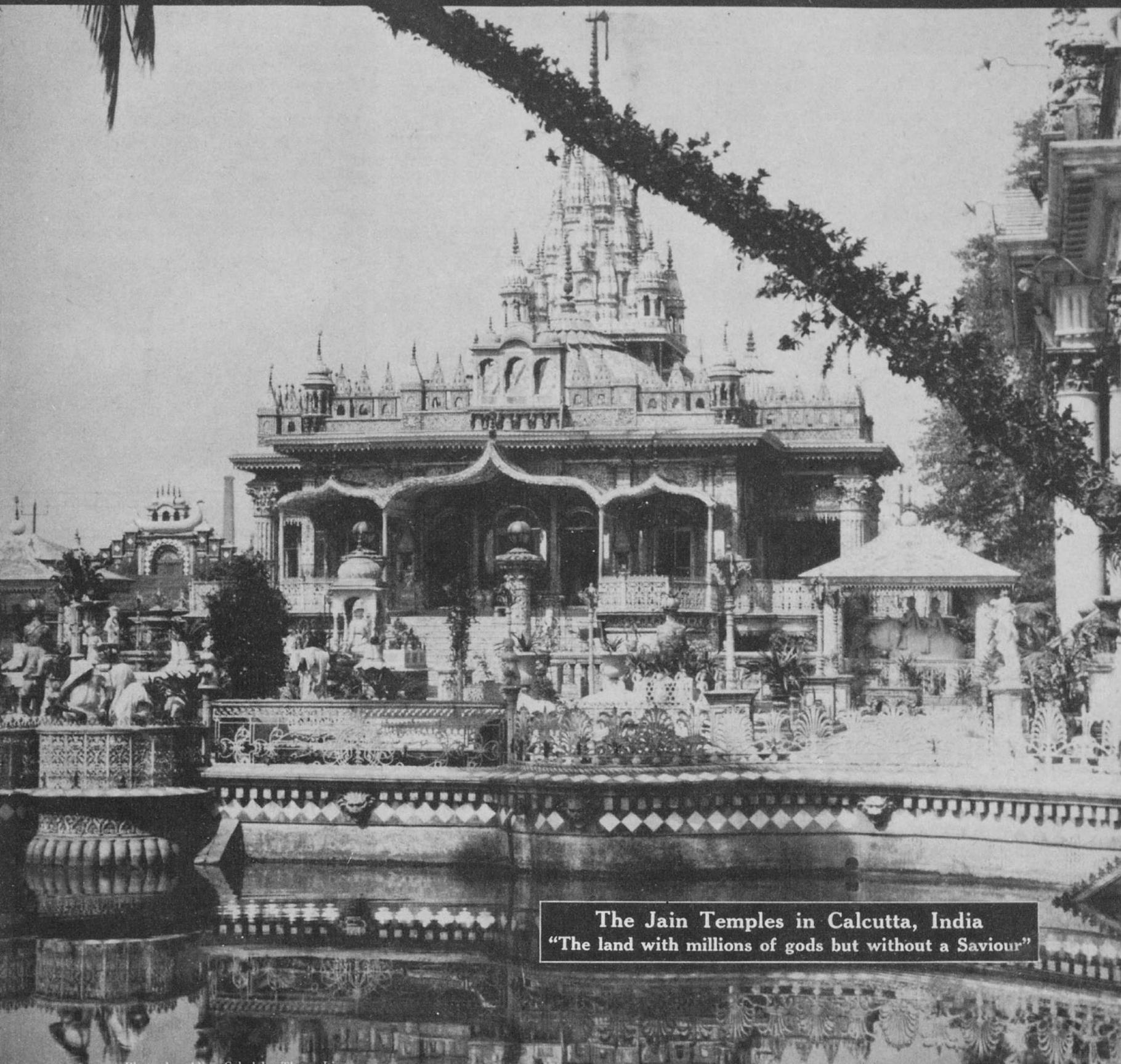


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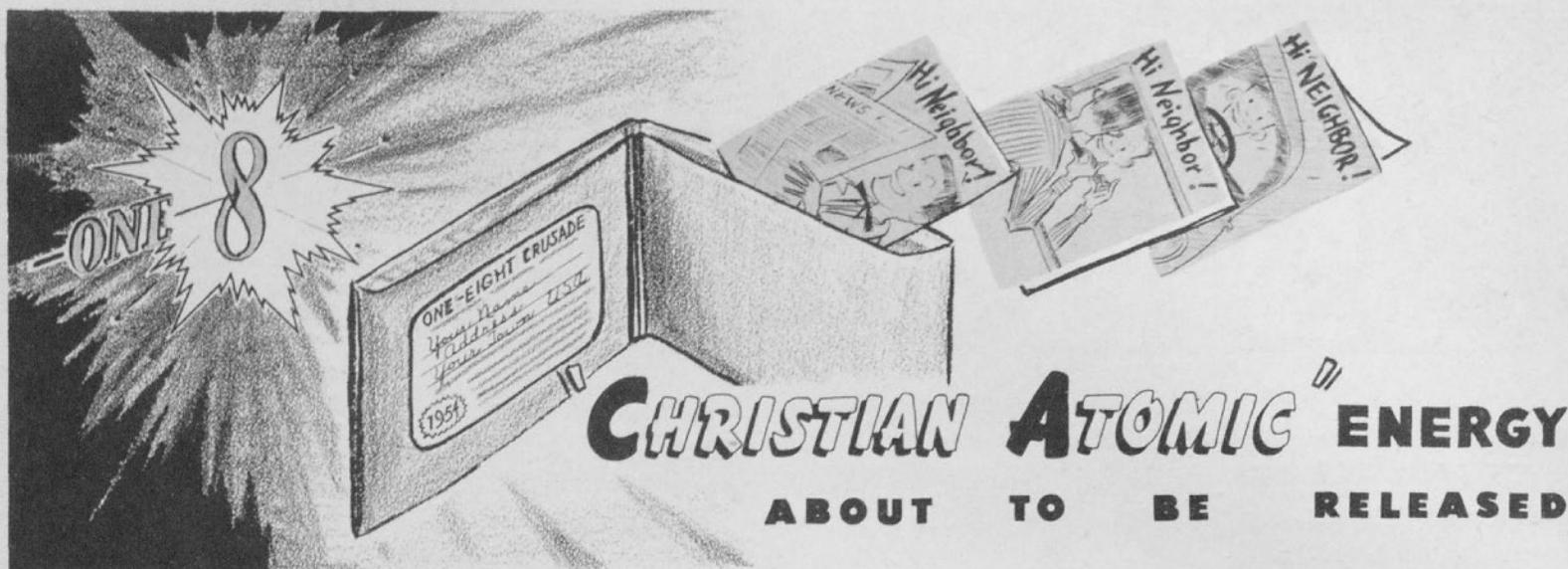
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



The Jain Temples in Calcutta, India
"The land with millions of gods but without a Saviour"



HAS YOUR CURIOSITY BEEN AROUSED by the "One-Eight" announcements of the National C. A. Department? The mystery has been deliberate, of course. The purpose has been to excite interest in a great new Crusade for Christ which the young people of our movement are about to launch.

We are on the threshold of the era of "Christian Atomic" Energy. Just as nuclear fission sets up a succession of chain reactions in the physical elements, so the C. A.'s purpose to set in motion a spiritual chain reaction of witnessing to reach eight million people with the gospel by 1955.

The effort will be called the "One-Eight Crusade." Its name is derived from Acts 1:8, that scripture which has always been basic in Pentecostal experience. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me. . . ."

The One-Eight Crusade, sponsored by the National C. A. Department, is designed to enlist the enthusiasm and energies of local groups and individual C. A.'s. For that reason it should be of great blessing to the local community and church. Though it is a C. A. program we are appealing to the parents and ministers in our constituency to provide the encouragement and support which are so vital to the success of any youth activity.

The first phase of the crusade will take the form of preparation. A nine-lesson course in personal evangelism is scheduled to follow C. A. Day (April 25) in most of our local C. A. services. It is suggested that the pastor himself teach the course in order to assure its success. Complete notes for the One-Eight course are found in the Spring quarter C. A. GUIDE.

The real thrust of evangelism is tied to a simple plan—as basic as the tiny, mysterious, yet powerful atom. A series of novel and attractive salvation tracts are especially prepared for the One-Eight

Crusade. These are geared to the interests of people who are engrossed in the whirl of the fast-moving era in which we live. Each tract is colorfully produced with a clear-cut message of salvation. The warm friendly greeting "Hi, Neighbor" will find a ready acceptance from anyone receiving its message. Here too is another play on the words One-Eight. One C. A. will give out eight tracts per week. On C. A. Day a chain reaction will be set off that will start the distribution of eight million tracts in 1954. Incidentally there will be a space provided on each tract for the imprint of the local church address.

