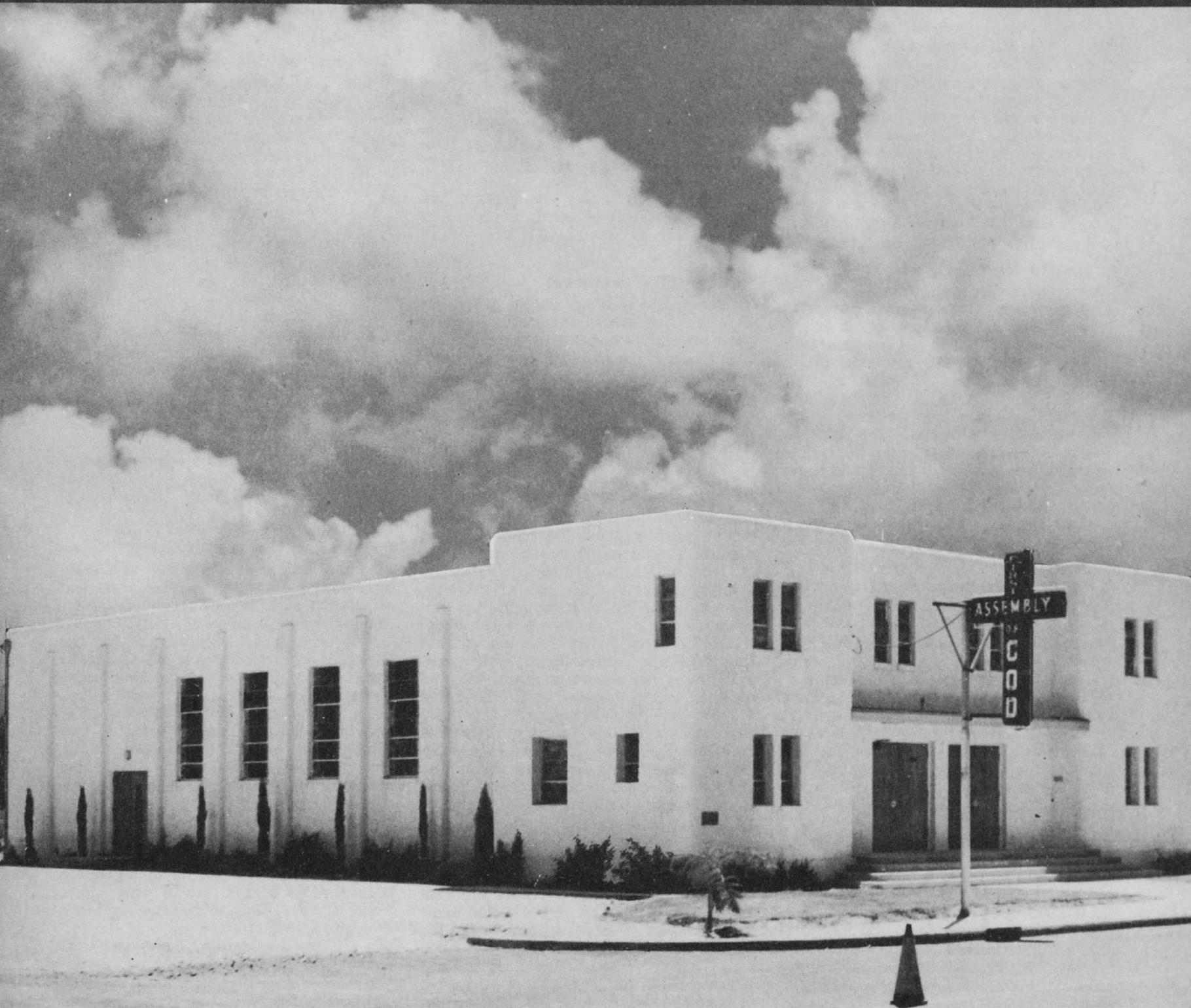


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New church in El Paso, Texas

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## The Bible and Democracy

Says Quentin Reynolds, well-known author and editor: "If I were a dictator the first book I would burn would be the Bible. I'd burn it because I'd realize that the whole concept of democracy came out of that Book."

## Voters Legalize Bingo

There was a statewide referendum in New Jersey last month to legalize bingo and raffles for charity and other good causes. Protestant ministers had condemned bingo as gambling, and therefore morally wrong. Roman Catholic priests had defended it as an innocent game of chance. Evidently most of the voters sided with the priests; they made bingo and raffles legal by a 3-to-1 margin. But the majority is not necessarily right. Those who believe it is wrong to gamble will still refrain from bingo and raffles.

## Cigarette Sales Tripled

A regional meeting of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors at New Orleans was told that cigarette sales have more than tripled in less than twenty years. Total domestic sales in the U.S. increased from 112 billions in 1933 to 397 billions in 1952. There are now 1,300,000 independent retailers selling cigarettes. A speaker said the domestic market is "ever-growing" and shows "no sign of saturation." We might add, however, that the air in public places is getting to be thoroughly saturated with tobacco smoke. If conditions get much worse we may never be able to get the obnoxious odor out of our clothing.

## A Special Christmas Feature

Christmas Sunday will be a high day for the Assemblies of God, for it is then that "Revivaltime" will become a "live" network broadcast.

Beginning December 20, "Revivaltime" will sound forth the *glad tidings of great joy to all people* every Sunday night at 10:30 p.m. in all time zones, over the coast-to-coast network of the American Broadcasting Company. The event will mark the beginning of a new and greater era of evangelistic ministry by our Radio Department.

One pastor in the New York-New Jersey District is going to have a radio in the church on Christmas Sunday, and he is going to continue his night meeting until 10:30 p.m. Then he will turn on "Revivaltime" right in the church; and following the broadcast he will provide opportunity for the congregation to give an offering toward the cost of this great evangelistic effort.

"Perhaps this could be done in other churches," suggests Richard J. Bergstrom, District Secretary-Treasurer, when relaying the above information.

## Germans Making Restitution

The Government of West Germany is paying millions of dollars to Israel, in the form of German goods, in reparation for the losses which Jewish people suffered under the Hitler regime. A third batch of orders included \$4,375,000 worth of agricultural products. This brings the total of Israel orders for German reparations goods to \$21,800,000.

## Israel's Fertile Soil

The remarkable fertility of Israel's soil would indicate that God's blessing still rests upon the land. At the recent "Conquest of the Desert" exposition in Jerusalem the following statistics were revealed:

The average citrus production per dunam (one-quarter acre) in Spain is .9 of a ton; in the U.S.A it is 1.6 tons; in Israel it is 2.8 tons.

## Trading Pork for Fowl

The Jews frown on eating pork, but they are not averse to raising pigs for other people to eat if it is to their financial advantage. It is reported that an Israel firm has been licensed by the government to export a thousand tons of pork products, and to utilize the \$700,000 so gained for importing a supply of geese and ducks to supplement Israel's small meat ration.

## Raising Sheep in Israel

God said that in the day when He would regather Israel the land that was desolate should again be "an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down" (Jeremiah 33:12). Accordingly, the raising of sheep is becoming an important industry in Israel once again.

The *National Jewish Post* reports that the Argentine Government, which normally bans the export of live sheep, has made a special concession to the Israel Government in allowing the export to that country of 10,000 pedigree Corridale and Merino sheep. The first 200 sheep already have been sent to Israel. The animals will graze in the southern Negev, where breeding conditions are similar to those in Argentina.

## A Plague of Locusts

The sudden outburst of locusts may be a singularly ominous sign of the end. As *The Midnight Cry* puts it: "The worst locust plagues of modern times visited the Middle East in 1951 and again in 1952. The locusts devoured every green and growing thing for hundreds of thousands of square miles, leaving the land behind them brown and barren. *The United Nations World* (July 1953) described the organized campaigns that have been carried out against the locusts during those

years. Billions were killed; but in spite of all the money, time and effort spent, there are apparently more locusts in the world today than there were a year ago. This year the plague extends all the way from central Africa to the Far East, threatening the entire food supply of one-fourth of the earth's inhabitants.

"In a recent plague in Brazil, locusts formed a column sixty miles wide, blocked roads, stalled trains, invaded houses, and destroyed 60,000 tons of wheat."

Locusts are one of the three plagues God threatened to send upon His people if they disobeyed Him, the other two being drought and pestilence (2 Chron. 7:13). The sending of the "latter rain" upon Israel is to follow just such plagues as these (Joel 2:21-27).

## Christian Writers to Meet

The sixth annual Christian Writers Conference is expected to draw a record number of writers, would-be writers, and editors to Chicago January 28-30, 1954. Featured speakers will include Joye Hoekzema, short-story author; Ethel Barrett of Good News Productions; Harry Dixon Lees, well-known composer; Alvera Johnson Mickelson, associate professor of journalism at Wheaton College; and editors from the Evangelical Press Association which will meet in joint session with the Conference on January 28.

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, author of such books as "Disciplines of Life," will speak at the annual banquet, and George Beverly Shea, well-known gospel baritone, will sing.

