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ER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest—
Our humble, thankful hearts.
—Mathias Claudius

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The Pilgrims Were "Fanatics," Too!

GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN ANGRY American crowds hurled spoiled fruit and rotten eggs at old-fashioned gospel preachers or ordinary Christians standing on the street corners to witness for Christ. Instead, refined religious critics and hardened sinners hurl words of scorn at the devoted disciples of Christ. All too often, Christians who have great zeal in laboring for the Lord and are intensely interested in the salvation of souls, are branded as "fanatical."

Have you ever stopped to think that the Pilgrims who founded our country were "fanatics" too? These people put God before self, family, loved ones, and country. They believed, "Lord, we cannot build a country without Thy divine aid."

Devotion to God is manifest in practically all the important writings of the early colonists. In order that coming generations might know of their complete and utter dependence upon God, they began their documents with words such as these:

"In the name of God, Amen" (The Mayflower Compact, 1620).

"Forasmuch as it hath pleased the Almighty God . . ." (The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, 1639).

" . . . all men are created equal; . . . they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights" (Declaration of Independence, 1776).

"In the name of the Most Holy and

Undivided Trinity" (Treaty with Great Britain, 1783).

Add to these the many documents that contain Biblical phrases and that were written with prayerful concern for the rights of individuals, and you have an overwhelming evidence of the religious principles of these early Americans.

At three o'clock on Saturday afternoon they would begin preparations for the coming Lord's Day. In the evening, long prayers were lifted and psalms were sung. Following this was the meditation period, when every member of the family examined his heart and asked divine forgiveness for the sins of the past week.

On Saturday afternoon in our modern civilization we also prepare—but not to worship the Lord on His Day. There is the hustle and bustle of getting the car washed and polished, shoes shined, baby sitter hired, and evening clothes laid out. Then the contemporary American sees how much earthly pleasure he can crowd into one evening. He finds he can possibly sin more in one Saturday night than in all the preceding week. Then returning home—his strength exhausted and his head aching frightfully—he falls prostrate across his bed murmuring about the wonderful night!

Our Puritan brothers awoke prayerfully on the Lord's Day. The morning meal had been prepared the night before. A long prayer would be given. During the meal silence predominated. After breakfast the family studied their catechism;

then everyone left for church. If anyone stayed away from the meeting house he might as well plan to spend a day or two in the stocks—a very uncomfortable and embarrassing experience.

When the opening ritual was concluded at the church, the minister set up an hour glass. After the sand had run through the glass the sermon was half over.

To make sure that no one dozed during the sermon, a tithing-man carried a long pole and not too gently tapped the drowser on the head. A rabbit tail was attached to the other end of the pole to tickle the women into wakefulness. In the afternoon practically the same service was repeated. An evening religious study filled out the week end.

Is it necessary to review the frailties and ineptitudes of the "modern" Christian? Sunday night church meetings are being superseded by television in many homes. Numerous churches are closing their doors because the competition is so great and the crowds so small. The churches who do stay open on Sunday evenings are usually those which are termed "fanatical" by the formalists and modernists.

If John Wesley were living today another "fanatic" would be suffering the castigation of modern society. Any man would need to have a touch of "fanaticism" to withstand the persecutions that the founder of Methodism encountered. Would you pray for a group of men who were attempting to beat you into unconsciousness? Wesley did.

Stephen was stoned to death for spreading the gospel. Other Christian martyrs were fed to ravishing lions to whet the cruel appetites of the Romans!

Picture yourself walking down a dark, damp alley. A sinister figure steps out of a doorway into your path and stops you. He demands furiously: "Say you are ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ, or I will take your life." What would be your answer? Jesus said, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8, 9).

Actually, this is happening to many believers in some lands today. Thousands are boldly standing true to Christ, even at the risk or cost of their lives. Why do we wince if someone dares to call us "fanatics"?

Twentieth-century Christians grow stronger spiritually when they begin to suffer for Christ. "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Phil. 1:29). If you show your gratitude to God this Thanksgiving Day you may be called a fanatic, but count it all joy for Jesus' sake. Remember, the Pilgrims were "fanatics," too!

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Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations (Psalm 100:4, 5).

THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING IS MUCH more than compliance with a Presidential proclamation, or the observance of a Pilgrim tradition. Thanksgiving and praise to God are the Christian's life. They fill his speech with the language of heaven, because he has heaven in his soul!

Of course, a Christian is thankful for the blessings for which all Americans are grateful: his country, his home, his loved ones, his health, and the freedoms of this blessed land. But the believer's thanksgiving list includes far more than this.

For one thing, there is in his heart a deep spirit of thanks for

ANSWERED PRAYER

He takes the words of Christ to himself in a very personal way, as he cries: "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I know that thou hearest me always!" Praise God, it is blessedly true that He hears and answers prayer! And every remembrance of God's faithfulness causes a fresh volume of praise and thanks to rise from the believer's heart.

Last spring, prior to his return to the Berlin tent meetings, Evangelist Hal Hermann was with us for an evening's meeting. When we got to our home after the service, he felt through his pockets for the little book in which he had listed all his forthcoming meetings. He couldn't find it, and he felt greatly concerned because it contained the only record of when and where he was to go next. We

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went back to the church and searched diligently, to no avail. We even got down on our knees and searched through the grass in front of the church. We could not find the book, and Brother Hermann was desperate.

Then we realized that we hadn't prayed about it! We stopped searching and simply asked God to direct us to the book. Somehow, we both felt assured that He would! As we drove back to the parsonage, suddenly Hal snapped his fingers and said, "I know right where it is! It's in your garage!"

We drove to the garage, and Hal walked right over to where the book lay on the floor. It had fallen out of his pocket as we had removed some things from the car. We never would have thought of looking there, and might not have found the book for several days. Yet, because we prayed and committed the entire matter to God, He gave us the answer almost instantly.

And God's interest is not limited to little date books! He is chiefly concerned about YOU! Your problems, your cares, and your joys are of utmost importance to your Heavenly Father. As you take your burdens to the Lord in prayer, you will be given constant cause for thanksgiving as again and again God will answer your prayers.

But more than this, the believer feels

deep gratitude for the spiritual fellowship of

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.

One day I stood at the little Italian port of Puteoli. From here one reaches the Appian Way which winds northward to Rome. In the large stone arch that bridges the road, a small plaque tells that the apostle Paul passed through this arch on his way to Rome.

I tried to picture in my mind the ancient Roman vessel that docked at Puteoli so long ago. Among the chained prisoners who marched off that vessel was the apostle Paul. He had come through great hardship, storm, and trial. Death lay before him in Rome. What were his feelings? Only this much is recorded—that as he marched toward Rome, his Christian brethren, having heard of his arrival, hastened to meet him, "whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage."

Without doubt, all of us have had occasion to thank God for Christian friends! Friends whose faith and cheer have turned dark hours into times of victory. Christian friends whose very presence has brought warm courage and strength to our hearts!

THE GRACE OF GOD

stands high on the believer's thanksgiving list. Our hearts sing, as did Paul's when he wrote, "I thank my God... for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ!"

Praise to God for salvation is the dominant note in our song of thanksgiving. It is a song that is sung in two worlds! The redeemed sing it here, and the hosts around the Throne swell the chorus over yonder.

In the great Irish Revival of 1857, when teeming thousands were converted, they sang a song entitled, "What's the News?" Here are some of the words:

*"His work's swing all around—
That's the news! That's the news!
And many have redemption found—
That's the news! That's the news!
And since their souls have caught the flame,
They shout Hosanna to His Name,
And all around they spread His fame—
That's the news! That's the news!"*

*"The Lord has pardoned all my sins—
That's the news! That's the news!
I feel the witness now within—
That's the news! That's the news!"*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow....

*And since He took my sins away,
And taught me how to watch and pray,
I'm happy now from day to day—
That's the news! That's the news!*

In one glorious sentence, the apostle Paul sums up all the reasons and all the experiences for which the child of God expresses his thanks: "Giving thanks always,

FOR ALL THINGS,

unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Life is not all sunshine and flowers. Outstanding moments are surrounded with ordinary hours. Our lives are a composite of bright days and dark days—both blessings and trials. It is a wonderful thing when the believer learns to say, with the apostle, "in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content!"