A neat Trak-Pak or wallet will be provided by the National C. A. Department free of charge to each individual C. A., with this provision: THE TRAK-PAKS MUST BE ORDERED ON THE C. A. DAY ADVANCE ORDER FORM. After C. A. Day there will be a slight charge for these. The purpose of the One-Eight Trak-Pak (pictured above) is to serve as a convenient carrier. It also contains an individual membership certificate folder which will have suitable salvation Scripture references for memorization, and tips for the personal worker. A small calendar reminder is also imprinted on this folder.

The One-Eight Crusade is a ready-made channel for C. A.'s to begin individual witnessing. It is elementary enough for any and every C. A. to take part. Timidity or inexperience need not keep anyone from leaving a tract for someone else to discover. But with this small beginning young people will be trying their wings

in witnessing. Opportunities for testimony will be opened and many C. A.'s will become effective soul winners. The Crusade provides the incentive. The advantage of measurable weekly quotas is self-evident. Individual and group recognition will provide a basis for competition in the future of the Crusade.

The unusual characteristics of the One-Eight Crusade are that it will work in a small church as well as a large one. It will not exclude any born-again young person. Though it should be launched on C. A. Day, simultaneously with 100,000 other C. A.'s across America, it can easily be started at any time during the year. It will be a continuing program, and as such is another avenue of Christian service for our Assemblies of God youth.

PIETY AND PRAYER

The apostles were men of prayer. "We will give ourselves continually to prayer," they said (Acts 6:1-7). They made praying their chief business. It was first in importance and first in results. God never has and never will commit the weighty interests of His kingdom to men who do not make prayer a conspicuous and controlling factor in their lives. Men do not rise to an eminence in piety who are not men of prayer. Men are never noted for the strength of their faith who are not pre-eminently men of prayer. Piety and faith flourish in the closet of prayer. The apostles allowed no duty, however sacred, to prevent their making prayer the main thing.—E. M. Bounds.

The success of National C. A. Day this year will hinge largely upon the use of One-Eight Crusade materials. Trak-Paks, tracts, lapel buttons and the C. A. GUIDE are available on a special C. A. Day Advance Order Form. These forms are being mailed to all Assemblies of God churches. If your church does not receive a form by March 15, write immediately to the National C. A. Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.

The Healing Ministry of Jesus

Dwight H. McLaughlin, Seattle

JESUS IS THE HEALER. HE HEALED THE sick when He walked on earth, and now that He is in heaven He still does the same. We believe Him to be "the same yesterday and today and forever," as the Bible says. Matthew tells us that "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

The divine record goes on to say that as His fame spread "they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

He healed them because He could do no less. His compassion for the sufferers drew Him to them and moved Him to heal them. He did not merely feel sorry for them. He was compelled to rid them of their sicknesses and diseases, by His divine mercy and love, and His attitude toward sufferers has never changed.

Atonement was and is the basis of healing and of every blessing man receives from God. Every mercy of Jesus in His earthly ministry anticipated His atonement at Calvary. Christ forgave sins while on earth because He knew He was going to bear those sins at the Cross. He healed the sick because He knew He was going to bear their sicknesses upon the Cross. "With His stripes we are healed," said Isaiah. The statement is echoed in the New Testament (1 Peter 2:24). The Bible indicates very clearly that this healing of which Isaiah wrote is physical healing (Matthew 8:16, 17).

But notice that Jesus required people to have faith before He healed. At Capernaum (Luke 4:40) they brought crowds of sick people to Jesus and He healed every one of them; but where there was opposition and unbelief He did not heal. In Nazareth He could not do many mighty works because of the people's unbelief (Matthew 13:58). Never did He lack power, or willingness, or compassion. All He did in Capernaum He desired to do in Nazareth, but unbelief prevented Him.

After Jesus left the earth, He continued to heal the sick. We read in Acts 5:16

that, soon after the Pentecostal effusion, "there came a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." Healings were common in the early Church. It was only when the Christian people ceased to believe in His healing power that Jesus stopped healing the sick.

Jesus was no respecter of persons. He was a respecter of faith. Almost without exception He commended the faith of those to whom He gave His healing touch. He did not comment on their prayers, their sincerity, or even their tears, but always on their faith. Of the centurion's faith He said, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." To the woman who touched the hem of His garment He said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." To the blind men who sought to have their sight, He said, "According to your faith be it unto you." To the father of the demon-possessed boy He said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." To the Syro-phenician woman He said, "Great is thy faith."

So anxious was Jesus to heal the sick that He accepted the faith of their loved ones or friends on their behalf. In the case of the palsied man whom his friends let down through a hole in the roof, it was the faith of the friends rather than

the faith of the sick man that brought his healing (Mark 2:5). But He always demanded faith. Faith is more than hope. Hope thinks something MAY happen. Faith knows something MUST happen, and expects it.

It is not for us to decide the means God will use to bring about our healing, but only to believe that on the basis of the Scriptures we will receive Christ's healing touch. However, we may notice two things:

1. The healings Jesus wrought were genuine. Jesus did not pronounce a person whole unless He first had made him whole. First He healed the sickness; then He pronounced the sick person healed.

2. The healings came in response to a word of authority. Never did Jesus pray for the sick, or join with others in prayer for the sick. His word, or command, or touch was enough. He cast out devils with a word of authority. He even raised the dead back to life by calling them forth, as with Lazarus, or by a touch, as with the son of the Nain widow. This was a pattern for apostolic ministry to the sick after the day of Pentecost. There were some exceptions which were equally miraculous, such as the incident where Peter's shadow fell upon the sick (Acts 5:15), and the case where diseases departed by means of handkerchiefs or aprons taken from Paul's body (Acts 19:11), but usually it was a touch of faith or a command of faith that brought healing. God give us more of this apostolic authority with the same apostolic results.

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"Old Hickory"

After Andrew Jackson's death, his old Negro aide was asked if he thought the general had gone to heaven. "I can't say for certain," he replied, "but if he wanted to go there, he's there!"

The anecdote is meant to illustrate the iron will of "Old Hickory," but it has a spiritual lesson. No man can enter the Kingdom of Heaven by the force of an iron will, for "it is not of him that willeth...but of God that showeth mercy" (Rom. 9:16). Christ is the door to heaven, and only those who will humble themselves, and repent, and trust in His atonement, shall enter. Have you confessed your sin to Him, and trusted in His salvation?

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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.

PINCHED NERVE

In February, 1953, we were having a healing service in our church in Coalinga, California. I was standing in the line of sick folk who needed a touch from Jesus. But before I was ever anointed or prayed for, the Lord instantly healed me of a nervous condition in my hip. I had suffered with a pinched nerve for weeks, but Jesus healed me. Praise His name forever!

When Brother Drake noticed that I didn't go through the line, he asked, "Sister Apple, didn't you want prayer for your body?"

I said, "The Lord has already healed me. Bless His name." We could surely feel the moving of the Spirit of God in the service that night. Jesus is so wonderful to me. I love Him better every day.—Mrs. Joe Apple, 494 N. 4th St., Coalinga, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor A. H. Drake, who writes: "The Lord has surely done a lot for Sister Apple and has recently answered another prayer by giving her husband work.")

PARALYTIC STROKE

One Friday in the summer of 1952 I had a terrific headache all night. In doing my housework the next morning I stooped to sweep under the bed; and just then a terrible pain enveloped my head and settled around the left side of my face. I became frightened, fearing that it might be a paralytic stroke. I ran to the mirror and could see that my face was twisted out of shape. I screamed for my daughter to call my husband at work. She also called Pastor John Hoskins and asked him to come immediately.

My husband arrived a few minutes later. By that time my throat was paralyzed and I could not speak a word. The left side of my mouth was drawn almost to my ear, and my chin was twisted completely out of place, so that it almost touched my nose.

In a short while Brother Hoskins and several of my Christian friends arrived. They gathered around me, anointed me with oil and prayed for me. Immediately the pain and paralysis were gone. Satan had fled. I arose from my bed, completely healed.

Two days later I went to see a doctor and asked him what had happened. After hearing about the symptoms, he said that I undoubtedly had had a paralytic stroke and that in nearly all such cases the victim is left with amnesia, or loss of memory. After considerable questioning, he told me that my memory was normal. He wanted to know how I had recovered so quickly. I was glad to tell him that prayer had been offered for me and that God had healed me. I truly thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power.—Lurene Forrest, P. O. Box 190, Garibaldi, Oregon.

(Endorsed by Johnny Hoskins, former pastor at Garibaldi, Ore., now on the evangelistic field. His address is: c/o Bethel Gospel Park, Ore.)

