It takes about a thousand to chase one now! —Moody.

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Colorado .....	2,566	New Mexico .....	1,288
Connecticut .....	390	New York .....	4,144
Delaware .....	232	North Carolina .....	780
District of Columbia .....	1,046	North Dakota .....	964
Florida .....	4,065	Ohio .....	5,506
Georgia .....	2,324	Oklahoma .....	8,467
Idaho .....	1,681	Oregon .....	4,839
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Kansas .....	3,841	South Dakota .....	931
Kentucky .....	897	Tennessee .....	1,162
Louisiana .....	1,890	Texas .....	12,408
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		Canada .....	3,394
		Foreign .....	957
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>150,660</b>

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PITTSBURG, CALIF.—Evangelist Billy Sunday Parks was with us for five nights. His ministry was a blessing to our church, and souls were saved.—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor.

MASON CITY, ILL.—We just closed a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. F. Di Musto of Detroit, Mich. Their ministry in sermon and song was a real blessing. We had many visitors.—Kenneth C. Wallace, Pastor.

MURDO, S. DAK.—We enjoyed a two-week meeting with the Wall Evangelistic Party of Sioux City, Iowa. Souls were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many testified to definite healings.—L. J. Ray, Pastor.

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CHICAGO, ILL.—In October we had a most gracious meeting with Evangelist G. L. McKinney, for two weeks. A number were saved and a number filled with the Spirit. To God be all the glory.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meek, Pastors, Chicago Gospel Assembly.

NEWBURG, OREG.—In October Evangelist and Mrs. G. O. Baker were with us. Night after night the evangelist preached and prayed for the sick under the anointing of the Spirit. Space would not permit us to tell of all who were saved, healed, or reconsecrated to God. One man with a serious rupture was made whole. A lady with poor eyesight had her vision restored.—Nels G. Nien, Pastor.

SUSANVILLE, CALIF.—We recently had a meeting which continued for a month with Evangelists Eddie and Ruth Washington. The saints were built up in the faith, and many sinners found the Lord as their Saviour. Several were filled with the Holy Ghost. Some of these had been seeking for a long time. Brother Washington's able ministry of the Word, and the excellent singing and musical talent, has been a blessing not only to the church but to the Sunday School as well.—Kenneth R. Carney, Pastor.

MOUNT PLEASANT, TEX.—God gave us an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge of Santa Barbara, Calif. They were with us for two weeks. Fifteen were gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost and 12 were saved. An entire Baptist family received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival fires are burning even higher as the days go by.—Roy W. Adams, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CLUTE, TEX.—The Lord gave us a successful meeting with Evangelists Billy Samford and Richard McKeehan of Houston, Tex. Brother Samford and Brother McKeehan fearlessly preached the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Their messages and their music inspired the older people as well as the youth to a deeper spiritual life.

Many were saved, sick bodies healed, and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. The church is growing.—Mike Wright, Pastor.

McKINNEY, TEX.—The Southside Assembly of God, under the able leadership of Pastor R. B. Ring, had a successful Sunday School Enlargement Campaign during October. The attendance increased from 174 the first Sunday to 343 the last Sunday. The Lord blessed during the entire month, souls being saved, believers baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the sick healed by the power of God. The last service was climaxed with six receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit and several being refilled.—B. F. Matthews, Assistant Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—In October, our church was greatly benefited during a meeting with Brother and Sister James C. Merwin, pastors of the Assembly of God in Hollister, Calif. The precious truths of God's Word were made clear and real under the anointed ministry of Brother Merwin. There is no doubt as to the permanent good that was accomplished in the meeting, as Jesus was the attraction and the Word of God was preached with power.—L. D. Krause, Pastor, Gosepl Gleaners Assembly of God.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—A few months ago we accepted the pastorate of the Oak City Assembly here. The Lord has helped us and every department in the church has moved forward. Last Sunday (October 25) we broke the record attendance in Sunday School with 183 present.

We recently closed a meeting with Evangelist James W. Thomaston of Cairo, Ga. The Lord richly blessed us at this time.—Curtis Grant, Pastor.