Lectures and workshops on writing radio and TV scripts, book-length fiction and non-fiction, short stories, articles, and songs will be held both mornings and afternoons in the offices of "Christian Life" Magazine, 434 South Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Illinois.

## Persecution and Growth

From the Protestant churches of Colombia come reports both of persecution and of growth. Is there not a connection between these two subjects?

A recent bulletin published by the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia stated that fifty-one Protestant men, women, and children have been killed, 42 church buildings destroyed, many other buildings damaged or confiscated, and 110 primary schools closed—all during the past five years. During the same period Protestant church membership increased 51 per cent.

The statement, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church," has proved true in Colombia. Not only has the Church grown, but no doubt it has been purified by the fires of persecution. There are not likely to be any hypocrites in a persecuted church!

## Isaiah 53 Omitted

An Israel friend writes: "Every evening we hear a chapter read from the Old Testament over the radio. When they arrived at Isaiah 53, however, they skipped it without any explanation. Isn't that a give-away?"—*Prophecy*.

# God's Cure for Worry

K. L. Claycomb\*

Scripture reading: Psalm 37:1-7.

WE ARE LIVING in a period characterized by nervous tension, hurry and worry. All around us we can see the evidences and the results of this tenseness in which the world is living. We have only to go to our hospitals and mental institutions or to visit the doctor's office to find that many people have been affected and some seriously by the tension of our times. Nervous breakdowns, mental crack-ups multiply. Many seem to have "the jitters." People are worrying over things beyond their control. The question comes to us as God's children, "Is this the best God's people can expect?"

I am well aware that to speak upon this subject is to lay one's self open to criticism. However, I must say that I cannot find in the Scriptures any indication that we are to give way to a worried, distressed attitude. Rather we are taught that God will bring us into a place of rest and quiet where there is an absence of all anxious worry and fret.

Our Scripture lesson begins with a very definite command in this regard. The Psalmist says, "Fret not thyself." The word "fret" means "to agitate, to irritate, or to wear away by friction." In modern terms the Psalmist's advice would be, "Don't work yourself up into a nervous tension or disturbed condition." Now the commands of God are always accompanied by His enabling grace. In this case we find the Psalmist following with a list of four things which, if faithfully practiced, will result in a life free from worry and distressing anxiety. We find them listed in verses three, four, five, and seven. Let us look at them one at a time.

## I

Verse three exhorts us to, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." To trust means to lean upon, or to place confidence in. This is always the first step to a life of peace and calm, free from worry and anxious care. Someone has said, "If I trust the Lord I don't worry; and if I worry I don't trust." Surely we have not entered into that life of trust God desires for us if we are worrying and fretting.

We need to trust the Lord to give

what is best for us. Many times we are so desirous of a certain thing that we begin to fret in trying to bring it to pass. If it is really best for us God will bring it to pass. His way of dealing with us may not be what we desire at the moment, but afterward we will be able to look back and see where it was best.

To be free from worry we must trust God to meet us in our circumstances. It is a human folly to imagine that if our environment or circumstances were different we would be more victorious. However, God is never glorified when we change our own circumstances, in order to avoid some situation we do not like. God wants to meet you where you are. Be willing to stay in the place of testing until you have proved that God can meet you there in that set of circumstances.

We must trust Him to meet our every need. Our needs lie in four main areas of life—spiritual, physical, financial, and mental. Many will feel that they have needs of the first three kinds, but they are exempt from any mental need. However, we are all subject to the tormenting attacks of the adversary in our minds. Even this area of our lives is taken care of, for God has left us a promise in Philippians 4:19 which is broad enough to take it in—"My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Therefore let us trust Him to solve all problems as we commit them to Him.

## II

The second divinely given cure for worry is found in verse four where we are told, "Delight thyself in the Lord." Much of the fretting of the present age comes because we delight in earthly things. Analyze your concern of the past few weeks and see how much of it was over lost souls and your own or someone else's spiritual condition. You will be amazed to find that the things that have distressed you most were, after all, things of the earth. I am sure you will agree that such a condition ought not to be. If we would turn our thoughts as much toward things of the Spirit, and become as much concerned over lost souls as we are over earthly things, how much we could do for God.

To delight in the Lord speaks of effort



## THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd. What want can be mine?  
My hand is clasped close in that dear hand of Thine.  
Thy pastures are green, and Thy waters are still;  
My soul is restored as it drinketh its fill.

All day for Thy name's sake Thou leadest my feet  
In paths that are righteous and pleasant and sweet.  
What though through the valley of death I must go  
I fear not its shadow of evil, I know

That Thou wilt go with me each step of the way,  
Thy rod and Thy staff for my comfort and stay.  
I dine at Thy table; Thine own hand doth pour  
The oil on my head. My cup runneth o'er.

Thy goodness and mercy shall not leave my side  
Till at last in the house of my Lord I abide.

—Martha Snell Nicholson.

and submission to the will of God. It implies also a praiseful attitude. It is not always easy to delight ourselves in God's way of dealing with us. Sometimes He must correct us. Paul declares in Hebrews 12:11 that no chastening for the present brings joy, but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are exercised thereby. In chastening we must look beyond the present and see the future benefit. Only then will we be able to delight in God's chastening hand. May God help us, in these days of so much earthly care, to delight in His way of dealing with us; to delight in His holy word; and to praisefully wait the blessings He yearns to bestow.

## III

Our third cure for a fretful heart is in verse five, where we are exhorted to commit our way to the Lord. It means literally to "roll thy way upon the Lord." In this matter we have three things to commit to God.

First, we must commit our desires to God. It is possible to want a thing so badly that we worry about how it will be brought to us. If the thing we are longing for is really best for us, it will come

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our way in God's time. His time is so much better than our time.

Next, we must commit to God the things that are impossible to us. Many worry over the salvation of loved ones or over plans that they cannot bring to pass. To be sure, God would have us to be burdened for these lost ones, but there is a real difference between a burden and a worry. A burden presses us to God in prayer and we stay there until we have prayed through—then we leave it with God to work out all the impossible details. A worry may drive us to God in prayer but often we arise from our knees still carrying the burden. Let us learn to take our impossible things to Him in prayer and leave them there in faith that He will bring them to pass. Certainly we will still come before the Lord and remind Him of the concern we carry for our loved ones, but after prayer we will rest in faith that He will move upon their hearts.

Lastly, we are told to commit our burdens and cares to the Lord. First Peter 5:7 exhorts us—"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

#### IV

The final step in a cure for worry is found in verse seven. Here we are exhorted to "rest in the Lord." It is here we prove our faith by placing things that would distress and worry us in His hands, and resting in Him. This means to be silent; to be still; to be surrendered. What a joy and a privilege to rest in Him. We are reminded of the words of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." May God grant to us the secret of resting in Him in these troubled times.

These four steps will free us from the worry so prevalent in our day. They will bring us into a place of quietness and confidence. It is only then that we are strong and able to be at our best for God. Remember Isaiah's promise, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." This is directly opposite to a life of worry. God grant that we shall experience it in our daily walk.

Make God thy last thought at night when thou sleepest and thy first thought when thou wakest; so shall thy fancy be sanctified in the night, and thy understanding be rectified in the day; so shall thy rest be peaceful and thy labors prosperous.—*Quarles*.

## 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.*

### ARTHRITIS

About three years ago I was suffering with arthritis in my right shoulder and in both legs below the knees. The pain was so severe that I could not walk two blocks without stopping for a while.

Evangelist W. V. Grant was conducting a meeting in the First Assembly of God in North Little Rock, Ark. My wife and I heard that the Lord was saving and healing people, so we went. That night Brother Grant called out, "Will the one suffering with arthritis in the right shoulder please come up. I want to pray for him." My wife was suffering with arthritis in her right shoulder, too; so before I could get to my feet, she got up and went to the platform for prayer. She was healed instantly! But before she reached the platform, I felt the healing virtue of Jesus in my right shoulder, and I too was instantly healed.

Later Brother Grant prayed for my legs. Again I felt the healing virtue as Jesus healed them instantly. I have never had arthritis since. I thank and praise God for healing me.—Major Batson, 1416 Allis St., Little Rock, Ark.

*(Endorsed by Pastor T. J. Gotcher, North Little Rock, Ark.)*

### DISLOCATED HIP

When I was thirteen, I tripped over a small rock, dislocating my hip and knocking a chip off my pelvic bone. When the hip healed the socket made a new resting place instead of going into the original groove. This caused one leg to be shorter than the other, and my spine to be slightly curved. Also one shoulder was noticeably higher than the other.

I was in and out of the hospital for over a year. I wore a brace for quite a while and attended a school for cripples for two terms. The school was for cardiacs and polio cases. The brace extended from

my heel to my waistline. At the age of seventeen, the doctor prescribed that the left heels of all my shoes be lifted. This straightened out the curve in my spine but did not help my hip.

One night in October, while I was attending a revival at our church, I felt God do something for me during the prayer for dismissal. When I got home I put on a pair of shoes that had not been built up, and they felt fine. I have worn them ever since.