INFECTION AND ARTHRITIS

While doing the laundry one day last December, I fell against the washing machine and hurt my side very badly. Shortly after this accident I awoke one morning and found myself unable to move my hands, feet, or head. So I called my husband and asked him to send for our pastor, Brother Trawick. When our pastor arrived, he prayed for me and anointed me with oil (James 5:14-16), but I was so weak that I could hardly speak. My children called the doctor. He told me that there was infection in my side and that the poison from it had caused arthritis and rheumatic fever. My joints had become swollen, and I could not help myself. But I kept praying and looking to Jesus, and my pastor continued to visit me regularly. One Sunday afternoon Brother Trawick brought his wife and a group of the church folk with him. We all prayed together, and the Lord graciously healed me. I sat up some that afternoon and most of the next day. I am now able to be back in the regular services at the church. How I do praise God for healing me!—Mrs. Ellafaris Matthews, 309 Hildreth St., Enterprise, Ala.

(Endorsed by Pastor Howard P. Trawick, Enterprise, Ala.)

NERVOUS COLLAPSE

Wonderful is He to deliver! For nearly four and one-half years I suffered from a complete nervous collapse. There were days, weeks, and months of terrible mental oppression and gripping fears. I was hospitalized for special treatment twice during that period. I feared for a while that my condition was going to grow worse again, but God enabled me by His grace to lay hold on that wonderful promise, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psa. 50:15). Oh, what an anchor that promise proved to me!

One night shortly after retiring I was lying in bed, relaxing and looking to Jesus, when suddenly a strange but power-

ful feeling passed through my entire being. It frightened me for just a moment, until I realized that it was God's healing touch upon my body. That night there was a very definite improvement in my condition, and complete recovery came more rapidly than I ever expected. I had my times of testing afterwards, some of them quite severe; but after each test there was greater victory until, as I continued to rest on that same promise, God gave me the complete and wonderful victory which I still enjoy today, two years later. Praise His dear name!—Mrs. Doris Hoffelt, 609 J. St., Hoquiam, Wash.

(Endorsed by I. M. Henriksen, Pastor of Bethel Temple.)

An ancient Roman said, when he first heard of Christianity: "This system cannot stand, because it is founded upon a cross, upon the death of its own leader." But that is why it does stand. It may not be possible to explain in words the full meaning of Christ's substitutionary sacrifice. The Atonement is beyond human understanding. One cannot read the story of Gethsemane and Calvary without feeling that Jesus entered into a relation with His Father concerning man's sin that lies beyond human thought. It is enough for us to know that His sacrifice covered all our human needs.

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The Triumph of Faith

Carrie Judd Montgomery

A POOR FATHER BROUGHT HIS SUFFERING child to Jesus for healing. This father had seen the disciples try to cast out the evil spirit, only to fail, and he seemed to despair of getting any help for his son, even from the Lord. He could only say to Jesus, "If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us." Evidently he doubted even Christ's ability to help him. Human faith could hardly reach a lower ebb than his!

How did the Lord Jesus deal with this unbelief? Did He tell the poor father to go home and wait until his faith had grown to be sufficient, and then to come to Him again? No. God's time is always NOW, not tomorrow. Jesus wanted the man to have faith at that very moment. So He put the burden of responsibility back on the father. The father had said, "If thou canst do any thing. . . ." Jesus replied by saying, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." It was not a question of Christ's ability. It was a question of the man's faith.

The one opportunity for his son's healing was at hand. He might never come in personal contact with the great Healer again. Could the father afford to let this golden opportunity pass? No. He knew he must believe—but he found himself filled with unbelief. How, in one brief moment, could he change the attitude of his soul from blighting unbelief to living faith? The issue must have electrified the man's consciousness! To say sadly, "I wish I could believe, but I cannot, for I am a doubter by nature," would have meant the loss of all. Yet how could he become a believer?

Suddenly a hope burst into his heart. Was it not possible that this mighty Man who demanded faith could also impart faith, if there was a surrender of one's will to His will? Here the secret was discovered. Immediately the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

Dear discouraged one, God wants you to learn this important secret. You may be filled with doubts and fears; you may be tempted to despair, or at least to delay your hope of receiving healing. But the Saviour stands ready to heal you today. He is saying to you, as He said to the doubting father, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." He waits for you to put your

will from the unbelieving side to the side of faith, and then He will work in it by the energy of the Holy Spirit and impart living faith. He has given us our wills, and we must use them to obey Him in this as in every other matter. It is as though the poor distracted father had said, "I will believe; I choose to believe; I do now believe in spite of any apparent feeling of unbelief."

I remember a time when I had sprained my foot dreadfully and was suffering such agony that I could not at first speak a word in answer to the kind inquiries a friend was making as to how I was hurt. In the midst of my terrible pain the devil whispered, "You have not enough faith for this." In my heart I replied thus: "Faith or no faith, sight or no sight, feelings or no feelings, pain or no pain, I now believe that Jesus heals my foot." I thus committed myself to believe without any sign or wonder; but almost instantly I felt the awful agony leaving my foot, and there was a sensation as though the pain was running out of it like water. The foot was allowed to swell and discolor in an alarming manner, to show the household how badly it had been hurt, but I

had no more pain; and after one day of waiting on God, I received faith from the Lord to walk upon that foot.

A passive faith is not sufficient. We should not feel, "God will heal me;" but rather, "God does heal me now, because Jesus has borne my sicknesses on the Cross (Matt. 8:17) and I have only to take His finished work for my body as for my soul."

The father "cried out with tears"—he was deeply stirred by a sense of his own weakness—but he prayed, "Help thou mine unbelief." How blessed to know that Jesus will answer such a prayer. As we confess our weakness and unbelief to Him, He will wash it away in the cleansing blood and help us in prayer by His Holy Spirit. It is so comforting to remember Romans 8:26: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." With yielded hearts and wills let us determine to trust God for the fulfillment in our lives of all His glorious promises, and He will surely help our unbelief.

"Man fell by rising against God; he rises again by falling before God."

"It is easier to suppress the first wrong desire than to satisfy all that follow."

Occasions do not make a man either strong or weak, but they show what he is.—Thomas a Kempis.

Sponsors of "Revivaltime"

O. M. Keener, one of the thirty-six pastors in Pennsylvania whose churches are sponsoring REVIVALTIME, proudly holds the REVIVALTIME sign which will be placed in front of the Assemblies of God church in New Kensington.

To date 650 churches have signed up as sponsors of REVIVALTIME, the radio crusade for nation-wide and world-wide revival.

Letters like this come to the Radio Department quite often since REVIVALTIME became a live network broadcast:

"I heard the broadcast and have grown hungry for the Lord. . . ." (L.S.)

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Many are hungry for the message that is



given in our Assemblies of God churches. One way to let them know where they can hear it is to display this sign.

Kedar Nath Pandey

The high-caste young Brahmin of India who, like a certain rich young ruler, met Christ but found the cost of discipleship more than he was willing to pay

A TRUE STORY BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER

OF ALL THE DEAR PEOPLE I KNEW IN India, none is fixed more indelibly upon my memory than Kedar Nath Pandey.

It was shortly after my arrival at our mission station at Chapra, North India, and I was having morning prayers with a group of coolies and workmen on the front verandah of our mission house, when I first saw him.

He was a young Brahmin, a Pandey (the highest of the Brahmins). Passing by on the road, he stopped to listen to our singing. When we had finished, he entered the open gate and explained that he wanted to know something of Christianity. I was greatly impressed by the openness and sincerity of the lad, who appeared to be about eighteen years of age.

Kedar spoke with a clear, beautiful Brahmin accent. I was studying the Hindu language at the time; so I suggested that we read the New Testament together in Hindi, and I would explain it to him.

The next day he returned, and a friendship began which lasted many years. It was a joy to teach him, for his response to spiritual truths was exceptionally great. Every beautiful chapter or verse of promise would lead him to some words of appreciation. One day he asked, "Why is your religion so pure and holy, and our Hindu religion so unclean?"

We read on through the New Testament and spent many hours together in the preparation of my Sunday and prayer meeting messages. This led to other

studies. In the course of time, together we wrote a book in Hindi and translated some others from English to Hindi. He had a gift of putting my thoughts into simple, beautiful Hindi and sometimes he would suggest other thoughts and illustrations that revealed his clear conception of the truths of Christianity. A sincere love for Christ seemed to spring up within his heart. He began attending out church services and often publicly testified and prayed. His caste pride and prejudice began to melt away, and he became tender and kind to all our Christian people, regardless of their caste. He would allow a sweeper to come into his room and do little acts of service for him—something an ordinary Brahmin never will tolerate.

In one of our prayer meetings he began to weep bitterly; his sins came before him as a great mountain. Then he saw the blood of Jesus flow as a crimson stream from the cross and wash them all away. From then on the Cross became an ever-present reality to him. He asked me one day if I saw the Cross before me every time I was tempted. "I do," he added. "It comes right before my eyes and I cannot yield to the sinful thing I am tempted to do."