RAYTOWN, MO.—On March 1, eighteen people, including a number of small children, met in Smith Brothers Hall at Raytown for the purpose of organizing a new Assembly of God. We could only secure this hall for Sunday evening and Friday evening services. We met in the hall for three months and then we put up a tent on a large lot which was donated to the church. The lot, over one acre, with 250 foot frontage on U. S. Hi-way 50, is valued at \$5,000. We held services in the tent until we finished a 40 x 74 basement and entrance. We have 10 class rooms and an assembly room 20 x 60. We are planning to erect the upper structure soon.

The Sunday School averaged 76 last quarter.

We are organizing a C. A. group and starting a children's church. We have a five-piece orchestra and two pianos have been donated to the church. Our people are giving sacrificially to build the new brick veneer church.—John Waugh, Pastor.

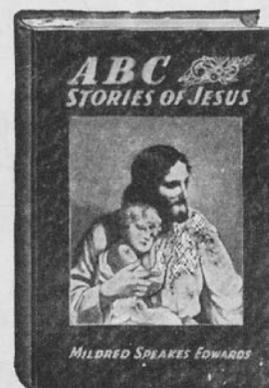
McMINNVILLE, TENN.—God gave us a precious time of revival with Evangelist Willie Malone of Cookeville, Tenn. He was with us for two weeks and ministered the Word under a rich anointing. Fourteen were gloriously saved. Brother Malone preached on the need of a greater consecration. We feel that we have found new depths in God. We will have our building completed soon. At present we are worshipping in a house in which all the partitions have been removed. The average Sunday School attendance is 107. We praise the Lord for what He is doing for us here.—Charles O. Lee, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

MICHIGAN CITY, IND.—Last May my wife and I left the evangelistic field to accept the pastorate of the church here. We are rejoicing in the Lord for the move of the Spirit in our midst. There have been 37 saved and numerous healings and deliverances. One Sunday evening we baptized an individual in Lake Michigan at 10:30 at night. The blessing of the Lord was surely upon us that night.

The Sunday School has had a continuous increase. We reached a goal of 145 one Sunday and the average for one month was 129. Our new address is 104 Dunlap, Michigan City, Ind.—Pastor and Mrs. Stewart H. Robinson.

JENKS, OKLA.—The power of God was witnessed in every service during the three-week meeting with Evangelist Paul Glover and party. Thirty were saved or reclaimed, 66 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 26 followed the Lord in water baptism. Many were healed and delivered. The church benefited by Brother Glover's straight-forward, anointed ministry. A large number of visiting ministers and Christian laymen from other Assemblies of God churches attended the meeting. This revival will live a long time in the hearts of our people.—James Bright, Pastor.

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WELLSVILLE, KANS.—We had a successful ten-day meeting with Evangelist Moses Copeland of Hardin, Mo. Brother Copeland's messages were along the line of victorious living, freedom in the Spirit, and the fullness of the Pentecostal blessings. Three were saved, two were filled with the Spirit, and ten were refilled. Many received healing for their bodies.—Harry L. Lee, Pastor.

NORTHMOOR, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Johnson of Kansas City, Kans. were with us for the last two weeks of September. The power of God was present in each service as Brother Johnson preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Several were saved and healed. The church in general was greatly benefited and uplifted.—Earl Tyson, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—We had a glorious two-week meeting with Brothers Hope Smith and Laurie Price of Belleville, Canada. God met us in a marvelous way, baptizing believers with the Holy Ghost night after night. We are rejoicing over those who came to Christ for the first time, and for the backsliders who were restored. There was a real stir among our young people, and some splendid consecrations were made. One dear woman who had been addicted to drink found the Lord as her Saviour, and then later in the meeting she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps the crowning meeting was the night that Brother Price told us how God had healed him of tuberculosis of the hips when the doctors said he would be a helpless cripple. After Brother Price gave his testimony and prayed for the sick, a wave of God's power swept over the congregation. There were many who received definite healing that night.