The most wonderful part about this miracle is that I did not go through a prayer line, nor did I pray for myself. The Lord just healed me! My hip is now normal and the chip on my pelvic bone repaired.—Mrs. John Andahl, 1244 S. Sutter St., Stockton, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Leonard H. Rogers, Stockton, Calif., who says that Sister Andahl's healing has been a great blessing to the church and that they have her built-up shoe in the pulpit for a testimony.)*

## Reading the Bible

When you come to this Book the great point is to come with a deep consciousness of your ignorance, seeking on your knees the help of God, that by His Holy Spirit He may graciously instruct you.

I remember when I thus began to read the Scriptures. I had been a student of divinity in the University of Halle, and had written many a long manuscript at the lectures of the professor of divinity; but I had not come to this blessed Book in the right spirit.

At length I came to it as I had never done before. I said, "The Holy Ghost is the Teacher now in the Church of Christ; the Holy Scriptures are now the rule given by God: from them I must learn His mind—I will now prove it." I locked my door. I put my Bible on the chair. I fell down before the chair, and spent three hours prayerfully reading the Word of God; and I unhesitatingly say, that in those three hours I learned more than in any previous three, six, or twelve months' period of my life.

This was not all. I not only increased in knowledge, but there came with that knowledge a peace and joy in the Holy Ghost of which I had known little before.—*George Muller*.

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## MISSIONS AT HOME

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### EVANGEL ARTICLES IN BRAILLE

by Mrs. Edward Whitney

I did not read my Bible that Sunday morning. I did not pray, either. Instead, I sat as one in a trance, with the Word of God opened upon my lap, while the Lord spoke to my heart. For an entire hour He dealt with me showing me what it would be like if I could not see to read His precious Word.

That same Sunday (Oct. 16, 1949) the story of how God had led Gladys Carrington to transcribe Christian literature into Braille was in the "Gospel Gleaners." That story moved me as nothing had before. I wrote to Sister Carrington immediately. When she answered she sent a copy of the Braille alphabet. She also sent my name to a Braille library for which she was transcribing. The secretary of that library sent me a Braille manual and a corresponding ink print book which she had borrowed from the Library of Congress. In this book was a list of all the Braille libraries and magazines in this country. Eagerly I sought for a full gospel work. There was none listed. All kinds of secular reading matter were there; there was also good fundamental religious matter; also there was much that was false and would lead men and women away from salvation. As far as I could tell from the list, the library which had sent me the manual was the best of all. I did several volumes for them. But I was not content. How could I be?

Years before, while attending another church, I had found in my Bible that God had more for me, and I cried out to Him until in His great mercy He led me to a Pentecostal church—Brightmoor Tabernacle (Assemblies of God) in Detroit, Michigan. Now I am convinced that among the blind there are those who are crying out for more of God, and my heart burns with the desire to share this message with them too.

I wrote the Gospel Publishing House and elsewhere, trying to find such a work that I could help. I failed to find it. So in August of 1951, I began to transcribe Pentecostal literature into standard English Braille in my own home. At that time I did not know a single blind person. But I knew there were many of them and I could not resist the urge the Lord had put into my heart. I have learned since that there are four hundred thousand blind persons in the United States and Canada. What a congregation! How many of them are our full gospel churches ministering to? How many of

"And God said, Let there be light; and there was light." As the deftly searching fingers of a blind reader probe out the first lines of the Bible in Braille, light enters his mind and heart.



them could we reach with Braille literature? My heart is burning with a desire to reach every last one with our glorious full gospel message.

The very first request we received for Braille literature was for a man who is both blind and deaf. His daughter was in an Assemblies of God Sunday School class. When the teacher called in the home she wanted to help that father. The only way she could talk to him was for his wife to spell out what she said in his hand. So she wrote to the Gospel Publishing House for tracts in Braille. They sent her my name. The blind man's wife and daughter told the teacher that he wept continually as he read the first Braille book, and said it was the first time he had wept in years. He has not yet found complete victory in Jesus, but his attitude toward life and people has been changed. Just recently he had his daughter write me a desperate plea for prayer. He wants to know Jesus. Please join me in praying for him.

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Concerning Mrs. Whitney and this unique ministry into which the Lord has led her, Mrs. Clarence Goudie, wife of our Assembly of God pastor at Watertown, Wisconsin, writes:

"The Whitney family lives on a farm just four miles out of Watertown. They have three boys in grammar school and one little girl of pre-school age. With Mr. Whitney using the family car in his work, Mrs. Whitney is without transportation facilities during the day. Ordinarily one would feel that it was impossible to do any Christian work under such circumstances, but with Mrs. Whitney this is not the case, for she dearly loves the Lord, and has found an avenue of service in which she too may help to spread the gospel.

"Every spare moment, after the many household tasks are completed, has been put into diligent, tireless effort in the mastering and writing into Braille. She now has a great number of articles written, most of them taken from THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. The problem that now faces her is the distribution of these

Braille copies. How can we help her to put this material into the hands of those who need it so badly?"

Undoubtedly many who read this article know of one or more blind persons who would be happy to have access to Pentecostal literature in Braille. We suggest that those interested write to Mrs. Edward Whitney, Route 7, Watertown, Wisconsin. Since the mailing of this material will involve considerable expense, sufficient money for postage and handling should be included with your request.

This could be an excellent project for young people's groups who visit the blind, and for women's Missionary Council groups.

Following is a list of articles from THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL which Mrs. Whitney has transcribed into standard English Braille:

- "Is It Hard To Be Saved?" by Wesley R. Steelberg
- "Jesus, the Name That Saves," by Emil Balliet
- "How To Seek God," by Walter H. Beuttler
- "A Slave to Drink and Dope," by Walter D. Lascelle
- "I'll Never Forget 'Boats,'" by Bob Murfin
- "Bringing God Into a Hopeless Situation," by T. J. Jones
- "A Light in a Dark Place," by Bob Pierce
- "Thou Worm—Thou Shalt Thresh Mountains," by L. E. Maxwell
- "The Lord Thy Physician," by Wesley R. Steelberg
- "How Much Do You Owe to God?" by J. O. Savell
- "Come Ye Up Out of Jordan," by Zelma Argue
- "Baptized With the Holy Spirit," by Glen D. Anderson
- "It Happened in Korea," by Kenneth F. Berry
- "Death Has Been Defeated," by A. T. Pierson
- "How I Received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit," by J. Roswell Flower
- "A Plea for Reverence," by Lloyd Christiansen
- "Some Words in Jesus Name," by Carpenter
- "Christ Is the Answer," by W. E. McAlister
- "Fix Your Gaze on Calvary," by Robt. W. Cummings
- "You Are Being Watched," by C. M. Ward
- "God's Witness in the Earth," by Hattie Hammond
- "The Threefold Aspect of Calvary," by Gorman
- "So Near and Yet So Far," by Hodgson
- "The Purpose of Calvary," by Emil Balliet
- "The Personal Passion for Christ," and other articles.

# Youth With a Mission

Grace Carroll

There are approximately 2,500 young people enrolled in ten Assemblies of God Bible institutes and Bible colleges. These young people are not confused. They have a mission in life. They are preparing for Christian service and are winning souls in the process! Last year they won more than 1,000 souls for Christ in their outstations, and gave approximately \$70,000 for World Missions.

AS AUGUST, 1953, came to a close, school bells once more rang out across the nation! Trains and buses became crowded with excited youngsters and filled with their childish prattle. With tender oversight, mothers watched their children march away to school for the first time!

Schools had opened again in America, and their classrooms and campuses were bustling with activity. But the little one-room schoolhouse on the country hill seemed lonesome and deserted. There were no children's footsteps and gay voices to break the silence within her walls. These historic little institutions of learning are fast disappearing from the American scene!

Soon the campuses of our own Assemblies of God Bible institutes and Bible colleges were filled with activity, too. Two thousand, four hundred, seventy-two young people found their way to our ten Bible schools across the country! And these students became the friends of the little, forsaken country school. Any of them can tell you what has happened to many of those country schoolhouses, for these Assemblies of God Bible schools seem to have an understanding with those deserted buildings! 'Both stand for a historic faith that appears to be slipping from the grasp of a materialistic age! And so the little, deserted schoolhouse reached out its hands to assist in keeping the banner of faith waving in the ever-growing darkness of uncertainty and gloom.

Let us consider the little schoolhouse at Elwood, Missouri, ten miles west of Springfield. It remained vacant after years of youngsters' tramping in and out of its doors! But in the spring of 1951, student Alvin G. Blackard and his wife discovered it there—just sitting! A vacant one-room schoolhouse—irresistible to a theological student!

"We were students at Central Bible Institute," explains Pastor Blackard, "when we found this school building. There was one family in the Elwood community interested in getting a church started. So we came out and rented the school building. The first Sunday we had ten in Sunday School. After eight or nine months we were able to purchase the building, together with an acre of ground

on the corner, for \$2,500. We paid \$500 down and are paying the balance out in monthly payments of \$50.