He began talking about taking water baptism, but he had others besides himself to consider. An aged father who was a priest in a village temple, a wife, a little daughter and several old widows of his family were altogether dependent



A Hindu priest offers a few grains of wheat before an image of Holi at a religious festival in India. (Photo by K. E. Weigel.)

upon his meager earnings as a clerk in a government school. If he became a Christian, his family would have to cut themselves off from him. Even if he could send them money, his caste would not allow them to accept it. He had been taught it would be his duty to perform the funeral rites of his aged father—only a son could light his funeral pyre or crack open his skull so his spirit would find release from his dead body. How could Kedar fail him?

He often discussed the problem of his baptism with me. "I myself am willing to suffer for Jesus' sake," he would say, "but how can I see my family suffer? How could I bear to have my wife throw her arms around me and weep, asking me why I had deserted them? Isn't it selfish for me to seek my own salvation and let them suffer?" His father was too feeble to work. The women folk could not leave PURDAH (seclusion). I assured him that God would provide in some way for them, but this seemed to much for one so young in the faith to believe.

Sometimes we thought of sending him away from that part of his country. If he remained he would lose his position in the government school, and his life would be in danger. He was willing to go. I wrote to several missionary friends, asking them to give him a temporary place of refuge. None seemed able to do so—finances were too low. How I have regretted since that I did not make a greater effort!

Then there came one of those tragedies

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A Hindu temple in North India

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Indians and "Fire Water"

The lifting of restrictions against the sale of liquor in Indian territories is having disastrous results. On the Saturday after the repeal of the federal law, such a mob of drunken Indians swept over Gallup, N. Mex., that the grocery stores had to lock their doors in mid-afternoon. Officials were unable to control the fights and wife-beatings that resulted the first night.

The Indians at Pine Ridge, S. Dak., took a wiser course. They voted in favor of continued prohibition on their reservation.

High-School Students Take Bible Courses in Dallas, Texas

In more than a hundred Dallas County churches, public high-school students are studying the Bible each week and are getting school credit toward their diplomas. Two Bible courses, one in Old Testament and the other in New Testament, have grown every year since they were started in 1926. Participation by students is entirely voluntary. School textbooks are used and examinations must be passed for school credit, but none of the classes are held in school buildings. Most are held in churches, some in private homes.

Stores Closed on Sunday

At Indianapolis, Ind., 181 independent grocers and four retail chain stores closed their doors on Sunday, February 7, for the purpose of encouraging church attendance. A fine gesture—but the experiment was for one day only. Store owners told the ministers they could not close their shops every Sunday unless all the other stores would do the same. Evidently they consider profits more important than principles.

The Queen and Buddha's Tooth

Plans for Queen Elizabeth to visit Ceylon in April stirred up a religious controversy. Some of Ceylon's leading Buddhists suggested that when the Queen visits Kandy she pay homage at the Temple of the Tooth, where the sacred tooth of Buddha is enshrined. The suggestion was withdrawn when Ceylonese Anglicans protested against asking a Christian queen to worship in a Buddhist temple.

But the editor of *The Buddhist World* contended that the idea seemed reasonable enough. He said that thousands of non-Christians attended the coronation of the Queen in Westminster Abbey and followed the Christian ritual. He thought it would be a reciprocal act of courtesy for her to place her hands together and deposit a tray of flowers at the Buddhist temple.

Released-Time in Michigan

The Michigan Senate has passed a bill to allow public school pupils in Michigan to be released from their classes in order to get religious training in the churches of their choice.

Temperance Sermons

The National W. C. T. U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union) is asking ministers to preach a special temperance sermon in 1954 to observe the 80th anniversary of the Union. The W. C. T. U. headquarters office in Evanston, Illinois, is offering a number of awards ranging from \$50 to \$300 each for the best temperance sermons preached by pastors on any Sunday morning between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31, 1954.

Zoning Law Invalidated

The law by which a religious congregation in Decatur, Indiana, was denied a building permit by the town zoning board was held invalid by the Indiana Supreme Court. The zoning board had denied a building permit on the basis of an ordinance which requires new churches to provide off-street parking space. The high court ruled that such refusal violates the constitution's guarantee of freedom of worship, since the lot on which the church will be built cannot be enlarged to provide the required parking space.

TVA Plan for the Jordan

At the request of the United Nations, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has made a careful engineering study of the Jordan Valley and has drawn up a plan to produce much needed electric power for that area. At the same time, lands now arid would be irrigated to provide a living for some 200,000 Palestine refugees and for other inhabitants of the Jordan Valley as well. The United States has urged the nations concerned to co-operate in such a plan.

Solomon's Mines to Be Reopened

It is predicted that the State of Israel will extract 100,000 tons of copper ore from the southern Negev at the ancient site of King Solomon's mines within the near future. This estimate was made by Abraham Dor, chief engineer of the Israel Mining Industries, who says: "Clues which led to the discovery of the ancient mines and the production of copper in Israel for the first time since Biblical days, came from passages in the Bible and from modern archaeological research."

Intolerance in Colombia

The Government of Colombia, South America, has announced that all Protestant Christian pastors must cease to preach the gospel in eighteen regions of the country having a combined area of three-

fourths of the national territory. Within that vast area no form of Evangelical Christianity shall be permitted. President Rojas Pinella has designated the area as Mission Territory for the exclusive activity of the Roman Catholic Church.

Protestant Booksales Banned

It is reported that local officials in Campobasso, Italy, granted a license to a Protestant to sell religious literature but barred him from offering books "concerning non-Catholic religious confessions." An official protest was made to Italy's Ministry of the Interior. (Imagine what would happen if the government of our country told Roman Catholic booksellers they must not offer any non-Protestant religious books for sale!)

Freedom Promised in Spain

American military personnel stationed at newly acquired U. S. bases in Spain will enjoy full freedom of religious worship, the State Department says.

"In those military areas where United States military authorities will have primary jurisdiction, American soldiers will have the same facilities for worship which they enjoy at other United States installations abroad," said T. B. Morton, Assistant Secretary of State. "While visiting in other parts of Spain, American military personnel will have the same opportunity and privilege for religious worship as are granted to their fellow citizens who may be tourists or residents in the country. There are approximately 170 Protestant chapels in Spain."

As long as the Protestant G. I.'s are content simply to worship inside the Protestant chapels, there will be no trouble; but what will happen if they try to hold a street service, or hand out gospel tracts, or even advertise their religious meetings in any way, is not hard to guess.

Top Government Leaders Attend Prayer Breakfast

The nation's three top government leaders attended a prayer breakfast at Washington which opened the annual conference of the International Council for Christian Leadership.

President Eisenhower sat at the head table and was introduced but did not speak. However, he joined in the singing of hymns. Vice-President Nixon read the Scripture. And Chief Justice Earl Warren was a principal speaker.

More than 100 Congressmen, several members of the Cabinet and White House staff, as well as other government officials, also were present and some of them took an active part in the program.

Justice Warren stressed the nation's basic spiritual foundations and urged their preservation. He said the United States had grown spiritually strong because it had absolute freedom of worship.

"What we are doing for our neighbors in these turbulent times," he added, "shows that we are not only a great nation, but a Christian nation dedicated to peace in the world and goodwill toward our fellow men."

WOMAN'S NEEDLEWORK SUPPORTS MISSIONARY PROJECTS

Half way around the world, in Karappur, southern India, a small white adobe church has been dedicated as a memorial to a Minneapolis woman who built it with her devoted needlework.

Tall, neat black letters spell out the name of Mrs. Annie Steen above the entrance.

To white-haired, motherly Mrs. Steen, 69, the little steepleless church is a realization of one of her many mission projects. In the twenty years since she started devoting her efforts to mission work, she has earned a unique place in the hearts of hundreds.