When Sydney Smith, the celebrated author, was asked about his health, he replied: "I have the gout, asthma, rheumatism, and five other disorders; but, thank God, otherwise I am extremely well!"

A neighbor sympathized one day with a little, wrinkled old lady because she had only two teeth left. But the smiling old soul answered: "One's lower, and t'other's upper; but thank God, they meet!"

Thanksgiving and praise enable the believer to rise in victory above all trials and fears; and each victory becomes an added reason for praising God! Thus, thanksgiving is a vital part of each believer's life.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

Let's praise Him!

prayer, that he might receive his sight. The minister told him that only God could restore eyesight, and that he would have to exercise faith and praise the Lord for His healing power. He prayed for the man and told him to keep praising God for his healing. The blind man did so, and after praising God continually for forty-five days he was completely healed. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "Whosoever shall say... and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith" (Mark 11:23). We demonstrate our faith when we praise the Lord for the answer even before it has come to pass. And God sends the answer.

II

Praising the Lord can give us victory over any enemy.

The battlery of God's victorious soldiers is this: "Praise the Lord; for His mercy endureth for ever." That was the precise battlery of the soldiers of Judah as they went out against the armies of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir (2 Chronicles 20:21). They felt very weak in themselves. The very thought of those enemy armies had filled them with fear, so great was their multitude. It was only after the King of Judah had called a

It Pays to Praise the Lord

When David wrote, "PRAISE YE THE Lord," he was not exhorting his hearers to a profitless drudgery. He was inviting them to a most delightful exercise that actually pays huge dividends of blessing, not only in the spiritual realm but in the physical and material realms as well.

When we open the gates of our hearts to praise the Lord, we open them to receive the bounty of our heavenly Father who always loves to give an abundance of good gifts to His children.

"I will bless the Lord at all times," said the Psalmist; "His praise shall continually be in my mouth." He had found that an empty mouth can be the devil's sounding board for all kinds of gossip and critical, harmful talk, so he had wisely decided to keep his mouth filled with the praises of the Lord. As long as we are praising the Lord we are not saying things we shall later regret.

Are words important? Our Lord has warned us that "every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." It is in our power, then, either to destroy ourselves or to edify ourselves by the words we speak. Why not edify ourselves and our hearers, too, by holding back the harmful words! When tempted to give way to some expression of doubt, or fear, or discontent, let us quickly remember the glorious promises of God and simply say, "Praise the Lord." It is amazing how the utterance of a single phrase can dis-

pel the gloom and fill the heart with song!

I

Praising the Lord can set a captive free.

Do you remember the story of the jailbreak at Philippi? The gates of the prison were opened—not by the force of a rioting mob but by the praises of two submissive preachers. Paul and Silas had been scourged and thrown into prison for preaching the gospel. It must have been dark, damp, and discouraging there in that Philippian jail, but even at midnight when it was darkest and coldest and most discouraging those two servants of Christ "prayed, and sang praises unto God." And what happened? "Suddenly there was a great earthquake," and they were set free (Acts 16).

Many a captive is set free in America, 1954, by praising the Lord. There are many kinds of prisons in which the hearts and lives of men are captivated today. Some are bound by erroneous doctrine. When they lift their hearts to God in constant, earnest praise to His name He lets the light break through and releases them from error. Others are bound by sickness. They find that the best prescription to cure their trouble is to start praising the Lord, every hour on the hour. The Word says that God inhabits the praises of Israel. He does dwell in the praises of His people. Their praises bring His presence near, and in His presence their troubles melt away.

A blind man came to a minister for

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nation-wide prayer meeting, and after God had spoken through the prophet assuring them that "the battle is not yours, but God's" that their spirits revived and they took courage. The king appointed singers, and put them at the very front of his army, and told them to go into battle singing the praises of the Holy One of Israel. What a strange plan of counter-attack! But the Scriptures tell us that "when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the enemy," so that they started to kill each other instead of killing the soldiers of Judah. The enemy was completely wiped out and the men of Judah didn't even have to fight! All they had to do was to gather the spoil. That's the kind of victory God will give to every one who will trust Him implicitly and obey Him completely.

Do you have an enemy? Remember that the battle is not yours, but God's, and God has never yet lost a battle. Your duty is not to fight, but simply to praise. A certain evangelist was conducting a tent meeting, and a mob of hoodlums came with the intention of burning down the tent. In desperation she asked the Lord what she should do. The Lord whispered these instructions: "Just praise Me." She obeyed, and as she praised her Saviour she saw a vision in which the tent was surrounded by batlike demons. As she praised, she saw in her vision that the demonic creatures were receding and beautiful angels were appearing in their place. It paid her to praise the Lord, for the mob actually disappeared and her tent was spared.

Hear the cry of the Spirit, in Psalm 107: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" If men would offer more praises, God would give more victories.

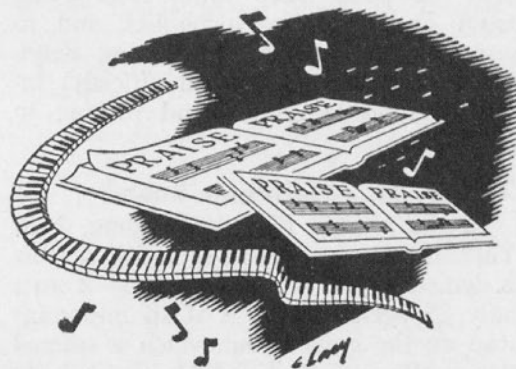
III

Praising the Lord can bring us Pentecostal blessing.

Go back in memory to that great day when Solomon dedicated his magnificent temple to God. The king and the Levites had an elaborate musical program planned. The trumpeters had their pieces to play. The choirs had their numbers to sing. The priests had their ceremonies to perform. But suddenly God's cloud of glory came down while the people were praising and thanking the Lord, and the glory of God filled the house of God so that the priests could not stand to minister (1 Kings 8:11). It is well to have a meeting organized, but always be willing to let God disorganize it! When the people of the Lord lift their hearts and voices to heaven in volumes of praise, the cloud of blessing is sure to come down upon them.

It was so on the day of Pentecost.

Day after day the disciples had been "continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." When the day of Pentecost came, no doubt they were still praising and blessing God, when suddenly the glory cloud that came in Solomon's day came down again to sanctify this new temple, this living Church. For we read, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:2-4). For a while the disciples, like the priests of Solomon's day, "could not stand to minister," judging by the words of the mockers who said, "These men are full of new wine." But by the time the crowd had gathered



Peter was able to stand up and say, "These are not drunken, as ye suppose. . . ." And he preached with such an anointing that thousands were won to Christ. The disciples had prepared themselves for the Pentecostal blessing by being "continually in the temple, praising and blessing God" (Luke 24:53). The best way to prepare ourselves to receive the mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost today is to be continually praising and blessing the Lord. Praise is the highway on which God comes riding triumphantly into the hearts of His people.

IV

Praising the Lord will bring us the joy that satisfies.

If Christians praised the Lord only when they felt like it, there would not be much praising done. The Bible commands us to "offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually." Praise would not be a sacrifice if it did not cost us something. The Old Testament priests had to offer up sacrifices continually. Nothing was to stop them. They had that duty. Our duty is to serve God as members of His royal priesthood, always showing forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We have plenty of reason to praise Him. Therefore, let us praise Him whether we feel like it or not. We will find that the man was right who said, "Often I start praising the Lord simply because I know

I ought to, but I always end up praising Him simply because I want to." For when we praise the Lord, the joy of His great salvation springs up like a fountain within our hearts, and we are constrained to bless His name.