Lorraine Munger, Secretary to CBI's President, and Marilyn E. Johnson, Assistant Registrar (both graduates of Northwest Bible College in Seattle), are assisting Pastor Blackard in ministry to these people. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyles, students of CBI, are the other members of the outstation squad. These six, as well as interested persons in the community rolled up their sleeves for work.

There was much to be done before the schoolhouse would be ready for church services. First of all, there were no seats. So student Blackard began making them at home in his own garage at night. When he had finished, there were ten benches all planed and varnished. Then there was cleaning and painting to be done on the building. Everyone helped with that. The men brought their weed-cutting implements, brooms, and paint brushes. The ladies came along, too, to furnish food for their hard-working husbands and to help with the cleaning. Soon the little building was gleaming because of its thorough scrubbing and freshly painted walls. The one-room schoolhouse bustled with activity once again. It sat proudly, housing



The abandoned school that became a church

its bulging congregation like a mother hen hovering over her young biddies.

Knocking on doors and inviting people out for services brought results. The Sunday School attendance increased from ten that first Sunday in May to seventy-nine in a few short months. At present, there are four classes in the Sunday School. The beginner-primary class, taught by Mrs. Blackard, is conducted in one corner of the room; and a screen shields it from the large class of adults in the center section, which the pastor teaches. The junior and teen-age classes are on opposite ends of the platform. Mrs. Holdcome teaches the juniors, and Hubert Boyles the teen-agers.

During the infancy of this church quite a few have been saved and filled with the Spirit. In the first eighteen months of its existence there have been two baptismal services in which seventeen were baptized in water. Pastor Blackard, graduating last spring from CBI, moved his little family out to the Elwood community so that he could be one with his people.

The enthusiastic congregation of this little schoolhouse-church has launched a building program. More than \$1,100 was given in cash and pledges the first Sunday of the project. They plan to build a new church on the front corner of the ground. But the little schoolhouse will not be deserted again; it will be utilized as the educational building to house the growing Sunday School. The church is to be set in order within the next few weeks by the Southern Missouri District Council.

From Central Bible Institute alone, twenty-three such "outstation" groups go out and minister regularly to outlying communities. The other Assembly schools likewise have groups of students who are busy evangelizing the communities surrounding their schools. During the school year of 1952-1953 there were 1,002 persons saved and 106 who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit through the ministry of the students in six of the Assemblies of God schools reporting the results of their students' ministry last year!

The largest total number reported saved in outstation ministry was 432—at North Central Bible Institute. Southwestern Bible Institute reported 265 saved; Glad Tidings Bible Institute, 160; and Central Bible Institute, 110. Thirty-five received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the outstation ministry at Southwestern Bible Institute, thirty-one at Central Bible Institute, and twenty-five at Glad Tidings.

Central Bible Institute and Southwestern Bible Institute each opened seven new outstations last year. Five were opened by the students of North Central Bible Institute. Great Lakes Bible Institute reported one new work. Three new story-hour classes were opened at South-Eastern Bible Institute. A total of twenty-three

new outstations and story-hour classes were opened by all the schools.

As a result of one story-hour class, a new Assembly has been opened in Springfield by students of CBI. This new church is called the Eastland Assembly of God. Students began by conducting a story-hour in a private home in east Springfield. Then they held a prayer service for the parents of the children on Thursday evening in a rented house. After one year, the church has purchased two lots for \$1,500 and has erected a frame building for another \$1,500. The building has been completely paid for, largely by student contributions. The students supervised the purchase of the ground and the construction of the church building.

But our Bible school students have more than a local vision. Their vision is worldwide! The following list will serve to show the amount of missionary offerings contributed by our schools (students and faculty) during the calendar years of 1951 and 1952. The figures are taken from the official records of the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield.

School	Total offering	Per capita
Southwestern Bible Institute Waxahachie, Texas	\$23,028.94	\$23.54
Central Bible Institute Springfield, Missouri	15,856.27	12.15
North Central Bible Institute Minneapolis, Minnesota	13,718.37	21.84
Southern Calif. Bible College Costa Mesa, California	5,220.38	10.19
Eastern Bible Institute Green Lane, Pennsylvania	2,997.56	8.44
South-Eastern Bible Institute Lakeland, Florida	2,553.67	9.32
Northwest Bible College Seattle, Washington	2,327.29	6.98
Glad Tidings Bible Institute Santa Cruz, California	2,034.00	7.70
South Central Bible College (merged with CBI, 1953)	1,745.93	10.39
Great Lakes Bible Institute Zion, Illinois	109.69	.68
New England Bible Institute Framingham, Massachusetts	95.25	.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,687.35</b>	<b>\$13.73</b>

These hard-pressed students actually gave 25% more per capita than the national average for the entire constituency of the Assemblies of God.

This year, the students are out again—knocking on doors, preaching the gospel, opening new works, conducting street meetings, winning souls for Christ! Abandoned, deserted one-room schoolhouse—the friendly smile of an Assemblies of God student greets you! Together with him you can still do much for your community!

But this outside gospel ministry is not the only activity that occupies the time of an Assemblies of God student. In the classroom and chapel and on the campus he is ever learning! Godly, Spirit-filled teachers exemplify the highest type of Christian character. Rich truths of God's Holy Word are explored! The Holy Spirit Himself guides and instructs in every phase of school life! The finest training that can be had anywhere is found in our Bible schools. Courses in Bible, theology, Christian education, missions, and music are provided for Pentecostal young men and women who wish to devote their whole lives to the service of God.

So the work goes on in the schoolhouses, deserted churches, and halls; in the highways and byways; in the classrooms; on the campus; in the dining room; in the peaceful atmosphere of the "quiet hour." These fine young men and women are preparing for service, a vocation in life with ETERNITY'S VALUES IN VIEW! They are not confused! They know what they are doing, and where they are going! They have learned the secret of successful living from the words of the Master, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it" (Mark 8:35).

You can invest your time in souls by



The little tots learn to pray in Mrs. Blackard's Sunday School class

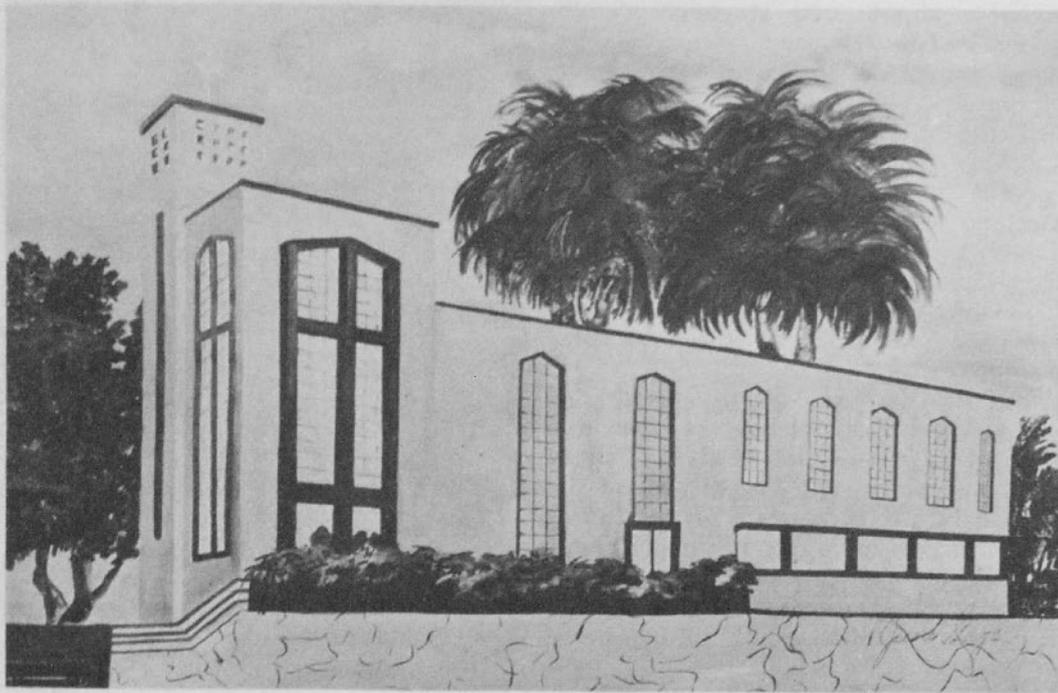
praying for these young folk who plan to enter the harvest fields for the Lord. Encourage your young people to attend one of these Pentecostal schools. It will increase the effectiveness of their ministry and intensify the fruitfulness of their own lives; it will result in the transformation of many other lives through their later ministry.

If you would like to know more about what is happening inside our schools; if you would like to know more about the objectives of the students and faculty; if you would like to have a greater share in contributing to the program of these schools, you may write to them. They invite your suggestions and contributions.

Pastor Alvin G. Blackard addresses his congregation at the Elwood Assembly of God, where church school desks.

Lorraine Munger leads the group in some heart-felt gospel songs, while Marilyn Johnson and Hubert Boyles provide musical accompaniment.





The above is an artist's painting of the proposed new building in Kowloon, Hong Kong. Because of a growing congregation in the present Nathan Road Assembly, it is imperative that a new building be erected.