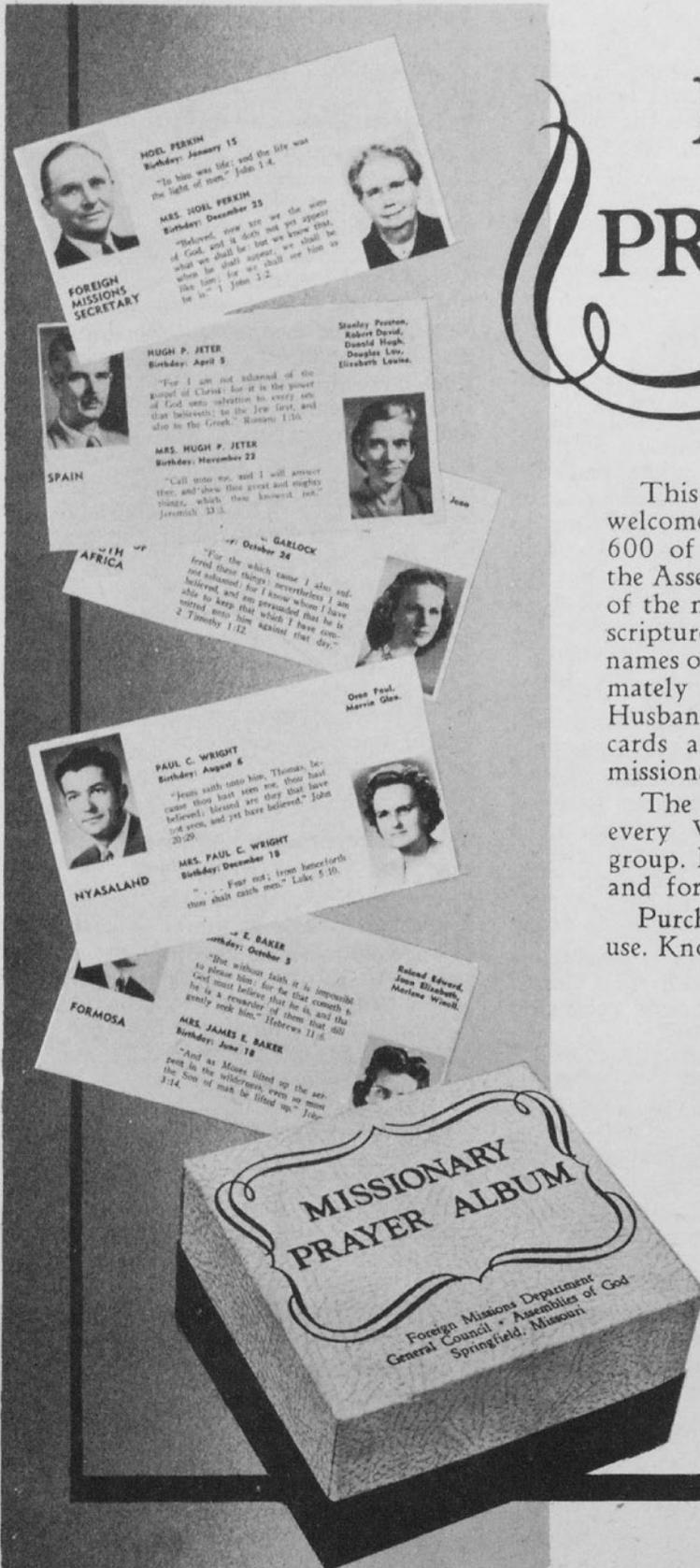
Weekdays, Mrs. Steen begins her "mission work" at 8 a.m. She makes infants' layettes, fancy aprons and a variety of needlework which she sells, giving all the proceeds to home and foreign missions.

That is how she obtained the money for the little Karappur church. She also

provides \$6.00 a month for the salary of the native pastor.

The secret of Mrs. Steen's success lies partly in her zeal and partly in a business-like schedule she adopted when she and her husband ran a grocery store. She keeps books, as in any other business, entering all purchases of materials and sales of goods, so that all the profit will go to God's work.

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New Evangelistic Center Opens In Peru

In southeastern Peru, situated at an altitude of 11,000 feet in the heart of the great Inca empire, stands the city of Cuzco. It is South America's most historic city.

Until six years ago there was no Assembly of God in this vast region, but today there are three: Abancay, Cachorra, and Cuzco. In the latter city a most beautiful Evangelistic Center was recently dedicated. The beautiful building now stands as a spiritual workshop in the heart of the proud, ancient Inca nation which extends its boundaries to Ecuador and deep into Bolivia.

Through the years God has blessed Brother and Sister Palmer; their fruitful labor has caused the Cuzco church to come into being. It is more than an Evangelistic Center; it has become a mother church, fostering a rural Bible School and branch churches.

In 1950 the city of Cuzco had a tremendous earthquake. At that time Assemblies of God Christians in America gave a little over \$2,000 to help the work. Their prompt response helped Brother and Sister Palmer secure a valuable lot at a time when there was great economic confusion in the city. This unrest was caused by the postwar building boom and the increased restrictions upon building. In spite of regulations the Assemblies of God church was among the first to be granted a building license, while others who had equal rights were denied. God had answered the missionaries' prayers.

The dedication services took place on Peru's Independence Day. This convention brought ministers and Christians over great distances to the new Evangelistic Center at Cuzco.

At the opening services, Brother and Sister Felton of the Assemblies of God Bible School in Lima ministered. Several Christians received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and a number of sinners sought the Lord for salvation.



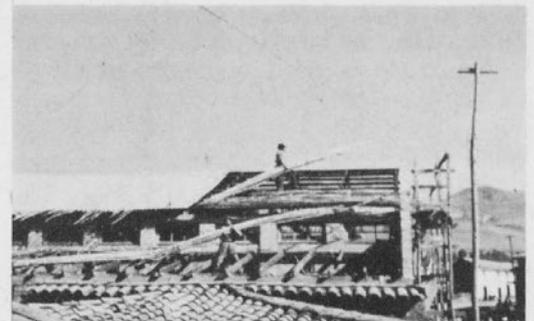
With the building of the church, Brother Palmer introduced block-making for the first time in the city of Cuzco. Many of the citizens, even the Christians, were doubtful about this, but they followed the missionary's instructions and soon the walls were erected. Then the services were transferred from behind adobe mud walls to the inside of the cement block superstructure.

The reader may notice in the accompanying pictures how the Christians went about making these blocks. The blocks had to be placed in a tank of water to set. Strangely enough, this tank was later used to "set" or baptize new converts, as you may see.

While many of our home-front Christians have never given much thought to any foreign fields except those lying to the east and west, let it be known that God is concerned with the great, forgotten continent to the south of the United States. May we urge the prayer warriors to remember South America, that God shall continue to outpour His Spirit upon the faithful labors of our consecrated missionaries.

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From bottom left to top right, the photos show the progress in the erection of the beautiful Cuzco Evangelistic Center. Brother and Sister R. Palmer were the missionaries in charge of building operations. Notice the candidates ready for water baptism.



SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Lesson for March 7

Mark 10:17-22, 28-30, 42-45

Redemption has been provided for us entirely through what our Lord Jesus has done. No merit of our own can be presented, for we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is, however, a price we must pay if we are to obtain salvation. We must give up sin and all things which our conscience or the Word of God condemns, for "he that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." It is this surrender that causes some to have such a great struggle.

The words of Jesus to the rich young ruler, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God," have puzzled many. Some have even used this verse as an argument that Christ was not divine. But no such thought was intended. Jesus probably said, "Why callest thou me good?" Jesus makes our relationship to Him depend upon whom we believe Him to be. He does not want us to think He is good just because He is a teacher, reformer, or prophet. He wants our thoughts of Him to be based on the belief that He is very God.

1. A YOUNG MAN REFUSES TO TAKE UP HIS CROSS

a. *His Temporal Abundance.* The young man who came to Jesus with the question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life," was a "very rich" man. Besides, he was a ruler of the synagogue. He was a person who loved virtue and whose morals were excellent. This is proved by the fact that he had tried to keep all the commandments ever since he was a child. He was amiable, also, for when the Lord looked upon him He "loved him." Best of all, he was in earnest in respect to spiritual things.

b. *His Spiritual Need.* Even though this young man was a prominent religious leader and sought to obey the law as he understood it, there was a keen sense of lack in his soul. His heart was so hungry that he risked social disapproval in order to come to Jesus. He did not come secretly as Nicodemus had, but came running, and openly confessed his belief in the goodness of this great Teacher. He knelt before Him, and inquired, "What shall I do . . . ?"

c. *His Tragic Error.* This young man believed that he could be saved through his own works. He should have asked,

"what can You do for me?" Unfortunately, too many in the Church today depend more upon human power more than upon Christ. This is a tragic mistake.

d. *His Bitter Disappointment.* If Jesus had required some new religious observance, the young ruler gladly would have made every effort to do it. He had already been trying to keep the law in order to be saved. But the instruction of Jesus proved that he had failed to keep one law—that of loving God with all his heart, soul, and strength, and loving his neighbor as himself.

The young man was willing to try to earn his salvation through good works, but he was not prepared to pay the greater price of full dependence upon Another for his salvation. Nor was he willing to give up his money and forsake all to follow the Saviour. His first interest was self, and he would not pay the price of unselfish devotion to God.

The young man left Jesus that day bitterly disappointed, not because eternal life was unattainable but because the cost of discipleship was too high.

2. THE REWARD FOR THOSE WHO TAKE UP THE CROSS

The value of the promises made to those who follow the Saviour far exceeds the cost of discipleship. When by impulse Peter spoke up and said, "Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee," Jesus promised rewards to all those who take these same steps.