The patriarch Abraham set us a good example. He was ninety-nine years old and had no children, because his wife was barren; but God appeared to him and promised him a son. The Word says that "he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." He had to walk by faith, not by sight. Everything he could see in the natural indicated he would never have a son, but God had said he would; so he chose to believe God rather than sight, reason, or feelings—and in the fullness of God's time, Isaac was born, and Abraham's joy knew no bounds.

One dear old saint said, "If I don't praise the Lord it is hard to get the victory. The devil fears our praise to God more than anything else." Try praising God. Be like Abraham—"strong in faith, giving glory to God." Stagger not at the promises of God. Every one of them is for you. He has promised to answer your prayer. He has promised to heal your body. He has promised to fill you with His Spirit. Believe His promises; claim them by humble consecration and fervent prayer; praise Him for His willingness to fulfill His promises in your life. Your praising will be the proof of your faith, and your faith will bring the answer.

"Thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." Let's keep the praise gates open. Let our hearts be going out to God at all times, day and night, in a constant stream of thanksgiving, and God in return will send a constant stream of blessing to our lives—peace, and joy, and victory, and health, and prosperity in all that we do. It pays to praise the Lord!

Thanksgiving

O Thou, whose bounty fills my cup,
With every blessing meet!
I give Thee thanks for every drop—
The bitter and the sweet.

I praise Thee for the desert road
And the riverside;
For all Thy goodness hath bestowed,
And all Thy grace denied.

I thank Thee for both smile and frown,
And for the gain and loss;
I praise Thee for the future crown,
And for the present cross.

—Unknown

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Desirable Traffic Jam

A citizen's group which complained about a Sunday traffic jam in Portage, Pa. was rebuffed by the Borough Council. Inasmuch as the jam centers in an area that has three churches, the Council said the pileup of cars was fine—and it wouldn't mind if the congestion got worse.

The Challenge of Japan

According to recent government statements, the population of Japan has passed the 87,000,000 mark. The nation has been growing at the rate of 1,100,000 every year. As a result, the non-Christian population of Japan has increased by five million in the past five years! What a tremendous challenge to prayer, and to a renewed emphasis on the evangelization of the Japanese nation.

Seals Call for Sober Christmas

The National Temperance League, in co-operation with the Methodist Board of Temperance, will issue Christmas seals again this year in a "Christmas for Christ" campaign. This year's seals show a manger scene, opposite which is a whisky bottle and glass marked out by a heavy cross indicating rejection of alcoholic beverages as a means of celebrating the holiday.

Last year the League distributed five million seals. This year it expects to distribute twice that number.

Church Can't Afford to Build

The People's Church in Toronto, Canada, is a great missionary church, and the church building in which it worships is 100 years old this year. The building shows its age. It really needs to be replaced; for not only is it in poor condition but it is too small for the congregation.

But the pastor, Oswald J. Smith, says that the church cannot afford to build since it must concentrate on its contributions toward the support of nearly 350 missionaries.

Last year this undenominational church, which cannot afford to erect a new build-

ing for itself, gave nearly a quarter of a million dollars to missions. "We see to it that we give more to missions than we spend on ourselves here at home," says the pastor. "For instance, in 1953 we spent \$43,000 on ourselves and \$225,000 on missions, approximately five times as much."

Russia's "Morality Patrol"

The Associated Press reports that there is a young people's order in Russia called the Morality Patrol. Its function is to help the police keep youth from going astray and becoming alcoholics, and to prevent children from becoming delinquents, which (to the Red officials) includes going to church and praying to God.

The U. N. Meditation Room

In the United Nations building, New York, there is one room to which no one is denied access. It is quite small—it seats only 25 persons—but it is an important stop on the guided tour which is offered the public, and so hundreds see it every day. The simple sign at the entrance says, "Meditation Room."

There are no religious symbols in the room. The only furnishings are the draperies on the wall, the rug on the floor, the chairs, a bouquet of flowers on a pedestal, a lighted globe, and a United Nations flag. It is said that hundreds of men and women go to the Meditation Room quite regularly to pray. Over 40,000 have signed the guest book this year, but how many prayed and how many were just sight-seers only God knows. One thing is certain: nowhere is prayer needed more than at the United Nations building.

Importing Beer from Israel

The first consignment of beer exported from Israel reached New York recently. The shipment of 12,000 cases came from the National Brewery, Limited, producers of Abir ("Knight") beer. A total of 2,500,000 bottles of beer worth \$200,000 will be exported from Israel this year, according to one of the factory owners.

Israel falls far short of God's plan for

her. God intended that she should be a missionary nation exporting the knowledge of Jehovah throughout the earth, not beer.

A Rare Sight Today

After John Davis, a Midland College sophomore at Fremont, Nebraska, had donated a pint of blood to the Dodge County bloodmobile unit, he received the usual cup of fruit juice and a sandwich.

John bowed his head in thanksgiving before eating the food. Nurses, thinking he was fainting, grabbed him and had him stretched on a cot before he could explain that he was not passing out—he was thanking the Lord.

It is not surprising that the nurses thought as they did. The sight of a person in a public place bowing his head to thank God for his food is, unfortunately, a rare sight.

Alarmed at Increase in Crime

Unless the present rise in the crime rate is halted, 1954 will see a new all-time record for lawlessness in the United States, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. warns.

Mr. Hoover says statistics compiled by his Bureau show an increase of 8.4 per cent in the number of crimes committed during the first half of 1954, as compared with the first six months of 1953. This was the biggest increase recorded in any similar period since the end of World War II.

Particularly disturbing to the FBI chief has been a sharp crime rise in small towns and rural areas. The increase in the urban crime rate was 7.2 per cent, but in the rural areas it was 11.9 per cent.

An average of 35 persons per day were feloniously slain in the United States during the first six months of this year.

There were 48 rapes reported to police every 24 hours.

An average of 252 persons were subjected to aggravated assault each day, including blackjacking, mugging, stabbing and beating.

Each day an average of 608 automobiles were stolen, 1,454 homes were burglarized, and 197 armed robberies occurred.

A total of 1,136,190 offenses were reported to police during the first half of this year. That means a crime known to police was committed every 13.8

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A crime of violence—murder, manslaughter, rape, or assault with intent to kill—was committed every 4.3 minutes throughout the United States in the six-month period.

The crime rate is growing despite the effectiveness of law enforcement. Nine

out of 10 cases of murder or manslaughter during 1953 were cleared by arrest, and the number of police officers on duty has reached a record level.

There is now an average of 1.8 policemen for every 1,000 inhabitants. Sixty-three of these law officers were slain in line of duty in 1953.

Philadelphia Assembly Will Celebrate Sixtieth Anniversary on Thanksgiving Day

Highway Mission Tabernacle in Philadelphia, Pa. will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary this Thanksgiving season. Special services will be held each night, beginning Monday, November 22 and continuing through Sunday, November 28, with a series of guest speakers. C. M. Ward, "Revival-time" speaker, will minister the nights of November 22 and 23. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, will be the night speaker during the remainder of the week.

Ernest S. Williams, a former pastor, and Mrs. Williams will be honored guests on Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Day). Brother Williams will speak both morning and afternoon. There will be three services that day. The morning service will be set aside as a memorial to former pastors, and for a communion service. In the afternoon there will be a homecoming service. It is hoped there will be a large number of former members and friends present that day.

It was on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1894, that a little band of Christian workers who had previously been associated in gospel work had a reunion at a church in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and reorganized for practical Christian work on union lines. After much prayer and waiting on God it was decided to engage in gospel wagon work. The wagon was secured and gospel work continued until the approach of cold weather, at which time the group moved into a mission hall. They soon outgrew this and leased an eight-room school building. In 1896 the group reorganized as the Union Highway Mission of Philadelphia.

There was no thought of organizing a church, when the mission work began; but because of the continued growth a strong conviction was created in the minds of the leaders that a general church organization was God's plan. Highway Mission Tabernacle therefore was organized on May 5, 1897, with seventy-seven charter members; and one of their own number, Frederick Reel, was

elected as pastor.