## Hong Kong Assembly MUST Be Built

Because of Recent Revival Results

The Pentecostal people of the Assemblies of God church in Hong Kong have been praying for years for a new church building. At last it appears that their prayers shall be answered. Following the recent Holy Ghost revivals conducted by Evangelist Harvey McAlister, the need for a new building has become so urgent that H. A. Park believes it is time to erect the new building. Brother Park has encouraged a building fund from the local congregation in years gone by, and reports a total of \$8,500 U. S. currency on hand at present. No other field has a more worthy and deserving need. May all the friends of foreign missions take this burden upon their hearts at this time. The sum of \$7,500 is urgently needed.

Hong Kong is called the "show window of democracy." It is the port where representatives from every city, village and hamlet of China gather together—a great mass of humanity. Every Chinese brought to Christ becomes a potential light-bearer among his countrymen. Because of the great influx of refugees from China proper to the city, it has become one of the greatest fields of opportunity for the spreading of the gospel.

For many years the Nathan Road Mission has been packed to capacity. In recent years there has never been room enough for the crowds who have come to the services. And now, since the recent revivals under Brother McAlister's ministry, something must be done immediately to accommodate the crowds.

Let us quote from some recent letters: *"Thursday morning 450 people remained to pray around the altars; almost everyone seemed to be under the power of God. During those meetings 100 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. People have been coming from other denominations to seek the Baptism. A goodly number of Presbyterians have received the Pentecostal experience.... People of every class have been attending the services; many have been converted, and new families brought into the church...."*

*"Evangelist Harvey McAlister's ministry has been a great blessing in our midst. Never in thirty years in China have I witnessed so many people kneeling with upraised hands waiting for the blessed Comforter to fill them. They have come from many denominations and their attitude is a genuine openness of heart, and hunger for God. Each morning at ten o'clock the tabernacle has been filled and hundreds standing outside...."*

Harland A. Park, our missionary, has gone ahead in faith, and has planted a sign on a lot in Kowloon which reads, "Site for the new Assemblies of God church." By faith they are planning to erect a building with 1000 seats.

We commend this worthy need to the people of the American churches. If ever there is a genuine and urgent need it is this one in Kowloon, Hong Kong. Send all offerings to: "The New Hong Kong Church Building," Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., U.S.A.

## New Church in Seoul

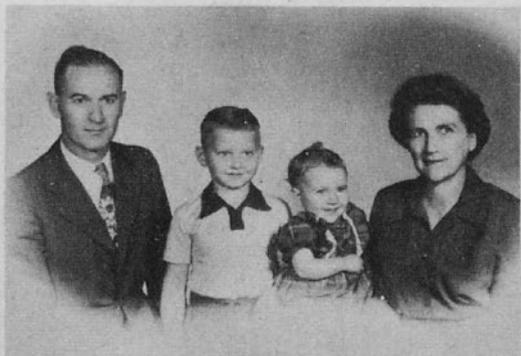
For many months the Pentecostal believers in Seoul have been without a church building in which to worship. Poverty stricken, with scarcely enough money to buy food, the believers nevertheless have not given up hope or faith in Jesus Christ. They have earnestly prayed that the Lord would in some way supply their need of a church building in which they might worship Him. The way in which the Lord has provided these needed funds is a most interesting story.

Strangely enough the story begins on the island of Guam! There, a year or so ago, a group of consecrated Christian men became greatly interested in the salvation of the lost on Guam. They did what they could toward the evangelization of the people, and they began to lay aside money which would eventually be used to establish a permanent work there. It was the hope of these fine men that eventually a missionary couple could be sent to Guam.

However, it did not as yet seem practicable to open a work in this new field; neither did it seem right to keep these offerings from being used somewhere for the Lord's glory. The Foreign Missions Department therefore requested permission to use these Guam funds in order to help build a church in Seoul, Korea. This kind permission was granted. The Guam offerings amounted to \$701.55. Enough more was added to this amount to make a total of \$1,500 and this money was sent to our representative in Korea, Arthur B. Chestnut, to construct a memorial chapel in Seoul.

It has greatly rejoiced the hearts of our Korean brethren to know that they will have a building adequate for their needs. Land had previously been purchased so that the entire amount of \$1,500 can be used for constructing the building.

The fine group of servicemen who helped to make this building possible has long since been disbanded, but we hope that through reading this in the EVANGEL some of them at least will learn how their offerings have been used. They will rejoice to know that they have been instrumental in rendering very real assistance to the church in Seoul. May God reward them every one!



The J. W. Tucker family, Congo Belge



Mr. and Mrs. K. Weigel, India

## MISSIONARY News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Nicodemus returned to the States in August and can be reached at Route 3, Box 227, Alderwood Manor, Washington.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merian, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weigel and family, sailed on November 7 for Calcutta and Madras, India, respectively.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker and family sailed for the Congo Belge, via Europe, on October 26 for another term of service.

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Miss Eva Radanovsky writes that she has safely arrived in the Gold Coast, Africa, after a pleasant ocean voyage.

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Mr. and Mrs. Einar Peterson of Cuba can be reached at 92 California Road, Tacoma, Washington.

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### CORRECTION!

In the October 25 issue of the Pentecostal Evangel there appeared an article entitled "They Worship in a Rabbit House Because..." Five photos accompanied this article. Through an oversight we failed to give credit to Mr. C. D. Heimlicher, 2008 Oakwood Ave., Toledo 7, Ohio, who so kindly prepared these photographs and gave them to Mr. A. Walker, who in turn mailed them to the missionary office in Springfield, Mo. We regret this oversight.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merian, India

## A BOOK FOR MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY STUDENTS

Several months ago Melvin L. Hodges, missionary, teacher and writer, was asked by the Foreign Missions Department to take time out from a busy ministry in Central America to provide a book on indigenous church principles. He spent several months early this year working at the headquarters office of the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, until the manuscript was completed. The book, entitled, "The Indigenous Church," is now off the press.

The author defines the term "indigenous" as follows: "'Produced, growing, or living naturally in a country or climate; not exotic; native; hence figuratively, inherent.' Applied to missionary work, the word **indigenous** means that, as a result of missionary effort, a native church has been produced which shares the life of the country in which it is planted and finds within itself the ability to govern itself, support itself, and reproduce itself."

In his foreword to the book, Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, says: "It is felt that the writer has very ably opened up the 'indigenous' subject, emphasizing basic principles which should be observed universally. He has also given practical suggestions. . . . The book is designed primarily for missionaries and missionary students. But all who are interested in the establishing of local churches, particularly in other lands, will read it with profit."

During General Council at Milwaukee "The Indigenous Church" was introduced to the public. Already there have been numerous favorable comments.

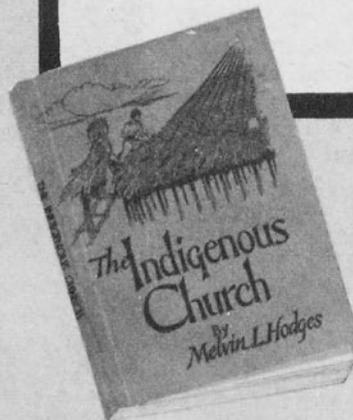
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# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## THE EXCELLENCE OF GOD'S WORD

Lesson for December 13

Psalm 19

David prayed, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Divine illumination is greatly needed if we are to understand the spiritual truths of God's Word. The apostle Paul shows the inability of natural man to grasp the unsearchable riches of divine truth: "Where is the wise? . . . hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" (1 Cor. 1:20). Divine truth is "the wisdom of God in a mystery" (1 Cor. 2:7). Man may know the things of a man, but "the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:11). The natural man often looks upon the things of God as foolishness (1 Cor. 2:14). He needs the Spirit of God that he "might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Cor. 2:12). Paul prayed that the eyes of our understanding might be enlightened (Eph. 1:18). Without that spiritual enlightenment even Christians cannot enjoy the wealth of the Scriptures.

### 1. THE REVELATION OF GOD IN THE WORD

a. *Nature Is a Revelation of God.* As the Psalmist looked toward the heavens, he said, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." He realized that "day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." Nature reveals many truths about God for the one who studies her carefully. As the Psalmist considered this voice of God, he realized that the sun and the moon shine on all those who dwell upon the earth: "There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."

The apostle Paul also set forth the revelation of God in nature. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead" (Rom. 1:20). Apparently the heathen will be judged in the last day largely by what they have learned through nature and conscience.

b. *A Further Revelation Is Required.* While a study of nature reveals much concerning God, only in the Scriptures do we find God's perfect revelation to man. Here we are told about man and his fall, and the means whereby he might be restored to fellowship with God. In the Scriptures are unfolded the nature

of God, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the gift of a Redeemer, warnings to the ungodly, and the promise of an eternal home of blessing for the righteous. In connection with these fundamental truths, instructions in holy living are given for those who wish divine favor.

### 2. QUALITIES OF THE WORD

a. *Superiority of the Word.* The Bible is the infallible Word of God. This Book is our only true source of saving truth. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."