It is true that most of the disciples left nothing except their boats and nets in order to follow Jesus, but that was their all; it meant as much to them as riches to the wealthy. They gave up all they possessed and all they ever desired to have. "If a man be thirsty, it is as hard to persuade him to pour on the ground a single cup of water as to prevail upon another to cast away a whole barrel. It is a triumph of grace, then, when the poor forsakes his little, as well as when the rich counts his abundance as dross for Christ's sake."—H. Verschoyle.

a. *Present Blessings.* For every sacrifice of devotion we make for Christ He has an appropriate reward even in this life. Even in the midst of the persecutions of this world, we "shall receive an hundredfold now in this time" for the things we lost for Him. If we are called upon to leave houses or lands for His sake, we shall receive His shelter and

inexhaustible provision. If we must part with the dearest of friends, we shall find new friends in Christ who will be more loving and faithful than any we ever had before. Although we may need to choose Christ before our father, God will be to us a gracious heavenly Father.

b. *Future Reward.* The final reward for discipleship is eternal life. This is the blessing which the rich young ruler longed so to receive but for which he was unwilling to pay the price. Those who have followed Christ may have seemed to be "last" in this life, but in the next they will be "first." They will have the privilege of reigning with Christ in His kingdom, while the rulers in this present world will be "last" if they have refused to follow Christ here. The cost of discipleship is great, but so are its rewards.

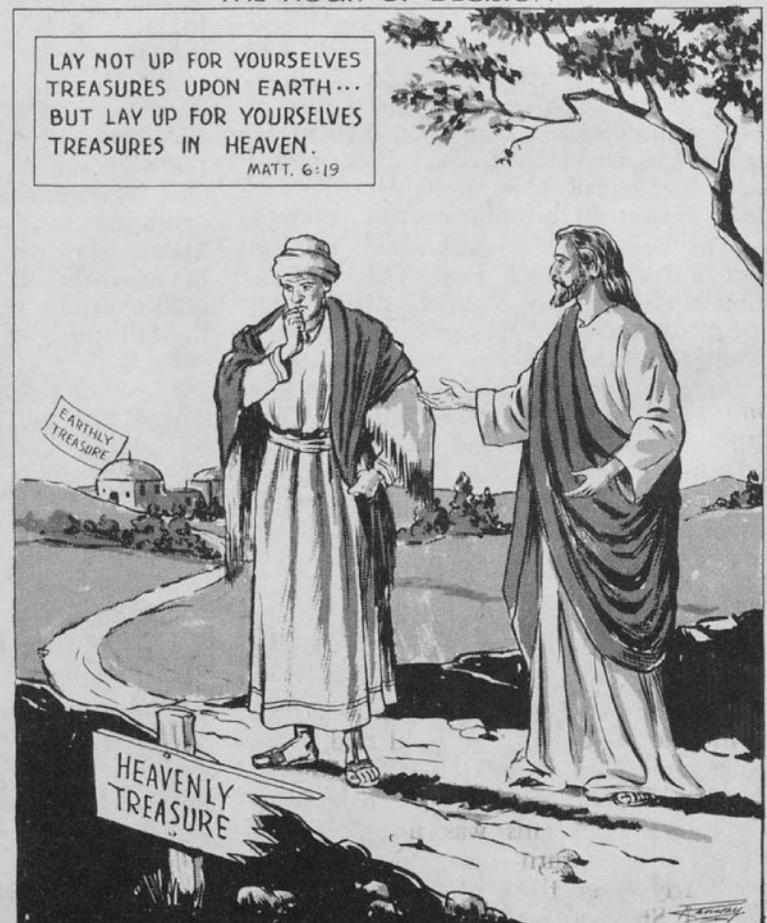
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Frustrated Disciples (lesson for Sunday, February 28). Lesson text: Mark 9:14-24, 28, 29.

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THE HOUR OF DECISION



Kedar Nath Pandey

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that sometimes occur on the mission field. Some of the Christians were told that Kedar was a spy working for the Aryan Samaj-o society, bitterly opposed to missionary work. Such spies often assumed the role of an inquirer in order to find out what was happening in mission circles. Some of them are so clever that they can continue for years with a missionary, pretending to be saved and even baptized in the Spirit, only to work as agents of their society. Someone had suspected Kedar and the controversy became so strong that I was forced to ask Kedar not to attend our church services. The charges brought against him could not be proved. Indeed, I had proof that they were false. This pained me deeply, and I tried to encourage him as much as I could.

Gradually Kedar began to change. He seemed unhappy and told me once that he sometimes wished he had never heard of Jesus. "I was happier then," he said, "than I am now, for the love of Jesus keeps pulling on my heart, and I cannot yield. So," he continued, "I must forget. I must stay away from Christian people and everything that reminds me of Him. I must forget."

I wrote him once from the hills where I had gone for a short summer vacation. Again I urged him to take the step, even if it seemed a leap in the dark. I quoted those beautiful lines—"Faith steps on the seeming void and finds the Rock beneath." He wrote me in reply that he was in his office with a number of friends when he opened my letter. As he read those lines, his tears began to flow and the cross stood before him. Jesus was hanging on the cross. He turned and looked at him with a sad countenance. Kedar wrote, "Why did Jesus look so sad? Was it because I don't pay the price?"

When I returned to Chapra, I found that Kedar had become very thin. I asked him if he was sick. He said he had gone to a doctor; the doctor told him that there was nothing wrong with him physically, but that something was troubling his mind. Many things were. I had given Kedar a picture of Christ, the Good Shepherd. This he had hung on a wall of his room. But one day the struggle became so severe that he felt he could not leave the picture in his room any longer. He took it from the wall and tore it in pieces. "Now," the devil said, "you have sinned against the Holy Ghost, and there is no forgiveness for you." I assured him that this was not true and urged him to turn again to the Lord.

Shortly after this, I returned to the United States on furlough. One of the

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new missionaries employed Kedar to teach her Hindi. She became greatly interested in his soul. Although he no longer professed faith in Christ, she felt that the Lord had His hand upon him. One day she found a picture like the one I had given him, except that in it Jesus was stretching out His arms with the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." She wanted so much to give it to him, but hesitated, knowing about the picture I had given him. So one day she left the picture with some others on their study table and purposely came to her class a bit late. When she arrived, she saw him looking at pictures, and he remarked that they were very beautiful. "Yes," she said. "Would you like to have one? Take the one you like best." He chose the very one she had wanted him to have.

A few days later, she heard a knock on her office door and found Kedar standing there with tears in his eyes. He said, "I have come to ask you to pray with me. I can't stand it any longer." She knelt, and he threw himself face downward on the floor, and wept more bitterly and violently than she had ever heard a man weep. After some time he rose, thanked her, and said he felt better. Just what happened in his heart we shall never know.

Soon after my return to India, I went to another place to live. People told me Kedar was speaking against Christianity. I had a few talks with him. He had changed. He said little, but I knew the struggle was still on.

I asked him once if he had succeeded in "forgetting." He shook his head.

I asked him if he ever prayed. He said, "Sometimes."

"In whose name do you pray?"

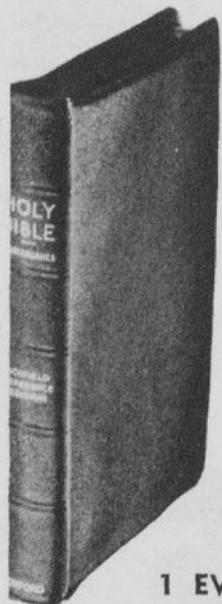
"Jesus."

Then I heard he was sick. Food was scarce; prices were high. He had cut down his rations to the lowest level to feed his family. The next news was that he had starved to death.

Like the rich young ruler, Kedar had met Christ, worshiped Him and beheld His look of love, but he had gone away grieved because of his possessions—not the possessions of wealth, in his case, but the possessions of family ties. He had loved them too dearly and could not become a disciple of Him who said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). He had failed to surrender other loves for Christ, and had lost them and his own life as well.

If, however, this story of the struggles and the seeming defeat of Kedar Nath

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And sometimes I hope against hope that I shall see Kedar Nath Pandey up there. Who knows what his dying thoughts may have been? Perhaps the Good Shepherd gathered His little lost lamb, all torn and bleeding, into His arms before its life passed away. We are sure He did if Kedar cried to Him.

Crucified With Christ

Andrew Murray

"I have been crucified with Christ: yet I live; and yet no longer I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20, R. V.).

The thought of fellowship with Christ in His bearing the cross, has often led to the vain attempt in our own power to follow Him, and bear His image. But this is impossible to man until he first learns to know something of what it means to say, "I have been crucified with Christ."

Let us try to understand this. When Adam died, all his descendants died with

him and in him. In his sin in paradise, and in the spiritual death into which he fell, I had a share; I died in him. And the power of that sin and death, in which all his descendants share, works in every child of Adam every day.