The good news of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in various parts of the world created a deep hunger in the hearts of the people of Highway for the manifestation of God's power in their midst. About 1910 God granted their desire, filling consecrated hearts and lives with the Holy Ghost and causing them to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Brother Reel guided and fathered the assembly for over twenty years—from its infancy until it was a flourishing church. He resigned in 1920, at which time Ernest S. Williams was called to be pastor.

The work continued to grow under Brother Williams' leadership and the present church edifice was secured. It was a great step of faith when the congregation decided to buy this building at a cost of \$74,000. It cost an additional \$56,000 to repair the building, both outside and inside, so that the total outlay was \$130,000; but the Lord enabled His people to wipe out this indebtedness.

The church enjoyed ten years of spiritual and material development with Brother Williams as pastor, but in 1929 he was elected General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; and Flem Van Meter became pastor in December 1930. After five years of faithful ministry during the trying depression years, Brother Van Meter resigned as pastor to become Superintendent of the Eastern District.

Wesley R. Steelberg was called and assumed the duties of pastor in February 1936. God's blessing was upon the church and its pastor, and the work continued to grow. After seven years of leadership Brother Steelberg resigned to become Superintendent of the Eastern District.

Wallace S. Bragg was installed as pastor in June 1943, and the church still is prospering and flourishing under the leadership of this consecrated man of God.

I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HOW WE HELP OUR AGED MINISTERS BY READING THESE ARTICLES IN THE EVANGEL. BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW THIS: **WHEN DO YOU CONSIDER A CASE WORTHY OF AID?**



All of the 275 individuals on our Old Age Assistance list are ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God, or their wives or widows. Twenty-four are retired missionaries. They have all labored for many years in the work of the Lord. Now they have come to us—usually as a last resort—because they need help.

Applications for assistance are reviewed by the District officials and forwarded to the National Department of Benevolences for final consideration. In each case the decision is based upon the need. Here are some examples:

A Superintendent writes that an aged minister in his District has had a heart condition for several years and at 75 is no longer able to preach. "Can you grant him Old Age Assistance?"

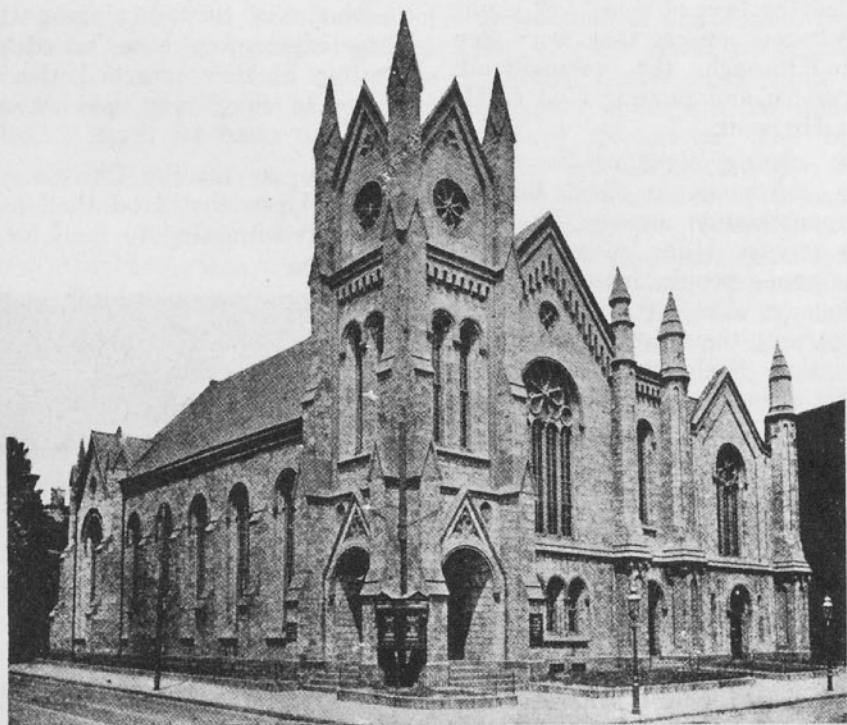
A man writes that he and his wife are unable to bear the physical strain of caring day and night for an 88-year-old mother. They must place her in a nursing home. She has been an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God for 35 years. The son asks us, "Is she eligible for Old Age Assistance?"

A man of 68 has had a serious breakdown in health. He can no longer minister as before. Should he sell his home? He writes: "If your office would feel disposed to render us **some** help—enough to care for taxes, fuel, etc.—it would certainly be wonderful, and would mean so much to us. . . ."

To these worthy applicants and scores of others we have answered, "Yes, we will do what we can." In order to help a little in such cases we send out over \$6,000 in checks each month.

Your gifts to the Old Age Assistance Fund make this possible. November 21 is the day set aside in our churches for this year's Thanksgiving offering.

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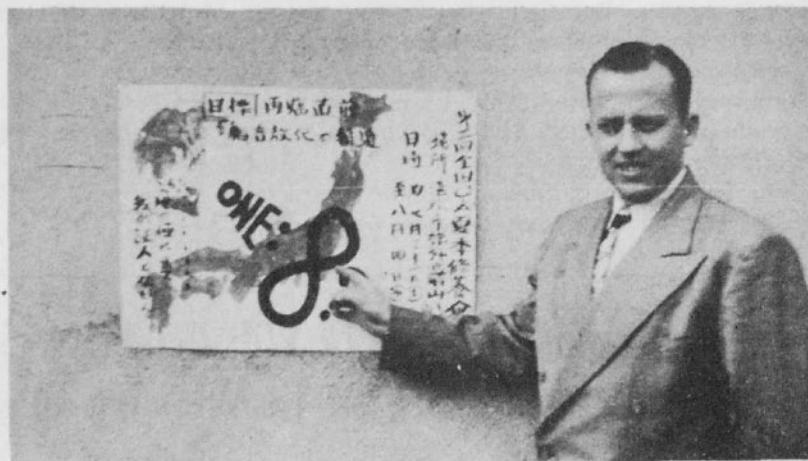
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One - Eight Plan Adopted at Japan C. A. Camps

Richard Johnston

Late one afternoon we arrived at the top of Toba Mountain near Hamamatsu, Japan. We were covered with dust and tired from the long journey over the rough, almost impassable roads that led to the C. A. campgrounds. As we pitched our gospel tent for the services, we were conscious of the presence of Jesus Himself; and felt like saying with Peter, "It is good for us to be here; if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles."

Our theme for the summer camps this year was Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me." We emphasized the One-Eight per-



Richard Johnston displays poster advertising C. A. camps

Here is a report showing the extent to which our missionaries in Japan are carrying the organized C. A. program, with proof of God's attendant revival power.

sonal evangelism program in co-ordination with the American program. Because of the lack of suitable tracts in the Japanese language we did not put much emphasis on the passing out of eight tracts per week. However, we pointed out that our national churches would grow by leaps and bounds if each Christ's Ambassador would witness personally to eight people each week.

The vision caught fire, but the young people realized that they must first have the power of God in order to be effective witnesses. As the messages were preached each day on sin, the cross, and the Holy Spirit, the young people "threw" themselves at the foot of the cross to be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit. Programs were changed, song services and sermons were set aside, as the Holy Ghost filled the lives of those 148 young people. Between services they were seen everywhere through the campgrounds singing, praying and praising God as He continued His work.

On the closing night of the camp Paul Berg, missionary in Kobe, brought a stirring consecration message. We held a bonfire service. Using pine cones as fagots, the young people, native ministers and missionaries alike cast them into the fire to represent their lives on the altar of consecration. Each one pledged himself to a life of better service for the Master in Japan.

We dreaded the next day when we would have to pack up and leave this hallowed mountain of blessing. We prayed that the blessing received would not be just another mountaintop experience, soon to be forgotten. We wanted it to be just as real when we arrived back down in the plains of regular service for God. God answered our prayer. The morning of our departure we were awakened very

early by the sound of prayer and worship. Just above our cabin under a huge pine tree one of the older Japanese ministers was praying with a young man seeking the infilling of the Holy Ghost. The youth had determined not to leave that hallowed spot until he had received the desire of his heart. God wonderfully met him then and there!