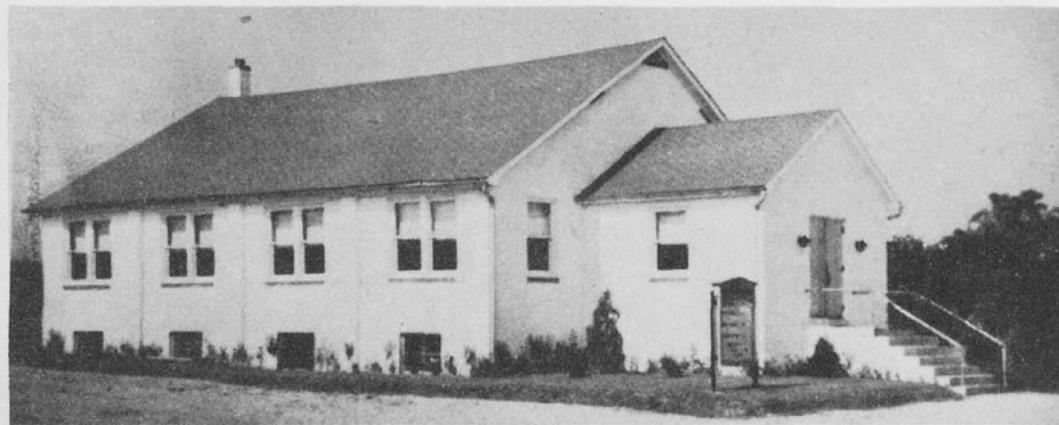
The last Sunday we had 530 in Sunday School which is the highest attendance we have had since we came here. A special "court room" scene entitled, "The Sunday School on Trial," was presented before the Sunday School.

One Sunday morning the evangelists raised over \$6,000 in pledges for the new parsonage. Bob and Don Cartmell of Western Canada assisted in the meeting with gospel songs and music. They were greatly appreciated.—Jack West, Pastor, South Side Assembly of God.

## COMING MEETINGS

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

LAREDO, TEX.—Nov. 29—Dec. 15 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Ft. Worth, Tex. (Charles Davis is Pastor.)



TAXVILLE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH NEAR YORK, PA.

YORK, PA.—We praise God for the mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost during a three-week meeting with Dr. Jonas Miller of Sarasota, Fla. Brother Miller's ministry did much to change many people's attitude toward Pentecost. People who had never gone to a Pentecostal church, attended this meeting night after night and a goodly number of these people have been coming since.

In all there were 20 gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost. One of these was a Presbyterian young lady. The first night she came to the meeting, she remarked that these Pentecostal people had something she did not have. She was at the altar only fifteen minutes when she began singing in the Spirit.

Another outstanding case was that of a young

WAPATO, WASH.—Pentecostal Assembly of God, Dec. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper. (C. O. Gunderson is Pastor.)

LICKING, MO.—Assembly of God, Nov. 22—; Evangelist Carl Willis, Mountain View, Mo.—by Cecil Welch, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Bethel Temple, Dec. 6—14; Sunshine Evangelistic Party, Covington, Ky. (Henry Hoar is Pastor.)

BRUSH, COLO.—Assembly of God, Dec. 8—20; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Paul Baugher, Pastor.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Evangelist Philip A. Megna, Chicago, Ill. (H. M. Snow is Pastor.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—New Laurel Street Tabernacle; Dec. 11, C. A. Rally at 7:45 p.m.; Dec. 13, 3rd Anniversary, all-day meeting with basket dinner. Ralph M. Riggs, speaker.—J. L. Price, Pastor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Victory Temple, First Anniversary services, Dec. 1—7. Special music and speakers.—by E. G. Eskelin, Pastor.

PAYETTE, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelist Carl C. Haas, Springfield, Mo. (R. E. Cull is Pastor.)

BAYTOWN, TEX.—Trinity Tabernacle, Nov. 23—; Evangelist Kenneth Berry and Party, Houston, Tex. (W. S. Graham is Pastor.)

REYNOLDS, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Mrs. Brown of Concordia, Kans., evangelist.—by Stephen L. Anderson, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—First Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Lummer Evangelistic Party. (E. A. Born is Pastor.)