Christ came as the second Adam. In His death on the cross, all who believe in Him had a share. Each one may say in truth, "I have been crucified with Christ." As the representative of His people, He took all His people up with Him on the cross, including me. The life that He gives is the crucified life in which He entered heaven, and was exalted to the throne, standing as a Lamb as it had been slain. The power of His death and life works in me, and as I hold fast the truth that I have been crucified with Him, and that now I myself live no more but Christ liveth in me, I receive power to conquer sin; the life that I have received from Him is a life that has been crucified and made free from the power of sin.

We have here a deep and very precious truth. Most Christians have but little of it. That knowledge is not gained easily or speedily. It needs a great longing in very deed to be dead to all sin. It needs a strong faith, wrought by the Holy Ghost, that the union with Christ crucified, that the fellowship of His cross, can day by day become our life. The life that He lives in heaven has its strength and its glory in

the fact that it is a crucified life. And the life that He imparts to the believing disciple is, even so, a crucified life with its victory over sin and its power of access into God's presence.

It is in very deed true that I no longer live, but Christ liveth in me as the Crucified One. As faith realizes and holds fast the fact that the crucified Christ lives in me, life in the fellowship of the cross becomes a possibility and a blessed experience.

PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD

S. S. Scull, Mesa, Ariz.

THE LORD has given wonderful promises to the Christian who dares to trust in Him. The one whose hope and trust is in God is promised a fruitful spiritual life. Jeremiah describes such a man: "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit" (Jer. 17:7, 8).

Spiritually speaking, the man who trusts God is like a tree planted where living waters flow, where moisture is plentiful and permanent. His resulting life and vigor are so great that his victory, union, and communion with God are not diminished by the heat of persecution or the fiery trial. He is able to rejoice in tribulation, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks. He is "strengthened with all might according to his [Jesus'] glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" (Col. 1:11).

Those who trust in God are firmly rooted; they have stability. Their hope and trust are so firmly fixed on God that they can go through times of drought without anxiety. They have inner springs from God: the temporary absence of blessing in the assembly does not affect them adversely. They are so deeply rooted in the love of God that they draw up more abundant life continually and remain green and fruitful, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Hallelujah!

People who trust in God do not run from place to place searching for the

power of God. They pray it down themselves where God has placed them. They are planted and rooted firmly; they will be found in their place when Jesus comes. "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever" (Psa. 125:1).

This kind of man has an inner peace which this world knows nothing about. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Isa. 26:3). The peace of God is free from worry, care, distress, doubts, fears, depression, discouragement, and the other burdens which Satan often places upon God's children. He who trusts is kept in perfect peace; he has this peace not just for a short period of time, but forever!

Trusting in the Lord is strengthening to the inner man, too. "Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength" (Isa. 26:4).

Trust in God brings temporal blessings as well. "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed" (Psa. 37:3). The emphasis of this promise is unmistakable: if we trust God we shall have food to eat; He will take care of us.

The writer is able to give glad testimony on this line. In 1903, with a severe case of tuberculosis and a completely broken nervous system, I came to the

desert of Arizona, apparently to die. I had enough money for living expenses for only three weeks if I was careful. My only bank account was Psalm 37:3—"Trust in the Lord... and verily thou shalt be fed."

After fifty-one years I am able to witness that this account has never been exhausted. Every check I have written on this account has been honored. During the depression we often walked within sight of our finish, but we never came to it. We have never lacked for any good thing. Oh, how faithful is the provision of our Father when we trust Him!

Fear need not overcome the one who trusts. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid," Isaiah said. But how few of God's children fully trust Him! Most of us think we are trusting until sight fails—then we begin to worry and fear. But fear and trust do not go together, for "fear hath torment."

How far the Lord has gone to assure us of His faithfulness, of His provision for all our needs, strength for our weakness, forgiveness for our sin, health for our sickness, life for our death, and light for our darkness. Having these promises from our Father, how dare we fear? We must trust Him!

Adverse circumstances need not keep us from trusting God. Isaiah lived in

very dark and troubled times. He finally became a martyr for his faith, but he trusted God to the very last. David declared that he would trust the Lord even though the earth shook so violently that mountains tumbled into the sea (Psa. 46:1, 2). Job cried, in the midst of his suffering, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him" (Job 13:15). Sometimes we have to get into desperate straits before we can wholly cast ourselves on God and trust Him, live or die. So if trials come to your life, friend, remember the promises of God and trust in Him.

When I moved to the desert, the climate checked my disorder, so that I did not die, but I was not healed. After a few years I went to Denver in mid-winter; I was taken with double pneumonia within thirty-six hours after I had arrived. After a few more hours I was facing death. What would I do about it?

For many years I had believed in divine healing, but had never been able to believe for it. But this time I had reached a crisis which forced me to decide one way or the other. About one o'clock in the morning I had a raging fever, and my pain was more severe than ever before. I resolved that I would trust the Lord and not call for human help, whether I lived or died. I felt that if my time to die had come the doctors could not save me, and that if it was God's will

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Even though we cannot understand the ways of the Lord, we must trust in His wisdom and goodness. Jesus has promised He will never leave us nor forsake us. What assurance, comfort, peace, and rest come from believing this promise! He loves us too much to let a single blow fall on us that is not for our good.

If we are enduring some of the Lord's chastening, let us remember that God is doing it in order to build in us a holy character in the likeness of His Son. Even Jesus was perfected through suffering, the Scriptures say. We may not understand the Lord's dealings while we are going through hard places, but when we have come out of those trials we find that they have been for our good. And in the future the memory of even those trying experiences will help us to trust our Father more.

Learn to say "No." It will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin.
—Spurgeon.

Evangelical Editors Challenged By a Former Communist

"Communism is more dangerous because it is not what we think it is," declared Mrs. Helen Sigrist, staff member for a national magazine and a former Communist, before more than 100 editors, writers and publishers at the sixth annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association in Chicago last month.

Describing the personal sacrifices individual Communists make for their belief, Mrs. Sigrist said they firmly expect to establish a "heaven" without God. The individual Communists realize they may not achieve their goal of a classless society in their lifetime; nevertheless they give unstintingly of their time, their strength, and their money for the cause. She herself was jailed three times for her Communist activities, once on serious charges, she said. Five years ago she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, and now she sees Communism as Satan's great counterfeit of God's Kingdom. She says it is Satanic pride that drives Communists forward; they are proud to think they are helping to make the world over.

Mrs. Sigrist further declared that in her opinion the solution to the problem of Communism does not lie in politics, the United Nations, or other international plans. "The only solution is Christ," she said, "and we should not be wasting our time on anything but the gospel. Theoretically, Christians believe that, but actually they often go overboard on other ideas and panaceas."

The convention adopted a resolution urging the press to "continue its resistance, within the bounds of constitutional freedom, to the sale of salacious literature by our nation's bookstands."

It passed another resolution calling upon TV authorities "to purge the TV screen of juvenile crime stories, suggestive scenes of immoral conduct and conversation, liquor and cigarette publicity," and demanding a "larger proportion of educational programs."

The convention voted to commend President Eisenhower for his continued emphasis upon spiritual matters.

J. Fred Parker, editor of a Nazarene youth magazine, was elected president of the E.P.A. He succeeds Hart R. Armstrong, an Assemblies of God minister in Glendale, Calif. Other officers of the Association are: Earnest Keasling of Winona Lake, Ind., vice-president; Dave Enlow of Chicago, Secretary; and James R. Adair of Chicago, treasurer.

The opening address of the convention was given by a veteran journalist, William F. McDermott. "We must believe what we write," he said, "and if we believe it, someone else is going to believe it."

Other features of the three-day meeting were a panel discussion on "Licking the Cost Problem," a discussion of "Ways That Win in Increasing Circulation," an illustrated lecture on "Use of Modern Techniques" by Kenneth Butler, instructor in journalism at Northwestern University, and round-table discussions. Charles Ramsay, whose cartoons appear regularly in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL, gave an excellent chalk talk.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

DAVENPORT, IOWA—Many came to the altar for salvation during the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. D. K. Irwin of North Hollywood, Calif. We contacted a large number of new people. We enjoyed Brother Irwin's preaching and Sister Irwin's chalk drawing.—A. M. Selness, Pastor, West Side Assembly of God.

McMINNVILLE, OREG.—We had a glorious three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. David Godwin of Dallas, Tex. The Spirit of the Lord moved in a precious way in our midst. A number were saved and some filled with the Holy Ghost. A large number witnessed to definite healing, including arthritis, chronic nervous condition, and hernia.—Tom H. and Lola Fuller, Pastors.

TOMAH, WIS.—The Lord certainly blessed us during the three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Don Patz of Fargo, N. Dak. A number were saved and several healed. The Sunday School has grown, and a good spirit of revival continues. The ministry of Brother and Sister Patz both in music and in the Word was a great blessing.—Peter Dahlberg, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, MO.—We enjoyed a three-week meeting with Morris Lefkovitz, Hebrew Christian Evangelist, of Oklahoma City, Okla. Thirteen were converted, 24 baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many others refilled. This was Brother Lefkovitz's second meeting with us, and we have invited him to return for another meeting.—Charles A. Parker, Pastor.