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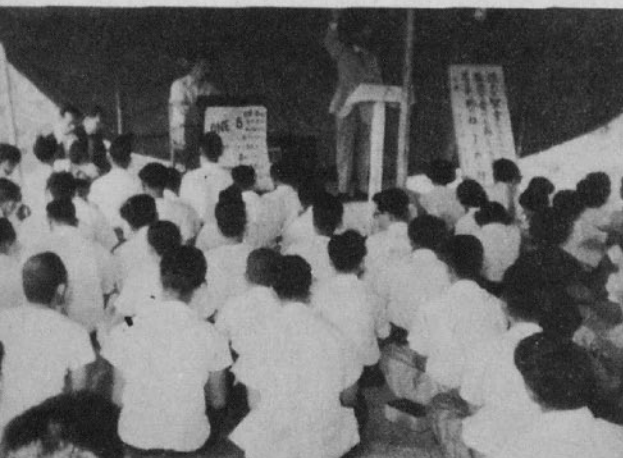
A few days later we traveled to the northern part of Japan to the foot of beautiful Mt. Bandai where we held the annual C. A. camp for that section. There were less young people in attendance than at Mt. Toba, but the One whom we went to meet was there in great power and glory.

At this C. A. camp also we presented the challenge of personal witnessing; and many caught the vision of the One-Eight program. When camp was over, three young men from our church journeyed far into the mountainous "Alps" of Japan, passing out gospel tracts and witnessing to whomever they met along the way. Their experiences were varied and interesting as they preached the message of life to those who had never heard that Jesus cared for them.

Please pray for the Christ's Ambassadors of Japan that God shall use them greatly in witnessing to their own countrymen.



C.A.'s in the camp meeting tent



Japanese preacher addressing C.A.'s at camp



The C. A. consecration service

A Unique Baptismal Service

Ruth Weitkamp, Spain

The old proverb, "Where there's a will there's a way," has been proved over and over again. Recently we proved it in Spain when the problem of water baptism facilities arose.

In this country, outdoor baptizing is unlawful. Last summer an Assemblies of God church was fined \$25.00 for conducting a baptismal service in the river outside one town. Another pastor took his new converts to the sea at five o'clock in the morning in order to baptize them so that he would not be molested during the service. If an evangelical church is not fortunate enough to have a baptistry, some other means must be found in order to hold the ceremony.

On August 8, in the city of Lerida, some believers of the Spanish Christian Mission found a unique way to have their baptismal service.

In the morning a secret worship service was held above the chapel in the home of the pastor, Jaime Casals. (This chapel had been closed by the government two months previously). After this inspiring service Señor Casals took his young men to see a certain swimming pool on a friend's estate outside of Barcelona. This was to be the site of the baptismal service. En route to this friend's estate, the pastor and young people were confronted by a secret policeman, the same policeman who had sealed their chapel two months previous. He told the pastor and his friends that he had learned of their plan to hold the baptismal service, and warned them not to do so, adding that should they disobey, everyone would be jailed.

The ten candidates were anxiously awaiting to take this important step of following their Lord and Master. What should they do? After a discussion some of the Christians decided to continue with their

plans—come what may. But the owner of the house was not of the same mind, since he was not a Christian. Therefore the anticipated baptismal service was called off in that particular location.

The Christians began to pray that God would show them what to do. To hold the baptismal service in the river would certainly be public; but what other way could there be? Suddenly the pastor remembered that at his former home twenty-five miles away there was an old discarded bathtub in the barn. Could this be the answer to their problem? Carefully he whispered his instructions to the young men, who immediately secured a trucker and started for the country in search of the bathtub.

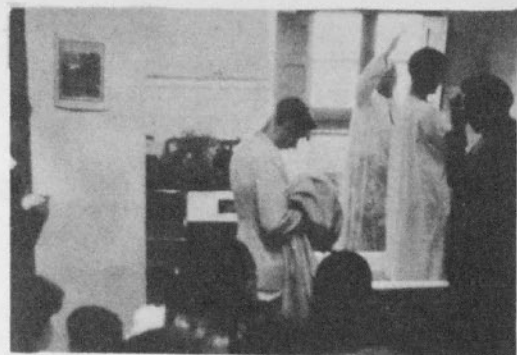
Arriving at the pastor's former home in the country they found that the tenants were still in bed. They were not in very good humor at being awakened. At first the Señora was reluctant to admit anything about the bathtub, but finally after much coaxing she told them they would find it in a nearby shed. The young men found the dirty old tub in a corner of the shed.

The return trip to Lerida with the precious tub was made in good time. The women of the church gave the tub a good scrubbing and set it in the middle of the kitchen where the service was to be held.

Although the tub did not sit level on the floor, and it had many holes, such details were of minor importance. At last the believers could be baptized!

Pastor Casals in a white robe took his place beside the bathtub and commenced the service. The first brother to be immersed received a hard bump on his head as he went down, which cautioned those who followed to bend their knees and avoid the same fate. In spite of the fact that the water leaked out through the holes in the tub, and the young men had to keep adding water bucket by bucket, the ten candidates were baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

It was a time of great rejoicing for



The first Christian—ready to be immersed in the bathtub

the 112 persons present at this most unusual baptismal service. Many eyes were filled with tears, and hearts were grateful to God for providing a "way" for these precious converts to be baptized.

Will you join us in prayer for this dark, needy country of Spain that soon there shall be more religious liberty, making it no longer necessary to baptize our converts in secret—and in a bath tub?

MISSIONARY News Notes



Kenneth Robison and family sailed October 13 for West Pakistan.

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Word has been received telling of the safe arrival of the A. Walker Hall family in Hawaii.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ward Woods returned from the Gold Coast, Africa, arriving in New York on October 20.

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Quentin Shortes wishes to announce to his friends that his new address while home on furlough is: 1105-46th Street, Lubbock, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. K. Robison and family
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The evangelical chapel in Lerida, Spain, that was closed and sealed by the authorities

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE

Lesson for November 28

Jeremiah 18:1-10

The prophet Jeremiah was of a priestly family in Israel, and he was called to the prophetic office when very young. It is believed that he was a prophet for more than forty years, during which time he warned the Jews of their coming captivity because of their sins. When the captivity actually took place he was taken to Egypt, where he continued to prophesy. There he warned those who sought refuge in Egypt that it did not mean escape the divine wrath, for God would punish them there (Jer. 44:11-14). Tradition says the Jews filled up the measure of their iniquity by finally stoning the prophet to death.

Much of the Scripture consists of prophecy. There are seventeen prophetic Books in the Old Testament and one in the New, while many others contain prophetic passages. Some of these prophecies relate to judgments to come, and others to blessings which will result from obedience. Many describe the coming of Christ—either His first coming in which He was to suffer and die, or His coming again to reign.

1. THE SIGN OF A POTTER'S HOUSE

a. *The Marred Vessel.* For several years Jeremiah had been warning the Jews that they were to come under judgment, that because of their sins they would go into captivity. The Lord now uses the potter to illustrate this prophetic message. What the potter was able to do with the clay, God was able to do with the work of His hands. The clay was entirely subject to the will of the potter. He was the one who planned what kind of vessel the clay should become. If the vessel were marred it would not be the fault of the potter, but the resistance or non-consistency of the clay. The potter was not one who would turn out marred work.

b. *Another Vessel.* While the original designs for the clay might not be realized because of the flaws in the material, that did not mean that there was no further use for the clay. If the hindrances were removed it could be made into another vessel—whatever seemed good to the potter. This should be a real encouragement for those who grieve because they have been unfaithful to the Lord. If you have missed God's will, take courage. God knows your heart; and if it is given to Him He is able to make you into another vessel, one of His choosing. He

still has a plan and place for us, even though we fail Him. All that He requires is that we submit and become the willing clay in His hands.