The Word is described by Jesus as seed sown in the hearts of men. Peter tells us that we are "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

b. *The Influence of the Word.* "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart." Those who walk in all the light of the Word of God are able to keep the joy of the Lord. God's Word is not intended just to bring conviction and weeping, but to fill us with the pure joy and peace of the Lord as well.

The Word of God influences not only the individual life of a Christian, but also society. The nations which have accepted the Bible have become freedom-loving nations. Where its influence has been felt, hospitals, orphanages, and old people's homes have flourished. The Bible has exalted womanhood, abolished slavery, advanced education, and promoted the cause of the common people.

c. *Endurance of the Word.* "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever. The fear of the Lord is a result of the Word, and is enduring; but the Word itself is also enduring. It has stood the test of ages and has never become outdated. There were books and libraries long before Abraham or Moses, but those books have come to us in mere fragments. The Bible has come to us without corruption or mutilation.

During the dark ages hordes of barbarians tried to destroy every vestige of civilization. Great libraries were burned, and attempts were made to destroy the Scriptures; but "the word of our God shall stand for ever." Though ridiculed and denied, the Bible has not failed in one point.

d. *Desirability of the Word.* David says that the Word enriches like

gold, and satisfies like honey. The Word is like the treasure-house of the kingdom of God; in it we find things both "new and old." We are never able to exhaust its contents.

### 3. PURPOSE OF THE WORD

a. *To Warn Against Sin.* The main purpose of the Word is not to present the facts of history, or relate thrilling stories, or entertain through its beauty, though it does all of these things. The Bible aims to lead men to Christ by warning them of the deceitfulness of sin. "Moreover by them is thy servant warned" (v. 11).

He who heeds the Word leads a clean life. The Lord cleanses him from "secret faults" and keeps him from "presumptuous sins." "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

b. *To Reward the Righteous.* The greatest reward of a life lived in accordance with the Word of God is the approval of God. So David prays, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord" (v. 14).

God's Word not only denounces our sin, but leads us to overcome it, and promises us great reward if we are obedient. May God help us to live always with our hearts full of love for Him and His Word.

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Joseph and His Brethren (lesson for Sunday, December 6). Lesson text: Genesis 45:1-9.

### REVELATION OF GOD



# What Must I Do to Be Healed?

Marjorie Loomis\*

MANY YEARS ago the keeper of the Philippian prison came to Paul and Silas and wanted to know, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30).

The answer was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

A certain young ruler was known also to come to Jesus, saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18).

Jesus said to this aspirant, "Thou knowest the commandments..."

"Ah," said the young man, "all these have I kept from my youth up." You know, I think the young man was glad he was on the right track. "Perhaps," he might have thought, "I have the makings for this blessing already in my possession. Now all I have to do is to keep trying."

Let me tell you something important. If you really have salvation, you will know it. If you are really healed, you will know it. "Hope so" experiences may be on the borderline, but "know so" experiences are real.

Jesus said, "Yet lackest thou one thing..." Can't you just see the young ruler's countenance fall? "Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me." Deftly, Jesus had put His expert finger upon the unreached portion of that young man's life. He will do the same to you, friend, if you are willing for Him to search your heart. That unsundered portion can keep you from receiving the benefits of Calvary.

Instead of saying, "What must I do to be saved?" many today are asking, "What must I do to be healed?"

There is but one answer to that question. It is a brusque, hard answer—but irrevocable: **GET READY TO DIE.** "Get ready to die?" the needy multitude cries, "We don't want to die. We want to be healed. We want to live."

The answer remains adamant. "Get ready to die!" In Matthew 16:24 we have these words: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." A cross is the symbol of death. Jesus requires us to DIE to self if we wish to receive the benefits of the Cross.

When I was a child, I used to visit my great-grandmother. I was allowed to sleep in the guest room, where the keep-

sakes and treasures were stored. On a peg on the wall hung a long, black taffeta dress. Grandmother had made it herself, but it had never been worn, for it was reserved as her burial dress. We were always told that we must not touch it, lest it become spotted—but we could look at it all we wanted to. When I was settled in the feather bed, and Grandmother had gone out, bearing the lighted lamp in her hand, I would reach out a hand toward the dress and hear the music of the taffeta as it rustled. I used to wonder how she would look wearing her dress. She is wearing it now, waiting for the coming of Jesus. She anticipated death. She prepared to die. She died. That is what you must do if you want to be healed.

God had a choice servant back in Old Testament days; his name was King Hezekiah. Hezekiah was sick unto death. God sent the prophet Isaiah to him with a message: "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt surely die, and not live!"

Die and not live? That is a harsh sentence to be imposed on one who has faithfully served the Lord. Perhaps God has imposed this sentence upon you, and you are frantic with worry over it.

Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed. Then he began to weep. The Bible tells us that he wept sore (2 Kings 20:3). Most of us think we have lived a good life before God. Then God spoils our self-made portrait. God says, "This and this and this is in disarray. You haven't done your best. You can do much better."

God is a good housekeeper. In the creation he set the stars and planets in their places. They still circumscribe the heavens in God's appointed pattern. God gave boundaries to the seas and oceans. He created man—pure and undefiled. It was man himself who began to disrupt his own life with his willfulness and who brought a curse upon the earth because of his sin.

Friend, set that house of yours in order. You are going to die. The young man to whom Jesus spoke was required to die to his earthly possessions, for Jesus said, "Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me." However, he was not willing to die out to the things that he loved more than God. He wasn't willing to give up the homage that men paid a rich man. He wasn't willing... Are you?

## Are You Busy?

What a question to ask at this time of year! With Christmas just around the corner there seems to be so many things to do. The Christmas gift list keeps growing, even though names are crossed off as some gifts are bought.

## How About Your List?

Have you remembered the Saviour whose birthday we celebrate in some tangible, definite way? Is He on your list? Soon after this issue of **THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL** reaches you we will be mailing Christmas checks to our Home Missionaries from offerings sent in for that purpose. You can honor the Saviour and make their Christmas brighter by mailing your offering for **HOME MISSIONS CHRISTMAS FUND** to the National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

Anything that is more precious to you than God can keep you from salvation and from healing. When God saves you or heals you, you are to become *His* property immediately. The testimony of your mouth is to be His. The works of your hands are to resound to His eternal glory. It may not be the day for physical life to cease within your body, but it is the day for *selfish-possessiveness* to cease having dominion over you. Are you willing to give Him your life in exchange for His healing, His salvation, His glorious benefits? No one having made the transaction has ever had occasion to be sorry.

God told Isaiah to go back and tell Hezekiah, "I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: . . . I will add unto thy days fifteen years." Don't tell me it doesn't pay to pray! I know it does.

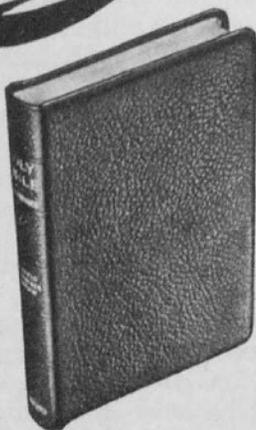
Real prayer is accompanied by repentance. Oh, yes, you can say prayers and keep the blinds down, so that you won't see yourself or God. But it is impossible to pray the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man" unless you search yourself. God trains a spotlight from heaven on everyone who is praying. That light is Himself; in that pure light all sin and imperfection is revealed.

Some people think that if they have repented and found Christ as their Saviour, they never need repent again. But

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*The miraculous draught of fishes.* (Cf. John 21. 6-8.)

AND it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,  
2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were

35: 10.28-31,  
52; Lk. 9.23,  
59-62; John  
12.26; 14.15.

Lev. 13.14;  
Mt. 8.2-4;  
Mk. 1.40-45.

The leper,  
knowing the  
Lord's power  
to heal,

14 And he charged his man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thyself according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto the people.  
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34 Which was *the son* of Jacob, which was *the son* of Isaac, which was *the son* of Abraham, which was *the son* of Thara, which was *the son* of Nachor,

35 Which was *the son* of Saruch,

Lord's "ways" were those marked out for Him in perfect dependence upon His

worship the *son* of him only shalt thou worship. 9 And he brought him to the land of the Amorites, and set him up a temple, and saith unto him, be the Son of

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that is not true. There will be numerous occasions for repentance, in order to stay right with God. Many need to repent of their failures and weaknesses, their unfaithfulness in prayer or in attending the church that proclaims God's Word, or of gossip. Friend, if you need to repent, do so right away.

Another thing, don't expect others to do all your praying for you. Your pastor's prayers may avail for you, but you must touch God yourself also. There is a time when the grain is ready to come forth from its hull, a time when the chick is ready to crack the shell, a time when a boil is ready to be drained. There is a time when you are ready to be healed. Prayer and God's Word will make you ready.

Some people think a divine healing ministry is a magic formula which transforms sick people to healthy people. Have you not read that even Jesus, while in Nazareth, did not perform many mighty works because of the unbelief of the people? Unbelief is a sin. Unbelief is like cold water on a warm fire. Sin and unbelief clog up the channel of faith. Can you have faith for healing while you are still clutching some filthy old sin? Of course not. "Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:21, 22).