NEVADA CITY, CALIF.—We praise the Lord for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst. On January 10, we began a meeting with Evangelist Leslie Grosson of Sacramento, Calif. His messages were challenging and timely. Each night the church was filled to capacity.

This is a new work, less than a year old, but it is growing rapidly and the people work together in love. Last summer seven were baptized in water. Others have been saved, many healed, and some baptized with the Holy Spirit.—Leonard A. Harris, Pastor.

TAYLORVILLE, ILL.—Evangelist Lester Duncan of Slater, Mo. was with us for two weeks. God blessed and a number were saved or reclaimed. Several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and some were refilled. During the meeting, the Sunday School attendance increased to 70, which is an all-time high for the eight months we have labored in this new work.—Robert C. Suggs, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH.—Last month we celebrated our tenth anniversary as pastor, and we thank God for the progress the church has made during this period.

We have seven radio broadcasts a week. In addition, the church has introduced a gospel television program which is heard and seen every Friday from 5:30 to 6 p.m. over KMO-TV, Channel 13. The program, known as "Harbor Lights," has a nautical theme.—Don Rogne, Pastor, Evangelistic Tabernacle, South 13th and Kay Streets.

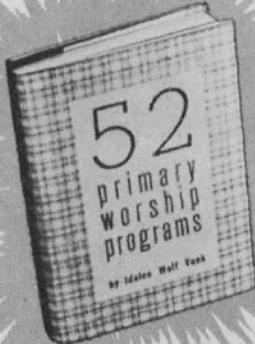
CEDAR BLUFF, VA.—Our recent meeting with Byron Lee Wright, evangelist, and Paul Myers, musician, was greatly blessed of God. The town and neighboring communities felt the impact of this meeting. In spite of rain, sleet, ice, and snow we had near capacity crowds. One man closed his business early each evening in order to bring people to the meeting. The last Sunday we broke all previous Sunday School attendance records. For the Saturday night rally, we moved to the First Baptist Church to accommodate the crowds.

The newspapers gave us unusual co-operation and carried front-page stories of our meeting. The radio station gave us free time. The doors of the public schools were also opened to us, and many of the students as well as teachers attended the services. A number of teen-agers were saved. The revival fires are still burning and we expect to reap benefits from this meeting for some time to come.—J. Edward Blount, Pastor.

ROBINSON, ILL.—Last August we moved into our new brick building (36 by 60 ft.), and God is moving in our midst. In September we had a meeting with Evangelist Charles Maynard of Rosedale, Ind. We experienced a mighty moving of the Spirit of God, and we received many testimonies of healing.

Then in November, Evangelist and Mrs. A. F. DiMusto of Detroit, Mich. were with us. There were 225 people at the meeting who do not regularly attend our church. Several were saved, and some were baptized with the Holy Spirit. There were also testimonies of healing.

We had only 22 active members when we erected our new building. Truly "it is no secret what God can do." Since that time we have added many new members to the church, and the Sunday School has almost doubled. Thanks be to the Lord for all His goodness.—Walter Batman, Jr., Pastor, Robinson Full Gospel Assembly.



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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—The revival fires are still burning at the West Side Gospel Tabernacle. We have just concluded a meeting with the Indian Evangelist Bruce Thum and his Sunshine Evangelistic Party. Seventy-five people came forward for salvation, and 225 people visited our church for the first time. Many nights we brought in extra chairs to accommodate the crowds. We appreciate the interest of the Sunshine Party in the Sunday School. The last Sunday of the meeting we broke our previous attendance record with 775 present.

The anointed sermons by Brother Thum were enjoyed by the congregation, and we are looking forward to the time when the Sunshine Party can return for another meeting.—Thomas Paino, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

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

KOKOMO, IND.—Assembly of God, Feb. 16—; Evangelist Floyd Reb. (C. J. Enochs is Pastor.)

SALIDA, CALIF.—Feb. 28—; Evangelist Dewey L. Heath. (Daniel Robinson is Pastor.)

RUSHVILLE, ILL.—Assembly of God, Mar. 7—21; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle. (W. M. Jackson is Pastor.)

WYLIE, TEX.—Assembly of God, Feb. 28—Mar. 14 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. L. L. Ammons, Dallas, Tex. (R. D. Nance is Pastor.)

FESTUS, MO.—Mar. 9—; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (Delmar Dabney is Pastor.)

MACON, GA.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 16—28; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by C. M. Hicks, Pastor.

WEATHERFORD, TEX.—Assembly of God, Mar. 7—21; Evangelist G. R. Cozby, Stamford, Tex. (Ollen Sommerville is Pastor.)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Stone Church, Stewart Ave. at 70th St., Feb. 28—Mar. 14; Evangelist J. B. Oaks.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

Near FAIRVIEW, W. VA.—Jakes Run Assembly of God, Mar. 2—21; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick.—by P. A. Wells, Pastor.

RISING STAR, TEX.—Feb. 21—; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Fort Worth, Tex. (Al Stricklin is Pastor.)

REDFIELD, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, Mar. 7—21; Evangelist Albert Anderson.—by Richard Tufte, Pastor.

BRAWLEY, CALIF.—Mar. 3—14; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif.—by N. E. Carlson, Pastor.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 22—Mar. 5; Evangelist Merle White, Edina, Mo.—by Robert Beckman, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OREG.—Assembly of God, Feb. 28—; Evangelist Ted Silva and the "Silvatones." (Eric Johnson is Pastor.)

SEYMOUR, TEX.—Feb. 16—; Evangelist Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge of California. (Lloyd McIntosh is Pastor.)

HENRYETTA, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Mar. 7—24; Evangelist Vernon E. Wilson, Fort Worth, Tex.—by H. A. Strange, Pastor.

ST. ELMO, ILL.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 23—; Evangelist and Mrs. A. F. DiMusto, Detroit, Mich.—by G. H. Hollister, Pastor.

DOROTHY, W. VA.—Assembly of God, Feb. 28—; Evangelist and Mrs. Morris Lefkovitz, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by J. E. Winstead, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—Bethel Temple, Mar. 2—14; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Grover Langston, Pastor.

EL CAJON, CALIF.—Evangelistic Tabernacle, Feb. 14—; Evangelist and Mrs. W. S. Barham, Houston, Tex.—by Stanford E. Linzey, Pastor.

GIRARD, OHIO.—Assembly of God, Mar. 4—14; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by Melvin Hart, Pastor.

GOSHEN, IND.—Assembly of God, Mar. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke, Palestine, Tex. (R. R. Bayless is Pastor.)

STAYTON, OREG.—Assembly of God, Feb. 28—; Evangelist A. C. Grimes, Eugene, Ore.—by John W. Everett, Pastor.

REED CITY, MICH.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Feb. 14—Mar. 7; Evangelist M. S. Winger, Stevensville, Ont., Canada.—by T. B. Thodeson, Pastor.

PLEASANT GREEN, KANS.—Assembly of God, Feb. 28—Mar. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (M. M. Anspaugh is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Ferndale Assembly of God, West Nine-mile Rd., Mar. 7—21; Evangelist James O. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.—by B. L. Bresson, Pastor.

WELLINGTON, COLO.—Assembly of God, Feb. 14—Mar. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. E. H. Sherratt, Oakland, Calif. (Jonathan Glover is Pastor.)

GREELEY, COLO.—Union meeting in V. F. W. Hall, Feb. 28—; Bennie R. Harris Evangelistic Party.—by Paul W. Neece, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, 1st and Nevada Sts., Workers' Training Course, Mar. 8—12; N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla., instructor.—by Gordon Jaus, Sectional S. S. Representative. (Claude Weaver is Pastor.)

ORLANDO, FLA.—Gospel Tabernacle, 1919 Miller St., Feb. 21—Mar. 7; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Neighboring Assemblies co-operating. Prayer for the sick each night. (John P. Hall is Pastor.)

KINGSTON, ONT., CANADA—C. A. Convention, Capital Theatre, Mar. 19—21; Paul Paino, Fort Wayne, Ind., speaker. For information write Laurie Price, 87 Dundas St., Belleville, Ont., Canada.

HAZLETON, PA.—Eagles' Auditorium, N. Wyoming St. at Diamond Ave., Feb. 21—Mar. 14; Evangelists Alton L. Hayes and H. C. Noah, Dallas, Tex. Prayer for the sick. Neighboring Assemblies co-operating.—by William A. Caldwell, Pastor, Faith Assembly of God.

PLYMOUTH, MICH.—Assembly of God, E. Ann Arbor Trail at Riverside Dr., Mar. 9—; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Patz, Grand Forks, N. Dak. (John Walaskay is Pastor.)

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