2. GOD, THE GREAT POTTER, AND THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH

a. *Israel as a Marred Vessel.* The lesson which God gave Jeremiah at the potter's house had its first application to Israel. "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter?" the Lord asks (v. 6). God had long worked with this clay, seeking to conform it to His will. But because of some imperfection in the material, each time He sought to mold it, the vessel was marred. He could not make it into the vessel which He desired. He was not going to give up His first plan for them in spite of their rebellion against His will.

b. *Israel as a Redeemed People.* "God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew." Though at the present they may seem "scattered and peeled," there is a future for them. The Old Testament abounds in prophecies concerning the restoration of Israel.

In Rom. 9:1-5 Israel is shown to be a marred vessel. The Jews are like non-consistent clay in the hand of God. "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy" (Rom. 9:16). This chapter reveals the rejection of Israel from the blessings of the gospel because of their unbelief.

But in chapter eleven of Romans we have another view of Israel. There we see her as "another vessel," restored to

the blessing of God and given a place of usefulness greater than the vessel that was marred. Israel's blindness to the gospel is to continue only until "the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11:25). Then will come their restoration (vv. 26-29). During the present, while they as a nation are rejected because of their attitude toward our Lord Jesus, God's purpose is to shut both Jews and Gentiles up to faith, saving all who will believe. "God hath concluded them all in unbelief [both Jews and Gentiles], that he might have mercy upon all [both Jews and Gentiles who believe]" (v. 32). The casting off of Israel has resulted in the reconciling of the world (v. 15). This means salvation for "whosoever will," whether they be Jews or Gentiles. Now all men may be saved by believing on Christ.

c. *Nations as Clay.* What is true of Israel is also true concerning other nations. God wants to bless them all, but if a nation does not heed God's warning to turn from its evil, God will repent of the good which He had planned for it (Jer. 18:9, 10). But if it will turn from its evil, God "will repent of the evil" which He "thought to do unto it" (v. 8).

d. *Men as Clay.* What is true of Israel and other nations is true of us as individuals. If men harden their hearts, God cannot bless them but must allow them to reap the evil which they have sown. But if they see the error of their way and turn from doing evil, God will return to them, take up the broken fragments of their lives, and make of them vessels "unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." Let no one believe that the kind of vessel he becomes is a result of an arbitrary decree of God, irrespective of the merit of the individual. What we become depends upon what we permit God to make us.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

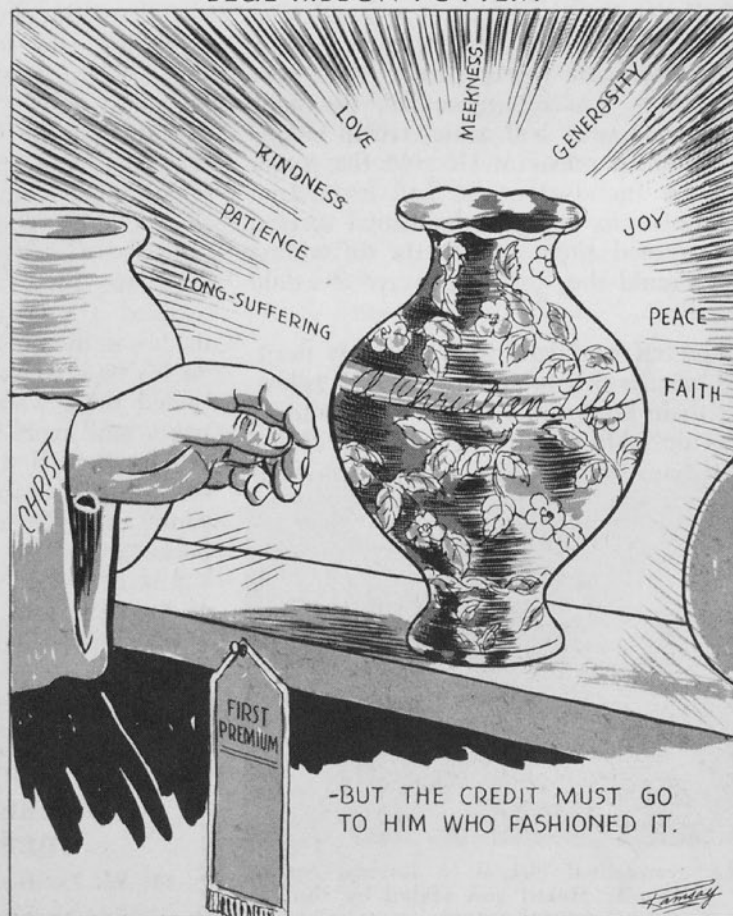
The Poetry of the Bible (lesson for Sunday, November 21). Lesson text: Psalm 23.

THE BIBLE STANDS

Despised and torn in pieces,
By infidels decried—
The thunderbolts of hatred,
And haughty cynic's pride—
All these have railed against it
In this and other lands,
Yet dynasties have fallen,
And still the Bible stands!

—J. M. Gray

BLUE RIBBON POTTERY



Large Enrollment This Year at Bible Institutes

There are 2,440 young people enrolled in the Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges of the Assemblies of God this year. In every one of the nine schools scattered throughout the land, these Pentecostal young people are seeking God and studying His Word in order that they might excel in the highest calling to which human beings can devote themselves—the holy work of spreading the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and winning souls for Him.

God is moving upon the hearts of the students in a gracious way, and numbers who had not received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit prior to their entrance into Bible School have already received this endowment of spiritual power. Others are tarrying for it. Many of the young people have already heard the call to full-time service as pastors, evangelists, Bible teachers, or foreign missionaries. Others undoubtedly will receive a call in the course of their training. There are some students, however, whom the Lord is calling into secular pursuits. Their training at Bible School will enable them to be better witnesses for Christ in their various fields of labor where they will serve as Pentecostal laymen.

The schools are endowed with a combined faculty and staff of 169, including 86 full-time teachers. These men and women are qualified Spirit-filled servants of Christ of a very high caliber. They are making personal sacrifices in order to devote their lives to this important ministry of training our Assemblies of God young people to be our leaders of tomorrow.

The majority of the schools show an increase in enrollment, as compared with last year. The largest increase is at Central Bible Institute, where the number of students jumped from 572 to 641. This is an increase of 12%. The increase at South-Eastern Bible Institute, however, when figured on a percentage basis, is even greater. The enrollment at South-Eastern jumped from 163 to 200, an increase of 37% in a single year.

The enrollment at our Assemblies of God schools and their mailing addresses are as follows:

*BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE
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Santa Cruz, California

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*Bethany Bible College was formerly known as Glad Tidings Bible Institute.



Christian literature helps produce Christian homes (Photo by Emmett Maum).

A TRUE STORY

What Happened Through a Gift Subscription to THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

A few weeks ago a lady wrote from Maine, as follows:

"Many years ago a friend sent my father a subscription to THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. He read it in conjunction with the Bible and found nothing wrong with its message. We accepted the Pentecostal way; were the only family in town who saw this light. We were misunderstood and persecuted, but today the five children are saved, and all but one are filled with the Holy Ghost.

"About six years ago the Lord laid it very definitely upon my heart to begin prayer meetings. As a result, we have a church building here which was erected and paid for in less than a year with only a few people to do the work. God supplied wonderfully. Last June we dedicated it."

Another woman writes from Kentucky: "I thank you very much for the EVANGEL. I have always gone to a cold denominational church. But I thank God that through the radio [REVIVALTIME] and the printed page [EVANGEL] I have seen the light."

An undenominational Christian in Michigan expresses her appreciation for the paper: "Your magazine gives good over-all information about religion. It also stresses deliverance of soul and body through Calvary as few magazines do. And I like the testimonies of people who have had experiences similar to those of apostolic times."

A Christian woman, who thinks the EVANGEL is getting better with each issue, renewed her subscription recently. She commented that her daughter had given her the dollar on Mother's Day for this purpose. Here is the testimony of an EVANGEL

reader in Pennsylvania: "A sister in the Lord (a stranger to me) who lived two hundred miles from me started the EVANGEL coming to my home. Years later I met that woman and thanked her for what she had done. Surely it is an act of kindness for anyone to place such a wonderful Christian paper in another's home. I am so thankful for such a wonderful messenger that comes to my house every week."