Some people have advised me to spend our allotted radio time in reading the testimonies of those who have been healed in our services. Praise God, my people don't have to be told that they are healed. They already know it. And people are much more interested in getting healed themselves, than in hearing about these others. The Word of God is the medicine cabinet that you need, friend. "He sent His Word and healed them." It is not magic, but it is miraculous.

Hezekiah said, "What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me?" God gave him a sign. He allowed the shadow on the sun dial to go backward ten degrees (Isa. 38:8). For him God moved time backward and then added fifteen years to his life.

God has done the same thing for us. He points us backward to Calvary. It is there, through death, that we find life. There Jesus hung on the Cross, a full propitiation for our sins and sicknesses. Isaiah said, "With his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). Jesus said as He was dying, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). Peter said, "By whose stripes ye were healed."

Yes, "It is finished." The work has been accomplished. Only one step remains: "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Jesus said, "Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be

forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?" (Luke 5:23). Whether you need salvation or healing, or both, it is the same to Him. Both were purchased for you at Calvary. Look backward to the CROSS. GET READY TO DIE. THEN RECEIVE YOUR HEALING.

## This Week's Cover

In the western tip of Texas, where the Rio Grande separates the United States from Mexico, lies the city of El Paso. The First Assembly of God in this bustling port of entry now has a fine "spiritual workshop," thanks to the sacrificial zeal of its members and the gracious help of God.

The building, 52 x 90 feet in size, has a two-story front and an auditorium which will seat about 350 people. It is in an excellent location at 3928 Montana Street. Tourists driving on U. S. 62 and 180 will pass the church en route from El Paso to Carlsbad Caverns.

The church was set in order by J. C. Wilder in 1934, with 31 charter members, four of whom still remain. For several years they worshiped in the Carpenter's Hall, then in a large house which they later bought and remodelled to serve as their church.

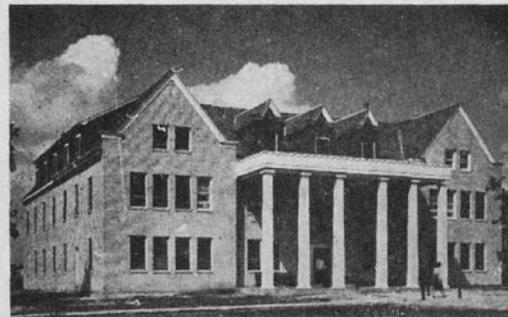


### FIRE DESTROYS DORMITORY AT SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—Fire broke out around 8:30 p.m. Sunday evening, November 15, and completely destroyed the Men's Dormitory at Southwestern Bible Institute.

It is thought that the fire started in the boiler room. Most of the students were at church at the time, and no one was injured. However, the 148 young men who lived in the dormitory lost all their clothing, books, and other personal belongings except what they were wearing. All of the beds, bedding, and other furnishings were destroyed.

The local newspaper, "The Waxahachie Daily Light," estimated the total loss including the



Men's dormitory at Southwestern Bible Institute before fire broke out November 15

This is the building that was still in use when Brother and Sister O. O. Shipley were called to be pastors in December, 1950. The zeal of the new pastors was contagious. The congregation caught their burden to reach El Paso for God, and decided to build a better house of worship in a more desirable part of town. Accordingly they purchased lots for \$7,500 and in April 1952 they poured the footing. The pastor, lay members, and servicemen of the church worked night after night on the building, thus speeding up the project considerably. Jack Krause, a serviceman from Bakersfield, Calif., drew the blueprints free of charge. Ninety-six days after the pouring of the footing the congregation had their first service in their large new church.

The new property is valued at \$60,000. By selling the old building for \$19,000 the congregation was able to complete the new building with a total debt of only \$15,000.

During the past three years the Sunday School attendance has increased from an average of 80 to an average of 130. One week they had 204, and they expect to keep on growing. That is why they set their new building on a lot 135 by 140 feet—they wanted plenty of room for expansion. Pastor Shipley says they expect to build a Sunday School annex in the near future.

buildings, furnishings, and the students' personal property at \$200,000. The building itself was insured for \$75,000.

The newspaper started a fund to help the students replace their personal property, and M. E. Collins, President of Southwestern Bible Institute, said that \$1,300 was received the first day.

School activities are continuing according to the normal schedule. Some of the young men are sleeping in the gymnasium and other parts of the school building, for the present, and others are rooming in private homes in the city which were generously opened to meet the emergency.

Friends who wish to help the students recover from their personal losses in the fire may send an offering to Southwestern Bible Institute, 1200 Sycamore Street, Waxahachie, Texas. Offerings should be designated for "Students' Recovery Fund."

### REVIVAL FIRES BURN AT NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

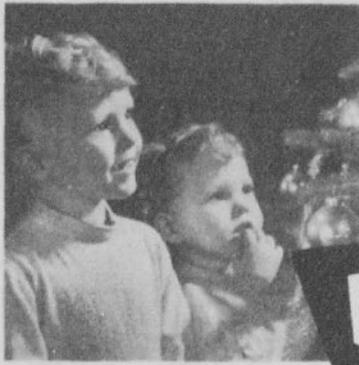
SEATTLE, WASH.—"Spiritual Emphasis Week" was observed at Northwest Bible College October 20 through 23. Evangelist Mark Buntain spoke to the student body each day, both morning and evening. As Brother Buntain preached under the anointing of the Spirit, the students earnestly sought to know more of God.

The second day it seemed as though the Holy Spirit swept over the students in waves. First there was a time of crying out to God for mercy, then a time of quiet waiting before Him. Later came the praises and shouts of victory.

There were testimonies of God's goodness and it seemed as if every student received something fresh from heaven. In almost every service one or more received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some were healed, lives were changed, and many were refilled with the Spirit. Others were delivered from oppression and the prayers of many were answered.—A. Munger, Public Relations Representative.

### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—We had a wonderful campaign with Evangelist Leon Baker. There were



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45 saved, 20 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 31 were baptized in water. The entire community was stirred.—Archie W. Miller, Pastor, Wayside Assembly of God.

MORRISVILLE, MO.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Chadwick. Three were reclaimed and the church was edified.—Fred Hendrickson, Pastor.

ANACORTES, WASH.—We had a profitable two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. H. R. Parish of Delta, Colo. with his "Parish Panoramic" series. These services were a great blessing to the church.—M. Ralph Hutchinson, Pastor.

CLAY CITY, IND.—The Grafner-White party of Dellroy, Ohio, was with us for a week and a half. The church was well filled each evening. Three ministers of other denominations, along with members of their congregation, regularly attended the meetings. A number came forward to consecrate their lives to God.—Roy B. Warner, Pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIF.—Evangelist Velma Lackey of Modesto, Calif. was with us for a meeting. Night after night the people were blessed as Sister Lackey preached the Word. Twelve were saved and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—R. H. Graham, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—We had a good revival with Evangelist Iva Harris and Thelma Denny of Shawnee, Okla. A goodly number came to the altar for salvation and several were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly helped by the anointed preaching of the evangelists.—E. D. Bagwell, Pastor, Midway Assembly of God.

BIG STONE GAP, VA.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Mullins. Ten were saved and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit is still with us. A girl was saved at the young people's meeting recently. The Sunday School is growing and we are making progress on our building. Our pastor is doing most of the construction work.—Mrs. Frank Herron, Church Secretary. (W. W. Smith is Pastor.)

NEWARK, DEL.—Evangelist H. E. Hardt and party were with us in a tent meeting, September 6—27. Many visitors attended our meetings for the first time. More than a score were saved and numbers were healed by the power of God.

From October 11 to November 1, Dr. Jonas E. Miller, Sarasota, Fla., was with us in our church. Several more were saved, three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and a number testified to definite healing. The way our people responded as Brother Miller expounded the Word was indeed gratifying. The spiritual life of the assembly has been completely revolutionized.—Arthur E. Hardt, Pastor, Newark Gospel Tabernacle.

GLENDON, WYO.—The Assemblies of God Full Gospel Mission opened for services here on September 19, 1953. The Sunday School had grown to 36 by the fourth Sunday. The attendance at the evening services, including prayer meetings and Bible study, is almost equal to the Sunday School attendance. We thank the Lord for the way He has worked in our midst. Five adults and six children have been saved, and a number have been healed of various ailments including arthritis, fever, toothache, headache, and a large blistered burn. Others have been delivered from binding habits. Already we are in need of a larger building and we are planning to build as soon as possible.—Jessie Engelking and Edna Finney, Pastors.