BURLEY, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Dec. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dick Colson. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—by Elmer E. Richardson, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—First annual city-wide Training Course, Northside Assembly, Nov. 30—Dec. 4. Teachers: George Davis, W. L. Suter, Ernie Aldridge, and Clynelle Aldridge. (H. A. Berry is host Pastor.)

HASTINGS, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelist Byrl White, Conway, Mo.—by H. W. Lebsack, Pastor.

married man who was planning to be an officer in the Salvation Army. On the last night of the meeting he came to the altar and was filled with the Spirit. A week later on a Sunday morning his wife also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and now she is teaching a class of small boys and girls.

There were three saved, including a man eighty years old. Several received gracious healings from the Lord.

The work here is just a little over a year old. We left the evangelistic field last March to pastor this church, and we thank God for the fine group of people with whom to work. The Sunday School attendance is running close to sixty.—A. E. Davies, Pastor, Taxville Full Gospel Church.

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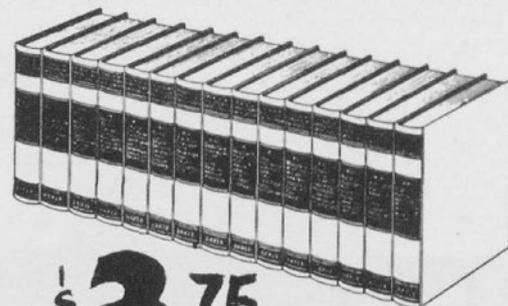
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**GRAHAM, WASH.**—Benston Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelist Sidney S. White.—by Leo Lovin, Pastor.

**ORLANDO, FLA.**—First Assembly of God, Nov. 29—Dec. 20; Evangelist Jonas Miller.—by J. Vernon Cardiff, Pastor.

**TIPP CITY, OHIO**—Assembly of God, Dec. 1—; Evangelist Martin H. Baxter, Minneapolis, Minn. (E. P. Cooper is Pastor.)

**RANGELY, COLO.**—Assembly of God, Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. Tommy Griffin, Las Animas, Colo. (E. F. Chopper is Pastor.)

**CORCORAN, CALIF.**—Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelists R. H. and Louise Bishop, Denver, Colo. (James Ming is Pastor.)

**CHRISTINE, TEX.**—Assembly of God, Dec. 3—13; Evangelist and Mrs. P. H. (Bud) Collins, Oakland, Calif.—by C. G. Collins, Pastor.

**SAN ANTONIO, TEX.**—North Side Assembly of God, Nov. 16 for three weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp, Russellville, Ark. (C. E. McNeely is Pastor.)

**DALLAS, TEX.**—Revival Tabernacle, Nov. 29—Dec. 13 or longer; Evangelists Homer and Gertrude Doyle, Sunnyvale, Calif.—by J. C. McCluskey, Pastor.

**ASH GROVE, MO.**—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelists John Rossmann and J. Roy Bower, Springfield, Mo.—by Victor Maurice, Pastor.

**BEAVER FALLS, PA.**—Assembly of God, Nov. 24—Dec. 6 or longer; Evangelists Lyman and Helen Jollay, Flint, Mich.—by Edwin S. Stevenson, Pastor.

**SPRINGFIELD, OREG.**—Bethel Assembly of God, Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr., Seattle, Wash.—by William Stephens, Pastor.

**WINDBER, PA.**—Pentecostal Assembly of God, Dec. 1—13; Evangelist and Mrs. A. Reynold Kennedy, Austin, Tex.—by Alfred Coletti, Pastor.

**OTTAWA, ONT., CANADA**—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Nov. 18—Dec. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Trenton, Mo. (E. Howard Kerr is Pastor.)

**TAMPA, FLA.**—Area-wide tent meeting, Nov. 20—; Cerullo Evangelistic Party. Faith Clinic at 7 p.m. and evangelistic services at 7:30 p.m. Sunday services 2:45 and 7:30 p.m. (Paul Epler is Pastor.)

**LOUISVILLE, MISS.**—Vernon Assembly of God, Homecoming and dedication of new parsonage and educational building, Dec. 6. Former pastors, members, and friends invited. Revival Nov. 22—Dec. 6 with Evangelist W. J. Roberts.—by J. F. Patton, Pastor.

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