To these testimonies could be added many others of people who have been helped through a gift subscription to the EVANGEL. Do you long to see souls saved? Converts strengthened? Believers baptized in the Holy Spirit? Give them the EVANGEL! This live, full-gospel paper will enter their homes weekly, bringing messages of salvation and articles about the Christian life.

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African Evangelist to Attend Evangelism Convention

Nichols Bhengu, Whose Ministry Is Accompanied by Mighty Miracles, To Be a Featured Speaker

Evangelistic services in South Africa are in many ways quite like the kind held in the United States, revealed Nicholas Bhengu, pastor of one of the largest Assemblies of God churches in the world. There are differences, however, and the differences are significant. Brother Bhengu will be a featured speaker at the First Evangelism Convention (December 15, 16, 17) at Kansas City, Mo.

Baptizing a stream of 1400 converts in a five-and-a-half-hour period is but one of the many miracles seen in Brother



Nicholas Bhengu

Bhengu's ministry in New London, South Africa. On another occasion he baptized 500 persons in one day. God has given him a gracious gift of preaching, and, though he does not give an altar call in the

American manner, sinners cry out in his services with the convicting power of God upon them.

Pastoring a church of 4000 members and supervising 300 other Assemblies keeps the evangelist busy indeed. Besides

his executive duties, this grandson of a Ngcolosi chieftain (branch of the Zulus) preaches evangelistic services almost constantly.

A firm believer in attractive publicity, Brother Bhengu proceeds in the following manner to publicize his meetings: (1) Mobilizes the children to pass out handbills; (2) Prints the same handbill in six different colors; (3) At specified intervals takes the same handbill to all the homes of the city, using a different color each time; (4) On the opening night of the campaign organizes four large groups of people to assemble in the north, south, east, and west corners of the city. At the given moment the four crowds start marching toward the center of the city singing heartily, "There Is Power in the Blood," and the men of the crowd call out the time and place of the meeting. Since a crowd seems to attract a crowd, by the time the four groups converge in the center of the city there is a great multitude of people. Then a gospel meeting begins.

Nicholas Bhengu is an eloquent orator, of high intelligence. He has mastered eight languages and dialects and is well known for his ability to organize Sunday Schools and churches. These are not the reasons for Brother Bhengu's success, however. His humble devotion and faith, coupled with zeal and unusual Christian endurance, are the secrets of his success.

Outstanding miracles of healing, faith,

and baptisms in the Holy Spirit follow Brother Bhengu's ministry. Although he does not usually stress Divine Healing or the Baptism in his sermons, mighty healings and baptisms characterize his ministry.

Here is how Brother Bhengu feels about this matter of evangelism. He says:

"In view of the fulfillment of the prophecies pointing to the imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the rapid spread of Communism in both advanced and backward countries of the world, and the apostasy, the burden of evangelizing the world is as important today as it was at the beginning of the first century. I am convinced that we need to go back to the Bible to find and employ the methods of the Apostles.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

"I believe in personal evangelism, but this work is more effective if the converts are taught to be fishers of men—'each one saves one.' This is the method employed by the Communists. It is very effective, but in order to do this well we need—

THE PRINTED PAGE

"We have not yet exploited the power of the printed page. The nations of the world are becoming literate and the written page must be placed in every hand with the gospel message in every tongue by these personal workers.

MASS EVANGELISM

"The modern method in politics and even in cinemas is 'getting people together.' We need to exploit this to the fullest point, employing (a) advertisement in the press, (b) handbills and posters, (c) public address systems as means of advertising our mass meetings at a certain place.

"A tent or stadium is the best place for such meetings. When our meetings started in East London, the sophisticated Africans mocked and said it was 'mob psychology,' but I said that if mob psychology can save our people from sin and misery, I would not mind!

"I have cited three methods—viz., Personal Evangelism, Press Evangelism, Mass Evangelism. What must these three methods sell to the public? What must they emphasize? If our evangelism is to be a success and affect the present generation and have a lasting effect upon the world, we must preach Christ Jesus as if He were our new discovery! To do this effectively, we must believe the whole Bible and doubt nothing; and we must get back to the Bible and seek the power which was possessed by the first disciples.

"In Mark 16:20 we read: 'And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the WORD with signs following.' (1) We must be filled with the

*Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, Illinois, merged with Central Bible Institute during the past summer.

same Spirit which filled the early church. (2) We must reclaim the spiritual gifts which operated in the early church. (3) We must preach Jesus, emphasize Jesus, and glorify Jesus."

Other convention speakers and activities will be released in the next issue of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. Don't miss this first great Evangelism Convention. It will be conducted at First Assembly of God, 3100 East 31 Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for three days beginning Wednesday, December 15.

An Incident in a Law Office

As Told to Wade C. Smith



WHAT THEN?

Harold had just come home for Thanksgiving vacation from the university, where he was a freshman. He was a fine young man of eighteen, strong and robust, keen-eyed and as brilliant as even his parents could wish.

His father was my law partner, a devout Christian who stood high in his profession. His mother was an earnest Christian too.

He came into the office looking for his father, who had gone out for a short while to keep an engagement. In his friendly way he shook hands with me, and I asked him to have a seat and tell me about himself.

"How do you like the university, Harold?" I ventured.

"Fine," he said. "I'm crazy about it."

"You are a very fortunate boy, Harold," I remarked, "with the parents you have, and the opportunity to get a well-rounded education."

"Yes, sir," he replied. "I know it, and I hope I am appreciating it fully."

His father had told me one day, in a burst of confidence, that he and the boy's mother were very proud of Harold, but that they were deeply concerned about his spiritual life. He had seemed to lose interest in church and Sunday School, but talked a good deal about a new philosophy of life which he had discovered at the university.

Recalling this, as the boy sat there in front of me, I wondered if I could say anything to help him. But I hesitated to speak at once, knowing that young people do not like for their elders to "preach" to them. But I felt a strong urge to try, so I said, "Harold, what are you planning to do when you graduate?"

Promptly he answered, "I'm going to law school."

"Fine!" I said, "and what then?"

"Oh, well of course I'm planning to practice law; I hope one day to be a law-partner with you and my father."



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"Fine again," I said, "and what then?"

"Well, sir, I'm determined to make a success of it, so I can succeed to the business when you and Dad decide to retire."

"Anything else?" I asked.

"Oh, yes," he said, with a slight twinkle in his eye, "I'll marry; I think I have the girl already picked out."

"That sounds good," I said; "what then?"

"Well, I hope to make the practice of law pay me well, so that I can accumulate a sufficient sum to build me a comfortable home and give my children just the best kind of an education; also lay up something for old age."

"And what then?" I asked.

"Well," he said—and he did not seem so cocksure now—"I suppose—like you and Dad—when I get old I will retire."

I waited a moment as he sat there in silence; then I said very quietly, "What then?"

He twisted a little uncomfortably in his chair and looked out the window, but I don't think he saw anything out there. After a moment's pause, he said with a forced smile, "I'll die."

I waited a little longer this time as we sat there in silence, asking the Holy Spirit to "take over" and use His mighty power. Then I said very softly, and with all the tenderness I could show in my face—"And what then?"

Harold jumped up and grasped my hand, and said, "Thank you, sir, I know what you mean; I'll think it over." Then he said he would wait no longer for his father to return, but picked up his hat and went out.

The next morning his father joyously told me that Harold had come to him that night, had made a genuine surrender to Christ, and had found the Lord as his personal Saviour.

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

COLUMBUS, GA.—We have just closed a wonderful meeting with Evangelists Jesse and Barbara Jean Ray. Nine were saved and three filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed and strengthened.—J. A. White, Pastor.

BEN WHEELER, TEX.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. W. H. Fisher of Henderson, Ky. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Many people from other churches attended the meeting. In the month of August our Sunday School reached its highest average this year.—Travis L. Wallace, Pastor, Flatwood Assembly of God.