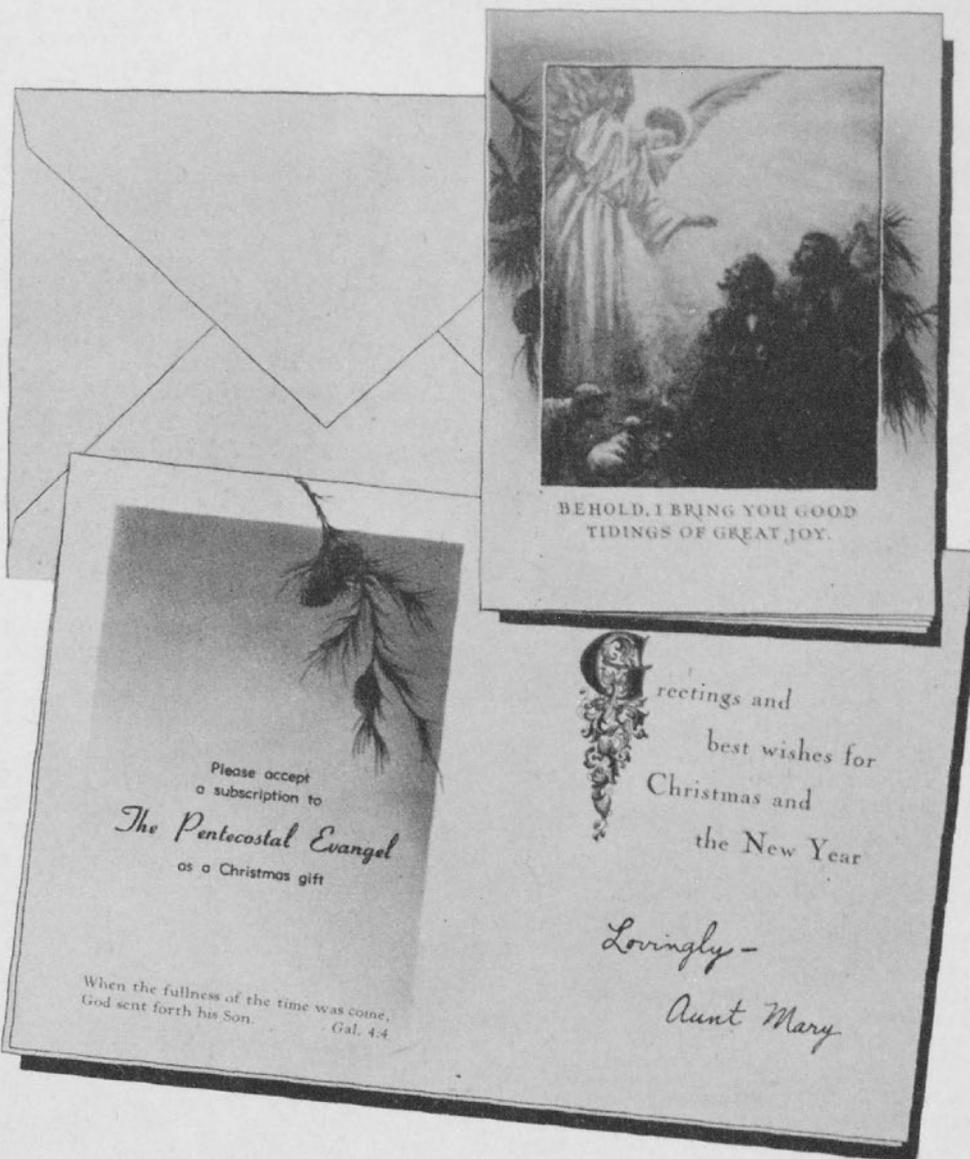
DAYTON, OHIO—We had a very fine meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe and son, Geoffery, from Lancashire, England. On the opening night God blessed in a wonderful way. The entire meeting was a great spiritual blessing to the church. Brother Duncombe's ministry was just what the church needed. Night after night the congregation was swept into the presence of the Lord. The gift of tongues and interpretation and the gift of prophecy were mightily used of God for the edification of the church.

Brother Duncombe is using our church address while in the States. The address is Central Assembly of God, 1420 E. 4th St., Dayton, Ohio.—I. W. Phillips, Pastor, Central Assembly of God.

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ROME, N. Y.—Dec. 17—Jan. 3; Evangelist Levi L. Storms. (E. W. Darling is Pastor.)

TOPEKA, KANS.—First Assembly of God, Dec. 8—13; Len Jones and Moses Copeland, evangelists. (Claude J. Utley is Pastor.)

CARROLLTON, ILL.—Assembly of God, Dec. 8—20; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Brewer. Special chalk talks. (D. B. Shaw is Pastor.)

CAMDEN, N. J.—Calvary Tabernacle, Dec. 1—13; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. (Harold W. Barnes is Pastor.)

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Sheffield Assembly of God, Nov. 25—; Evangelist W. M. Stevens.—by C. W. Quattlebaum, Pastor.

LODI, WIS.—Assembly of God, Dec. 8—20; Evangelist Harry Walterman, Chicago, Ill.—by J. Peter Hamelink, Pastor.

LARAMIE, WYO.—Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Evangelists Eugene Perrault and Marvin Green.—by Ralph L. Kdy, Pastor.

LUBBOCK, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Dec. 7—20 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp, Russellville, Ark. (H. M. Sheats is Pastor.)

CENTERVILLE, CALIF.—Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Evangelist Manuel E. Walker. (Paul Pettitt is Pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Manchester Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Neel. (G. P. Leatherwood is Pastor.)

HATFIELD, ARK.—Assembly of God, Dec. 6—16; Evangelist C. V. Kemp, Hot Springs, Ark.—by R. C. Kirby, Pastor.

AUGUSTA, KANS.—Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Evangelist James Colburn, Dodge City, Kans. (Kenneth D. Stottlemeyer is Pastor.)

MISSOULA, MONT.—First Assembly of God, Nov. 29—Dec. 13; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Waterloo, Iowa.—by Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Riverside Gospel Tabernacle, Dec. 1—13; Evangelist and Mrs. Norman Pearsall of Michigan.—by Roy A. Harthern, Pastor.

WATERVILLE, ME.—Assembly of God, Dec. 7; Sectional Fellowship Meeting at 2:30 p.m. Dedication of new building at 7 p.m. G. L. Fannin, New England District Superintendent, speaker.—by William O. McKenzie, Pastor.

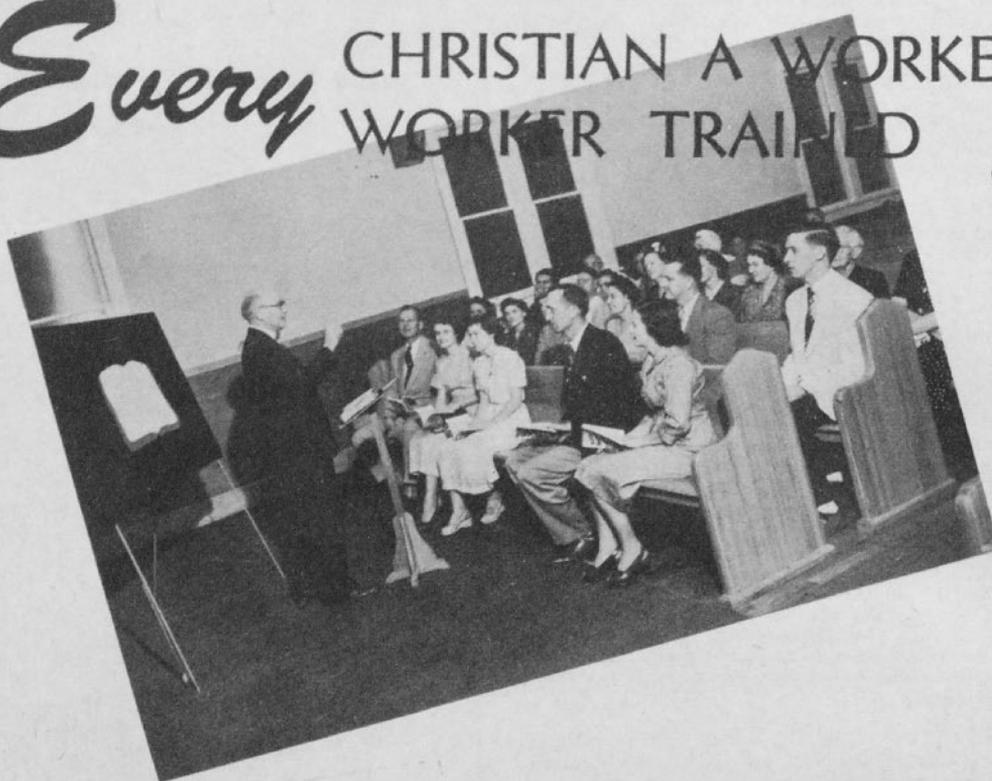
SECTIONAL C. A. RALLY—Assembly of God, Mooreland, Okla., Dec. 17; T. A. McDonough, District C. A. Director, guest speaker. C. E. Turner, Sectional Representative, in charge of service. Olen Cossey is Host Pastor.—by C. E. Turner.

FORT MADISON, IOWA—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, homecoming, and mortgage burning, Dec. 14. T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent, night speaker. All former pastors and young people who have gone out into the ministry from the church expected to attend.—by Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

CLARINDA, IOWA—Dedication of new church, 14th and Stuart Sts., Dec. 18. Charles E. Long, A. M. Alber, Hilton Griswold, and T. E. Ganno, District Superintendent, speakers. Services at 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. Meals served by local church.—by G. R. McGhghy, Pastor.

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