ESSEX, MD.—Evangelist and Mrs. H. M. Harrison of Norfolk, Va., were with us for two weeks. The church was stirred, and many made new consecrations. Sinners wept their way through to salvation, believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and several testified to definite healings. The Sunday School attendance record was broken. The revival spirit continues with souls being saved in the regular services. We are beginning a building program to take care of our growing attendance.—J. Rudolph Wilkinson, Pastor, Pentecostal Assembly of God.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

LEAVENWORTH, KANS.—Assembly of God, Nov. 14—28; Evangelist and Mrs. C. A. Gaddis, (Howard Shelton is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Ferndale Assembly of God, Nov. 14—28; Evangelist James O. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.—by B. L. Bresson, Pastor.

STOCKTON, KANS.—Assembly of God, Nov. 12—; Evangelist Frank Sabotka, Springfield, Mo.—by Ivan Christoffersen, Pastor.

MANKATO, KANS.—Assembly of God, Nov. 16—28; Anspaugh Chord Makers, Naponee, Nebr. (Vernon C. Lemon is Pastor.)

WEST INDIES—Jamaica, Nov. 21—28. Cuba, Nov. 29—Dec. 4. Pastor R. S. Peterson, Miami, Fla., speaker.—by Verne A. Warner, Missionary in Dominican Republic.

BEAUMONT, TEX.—Beaumont Revival Center, Avenue A at Wall St., Nov. 7—28 or longer; Evangelist Warren L. Litzman and party.—by Ralph E. Price, Pastor.

LINCOLN, NEBR.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 12th and "D" Sts., Nov. 27—, for two weeks of longer; Evangelists Bettie Smith and Peggy Sones, Lucas, Iowa.—by John W. Smith, Pastor.

CHICAGO OAK PARK, ILL.—Bethel Temple, 6235 W. North Ave., cornerstone laying service, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, speaker. Neighboring Assemblies invited.—by W. L. Williams, Pastor.

MILTON-FREEWATER, OREG.—Assembly of God, Nov. 7—; Evangelist A. C. Grimes.—by B. M. Shelton, Pastor.

ATHENS, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Nov. 10—; Evangelist Floyd A. Reb.—by C. E. Wilson, Pastor.

SOUTHPORT, FLA.—Nov. 28—Dec. 12; Evangelist and Mrs. Hollis E. Petersen.—by A. L. Williams, Pastor.

LARAMIE, WYO.—Glad Tidings Assembly, 1152 N. 3rd, Nov. 7—; Evangelist E. D. Beard, Casper, Wyo.—by R. L. Kay, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—East Highland Assembly of God, Nov. 16—; Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. (Jesse Smith is Pastor.)

BLACKWELL, OKLA.—Nov. 14—; Evangelists Alton Hayes and H. C. Noah of Dallas, Tex.—by J. B. Essary, Pastor.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Nov. 28—; the Eskelin Family, Detroit, Mich. (D. P. Holloway is Pastor.)

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Irvington Pentecostal Church, 60 Paine Ave., Nov. 30—Dec. 12; Evangelist C. Stanley Cooke, Burwell, Nebr.—by Henry Graf, Pastor.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH.—Nov. 30—, for two weeks; Evangelist Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill.—by K. L. Hardin, Pastor.

DULUTH, MINN.—Glad Tidings Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 28—Dec. 12 or longer; Evangelist E. J. Klaus, Corry, Pa. (W. W. Trask is Pastor.)

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, Nov. 23—Dec. 5; Evangelists Don and Bertie Bibler.—by R. A. McClure, Pastor.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL.—Assembly of God, Nov. 23—; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (F. A. Mitchell is Pastor.)

MEETING CANCELED—Meeting in Macon, Ga., Central Assembly of God, announced to begin Nov. 7, has been cancelled.—by Evangelist H. E. Hardt.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 532 33rd St. S., Nov. 14—28; Evangelist Charles Duncombe.—by J. Bashford Bishop, Pastor.

OSWEGO, KANS.—Assembly of God, 4th and Depot Sts., Nov. 28—Dec. 12; Evangelist Wesley Goodwin of Oklahoma.—by Edward Wertz, Church Secretary. (Clyde F. Hayes is Pastor.)

WINLOCK, WASH.—Assembly of God, church dedication and homecoming. Nov. 28. D. H. McLaughlin, District Superintendent, speaker. All former ministers and members invited.—by E. G. Snook, Pastor.



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CLEVELAND, OHIO—Calvary Assembly of God, Nov. 23—; Evangelist Al Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (Howard R. Davidson is Pastor.)

MEETING CANCELED—Meeting in Malin, Oreg., announced to begin Nov. 28, has been cancelled.—by Evangelist Erling Saxelid.

KELLERTON, IOWA—Assembly of God, Nov. 21—; Evangelist Billy Wolfe.—by D. J. Henderson, Pastor.

GIRARD, KANS.—Assembly of God, 407 S. Summit, Nov. 14—28; Evangelist Wesley Goodwin. Friends in nearby assemblies invited to visit this pioneer work.—by Robert E. Sugg and Charles S. Pavia, Pastors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION for Central Section of North Carolina at Glad Tidings Assembly, S. Magnolia at Canary, Dunn, N. C., Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Eunice Lindvall, District S. S. Director, speaker. Shelton Norris, Sectional S. S. Director, in charge.—by Robert E. Palmer, Pastor.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—Thanksgiving Fellowship, First Assembly of God, 7th and Boston, Nov. 24—25. Services Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m., Thursday at 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Speakers: V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent of Kansas; Harrold Rich and family from Denmark; S. K. Biffle, Joplin, Mo.; L. H. Arnold, McAlister, Okla.; and A. N. Burns, Presbyter. The W.M.C. will serve Thanksgiving dinner.—by Dean Underwood, Pastor.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES—Nov. 22—23; Reno, Nev., Glad Tidings Church; Nov. 29—30, Sacramento, Calif., Bethel Temple; Dec. 1—2, Merced, Assemblies of God Tabernacle; Dec. 6—7, San Jose, Bethel Church.—by Joseph L. Gerhart, District Secretary.

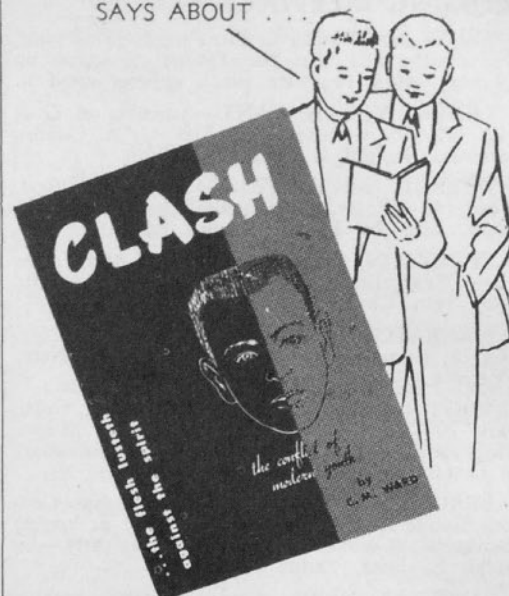
PENNSYLVANIA HOME MISSIONS RALLIES—Herbert Bruhn (former missionary to Alaska), National Home Missions Representative, speaker. Nov. 30, Assembly of God, Strasburg; Dec. 1, Calvary Full Gospel Church, Dillsburg; Dec. 2, First Pentecostal Assembly, Mercersburg; Dec. 3, Assembly of God, Landisburg; Dec. 4, Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, Newville; Dec. 5, Assembly of God, Wrightsville.

MOOSIC, PA.—Second annual Missionary Convention, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 23—28. Speakers: Grace Lindholm, Monty Garfield, converted Jew; Andrew Maracle and native Indians from reservation; Mr. and Mrs. Croft Pentz, workers among the Deaf; David duPlessis; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pettenger; and Herbert Bruhn. Services each night at 7:30 p.m. WMC meeting, Friday at 2 p.m. with Mrs. A. T. Smith, District President, in charge.—by Chester Jenkins, Pastor.

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